CRUISER FAILED TO FIND JEFFS

Victoria Boy Object of Search By One of Admiral Evans' Cruisers

SURVIVOR OF ALEXANDRIA

Castaway on Indefatigable Island—Yankton Sent by U. S. Naval Department

(From Friday's Daily)

After a vain search for a missing Victorian, Frederick Irving Jeffs, 32 years of age, son of William I. Jeffs, a butcher employed by L. Goedacre & Sons, of this city, on Indefatigable island, off the coast of Ecuador, the U. S. cruiser Yankton, one of Admiral Evan's squadron bound from the Atlantic in the historic Pacific cruise, has rejoined the squadron which is on its way from Callao to Magdalena bay. News of the failure to find the missing man whose pridicament was brought to the attention of the naval department by a brother-in-law, living in New York, was sent by a wireless telegraphic message, 2,600 miles to Mare island, near San Francisco. The Yankton, which was detached by orders from Washington after the United States fleet of warships left the Peruvian port bound northward, proceeded to the Calapagos islands and a landing was made at Indefatigable island. Where Jeffs was reported to have

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his life, as those who know the vicinity where he was castaway say there is an abundance of food there, and there are also some farms on most of the larger islands, such as Indefatigable island to which he could possibly make his way. There is a pre-umption that he may have made his way from the island and shipped on some salling vessel without reporting his safety. Albermarle island, where the wreck of the vessel was found, is the largest of the six larger islands of the group, and has a number of settlers on it. A number of years ago there was an extensive penal colony founded by Ecuador. As wild cattle exist on some of the islands hunting parties are often sent from Guayaquil.

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islands are volcanic, craters abound, one writer stating that as many as

FELL FROM CAGE

Chinaman Killed at Comox Mine—Men Injured in Explosion Are Re-covering

Nanaimo, March 12.—A Chinaman named Chun, employed around one of the Comox mines, was accidentally killed this morning by falling off the cage at the upper part to the bottom. All those injured in the powder test at Cumberland are progressing very favorably, and all will be out and about again in a few days. General Manager Little will be able to return on the tug Pilot to Victoria on Saturday.

Order of Home Circles

Toronto, March 12.—The Supreme council of the Canadian Order of Home Circles at the conclusion of its convention last night decided to make a special levy of, 15 cents per capita on the whole membership for extension of the work in western Canada.

Toronto, March 12—John O'Gorman, W. J. Miller, Wiley and G. M. Reid, the four men convicted last November of conspiracy in connection with the London election, appeared before Justice Winchester today and renewed their bail till the September sessions. It was explained that the case had not yet been printed for the court of appeal, which meets next month.

Mr. Astor's Gift to Oxford.

as CONTRACT LET ON G. T. PACIFIC

Foley Bros, and Stewart to Build From Prince Rupert Eastward

COSTLY WORK INVOLVED

and the Western Construction company.

J. D. McArthur has in hand the section of the transcontinental road from Winnipeg eastward for 250 miles. This section also includes some very heavy road work, and the average cost is estimate at about the same as that of the Prince Rupert section or \$60,000. This part of the road is being built by the government. It is reported that about two-thirds of Mr. McArthur's contract is completed.

J. H. Deare Winnipeg Joseph Chamberlain Nice, March 12.—Alarmist reports concerning the health of Joseph Chamberlain Nice, March 12.—Alarmist reports concerning the health of Joseph Chamberlain Nice, March 12.—Alarmist reports concerning the health of Joseph Chamberlain Nice, March 12.—Alarmist reports concerning the health of Joseph Chamberlain Nice, March 12.—Alarmist reports concerning the health of Joseph Chamberlain Nice, March 12.—Alarmist reports concerning the health of Joseph Chamberlain, who has been for some time past, are untrue. His health is improving, and he takes the keenest interest in current events in the expectation of returning to political activity.

ONE MORE ROBBER

Missionary Convention Closes. Missionary Convention Closes.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 12.—The first international convention of the Young People's Missionary society closed here tonight. After three busy days devoted to plans for Christianizing heathen nations, by nearly 2,000 delegates from all over the world. Great satisfaction over the results of the convention is expressed by all of the leaders in the Young People's Missionary movement. They all feel that the work has been given impetus such as it received from no former movement, and that the spiritual, practical and financial benefits will endure for wears to come.

Exodus to Prairies Toronto, March 11.—Five hundred homeseekers left by special train yesterday for western Canada. MACEDONIAN QUESTION

Sir Edward Grey Says Britain Insists on Reform of Govern-ment

London, March 12.—Sir Edward Grey, Secretary for Foreign Affairs, has despatched a reply to the Russian and Italian notes regarding the railway projects in Macedonia, in which he states that Great Britain's attitude toward all such projects is one of benevolent neutrality, but that no active British support can be given to any of them until the Porte has agreed upon an effective scheme of Macedonian reform.

Total Amount of Hundred Mile Contract Estimated at \$6,000,000

Ottawa, March 12.—The Grand Trunk Pacific company today awarded the contract for the construction of one hundred miles of road from Prince Rupert eastward to Foley Bros., Larsen and Stewart. It involves an expenditure of over six million dollars. Some of the rock-cutting is estimated at \$70,000 a mile. It is stated that tenders for the work were also received from J. D. McArthur, of Winnipeg and the Western Construction company.

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Rescue Party Finds Thirteen Bodies of Miners Entombed in Colliery

Birmingham, March 11.—The long period of anxiety and suspense over, the fate of the entombed miners at Hampstead colliery came to a heart-breaking end last might, when it was announced that, desplie the most heroic efforts, there was no possibility of any of the men being taken out alive.

Fire broke out in the colliery last wednesday evening, twenty-six miners being caught in the pit. Since then every man available has been engaged day and night in building a new culvert, with the object of reversing the ventilation and clearing the shaft of foul fumes. This work meant the removal of hundreds of tons of earth, the installation of new fans and other apparatus, but disappointment.

At first the repeated efforts of rescue-parties to reach the miners falled, several members of the parties being the ventilation and to be abandoned. Then the construction of a new culvert was the fraction had to be abandoned. Then the construction of a new culvert was been accomplished it was found that falls of earth had blocked the ventilation of a resculption of the work forms of a resculption of the work done of a resculption of the work done of a resculption of the work had falls of earth had blocked the ventilation of earth had blocked the ventilation of earth had blocked the ventilation of a resculption of the work done of a resculption

Hamilton, Ont., March 12.—The local union of plasterers are on strike over a dispute as to when they should receive their wages.

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St. Thomas, Ont., March 11.—Neil Taylor, 14 years, is dead from injuries received by the accidental discharge of a gun while hunting with two other lads.

Fatal Gun Accident

PENNY A MILE CASE

Grand Trunk Company Gets Special
Leave to Appeal to the Privy
Council

Montreal, March 12—News was received here tiday that the privy council has granted special leave to appeal in the case of the Grand Trunk railway versus Robertson. This is the famous penny-a-mile case.

Robertson, who is a resident of Toronto, took action to compel the Grand Trunk to provide third class accommodation at the rate of a penny a mile between Toronto and Montreal, which its charter called for.

The Ontario courts sustained the plaintiff. The case was appealed to the Supreme court, and the Dominion railway commission, both of which sustained Robertson, whereupon the company appealed to London, England.

Protection Bad, But Not So Evil as Alliance With So-

Empress of China Sails. Hongkong, March 12.—The R. M. S. Empress of China left Hongkong at 4 p. m. today for Vancouver.

Fatal Boiler Explosion.

Sarnia, March 12.—James Harkins, 15 years old, was killed, and Joseph and Charles Kemsley injured by the explosion of a boiler in the sawmill of Inhards. Johnson & Son, Sarnia township, yes-

menace of Socialism," with which Great Britain is confronted, was a prominent and striking feature of Lord Rosebery's presidential address before the Liberal League this afternoon. The former premier was discussing the necessity of the league's unceasing support of "sane imperialism," in which category he included the maintenance of the policy of free trade.

"Protection," Lord Rosebery declared, "is a great evil, a great tyranny and a great source of corruption."

Continuing, the speaker said that he foresaw, however, a time when the present movement in parliament founded on ideas of social reform might lead to such enormous pressure in the way of direct taxation as to make the nation seek the relief from its intolerable burden by shifting a part of this burden to the taxation of imports. The time might come, but Lord Rosebery said he trusted to God it would never come, when the Liberals would be forced to choose between allowing the Socialists to gain the upper hand, and allying themselves with the party of protection in order to defeat Socialism. Of these two conditions, he for one, without hesitation, would prefer protectionism. This would be a great evil and source of corruption, but Socialism would mean the end of the empire, religious faith, freedom and prosperity.

In the elections of 1907, Lord Rosebery went on, the country had seen Mutual Reserve Policy Holders. Mutual Reserve Policy Holders.

Toronto, March 12.—F. Clarkson, who is handling the liquidation of the Mutual Reserve Life company, says things look very favorable for the Canadian policy holders. Re-insurance of all risks is very possible at present, and it is expected that a good proposition will be put before the policy holders.

Mr. Aylesworth moved in committee a resolution the object of which was to make more clear the practice of the admiralty court. It was proposed to try cases of collision between two railing the right to the admiralty judges at Halifax, St. John and Toronto.

Mr. Borden objected to the change

New York, March 12.—The Commissioner of Corporations, Herbert Knox Smith, will be given every facility to investigate the New York stock exchange in his enquiry linto stock gambling, which has been ordered by President Roosevelt, according to a statement today by Secretary Ely of the exchange. "We will show Mr. Smith all we have," said Mr. Ely. "There is absolutely nothing for us to conceal in regard to the exchange or its management." ts management. Ottawa, March 12.-In the senate

Ottawa, March 12.—In the senate banking and commerce committee the application for incorporation of the Bank of Canada, London and Paris was held for further consideration. Senator Scott, expressing his personal views, said he thought it would be better not to grant any more bank charters until after the revision of the banking act. So far as the present bill was concerned the name proposed was so pretentions as to be misleading.

Toronto, March 12.—The C. P. R. officials are evidently determined to have the rules obeyed by employees. Only a few days ago three men were dismissed for not living up to instructions, and yesterday 17 more were dismissed. This list, with the former ones, covers all sorts of charges. Negotiations are now in progress to settle the strike of machinists, which has lasted in a number of shops since last June, over a dispute regarding working hours.

WRONGLY USED

Supreme and Admiralty Courts

Ottawa, March 12.-In the house of commons today Mr. Ayleswor duced a bill to amend the Court act. The bill divides of cases into five parts; first, cases; second, cases from provide west of Ontario; third, Maritime vince cases; fourth, Quebec; and fifth

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Mr. Borden objected to the change, as did Mr. Gervais, the Liberal member for one of the Montreal divisions.

The resolution was, however, passed and a bill founded upon it read a first

Dr. Saunders Honored. Ottawa, March 12.—Dr. William Saunders, who for twenty-one years director of Dominion experimental farms, has been elected as honorary member of the Royal Agricultural So-ciety of England.

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