NEED IS SHOWN FOR NEW DOCK

New Chargeurs Reunis Steamer Unable to be Accommodated at Esquimalt

COMPANY IS DISAPPOINTED

Sought Arrangement to Have All Its Vessels Overhauled at This Port

(From Sunday's Daily.)

The French steamer Malte, of the Chargeurs Reunis, arrived yesterday morning and proceeded to Nanaimo to load bunker coal. The Malte is the first of the new steamers added to the round-the-world service of the French line and was to have gone to Esquimalt to enter the drydock for cleaning, painting and overhauling, if the dock had not been too small to accommodate the vessel. When the graving dock at Esquimalt was built in the eighties it was generally considered that no steamer would be floated too large to be accommodated. The general modern trend of heavy tonnage for vessels is, however, such that the dock is now being found too small, and a new dock, longer and larger than that now in use is necessary to accommodate the shipping which is already using this port, and which promises to come in future.

When the French liner Amiral Fourichon, the last of the Chargeurs Reunis' steamers to be docked at Esquimalt was here, an arrangement was made whereby each of the vessels of the French fleet was to be docked here. When the measurements of the Malte, Ceylon, Quessant and Corse, the newest of the company's fleet, were received, it was found that each of these vessels was 30 feet longer than the drydock, even when the gate was placed at the outermost notch. In consequence the arrangement for the dockage of these vessels had, of necessity, to be cancelled. The cancellation of the arrangement was a great disappointment to the French line as, being located at the end of the outward voyage, Esquimalt was considered the most satisfactory place for the steamers to be docked. Whether the seven other steamers of the Amiral type which are used in connection with the four larger steamers of the Malte type will be docked here is uncertain, as the company will probably arrange to have all the steamers docked where the largest vessels can be accommodated, probably at Nagasaki, Japan, or at the Kowloon dock at Hongkong.

The necessity for a new dock is considered urgent, especially in consideration of the cutting of the Panama canal which, it is pointed out, will increase the shipping making use of Victoria. Shipping men state that it will be necessary for the bulk of the shipping bound to the far east from Europe by way of the Panama canal to come to Victoria or vicinity to bunker, and, with the coming of greater numbers of large ships of modern type, a large dock is a necessity.

The Chargeurs Reunis line proposes, it is said, to build three other steamers of the Malte type if they are found as successful as expected, which will replace smaller steamers of the Amiral type used in the round-the-world service, and, if any of these vessels are to be docked here, a larger dock will be needed. The largest steamer which has entered the Esquimalt dock was the German steamer Abessenia of the Kosmos line, and in order to accommodate this vessel, it was necessary to move the gate of the drydock to the further point, and even with the extension thus made the overhang of the steamer's stern protruded beyond the dock's limits. Since the last Kosmos liners were at Esquimalt two vessels of the line made application for the dock without success owing to the dock being engaged for other vessels, and from that time the German company has not sought to secure the dock for its vessels.

The next vessel to be docked is the German steamer Augustus, a freighter which arrived some days ago for orders and has been lying at Esquimalt. The Augustus, which was formerly the British steamer Waikatu, owned in New Zealand, will enter the dock this morning.

Egg Price Down

New Westminster, March 14.—The city market was largely attended yesterday and the amount of produce sold was greater than usual. The only change in price was for eggs, which dropped to twenty-five cents a dozen.

Body in False Creek

Vancouver, March 14.—Yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock the body of an unknown man was found floating in False creek at the rear of Macdonald & Marpole's coal yards. There was absolutely nothing on the body of the deceased to establish his identity and it will no doubt be another of the city's unravelled mysteries. A newspaper was found in one of his pockets bearing the date of December 27, and as the remains are in a very advanced state of decomposition, it is presumed that the tragedy might have occurred on that date. He seems to be about 40 years old, but his exact age will never be learned.

Queen Victoria Mine

Nelson, March 14.—Work has been resumed upon the Queen Victoria mine under its old owner, J. P. Swedberg. The mine was bonded some time ago to James Gronin and others for a large sum of money, but owing to the drop in the price of copper, Mr. Cronin and his associates did not feel inclined to proceed with the venture under the circumstances and so have dropped the bond, and the final payment came due this month. The mine was bonded by Mr. Swedberg, who, in turn, had bonded the property from the original owners. As those to whom he was willing to transfer the property are unwilling to proceed in the present state of the market, Mr. Swedberg has made up his mind to proceed himself and has therefore made a substantial payment on the original price. He thinks that he has a valuable property in the Queen Victoria and that he can work it with good prospects of making a winning.

The Overcrowded Jails

Vancouver, March 14.—The congestion at the provincial jail at Westminster has been relieved by the removal of twelve prisoners to the jail at Victoria. They were taken over to the provincial institution at the capital today. Four prisoners who were sent over from the Vancouver city jail to Westminster the other day and were returned, were taken back today and allowed to enter. The capacity of the jail at Victoria is now almost reached, and if the number of prisoners continues to grow as it has during the past few days there will be a serious state of affairs. The accommodation at the city jail is still overtaxed.

Log Placed on Track

Vancouver, March 14.—A dastardly attempt was made to wreck a car on the B. C. E. R. company's Lulu Island branch on Wednesday night. Somewhere about 8 o'clock a big log was placed across the track, between Cypress and Cedar streets, on Fairview. Fortunately the log was noticed by a passerby, who notified the policeman on that beat, and assistance was obtained and the log removed. The log was of such a size that it could not have been put there by children, nor by one man. It is hard to conjecture just what the object of the fiends could have been. A hold-up is out of the question, and the act must have been prompted by pure maliciousness.

WORK AT POINT GREY

Improvement Association Will Have More Time to Look After Beautification

Vancouver, March 14.—Now that Point Grey has been organized into a municipality, a great deal of work will be taken off the Point Grey Improvement association.

This was the statement made at the meeting of the society at the board of trade rooms yesterday afternoon. Mr. C. M. Woodworth presided and said that by the end of the year they hoped to see the street car system extended beyond the city limits.

Reeve Hewe said the municipality would see that the roads were cleared to the full width, and Mr. Rankin moved a resolution which was carried, that the government be asked to go ahead immediately with the work contemplated in the Point Grey section.

Messrs. Rorison, Whiteway and Woodsworth were appointed as a committee to look after the beautifying of the land, towards which end the energies of the society will principally be directed in future, and Messrs. Woodsworth, White, Waterdall, Rankin, Harris and Wilson were appointed as a committee to interview the city council as to the extension of the tram line to the city boundary.

C. J. Loewen tendered his resignation as secretary, and was voted $100 in recognition of his services.

The election of officers was deferred until next month.

TOO HEAVILY ARMED

Vancouver Man's Revolver and Ammunition Bring Him Police Attention

Vancouver, March 14.—What may prove to be an important arrest was effected by Officer Lee shortly before noon today. Edward Rodgers, who gives Michigan as his home, carried a gun, together with a large amount of ammunition, and his story is such as to arouse suspicion.

Rodgers was arrested in a tobacco shop on Water street. Officer Lee's attention was attracted by the appearance of the man, and when he lifted one of his coats to get at his money a heavy belt loaded with cartridges and a holster carrying a revolver were revealed.

Rodgers stated that he came from Burnaby lake, and that he carried the revolver for shooting ducks. This story seems ridiculous to the police, and they have information to show that Rodgers has been about the city for several days. A thorough investigation will be conducted by the detectives, who have a suspicion that Rodgers may have had something to do with holdups that occurred during the past few months.

Westminster Exclusionists

New Westminster, March 14.—The annual meeting of the Asiatic Exclusion league took place in St. Patrick's hall, and was well attended by members. The election of officers was the most important business, and Thos. Turnbull was re-elected president, J. D. Taylor as secretary, and H. Stead as treasurer. The executive committee is composed of Messrs. Johndro, Hargreaves, Digman, Blakeley and Donohue. The financial statement for the year showed a deficit of $6.80, the receipts being $168.50, while the disbursements were $175.30. The membership has passed the three-hundred mark.

Hotel de Gagnon Burned

New Westminster, March 14.—The Hotel de Gagnon at Harrison Hot Springs was totally destroyed by fire on Thursday morning, and a number of the guests had to jump from second-story windows to save their lives. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is supposed to have started from the overheating of a stove in a hall on the first floor. The hotel had been unoccupied for several years until last summer when it was furnished by Mr. Gagnon, and has been run by him since that time. The building was owned by Mr. E. Lewis, a capitalist of Vancouver.

Suffers From Wound

New Westminster, March 14. — A sensational incident occurred at the I. O. O. F. ball at the city of Chilliwack on Thursday night when Richard Davis, a young man who was shot several weeks ago by On Lee, a Chinaman, fell unconscious on the floor. It was the first time Davis had been able to attend any function since his injury, and after the incident Thursday night it was thought he would die, but he is getting along well. The trial of On Lee, the Chinaman who shot Davis, will take place in this city next Monday, and it is thought Davis will be able to appear as a witness.

No Extradition

Vancouver, March 14.—Dr. W. L. Warner, under arrest here on a charge of grand larceny at San Diego, Cal., was released today. A wire was received by Chief of Police Chamberlain from Sheriff F. M. Jennings at San Diego, stating that extradition proceedings would not be forthcoming. F. R. McD. Russell, counsel for Warner, informed the police yesterday that he would fight extradition, and this fact was communicated to the authorities at San Diego. The exact reason for dropping extradition proceedings is not yet known by the Vancouver police.

A bucket full of money, containing 5,600 pennies, was tendered to a contractor in Chester, Pa., in payment for his work.

RICHEST POSSESSION OF GREAT BRITAIN

Luther D. Wishard, of New York, Concurs in Statement of Mr. Dennis

Luther D. Wishard, of New York, vice-president of the Red Fir Lumber Company of this city and Nanaimo, is registered at the Empress. He is on his fourth visit to the capital of British Columbia in the last eighteen months, and he can hardly find words to describe his impressions of Victoria and his view of the potentiatities of Vancouver island and British Columbia generally.

"After eighteen months of active investigation of your province," he remarked to a reporter of the Colonist yesterday, "I am prepared to believe the remark of J. S. Dennis, land commissioner of the C. P. R. that British Columbia is the richest possession of the British empire. That description is not at all overdrawn.

"Take your timber supply alone. It is enormous. In the United States we are already within the pale of a timber famine. All that we can do is to get the tariff off and buy timber from Canada. When the effect of the wholesale destruction of its timber areas upon the climate and rainfall of the United Sattes, is considered, one readily comes to the conclusion that the British Columbia government acted wisely in placing a reserve upon the timber areas of the crown. It is extremely important that steps should be taken to reforest the areas as they stripped.

"Not alone the timber. When you consider the province as the prospective "orchard of the empire" as your finance minister aptly put it, when on top of that you consider your climate, your fisheries and your extent of arable land, and cap it all with your mineral resources, Mr. Dennis' remarks may be understood."

Mr. Wishard will remain in the city for another ten days before returning East.

BLACKMAILING A DUKE

Bavarian Farmer Hurts His Horse and Accuses Aristocratic Motorist

Munich, March 14.—The hearing of the suit brought by Duke Francis Joseph, of Bavaria, against a farmer named Hofmaier, who recently was successful in blackmailing the Duke, when His Highness was automobiling in the vicinity of Bamberg, has been fixed for next Monday.

The duke considers that the blackmailing was pre-arranged. Hofmaier, seeing the duke's automobile approaching, detached his horse from a farm wagon and purposely inflicted a serious wound upon the animal. When the duke came up Hofmaier accused His Highness of having collided with his wagon, and causing the injury to the horse. A crowd of about a hundred peasants then appeared, and refused to let the duke depart until he had paid over to Hofmaier all the money in his possession, and promised to forward the farmer an additional sum of $40.

The duke related the incident to the prince regent of Bavaria, who advised him to bring suit against Hofmaier, particularly as there was reason to believe this method of blackmailing was becoming popular, there having been several similar attempts in Bavaria recently.

Chief Justice as Administrator

Ottawa, March 14.—Gordon Hunter, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, has been gazetted administrator of the province during the absence of Hon. J. Dunsmuir.

Riot in Budapest

Budapest, March 13.—A Socialist demonstration in favor of universal suffrage developed here tonight. There were three hours of serious rioting, the Socialists using revolvers and stones. Many police and rioters were wounded, both by revolver shots and stones. Fifty persons were arrested.

Black Sea Rumor.

St. Petersburg, March 14.—A rumor has reached this city by way of Vienna that two Turkish steamers with arms and ammunition on board have been seized in the Black Sea by Russian warships. No confirmation of this report could be had at either the foreign office or the admiralty.

Railway Prosecutions.

Ottawa, March 14.—R. G. Macpherson, M.P. for Vancouver, will introduce a bill to amend the railway act by striking out the clause relative to the prosecution and punishment of railway employees for causing wrecks through failing to observe orders, etc., thus leaving the question of prosecution to come under the provisions of the criminal code. This is along the line of the request of railway men's unions.

WHITE HORSE RAILWAY TO RUSH EXTENSION

Engineers Have Left For the North to Complete Surveys

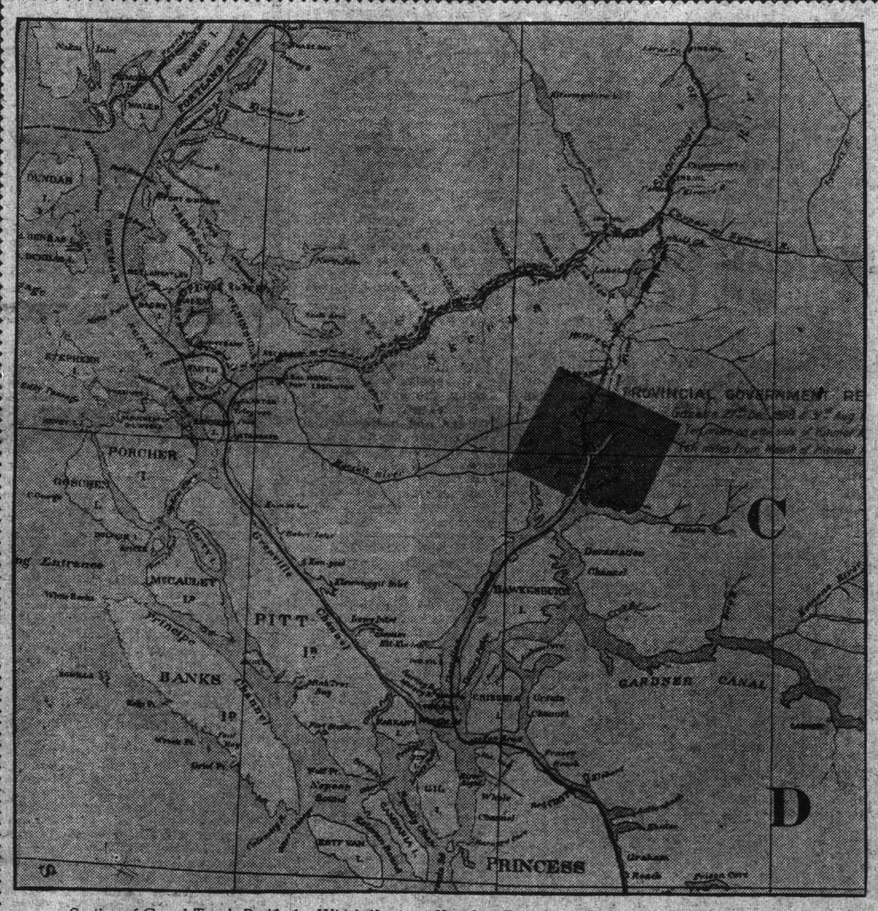
Construction work upon the railway spur which the White Horse and Yukon company is building from White Horse to the Copper camp back of the Yukon town, will be commenced immediately. A force of engineers has left for Skagway and White Horse to begin surveys and prepare plans for the undertaking.

A large force of men will at once be put at work on the building of the projected terminal at that point, whence the ore will be loaded upon steamers. By July 31 it is expected that White Pass ore will be hauled to tide water over the mountains.

S. H. Graves, president of the company, is at present in the city and is staying at the Empress. A. L. Berdoe, the general manager, has recently returned from a visit to the south.

"We are now in the market for labor," declared Mr. Berdoe, "and can use anything up to five hundred men. We have already sent a number of men north, and every boat sailing from this time on will be taking labor north for the railway. We require rockmen, teamsters and laborers."

It has been determined by the company to locate the five-thousand-ton ore bunkers at the Skagway terminal at a point about a thousand feet below the present terminus of Moore's wharf. In order to reach this point, which lies in a small bay, it will be necessary for some heavy rock-cutting to be done, in fact the entire nose of a small hogback will have to be cut through. The bunkers will be built on a solid rock foundation on a sidehill. The grade from the present terminus of the railway to the bunkers will be one of about 20 per cent and cars will be hauled up this grade by cable operated by a large electric motor. From the bunkers two tracks will drop down a gravity grade to two loading towers resting on a foundation of creosoted piling in the water. Three-ten cars, four to each track, will convey ore from bunkers to loading towers, and from the towers the ore will be dumped direct into the ore-carrying steamers moored alongside the towers.



Section of Grand Trunk Pacific for Which Contract Has Just Been Let. Route is Shown by Dotted Line.

The above map shows the location of the part of the Grand Trunk Pacific which has just been put under contract. The line follows the valley of the Skeena on the north shore of the river and then crosses to the south shore. The point where the crossing is made is fixed on the map only by approximation. The distance from Prince Rupert to the Copper river, where the contract terminates is 100 miles. The line from the mouth of the Copper River to the head of Kitimaat Arm is only indicated in a general way. The course is substantially as laid down on the map, but it may run on the opposite side of the lake from that on which it is marked.

From the mouth of the Copper river eastward the location of the line has not been definitely fixed. Routes have been surveyed in several directions, but it is understood that the company has not decided whether to go up the Skeena and thence down the Bulkley Valley, or to take a more easterly course and enter the latter valley by way of the Telqua. The latter route is the shorter.

RESPECTING MARRIAGES

New Law of Roman Catholic Church According to Pope's Recent Decree

New York, March 14.—In accordance with a recent decree of Pope Pius X., Archbishop Farley sent a letter today to the rectors of all the Catholic churches in this city explaining the new marriage law that will go into effect at Easter. It will be read at all masses tomorrow. In the main the decree prohibits civil marriages for Catholics, and declares unions in the church on and after April 19 invalid if either the bride or the bridegroom is not a Catholic. The following changes are made in the marriage legislation of the church:

1. No marriage will be valid unless it is performed by a priest duly authorized, and before at least two witnesses.

2. A marriage performed between two Catholics or between a Catholic and a baptized non-Catholic by a civil magistrate, alderman, notary public, or Protestant minister, will be null and void. Hitherto such marriages were valid.

3. No marriage will be licit unless it is performed by the pastor of the bride or by a priest delegated by him or the bishop of the diocese.

4. Those of the faithful who are of marriageable age, or who may be contemplating marriage in the near future, should secure positive and correct information as to the date and the place of their baptism.

Among ninety-six persons hailed into the debtors' Court in Chicago only one watch was found.

RUSSIAN VIEW

Alleged Disappointment of Officers at Return of the Battleship Fleet

St. Petersburg, March 14.—The decision of the United States government to send the American battleships now at Magdalena Bay back to the Atlantic by way of the Suez canal and Europe comes as an acute disappointment to the bellicose element in the Russian army and navy, for these officers confidently regarded the fleet's departure from Hampton Roads as the first step in an inevitable war in which the pretensions of the Island Empire were to be humbled. Furthermore, the announcement that the fleet is not to remain in the Pacific is considered as an indication that the "war-cloud" between the United States and Japan has been definitely dissipated.

WRECKED ON TRESTLE

Two Killed and Many Injured in Accident to Train in Oklahoma

Bristow, Okla., March 14.—Two persons were killed, one was probably fatally hurt, seven severely injuried, and scores of others were imperilled today when a St. Louis and San Francisco passenger train, northbound, was wrecked on a high trestle over Spring Creek, eight miles west of Bristow. The locomotive, the baggage and mail cars and the first coach plunged 40 feet into the river.

An iron bolt nut on the track is believed to have caused the wreck.

The dead are H. D. Harrison, fireman, Sapulpa, Okla.; W. H. Posten, mail clerk, Monett, Mo. Frank Gibson, Canadian, Texas, may die.

The engineer went down with his engine, which was struck by the other cars as they fell. Special agent Thompson of Sapulpa is investigating the cause of the wreck. A party of boys playing in the vicinity of the wreck may have placed a bolt nut upon the track.

J. E. Widdifield is the new postmaster of Newmarket.

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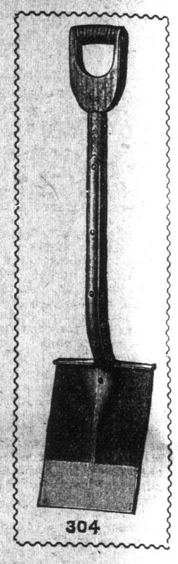
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BLOODTHIRSTY ALIA

Murderer of Father Leo Henricks Slashes Prison "Trusty" With a Razor

Denver, Colo., March 14.—Giuseppe Alia, the murderer of Father Leo Heinrichs, attempted to kill a "trusty" in the prison today by cutting his throat with a razor. The trusty has a wound two and a half inches long in his neck, but the jugular vein is not severed.

When he returned to jail after his conviction on Thursday, Alia was stripped of everything and a complete outfit was given him except his socks. These were turned inside out, examined and returned to him. Alia was then placed in the cell for the condemned, which had been thoroughly swept and cleaned and supplied with new bedding.

The cell had been occupied by an Italian named Bernati, who accompanied Alia to Denver from New York, and has been held since the assassination of Father Leo as a suspect and possible witness. After Alia's conviction Bernati was removed to another part of the jail, and the cell he occupied was then made ready for the condemned man. Bernati was released from jail last night, and as he passed Alla's cell he spoke to Alia in Italian. It was surmised that Bernati may have left the razor secreted in the cell and told Alia where to look for it when he passed out last night.

GUARDS DOUBLED

Big Shipment of Silver Carefully Watched in Transit to the Steamer

Vancouver, March 14.—Great precautions were taken on board the C. P. R. liner Empress of Japan on Thursday night when a shipment of bullion from Trail smelter arrived at the wharf. The watches were doubled and there were two men to every post. This was continued until the silver had been safely stowed away in the strong room.

The shipment of bullion is valued at $80,000, there being 80 bars at $1,000 a bar, and they weigh 140,000 ounces, consigned to the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China at Hongkong.

The Trail smelter is the only place in Canada where complete refining methods are in process, and the electrolytic plant which extracts the silver and gold from the lead and copper matte is the most up-to-date institution in the west. Regular shipments are made to the Orient, but this one is the largest that has ever left Canada.

Smallpox in Moncton

Moncton, N. B., March 13.—Smallpox is so prevalent here that the board of health has ordered all the schools and churches closed until further notice.

Liquor Licenses in Quebec

Quebec, March 13.—The city council tonight decided to ask the legislature to amend the license law so as to fix the number of licenses in this city at one per thousand of population which would reduce the number to about 77, instead of 125, as at present.

Sir Thos. Lipton's Yacht.

London, March 13.—In an interview today after he had made a visit to Fairlie to inspect his new cutter, which is approaching completion, Sir Thomas Lipton said: "She is a racer pure and simple, and must not be called Shamrock IV, but simply Shamrock. I am reserving the lucky four-leaved shamrocks for my next American cup challenger."

Retailers Object

Ottawa, March 13.—The retail merchants' association of Canada will oppose in the senate the terms of the government bill respecting co-operative societies, on the ground that the organization of co-operative stores would work to the detriment of the retailers of Canada.

Crisis in Norway.

Christiania, March 13.—As the result of the vote in the storthing of socialist and radical motions of lack of confidence, the cabinet has decided to resign. Both motions were rejected by the storthing, but the vote showed that the government could retain office only by favor of the coalition parties, which the ministers were unwilling to do. They will advise the king to summon the radical leader, Gunnar Knudsen, to form a new cabinet.

AMERICANS WIN AT CHESS

Defeated British Representatives After Two Days' Stubborn Contest by Small Margin

New York, March 14.—After two days of stubbornly contested play the tenth international cable chess match which commenced on Friday ended tonight in a victory for the American players, who secured 5 1-2 points out of a possible 10, by winning three games, drawing five, while two games are held in advance pending adjudication by Referee Baron Albert De Rothschild, of Vienna.

The Sir George Newnes trophy, which was held by Great Britain last year, now becomes the prize of America. The Britishers demand that America should give up games one and four, they being a pawn ahead on both boards, while the Americans declined to do so. The games will be adjudicated.

A policeman in Franklin, Pa., sent to arrest a man who had stolen a sack of flour, found the thief's four children eating the raw flour, and refused to make the arrest.

OLYMPIC GAMES SOCCER

Canadian Committee is Inquiring as to Whether Canadian Players Are Strong Enough

Mr. F. L. C. Pereira, of Ottawa, hon. secretary of the Canadian Olympic committee, has addressed the following circular letter to the football associations in every province in the Dominion:

"Dear Sir: Adverting to previous correspondence with reference to the sending of an association football team to the Olympic games, might I ask you to be so kind as to supply me, for the information of the committee, with all the information you can in the matter, and of any proposals you may have to make. The committee met last week, and the chairman placed before it letters re teams for England and the methods of selecting them, but the question as to whether Canadian association football teams are sufficiently strong to compete in England had to be gone into, and the committee, therefore, ask that you will make a report on the matter, and forward it to us at as early a date as possible.

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