INVESTIGATING MINE DISASTER

New Jury Inquiring Into Explosion by Which Thirty-one Men Were Killed

Bellevue, Alta., Jan. 4.—The inquiry into the mining disaster was resumed here yesterday. The inquest opened on December 9 but was adjourned by the refusal of two of the jurymen to go on in the case because of their misunderstanding of the scope the investitgation was to take. Coroner Pinkey, at the time of adjournment, summoned the jury to meet yesterday and upon convening discharged them from further duty in the case. On a written order from Mr. Justice Stewart of the supreme court, he adjourned the session until the arrival of the delayed westbound express, upon which the attorneys and Court Stenographer Powell were travelling to be in attendance.

The foreman of the new jury is James W. Gresham, of Frank. Coroner Pinkey read his declaration to thte attorney-general, setting out the facts which had caused the adjournment of the case upon the 10th of last month, and Attorney-General Mitchell's authorization for the present proceedings ordering that the case be continued, without disinterring the bodies of the thirty-one dead men upon whose death and the causeq which led to that death, they were to pass judgment.

Thus by agreement and through instructions of Attorney-General Mitchell, a very awkward condition was smoothed out very successfully, and the coroner was in a position to go on with the case as though nothing had occurred to hinder the proceedings.

The jury were anxious to have a copy of the evidence taken each day laid before them on the next morning, but as this could not be arranged for Athorney Campbell promised to secure a copy of evidence bearing upon any important point.

As upon the first opening of the trial, James Burke was the first witness called, this time for the purpose of identifying the dead men, as he, as secretary of the local miners' union, had been acquainted with them and had seen and recognized their bodies at the morge after they had been taken from the mine. Mr. Burke had known all these men except F. A. Anderson, the rescuer from Hosmer, but was able to identify him also, as he had seen him both before and after his death on the morning of the 10th of December. He was able also to swear as to where they had been buried.

MARINE NOTES

To fulfill the position of manager of the British Columbia Salvage Company, Esquimalt, Capt. M. S. Wilson, F. R. G. S., formerly one of the officials of the Liverpool Salvage Association, has arrived in this city. Capt. Wilson, during the lengthy time he was in England, was very successful as a salvage expert, and in him the local company believe they have secured a competent man for the managership of their firm.

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Work in converting the C. P. R. steamer Princess May, which was recently launched from the B. C. Marine Ways after having her plates and frames injured as the result of her grounding on Sentinel island repaired, into an oil burner, is being rushed with all speed so as to have the northern flyer ready for the spring rush. It will be several weeks before she will leave Esquimalt for the inner harbor.

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To take over the new steamship purchased by the Northern Steamship Company, Mr. Eadie, one of the officials of the company, has left Vancouver for England. The company recently sold one of its northern boats the Petriana, to the Canadian Northern Pacific Waling Company, and have now secured a new and larger vessel to take her place on the Stewart, Prince Rupert and Vancouver run.

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With 3,800 tons of wheat in her hold, the British barque Lynton left Puget Sound on Monday for the United Kingdom. She is under charter to the Portland Flouring Mills and Kerr, Gifford & Co. The Lynton is in command of Capt. C. N. Morell, and is the first sailing vessel to leave the Sound this year.

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Under charter to the Portland Flouring Mills, the British ship Blythswood, Capt. H. Johnson, with 2,376 tons of wheat aboard, left to-day for England. The Blythswood, which was on Puget Sound two years ago, loaded a wheat cargo for the United Kingdom of 2,316 tons. The reason for her increased cargo arises from the fact that her load line was changed while she was in Europe last year.

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Another sailing vessel under charter to the Portland Flouring Mills is the French barque Duquesne, which will load a cargo of wheat for the United Kingdom.

LOSES LIFE IN BLIZZARD.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 4.—The blizzards of Alaska have claimed another victim in John Ness, one of three brothers, among the most prominent and successful mining men of the Kuskokwim valley.

Ness lost his life about three weeks ago in the effort to make a cutoff from one of the Kuskokwim creeks to Georgetown. He was caught by a blizzard on one of the divides and his body has not yet been recovered although several searching parties have gone over the country and his brothers have made every effort to find his remains.

While the search was on another great blizzard sprang up which lasted several days, and all hope was abandoned of finding the missing man alive.

DECISION AGAINST U. S. GOVERNMENT

Lower Courts Upheld in Quashing Indictments in Libel Action

Washington, D. C., Jan. 4.—The Supreme court of the United States ruled against the government in the case of the Press Publishing Company, publishers of the New York World, against which libel action had been brought in the courts of the District of Columbia. The Supreme court upheld the ruling of the lower courts in quashing the indictments on the ground that the federal courts had no jurisdiction in the case.

The indictments against the World were brought after the presidential campaign in 1908, when, near the close of the campaign, a story was printed representing that in the sale of the French canal company, formerly holders of the Panama canal site, certaitn prominent persons, among them Douglas Robinson, brother-in-law of Col. Roosevelt, had profited enormously. The colonel, then president, issued a statement hotly denying the charges and attacking the World, the Indianapolis News and other papers carrying the story. He urged that libel proceedings be brought against the publishers. The result was that indictments were returned by the federal grand jury in the District of Columbia. The case against the Indianapolis News was dismissed when the federal courts in Indiana, Judge Anderson presiding, decided that the publishers of the News could not be extridited to Washington for trial on an alleged offence which, if it was committed at all, must have been committed in Indianapolis.

The federal courts of New York quashed the indictments against the Press Publishing Company on the ground that the federal courts had no jurisdiction in the case. On this plea the case was carried to the supreme court by the government for final hearing. The highest court upheld the finding of the federal district court.

The suit against the World was based on the fact that the paper was circulated in the West Point military reservation. The articles, it was alleged, defamed President Taft, Col. Roosevelt, Douglas Robinson, William Nelson Cromwell and Chas P. Taft.

The government appealed to test the jurisdiction of the federal courts over the military reservation. The government considered the point one of great importance and the case was advanced on the calendar at the instance of the attorney-general.

INVESTIGATING DISASTER.

Matches Found on Bodies of Two Men Killed in Bellevue Mine.

Bellevue, Alta., Jan. 5.—The developments of yesterday's proceedings before Coroner Pinkney were not many, but important. Dr. Malcolmson repeated his testimony as to the cause of death, adhering to his opinion that the men died of monoxide gas poison. Doctors Ross and Mackay corroborated Malcolmson.

Alsop, night watchman at the mines, had helped to wash the three men who had been brought out of the mine on Saturday night and had found matches, tobacco and a pipe on one and matches upon the body of another. These men had been injured upon the face and hands and the skin roughened up over their injuries when washed. He would not state positively that these injuries had been caused by burns.

Robert Livett, a miner who had worked in the mine, had been in the party which found the bodies brought out Saturday night. One of the bodies had a bruise upon the forehead and face, another had an injury upon the back of the hand, which he took to be a burn.

Secretary Burke, of the local union, repeated his evidence regarding the sending of the telegram on the second of December asking Inspector Stirling to have the mine inspected in pursuance to instructions of the local passed on the first of the month.

MEXICAN REVOLUTION.

Another Small Town Reported to Have Been Taken by Rebels.

Mexico City, Jan. 5.—Coshuiratchio, a town of 3,000 inhabitants, south of San Andreas, in the state of Chihuahua, is reported to have fallen into the hands of the rebels.

General Navarro is believed to be now on the way from Pedernales to assault Guerrero, where the rebels have been gathering for some time.

Newspaper reports from Chihuahua say Nacozari, a mining camp in the state of Sonora, is threatened by a body of revolutionists believed to be a portion of those from Mal Paso. From the same source it is learned that Lieut. Col. Julio Carvantes has recently had an encounter near the Mexican colony of Janos in Chihuahua. After a fight lasting two hours, the rebels fled northward, and are believed to have crossed the frontier.

—H. C. Hanington, a member of the local bar, announces his candidature for the school board. He has been eleven years in the province, during six of which he was a school trustee in Grand Forks.

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—Thomas Ashe, who for the past year has been chairman of the Oak Bay school board, and whose term of office expires, will offer for re-election. Mr. Ashe has been one of the most active members of the board and takes a great interest in all that pertains to the schools. It was his intention to retire on account of the large amount of work entailed, but he has reconsidered his decision and will be a candidate again. There are two positions to be filled, and there are so far two candidates, Thomas Ashe and Judge Lampman. It is thought not improbable that these two may be returned by acclamation. It is understood that W. Noble, who expressed his intention of running both for the school board and for the council, will not be a candidate for both, running only for council.

A novelty has been introduced into the services at St. Michael's church, Stonebridge, Willesden, Eng. Sacred selections are played on a large gramophone, and brief addresses upon the music and composers are given by the vicar, Canon Humphreys.

AMATEURS MIX IN LIVELY CLASHES

Empress Athletic Club Stages a Fine Evening's Entertainment

A varied and attractive programme was put on Monday night at the A. O. U. W. hall under the auspices of the Empress Athletic club. Nine bouts in all were staged and there was something doing all the time. The session was not devoid of sensational incident, there being three first-round knockouts. The stellar bout of the evening was that between Joe Bailey, of Victoria West, and Billy Hill, of the Empress Athletic club. The men fought at catch weights and Bailey put his opponent away in the first round with a stiff right to the mid-section, so close to the belt line that there was some doubt as to whether it was a foul or not. The other bouts resulted as follows:

Charlie Godfrey, of the Empress A. C., gained the decision over Willie O'Keefe, unattached, in 4 rounds.

Karl Schultz, of the Y. M. C. A., won in 3 rounds from Gunner Greer, of the Garrison Recreation club.

Scottie McKay, of the West Side A. C., Toronto, knocked out Sailor Grumbrell, of the H. M. C. S. Rainbow, in the first round.

"Bumps" Williams, of the Esquimalt Athletic club, gained the verdict over Billy Kersey, of the Empress A. C., in 3 rounds.

Lawrence Ricketts of the Esquimalt A. C., outpointed Frankie Scott of the Y. M. C. A., after fighting an extra round.

Gunner Brown, of the Garrison Recreation club, beat Bill Lane, of the Empress A. C., the fight being stopped by the police in the fourth round, as Lane was very badly punished.

Gunner Ulph, ex-army champion of India, got Eddie Moody's goat after fighting an extra round, and George Woodley, of the Esquimalt A. C., wound up the evening in spectacular fashion by knocking out Corporal Hern of H. M. S. Egeria in the first round.

The officials of the evening were: master of ceremonies, John P. Sweeney; referee, Sammy Durty; judges Messrs. Muir and Smith; timer, Lenny Oliver; secretary, Frank Fox.

POSITION OF WEIR LINERS.

Positions of the various vessels in the fleet of steamships operated by the shipping firm of Frank Waterhouse & Co., according to latest available information, are given in the table which follows:

Aymeric—At Tacoma; to sail for Oriental ports via Seattle and Vancouver, January 13.

Boveric—Sailed from San Francisco on Australian Mail line, January 2.

Hallamshire—Sailed from Yokohama for Victoria, December 21.

Kumeric—Sailed from Seattle for Yokohama, December 21.

Mineric—Sailed from Auckland, for Sydney, December 24.

Oceano—At Vancouver.

Quito—At Portland; to sail via Puget Sound for Kobe, Hongkong and Manila, about January 3.

Suveric—Arrived Hongkong, December 27.

Strathtay—To load at Tacoma, Seattle and Vancouver, for Shanghai direct, about January 20.

SENT TO PRISON.

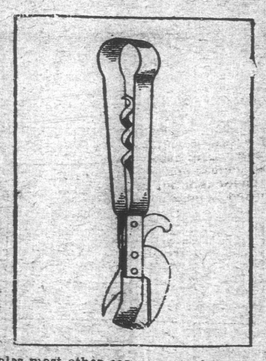
Jersey City, Jan. 5.—Gallagher was yesterday sentenced to 12 years for attacking Edwards at the time of the Gaynor shooting.

The state determined to try Gallagher on the Edwards case rather than on the charge of assault with intent to kill in connection with the attack on Gaynor, believing it offered a better chance for certain conviction. The trial yesterday followed the decision of Dr. Allen McLane Hamilton, that Gallagher was sane. Dr. Hamilton declared that Gallagher's insanity was evidently a sham.

USEFUL CAN OPENER.

Takes Tops Off Bottles and Has a Corkscrew Besides.

A can opener that is a regular cabinet of tools has been designed by a New York man. In addition to opening tin cans and boxes, this implement will remove the paper tops from milk bottles and the crown caps from beer-bottles, take out the flat corks from mustard bottles and jars and draw the cork of any other kind of bottle. In general appearance the tool resem-



bles most other can openers, but there is a spiked projection above the main blade and a hook in the rear of it. This upper spike is for lifting out milk-bottle caps, which are often hard to get out with the fingers or a fork, and for extracting the flat corks, for which it is scarcely worth while to use a corkscrew. The corkscrew, by the way, is hinged to the tool and folds into the handle when not in use. The hook is for removing the caps from beer and soft-drink bottles. As a matter of fact, this implement is more of a bottle opener than a can opener.

JOHN L. CARD MOST UNFORTUNATE CRAFT

Catches Fire After Having Hull Repaired at Seattle, Which Does Damage

Within twenty-four hours after she was launched from the Elliott Bay dry dock, Puget Sound, after having a hole in her hull repaired, the well-known local freighter John L. Card was seriously damaged at Seattle on Saturday afternoon by fire. While Capt. Fletcher was ashore a blaze of unknown origin was discovered in the aft hold. There were no fire-fighting facilities on board, and some of the crew had to row from the vessel, which was lying in the east waterway, off the Hefferman dock, to shore to give the alarm. The fire tug Duwamish quickly extinguished the flames, but not till the staterooms and upper works were destroyed. Captain Fletcher lost $300 and all his clothing.

She had no cargo on board at the time of the fire, which for a period threatened to destroy her. The Card, which is owned in Victoria, is a wooden ship of about 100 tons burden and valued at approximately $20,000. For many years she has been engaged in the coasting trade and of late ill-fate seems to be following her. A week ago she limped into Seattle after being floated off the rocks at Deception pass, with a big hole stove in her hull, and after discharging her cargo went on the dry dock.

Several months ago while lying alongside the Victoria Machinery Depot wharf, loading supplies for Prince Rupert, the John L. Card sank to the bottom of the harbor. One of her seacocks was left open and her holds filled with water, and several days were occupied in raising the craft. Much of her cargo was ruined as a result.

IDAHO DIVORCE LAWS.

Boise, Idaho, Jan. 4.—Urging the enactment of a bill providing for the passage of the initiative and referendum, Governor Hawley's first message to the Idaho legislature was read before the legislators yesterday.

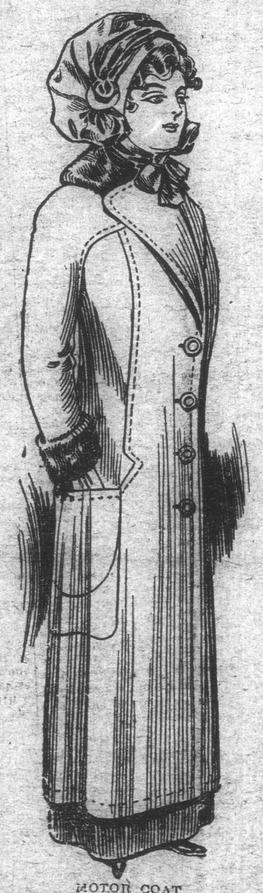
If the Governor's suggestion concerning divorces is followed by the legislature, Idaho will not be a Mecca for those inclined toward severance of matrimonial ties. In his message he recommends that the legislature enact a law requiring a legal residence of one year in the state before a divorce decree can be granted.

Other important items contained in the message includes a recommendation for the repeal of the Sunday rest law, the enactment of an income tax law, and the extension of the terms of district and probate judges to six years.

He also asks that the legislature appropriate $400,000 to complete the main section of the capitol building.

PRESENTATION TO PASTOR.

Kelowna, Jan. 4.—At the Presbyterian Sunday school Christmas entertainment, held in the Sunday school hall, Rev. A. W. K. Herdman was presented with a well-filled purse from the congregation of Knox church. The presentation was made by Geo. E. Hoyer. Mr. Herdman suitably expressed his thanks for the splendid and seasonable gift.



MOTOR COAT

A good-looking and practical coat of heavy cloth buttoning well up to the chin and trimmed with fur collar and cuffs. Note the cut of sleeves, which are in one with shoulders of coat. Seams are heavily stitched, large buttons effect a closing, and huge pockets are attached on either side.

The bonnet worn with this coat is also very practical as well as comfortable. It is made of soft satin, with an interlining of quilted silk.

ALLEGED POOLING BY STEAMSHIP LINES

Injunction Proceedings Instituted Against Trans-Atlantic Companies

New York, Jan. 5.—Federal District Attorney Wise yesterday brought injunction proceedings against the so-called pool of trans-Atlantic steamship lines, asking that their boats be restrained from entering any American ports or the ports in any of the United States possessions.

The action brought by the government is the result of the recent expose of the alleged pooling by the steamship companies and a division of the steerage or ground business.

The complaint mentions all of the largest steamship companies, including the Cunard, White Star line, Red Star line, American line, Dominion line, Anchor line, Hamburg-American, North German-Lloyd, Holland-American, Canadian Pacific and the Russian East Asiatic.

The action is brought under the Sherman anti-trust law and is an aftermath of the rumors of long circulation that all competition in trans-Atlantic passenger and freight business had been eliminated through secret pooling arrangements formulated on the other side.

In its petition the government prays the court to "enjoin the defendants from further agreeing, combining and conspiring to injure or destroy the business of any person or corporation engaged in the business of carrying steerage passengers between points in the United States and Europe.

"Further, that each, every and all of the defendant steamship lines be forbidden to clear any of their vessels from or at the port of New York or any other port of entry in the United States or any of its possessions, so long as they shall continue to operate under the aforesaid alleged unlawful combination or conspiracy."

The complaint charges that the defendants "for some time have been engaged in the United States, and particularly in the southern district of New York, in an unlawful combination to restrain a part of the commerce of the United States with foreign nations."

Under the terms of the contract, these lines agreed, it is alleged to divide their steerage traffic on a pro rata allotment with the express stipulation that no member should carry steerage passengers in excess of such allotted percentage. To provide against violations a penalty of £4 ($20) on each excess passenger was provided for in the alleged agreement.

A further alleged agreement stipulated, that whenever the monthly accounts of any line showed it had exceeded or remained below its percentage, it should either raise or lower its rates, to effect a re-distribution with the express stipulation that whenever possible, rates should be raised rather than lowered.

The alleged contract exacted from each signatory the deposit of a promissory note for an amount equal to £1000 for each one per cent. of the traffic allotted to the signatory. Upon withdrawal of any member of the conference without permission from all the others, this deposit was to be forfeited. It also was subject to forfeiture if any members failed to pay the £4 fine for each excess passenger.

All forfeits and fines were to be divided among the members not penalized and matters in dispute were to be referred to an arbitrator who was given the further power of imposing a penalty of £250 on any member who disobeyed any of the provisions of the contract.

ENGLISH SOCCER GAMES.

London, Jan. 4.—Following are the results of first division football games played yesterday:

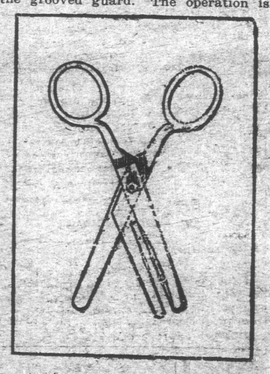
Manchester City 2, Tottenham Hotspur 1.

Newcastle United 1, Preston North End 1.

FOR REMOVING BUTTONS.

Grooved Guard Guides Buttons and Protects Cloth From Blades.

A unique pair of scissors, designed expressly for the removal of buttons, has been invented by an Indiana man. Its chief feature is a guard device which, besides guiding the button, protects the cloth from being cut. In appearance the implement resembles an ordinary pair of scissors except that attached to one end of the blades is the grooved guard. The operation is



apparent at a glance. The groove receives the button and sliding between it and the garment it is attached to, protects the latter while the threads are snipped through at the same time raising the button to facilitate this. With this implement all the buttons can be removed from a coat without any danger to the latter in the same time it would take to remove one by the old method, which required a careful cutting of the threads to avoid getting a piece of the cloth between the scissors' blades. Tailors and seamstresses will appreciate the time thus saved.

KING OF GREECE IS SAVING MONEY

Looks Forward to Time When He Will Probably Have to Abdicate

King George I., the former Danish prince who has surprised everyone by sitting fast on the wobbly throne of Greece these forty-seven years past, apparently has never forgotten the days of his youth, when his parents, who has not yet been called to the Danish throne, were notoriously poor. At 68 years of age the King of Greece finds himself among the very wealthiest members of European royalty. His reputation for thrift is such, in fact, that it has been said he still has the first money which came to him after his accession to the throne of Greece in 1863. However this may be, it is certain that he has managed to save a tidy sum each year out of his civil list. Much of his savings has been safely invested in realty, while the remainder has been used by the monarch in speculating on the Paris bourse, in which he has been eminently successful. In recent years he has invested large sums in American securities.

It is an open secret that King George, were it not for consideration of the members of his family, would welcome a political upheaval in Greece such as recently deprived the young King of Portugal of his throne. Many times during the last quarter of a century the King of the Hellenes has been reported on the point of abdicating. That he undoubtedly expects such an event to occur sooner or later is evidenced by the careful preparations he has made for the future. Practically his entire fortune has been invested outside of Greece, and only within the past month or so he has concluded the purchase of two magnificent estates in Denmark, evidently to be used for his own residence when the time comes for him to finally quit Athens.

—The bank clearings for the week ending January 3 were $1,830,879.

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—The Friendly Help Society's rooms at the market buildings will not be open until January 16.

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—In the Supreme court on Tuesday, before Mr. Justice Gregory, the case of Richards against Verrinder was resumed. The morning was occupied with the reading of the evidence taken at the last sitting of the court in this case. The evidence was not all read to the jury when the court adjourned at lunch time.

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—The B. C. Hydraulic Power Co., Ltd., Vancouver, is making application under the Water Act for a water record of 500 cubic feet per second, to be taken from Nanaimo river and lakes at a dam 30 feet high, about 1,200 feet above Nanaimo falls, and raising the water level to a point 3,500 feet above the point of diversion.

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—The youths, Charles and Stanley Irwin, who were remanded on Tuesday morning in the police court on charges of breaking and entering the grocery store at Oak Bay Junction, and of having stolen goods in their possession, were Wednesday found guilty and sentenced. Charles Irwin received nine months for breaking and entering and Stanley Irwin received six months for having stolen goods in his possession.

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—A very successful concert and dance was given Tuesday eve. in A. O. U. W. hall in aid of the Rock Bay hospital. The hall was tastefully decorated, and the songs and recitations, and especially the playlet entitled "Mr. St. Nicholas," were greatly appreciated. There was a large attendance. Mrs. W. A. Gleason, Miss Vera Basso, Miss Naomi Plows, Miss Euretta Gillen and Miss Norma Grice recited, and solos were rendered by Misses Purdy and Crooks, and Mr. Oliver.

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—The quarterly general meeting of the board of trade will be held Friday, January 13. Members desirous of introducing business on that occasion are requested to send particulars to the secretary as soon as possible. The council of the board will meet on Tuesday morning next to arrange an agenda paper of business for the quarterly meeting. At the council meeting a number of committee reports, including that of the railway freights committee, will be presented. Among other business to be considered will be the Companies Act of 1910.

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—In the opinion of the city solicitor, now that the case of Heatherington vs. Humphreys has been discontinued, there is nothing to prevent the city proceeding with the work of extending Bellot street through to Linden avenue. The cost of expropriating the necessary land is estimated at $10,000, and will be assessed against the owners on the street between Cook and Linden avenue. A final decision in the matter will be reached at next Friday evening's meeting of the streets committee, when owners objecting to the proposal will have an opportunity of being heard.

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—W. J. Hanna, father of the Pandora avenue improvement scheme, makes another suggestion which may prove of importance. He urges that the B. C. Electric company should be asked to construct a belt car line which would run from the end of the Oak Bay line around the beach to the junction with Fort street, produced at the Bowker homestead, and thence to the end of the Fort street car line. A line on Pandora street through to Fort street would complete the belt line and cars could thus run from Douglas street through to Oak Bay and return along Fort street to Government street, without change.

Bees of the United States are given credit for producing $20,000,000 worth of honey each year and with helping to grow clover worth twice as much by cross-pollenization.

MERGER OF POWER AND LIGHT COMPANIES

New Concern Will Operate Along the Route of the Trent Valley Canal

Toronto, Jan. 5.—The Seymour Power and Electric Company, Ltd., the Peterborough Light and Power Co., Ltd., the Peterboro Radial Railway Company, the Auburn Power Co. of Peterboro, Ltd., the Trenton Electric and Water Company, Ltd., the Sydney Electric Power Company, Ltd., the Nipissing Power Company, Ltd., Oshawa Electric Light Company, Ltd., the City Gas Company of Oshawa, Ltd., Cobourg Utilities Corporation, Ltd., Northumberland Durham Power Company, Ltd., and Central Ontario Power Company have formed a merger under the name of the Electric Power Company, Limited, with a Dominion charter. This is an open move to head off the usefulness of the Hydro-Electric Powder Commission in the Trent Valley by securing control of the power development rights from Kingston to Oshawa. The Electric Power Company, Ltd. derives its energy chiefly from the Seymour Power and Electric Company, Limited, at Cambellford, and proposes to develop "as speedily as possible a number of powers along the route of the Trent Valley canal from Burleigh Falls to Trenton." Power to regulate rates in this area is denied the Hydro Electric Commission. The Dominion government has offered in place of this regulation by the railway commission.

SEATTLE BUILT SHIP LAUNCHED

Seattle's first vessel to be constructed almost entirely from materials manufactured upon the shores of Puget Sound, and the second largest steel vessel to be built locally for use on Sound, the steamer Sioux, designed for service on the Seattle-Irondale-by-Townsend run of the Inland Navigation Company, was successfully launched at the Moran shipyards on Saturday in the presence of more than 1,000 persons prominent in shipping, commercial and social walks. Miss Belle Angus Burns, daughter of Manager Frank Burns, of the company which owns the Sioux, acted as sponser for the new vessel.

The Sioux is 57 feet long, 24 feet beam, and 12 feet deep. The vessel is built entirely of steel and equipped to accommodate 600 passengers on day run. The vessel will be propelled by four-cylinder triple expansion engines and make a daily speed of fifteen knots an hour with a trial, and emergency speed of sixteen knots an hour.

With considerable freight and a number of passengers, the C.P.R. steamer Tees is due to arrive this evening from Clayoquot and other west coast points.

According to advices received here the Canadian-Mexican liner Lonsdale, Capt. Bates, cleared Guaymas on Friday night last for Salina Cruz, which port she is due at on January 5.

TO IMPROVE GUAYMAS HARBOR.

It has been learned that the Mexican government is to spend $3,500,000 for a quadrangular inner harbor sea wall at Guaymas. The inner harbor there will be dredged and deepened to a uniform depth of over 26 feet and suitable docks built, enabling large sea-going liners to unload at a dock instead of two miles out.

Extensive jetty work is also being planned at Tampico, where 50-ton blocks of concrete will be put in on the end of the jetties.

OBITUARY RECORD

The death of Marie Blair, aged 48, occurred at the Jubilee hospital Tuesday. The deceased was a native of Germany and had for the last eighteen years been an inmate of the W. C. T. U. refuge home.

The death occurred at the Jubilee hospital, on Tuesday, of Edward Neal Farmer, aged 26, after a long illness. Deceased was a native of Hanworth, England, and was a member of the Sons of England. He was a sailor on the Princess May. The remains are lying at the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Co.'s parlors, from which place the funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon at 1.30 o'clock.

The many friends of Mrs. George Johnson (nee Miss Mamie Dwyer), daughter of the late Joseph Dwyer, one of Victoria's pioneers, will hear with regret of her sudden death at Portland, Ore., on December 27. Previous to her departure for Portland Mrs. Johnson for many years resided in Victoria and was liked by all by whom she was known.

A telegram from Dawson City announces the death of George Gardiner Dougherty, an old pioneer of British Columbia. He was well known in Victoria, having come here from California during the Cariboo gold excitement. In a recent letter to his wife, he expressed his intention of returning to the coast in the spring. Mr. Dougherty was born in Londonderry, Ireland, and emigrated to the States at the age of twelve, first settling in Philadelphia and afterwards going to California. He belonged to the Pioneers' society. He leaves a widow and three daughters, one residing in New York, the others being Mrs. G. A. Truesdell and Miss Agnes Dougherty, of this city. Other relatives survive him in Louisiana.

The death occurred at Salt Spring Island, Tuesday morning, of William Lumly, aged 55 years. He is survived by a widow and a large family. Interment will be made in the Salt Spring Island cemetery.

The Chinese government will establish an arsenal to manufacture its own ordnance.