

IT IS THE LAW IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Have Assent Yesterday—Officers Are Instructed.

DAYS ANYWAY.

Signed Bill Which Taxation on His in Coal.

Feb. 12.—(Special).—A Bill became the law of the land at 4:15 of the legislative day yesterday afternoon. Last night the capital, in Vancouver, and other coast and inland towns and cities, by the Attorney-General, the bill, were in readiness. They will remain in disallowance of the law. The gubernatorial bill law. That bowled by words. It was on bills, to which assent was given of assent marked scene, save that the galloped in expectation of a banquet.

Remained Seated. In the midst of an intense debate upon the Government's exemption of taxation in lieu of subsidy encouragement to construction, when His Excellency the Governor entered, the House occupants of the five seats on the first of the Speaker, those who remained seated. In the House, Mr. Thompson, of the ten bills, his assent. The official record: pleased, in His Majesty's assent to the bill, pronounced by the Clerk the following words: "I name His Honor the Governor, doth assent to."

Honor withdrew and the railway exemption. There was a surprising many exulted to receive a Federal

MEN KILLED BY METAL EXPLOSION

Furnace of Steelworks Gave Way—and Hundreds of Tons of Molten Iron Showered on Workmen.

Pittsburg, Feb. 12.—A dozen men were burned, two of them fatally, in a terrific explosion of molten steel at the Monongahela blast furnace of the National Tube Company, McKeesport, early to-day. The huge steel-plated furnace, one hundred feet in length, burst at the top, and fifty tons of liquid metal dropped to the floor, accompanied by explosions as it spread and splashed over the heads and bodies of the workmen nearby. A slip in the furnace caused hundreds of tons of iron ore, coke and limestone to drop to the bottom, forcing the heavy steel plates apart. The men ran, but the metal splashed into the air when it struck the cold floor, and the detonations broke all the windows in the plant for a radius of two squares, causing intense excitement in the town.

Injured by Premature Blast. E. Stokes, a workman engaged on the C. P. R. construction near Field, was badly burned yesterday morning, owing to the premature discharge of a blast. The injured man was brought to the city and taken to the General Hospital.

QUARREL ENDS IN A MURDER

Engineer Shot in a Cabin on the Tacoma and Eastern Railroad After an Argument Over Religion.

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 12.—(Special).—In a drunken quarrel apparently originating over an argument about religion, Edward Carrell, an engineer, shot and killed Patrick Murphy in Carrell's cabin at Harding, about 7:30 o'clock last night, on the Tacoma Eastern Railroad. Carrell had fought off the temptation to drink since last Christmas, and it was only after the urgings of Murphy that his pledge was broken, and the two men went to Kapowas in order to celebrate the birth Sunday, of a baby boy in the Murphy household. When they returned to Harding last night they entered into a discussion, one word led to another, and before the two realized it they were engaged in a drunken scuffle. Nothing serious resulted, however, until they went to the cabin of Frank Jenkins, Carrell having brought some fruit for the Jenkins children. Carrell became boisterous a few minutes after their arrival, and flourished a revolver about, twice pointing it at Jenkins' wife. Here the previous discussion was re-

BARRIER AGAINST THE HORDES OF ASIA IS UP TO-DAY

Natal Act Is in Full Force and Effect Throughout the Province.

CLASH OVER JAPS LIKELY.

Trouble May Come Because of Ottawa's Failure to Guard Interests.

THE next Japanese or Hindu who breaks into the milk and honey pastures of British Columbia will have to be a past master of the English language. The Natal Act of the Conservative Government of this province, signed yesterday by the Lieutenant-Governor, is in full force and operation to-day, and its provisions will be carried out to the letter. Copies of the act, full instructions and regulations have been furnished to every provincial constable in British Columbia, and to-day the entire border line of the province is a barrier behind which no alien who is unable to satisfy the officers that he is entitled to enter the country may set foot. Every boat reaching British Columbia from a foreign port and every train entering the province is subject to and will be inspected by the immigration officers.

Mr. Murray Has a Talk.

Acting Superintendent of Provincial Police Murray of Victoria, who has set in motion the machinery for the enforcement of the Natal Act, reached Vancouver this morning, and held a long conference with Chief Provincial Constable Campbell, Vancouver and Chief Superintendent of the Westminster relative to the consequences of the act. The act, issued by the Government, provides that any alien who is suspected and examined by the border from Washington will be examined. The trains will be looked at, and the Great Northern. The fact that Sir Laurier is accepting the Ancestry provisions for Canada to avail himself of the Japanese exclusion act, is a clash with the provisions of the act. About Disfranchisement. Queensland became this day, it reflected the situation, and when negotiating to become a party to the treaty Sir Wilfrid Laurier was asked if he would accept the whole or only part of Queensland had done. The whole thing, hence the probability of a clash.

THEY WILL SEEK GOLD IN FRASER RIVER

Boston Capitalists Acquire Three Miles of Placer Ground Near Lillooet and Make Initial Payment To-day.

Three miles of placer ground in the Fraser River near Lillooet have been bought by a syndicate of Boston capitalists. The first payment was made to-day by Mr. F. H. Downs, their representative who is in the city, accompanied by a well known mining expert, Mr. Percy Williams. The ground was recently inspected by Mr. Williams, who expressed his ability of building a type of dredge capable of handling the gravel and saving the gold. Efforts by other companies in the same vicinity, in the past have been unsuccessful. It is understood that the first dredge will be in operation early this summer, and that other similar devices will be utilized as fast as they can be built.

DARING BANDITS GET LARGE SUM

Pistol Battle with Bold Desperadoes and Townspeople of Willard, Mo., Fails to Stop the Criminals.

Springfield, Mo., Feb. 12.—One of the boldest and most successful bank robberies, from the standpoint of booty secured, ever perpetrated in this part of the country occurred early to-day, when five bandits cracked the safe in a bank at Willard, Mo., and escaped with \$10,000 in cash. Willard is located fifteen miles from Springfield. The burglars forced their way into the bank while the peaceful citizens of Willard were sleeping and the safe to pieces with three charges of nitro-glycerine. The explosion aroused the townspeople, who rushed from their homes to learn the cause of the noise. Several citizens engaged in a pistol battle with the bandits, who, firing as they ran, boarded a handcar on the Frisco Railroad and made a dash toward the Ozarks. Poses are on their trail.

INSURANCE BILL DISCUSSED TO-DAY

Request Is Made that Rebating Be Prohibited Under Severe Penalties. Ottawa, Feb. 12.—The Commerce, Banking and Commerce Committee this morning took up the discussion of the Government Insurance Bill. It was decided to have evidence presented to the committee in matter printed for distribution from day to day. D. Campbell, on behalf of the Fire Insurance Agents' Association, asked for the insertion of a clause in the Insurance Bill.

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