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RUSSIA WAS ANXIOUS TO PURCHASE VESSELS

Kussia's Delay in Answering Note Regarded in Some Quarters as Favorable Sign.

London, Dec. 28 .- Rumor continues busy with the Russo-Japanese crisis. The latest report credits Japan with insisting that Russia shall reply to its ast note before January 1st, on the ground of the rapid approach of Russian

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In political circles the opinion prevails hat the attitude of the United States covernment will have a definite inhence in solving the situation, whether t sides with Japan and Great Britain

A Delay.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—In official reles here the delay in presenting Russia's reply is not regarded as ominous. On the contrary, the fact that Russia, in coordance with Japan's request is cually reviewing the matters in dis-cute, is regarded as a favorable sign. It is pointed out that had Russia replied immediately unfavorable deductions night have been drawn, although Russia believes her proposals were extremely consistent containing all reasonable con-This does not exclude the posdesired the positions of the general scheme of settlement which may more closely coincide with Japan's wishes, If careful reconsideration discloses the positions of the general scheme of settlement which may more closely coincide with Japan's wishes, If careful reconsideration discloses the positions of the position of the general settlement of the gener careful reconsideration discloses the possibility of such a course, it is said that there is every reason to believe that it will be gladly embraced.

Bought Ships.

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Poses.

The Daily Telegraph's Tokio correspondent says that after the meeting of the ministerial council, the Emperor entertained the councillors at luncheon. The cabinet then held a sitting, which was prolonged until late at night. The correspondent says that the finance minister on Sunday entertained the leading bankers at dinner for the purpose of discussing with them the best means of meeting the emergency.

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Continuing, the correspondent says:
"The Japanese officials have already taken over control of the Seoul-Fusan railway. The president of the railway has been dismissed and been replaced by Mr. Furnch, chief of the Japanese railway board. The Japanese fleet has been organized and been disposed of in divisions and squadrons, prepared to check any movements from Vladivostock or Port Arthur."

The Daily Mail's Pekin correspondent nds an unconfirmed report that, in e event of war, China will join forces ith Japan, and that Japan will send an with Japan, and that army corps to Pekin.

Remains in Manchuria. Pekin, Dec. 28.—Lien Fang, first ceretary of the board of foreign affairs, isited Russian Minister Lessar to-day on the board of foreign affairs, churia, and that Japan has always counted upon such an attitude.

reply, said that nothing could present with a view on for two reasons.
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militiamen are concealing their arms, serts that Japan's note to Russia de supposedly with the Tartar general's mands a material guarantee of honest in

New York, Dec. 29.—A special cable from London to the New York Herald to-day says:

"Mr. Bennett Burleigh, in a cable message to the Daily Telegraph from Tokie, says 'war trembles in the balance, if it has not already tilted the scale, for report affirms that Russia on Saturday answered declining Japan's request. 'Diplomacy is terrified as to what

"Diplomacy is terrified as to what will happen in China if there is war between Russia and Japan.

"It is agreed, and Pekin dispatches show, that the Imperial authorities are on the alert, and will attack Russia. Their best generals are eager to attack Russia in Manchuria, but the real key of the seriousness of the situation is will there be further terrible outbreaks against foreigners in China, or in the equally dangerous problem, what steps will Germany and France take if disturbances break out? Great Britain and America should be prepared also to see that if Japan wages a successful war, she is not prevented from reaping the fruits of victory."

Provide For Emergencies.

reinforcements to the scene of action. Inquiry in the best informed Japanese quarters, however fails to find support for this statement.

Russia Unprepared.

Rome, Dec. 28.—Following the receipts of the reports from the Far East, a rather optimistic view of the difficulties between Japan and Russia is entertained in official quarters here. It is not believed that a conflict will take place in the near future, not only for Provide For Emergencies.

place in the near future, not only for climatic reasons but because Russia is imprepared for war.

It is believed that Russia will first consolidate her warships in the Far East with the colunteer fleet in the East with the colunteer fleet in the Mediterranean, which latter now numbers nine vessels. The vessels of the Mediterranean fleet have been purposely kept apart, so that no idea might be given of the character or strength of the eastward have been reported.

Negotiations Not Complete. London, Dec. 29.—It was said at the Japanese legation here to-night that no sale had yet been effected of the Argentine warship now building at Genoa, Italy, for the purchase of which Japan. is now negotiating. Russia has made a counter bid and the negotiations are continuing.

To io, Dec. 29.—Another cabinet out il was held to-day lasting four countil was held to-day lasting four hours. The ordinances passed yesterday authorized a guarantee of the principal and interest of an issue of ten million yen debentures, also authorized the government to utilize 50,000,000 yet, the proceeds of the Chinese war indemnity which has hitherto been devoted to educational and other purposes, as a war fund. In addition authorization is given to issue treasury notes repayable is given to issue treasury notes repayable in five years and to raise loans to be repayable in two years to an unlimited extent. The Seoul-Fusan railway becomes virtually a government enterprise. The

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Volunteers.

It is stated that at yesterday's lunch eon the Emperor unreservedly invited the senior statesmen and councilors to give their advice on the existing crisis. The promulgation of the ordinance has had a great effect in calming the public impatience.

French View. Paris, Dec. 29.—It was asserted authoritatively to-day that the French government does not believe that war between Russia and Japan will break out. tween Russia and Japan will break out. It is declared that the Japanese note which Russia is now considering is not an ultimatum, and it is further asserted that it does not even suggest a date within which a reply shall be made by the Russian government. One of the diplomats accredited to Russias says the Russian government considers the Japanese reply to be "rather satisfactory." It is said that there is no reason to believe that the negotiations will be interlieve that the negotiations will be inter-rupted by Russia's reply, but will con-tinue until the details of an agreement are adjusted and that Russia will show

her willingness to meet Japan more than half way, but along the lines already cabled to the Associated Press. The Open Door. Rome, Dec. 29.—The Tribuna in com menting upon the active military preparations in the United States connects the matter with the Far Eastern situation,

the last official note from the Japanese government. A strong opposition is now publicly manifested to the calinet owing to the dilatory tactics they are pursuing. The latest ordinance announced in ests the commander of Formosa with

full authority to act in case war is de-The government is completing the final aries for placing the country on

war footing. Imperial ordinances issued authorize the government to make an unlimited ssue of treasury bonds to provide war funds, creating a special council of war, and fixing the imperial headquarters. In the event of war, if a special issue of war bonds is made, it is understood that the bonds can be floated in England, whence it is said assurances have come I that the money would be forthcoming.

Asks Reduction of Fleet. London, Dec. 30 .- A daily paper as cations to-day.

mands a material guarantee of honest intentions with regard to Korea by a reduction of the Russian fleet in Far Bastern waters to half its present strength.

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Pessimistic. St. Petersburg, Dec. 30.-The foreign dispatches received here yesterday after noon are reflected to-day in more pessi mistic editorials.

The Novoe Vremya begins its leader

with: "There is no war to-day; to-mor row there may be war." The paper

Germans Take Hopeful View. Berlin, Dec. 30.-The foreign office here continues to assure enquirers that the German government continues to be ieve that war will not issue from the Japanese-Russia controversy. This is also the opinion of the press.

whether derived from official or independent information.

It does not appear that Sir Frank C Lascelles, the British ambassador here, as previously cabled, said that war is not unlikely unless Russia yields. Count Von Ostensacken, the Russian ambassador, is taking it as an impossibility that the situation in the Far East is even grave. Others of the diplomatic corps seem to be without news and express general ideas, the easy and safe one being that "hostilities are quite unlikely," and that each side is testing its

adversary to the breaking point. Everywhere there is anxiety for authoritative news that shall bring the period of suspense to an end. The moblization of the Japanese army is partially attributable, according to a Vladivostack dispatch to the Cologne Gazette, to open acts of hostility on the part of Koreans towards Japanese, probably necessitating active measures of defence of Japanese interests in Southern Korea.

The Cologne Gazette considers that this dispatch is an admission that Japan has a good claim to defend her interests in Southern Novea by force of arms, and controverts the rumors to the effect that Russia would regard the landing of any considerable Japanese force in Southern Korea as a casus belli. The paper con-cludes: "The attitude of Russia on this question may therefore be regarded as a further concession on her part."

Situation Unbearable. Berlin, Dec. 30.—The Lokal Anzeiger,

without reserve, says: "The Japanese government has informed the representatives of the powers at Tokio that the sitnation at this moment is unbearable, and that Japan must strike if Russia does

New York, Dec. 30.—The Japanese consulate here is overwhelmed with offers of volunteers for service in the Japanese army in anticipation of war Graham have been nominated for with Russia, cables the Times correspondent at Sydney, N. S. W. The consul has informed the applicants that it is impossible to accept foreigners for enlistment.

Another Report. Paris, Dec. 30.—It is learned in diplomatic circles that the Japanese government has informed the foreign diplomats mats that the situation with respect to Russia is desperate, but not hopeless. It is be-lieved this information was communicat-ed to the French government for presentation at St. Petersburg.

More Meat Wanted. New York, Dec. 30.—Negotiations by cable are in progress between the Russian government and the Schwarzchild & Sulzberger Company, of this city, for about 1,000,000 pounds of mess meat for immediate shipment to Port Arthur. An official of the firm said to-day that the contract was practically closed, and that it called for delivery of the meat at San Francisco, January 22nd.

Must Consider China. London, Dec. 30.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Mail reports that Russia is more inclined to make a concession to China with regard to Manchuria, and says that he learns that unless Russia pays consideration to the Chinese demand that China will join with Lapan.

Yokohama, Dec. 30.—At an extraordinary meeting of the privy council to-day the fact was developed that no time limit had been set for Russia's reply to the last official note from the Japanese with Japan.

GAMBLING IN COTTON. Deputation Will Urge British Government to Adopt Measure to Prevent

Practice. Manchester, England, Dec. 29.—At a mass meeting of the cotton trade held here, a resolution was adopted strongly condemning "International cotton gambling, which has greatly injured the trade, resulted in a serious loss and lessened employment, thus bringing disastrous conditions," and inviting the government to receive a representative deputation with the object of urging measures to prevent "gambling in cottom."

QUITE RECOVERED. Vienna, Dec. 30.—Emperor Francis loseph has quite recovered from his activent and is pursuing his ordinary avo-

**EX-MINISTER HEAD OF** RAILWAY COMMISSION

Has Gone to New York on Business in Connection With His New Duties.

Ottawa, Dec. 29.-It is reported that A. G. Blar has sent in his resignation as member of parliament for St. John city. This is preparatory to his acceptance of the chairmanship of the railway commission. The news will be officially announced within the next forty-eight hours. Mr. Blair left to-day for New York. It is said that his visit is in connection with the duties of his new office. Sir R. Cartwright.

Sir Richard Cartwright will not seek re-election in South Oxford. He will run in an eastern Ontario constituency, probably Kingston or Frontenac.

Sunday Observance. Dr. Potts, president of the Dominion Lord's Day Alliance, is here to-day with the Minister of Justice asking for the passage of a Dominion law for Sunday

observance. WATCHMAN'S CRIME.

Shot His Wife and Committed Suicide-Civic Elections in the East.

Sarnia, Ont., Dec. 28.—This morning Joseph Boyd, night track watchman at Tunnel station, shot and killed his wife and then took his own life. He leaves a family of five children, three quite young. No cause for the act can be assigned. The doctors think his mind had become deranged owing to the cold weather and exposure. weather and exposure.

Candidate. Sherbrooke, Que., Dec. 28.—The Conservatives of Dorchester have selected J. B. Morin, M. P., as candidate for the Dominion House.

New Service. Quebec, Dec. 28.—To-day the Great Northern railway leased by Mackenzie & Mann, inaugurated a through regular passenger service between Montreal and Quebec. The company has also closed a contract for the construction of a 70mile line from Garneau Junction to Que

Newfoundland Road.

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Montreal, Dec. 28.—A rumor is going the rounds that Cornelius Shields, president of the Consolidated Lake Superior Company, will sever his connection with that company and join the management of the Newfoundland railway with Messrs. Reid. Mr. Shields visited Newfoundland recently. Municipal Contests.

mayor. Port Arthur, Dec. 28.-Nominations: Mayor Clavet elected by acclamation.
Councillors—Andrews, W. P. Cook, S.
W. Ray, C. H. Shera, J. C. King, Geo.
Horrigan, George Marks, S. Downing,
John Boulter, James Vance and Henry

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Rat Portage, Dec. 28.—Nominations: Mayor—A. S. Horsewell and W. G. Cameron. Aldermen—F. Hudson, J. Sherman, W. McCarthy, A. H. Horne, M. Musk, A. Carmichael, J. R. Briden, G. P. Phillips, Greenwood, G. W. Chedwick, C. W. Belyea and J. B. Kelly.

Kelly.
Fort William, Dec. 28.—Nominations:
Mayor—C. H. Jackson, John Cooper,
Joshua Dyke and Dr. Hamilton. Councillors—Ward 1, H. Johnson. W. T.
Rankin, Peter Gray, W. Newcombe,
W. McCall; Ward 2, J. R. Perry, L.
L. Peltier, John King, H. M. Piper, G.
W. Brown, Dr. Dean, W. F. Hogarth,
John J. Flannigan and A. Snellgrove.

Another Adjournment Owing to the

Absence of a Quorum.

Dawson, Dec. 29.-The Yukon cou Dawson, Dec. 29.—The Yukon council has again adjourned until January 4th, owing to the continued absence of a quorum through the refusal of Clarke Thomson to be present. Governor Congdon still remains firm, and insists he will not allow his, hand to be forced, and no interests in the country will suffer by interests in the country will suffer by the refusal of the council to do business. The weather is still mild. The ther-mometer has only been as low as 13 be-low zero once for the past three weeks. low zero once for the past three weeks. It ranges from zero to two above.

An enormously rich strike of gold has been made by Louis Cardinal ten miles across the American boundary in Alaska. The strike is on the ancient White river channel, and a ten thousand dollar outfit is going out to-morrow. The ground goes from eighty cents to three dollars per near and a stampede will republic occur. pan, and a stampede will probably occur this winter.

ENGINEER DEAD. Sir W. Allen, Well Known Tynesider, Passes Away.

London, Dec. 28.-Sir Wm. Allan, the well known marine engineer, shipowner and member of parliament for Gates-head since 1893, is dead. He was born November 29th, 1837.

From the deck of a shin the visual dis-ance is about fifteen miles.

Evidence Against the Accused Was Manufactured.

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Paris, Dec. 28.—The grounds upon which Dreyfus depends for vindication and restoration to the army have been communicated to the Associated Press. Dreyfus charges that a telegram from Colonel Schwartzkoppen, the late German military attache here, to Colonel Panizzardi, formerly Italian military attache at Paris, as presented to the court-martial at Rennes, bore the date of April, 1894, when he was occupied with the details of the mobilization of the troops, of which the telegram treated, whereas 'he actual date of the telegram was the last of March, 1895, after he (Dreyfus) had been tried.

A copy which has been found has established the correctness of Dreyfus's claim, in the opinion of the commission which recommended the revision of the case. The statement of the case against Dreyfus, understanding the telegram when it arrived at the ministry for sear

case. The statement of the case against Dreyfus, understanding the telegram when it arrived at the ministry for war, was dated April 1st, 1895, while Dreyfus shows the telegram was written in the latter part of March of that year. The lette Colonel Henry clipped off a corner of the telegram and thus the actual date disappeared. Colonel Henry, in his own hand, annotated the telegram April, 1894. The colonel, however, neglected to remember that the month of April had only thirty days, for in the document there is a mention of the "31st of the current month." The unauthenticity of the telegram could have been established had the court of Rennes appreciated the importance of the error. Finally it developed that in the telegram where the words "Ce Canaille de D." appear, the initial "D." had been substituted for the letter "P." The original copy, written by M. Cribelin, the keeper of the archives of the war office, carried the letter "P." The scratching upon the paper was apparent, but M. Bertillon, the handwriting expert, testified that the letter "D." was correct. It is now claimed he was in error. Dreyfus, understanding the telegram

LOWERING WAGES.

Ten Per Cent. Reduction at Bridge Works and on Railway.

Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—The wages of the pieceworkers at the American Bridge Company's works were reduced ten per cent. to-day. A thousand men are af-

Ten Per Cent. Reduction. Pittsburg, Dec. 28.—The employees of the Union Railroad Company, with the exception of the trainmen, have been notified of a ten per cent. reduction in wages, to take place January 1st. The Union Railroad Company is connected with the Carnegie company, and is a subsidiary of the United States Steel Corporation. Corporation.

A Cut. Chicago, Dec. \*28.—The Bloomington and Open Hearth mills of the Inland Steel Company at Indian Harbor were running with union men to-day for the first time in nearly two months. These nine hundred men struck because of a decrease in wages, and have now accepted a reduction of ten per cent.

TROTTING RECORD. Protest Against Official Recognition the Time Made in September By Lou Dillon.

with the secretary of the American Trotting Register Association, a protest against the official recognition of the record made by C. K. F. Billing's mare, Lou Dillon, which at the Glenville track at Cleveland last September started to beat the record of 2.08% made by Robert Bonner's great mare Maud S, 18 years before. Lou Dillon trotted the mile in 2.05. The ground of protest is that Lou Dillon did not make her mark under the conditions in which Maud S made hers."

minster. London, Dec. 29.—The Most Rev Francis Bourne, Roman Catholic arch Francis Bourne, Roman Catholic aren-bishop of Westminster, was enthroned in the new cathedral of Westminster this morning with impressive ceremonies.

The cathedral is the first Roman Catholic cathedral that has stood in the Metropolitan See of England since the Reformation. It is situated half a mile west of Westminster Abbey, and is a magnificent structure of the Byzantine style, with a great campanile of red brick banded with Portland stone, three hundred feet high and crowned with a metal dome surmounted by a double mundred feet high and crowned with a metal dome surmounted by a double cross of bronze.

The expenditure on the entire edifice ip to the end of October was just over a nillion dollars.

The tag pistol bullet in An investigation by the police revealed a deplorable condition of affairs at the scene of the murder. Lying on a bed in a miserably furnished Third street shack, the body of Mrs. Rose was found along the condition of the police revealed a deplorable condition of affairs at the scene of the murder. Lying on a bed in a miserably furnished Third street shack, the body of Mrs. Rose was found along the police revealed a deplorable condition of affairs at the scene of the murder. Lying on a bed in a miserably furnished Third street a pitch the police revealed a deplorable condition of affairs at the scene of the murder. Lying on a bed in a miserably furnished Third street and the police revealed a deplorable condition of affairs at the scene of the murder. Lying on a bed in a miserably furnished Third street shack, the body of Mrs. Rose was found at the police revealed a deplorable condition of affairs at the scene of the murder. Lying on a bed in a miserably furnished Third street shack, the body of Mrs. Rose was found at the police revealed a deplorable condition of affairs at the scene of the murder. Lying on a bed in a miserably furnished Third street shack, the body of Mrs. Rose was found at the police revealed a deplorable condition of affairs at the scene of the murder.

MASSACRED BY NATIVES. Missionary and Eighteen of His Followers Killed in Liberia.

Washington, Dec. 29.—United States Minister Lyon has reported to the American state department that from Monrovia, Liberia, the details of the massacre in an African forest of a white missionary named John G. Tate, with all of his followers, 18 in number.

The massacre took place on March 15th, 1901. The first detailed account has just come to hand in an affidavit by Mrs. Mary L. Allen, a white missionary in Liberia. She had the story from some of the native tribesmen. Tait had a of the native tribesmen. Tait had a large mission and farm, and maintained a school. All were murdered and their heads taken as trophies.

FRENCH DUEL.

irdered and their

Paris, Dec. 28.—A duel with swords was fought yesterday between Captain Levy, of the Fifth Regiment of Engineers, and Henry De Molrey, a leading anti-Semite. Captain Levy was wounded in the arm. The traditional results of French duels were not followed in this case, for the opposets reregimed unmore classification and the property of the opposets and the opposets of the opposets of the opposets. of an altereation over the Dreyfus case. people.

THROUGH PASSING OF NEW ZEALAND TARIFF

Canada and Britain Will Benefit - Ontario Legislature to Meet Next Month.

Ottawa, Dec. 30 .- The Ontario legislaure has been called for January 14th Mr. Blair's Resignation.

A. G. Blair's letter announcing his acceptance of the chairmanship of the railway commission will be published to morrow.

New Zealand Tariff.

A letter received at the department of trade and commerce from New Zealand says that the new tariff will turn trade to Canada and Great Britain, instead of Rush Treaty. he United States.

Ex-Speaker's Condition. Pembroke, Dec. 30.—Hon. Peter Wh.te, ex-speaker of the House of Commons, who has been seriously ill at his dome here, is slightly improved.

Will Protest Election. Toronto, Dec. 30-North Renfrew Liberais have decided to protest the election of Mr. Danlop, Conservative, on the

adies hving some miles from this place, were struck by the Canada Atlantic rail-

DELIVERED "UNTO SATAN." Dr. J. M. Buckley and Rev. S. Merritt Excommunicated by John Alex-ander Dowie.

New York, Dec. 29.—A special cable from Chicago to the New York World today says Rev. Steven Merritt, one of the trustees of the John Street Methodist church, in New York, has been excommunicated by John Alexander Dowie because of an attack on Dowie in the New York Christian Advocate. Dr. Jas. M. Buckley, editor of that journal, sought to disprove the claims which Dowie made to conversions in New York, and quoted a letter from Mr. Merritt in which the latter disproyed allegiritt in which the latter disavowed allegi- into the state of matrim Lou Dillon, which at the Glenville track at Cleveland last September started to beat the record of 2.08% made by Robert Bonner's great mare Maud S, 18 years before. Lou Dillon trotted the mile in 2.05. The ground of protest is that Lou Dillon did not make her mark under the conditions in which Maud S made hers."

ARCHBISHOP ENTHRONED.

Impressive Ceremony at the Roman Catholic Cathedral of Westminster.

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CHRISTMAS TRAGEDY.

Murdered Mother. Salt Lake, Utah, Dec. 28.—With the statement that he had murdered his wife, Frank Rose, a barber, surrendered to the police on Sunday. He said that he had killed his wife Christmas afternoon and that the body was still lying in bed, where the woman had died after lingering for two hours with a pistol bullet in her brin.

a miserably furnished Third street shack, the body of Mrs. Rose was found clad only in her undergarments, and by her side was the woman's two-year-old son, the baby's clothes being saturated with its mother's blood. It was at first thought that the child was dead, but when an officer attempted to release the little arms from around the dead woman's neck the boy began to cry and plaintively told the policeman that something was the matter with his mamma, and that "she won't wake up." For almost two days the child had been locked in the cold room with its murdered mother, without food or attention of any kind. The child is in a serious condikind. The child is in a serious condition, but it is thought will recover.

THE KISHINEFF JEWS. United States Cobinet Likely to Consider Report That Fresh Outrages Have Been Planned.

Washington, Dec. 29.—A meeting of the cabinet is to be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock. It is not unlikely that the Kishineff situation may be considered.

At the instance of President Roosevelt, who has interested himself in the reports of masseres and contemplated. reports of massacres and contemplated massacres of the Jews in Kishineff, the state department is making active inquiry through its diplomatic and consular officer with a view to execute in a contemplate of the contemplate be exact situation as affecting the

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WARSHIPS ON LAKES.

Washington, Dec. 29 .- An Ottawa dis-

Washington, Dec. 29.—An Ottawa dispatch containing a statement credited to Under-Secretary of State Pope, regarding the presence of warships on the Great Lakes, has been printed here.

The American state department has not been informed up to this moment that the Canadian government contemplates placing an armed cruiser on the lakes in addition to the few small national vessels maintained there

rais have decided to protest the election of Mr. Danlop, Conservative, on the ground of bribery of voters.

Stele Registered Letter.

James Wall, wanted by the detective police, was to-day sentenced to five years in the penitentiary for stealing a registered letter from the post office here addiesed to M. C. Rose, Wall represented the seed to M. C. Rose, Wall represented himself as Rose at the post office.

Two Farmers Injured.

Arnprior, Dec. 30.—Alex, and George Dranmond, two prominent Bristol farmers, who were on their way to the marriage of two well known young ladies hving some miles from this place, were struck by the Canada Atlantic rail.

limits the use of naval vessels on the lakes. way express while crossing the tracks this morning, and probably tatally injured.

lakes. The activity of Representative Wm. Alden Smith, of Michigan, excited a corresponding move in Canada. He has heard that the Canadian government is heard that the Canadian government is about to enter a formal protest against the location of the proposed United States naval training station on the Great Lakes. Mr. Smith is prepared to renew the attack upon the Rush treaty, holding that it has had a paralyzing and disastrous effect upon the shipbuilding industries of the Great Lakes.

PREPARE FOR LEAP YEAR

Worcester Women Organize Progressive Matrimonial Club-Prize For

Those Who Win Husband. Worcester, Mass., Dec. 27.-The first move to force bashful young men here ce to the restorer. When Dowie saw e article he called his cabinet to a uncil in Zion City, and then it was men met in a private house and organized.

\$1 on each member, the total to be presented to every winner of a husband during the year.

A committee of five was appointed to Boy Found Clinging to the Body of His arrange for the first proposal social.

THREE REVOLUTIONS

Now in Progress in San Domingo-Another United States Warship Going to Island.

Washington, Dec. 29.-With three revolutions raging on the island, the forces of Jiminez within four hours of San Domingo city, and great excitement pre-vailing, United States Minister Powell hinks the situation demands the precablegram dated resterday appeals to he American state department for aid. In anticipation of the crisis, which ap-ears to leave arrived, the department pears to leave arrived, the department has already taken steps to send another warship to San Domingo, and at its request Secretary of the United States Navy Moody yesterday cabled Rear-Admiral Lapiterton, commanding the South Atlantic yeardron now at Trinidad, to dispatch or c of his vessels to San Domingo at full speed to assist the gunboat Newport in protecting American and other interests. other interests.

MRS. GANNER DEAD.

Nanaimo, Dec. 29.—Grief at the loss of her husband, who died on Saturday after 40 years married life, affecting a body weakened by sickness brought on by long months spent in nursing him, resulted last night in the death of Mrs. J. Ganner. The sudden loss of both parents has had such an effect upon two of the daughters, Mrs. Lewis, of Vancouver, and Mrs. Parks, of Cumberland, who both arrived for their father's funeral in time to stand at the death bed of their mother, that great anxiety is felt regarding them. Deceased couple were pioneers and highly respected. The sad circumstances and the fact that the late Jos. Ganner was an aldermen for some years caused the city council last night to decide to attend the double funeral, which will be held on Thursday.

## HUNDREDS HAVE NOT BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR

## The Already Terrible Death List Resulting From Chicago Fire May Be Augmented --- Many Injured Will Die.

Chicago. Dec. 30.-Over five hundred more and more heartrending; there we people were killed in ten minutes this afternoon during a fire in the Iroquois theatre, the newest, the largest and as far as human power could make it, the safest theatre in Chicago, A few of those people were burned to death by panic that followed the mad plunge of the frightened audience for the exits.

The accounts of the origin of the fire are conflicting but the fire are conflicting are conflicting, but the best reason given is that an electric wire on the tower part of a piece of drop scenery suddenly broke and was grounded. The fire spread rapidly toward the front of the stage, causing the members of the chorus, who were then engaged in the his back bent nearly double his spinal ing towards the theatre. performance, to flee to the wings with screams of terror. The fire in itself thrown backwards. A woman was found up to that time was not serious, and

not the asbestos curtain failed to work.

As soon as the fire was discovered Eddie Foy, the chief comedian of the company, shouted to lower the curtain, and ugh which a strong draught was

Burned Them to Death plosion, which lifted the entire roof of the theatre from its walls, shattering the as the flames appeared beyond the cur-, a man in the rear of the hall shoutone person and made for

caused by the flames coming in contact with the gas reservoirs of the theatre, Will J. Davis, manager of the theatre,

said after the catastrophe that if the had not been excited by the cry of fire not a single life would have been lost. This, however, is contradicted by the bers of people seated in their seats facing toward the stage, as if the performance was still going on, and it is opinion of the firemen that these sons had been suffocated at once by the flow of gas which came from behind

present time, about 1,300 people were in the theatre. Three hundred of these were on the first floor, and the remainbeing in the balconies and in the hallways back of them. The theatre s modelled after the Opera Comique in the greater part, to flee to the left

Greatest Loss of Life bodies in the centre of the doorway reached to within two feet of the top of the passageway. All of the corpses at this point were women and children. The fight for life which must have taken place at these two points is something that is simply beyond human power to pany, being on the first floor, had comwere crawling on their hands and knees the flies and on the stage. over the bodies of those who had died

police and firemen, hardened as they are so tightly jammed between the sides of it gas as well as fire, sible to lift them one by one and carry them out. The only possible thing to do was to seize a limb or some other.

Swept Up the Two Balconies, where the loss of life was greatest. "The fire began in the middle of the control of th do was to seize a limb or some other portion of the body and pull with main strength. Men worked at the task with strength. Men worked at the task with the broke, which grounded, and from the broke, which grounded, and from the control of the charge and this the decrease.

women whose clothing was completely torn from their bodies above the waist a pulp and whose faces were marred yond all hope of identification.

bodies were piled up in the aisles three and four deep, where one had fallen

Others were bent over the backs of seats where they had been thrown by the rush of people for the doors, and killed with hardly a chance to rise from column had been fractured as he was seat, she having been forced over it.

In the aisles nearest to the doors the Bodies lay in every conceivable attitude, this was immediately done. That drop-ped half way and then stuck. The fire thus was given practically a flue were scores of people whose entire faces had been trampled completely off by the been thrown open in the front of the and in one aisle the body of a man was flames set through the opening over the lifesh or bone remaining above the waist

and, reaching clear up to those in the body had been cut in two and carried first balcony, caught them and away by the feet of those who had trampled on him. A Search was made with the hope of finding the head, but where they sat. Immediately following at a late hour it had not been discovered and all that will ever tell his friend of the clothing on the lower limbs, and great skylight into fragments. As soon this is in such a condition to be hardly recognizable.

The theatre had been constructed but short time, and its equipment was fortunately, a fire escape in the rear of the building. The small iron bal-conies to which the iron ladder was to not yet been constructed. When the ber of women ran for the fire escapes doorway upon the little platform that they were thirty to forty feet from the sed upon them from the rear. The effort was utterly useless, and in a few with crowds of women who screamed maniacs. This lasted but a brief interval, and the rush from the interior of the building became so violent that to the granite payement below. Others

Leaped From the Platform, Paris, and from the reamof each balcony fracturing legs and arms, and two were picked up at this point with fractured sageways toward the front of the theatre; two of these doorways are at the George H. Elliott, secretary of the end of the balcony and one in the cen-orden Gas Company, was in a build-tre. The audience, in its rush for the ing directly across the alley from the outer air seems to have chosen, for scene, and noticing smoke went to ascertain the cause. When he reached the greater part, to nee to make its entrance and to attempt to make its the scene women were already dropping pletely lowered, produced a benying of the asbestos curtain, causing a pressure way down the eastern stirway leading into the alley, and Mr. Elliott immeway down the eastern stirway leading into the alley, and Mr. Elliott immediately rushed for a ladder in the effort to save as many as possible. No ladder was available and the only ways on the first and second balconies method of assistance they were able to ways on the first and second balconies method of assistance they were able to devise was to hurriedly throw some planks together and throw them aeross against the proscenium wall and friction occurred. When the firemen entered the building the dead were found stretched in a pile reaching from the head of the in a pile reaching from the head of the conditions to place the large panic stricken in their efforts to reach the exits and tripped and fell over stairway at least eight feet from the door, back to a point about five feet in the rear of the door. The mass of dead to the vomen were being pushthe rear of the door. The mass of dead to the vomen were being pushthe rear of the door. The mass of dead to the vomen were being pushthe rear of the door. The mass of dead to the vomen were being pushthe rear of the door. The mass of dead to the vomen were being pushthe rear of the door. The mass of dead to the vomen were being pushthe rear of the door. The mass of dead to the vomen were being pushthe rear of the door. The mass of dead to the vomen were being pushthe rear of the door. The mass of dead to the vomen were being pushthe rear of the door. The mass of dead to the vomen were being pushthe rear of the door. The mass of dead to the vomen were being pushthe rear of the door.

before. Others, with arms stretched out in the direction toward which lay life and safety, holding in their hands fragassisting the women members of the ballony were saved by firemen, who company to safety. He went into the ballony were saved by firemen, who company to safety. He went into the ballony were saved by firemen, who company to safety. He went into the ballony were saved by firemen, who coupled a box. Both claimed that but Others, with arms stretched out play, was one of the last to escape by tively identified and ninety-two others are them were not found. thrown away. They were evidently Sherman House in his stage costume torn from the clothing of others whom and with his face covered with grease them down ladders in the rear of the for the presence of mind of Eddie Foy they had endeavored to pull down and paint in order to secure surgical attend-trample underfoot as they fought for ance for some burns he had received. building. Two more bodies tightly lock-tine for some burns he had received. ed in each other's arms, young woman, their lives.

As the police removed layer after layer of dead in those doorways, the sight became too much even for the proof curtain to work properly. Because of this, he said, the flames readily

Swept Up the Two Balconies,

quietly. Then I stepped back and called for the asbestos curtain to be lowered. This curtain went about half way down and refused to go further, and thus an additional draught was created. This swept the flames out into the audience and I knew the theatre was doomed. I hurried back to the stage and aided in getting the women members of the company into the alley. Some of them were in their dressing rooms and were almost with.

pany into the alley. Some of them were in their dressing rooms and were almost overcome by smoke when they got down to the stage door. The simple fact that the curtain did not descend entirely was what saved half the lives of the company, a though it caused the horrible catastrophe in the front of the house. After the curtain had refused to descend there came the explosion of the gas tanks, and with the curtain down all the fire and gas would have been confined between the rear wall of the theatre and the fireproof curtain in front. Unthe list of fatalities in the Iroquois theatre fire will run over six hundred and the fireproof curtain in front. Un

der these circumstances it would not have been possible for a single member of the company to escape alive unless he had been standing immediately in front had been standing immediately in front of the door leading into the alley. As a large majority of them. and fire out beneath the curtain, and

Rarely in the history of Chicago has ts people been so stirred as by the calamity of to-day. It is, next to the chicago fire, the greatest catastrophe

salvation was the death of so many poo

Appall the Business Section of the city. The news spread with grea of men, women and children were rush

The building in which the calamity occurred stands midway between State and Dearborn streets, on the north side of Randolph street. Although every available policeman

within call of the department was implaced in lines from the ends of the block, allowing nobody to enter Ran-dolph street from either Dearborn or State, it was found for a time almost impossible to hold back the frenzied ob that crowded forward, many tem having a friend or relative in the heatre and being anxious to learn some thing of them. The conduct of the polic was beyond all praise. The officers held back all who sought to gain an entrane to the theatre, a though in instances their fists in their rage at being pre

Statement by Proprietors. Chicago, Dec. 31.-Will J. Davis and Harry J. Powers, proprietors of the Iroquois theatre, made the following statement at 1.20 this (Thursday) morn-

"So far as we have been able to ascer fortunate accident of the fire in the Iroquois, it appears that one of the scen draperies was noticed to have Ignited the city fireman who is detailed the platform first endeavored to hold ed, noticed it simultaneously with the a few feet away, immediately pulled a many hung about the stage, and threw have been more than enough if the 'kilextinguished the flame, but for some electrician then ordered down the asbes tos curtain and the fireman threw the contents of another tube of 'kilips' upon ted all night through the hospitals and the blaze, but with no better result. The commotion thus caused excited the audience, who immediately started for usual width, all opening out and ready

to the hand of any one reaching them The draught thus caused, it is believed had before the curtain had been con pletely lowered, produced a bellying of was so great it seemed that the pressur portuned by persons on the stage and in the auditorium to be calm and avoid any rushing, that the exits and the facilities enable all to get out without confusion.

Estimates of Dead.

had been overtaken by death as they swept through the mass of scenery in probably among the dead in the morgue Eddie Foy, principal comedian in the Eighty-six of the dead have been posi-

whose here's had not as yet and to the footlights, and to prevent alarming the audience, said that there was a slight baze and mass of corpses, the spectacle became

When it started I went to the footlights, and to prevent alarming the audience, said that there was a slight baze and that it would be better for all to leave

When it started I went to the footlights, and to prevent alarming the audience, said that there was a slight baze and the structure architecturally is French gistry division of the post office, has prob-

Chicago, Dec. 31.-To-day brought only the legacy of yesterday's monu mental calamity and the prediction tha

The latest statement of dead at the rious morgues is 564, and it is stated at the various hospitals and hotels to which the injured were removed that of the 157 people who were injured, probably one-third cannot live. The missing to-day were estimated at 314, but it is expected that many of

say that the city is stunned by

The Overwhelming Tragedy which was enacted when the theatr which housed "Mr. Bluebeard" a chamber of horrors. There is the deepest wee in hundreds of homes to that has ever occurred here, and the day; deep sorrow in a thousand others, speed with which it came and went and a pity beyond the power of words

to convey, in all. The first streak of daylight found the orgues still the sorrow-baunted centre of searchers. There were husbands searching for their wives, wives search ing for husbands, frenzied parents seek ing their children, so many of whom los their lives, and in some instances chil-

Still Dazed From the Horror Possibly nothing could better typify the depth of the sympathy which is felt for those who suffered directly by the calamity than the action of the striking livery drivers. By a vote, which was without a dissenting voice, it was decided to establish a truce of ten days. President Albert Young, of the union, after the meeting, issued the following

lecree, which was distributed broad "Owing to the great disaster to the public caused by the fire at the Iroquois theatre, I do hereby declare a truce in the present strike of undertakers and livery drivers for ten days, and do further require that every man who is or places of employment and to do every thing in his power to assist his employe in caring for the wants of the public

(Signed) Albert Young."
In their turn the employers issued call to their striking employees to return to work, "irrespective of any previous affiliations with any and all organizations," and promising to protect them

went around the morgues where the

For hours they passed up and down be fore the long rows of the dead, search A party consisting of Mrs. Garn, her two children, Frank, 10 years

Wolfe, 10 years old, daughter of Lud contents of another tube of 'kilfire' upon on the state of any morgues but failed to find trace of any member of the party. Graeme Stewart, Republican National

entire night hunting for Mrs. F. M. children. Mrs. Fox is a daughter of sonally knew at the scene, and probably W. H. Hoyt, who was president of the 100 nurses. Within a few minutes phy-New Hoyt Grocery Company. Mrs. Fox was taken home, but none of her children were found. There was a pathetic scene at Rol-

ston's morgue when the body of Van Ingen, 18 years old, was identified Friends of the Van Ingen family had Spent Many Hours Searching

at the request of Mr. and Mrs. Van Inthe Van Ingen children are believed to have perished in the fire, as they had not been accounted for.

One of the saddest of the many sad scenes enacted in Thompson's restaurant, near the theatre, where many of the dead and wounded were taken immediately after the fire, was the search by a party of priests and nuns, headed by he Rev. J. L. Holtinger, of Ontonagon Estimates of the dead and injured Mich., for Edith Horton and her sister adequately describe. Only a faint idea paratively little difficulty in reaching vary. The police count of dead is 536. two young girls who, in company with of its horror could be derived from the the street, although their situation was aspect of the bodies. There lay women for a moment highly critical because There are fifty-five people missing at the performance. The body of Edith on the top of these masses of dead who of the speed with which the flames midnight, the majority of whom are was found in the restaurant, many of the nuns breaking down and weeping and various undertaking establishments. bitterly at the sight. The other Horton girl and the sister who accompanied

Would Have Been Doubled. when the panic began Dexter and

years of age, was found impaled on the leading into the alley on the north side iron railing of the first balcony, evidently of the theatre. The people in the balto such sights, to endure. The bodies were in such an inextricable mass and theatre, and the draught, carrying with balcony above. While scores of men were busy carry- Dexter forced open their doors and they ing out the dead and injured others, were compelled to lift many of the fortunately few in number, searched the maimed and the dead in order to permit aisles and seats for valuables. Two of the exits from the ground floor. women were found who had provided Houseman, having escorted his party themselves with baskets and were fill-out, took a position at his door and kept ting them with the property of the dead. It from choking up by assisting the people through. Finally, forced away by
the evening the police arrested over a
dozen men accused of being thieves and
just in time to hear the agonized voice strength. Men worked at the task with tears running down their cheeks, and this the flames were started in the rear of the stage. The stage is unusually wide and there was so great a draught that the flames spread rapidly. They were placed under arrest. During the evening the police arrested over a dozen men accused of being thieves and that the flames spread rapidly. They soon attacked all the scenery in the rear of the house. I never believed it possible for fire to spread so quickly. When it started I went to the foollights, and to resvent alegainst the flames are the ground and there was so great a draught that the flames spread rapidly. They were placed under arrest. During the evening the police arrested over a dozen men accused of being thieves and pickpockets.

The Iroquios theatre was completed to abandon their tasks and give it over to others whose nerves had not as yet been shaken by the awful experience.

ters and two sons. To-day Mr. Meeker had partially identified the bedies of his wife and two daughters. He failed to find any trace of his two sons. Among many theatrical men, employe

in the Chicago theatres, the Responsibilty For the Fire

was ascribed to-day to careless placing of the electric arc light apparatus of the scenery. The electrician of a lead ing Chicago theatre expressed great su rise on hearing that this was convider possible cause of the fire. "There ever would have been any fire," he said "if proper care had been exercised in handling the lights. The electric plant to know from personal observations, in nent for safety. The plant was not to plame. If the facts I have given are cor rect the whole blame rests on the person

tion is attributed by insurance men to trouble with the asbestos curtain. The stage always is recognized as the danger have it cut off from the auditorium as nen declare that the curtain at the that the mechanism had not been re

Am insurance man declared to-day that he loss would not exceed \$20,000. He asserted that the

Spread of the Flames

to the auditorium was due to the failure of the asbestos curtain to work properly. Early last summer a prominent trade journal of Chicago criticised the construction of the Iroquois theatre, because it lacked a shaft or flue at the back of the stage to carry the smoke and flames away from the auditorium in the event of fire. Such shafts were built in Madi-son square garden and the Metropolitan pera house in New York, and a similar rovision is made at the Chicago auditorium. The method of fire proofing the that the Chemainus Lumber Company daily besieged with loggers requiring employment. metal lath was used in what is known as exposed construction, where heat would easily effect it. In modern fire proof buildings this lath is buried in concrete. It was the buckling out of this metal that the galleries were falling that is be-lieved by some contractors to have been partly responsible for the panic.

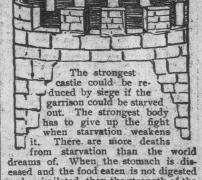
Chief Musham, of the fire department vent a repetition of the horror. He said 'I don't know, as I cannot answer that estion yet. I suppose it would be a good thing for the department to have active uniformed men prepared to act, stationed in every theatre through every performance. I understand New York has them, and that they are paid by man-I understand New York agements of the theatres. They had a man in the Iroquois who was an ex-mem ber of the Chicago fire department. He was old, but he should have known what It seems to me that there is noth ing in the world that can save lives when one doorway at one time. It was the

Crowding and the Trampling that was responsible for the majority of the deaths that have occurred

It was a cause of wonder how so many physicians and so many trained hurses could arrive on the spot within so senior official in the health department to hospital nurse associations and schools for persons to assist in the care of the principal office buildings, and told the Fox, of Winnetka, Ills., and her three children. Mrs. Fox is a daughter of sonally knew at the scene, and probably sicians three and five miles from the fire

were offering their services.

Mayor Harrison was on his way to the outh for a hunting trip, and Comptroller McGann was acting mayor. The finance committee of the city council, which was in session, told Acting Mayor McGann, the fire marshal, the chief of police and



eased and the food eaten is not digested and assimilated, then the strength of the body begins to fail because of lack of nutrition, and the weak body falls an easy victim to the microbes of disease. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition. It restores physical strength in the only possible way, by enabling the assimilation of the nutrition contained in food.

tion of the nutrition contained in food.

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## Cheaper to Import Than to Cut Logs--Local Workmen Robbed of Employment by Ministry's Policy.

(Special to the Times.)

the Chemainus mills obliged to import

large booms from the Puget Sound:" "With reference to the above article ve are very much surprised to learn of this from the fact that no less than logging camps of the Chemainus Lumber Company have applied at our office for work in our camp, and at the present exporting logs in the place of importing time we believe there are at least a logs, dozen of them working in our camp today. Upon having so many applicants Palmer at \$6.50 per thousand feet. He from their camps we inquired their can have the ten million feet he requires reason for leaving, whereupon they told to start with at that price, and twice us that their foreman had informed them | that amount in due time. Our offices are were compelled to close down No. 6 camp | ployment."

on account of the recent bill passed tax-Nanaimo, Dec. 31.-The secretary of ing timber. Consequently the company the British Columbia Logging & Lum- could buy their logs much cheaper on the other side than to log themselves.

"There is certainly a nigger in the new government schedule of royalty, has known fact that the Chemainus Lumber anded your correspondent the following | Company own immense forests of the finest timber tracts on Vancouver Island. erday's Colonist under the heading of It is also well known that there are therefore, why should they be compelled to import logs from the United States?

"It occurs to us that this is because port logs from the American side cheaper than they can log them at home, all on account of the provincial government making a mistake in passing a bill taking

the commissioner of public works to proceed in the emergency

Without Restriction as to expense, and look to the council for A telegram at once was sent to Mayor Harrison, and it is expected that he will return from Okla-

Because of the disaster the gubernatorial campaign of Col. Frank I. Lowden will be temporarily postponed.

One of the largest audiences ever seen in the Garrick theatre, which is on the same street as the Iroquois, less than one block distant, sat in complete ignorance of the awful tragedy which was being enacted 200 feet from where they sat. When the fire engines commenced to pat-

came fearful lest the impression that his theatre was on fire should spread in the audience. When the intermission between the acts came he ordered the doors and sympathy for the victims, and proves losed, and refused to allow anyone to that even the most modern regulation pass in or out, so that no knowledge of and applications adopted as a precaution the fire should reach the audience. Transfer such accidents are

ter past the Garrick, Manager Schubert

rick they were greeted at the door by

Frantie Men and Women, who anxiously scanned their faces to see if any of their friends were am ful recognition, and astonished member of the Garrick audience were hugged and kissed in frantic delight by their relatives, who up to that time had believed it possible that they were in the ghastly pile of dead lying within the doors of the

In the Northwestern University law school, into which were taken many the horror of the theatre tragedy. The victims, Bishop Muldoon, finding that he flags over the American steamship offices and Rev. Father O'Brien were unable to were half-masted. attend the great number brought in, an sounced that he would give a general absolution to all the Catholies among the

Will J. Davis and Harry J. Powers. proprietors of the Iroquois theatre, made the following statement "As far as we have been able to ascertain the cause of the fire in the Iroquois, it appears that gram says F. B. Garrell, telegraph operone of the scenic draperies was noticed to have ignited from some cause. It was detected before it had reached an wound. He was out hunting in appreciable flame, and the city fireman, who is detailed and constantly on duty when the theatre is open, noticed it bushes with the butt of his rifle. simultaneously with the electrician. The latter was discharged, and the bullet ireman, who was only a few feet away, mediately pulled the tube of 'kilfire,' of which there were many hung about the stage, and threw the contents upon the blaze, which would have been more than enough if the 'kilfire' had been effective, to have extinguished the flame at once, but for some cause, inherent in fireman and electrician then ordered down the asbestos curtain, and the fireman threw the contents of another tube of 'kilfire' upon the blaze, with no better results.

The commotion thus caused excited the alarm of the audience, who

Immediately Started For the Exits. of which there are 25. of unusual width, of anyone reaching them. The draught thus caused, it is believed, had, before the curtain could be lowered, produced a bellying of the asbestos curtain, caus-ing a pressure on the guides against the solid brick wall of the proscenium, thus stopping its descent. Every effort was made by those on the stage to pull it down, but the draught was so great. It eemed that the pressure against the roscenium wall and the friction caused hereby was so strong that they could not be overcome. The audience became panic-stricken in their efforts to reach the exits and tripped and fell over each ther and blocked the way." Five bushel backets were filled with

the purses, gloves and handkerchiefs of The greatest centre of excitement tomorgue. All the morgues were surroundthe dead were taken than to any other.

Scenes of Anguish were worst. About the doors of the place were massed hundreds of men, and surrounding them like a huge fan, hun-

dreds of weeping women and children. E. C. F. Rady president of the Strong to-day after unceasing search, ound five dead of a theatre party of six, headed by his wife. Each one was found at a different morgue. A list of descriptions of unidentified

dead gir's was com office of Chief of Police O'Neill. ages of the victims range from 9 to 21 ears. The number of unidentified dead girls on the list was 57. For several of the girls, the sole means of id and generally mentioned as Others were scheduled as "burned be youd description," "no age."

Sympathy From England.

London, Dec. 31.-All the morning in the Chicago fire, saying that it fills against such accidents are futile when panic seizes an audience. The Daily Telegraph sees the necessity for the already largely employed on the contin ent of rendering all scenery, gauze and

The Lord Mayor of London, Sir Jas. T. Ritchie, transmits through the Associated Press the following: leep sympathy and sincers ce with the American people in the awful loss of life at the fire at Chicago

"(Signed) James T. Richie, Lord Mayor All other topics were forgotten here in

DIED FROM WOUNDS:

Telegraph Operator Succumbs to Injury Caused By Accidental Discharge of Riffe,

clear a way through the snow-co tered his abdomen. The man died last night.

HENRY NORMAN ARRIVES.

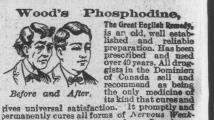
Will Investigate Question of Preferential Tariffs in Canada

M.P., arrived to-day on the steamer Ma-jestic from Liverpool to investigate the question of preferential tariffs in Can-

MARRIAGE AT VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, Dec. 31.-Mr. A. J. Baxfer, secretary of the Tourist Association, and Miss Maud Templeton were married to-day.

The failure of H. H. Glover, a small roker, was announced on the London stock exchange to-day.



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UNDER EXA

The trial in the case of

fore Mr. Justice Drake. T ness, examined was E. W. Oakland, a weigher for R. I A. P. Luxton. Witness said he had be since 1896. He knew Alexa muir from 1895. He had bee at the Grand hotel then. told him he would not speal the office as he did not familiar with the employ the office Alexander Dunsn him as his own father. F

ing of the office at 5 o'clock ss used to go errands for muir and Mrs. Wallace On Sundays at the invit ander Dunsmuir and Mrs. went out to San Leandro.
Dunsmuir used to walk arou and talk about the new showed witness Mrs. Walk Mrs. Hopper's room, and J muir's room. He went out day before Alexander Dunseast. They used to take I He generally had dinner at dro, and probably did so the could not recollect whether ner upon the occasion he saw per there. Alexander Dunshbetter health when Mrs. It there in 1899 than any the there in 1899 than any the there in 1899 than any ordinary man. He new one falling down and doin things for the amusement of Dunsmuir. He never saw Dunsmuir shuffle his feet. I seemed to be good.

The other cocasion when a Alexander Dunsmuir just be away in 1899, the latter se fairly well. went out to San Leandro.

Witness saw Mrs. Wallac she went away again. She when she came back in J Cross-examined by E. V. C., witness said that he had do directly with Alexander the office. He saw him or Dunsmuir came into the ander Dunsmuir, while with they at the Grand, did not cless to wait on him while on duty. He never carried cept; between 5 and 7 in the would carry from one trails up. Alexander Dunsmanning, at the hottl at the company of the compa

np buttermilk, oyster loaf cocktail. He would somet digars or cigarettes. For dismoticed at bottle of ale bein After witness went to wor ander Duasmuir in 1896 the to ask him how business we much coal had been sold. Duasmuir had advised him right school. Witness at school for from one year

After the guit attending and worked until 7 or 7.30 ing, witness used to call at at turnet time and go on an which Mrs. Wallace wished He used to see Alexander there guite frequently. Abo time he was up and dressed; the time he would be in bed After Alexander Dunsmuir to San Leandro witness wen

to San Leandro witness went two or three times a month days and on helidays. This April.

Mrs. Wallace often walked place with him. They alwa about the house. They very to the reservoir.

Questioned as to the number they visited the site of the wilness would only reply the many times.

Mr. Bodwell asked if were raid to Mrs. Hopper the not give evidence for her flosing his job with R. Dunsm "That's a lie, I never said witness.

Continuing the said witness.

"There was not much said."

There was not much said a ander Dunsmuir. Judge C something about Alexander acting peculiar. Witness did Witness saw Mr. Agnew at dro many times. He had Agnew there often also. Since the death of Mrs. witness hod visited Nevin's at dro. He had seen Mrs. Agne one occasion.

one occasion.

On the way up from San F give evidence, occupying abou of days, witness came with and the Agnews. They never gether object the state of the state gether about the case or about to San Leandro was mair sick.

Witness was laid off work a

Witness was laid off work a muir & Sons in March. Ther of them laid off. Two were t witness and Percy Windle, bookkeeper, the two longest vice. Young Agnew, who win March, was in Oakland a witness and the other man w

ort logs from the American side cheaper ount of the provincial government rking a mistake in passing a bill taking sporting logs in the place of importing

almer at \$6.50 per thousand feet. He an have the ten million feet he requires start with at that price, and twice hat amount in due time. Our offices are iaily besieged with loggers requiring emloyment."

reds of weeping women and children.
E. C. F. Rady president of the Strong Piano Co., to-day after unceasing search, and five dead of a theatre party of six, aded by his wife. Each one was und at a different morgue.

A list of descriptions of unidentified ad gir's was completed to-day in the ffice of Chief of Police O'Neill. ages of the victims range from 9 to 211 years. The number of unidentified dead girls, the sole means of identification en was the color of bits of shoe laces d generally mentioned as "black" thers were scheduled as "burned beond description," "no age."

Sympathy From England. London, Dec. 31 .- All the morning pers print editorials on the catastrophe the Chicago fire, saying that it fills nd sympathy for the victims, and prove and applications adopted as a precaution against such accidents are futile when panic seizes an audience. The Daily niversal adoption of the plan which is already largely employed on the contin-ent of rendering all scenery, gauze and Properties non-inflammable,
The Lord Mayor of London, Sif Jas.

ciated Press the following: "The citizens of London offer their leep sympathy and sincere condolence with the American people in the awful oss of life at the fire at Chicago. "(Signed) James T. Richie, Lord Mayor

All other topics were forgotten here in the horror of the theatre tragedy. The flags over the American steamship offices were half-masted.

DIED FROM WOUNDS. Telegraph Operator Succumbs to Injury Caused By Accidental Discharge of Riffe.

Vancouver, Dec. 31.—An Atlin tele-gram says F. B. Garrell, telegraph operator at Pike River, 20 miles south of Atlin, died last night from a bullet wound. He was out hunting in the morning with a 22 rifle, and attempted to clear a way through the snow-covered bushes with the butt of his rifle. The latter was discharged, and the bullet entered his abdomen. The man died last

HENRY NORMAN ARRIVES.

Will Investigate Question of Preferential Tariffs in Canada.

New York, Dec. 31 .- Henry Norman, jestic from Liverpool to investigate the question of preferential tariffs in Can-

MARRIAGE AT VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, Dec. 31 .- Mr. A. J. Baxter, secretary of the Tourist Association, and Miss Maud Templeton were married o-day.

The failure of H. H. Glover, a small stock exchange to-day.



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UNDER EXAMINATION

Finances of R. Dunsmuir & Sons Company Gone Into in Connection With Will Case.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The trial in the case of Hopper uir was resumed this morning be-

ince 1896. He knew Alexander Dunsmuir from 1895. He had been a beil boy Grand hotel then. When Alexat the Grand hotel then. When Alexander Dunsmuir gave him the job he told him he would not speak to him at the office as he did not wish to be familiar with the employees. Outside of the office Alexander Dunsmuir treated the spice over father. From the close the object of the office of the office of the office as his own father. From the close the object of the object of the office of the office of the office of the object of the office of the of him as his own father. From the clos-

went out to San Leandro. Alexander upon instructions from Alexander Dunswent out to San Leandro, Alexandre Dunsmuir used to walk around with him and talk about the new house. He showed witness Mrs. Wallace's room, Mrs. Hopper's room, and James Dunsmuir's room. He went out on the Sunday before Alexander Dunsmuir went east. They used to take long walks. He generally had dinner at San Leandro, and probably did so that day. He could not recollect whether he had dinger upon the occasion he saw Mrs. Hoper upon the occasion he saw Mrs. could not recollect whether he had dinner upon the occasion he saw Mrs. Hopper there. Alexander Dunsmuir was in better health when Mrs. Hopper was there in 1899 than any time before. Alexander Dunsmuir always acted like any ordinary man. He never saw faryone falling down and doing of diling the same falling down and doing of the same falling down and down and doing of the same falling down and Alexander Dunsmur always access has any ordinary man. He never saw any one falling down and doing childish things for the amusement of Alexander

any ordinary man. He never saw and doug childish things for the amusement of Alexander Dunsmuir. He never saw Alexander Dunsmuir he never saw Alexander Dunsmuir shuffle his feet. His memory seemed to be good.

Upon the occasion when witness saw Alexander Dunsmuir just before going away in 1899, the latter seemed to be fairly, well.

Witness saw Mrs. Wallace often from June, 1800, until December, 1900, when she went away again. She was weak when she came back in June, 1900, when she seemed back in June, 1900, until December, 1900, when she she came back in June, 1900, until December, 1900, when she she came back in June, 1900, until December, 1900, when the office. He saw him only as Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Hooper on the road, when the office of the saw him only as Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Hooper on the road, when the office of the saw him only as Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Hooper on the road, when the points were triven up to he office. He saw him only as Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Hooper on the road, when the points were diversely with Alexander Dunsmuir was not the office. He saw him only as Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Hooper on the road, when the points were diversely with Alexander Dunsmuir was not the office. He saw him only as Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Hooper on the road, when the points were diversely with Alexander Dunsmuir was not the office. He saw him only as Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Hooper on the road, when the points were defined, Alexander Dunsmuir was not the office. He saw him only as Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Hooper on the road, when the points were diverged with Mrs. Dougher of the saw him only as Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. Hooper on the road, when the points were diverged with Mrs. Dougher, 1899, there was a profit of \$206,279.86. He was deld not will any or the points were all the diverged on the point of the points were allowed to be possible to the point of th

by the majer.
After witness went to work for Alexander Dursmoir in 1896 the latter used to ask him how business was and how much coal had been sold. Alexander Dursmoir had advised him to attend a night school. Witness attended the school for from one year to eighteen

(From Wednesday's Daily.) A very important witness for the defence in the Hopper vs. Dunsmuir case went on the stand yesterday afternoon, and his cross-examination was continued again this morning. It is W. A. Gomprtz, treasurer of the R. Dansmuir & Sons Company, San Francisco. He is also cashier in the office of the company, and is one of the directors of that organ-

P. Luxton. The witness said he had been in the employ of the company from 1890. He had been cashier from 1898. Alexander Dunsmuir was in the office nearly every day with the exception of Saturday during the last year of his life, Provided with the books of the comthe office during the time that he was

A. P. Luxton.

Witness said he had been employed to Alexander Dunsmuir on these days. Again by letters signed by Alexande Dunsmuir and written by witness, the this morning latter was able to say that Mr. Duns-

him as his own father. From the clos-ing of the office at 5 o'clock until 7 wit-witness said, at the request of Alexness used to go errands for Alexander Dunsmuir and Mrs. Wallace.

On Sundays at the invitation of Alexander Dunsmuir and Mrs. Wallace he ander Dunsmuir and Mrs. Wallace he messages were sent to James Dunsmuir

> ings of the company of August 9th and December 19th, 1899, witness said that Alexander Dunsmuir was present at the meeting, as his name appeared in the minutes in the handwriting of witness. Reading from the minutes Mr. Luxton asked if Alexander Dunsmuir took any

part in the discussion. L. P. Duff, K. C., objected to this unless the book was put in.

Mr. Davis said they did not intend to
put the book in, if the other side wished

Mr. Duff objected, and said that it was

In answer to Mr. Duff, witness said 28th, 1899, on which date an entry stood

All amounts paid to Alexander Dunsmuir personally in cash or sent to him by messenger were entered in the book. charged in a separate account. No divi-dend was declared. It was charged against both James and Alexander Dunsmuir in their dividend accounts. There was no credit in these accounts. There muir. The amount varied little from year to year, and appeared in the expense account. There had been no dividend declared in any year. There

and been profits, but he could not recollect in what year. The ledger for 1898 having been brought in, witness consulted it, but could find no dividend account in it. It would be in the ledger of 1899 he ex-

Oakland, a weigher for R. Dunsmuir & tended from November 9th, 1898, to Sons Company. He was examined by December 20th, 1899. There were thirty-four occasions money was said by the book as it was required to bo In order to afford the chance to get the book the court adjourned until 10.30

> This Morning's Proceedings. Upon court resuming this morning the cross-examination of Mr. Gempertz was proceeded with hy Mr. Duff. Witness said he had examined the books and did not find \$25,000 charged in the dividend account to both James Dunsmuir and Alex. Dunsmuir. He had been mistaken when he said so in his evidence yesterday. The books being referred to, the profit and loss account was debited with this \$50,000. Witness said it ameaned account was debited with this \$50,000.

> ness said it appeared newhere else ex-cept in the cash book. By referring to the coal account and By referring to the ceal account and the profit and loss account, it was shown that the profits on coal for the year ending September 30th, 1898, was \$215,508.66. Again referring to the books for 1899, it was shown that there was a profit of \$203,092.15 on coal, with something over \$50,000 additional prefit on sundries.

The financial statements of the year's The inancial statements of the year's business were kept in San Francisco until Alex. Dunsmuir's death. They were then forwarded to James Dunsmuir.

Mr. Duff wished these statements pro-

Mr. Luxton said that they had no mowledge of these documents. casions at San Leandro.

The profits, for 1899 and 1900 shown on the books were absorbed in purchasing the Stewart street property and the ranch. Alexander Dunsmuir intended to Mr. Duff said that in June these wer

VICTORIA TIMES. FRIDAY. JANUARY 1, 1904 sisters. Juming that time Alex. Junsmuir was in the office every day except. Saturdays, holidays, days he was sick or when he had company at the ranch.

Mr. Duff expressed surprise that the books should have been produced, and the 23 occasions from November 9th, 1898, to December 20th, 1899, should be traced in which Alex. Dunsmuir was in the office when such a sweeping statement could have been made. Witness only drew from general inference the times when he was sick of had company at the ranch.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Yesterday afternoon the cross examin-tion of W. J. Gompertz was completed

Chemainus suwmills, also gave evidence for the defence, telling of Alexander

With respect to buying the mother out

witness did not recollect that Alexander Dunsmuir specified what the property

as. He understood that arrangem

Referring to the cash book, Mr. Duff

Dunsmuir was ill from excessive drink

Finally witness agreed to guarantee

teed for depreciation in the value of the stock. Witness found Alexander Duns-

had just been made.

times when he was sick of had company at the ranch.

Witness having said Alex. Dunsmulr appeared a perfectly healthy man during that period, Mr. Duff asked him to turn up the charges of Dr. Thorn for the latter part of 1898 and for 1899. Witness could not ascertain the amount. He did not know how much was paid. He would not say that it, was less than \$3,000 in 1898. The cheques paid for medical attendance were left in San Francisco.

The court then adjourned until this afternoon. and clean.

owing to the annual reduction for de-preciation in the rolling stock the line would pass into the hands of the lumber

Witness said he accepted the offer of Alexander Dunsmuir, and created some amusement by saying that he believed it was on the advice of Mr. Bodwell he

Bay. The gull was on the wing, and was perhaps twenty-five or thirty feet distant.

Mr. Bodwell interjected a query as to why the gull was not struck with the by L. P. Duff, K. C., in the Hopper vs. Dunsmuir trial. E. J. Palmer, of the

did so. Witness understood from James Dunsmuir that the arrangement entered into with him only required to be agreed to Dunsmuir's ability to make a very hard by Alexander.

bargain with respect to a tailway into On the conclusion of the cross-examin ation of Mr. Palmer in was decided to devote the remaining half hour to read-ing evidence taken under commission. the timber lands.

Upon continuing the cross-examination of Mr. Gompertz, the witness said he had talked with Alexander Bunsmuir at The examination of J. L. Howard, at present president of the Western Fuel San Leandro upon the second occasion when he was there in September, 1899, Alexander Dunsmuir said that James and himself had made arrangements to Company, was read by Mr. Luxton, Witness had had dealings for coal up to September, 1899, and found Alexander Dunsmuir a good business man. buy out their mother. Alexander Dunsmuir spoke about his nephew. It The court then adjourned until this was about private matters, and witness refused to say what was said.

This Morning's Proceedings.

Upon resuming this morning F. A. S. Lowe was put in the witness stand.

Examined by E. P. Davis, K.C., witness said he was appointed manager November 22nd, 1898. He was cashier had April 4th and April 16th, 1898, and October 5th, 1839, turned up. On these dates there were paid to Dr. Thorn respectively, \$390, \$350 and \$1,540. These amounts would be paid by cheque, wit-Witness had heard that Alexander During A examer Dunsmur's intering ames Dunsmur took no part in the management of affairs. If Alexander Dunsmur did not come down witness Mr. Bodwell, at lunch hour, asked ing at times.

Re-examined by Mr. Luxion, witness said he never saw Alexander Dunsmuir out of the office except upon these two oc-Alexander Dunsmuir moved to Son Leandro witness went out only when he had business. He went out about a

dozen times in all. During the time itness was manager he never saw pay back the amount expended on the ranch. The ranch cost \$81,000. When \$100,000 profits were to be divided Alexander intoxicated in the office. When he went to see him at the Grand \$100,000 profits were to be divided Alexander apparently took sufficient to pay that. He really borrowed \$30,000 from his brother James in doing so. hotel Alexander Dunsmuir was sometimes in bed. He was not always pre pared to do business, but would listen to what witness said, and would then After Alexander Dunsmuir's death they paid off accounts incurred by Alexander to the amount of \$62,966.05. say he would give an answer the next day. While A.exander Dunsmuir was at San Leandro he came into the office E. J. Palmer, of Chemainus, manager about three or four times a week. He of the Victoria Lumber Company, was

the next witness called. He was examined by E. P. Davis, K. C. Witness said he knew Alexander Dunsmuir from 1890. He saw him on 29th September, 1898. He spoke to him about running a branch his manner of eating. He never saw him divertible the same than t read into the timber limits. He came to him drop food over himself. He was a Victoria by appointment to see James hearty eater. He had eaten with him Dunsmuir. He found both James and at San Leandro,

Dunsmir. He found both James and Alexander there. He talked for about an hour and a half or two hours with them. The matter involved about 12 or 18 miles of railroad, costing perhaps a quarter of a million dollars. Alexander Dunsmir & Sons Company, and banded to Ma Luxton. Dunsmuir transacted all the business. handed to Mr. Luxton. Meetings of the board were not held per cent, on cost of road for ten years.

Alexander wanted 10 per cent, guaran-

altogether by Alexander and James

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There were no signs of dissipation. He was in the prime of life in December, 1899, when he left for New York.

Witness had never heard until now that champagne was provided at the wedding dinner. He did not see Mr. Dunsmin take a delik Dunsmuir take a drink.
On the fishing expedition, they had

There are very few cleans ed with that part of the country. Wit ing operations in which Sunlight nes did not know that Mr. Bryden tried Soap cannot be used to advant- Thorn and himself him any. He did age, It makes the home bright not know that Mr. Wey tried to shoo

Mr. Duff wanted to know whether in this competition in which Mr. Dunsmuir the befter inasmuch as that in ten years shot the most gulls where the others got wing. Witness finally believed it was from the deck of the Thistle at Duncau's Bay. The gull was on the wing, and

Witness said Alexander Dunsmuir ver slept out in camp. Witness admitted that Mr. Jewett as manager before himself exercised the fullest powers during the absence of Alexander Dunsmui der instructions from James Dunsmuir. James Dunsmuir was in San Francisco in 1898 and in 1899. In 1898 the company owned no vessel carrying coal. The Wellington, owned

by Alexander Dunsmuir and the Briston, owned by James Dunsmuir, carried coal. There were others chartered. The Glory of the Seas was chartered by verbal arrangement. The current rate was paid. The Wellington and Bristol were paid \$1.50 a ton. The Telus was chartered also at a fixed amount a month. The coal was bought from the mining com-pany and not from R. Dunsmuir & Sons. Therefore, they never could owe R. Dunsmuir & Sons for coal in December. 1899. The purchase of the Stewart November 22nd, 1898. He was casher before that from 1879. He did not go to see Alexander Dunsmair at his private rooms before being appointed manager. After that time he went there to consult with him. Alexander Dunsmair onsult with him. Alexander Dunsmair December, 1899, nothing owing R. Dunsmair Consult with him. Alexander Dunsmair Consult of the bank could not be owing to R. Dunsmair & Sons. There was in December, 1899, nothing owing R. Dunsmair & Sons Consult with the Sons Proposed by the sons of the Stewart supervised the San Francisco business. muir & Sons, Victoria, from R. Duns-During A'exander Dunsmuir's lifetime muir & Sons Company, San Francisco.

Dansmir did not come down witness Mr. Bodwell, at funch hour, asked went to see him about every two days His Lordship what arrangement could while he was at the Grand hotel. After be made in consequence of Mr. Duff have ing other business to attend to and being therefore unable to attend in the His Lordship thought Mr. Bedwell

might go on with the cross-examination.

Mr. Bodwell said that was impossible as he had not gone into this departm of the case, and would not attempt it. His Lordship then wanted to know if the defence could call another witness With six appearing as counsel on the not go on.

BASEBALL

AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT. some sum in subscriptions and handed it to

part in the function appeared in fancy costumes. There was endless variety in

nounced by all a most enjoyable event.

HOSPITAL BALL WAS ENJOYABLE AFFAIR

Ladies' Auxiliary Made Excellent Arrangements for Their Annual Event at Assembly Hall.

The hospital ball, always looked to as one of the most enjoyable social events of the season, was on Wednesday no exception to the general rule. The function was the fourteenth annual ball given in the interests of the hospital, which speaks well for the management, that of

the Lanies' Auxiliary. The committees deserve great credit for their excellent work. Everything went off without any inconvenience of any kind as a result of the satisfactory way in which the committees had carried out the arrangements. These commit-

tees were as follows: Reception, Mrs. Rocke Robertson, Mrs. Robert Day, Mrs. McCandless, Mrs. C. W. Rhodes, Mrs. Albert Griffiths, Mrs. Frank Hanington, Mrs. Wm. Brodrick, Mrs. Maclure, Mrs. C. E. Redfern and ton H. D. Helmeken Dr. E. S. Hasell. Colonel Gregory, Major Hibben, D. Spencer, Dr. Herman Robertson, Harry Herbert Robertson, J. Lawson, P. Aus-

tin and Hebdon Gillespie.

In the decorations of the hall the hospital colors, red and white, were made to foliage gave Assembly hall a very pretty appearance. In connection with the decorations there was a very attractive centre piece loaned by Miss Hartnagle. It was a peal of Christmas bells. At the entrance the red cross of the hospital set forth with incandescent lights made a very striking feature. It was also re-marked by those in attendance that the lighting of the hall had been most careof well adapted shades the light cast the very pretty effects in connection with the decorations, and added materially to the effectiveness of the whole scene.

A sitting out room arranged by Mrs. Harold Robertson and Miss Eberts, with material furnished by J. Sehl, came in for lavish praises. Cosy corners also were fitted up by D. Spencer, Weiler Bros. and The Westside. The greatest care had been taken in arranging these, and they reflected great credit upon the firms

The band of H. M. S. Grafton was in attendance, permission having been kindly given by Commodore Goodrich. The
music under the conductorship of Signor
Saffrett and excellent, and coupled with
the perfect condition of the floor the
dancing was thoroughly enjoyed.

The Ladles' Anxillary and the Daughtons of Pitz Raisens according to

ters of Pity deserve especial praise for the arrangements in connection with the supper. The room had been tastefully ecorated for the occasion, and at mid gight an excellent supper was served. In compliance with the request of the nanagement, a majority of those taking

the dresses worn, including every age, every race and all manner of fancy conceptions. Confidence and heightening the effect were a number in evening dress together with those in naval and military uniform. Altogether the ball held Wednesday compared most favorably with any given under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary, and was pro-

INVESTIGATION INTO WEDNESDAY'S FIRE

Will Be Conducted by Board of Underwriters on Saturday-Flames Were Well Fought.

On Saturday morning at 11 o'clock the board of fire underwriters will hold an investigation into the fire which broke out at the Army and Navy clothing store, Government on Wednesday. The origin of the conflagration is considerably of a mystery, the theory that a defective stove pipe or flue was responsible being discredited. The fire was discovered about half-

past eleven, when the flames were seen rising from the centre of the roof. The department was at once notified and quickly responded, most of the head-quarter's apparatus being utilized. The flames spread with marked rapidity, licking up the roof timbers at a great rate. Chief Watson and his men, however, soon had several heavy streams playing on the fire, and gradually brought it under control. The fight was the most stubborn the firemen had fought for a long time, and it was only by dint of the hardest kind of work that the flames were prevented from spreading to other

As stated, the origin of the fire is unknown. Clerks employed in the store left shortly after eleven o'clock, and no sign of fire was to be seen then. It is understood there was no fire in the stove after seven o'clock, which disposes of the deon the second floor, where a large quantity of furniture had been stored.

The loss is roughly estimated at \$5,000.
The place is heavily insured. The sum of \$17,500 was carried on the goods, \$2,000 on the furniture stored above and \$500 on the fixtures. The building, which is owned by Mrs. Quagliotti, is insured for \$3,000.

E. Fey and wife, of Alberni, and J. Mc-Donald, of Vancouver, are at the Vernon,

ABOUT THE WEATHER.

The peace of Eastern Canada is di turbed. Once in a great while the news papers forget themselves and publish the fact that the thermometer has fallen below zero. Then foreigners get the false notion impressed upon their minds that Canada is a cold country. After the same fashion the press of Vancouver has been known to let loose upon the world an absurd idea that it is necessary to keep the roofs of the residences of the nal City in a state of repair. But on the whole the secret is well kept. If the stranger wishes to discover whether anything more substantial than sunshine ever falls from the heavens which beam upon Vancouver we advise him to consult the records of the meteorological

that the rainfall in Victoria might be ed in Canada since the days when the for the residents of the province to rethe region round about if the precipitation were a foot or two heavier and were more equally divided throughout the year. But we cannot have everything just as though it were made to the order of the Tourists' Association.

In regard to the conditions our Eastern brethren are obliged to put up with, we are glad to believe that the wind which is the motive power of a Manitoba, or rather Dakota, blizzard is tempered to the skin (of the dead buffalo or bear) which defies it. It makes no difference what the thermometer may say, the dry sertive, penetrating frost. Of that we are assured by people who have experienced the full force of the bitterest blast. We have no wish to personally investigate. The climate of the East, thereore, has been established as "bracing, not cold." If our friends on the other side fear the effects of the publication in urope, where the people do not comprehend the benefits of warm clothing, of the readings of the Eastern thermometer, let them follow the example of discreet newspaper men and say nothing about ons they cannot mend. If it be any poverty in the possessions she has true that in White River, Ont., the mer- endowed her children with. cury takes unaccountable dips, and that white River is not a representative Can- cal about the richness of our resources. adian locality, let them eliminate the Then it became impressed and rushed in place from the readings and substitute with an eagerness which would not be Victoria, B. C., where the average winter 40 below. In advertising Canada abroad why not substitute winter bathing scenes on this coast for the ice palaces and time in the milids of those who were toboggan slides of the alleged frigid deluded more by their own greed than

### CARTWRIGHT'S SPEECH.

Last issue we published in a condensed form the speech delivered by est mining countries in the world. Our Sir Richard Cartwright, Minister of metalliferous mines will show an Trade and Commerce, in Toronto a couple | increased output this year as compared one of the most remarkable ever presented to the people of Canada. Remarkable in the circumstances under which it was contained. Never in the history of the Dominion has such a record of uninterrupted progress and prosperity been laid fore the people. At no time since Confederation have the prospects for an ex-tended period of industrial and commercial activity been so bright. At no time have the people been so filled with confidence for the future of their country. the note of exultation which runs through the Kootenay lead mining industry agree. it as it dwells upon these special that the one factor remaining necessary Dominion to-day. It is also remarkable in that it marks the fulfilment of the prophecies which caused the outnourings of the wrath of Torydom upon him for stoutly mantained for two decades that | high, and yet it does not pay us to take there could be no real progress under the these ores out of the ground. Without feeble-minded ministers.

McBride's financial policy, one would suppose the loyalty of the said newspapers to the Ministry to be assured. development of claims. Perhaps Balaam has been laying on the parts of the province is in reality a disrepute. Whatever the reason for the protest of the Victoria branch of the asinine family, we find that it re-echoes for this rare Western article. In addi- wisdom from the tree of experience. The should be called to the leadership of the Conservative party of British Columbia. that he is not the indeterminate creature | American neighbors may clap the duties | Hon. A. G. Blair may expect to the organ in a burst of candor dubbed him, he should insist upon another decapitation. It is written, though not in that which they cannot do without in Tarte in opposition to the Laurier gov put, but went right ahead, full capacity, Numbers, that no man can serve two masters. Unless he he far above mere human weaknesses, the servant who acts in a dual capacity is liable to love the one and despise the other.

ROSS, M'BRIDE, AND OTHERS.

Premier Ross of Ontario is thought y Conservative newspapers in British Columbia to be in a bad way. He must urely resign, they say. The Ontario remier has a majority of four, elected as his support

the able leader. Another of his stalwart nders has taken his seat through the trickery of a returning officer who is his partner in the honorable profession of the law, with the able assistance of an ex-Attorney-General and Attorney-General who are also members of the same honof political work that had been perpetratof their majority sustained returning officers like Dunm, who declared a min-

keeping North Renfrew vacant for a ses- benefits of our resources. sion and a half. The ministers have be punished by the electorate for taking even one step in imitation of the party in which all the political crookedness of Canada had its origin. From the time when the Pacific charter was sold till the year 1896, when the Laurier government came into power, the record was a hypocrite in Canada to-day who is not awaiting an opportunity to get his hand again in the treasury through the avenue of crooked contractors. But the people of Canada have not forgotten.

British Columbia has had her troubles. Her tribulations are not yet at an end. But her difficulties have not been due to

The world was for many years sceptisubjected to the remonstrances of com-

We have settled down to business again. British Columbia is proving her claim to distinction as one of the greatweeks ago. The deliverance was with last. The mines of the Rossland strengthens the arguments of those who suspicion, in creating a temporary run district have long passed the mark set last year, while the Boundary country has gone ahead with a dash which promises no abatement until that great lowgrade region becomes the centre of one of the chief mining sections of the world.

The silver-lead districts are also preyears. A Slocan mine manager, thoroughly conversant with the situation,

writes the Nelson Daily News: those who are practically interested in ity, the demand for them in the world is In the taking out the zinc ore, it is difficult pro-

chorus of disapproval. Perhaps the only coal measures of high quality the duties proposed to be collected upon the great financial authority thinks the on the Western slope. But a short time timber cut upon private lands. It had which he serves in a triune capacity into ments of this fuel has already comtion, a reputable Dominion engineer has oracle had its way; now we have furjust reported the discovery of a fine seam ther proof that it is a very fallible If the Hon. R. McBride is still fixed in of anthracite in the mountains on the oracle indeed. his resolve to prove by demonstration eastern boundaries of the province. Our

lands is increasing in value yearly. The | tion of a second transcontinental railway s his supporters.

Premier McBride of British Columbia Premier McBride of British Columbia of the Columbia of production, but they are likely to rehead of the Railway Commission. He WILL SHORTEN TRIP mbers who were elected in opposition main masters of the situation in some has had the experience necessary to

orable profession. The Fernie ballot bia are merely such as can be remedied abilities of Mr. Blair, but the ex-Minbox scandal was quite the rawest piece by her people. The Chinese menace will ister of Railways as a possible opponent move the only other obstacle that, in aspect when he accepts the post of chief to prosper by our difficulties, stands in greater offender now than he was as a ority candidate elected.

We make no pretence of defending the the path over which we must travel in Minister and must bear the conseweakness of Ross and his partners in order to realise in full measure the guences,

### KILLING INDUSTRIES.

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> Hamilton Times: The U. S. Pig Iron Combine's output for November was 400,000 tons less than in the same month last year. It is explained that the combine ceased operating many furnaces and discharged its men "to reduce output and maintain prices." And here we have had fifty thousand tons more than those of upon coal, but they will pay that fax out catch it now. He was pressed by Yankee concerns never cut wages, laid of their own pockets, as we have here Mr. Borden to join the Tories and off men or shut up shops to reduce outtheir factories and upon their railways. ernment, He was a strong opponent of steady work, good wages, and "dumped We have other resources scarcely in- the Grand Trunk Pacific scheme, not on the surplus at less than cost in other

ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

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Ever since the launch, three years ago, of the Clyde passenger turbine steamers ixty passengers, and the largest open cars sixty passengers. In place of these cars double-deckers might be used, which Allan, of the Allan line, have kept a keen method of propulsion for ocean-going vessels. They have now seen their way to act, and have placed a contract with Messrs. Workman & Clark, Belfast, for a liner in which turbines of the Parsons type will take the place of the customary reciprocating engines. The new steamer is intended for the Liverpool-Canadian mail service, and besides being Allan fleet, and also the fastest. main dimensions will be: Length, 450 feet; gross tonnage, about 12,000 tons; safe. In England only one conductor is horse power, 12,000 indicated; speed at sea, 17 knots.

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the Bavarian, 10,387 tons, built by Messrs. Denny & Bros., Dumbarton, in will thus exceed the former by about 1,400 tons, and the latter by 1,600 tons.

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The accommodation for passengers will be in advance both as regards spaciousness and style to that now provided in the last new steamers of the Allan fleet,

Success is Assured.

the new turbine system that it confers the following benefits: Increased speed coal, reduced weight for machinery, smaller staff in the engine room, and practically no vibration.-Exchange. Last year British exports (43,159,046 tons)

were over one million two hundred and

WANTED—Faithful person to travel for well established house in a few counties, calling on retail merchants and agents. Local territory. Salary \$20,00 per week with expenses additional, all payable in cash each week. Money for expenses advanced. Position permanent. Business successful and rushing. Standard House,

DOUBLE DECK CARS.

John P. Fox, the municipal expert of Boston, has returned from a trip abroad, in which he studied especially the question of municipal transportation. Recent ly he addressed a large audience in Bos ton on the results of his investigation He said that although the Boston stree railway system is a model in many ways there is one thing in which it is lack ing, and that is in providing seats for passengers. The company admits that it gets the best returns from standing passengers, but at the same time it sees the danger of overcrowding. Delays in stopping, accidents, and sometimes loss of fares are among the results of this ractice. But there is a remedy which has been tested by years of experience and found to be of advantage to the companies and to the public.

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The placing of a contract by the Allans for a twelve-thousand ton steamer to be propelled with engines of the Parof trail cars, which only use half again est closed cars in Boston seat thirty-fou passengers, and the largest open cars would run through the subway, having a seating capacity of eight-seven or even ninety-four passengers. In England there are in use some cars with a

seating capacity of 120 passengers. These cars furnish plenty of seats, and the company is not required to maintain a double equipment, as the double-deckers supply the place of both open and closed cars. Cars could be built, which with ample accommodations both inside and on top, could be run through the suba novelty in respect of her propelling and on top, could be run through the sub-machine, she will be the largest of the way and under the elevated structure, and stairways to the deck have been in vented in England which are perfectly required to a car. Of all the electric cars in Great Britain and Ireland, ninety per cent. are double-deck, and in the larger cities only six per cent. are single-deck, the latter being used often and solely because of low bridges, which is by the chief trouble in Germany.

REVOLT NIPPED IN-BUD.

Mahon, Who Relieved Mafeking, Promptly Disposed of New Fanatic in the Soudan.

Additional details of the expedition undertaken by Col. Mahon, the reliever of Mafeking, and now Deputy Governor-General of the Soudan, against a new Mahdi who had arisen in Ed Obeid, have been received by Reuter's agency.

Col. Mahon's operations were planned and carried out so quickly that the affair attracted but little attention at the time, but it has since transpired that what would undoubtedly have proved a very serious movement, and had already secured many powerful adherents, was nipped in the bud by the admirable promptitude, of the Anglo-Expitian government, with the result, that the false Mahdi was captured, tried and hanged, and his principal adherents imprisoned.

Col. Mahon had only just returned to Khartoum from El Obeid on his way to England, when news came that Mahomed El Amin had proclaimed himself as Mahdi among the Tagalia mountains in Southern Kordofan.

The alizing the dangerous possibility of such a movement, a force of 200 cavalry was drawn from Khartoum and dispatched by steamer up the White Nile, orders at the same time being sent to El Obeid for 200 infantry, with two Maxims, to meet Col. Mahon and the cavalry near Tagalia. After proceeding for 200 miles up the White Nile, orders at southwesterly direction towards Tagalia. The force accomplished a rapid and trying march of 200 miles over desert country, which was rendered more difficult owing to the heavy rains.

Five days after leaving the river, Col. Mahon heart that the Mahdi was in a certain village, and after a forced night march the troops surrounded the fanatics' position at daybreak. There was some desultory firing, but the Mahdi speedly realized that he was surrounded by the local shelkhs, then went up to the village, whereupon the Mahdi came out and surrendered.

He proved himself to be a man of great intelligence, who had twice made the pilgrimage to Mecca, from which city he had just returned. He was forty years of age

WHEN LOVE BEGINS.

The Result of Investigations Which Have Been Made by Prof. Bell.

Prof. Sanford Bell, a fellow in Clark University, and until recently instructor of the game in their hands, there is no real phychology at the North Indiana Normal son why they should not go on an school, Valparaiso, Ind., has compiled a table of the ages of love in men and woschool, Valparaiso, Ind., has compiled a table of the ages of love in men and women. He has reached the conclusion that neither sex is safe from Cupid's darts after the sex is safe from Cupid's darts a it has reached the age of three years. In per indicated horse-power, economy in fact, from infancy to old age, no one is love-proof. In 15 years he has investigated eight

hundred cases himself, and bases his statistics on returns secured by a syllabus circulated among 1,700 pupils and alumni of the Normal school. The syllabus was a printed list of questions, the answers to which prove that the maturity of a woman's heart is reached at 22 and a man's at 24.

Maximite, the composition of which is a government secret, is about three times as powerful as ordinary guapowder, and is a powdery substance, melted by heat and poured into a shell.

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The complete list follows:

CUMBERLAND CENT Number of candidates, 11: pa GRAND FORKS CENT

Grand Forks. Number of candidates, 6; pass Olara J. O. Turner

Mary L. W. Betts ......

Private School.

Number of candidates, 1; pa NELSON CENTRE.

Fawcett .... Bard ..... Jessie Hipperson .... Charles Motley ..... Number of candidates, 2; passe Kathleen V. Bentley ..... ROSSLAND CENTRE

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Joseph Hayse Shaw
Frederick Landseer Leighton
Edgabeth Frances Shaw
Jane Crossan
Florence Escott
Edgabeth Eva
John Cecil Galbraith
Wm. Earl Hazlam
Effic Cora Jones
Mabel Sarah Pargeter
Alexandria.
Number of candidates, 1; passe
Chemainus Landing.
Number of candidates, 3; passe
James H. Marshall
Arthur J. Crozier
East Cedar.
Number of candidates, 1; passe
Extension.
Number of candidates, 1; passe
Ladysmith.
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Matthew Spratt

Robert A. G. Thomson

Edith Hughes

North Cedar.

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Number of candidates, 10; J
Howard C. DeBeck
Heary W. Sangster
Robert D. McKenzle
Dugale M. Bartlett
William McL. Day
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William J. Burr
Oswald S. Reele
Lerze G. Sharp
Jack Lamtung
Girls' School.
Number of candidates, 9; pa
Laura Elley
Roberta M. Thornber
Ethel Robinson

Number of candidates, 2; pass RURAL SCHOOLS.

Number of candidates, 1; pass
East Delta.
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Joseph Weaver
Langley.
Number of candidates, 2; pass
William B Coultry Number of candidates, 2; pas William R. Coulter Charles D. Calder Westham Island. Number of candidates, 1; pages 1; pages 2; page VANCOUVER CENT

Total number of candidate Total number of candidates, 32.

Central.

Number of candidates, 7; pass Lorne A. McAinster
Harry Grossman
Winnifred Cotter
Dawson—First Division
Number of candidates, 26; pa
A. Brodie Dunn
Margaret Dixon
Kenneth V. Lopatecki
James T. Dall
Eva Watson
Marlon McGeachie
Vera L. Hill
Dawson—Second Divisi
Number of candidates, 20; pa
Charles Dickens
Minnie E. Muir
George R. Ingram
Jane Kilmer
Jessie T. McLean
Douglas Johnston

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Alice V. Plews
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Laura L. Forsyth

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At Bridge Works, Milwaukee, Dec. 29.—Notice has been received at the Milwaukee plant of the American Bridge Company of a reduction of wages to go into effect on January 1st. Piece workers are reduced 10 per cent. Salaries between \$5,000 and \$10,000 are cut 20 per cent.

And Steel Plants. And Steel Plants.

Newcastle, Pa., Dec. 29,—General Manager Ries, of Newcastle and Charon plants of the Carnegic Steel Company, stated to-night that 1,300 furnace men of the city and all furnace men of the Shenandoah Valley will be affected by a general wage reduction, which will become effective one January 1st. The reduction will amount to about 10 per cent

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THE CANDIDATES WHO GOT ENOUGH MARKS

To Admit Them Into the High School Victoria's Splendid Showing-Vancouver's Poor Record.

The results of the High school enrance evaminations throughout the roylace were completed last night, as sted in Tuesday's Times, and are en pelow, including the list of successandidates in the Boys' and Girls' all schools, which were first anced in these columns yesterday. A grat the appended returns will show Melson leads in graded schools persus, while a comparison between oria and Vancouver relegates the rhopelessly to the rear. It will also noted that a pupil of North Ward ol, Miss Clara Van Sant, is highest the aggregate number of marks, have didates in the Boys' and Girls' e aggregate number of marks, have ecured the splendid total of 901. complete list follows:

CUMBERLAND CENTRE. Lizzle Hunden
Paulina Paton
Minto School.
Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0.

GRAND FORKS CENTRE. Grand Forks.

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Number of candidates, 6; passed, 2.

Clara J. O. Turner

Mary L. W. Betts

Private School.

Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0. NELSON CENTRE. Number of candidates, 7; passed, 6.

Robert B. McLauchlan va McVicar Slocan.
Number of candidates, 2; passed, 1.
athleen V. Bentley ROSSLAND CENTRE.

Number of candidates, 10; passed, 4. argaret McCraney argaet Keating zabeth is Elizabeth E. Cosgriffe Sther B. Raymer Number of candidates, 4; passed, 2.
ovina V. Weir
hirza L. Meng INANAIMO CENTRE.

Number of candidates, 21; passed, 11.
rald D. Wm. Davis
seph Hayse Shaw
ederick Landseer Leighton
zabeth Frances Shaw Elizabeth Frances Shaw
Jane Crossan
Florence Escott
Elizabeth Eva
John Cecil Galbraith
Wm. Earl Hazlam
Effic Cora Jones
Mabel Sarah Pargeter
Alexandria.
Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0.
Chemainus Landing.
Number of candidates, 3; passed, 2.
James H. Marshall
Arthur J. Crozier
East Cedar.
Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0.
Extension.
Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0.
Ladysmith.
Number of candidates, 7; passed, 4.
Susanna B. Dunsmuir
Matthew Spratt
Bebort A. L. Themsen

Robert A. G. Thomson
Edith Hughes
North Cedar.
Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0.
Parksylle.
Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0.
South Cedar.
Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0.
South Nanaimo.
Number of candidates, 2; passed, 0.

Number of candidates, 2; passed, 0.
St. Ann's Convent.
Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0. Number of candidates, 3; passed, 0.

NEW WESTMINSTER CENTRE.

Number of candidates, 10; passed, 9.
Howard C. DeBeck
Henry W. Sangster
Robert D. McKenzie
Dugale M. Bartlett
William McL. Day
William J. Burr William J. Burr
Oswald S. Peele
Lorne G. Sharp

Lerne G. Sharp
Jack Lamtung
Girls' School.
Number of candidates, 9; passed, 5.
Laura Elley
Roberta M. Thornber
Ethel Robinson Ethel Robinson
Alice R. Wintemute
Clarissa B. Archibald
Sapperton.
Number of candidates, 2; passed, 1.
Lydia House

RURAL SCHOOLS. Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0.
East Delta.
Number of candidates, 1; passed, 1.
Joseph Weaver Number of candidates, 1; passed, 1.
Joseph Weaver
Langley.
Number of candidates, 2; passed, 2.
William R. Coulter
Charles D. Calder
Westham Island.
Number of candidates, 1; passed, 1.
Elnar Haggman

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Dawson-First Division.
umber of candidates, 26; passed, 7.
Brodie Dunn
garet Dixon
uneth V. Lopatecki
uest T. Dall
Watson watson
on McGeachie
L. Hill
Dawson—Second Division.
mer of candidates, 20; passed, 9.
les Dickens
ie E. Muir
ge E. Ingram
Kilmer

Adura L. Forsythe
Fairview.

Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0.

Mount Pleasant.

Number of candidates, 12; passed, 6.

Dorotny Stafford
H. Norman Lister
Lida Davidson

RURAL AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS. Bowen Island.
Number of candidates, 1; passed, 1.
Bessie Galbraith
Moodyville,
Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0,
Queen's School (Private),
Number of candidates, 7; passed, 0.
Private Stud.
Number of candidates, 1, passed, 0.

VERNON CENTRE. Number of candidates, 7; passed, 5.
Dorothea C. Bell
George H. Wood
Allan Pound
Joseph A. McKinnon
Kathleen Black

Kathleen Black
Armstrong.
Number of candidates, 8; passed, 1.
Rosa K. Fletcher
Okanagan Landing.
Number of candidates, 3; passed, 0.
Spallumcheen.
Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0.

VICTORIA CENTRE.

Marion J. Moss
Amy Acton
Sibyl K. B. Allen
Mary F. Losee
Edith B. Woodill
Emily H. Milne
Florence Field
Nancy Harrison
Lily V. Simms
North Ward.
Number of candidates, 18;
Clara Van Sant
Margaret C. Going
Ernest D. Spragge
Thelma Thompson
Eleanor McCandless
P. Archibald Babington
Maggie Frank

Steps Taken to Replace Immediately the Recently Destroyed Victoria Creamery.

710 arrangement will probably continue for six weeks, or until the new building has been erected and completed for use.
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The shareholders' loss sustained by the fire is pretty well covered by insurance.
There was \$4,000 on the building and plant.
It is thought that it will cost a great deal more than this to replace both.

SECOND ANNUAL EVENT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS

With Turkey, Plum Pudding, Speeches and Songs the Lads Had a Fine Time.

About sixty of the newsboys of Victoria gathered around the festive board at the Vernon hotel last evening. The occasion was the second annual banquet, and was tendered the newsboys by Hon. Senator Templeman in fulfillment of a promise made last year at the inaugural banquet given by Richard Hall, M.P.P., at the Poodle Dog. All present spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening, and there is no doubt if the boisterous reception tendered by the boys to their entertainer on his rising to make a few remarks can be taken as an indication, that the guests of the evening appreciated the arrangements made for their entertainment.

Just before 8 o'clock the boys lined up at the head of the stairs and filed into the dining-room in a most orderly manner. Senator Templeman presided. On his right was Mayor McCandless and on his left Ald. Cameron, M. P. P. There were also present R. L. Drury, M. P. P., J. D. McNiven, M. P. P., Richard Hall, M. P. P., and representatives of the reportorial staffs of Times and Colonist. John Nelson, manager of the Times, acted as master of ceremonies. A. Wylde and A. B. Ellis, route managers for the Times and Colonist, respectively, were also in attendance.

When the signal was given to the boys they set to without any parley, and when the turkey was nut before them at the Poodle Dog. All present spent a

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Niven, M. P. I., made a few appropriate remarks.

Charlie Nelson favored those present with a number of popular selections on the mouth organ.

After all had sung "Soldiers of the King" and "The Red. White and Blue." the entertainment broke up with the National Anthem.

Filled with rage because he helieved that his mother-in-law, Mrs. Elizabeth Lawrence, had induced his wife to leave him. Jos. Eardley, a plush weaver, of Bridgnort, Conn., forced his way into Mrs. Lawrence's home and shot her. She died later from the would. Eardley was arrested and became hysterical in the police station. He made a statement in which the police say he admits the shooting.

SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT. Pupils of North Saanich Give a Christmas Banquet—Presentation, to
Teacher.

North Saanich school held a very enjoyable Christmas entertainment and banquet. The schoolhouse was decorated for the purpose, and a large Christmas tree leaded with presents for the children contributed to the delight of those present.

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At 5.30 a sumptuous meal was served the children. After this the parents and friends also partook of a supper.

An excellent programme of music followed, and at the close the teacher. J. H. Monk, who has become very popular in the district during the years he has taught there, was presented by his pupils with a solid silver shaving cup and a brush. The following address accompanied it:

Mr. Monk: Dear Teacher.—We, your pupils in North Saanich day school, desire, at this festive season, to express our gratitude for your patience and uniform kindness in training us in the various departments of education to fit us for future usefulness. We, therefore, beg your acceptance of this small present as a token of our esteem, with the sincere wish that you may fully enjoy this, and many following Xmas seasons.

We are, dear six most respectably.

We are, dear sir, most respectfully, YOUR SCHOLARS.

Mr. Monk replied, expressing the kindest feelings towards the parents and scholars of the district for their hearty co-operation in the work of the school. The audience sang "He's a Jolly Good Fellow," concluding with cheers for the teacher. Other addresses, including one by Rev. Dr. Reid, of Victoria, followed, after which the Christmas entertainment broke

A ROMANTIC STORY. Missionary Meets His Father at the Ordination of the Former.

The Toronto Mail and Empire contains romantic story from this province. It is given on the authority of Dr. Fred. Stephenson, of the Methodist mission

"How many days are there in the year?" asked Mr. Clayson. Without besitation Tessie answered 365.

Mr. Clayson took his dog out into the next room and one of the pupils was asked to put a number on the blackboard. These seven was made and then erased. Tessie was brought in and. Mr. Clayson said to her: "There was a namber on the blackboard. These two gentlemen here know what it was. Can you tell me?"

Tessie looked anxiously from one to the other of the two gentlemen who had seen the figure written and erased. Suddenly she began and barked seven times.

In discussing the remarkable exhibition a member of the church said: "Tessie belongs to a wonderful breed of dogs. In Scotland they send one of those Scotch collies out after ten sheep, and ten sheep are brought back. But as regards Tessie's most unusual development, Mr. Clayson tells me he knows no other explanation save that of telepathic influence.—Chicago Record-Heraid.

DUKE GROWS ROSES.

There is at least one man in England who makes money out of his recreation, and that man is the octogenarian Duke of Rochester—Dean Hole. Combining deep learning with a large fund of bright wit and broad humor, he can spare time from his heavy ecclesiastical duties to add \$5,000 a year to his income by grow. In groses in the musty old town so well known to the lovers of Dickers.

For sixty years the dean has been studying the national flower of England, and during that time as many as 500 varieties have passed through his hands. He is his own gardener, even at his present advanced age. As early as 70 clock in the morning he may be seen in his graden possing of his growing is through a London wholesale fortist, who cuts them at Rochester under the critical eye of the Dean and removes them for Ovenit Garden market, Many of the varieties have passed through his hands. He is his own gardener, even at his present advanced age. As early as 70 clock in the morning he may be seen in his graden looking after his pets, and his method of disposing of his growing is through a London w

Dublin. Dec. 30.—The Marquis of Sligo died this morning at Westport House, Westport, County Mayo. YOUNG MEN, Become Independent
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SCHOOL, London, thatch, Canada.

REV. MARK G. PEARSE WILL ARRIVE SHORTLY

Something About the Celebrated Divine - The Call to Work in the Metropolis.

As announced in the Times yesterday afternoon a distinguished clergyman will arrive here shortly in the person of Rév. Mark Guy Pearse, of London, Eng. Of this celebrated pulpit orator Jean Blewett, in the Toronto News, says:

"Living up to a reputation is hard work sometimes. For instance, a celebrated minister, lecturer or scholar, is coming among us. The press notices are wonderful, the pulpit notices are wonderful. Everybody seems lauding him to the skies. He must be grand. First we are mildly, then intensely interested. By and by we are eager. Then comes the opportunity of hearing him—and our disappointment. We own to ourselves, if to nobody else, that, after all he is only a man like unto other men. The trouble is we have been expecting too much.

"There are exceptions to the rule, though. Last Sunday evening I enjoyed the great privilege, I speak advisedly, of listening to Rev. Mark Guy Pearse. He spoke in one of the largest of our churches, which was packed to the doors. He is fresh from his parish, the slums of old London, and he talked to us as men and women of those other men and women, his parishioners. It is good to hear about real people, their loves and lintes, sad times and glad times, sins and virtues. One touch of nature makes the whole world kin. I saw an old man wipe his eyes over the story of a lost child, saw a sweet faced society woman droop her head pityingly over that of a Magdalene and a bunch of flowers. A man of deep emotions he appeals to the emotions of his hearers. Strong, virile, magnetic, he sways people. But you feel that it is in his knowledge of human nature the secret of his success lies. Such a comprehensive knowledge. He seems able to understand all, and keep in fouch with all.

"Then he makes religion mean so much. Not only to the dwellers in the slums, who break the ten commandments as a matter of course, but to us respectable folk, who hreak only the Golden Rule. He finished, and we were left in the bright autumn night, luminous with stars, with bigger hearts and strong

"Humble love
And not proud reason, keeps the door of heaven."

CHRISTMAS TREATS.

Festus Madden, of Plymouth, has been placed in jail at Montrose, Pa., charged with the murder of Patrick Fleming, of Forest City, on Christmas morning. The alleged murder is believed to be the result of an unprovoked assault on the part of Fleming, who was intoxicated at the time, called at the residence of Madden and began throwing missiles at the house. He was ordered away, but soon returned and commenced firing shots from his revolver. Madden returned the fire with his shotgun and Fleming was killed.

LEAD-PROOF MAN. German Who Has a Bullet in His THE DEATH O

A young German from Leipzig, named Max Meyer, is now in London with a bullet in his heart. He is in perfect health, and is the centre of interest

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WIGS OF BARRISTERS.

bishop of London's Consistory court. Samich to Victoria. The present company was the only considerable luminary who were the old style of wig. though nutil the old with the o

Wm. Shepherd, of Letchar county, Ky., has been arrested, and is in danger of lynching at Whitesburg. Shepherd went to the home of Obediah Fields, his father-in-law, and shot and instanty killed Rilley Welsh. Shepherd's wife and her infant child also were wounded with another bullet. The murderer then fled, but was captured.

Senator Hale, chairman of the United States senate committee on naval affairs, said on Monday that it is the intention to make provision for another addition of congress. He says that when the additions already authorized are complete the United States will have a more powerful navy than any other nation except Great Britain.

WATCHES FREE TO AGENTS—Wanted, gentlemen and ladles to engage in the sale of our watches. We give our agents a free sample \$10 watch to take orders and a liberal commission. If you would like profitable employment for your spare time, write us at once for sample and terms. Address Ideal Watch Co., Dept. 18, Toronto, Out.

General regret was expressed by the

And not prood crason, keeps the door of heaven."

"The story of how he came to preach his first sermon has often been told. His first text, was. Be strong, all ye of people of the lind, and work, for I am with you, said the Lord of hosts."

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"After a ministry of several years and afterwards at Bristol, Mr. Pearse was and resulted was ringing with the bitter cry of Outward and start a mission in the great and start a mission in the great and start a mission in the great and profigate. West End of London. But who was sufficient for these things?" The unanimous answer was, Hugh Price Hughes, Mr. Hughes was accompanied by Mrs. Pearse is accomp into the employ of Janion, Green & Rhodes, where he remained until 1870,

Senator Hale, chairman of the United

Seven thousand sheep were burned to death at the East Buffalo stock yards on Monday night. The long, narrow sheds in which they were confined were swept by the flames before any of the animals could be released. The losa is estimated at \$75,000. The sheep were what are known as "exports," and were in charge of federal officers.

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS

Victoria Meteorological Office.

23rd to 29th December. 1908.

During this week there has been exceptionally little sunshine and the rainfall has been small also for this time of the year. Owing to the excessive amount of cloudiness there has been no frost reported in this vicinity, and only upon three days did the temperature fall below the freezing point in the neighbornhood of New Westminster. The winds have also been remarkably light throughout this period and were chiefly from the north and east. Only one gale was reported on the Coast, and that occurred at the entrance to the Strafts of Juan de Fura. It was probably local, caused by the concentration of the moderate easterly winds from the various inland quarters. The highest velocity reported was 48 miles an hour at Cape Flattery. The astribution of barometric pressure that his week has been almormal; for instead of there being a series of ocean storm areas moving rapidity eastward across this province, accompanied by southerly winds and much rain, an extensive high barometer area has covered the Pacific slope from Cassiar to California, and any ocean storms that have spread eastward have done so either far to the northward or across Southern California.

The weather has been remarkably mild throughout this province, and in Alberta even more so, where the temperature rose to 60 upon two days, and upon the remaining five was chiefly above 32 degrees.

These high temperatures in Alberta were caused by the prevalence of chinock winds from the Rockles.

The weather has also been quite mild in the Yukon, while in Manitoba zero tem. m the Hockies. he weather has also been quite mild in Yukon, while in Manitoba zero tem-atures have been of almost daily occur-

rence.
Victoria—Amount of bright sunshine recorded was only three hours; rain, .22 inch;
highest temperature, 49.2 on 29th; and lowest. 87.0 on 23rd.

Naw Westmine or Rain, .30 inch; highest temperature, 46 on 29th; and lowest,
28 on 25th.

Kamloops—No rain or snow; highest fem-

ocal+Rews.

The paper on "School Libraries," by D. Wilson, B. A., inspector of public schools in this province, appears in a recent number of the Canadian Educational Review, published at Toronto.

Preparations are being made by the children of the Rose Circle of the King's Daughters to give a matinee on the afternoon of Saturday, January 9th, at the Philharmonic hall. The proceeds of the entertainment will be donated to the assistance of the mission schools for Indian children in this province.

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meeting on Monday resolved to invite the executive of the Liberal-Conservative Association to affend a union meeting at an early date, in order to make the preliminary arrangements for a meeting of the party for the selection of a candidate for the city for the House of Commons.

The funeral of Henry Newman, of Esquimalt road, who died Monday at the Jubilee hospital, took place this morning at 11 o'clock from the parlors of W. J. Hanna. There was a large attendance of sympathizing friends. Appropriate religious services were conducted by Rev. W. J. Barber, both at the parlors and grave.

German residents of the city held a Christmas tree festival in the A. O.J.U. W. hall on Monday. There was a large attendance. The entertainment provided was typically German in character. A tree was furnished heavily laden for the young people, and the programme of songs and recitations given in connection was greatly enjoyed. Refreshments in keeping with the character of the entertainment were served.

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-Rock for the new landing which is to form an abutment for the James Bay, wall is being procured from Sehl's point. The city has here a steam drill in operation and the rock secured is readily con-

-The annual meeting of the Vancou ver Island Veterans' Association will be held in Pioneer hall, Broad street, on Thesday evening, 12th January, 1904, at 8 o'clock. After the financial statement for 1903 is submitted, the election of officers for the ensuing year (1904) will

The local post of the Native Sons of British Columbia at their meeting on Tuesday decided to hold their annual ball during the first week in February. They decided to hold monthly whist tournaments and smokers. A committee was appointed to prepare a musical programme for the next meeting in January. The election of officers will take place at that meeting also.

-Victoria City band will give their annual social dance on New Year's Eve at the A. O. U. W. hall, the music for which will be provided by the full band. Rowe. In the past socials given by this aggregation have proved most enjoyable. The band is still up to its standard and con-stantly practicing, and with their magnificent set of new instruments will produce splendid music for the occasion.

-It is probable that before long nother church will be established in the entral portion of the city. The German sidents of Victoria, now numbering residents of Victoria, now numbering over 400 people, nave acquired the building formerly used by the Icelanders of Spring Ridge as a place of worship, and in the near future expect to remove it to a location on Johnson street. The building has a seating capacity for 200, and with some improvements, it is said, could be made very comfortable.

a the ancient city, and from this fact tself a great deal of interest is attached.

schools in this province, appears in a recent number of the Canadian Educational Review, published at Toronto.

—Mrs. M. E. Marr, proprietress of the Boomerang restaurant, remembered the children of the Protestant Orphans' Home in a substantial manner. A large packing case filled with a variety of welcome presents was sent by her to the Home for distribution among the children.

—One of the Canadian Education and Mrs. Rawei at the Metropolitan Methodist church. Many lantern pictures illustrating Maoriland were shown, and the interesting and instructive descriptive addresses delivered by the Raweis were much appreciated. Mrs. Rawei intend leaving for the States in a few days, and before returning to New Zealand will make an extended tour of America.

It is announced in Sound papers that an increase in commodity rates applying to all Western bound traffic on all roads, including the C. P. R., is shortly to go into effect. It is said that the average increase will amount to 17½ per cent. So far, however, local agents have not been notified of any change.

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—A Seattle detective is in the city investigating the story of the disappearance from a 'Frisco liner of a woman and a child, reference to which appeared in these columns at the time. As will be recalled the two were on board when the steamer left Seattle, and some of the passengers claimed to have seen them, on the vessel after she left Victoria, but they had disappeared when San Francisco was reached. It is suspected in certain quarters in Seattle that the woman and child left the steamer here, which accounts for the investigation by the Sound city sleuth. -A Senttle detective is in the city in

street.

-The annual city tax sale was held address to men only at the Y. M. C. A.

Louis Bowman, proprietor of the Steltz restaurant. Yntes street, was found dead in his bed Wednesday. An inquest will be held to-morrow to inquire into the circumstances surrounding the death. Deceased has lived here for upwards of forty years, and was widely known. He was an unmarried man, and lived with his father on View street. lived with his father on View street.

The death occurred Wednesday of Mrs. Sarah Hobbs, relict of the late Geo. Hobbs, at her residence, 117 Johnson street. Deceased was 86 years old. She leaves only one grandson to mourn her loss. The funeral has been arranged to take place on Saturday at 2.30 o'clock from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral & Furnishing Company. Religious services will be conducted by Rev. Dr.

-Bandmaster Finn has arranged for another strong attraction for Saturday night's promenade concert in the drill hal', when the second game of the pro-vincial league inter-city basketball series will be played. The contesting teams will be the Fernwoods of Victoria and the Sixth Regiment of Vancouver. In addition to this excellent attraction the regimental band will render an excepionally fine musical programme,

-Tuesday morning a Chinese domes-tic employed by several Work Point offi-cers was found dead in his room at the barracks. Coroner Hart was notified, and ascertaining that poisoning was the cause of death, decided to hold an in-quest. This was done, and a verdict of suicide was returned. There were a number of chalk characters on the door of tion showed to be an expression of his intention to make away with himself.

hundredth birthday at the residence of her son-in-law, James L. Davis, 10 Carr street. Mrs. Barnum was born in Chard, Somersetshire, England, on December 29th, 1803, during the reign of King George III. She has twenty-seven living grandchildren and forty great-grandchildren. As an evidence of Mrs. arnum's perfect health it is noteworthy that she walked several blocks to the James Bay Methodist church on Sunday,

Householders and license holders are reminded of the necessity of registering at the city hall before they can qualify for the municipal voters' list. Up to 2 required declaration at Mr. Northcott's office. Last year's total was 1,388, but it is expected that the candidates will ensure the destruction of that record. Tomorrow is the last day on which it is posintending voters the city assessor's office will be open from 7 to 9 o'clock to-night and to-morrow night.

Protectorate wish to acknowledge the following donations and to thank all those who so kindly remembered them:

Mr. Colbert, \$5; Mr. Nolte, \$5; Mrs. Mc-Quade, turkey; Miss McDowell, roast of beef; Fell & Co., turkey, crackers and Turkish delight; Mrs. Patton, cake, fruit and eggs; Mrs. O'Counor, box of oranges; Mr. Coombs, fruit cake; F. J. Baines, confectioners: Mr. Sess.

—Mr. Horace Charles Williams, fourth son of Mr. J. L. Williams, of this city, has lost a very valuable walking cane. He had it on Mr. Thos. Palmer, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony a few days ago by Rev. Dr. Campbell. The ceremony took place at the parsonage, there being present only the intimate friends of the contracting parties. Miss Williams, a sister of the groom, acted as bridesmaid, and Mr. W. Williams, his brother, supported the groom. A wedding supper was served after the ceremony. The newly married conpie were the recipients of r. handsome array of presents. Mr. and Mrs. Williams have taken up their residence on Second street. will be made to recover the article, the disappearance of which makes it appear

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Wednesday in the council chambers. It was conducted by Chas. Kent, the city treasurer, who knocked down in all-seen lots, which went in short order. This year's list was unusually small, the significance of which has already been commented on in these columns.

—It, is reported from White Horse that a man named Johnson, working on the bench of No. 47 below, on Bullion creek, is taking out a dollar to the pan on the rim along the bench, and is making an average of nine ounces a day. The story, has been reasonably well verified, and is implicity, believed at White Horse.

-The Western Medicine Company, of which H. H. Jones is manager, is about to vacate its present offices in the Mc Gregor block, at the corner of View and Broad streets, to make way for Robin Dunsmuir, who is about to open a business in the location. Mr. Dunsmuir will handle all the barge business between the

-The Aberdeen Association acknowledges with thanks donations of magazines from Mrs. Jenns, Mrs. Loat. Mrs. Gore, Mrs. Flumerfelt, Mrs. C. S. Baxter, Miss Galletly, Miss Harvey, Capt. Lewis, J. C. Bridgman, the James Bay Athletic Association, and the Alexandra

-The annual conference of Christians will be held at Centre hall, Broad street, between Johnson and Pandora streets, on January 1st, 2nd and 3rd, at 10, 3 and 7 o'clock. Messrs, McClure, from San Francisco, Blair from Australia, and Harcus from Everett, will be among the speakers. A special invitation is given to all Christians in the city.

This morning an Association football match took place between the St. Louis College and North Ward teams. The game resulted in a win for the North Ward by a score of two goals, to nil. McIntosh and Penketh did the scoring —Hale, hearty and possessed of her faculties to a remarkable degree, Mrs.

D. W. Barnum Tuesday celebrated her played well for the losers. The North Ward team is trying to arrange a game with the South Park eleven for Satur

> -The annual meeting of the Victoria Fruit Growers' Association and Exchange will be held in the city hall on January 5th, the morning session beginning at 9 o'clock, and afternoon session at 1.30. Addresses will be given as follows: "Successful Strawberry Growing," H. E. Tanner, M.P.P.; "Market in the Northwest Territories," -R. M Palmer; "Commercial Orcharding," W C. Grant; "Trees, Shrubs and Plants for Decorative Purposes," R. Layritz. All interested are invited to attend.

-Constables Clayards and Carson o morrow is the last day on which it is pos-sible to qualify. For the convenience of intending voters, the city respectively. The whiskey was snatched from the bar in the absence of the bartender. No long afterwards the occupant of premise on Humboldt street informed the police that there were two drunken men in the The ladies in charge of the R. C. back ward. A bottle of liquor was fou

> AT THS PLAYHOUSES. Stanford University Mandolin and Glee Club To-Morrow-Other

Exquinner road, show does Monday at the Sounder to a show of the Sounde

ing of next week when Wm. A. Brady's production of "Foxy Grandpa" and his 25 singing and dancing associates appear. There are delights of music, specialty, scenery and costumes, and all new song novelties. The local production will be complete in every way. The company is strong, and headed by Mr. Joseph Hart, the well known comedian who played the part all of lear season.

mpiled for This Issue by Agnes Deans Cameron.

New Year! Everywhere the New Year!

There are books and toys for the New Year, glittering trinkets for the New Year, a dresses for the New Year, schemes of fortune for the New Year; kind wishes and good deeds for the New Year.—Charles Dickens.

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Pity and need make all fiesh kin. Ther is no caste in blood, which runnet of one hue mor caste in tears, which trickie saft with all.—Sir Edwir Arnold. se you who read this, and think for a moment of the long chain of iron or gold, of thorns or flowers, that would never have bound you, but for the formation of the first link on that memorable day.—Charles Dickens.

You can't "have" your pudding anless you can "eat" it.—John Ruskin.

it is a fair, even-handed, noble ad-justment of things, that while there is infection in disease and sorrow, there is nothing in the world so irresistibly contagious as laughter and good humor.—Charles Dickens. Each man can learn something from his neighbor; at least, he can learn to have patience with him—to live and let live.—Charles Kingsley.

Yet I doubt not through the ages one in-creasing purpose runs, and the thoughts of men are widened by the process of the suns.—Tennyson. Every man can build a chapel in his breast, himself the priest, his hear the sacrifice, and the earth he tread on the altar.—Jeremy Taylor.

great thing can only be done by great man, and he does it witho effort.—John Ruskin.

drama of such sort as the Author chooses. If it be His pleasure that you should act a poor man, see that you act it well; or a cripple, or a ruler, or a private citizen. For this is your business, to act well the given part.—Epictetus.

Rest is the sweet sauce of labor.o banish the tears of children! Con-tinual rains upon the blossoms are hurtful.—Jean Paul.

men cannot live isolated; we are all bound together for mutual good or else for mutual misery, as living nerves in the same body. No higher man can separate himself from any lowest.—

Thomas Carlyle.

Thursday took into custody two men named John Brown and John Wilson, who are suspected of stealing two bottles

Happiness grows at our own firesides, and is not to be picked up in strangers galleries.—bouglas Jerrold.

Each of the shadowy figures stretched its right arm forth, and pointed upwards. Spirits of the Bells! Their sound upon the air! They take such shapes and occupations as the hopes and thoughts of mortals, and the recollections they have stored up, give them.—Charles Dickens.

he man who does not learn to live while he is getting a living is a poorer man after his wealth is won than he was before.—J. G. Holland.

Guthrie, O. T., Dec. 30.—The Pan-American Rallway Company, with head-quarters at Guthrie, and with \$250,000,-000 capital stock, to build a line from Bort Nelson to Hudson's Bay, to the Argentine Republic, was chartered to-day.

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From Port Nelson the road is to run via Winnipeg in Manitoba, through the states of North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahama, Indian Territory and Texas, thence through Mexico, Central America, the Republics of Panama, Colombia, Equador and Peru, into the Argentine Republic. A branch line is provided, running from Peru through Chili to Valparaiso. The total length is 10,000 miles. The incorporators, as named in the charter, are W. B. and G. R. Davis, C. D. Farmer, H. C. Iles and Edward Hilman, of Arlington, Okla.

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CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENTS. Number of Treats Held Last Evening by Sabbath Schools and Local

Churches.

(From Thursday's Daily.) The annual Christmas entertainment n connection with the Sunday school of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church was held last evening. There was a large attendance of parents, friends and chilgiven by the pupils and all spent a most njoyable time. -During the evening an nmense basket was filled with gifts rought by the children to be sent to the Indian mission school at Ahousaht. This work provided much entertainment, everyone being delighted with the opportunity to arrange a surprise for the litthe ones, the majority of whom are not remembered by Santa Claus on Christ-mas Day. A tableau illustrating the song, "Nearer My God to Thee," was

the children. During the evening the superintendent of the school, Mr. J. T. Croot, was presented with a handsome

mantel clock.

The school room of the James Bay Presbyterian church was filled last even-

Clement Patterson; fancy marching, by Junior Brigade; recitation, Clarence of Catarrh. I was troubled with this dis-Holland; duet, Clare Stinson and Maggie ease for years, but the first time I used nt Paterson; dialogue, Nellie Rankin, I now regard manufacture and this remedy it gave most delightful relief.

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But the total outlay as estirepresents only the number erected and repaired during 1903. If to this is added building and repairing various yards, for which justly celebrated throughou west—an industry so close with the progress of the city well be included in the ag of a million dollars. If thi improvements-sewer and -would occupy a pos list and swell the aggrega undred thousand the courtesy of the building W. W. Northcott, a Times tive yesterday secured a correct for the past year as Mrs. Allan, 11/2 story build street, \$1,500. Mrs. K. E. Baines, 1½ soulding, Yates street, \$2,500

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hall property, \$2,000. Carnegie library, corner Blanchard streets, contract Mrs. M. H. Campbell, 11/2 s building, Pemberton road, Geo. Calder, one story fran San Juan avenue, \$1,200.

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LONDON'S CHIEF OF POLICE.

Among his closest associates Edward Bichard Henry, C. S. I., London's new commissioner of police, has the reputation of greatly resembling Sherlock Holmes in his detective methods—certainly, Mr. Henry has crowded much good police work into his 53 years. As the initials after his name, "Companion Star of India," prove, he has had indian experience. "He went to india thirty years ago and was made inspector-general of police in Bengal in 1891. There he gathered his unique knowledge of the finger-print system of identifying criminals, a knowledge highly disapproved by hard-working rascais all over the globe. While in England on leave from India, Mr. Henry was lent to the colonial office and went out to Africa to organize under Lord. Milner's eye-a police force for Johannesburg and Pretoria. Only in May, 1900, did he succeed Sir Robert Anderson as assistant commissioner at Scotland Yard, so his promotion has been rapid. Above all, he knows how to win the confidence, even the affection, of his subordinates.

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Birdcage Walk, \$2,000. andora avenue, \$2,000.

Mrs. McHardy, two story frame dwelling, corner of Kingston and Montreal streets, \$1,500.

Mr. McLean, dwelling, Moss street,

\$3,300.

Mrs. Annie McGregor, 1½ story frame house, Cormorant street, \$1,500.

D. F. McCrimmon, 1½ story dwelling, Stanley avenue, \$1,800.

Mr. McGinnis, one story frame building, View street, \$1,200.

C. W. Newbery, two story frame building, South Turner street, \$2,000.

John Nelson, two story frame building, Linden avenue, \$2,800.

Mrs. R. Nash, two story frame building, Pemberton road, \$3,000.

Wm. Nicholson, two story frame house, Esquimalt road, \$900.

S. H. Odell, ½ story frame building,

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Wm. Prout, alterations to Windsorhotel, Government street, \$1,900.

First Presbyterian church, repairs, etc.. \$2.000. Mrs. E. Palmer, three one story frame buildings, Michigan street, \$1,600 each;

E. R. Pridham, new fronts to three frame houses on Hillside extension, \$700 each; \$2,100.
Mr. and Mrs. Pigott, 1½ story frame building, St. Charles street, \$2,000.
Alex. Peden, jr., one story frame building, Niagara street, \$2,000.
F. B. Pemberton, small two story brick building, Fort street, \$1,000.
Wm. Rocket, two story dwelling, corresponding to the period of the per

ner Cook and Johnson streets, \$2,500.
Rostein Bros., two story brick building, corner of Government and Courtney streets, \$14,000. Mr. Rochon, small brick store, Wharf

street, \$400. C. W. Rogers, two story brick buildng, Government street, \$5,000.
Royal Jubilee hospital, one story brick building, \$14,000.
W. A. Robertson, frame blacksmith's

W. A. Robertson, frame shop, Discovery street, \$300.

Percy Richardson, one story frame building, Toronto street, \$1,200.

John Raymond, two story brick building, 2½ story frame building, Belleville street, \$3,000.

The old board of directors were relected as follows: Capt. J. G. Cox. R. Hall, M. P. P., W. Menzie, R. Seabrook, A. J. Bechtel, W. Grant and J. J. Box cowitz. At a meeting of the directors R cowitz. At a meeting of the directors R.

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Ald. Stewart, alterations to dwelling

in this list the fires outside the city limits are not included.

Quite a few of the fires might have developed into serious proportions but for the prompt work of the department, conpital on August 8th, when the fire had been burning under the roof for probably Capt. Gidley, one story frame building. Mary street, Victoria West, \$800.

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Considerable new equipment has been added to the department, principal among which are 1,000 feet of paragon cotton rubber lined hose, one Seagrave two-piece trussed extension ladder and one Browder life-saving net; also new horses to replace those which from time to time become unfit for service. The returns by month are as follows: Loss by Months, 1903.

No. of Alarms. Loss

Total ..... 119 \$14,410 Loss by Years. No. of Alarms

Plus IX., 1846-1877, reigned five years longer than Leo XIII., and stands in history alone in the length of his pontificate.

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ations to two houses on Macaskie

PILES.—Itching, Bleeding and Blind Piles. spring.

Comfort in one application. It cares in

GOOD SHOWING OF LOCAL ASSOCIATION

Will Send Twenty-Two Vessels Out This Coming Season-Seals in the Great Lakes.

Notwithstanding some heavy losses sustained during the past season, the depression in the price of fur seal and some \$13,000 spent in repairs and overhauling vessels for sea, the Victoria Sealing Company for the past season, ending November 30th, has been able to declare a dividend of 50 cents per share. This was the very gratifying statement made in the annual report presented at yesterday's meeting in the board of trade building. The net balance from the company's earnings during the season was \$16,886.03. The wages paid to crews operating vessels on the Pacific Coast amounted to \$138,882.97. Eleven of the company's Indian schooners worked on this coast and eight white schooners in Behring Sea, which took combined 11,714 skins. In addition there were the Florence M. Smith and the E. B. Marvin, which were sent to Cape Horn, and vin, which were sent to Cape Horn, and which took 3,321 and 2,474 skins, respectively.

It was decided to send a fleet of about

22 vessels to sea this year, the Casco and Triumph, which will be ready to sail in about ten days, and 20 others which will go down the coast. The rate of wage to be paid Indian hunters, it was agreed, should remain unchanged, namely, \$5 per skin for each canoe, or \$2.50 per man.

cowitz. At a meeting of the directors R. Hall, M. P. P., was elected president in the place of Capt. J. G. Cox, the retiring president; R. Seabrook, was elected vice-president; Capt. W. Grant was re-elected as manager, and A. J. Bechtel as tree surer.

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VANCOUVER NEWS. Van Horne Block Sold-No Trace of

Missing Rancher. The marriage of Mr. William Cammish Ann Johnston, of the same/city, took Ninth street, New Westminster.

missing man was last seen has been France would not join with

sist in the hunt.

A deal involving the sale of the Van
Horne block, situated on the southwest
corner of Dunsmuir and Granville
streets, was closed on Tuesday through
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Indicate the southwest to include the southwest to i open a first-class hotel. Mr. West expects to commence work on remodelling the building about the middle of Janu-ary, so that the hotel will be ready for

building, to put in the necessary machinery himself and pay a rental that will At the Russian embassy late ito-night

## The Victoria Customs House Returns.

In the customs returns of the year resenting this year's collections. On the now all but ended probably the figures which will demand greatest attention are those contained in the statement of are those contained in the statement of the revenues derived from the Chinese. the comparatively small output of salmon and other fish products this year.

This possesses a peculiar interest from the fact that at the end of another year no such revenue can be shown, for with the increase of the entry tax from \$100 to \$500 few, if any Chinese will be entering the country. The number of immigrants who have arrived from the proceeding year is shipments.

On the whole, however, the returns for the year make a very satisfactory showing, and indicate that Victoria is belowing. migrants who have afrived from the Flowery Kingdom during the past twe've months has more than doubled that mumber paying the tax at Victoria in 1902, there having been derived from the Chinese during the past year \$584, 979, as against \$258,820 for the preceding year. During the past month there arrived at this port from the Far East and with Europe, via the round the world steamers, which have lately been bring-ling heavy freights for Victoria. the Chinese during the past year \$004.

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The returns, as complete as far as they could be obtained up to Wednesday ber on record entering in any one month.

The import duty during 1902 was \$719,977.31, as against \$767,799.97 rep-

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Totals ......\$866,694 \$124,169

INLAND REVENUE. Returns For the Port of Victoria the

The following are the inland revenu collections for the year ended December 31st, 1903:

WAR MAY BE AVERTED. French Minister Making Strengous Ef forts to Preserve Peace.

London, Dec. 30 .- Lord Lansdowne's diplomatic reception to-day centred on the Far Eastern crisis. The Russian ambassador, Count Benckendorff, was unable to give the reception any information regarding the tenor of the Russian reply to Japan, as he had received no advices on the subject from St. Petersburg. The foreign secretary adopted a slightly more hopeful tone to the other ambassadors than has pre-vailed at the foreign office for the last few days. The Associated Press learns belief of the French foreign minister that he will be able to prevail on Russia to make such compromises as will avert

The Japanese minister, when ques tioned by a representative of the Associated Press regarding the hopeful attitude, said he was aware the French foreign minister was making strenu ous efforts for peace. So far as Baron Hayashi knew to-night these had been crowned with success. But the Japanese minister laid much stress on the Associated Press dispatch from Paris announcing that the French government did not believe that war be-tween Russia and Japan would break Coatham, principal of the Boys' school, out, and said: "The French government Westminster, and Mrs. Margaret ment must be in a better position than Ann Johnston, of the same city, took place on Tuesday at the residence of Mr. J. W. Cameron, 451 Princess street, are honest in saying they do not believe The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. there was danger of war, they must M. MacLeod, in the presence of a few have been pretty certain Russia will intimate friends. The young couple left agree at least to the spirit of Japan's by the Victoria boat on their wedding proposals. Up to now we have no inditour, and on their return will reside on cation of this, and unless Russia does agree, there seems no way of averting

No trace of Mr. Yeatman, the rancher of Valdez Island, who was lost some time ago while on a hunting trip with his son, has been found after weeks of searching. James Cook, of Ladner, brother-in-law of Mr. Yeatman, has just returned from the island and says the country for miles around where the head the hest surhority for saying that the country for miles around where the had the best authority for saying that searched and researched during the past six weeks. Messrs. Pidcock Bros. & Company, who have a large mill on Valdez Island, closed operations to as-

streets, was closed on Tuesday through In diplomatic circles here, there is no bell and G. Messrs. B. Johnston, Howe & Co. indication when the Russian reply may Clark, tyler. The price paid was in the vicinity of be expected. At the foreign office and After the installation the brethern re-\$35,000. The purchaser was John West, at the Japanese, American and other fixed to the Tuzahlem hotel, where rea well-known business man, and it is his intention to remodel the premises and of to-day is regarded as warlike, but the of the craft. After doing justice to the suggestion was made at one embassy that the remarks might really be intended for home consumption in order to and speeches followed. The district that the remarks might really be intended to and speeches followed. The district and speeches followed. The district deputy grand master was very gratified to find the lodge in so prosperous a con-

the tourist travel next spring.

Action is about to be taken to organise a Co-operative Creamery Association in the municipality of Surrey. A thoroughly efficient butter-maker has offered, in the event of the farmers furnishing a site and erecting a suitable building, to put in the necessary machin.

longer than Leo XIII., and stands in his give interest on the investment, while he it was said that the reply of Russia will contract to make butter ready for shipment at so much a pound. His wish indication of its probable tone been results of the contract to make butter ready for shipment at so much a pound. His wish indication of its probable tone been results of the contract to make butter ready for shipment at so much a pound. His wish indication of its probable tone been results of the contract to make butter ready for the latest and the stands in the reply of Russia and Russia of the Argentine cruisers building at Genoa was received at the Russian em-West, \$300.

McL. Muirhead, 1½ story frame
Liebert street. Springfield esby Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—63.

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are not so very formidable, after all."

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Paris.

The spread of noxious weeds can be attributed to no single cause, They seem to be naturally adapted to rapid spreading, and besides there are various natural and artigicial agencies which aid in their dissemination. Not the least important among these agencies is the seed grain trade. Almost every farmer purchases yearly seed of grain or grasses and clovers with little thought of introducing weed seeds in this way. As a matter of fact, however, he seldom gets seed perfectly free from weed seeds of some kind. Occasionally these are not particularly injurious, but not frequently they are mose undestrable, and, being introduced unconsciously, gain a strong footheld before their presence is suspected. In this connection some particulars of the analysis of seeds from the department of agriculture at Ottawa should be of interest, as they show to what extent these conditions prevail.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The Japaness minister to the United States called at the American state department to-day and reported that the situation in the Far Bast gives great concern, and that Japan is preparing for the worst.

Japan Gess Ships.

London, Dec. 30.—Japan this evening completed the purchase of the Argening washing also was negotiating. Japan paid \$7.500.000 for the vessels.

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Santiago De Chili, Dec. 30.—The Chilian government has received offers from the Japanese government for the purchase of two Chilian warships, the common marker for their surplus and the cruiser Chacabace, 4500 tons, Awaiting Russia's Reply.

Tokio, Dec. 31.—The completion of all the necessary preparations for eventualities have been followed by a temporal condition of all the necessary preparations for eventualities have been followed by a temporal condition of the Russian minister is trying every means to induce the Korean court for grand Russian was all the Russian minister is trying every means to induce the Korean court for grand Russian was a naval station. The unrest in southern Korea continues.

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clusion, said to the correspondent: "presume that when the time comes the TO PRESS HIS SUIT. lapanese will effect a landing in Korea. A. E. Henry, Who Has Action Against ndicating that Russia does not propose Victoria Terminal Company, Is to take precipitate action in the event

of Japan trying to force the situation.

Nothing Decided.

OFFICERS INSTALLED

A. M., at Duncans.

On Saturday last the officers of

Thirteen families were rendered home

partially destroyed.

Anxious to Meet Prince.

in City. London, Dec. 31.—The Times Pekin correspondent says that during the visit of Huyufen, the director of the northern pany, is in the city a guest at the Vernon. He is accompanied by his solicitor D. G. railways to Port Arthur, Admiral Alexieff, the Russian viceroy in the Far Macdonnell, of Vancouver. Mr. Henry Bast, requested him to invite the Chinese court to send an imperial prince to Port Arthur for the purpose of arrangwhich he has against the Victoria Terminal Company, and which is expected Burned to Death in Blaze Which Partiing matters directly with Viceroy Alexieff and away from Japanese intrigues. to come up in court in Vancouver next week. He is a large contractor in

Chicago, Milwaukee and other cities. St. Petersburg, Dec. 31.-The foreign office declares nothing has yet been decided regarding Russia's reply to Japan. Kurino, the Japanese minister here, has been conferring actively with Foreign He con ends that he is entitled to one half of the stock of the Victoria Terminal Company, and on that ground his action is partially based. When the company was financed by Mr. Wheeler, formerly agent of the Great Northern at Vancouver, Mr. Henry says he bought a half interest. Since that it has transpired that a majority of the stock is held by At Meeting of Temple Lodge, A. F. & the other shareholders, He contends that having bought a half interest he is en-

ed to it, and is pressing for it. In addition to this he wants the money advanced by him as a loan to the company paid back.
On these grounds he has entered

Temple lodge No. 33, A. F. & A. M., Duncans, were installed by District Deputy Grand Master E. B. Paul. The Mr. Henry believes that when the facilities possessed by the Victoria Terminal for laying down freight in bulk become advertised sufficiently in the East that the line should do a good bust less. The building of the Coast-Koot- for Cancer Sufferers enay line would also assist in its traffic very materially. He, therefore, is quite THE NEW CONSTITUTIONAL hopeful of the results.

FAST TRAIN DERAUED.

Ashtabula, Ohio, Dec. 31.—Fast pastively that our Constitutional treatment senger train No. 22 on the Lake Shore for Cancers and Tumors has cured some was derailed near here. Two engineers of the worst cases after operations did and one fireman are reported killed.

less by fire yesterday in North Boyne, N. Y. Four persons were injured. Nine ses were burned and five others

# REACH VICTORIA ON

Crossed the Continent in Seven Days-Something About Experiment Tried

in Transportation.

CHARMER LAST NIGHT

Point in special cars last night, and are to-day busy settling down in their new

They were met atothe C. P. R. wharf last night by the Fifth Regiment band, headed by which they marched up Bas-tion street and along Government to the corner of Yates, where cars were in waiting. A large number were on hand to witness the company's arrival, and a great deal of interest was manifested in so fine a looking body of men.

THREE PERISHED IN FIRE.

ally Destroyed the Troy Club.

Troy, N. Y., Dec. 30.-Moses T. Clough, the nester of the Rensslauer County Bank, and the only survivor of County Bank, and the only survivor of the class of 1848 of Dartmouth College, Wm. Shaw, head of the law firm of Shaw, Bailey & Murphy, of which former United States Senator Edward Murphy's son is a member, and Benjamin W. Kinney, manager for the Fuller-Warren Company in Boston, Mass., are dead, the victims of a fire which partially destroyed the Troy club in an early hour this morning, The outbreak broke out soon after a dinner of society people of this section had broken up in the building.

Henry F. Pullen crossed to Vancouver this morning. He will institute a ladies' circle of the Woodmen of the World this evening, returning on to-morrow's boat.

## There is Hope

TREATMENT SUCCESSFUL IN THE WORST CASES.

Those who suffer from cancers and Three Men Reported to Have Lost tumors must not lose hope because operations have failed to bring relief. We have cases on record which process. not permanently eradicate the disease. Learn all about our pleasant home treat During the past thirty days fifty-one ment before trying dangerous experitons of "Salada" Ceylon tea have been ments. end two stamps for book, "Canpassed through the customs for the cer. Its Cause and Cure." V. Stott & United States market.

Jury, Bowmanville, Ont. Jury, Bowmanville, Ont.

To Cure a Cold in One Day Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. 6. 7. Grove on every Seven Million bones sold in past 12 months. This signature, 6. 7. Grove box. 25c.  BUSINESS COMPLETED WITH MUCH CELERITY

Call Members of the Fire Department Petitioned for an Increase in Salary

Monday's meeting of the city couneil was a record breaker for brevity. It lasted only half an hour the order paper being unusually limited.

Mr. Justice Martin on behalf of residents of St. Charles street requested an electric light at the point where the street turns; also repairs to the thoroughfare. Referred to the electric light committee and the city engineer.

E. H. Fletcher, post office inspector, asked permission to attach certain letter boxes to electric light poles where convenient. Request granted subject to the approval of the city engineer, the permit to be drawn up by the city solicitor.

The water commissioner recommended that waterworks employees of the city be allowed one pair of gum boots yearly. Received and adopted.

The building inspector recommended the removal of a certain shack on Fort street. It was decided to notify the owners of the structure to meet the council, the time left in the hands of the Mayor.

The call members of the fire department petitioned for an increase in salaries in the following communication:

To His Worship the Mayor and the Board cil was a record breaker for brevity. It

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We now wish to lay before you a scale of pay which we consider a fair amount of remuneration for the services rendered by us, and trust that upon due consideration of same by your honorable body you will feel justified in acceding to our wishes in this regard.

Referred to the favorable consideration of next year's council ation of next years councir.

The finance committee recommended the appropriation of \$3,583.62 for the usual purposes. Adopted.

The sewer specification by-law was reconsidered, adopted and finally passed.

The council then adjourned.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENTS.

CHINETEL ENTERLANCE CONTROLLED A DEFENDANCE CONTROLLED AND A DEFENDANCE CONTROLLED AND

Cup.

Paris, Dec. 30.—Arnous de Riviere, the manager of the forthcoming interna-tional chess tournament, to be played at Monte Carlo, announced to-day that the following players had been selected to-start in the tournament for the challenge cup in February: Swiderski, of Berlin; Marco and Schlechter, of Vienna; Mar-shall, of New York: Marozy, of Buda Pest, and Gunsberg, of London.

REDUCING OIL.

Corsican, Tex., Dec. 30.—The Pipe line yesterday cut crude petroleum five cents a barrel, dropping the price to \$1.27. The ndvance began last May, when the price was 85 cents, and continued steadily until \$1.32 was reached. Heavy oil was cut to 55 cents.

CONSERVATIVES WILL MEET IN VICTORIA

Members of the Provincial Executive Discuss Measures to Discipline

OFFICERS INSTALLED

At Meeting of Vancouver-Quadra Lodge Last Monday at Masonic Temple —Enjoyable Banquet.

There was a large attendance at the installation of officers of Vancouver-Quadra Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M., which took place on Monday at the Masonic Temple, Douglas street. After the ceremony an adjournment was taken to the Victoria hotel, where a banquet had been prepared for the occasion, and the remainder of the evening was spent in pleasant social intercourse.

Promptly at the time appointed those who had gathered to take part in and witness the ceremony of installation were called to order. Right Worshipful Bro. E. B. Paul, district deputy grand master of the jurisdiction, was assisted by W. Brothers Geo. Glover. W. F. C. Pope, D. Wilson, A. McKeown, A. Walkley, Dr. Cobbett, B. S. Oddy, W. T. Phillips, S. B. Netherby, W. Dalby, H. L. Salmon, P. J. Riddell, A. A. Davies, W. T. Bainbridge, M. A. Thompson and Thos. Shotbolt, in conducting the ceremonies. Following are the officers who were installed: W. M., J. J. Randolph; S. W., A. Currie; J. W., H. M. Grahame; treasurer, B. S. Heisterman, secretary, M. W. Bro. R.

It Expects Government to Be Put in Hands of Competent Men

The British Columbia Logging & Lumber Company, operating at the northern end of Vancouver Island, has SOLDIERS DEPART determined to cease operations, as an-nounced in the Times a few days ago by special correspondence from Na-naimo. In a letter to the Nanaimo naimo. In a letter to the Nanaimo Herald the company states: "Logs in Vancouver and in the Sound

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law-abiding, tax-paying people of British Columbia." In an interview published in the Nanaimo Free Press, R. W. Wilson, of the B. C. Logging & Lumbering Company, says:

"There is only one thing for us to do; we must cease operations and close

Mr. Wilson, in explaining the situation, said that the action the company proposed to take was forced upon them by the new schedule of taxation on timber. They had, he continued, invested about \$75,000 in timber on Vancouver Island, which had cost them on the average of one dollar a Logging the timber costs from \$3.50 to

New York, Dec. 30.—The Journal of Commerce to-day says: "Immigration at this port in 1903 has passed all previous records. During the calendar year now ending 619,980 immigrants, steerage passengers, arrived here, as against 547,197 in 1902, increase of 72,283. It is estimated that some 2,000 more forginers will land here before January 1st, so that the total increase will probably be close on to 75,000."

ALL QUIET AT KISHINEFF.

FOR THE FAR EAST

Embarked on Empress of China This Morning-Interesting Scene

number to see them started on their long voyage.

Sergeant Wood, the well known footballer, accompanies the company as far as Hongkong, and from that point goes on to England to take a course in gunnery at Woolwich.

The company coming from Hallifax to succeed Company No. 83 will arrive here on the Charmer this evening. There are 183 men in the contingent. They are in charge of Major English, who on his arrival here and taking command at Work Point, will be promoted to the local rank of colonel.

VANCOUVER NEWS. Funeral of the Late N. C. Schou-The Merchant Service Guild.

The funeral of Mr. Nicolai C, Schou, who died in Victoria on Christmas morning, took place on Monday from Centre & Hanna's parlors to Trinity church, Fairview. The members of Enniskillen Lodge, L. O. L., were present at the funeral, which was attended by a large number of citizens.

The C. P. B. are building a new wharf 400 feet deep on the Vancouver harbor water front, east of Gore avenue, for the New England Fish Company.

O. L. LeRoy, who has been appointed mineralogical surveyor of the Imperial rallway of China, sailed on Monday for Shanghai.

A positive refusal to arbitrate was the decision of the joint associations of Chicago liverymen on Tuesday on the proposal submitted by the striking livery drivers. Many desertions from the union were reported were reported.

J. A. McBeth, his wife and five-yearold daughter and his brother-in-law,
Bert West, were burned to death at Ballinger in a fire which destroyed the furniture store of J. A. Ostertag.

Ex-Congressman John M. Glover, who
was wounded in the arm and arrested
by the military at Cripple Creek on
Monday, has been released by order of
Colonel Verdeckberk. His wound is not
serious.

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It is announced that President Loubet will visit Rome in April.

The National Shorthand Teachers' Association in session at Cincinnati was given an exhibition of remarkably rapid reporting on a blackboard on Tuesday, when Fred Ireland, official stenographer of the House of Representatives at Washington, wrose from dictation at the rate of 233 words per minute, and read the matter without an error in less than fifty seconds.

fifty seconds.

W. J. Bryan has returned to England from The Hague. Asked as to whether his study of the financial conditions abroad had resulted in any change in his views on the silver question, he replied: "Not the slightest." Mr. Bryan said he regretted that lack of time had prevented him from making a more extensive investigation of the social and industrial conditions of the countries through which he had passed.

UNEASINESS AMONG GERMANS. A General Rising of Hottentots in South Africa Is Feared.

Capetown, Dec. 30.-The Cape Times reports grave alarm throughout German territory in South Africa, and says that there are fears of a genera. Hottentor

time for experimenting when you've discovered that you are a victim of some one form or another of kidney disease. Lay hold of the treatment that thousands have pinned their faith to and has cured quickly and permanently. South American Kidney
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medicine as the kidney sufferer's truest
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"COMPANIES ACT. 1897."

Province of British Columbia.

No 244.

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The head office of the Company in this Province is situate at Victoria, B. C., and David MacEwen Eberts, whose address is Victoria, B. C., is the attorney of the Company.

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(L.S.)

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FIVE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FOUR AR

Heart-Rending Scenes at the Lady Tells of Escape From ing Chicago Theatre.

this time, omitted, and the

"On each recurring New Y practice, but now when Chi shadow of the greatest her history for a generation ing, whether by bells, whist horns or any other means, i "As mayor of Chicago I

this indulgence, and I would ries, boats and mil's to the hours of 12 and 1 o'clo city of Chicago has been strice heart. Not only have many of and daughters met death in of horrible and torturing for who seem to have passed fi knowledge, as no trace of th

The list of dead to-night c it was given last night, in the hood of 560. It is generall at this time that the most estimate is 564. This numincreased somewhat, as there in the homitals who cannot be a support to the service of the state of the service of the state of the service of the se in the hospitals who cannot any length of time. It is be ever, that the total number not in any event exceed 575. Including the missing, it that the total number of c the present time is approxim There are among the missing of many who are at their of some who were not at at all. In the first exciten ing the calamity, the people ported by their relatives as missing, and numbers of since returned to their ho report has been made to

When the names of the de still to be identified have from the list of missing, it that the extent of the cata be fully revealed.

Some of the most remarkab of the fire were not know day. F. L. Donaldson, a ch Western Union Telegraph handled a long telegraph s fire and its harvest of dea that his own wife was missing. When he went ho that she had gone to the hurriedly returned and sear through the morgues and t out to-day had not found the of the missing woman. six years old, was one of struck down and trampl Her body was removed by and taken to a drug store child was seen by had escaped uninjured. Fore the remarkable escapes w Winnie Gallagher, 12 year girl occupied a seat in the from the front on the mai assisted she made her v heads of the terror-stricke escaped. Her clothing was into shreds.

One of the most peculiar of fications was that of the he of Boyer Alexander, eight The lad's father, Dr. W. had sought his son all ni day, in examining the her son by a watch, a birthday his father, found on the re-A pitiful scene ended the tion of Marjorie Edwards, 1
of Clinton, Iowa. Her fath
Bdwards, who has been in
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cloth in her skirt, which h

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