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MANY OF VICTIMS STILL UNIDENTIFIED FIVE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FOUR ARE DEAD

Heart-Rendering Scenes at the Morgues—Lady Tells of Escape From Burning Chicago Theatre.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—For the first time since Chicago has possessed bells to peal and whistles to shriek and horns to blow, the old year-tonight was allowed to pass in silence. The city authorities have not permitted the usual New Year's celebration, for this time, omitted, and the idea found a ready response in the hearts of the people, saddened by yesterday's tragedy.

As mayor of Chicago I would therefore request people to refrain from the indulgence, and I would ask all railway officials and all persons controlling factories, boats and mills to direct their employees not to blow whistles between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock to-night.

For the second time in her life the city of Chicago has been stricken to the heart. Not only have many of her most beautiful daughters met death in a variety of horrible and torturing forms at the Iroquois theatre, but the blow has fallen almost as heavily upon the theatre-going public as a whole. The number of people who were killed or injured in the burning of the Iroquois theatre was estimated at 504. This number, which is increased somewhat, as there are people in the hospitals who cannot survive for any length of time. It is believed, however, that the total number of dead will not in any event exceed 575.

recovered the body of his young daughter, Helena, aged seven, at the county morgue. The most pathetic side of the case is that the mother of the little girl, Mrs. Wunderlich, 35 years old, and her father, are still missing, as they were separated from the child in the terrible crush during the panic.

One of the heroes of the fire was Peter Quinn, chief special agent of the Atchafalaya, Topoka & Santa Fe railway, who assisted in the saving of a hundred lives or more. Wedged so tightly in a crowd at the door of the stage entrance that they could not move were men, women and children, and the company of performers were standing helpless and with agonized looks on their faces. The stage door was closed. The massive stage door of the Iroquois," said Mr. Quinn to-day, "is like many others of its kind. The two main swinging doors are used when scenery is taken to or from the theatre, and the light in the swinging structure itself is a small trap door used by the players in leaving the stage. This trap door was closed, and as I passed I heard a commotion and saw the door was slightly open, and peering in I and others who had arrived outside learned that the theatre was on fire. The players, men, women and children had rushed to this small trap door for escape, caught in a solid mass, and were backed solidly against the little door and it could not be opened. The women screamed and begged us to rescue them, and the cries of the children could be heard above the hoarse shouts of the men. We tried to force the door open. I had a number of small tools in my pocket and removed the metal attachments which held the door in. Then we forced the crowd back six inches and the door dropped from its hinges and the imprisoned players were assisted into the alley and I walked in upon the stage and found it a seething furnace. A minute later and the flames and smoke would have reached the imperiled ones and they would have been suffocated or burned where they stood."

Miss Anna Woodward, who occupied the seat in the second balcony, said to-day: "I was in the second balcony and plainly saw the fire. I left my seat in the balcony and went down the stairs to the first balcony and from there started to pass out through the very door in which so many people were killed. The door was closed and a man standing on the outside refused to open it so that I could pass out. I do not know whether he was an employee of the theatre, but he was evidently determined that no one should leave the theatre, and in so doing he was guilty of a crime. He quietly up to that time, but when he refused to allow me to pass out peacefully determined to get out if I had to make a noise. I went along the balcony to a glass partition and smashed it with my umbrella. When I was about half way down the stairs I heard a roar of the crowd. They overtook me, but I managed to escape. I think I must have walked the last ten feet of my passage to the exit on the bodies of those who had fallen."

The best evidence obtainable is to the effect that the fire was caused by a spark from an arc light striking the edge of the deep curtain, but the actual fact will not be known until after the coroner's inquest.

From early in the morning until late to-night crowds have besieged the undertaking rooms and hospitals looking for the dead and wounded. In all the undertaking rooms the bodies were placed, as far as possible, side by side, and when these were exhausted stretched in long lines upon the floors, and a constant succession of pale-faced men and women passed slowly between the bodies, lifting the coverings from scorched and bruised faces. Scenes that were enacted around the bodies of little children were pathetic in the extreme. There has been no sadder feature connected with the disaster than the killing of so many children. It is the one thing that seems to be the most peculiar of the identification was that of the headless body of Boyer Alexander, eight years old. The lad's father, Dr. W. D. Alexander, had sought his son all night, and to-day, in examining the bodies, the physician identified him by a watch, a birthday present from his father, found on the remains.

jury and death by the fire in the construction and management of the Iroquois theatre. "Words were sent to Manager Davis and Powers and Commissioner Williams that warrants were out, and that if they would come in and give bail they would not be subjected to arrest.

"States Attorney Densen, when told of the firing of the complaint and the issuing of the warrants, said that he would take charge of the case and prosecute it to the full extent of the law. "No more public law than that of the Hall family can be found in that terrible death roll of Wednesday's disaster. His wife, her two little boys and little daughter were overcome. Mrs. Hull was 55 years of age. Her body and that of her son, Dwight, were found at Jordan's morgue. Helen and Donald's bodies were found at Gavin's morgue."

THE CANADIAN CUSTOMS REVENUE RETURNS FOR SIX MONTHS JUST ENDED TWENTY-TWO DEAD.

A. B. Aylesworth to Enter Ontario Cabinet—Bonding Halbit to Points in States.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—The customs revenue of the Dominion, according to returns received at the customs department for the six months ending to-day, was \$20,663,761, an increase of \$2,627,145 over the same time last year. For the month of December the revenue was \$3,104,761, an increase of \$269,000 over the same month last year, an increase of \$132,801.

OFFICIAL APPOINTMENTS. Notices Appearing in This Week's Provincial Gazette.

This week's Official Gazette contains notice of the following appointments: Joseph Wilson, of Creston, provincial police constable, to be a deputy mining officer for the Nelson mining division, with sub-recording office at Creston. To be official administrators: George Smith McGarrett, of the city of Revelstoke, for the Revelstoke electoral district; John P. Griffith, of Golden, for the Columbia electoral district.

THE DEATH ROLL RESULTING FROM COLLISION BETWEEN TWO PASSENGER TRAINS IN MICHIGAN. Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 28.—The cause of the wreck is charged to the light which illuminated the red signal light in the "order" board at McCord's station, where a westbound train was expected to stop and receive orders.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Dec. 29.—Limited train No. 5, westbound, on the Pennsylvania railway, was wrecked about 4 o'clock this morning in a rear-end collision with a freight train near Lawrence, Pa. The engine, No. 10, and the baggage car were damaged. The train was carrying a number of passengers, and several were injured.

One Man Killed. Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 28.—General officers of Pennsylvania lines, West, say no passengers were injured in the wreck of the westbound limited near Fort Wayne. The railway was the only one hurt, and his injuries are not serious. Baggage man Stafford and Engineer Herbert badly hurt.

LORD LANSDOWNE FEARS THE WORST

Has Only Faint Hopes of Japan Receiving a Favorable Reply—News Caused Flurry on Wheat Market.

Tokio, Jan. 2.—A powerful squadron, consisting of six armored cruisers under Admiral Kamimura, is expected to leave Sasebo to-morrow for Masampo, Korea. Sasebo is a Japanese port twenty-five miles northwest of Nagasaki.

London, Jan. 2.—No word has yet been received here tending to show that the Russian reply to Japan may be expected.

Excitement on Wheat Market. Chicago, Jan. 2.—The greatest excitement in months in the wheat market was experienced today, in response to the news from the Far East. The price advanced by a net gain of 34 cents over Thursday's close, and July at an advance of 2 1/2. The drop in British console set the speculative tinder afire. The market became so big that it was almost impossible to keep track of it. The public made a concerted effort to cover and found very little on the market.

A PATULLO'S SUICIDE. Member of Ontario Legislature Cut His Throat in London.

Montreal, Dec. 30.—A special London cable says Mr. Andrew Pattullo, member of the Ontario legislature for North Oxford, was found dead in his bedroom yesterday, his throat having been cut with a razor.

INTER-CITY BASKETBALL. Vancouver and Perrow Teams to Play at Drill Hall To-night.

Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 31.—Charles Sweny was burned to death in his shack last night at Kashaowic, on the C. P. R. about 120 miles west of here. Particulars are not known, but it is supposed he was asleep when the fire started, and was caught by the flames before he could escape.

WINCESTER. Information has been received here that John Alexander Dowie, "Bliss the Restorer," will establish his Canadian capital in this city. Candidates.

LARGER THAN BALTIC. White Star Line Reported to Have Placed Order at Belfast For Another Big Steamer.

The Baltic, which is now at Belfast being placed in readiness for service at a later hour than the 49 feet deep, 75.5 feet broad, tonnage 24,000.

LADIES IN THEIR LAST RESTING PLACE

FUNERALS OF VICTIMS OF THE CHICAGO FIRE

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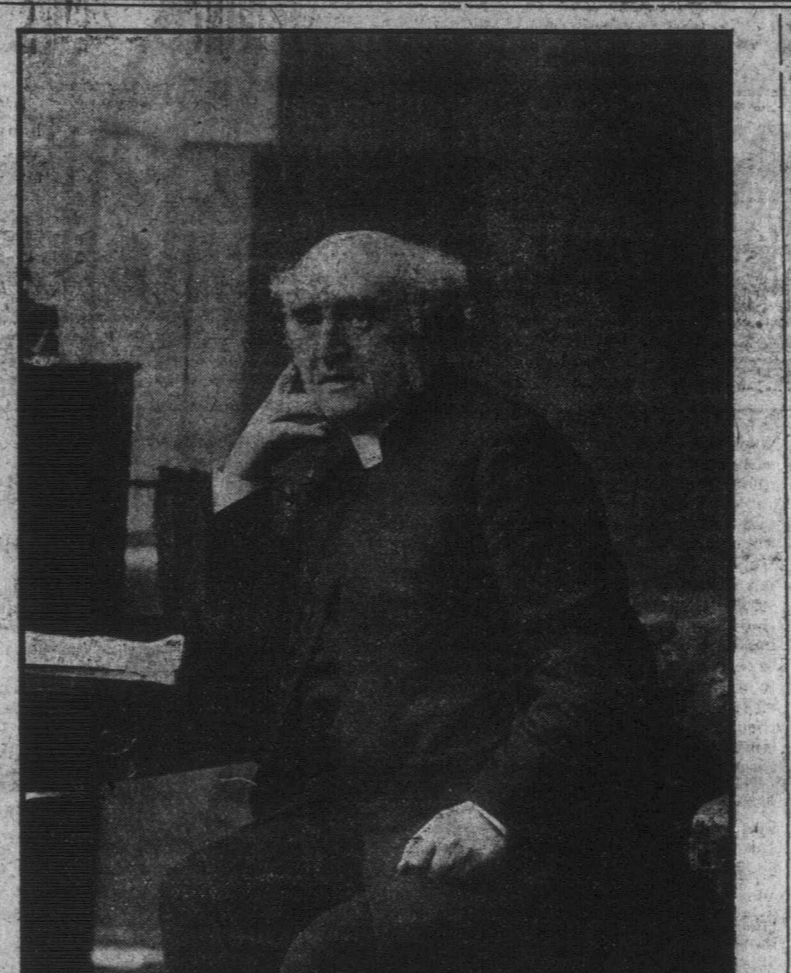
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The Famous Preacher Now Visiting Victoria. Rev. Mr. Pearse Lectures on "Christian Socialism" in the Metropolitan.

MARTIAL LAW

In Modified Form Has Been Declared at Teluride—Twenty-Two Men Already Arrested.

Denver, Col., Jan. 4.—Gov. Peabody has declared a modified form of martial law in Teluride, and the city will be placed under the same restrictions as are prevailing at Cripple Creek.

BRITAIN INCREASING FLEET

In Far Eastern Waters—Reported Russian Plan to Preserve Peace.

Paris, Jan. 2.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Paris edition of the New York Herald says that as the result of a consultation between the Emperor and high officials a plan has been worked out which may yet avert war.

NOTED BREWER DEAD

Capt. F. Pabst Passed Away at His Home in Milwaukee.

THE BOUNDARY SHIPMENTS

For Last Year Amounted to Over Six Hundred and Eighty-Four Thousand Tons.

Baby Costs Too Much

When the price paid is the mother's health and happiness. The father doesn't realize that the baby is a child who years of wily suffering must be set against the baby's laughter.

MURDERED BY BOYS

One of Lads Tells of Beating Man to Death With Knife and Robbing Body.

FIREBROT NANAIMO

Carriage Works Burned to the Ground—Heavy Loss.

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A GREAT LONDON PREACHER

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A WAR RATE OF INSURANCE ISSUED

APPLIES TO FREIGHT SHIPPED TO JAPAN

The Tacoma Arrived Sunday Without a Single Chinese Passenger for Victoria—Notes.

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THE CHICAGO FIRE.

The year 1903 in its dying struggles has left a terrible record of calamities in the United States.

The fire in Chicago is the most calamitous and the most disastrous in the history of the city.

It is a tragedy which has caused the death and mutilation of hundreds of passengers.

It is a tragedy which has caused the loss of millions of dollars of property.

A TITLE IN DISPUTE.

It seems it was all vain talk that guessing about the purpose of the meeting of the Conservative Association of British Columbia.

The general public is not in a position to prove that the proposed increase of freight rates is entirely without excuse.

There may be good reasons for the proposed increases. But no sufficient reasons have been furnished the public.

LOOKS LIKE WAR.

Japan seems determined to fight. Only some miraculous interposition can prevent war between the newest creation of civilization and the despair of all progressive countries.

The Times long held the opinion that the preparations for war in the East would not lead to a serious rupture.

Nations have learned by experience to enter upon war with a heavy heart rather than with the gaily with which the knights of the old days donned their armor.

There is no question that the Premier has a right to ask that some such action shall be taken.

There is a good deal of dissatisfaction in the ranks of the party with the course of the government.

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POVERTY-STRIKEN CORPORATIONS.

The transcontinental railroads have entered into an agreement to advance freight rates, and rates have gone up accordingly.

Possibly the C. P. R. people thought they might be well served by the example set by the government of British Columbia.

furnished with proof of the fact for the benefit of our citizens. As regards the quantity of the water, that is another story.

Now the government is talking, through its regenerated organ, of laying its expert hands on our educational system.

There have been more terrible calamities than that which occurred in Chicago last night.

HEAVEN ENOUGH FOR HIM. Last evening was a terrible night for the editor of the "Times."

Mr. John Hawkes, a well-known and leading Conservative of the Northwest, has addressed a letter to the press.

The sacrifice of the Alaska boundary has not been in vain after all. Esquimaux was at one time a place to be regarded with suspicion by our neighbors.

ODE TO THE MEDICAL MAN. New Orleans Picayune. The hapless medical night is sick with apprehensions.

ABOUT "LABELS." Brockville Times. The Montreal Witness is being congratulated by the press of Canada upon its success in a recent editorial against it.

A CAREFUL LITTLE HOUSEWIFE. San Francisco Bulletin. Charles Keeler, the poet, who lives over on a four-year-old daughter who has already developed the case of his Red River Expedition.

Down in St. John, N. B., a few days ago, Mr. Borden boasted that when he was in the west he was not afraid to talk high protection, and his wonderful bravery in so doing was cheered by the boys in the gallery.

Rural delivery, which the Tory party a short time ago was demanding should be generally adopted in Canada, is proving a very costly business to the United States post office department.

The Times has stated that the principal of South Park school has during the year 1903 passed more pupils into the High School than any other teacher in the province.

NEW YEAR GIVEN HEARTY WELCOME

VICTORIANS GREET 1904 BOISTEROUSLY

Streets Crowded by Noisy Celebrators on Thursday Evening—Watchnight Services Largely Attended.

The New Year was welcomed in the usual boisterous manner by Victorians. Early on Thursday evening the streets commenced to fill with noisy celebrators, and as the time flew on towards midnight the crowds became larger and the noise increased.

Watchnight services were held at most of the local churches. There was a good attendance at the Metropolitan Methodist church, where the Rev. Dr. Pierce presided.

How to Keep Happy. Despondency is a thing of evil origin and evil results. It produces nothing but wrinkles and wrinkles.

GHEERFUL WOMEN. A woman's nerves are more truly the cause of worry than outside troubles. The nerves are a woman's body.

Why Women Have "Nerves." That is the reason why women have "nerves." When our thoughts begin to grow cloudy and uncertain, our impulses lag and the warnings of pain and distress are sent like flying messages throughout our limbs and frame.

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FAMOUS PREACHERS IN THE CHURCHES TO

Rev. Mark Guy Pearse is a Famous Lecturer on Mission.

(From Saturday's Dispatch) Rev. Mark Guy Pearse, who is probably as well known to the philanthropic workers of today, is in the city.

On Monday morning he will meet at the Ministerial Association, and in the evening the notable and equally famous lecturer will lecture on "The Old Folks at Home."

The West London mission than the ordinary preaching because its scope of work is for the destitute and the poor who are unable to support themselves.

ORPHANS' CHRISTMAS Gifts Distributed Among the Home Lads. Tuesday night the children's testimonial orphans' home.

BISMARCK THE M My first glimpse of Haman during a journey through many just after the war.

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The West London mission is more than the ordinary preaching hall. It embraces in its scope of work, homes for the destitute and the children; day nurseries for the latter and light work for the disabled adults and children who are too poor to provide for themselves, and are without homes.

The lecture on the "Old Folks at Home" has been received with the greatest enthusiasm throughout the present lecturing tour in Canada. He has had excellent facilities for gathering material for his discourses in the various cities which he visited...

Gifts Distributed Among the Children of the Home Last Night. Tuesday night the children of the Protestant Home were given their second instalment of Christmas. In the large dining-room of the institution an immense Christmas tree brilliantly lit with colored lights...

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LADY BACHELORS

The abolition of the word "spinster," as applied to unmarried women of all ages, is the sole object of a society which has just been formed.

The question of a club having been decided, it was resolved that its object should be mainly to remove the word "spinster" from all dictionaries; and one lady hinted that she had influence in high quarters sufficient to prevent the use of "that horrible word" upon census returns and other official documents.

That the members of the club shall consist of girls who are not single by reason of the fact that they have never received a proposal; girls who have never had the opportunity of rejecting an offer of marriage; and engaged girls.

That such girls should, however, cease to be a member of the club, if they are not engaged to be married within a certain period of time.

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DYNAMITE EXPLOSION.

New Westminster, Dec. 30.—A frightful accident at the Coquitlam end of the million dollar tunnel being built between Lakes Coquitlam and Beautiful by the Vancouver Power Company...

It appears that there is an isolated house near the works which is used as a powder store house. One room is used for drying the dynamite that is once it is stored with combustibles.

All that could be found of the remains was the trunk. The corner will go out to-morrow to investigate the site of the explosion.

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Reached Stuart Lake. A message has been received from A. S. Goling by his friends in this city, informing them of his safe arrival at Stuart Lake in British Columbia.

PITTSBURG FIRE. Warehouse Destroyed and Loss Amounts to Many Thousands. Pittsburgh, Dec. 29.—For twelve hours, beginning at 6 o'clock this morning, the fire which destroyed the American Express building in this city...

Phoenician Notes. On Friday morning William Robb fell between the Knob Hill ore crusher and the ore bins, a distance of some 40 or 50 feet.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

ROSSLAND. Considerable interest attaches locally to the operation of the Hendry electro-cyanide process of treating low grade ores owned by the Rossland mine.

NEISON. Early next month a meeting of the citizens of Nelson will be held for the purpose of hearing the report of the secretary of the Nelson Tourist Association and determining on a plan for the operations of the tourist season next year.

SOCIETY BLACKMAILERS. Scoundrels Who Live on Dead Men's Secrets. "When a man is dead he can deny nothing" is a motto which might be adopted by a class of scoundrels at work nowadays, whose methods are as cunningly ingenious as they are heartless.

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THE POPE AS GAMBLER. An interesting anecdotal paper dealing with the early life of the new Pope is contributed to the Fall Mail Magazine by Rev. Alexander Duff, writing on "The Pope as Gambler."

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The victim was a deaf mute named George Hewlin, a young man of 28, at the time of the accident. Hewlin was walking along the track towards Warden.

The price paid was \$50,000. The same parties purchased from Mr. Peacock's 800 acres of the line of the Crown's New railway, which have proved profitable ventures.

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REVERTED LOVER'S LAWSUIT. Man Sues Father of His Ex-Girlfriend to Recover Money Spent on Presents. A St. John, N. B. dispatch says: "In the backwoods of New Brunswick, where hard work is plentiful and money very scarce the course of true love is often as rough...

BISMARCK THE MAN. My first glimpse of Bismarck was obtained during a journey across the German main after the war with Prussia and France. I had never seen another man so towering, save Abraham Lincoln.

HOW SHE KNEW A SOLICITOR. The London Daily Graphic publishes the following amusing incident: "During the hearing of a charge at Marylebone Magistrate's Court against Josephine Barton, a well-dressed married woman, aged forty, giving an address at Stapleford road, Bristol, it was alleged that she had obtained money by fraud from Mrs. Lewington, the wife of the manager of the Bristol and Exeter Railway."

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YEAR'S STATISTICS FOR THE ISLAND

THEY SHOW STEADY ADVANCEMENT MADE

The Total Coal Production Interfered With by Strike at Extension— Encouraging Features.

There has been a falling off in the production of coal on Vancouver Island during the year as compared with the previous year's operations. This was accounted for in no small measure by the closing down of the Extension mines in April, May and June, and the reduced production in the month previous and the month after.

is controlled by a local company, which has had several splendid offers made for the claims. Experienced mining men are unanimous in agreeing that all this is required to make the Island one of the greatest mining and manufacturing sections of the continent in the influx of capital.

Hon. Abram Smith, United States consul, gives the following approximate figures as to the values of shipments from Vancouver Island to the United States during the year just closed: Animals, fowls, etc., \$5,977; agricultural products, \$8,117; coal, \$2,232,792; coke, \$12,678; copper, \$304,033; clothing, of all kinds, \$5,316; drugs and medicines, \$2,892; furs, undressed, \$41,988; fish, other than salmon, \$956; gold, quartz and bullion, \$251,723; hides and skins, other than fur, \$97,820; household goods, \$19,061; iron and steel items, \$10,448; liquors, \$74,155; lead and iron, \$7,110; leather, \$22,874; miscellaneous, \$37,169; manufactured articles, \$12,804; ships, etc., sold and transferred, \$21,781; silver, \$85,838; tea, \$4,064; wooden articles, \$2,696; total, \$5,316,485.

SEATTLE'S PORTAGE AND THE RIVER

HAD AN EVENTFUL TRIP FROM MANILA

Lumber Carriers Reach Capetown in Safety—Danube and Cottage City From Skagway.

After waiting just two weeks for a reply from the admiralty, the management of the B. C. Marine Railway Company, Esquimalt, were Tuesday evening notified that they had been awarded the contract for the work to be done on H. M. S. Flora. The contract price is in the neighborhood of \$200,000 and the time required to complete the work will be about three months. Three local firms tendered.

and as soon as the accident occurred at once ordered all bulkheads closed and the boats swung out. But this precaution, fortunately, did not prove a necessity. There were no plates broken, as stated, and there was no such alarm created among the passengers as described in telegraphic reports of the accident.

Residents of Port Simpson have shown great delight of sympathy for the captain and officers of the injured ship. They did all in their power to provide for the comfort of the passengers, and a letter, signed by over fifty, has been addressed to Captain Troup as follows: Captain Troup as follows.

The Klondike business has perhaps not grown, but Victoria has retained a steady hold on the trade, and will continue to do so.

The Fraser river and Island service will doubtless be something better this coming season than ever before, while on the Sound run, as on the northern British Columbia route, new steamers will shortly be seen in operation.

It still in the East arranging details, but will shortly return to the coast. The dock, Mr. Macpherson says, will cost about \$80,000. It will be a steel structure, and the first port dock in the Dominion. It is calculated that it will raise 11,000 tons. It will be 500 feet long. Actual construction work will begin in April next, and it is expected that in two years the dock will be completed.

Lumber Carriers Arrive. I. Canada, of P. McQuade & Son, has received a letter from Capt. Hutson of the barque Trocadero, which loaded British Columbia lumber for Capetown, reporting the safe arrival of the vessel on November 22nd after a very stormy voyage.

DOUBLE FUNERAL

Remains of Mr. and Mrs. Ganner Interred at Nanaimo.

BOY'S DEATH HANGED HIMSELF TO THE HOW IT FELT—HAD MEANT TO CUT ROPE.

It is not an uncommon thing, perhaps, for lads of fourteen to have been found in the act of hanging themselves, but to find out results for themselves, but to go to the extent of hanging themselves, as a young student in Latimer school did last night, is a sad story.

BRITISH SHIPS AWAITING

THEY ARE READY FOR IMMEDIATE

Report That the Russian Squadron in the Hands of Admiral Alexieff.

London, Jan. 4.—Dispatches from Far East market prices have fallen rapidly. A dispatch from Vladivostok reports the departure of a Russian cruiser, presumably Arctur, and the impending departure of other cruisers, while the Russian fleet is in the hands of Admiral Alexieff.

Table with columns: Local, Foreign, Total. Rows for Jan, Feb, March, April, May, June, July, August, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, and Total.

At LadySmith the following were the coal exports in tons for the year:

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The year has been a good one with respect to coal production also. The Yreka mine at LadySmith has kept up continuous operations. The Crofton works, as a result of the remaining of mining at the Lenora, has been enabled to keep running for many months back at its full capacity.

On the West Coast there has likewise been a steady advance made in the mining operations. The Yreka mine at Quatsino is again working, under the control of the Crofton smelter, and will be making steady shipments to the smelter.

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