EATMENT OF BOERS IN REFUGEE CAMPS

mer Victorian Refutes the Charges of Ill-treatment in the Concentration Centres.

formerly lived in Victoria

. Their rations consist of coffee, sugar and potatoes have to buy, if they have the

it to the British refugees who

ANICH ENTERTAINMENT

sful Concert and Dance Held on Friday Evening in Aid of

he Agricultural hall, Saanichton, The minstrels scored a hit The following was the pro-

James Whitcomb Riley

Mrs. Florence Fay Moore.

Miss Millie McKenzie.

ss Willferene Irene Pitzer.

W. A. Pitzer and R. Stewart. Hugh Butler and F. Tanner. cuter-Geoffrey Butler. Claude and Charles Butler by Mrs. Florence Fay Moore,

cene, from the Greek

e of Iphigenia.

to the Minataur, Cowering nis looking at Endymion. inging Amazon, Mercury, We

" (Train of Noble Maidens). Eurydice, Hermes, Three

and Antony, /Kephreir pest, Cleopatra Calling on the Storm May Destroy Caesar's od Save the King.

nts were served immedismall hours of the morning. be served in the Agricul-Music will be supplied for ion by the Sehl-Bantly

SHAMENTS FROM

ARE BROUGHT BY THE STEAMER PING SUEY

Tees Returns From the North--City of Nanaimo Touches in Canoe Pass -Accident to Coleman.

on the vessels of the line will not pass of the line will not pass of which Dodwell & Company are the having in the meantime secured a local agency. R. P. Rithet & Company are now be calling here about every month, ships doing a very substantial business the globe encircling business. The Glenbetween points in the old country and British Columbia. At present there are so many sailing vessels under way that Straits of Malucca; Singapore, Hongfor several months a great deal of business will not be immediately looked for, ese coaling station) and Kobe, from but with the advent of next summer nearly all the round-the-world liners of the China Mutual Company's fleet will have occasion to call here both on their ped with all conveniences. n and out voyages. The steamers will port as well as that for other points

TEES ARRIVES.

A quantity of miscellaneous cargo

as soon as possible, and after recoaling struck the bad water, and proceeded to pitch and roll. So rough did it become that many of the passengers lost all inclination for dinner, and desired with profoundest of feelings to be immune from the smell of turkey. Dinner in corresquence was not partaken of until

quence was not partaken of until 7 in the evening, when the steamer had Queen Charlotte Sound the water was round-the-world trip. On the voyage also very rough, and at Alert Bay the first evidence of the big storm on Christmas night were found, many big trees and Yokohama were ports of call, Liverpool was the starting point and Aden, Colombo, Singapore, Horgkong and Yokohama were ports of call, Liverpool was left behind on the 17th of Ocislands having been blown down islands having been blown down. The steamer called at Vancouver yesterday. steamer called at Vancouver yesterday. She brought down to Victoria a large totem pole from Queen Charlotte Sound consigned to Dr. Totem Newcombe. The pole totem is one of the largest to arrive from the north for some time, and tells of many Indian legends. The major number of the passengers who came south on the steamer debarked at Vancouver. These included Dr. Wilson, who brought down from Simpson a Jap who had his feet frozen so badly that they had to be amounted. Ha was one \$000 tons of general Oriental cargo for this city, and a very large freight for the Sound. The Oopack, arother of the China Mutual lines, will arrive on Monday on her way to the Sound to load \$000 tons of salted salmon for Japan at

erates heat in consequence of the com lination of the oxygen with the carbonaceous contents of the coal.

Thomas Clayton has invented a system by which fires can be prevented or extinguished by the use of sulphur-dioxde gas, and it is claimed that as soon may be safely battened down, so long as 5 per cent. of the sulphur-dioxide gas has afterwards been injected into the hold, and that an explosion of coal gas under these conditions is an impossibil-

Ships from the Orient have been arriving in quick succession during the past few weeks. Following the Ping Suey, one of the China Mutual Com pany's round-the-world steamers on Friday, came the Athenian and Glengarry on Saturday, and this morning the Duke of Fife. This latter ship experienced good weather during the entire Shipments from Liverpool direct for trip, and other than the three-masted merchants in this city are aboard the china schooner seen on the beach, between Carmanah and Cape Berle, reports fleet which arrived from the sighting no vessels on the way. She Orient last night, and is to-day at the brought as cargo for Victoria about 70 wharf. The consignments are the tons of miscellaneous freight, and as which have been landed here by passengers a small number of Chinese, steamer, although shipments have The Glengarry brought no cargo, but

teamer, although shipments have of the standard of the standar acting as the company's representatives according to her officers, thus furnishere, and are looking forward to the ing this port with a double service in

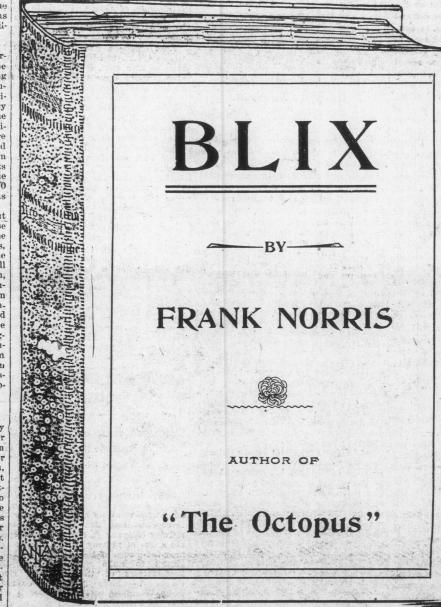
A report reached Victoria on Friday

this province.

The steamer Pak Ling, the next of Shinano, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha the fleet expected, and which should arrive in about three weeks from now, will Japan and China, had caught fire at sea, have a very large freight for Victoria. and the vessel had returned to Port Townsend. News now comes from Seatfrom points in northern British Columbia was brought by the Tees which arrives this morning. The steamer had rather an unique trip, battling with wind, ice and steamer and columbia with a stream of water turned into the hold from the boilers. It didn't take long to quench the invind, ice and steamer as a columbia with a stream of water turned into the hold from the boilers. that port. The fire was found to be rather an unique trip, battling with wind, ice and stormy seas. Going into Goose Bay, Observatory Inlet, the steamer had to plough her way through ice an inch thick for upwards of a mile. Returning she was caught in a heavy wind and sea in crossing Milbank Sound. It was on Christmas Day, and the passengers had not yet partaken of spontaneous combustion in the hold. the passengers had not yet partaken of spontaneous combustion in the hold. their Christmas turkey when the vessel struck the held waters are the struck the held water and the struck th as soon as possible, and after recoaling the Shanino will again proceed on her

Steamer Ping Suey, a fine cargo ship of the China Mutual line, arrived from

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CONFLAGRATION IN

the Most Destructive Fires in History of City on Satur-

Two lines of hose were taken into the building through the Broad and Government street entrances, another up the stairway on Government street past Skene Lowe's studio, and another through the Times building, and these played on the flames from the north. These thogether with two streems which These, together with two streams which were directed from the south, made in all eight streams, not counting the chemicals, which were used to extinguish incipient blazes breaking out from time to time. In the meantime a large crowd had congregated on the streets and the services of a squad of Chief

The standard service of the st

The said of the sa

of his men, he entered the building from the south, and found the upper portion of the store blazing like a furnace. It was here where some of the most inflammable of the stock was kept that the fire was gleefully licking up everything in sight. As soon as it was properly located the measures were promptly taken which ensured the vanquishment of the fire fiend. cry department, while further along to the west the toys, furniture and pictures were visited by the lurid destroyer, which left ruin and desolation behind

it. The flooring which fell in belonged to the room in which there was a quantity of miscellaneous goods, including some Klondike goods. The flames also broke through to the adjoining apartment occupied by the Alexandra Club, and caused quite a lot of damage. It also entered Henry Young's dry goods store on the north causing damage amounting to severa

thousand dollars. Smoke and water did what the fire could not do, and between

Seen by an Inbound Oriental Liner-Extensive Damage Done to the Mainland Cable.

t is estimated that the repairs necessitated will involve the expenditure of between \$3,000 and \$4,000.

The American cable across the Juan e Fuca Straits was severed by the anchors of the Santa Clara, or one of the other two sailing vessels which drifted from their anchorage in the
Royal Roads during the storm.
Superintendent Wilson, of the C. P.
R. telegraphs, is making strenuous efforts to locate the ends of the Vancou-

er-Victoria cable and effect repairs. CAN'T KILL HORSE,

S. P. C. A. No Power to Destroy Antiquated and Useless Quadrupeds.

talizing case on hand at present. Several days ago a constable seized a horse