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Dominion News Notes

Obsequies of Late E. B. Eddy Attended by Many Citizens at Hull.

Reported Absorption of Canadian Steel Concerns Is Denied.

Pastor Makes Wild Assertion From Pulpit and Is Rebuked.

OTTAWA, Feb. 12.—(Special)—Amid every manifestation of regret on the part of the citizens of Hull and Ottawa the remains of the late E. B. Eddy were today conveyed to the Central station for transportation for Bristol, Vermont, where they will be interred tomorrow. Public buildings in Hull were closed and business was practically at a standstill. There was a large and representative attendance of the leading citizens of the two cities, including the mayor and city council of Hull, members of the Masonic fraternity, Protestant hospital board and other bodies. The certege was headed by over 500 employees of Eddy mills.

H. Fisher has called the Dominion conference of fruit growers to meet at Ottawa, March 20th.

Kittson, the Canadian agent in South Africa, reports that the Central South African Railway will shortly call for tenders for supplying Douglas fir. Copies of the specification have been sent to the superintendent of commercial agencies at Ottawa.

The minister of inland revenue, Hon. W. Templeman, has secured from the marine department one of the lifeboats stationed on the great lakes, but which is not kept in commission during the winter months, for immediate transference to and use on the west coast of Vancouver Island. Mr. Templeman and the boat will arrive in Victoria shortly.

Montreal, Feb. 12.—The Star publishes a report, the correctness of which it says it has positive knowledge, that negotiations are now going on looking to the amalgamation of the Dominion Iron & Steel Co., the Consolidated Lake Superior Company, Nova Scotia Steel Company and the Dominion Coal Company. The directors of the companies interested deny the report, which is attributed to stock selling purposes.

Love Laughs at Locksmiths

A marriage took place in Montreal jail this morning and brought with it the end of a courtship in which the course of true love had been anything but smooth. The contracting parties were Camillo Rugillo and Maria Acelo. The happy groom is serving out a six months' term for attempted grievous assault on Pietro Acelo, father of the bride, and on its expiration must furnish bail or serve another six months. It seems that the parents of the bride had very decided objections to the suit of Rugillo, who thereupon carried the lady off with him. Furthermore, he went to visit his prospective parents-in-law, armed with a revolver and a bowie knife, which he was accused of flourishing in dangerous proximity to their persons. The result was that he was tried on a charge of attempted murder and was sent to jail for six months. In the meantime, as he expressed his perfect willingness to marry Miss Acelo, and as she gave assent, the court decided that the best thing was to have the ceremony performed. It is understood that a petition will be prepared immediately for the release of the bridegroom in order that he may start on his honeymoon.

Governor-General Visits Metropolis

Lord and Lady Grey reached Montreal today with their family and suite, for a visit of ten days, during which they will occupy Lord Strathcona's residence. An extended list of private and public functions will keep them fully occupied.

Ravenous Wolves Rampant

Kenora, Ont., Feb. 12.—Wolves are so numerous about the lake at night that it is impossible to get Indians to travel after dark. One Indian a few nights ago was compelled to stay in a tree all night, with a ravenous pack of wolves thirsting for his blood beneath him. They only retired as daylight came on.

Bank Notes Cancelled

Toronto, Feb. 12.—All of the unsigned Crown Bank notes which Banwell, the absconding teller, took with him to Jamaica have been cancelled and are now entirely worthless.

British Columbia's Just Claim

R. L. Borden, leader of the opposition in the Dominion House of Commons, arrived here today. Discussing the application of Quebec and British Columbia for increased provincial indemnity, he said he considers the claim of British Columbia to a large extent just, as it was forced to pay an extremely high price for its public works, while covering an extensive territory.

The Toronto Street Railway Company has ordered 5000 tons of 90-pound girder rails from the Lorraine, Ohio, plant of the United States Steel Company. This, with 1,000 tons on hand, will enable the company to relay 42 miles of system.

Car Barns Burned

Niagara Falls, Ont., Feb. 12.—The car barns of the International Railway Company near Whirlpool rapids, on the Canadian side, were destroyed by fire early this morning. A snowplough and 27 cars were burned.

The loss is $125,000. It is feared that the company may move its divisional headquarters to Buffalo in consequence of the fire.

A Minister "Called Down"

St. Catherines, Feb. 12.—During the service at Thorold Presbyterian church yesterday, Rev. J. W. McLeod, pastor, referred to the movement to reopen the Mansion House, whose licence was cut off by the licence commissioners a short time ago. He said he understood that a number of prominent citizens including some of the members of his church had signed a petition to the commissioners asking for a new licence. "Any man or woman who signed that petition is not a Christian," declared Mr. McLeod emphatically. At these words Geo. Turner, ex-mayor of Thorold and county commissioner of Welland, arose in his family pew and said: "I want to say to you, Mr. McLeod, that I am one of those who signed the petition to open the hotel. I had good reasons for so doing and I want to say that I consider myself as good a Christian as any one in this church." Mr. McLeod made no reply to Mr. Turner, but continued his sermon. The affair has created a big stir in Thorold.

Northwest Irrigated Lands

Calgary, Feb. 12. — Notwithstanding the vigor with which the C. P. R. irrigation project here has been rushed the demand for farms is fully up to the available area. Thousands of acres around Cleichen have been sold and settled and the lands are attracting especial attention from farmers in irrigated states of the Union. Some 110,000 acres have been placed on the market since the new year and the work of extending the system will be vigorously prosecuted this season and this area will be increased to 300,000.

PROTEST ALFONSO'S CHOICE.

London, Feb. 12.—The anticipated protests against the marriage of Princess Ena of Battenburg to King Alfonso of Spain have commenced with a petition from the Imperial Protestant Federation, which has a large membership, appealing to King Edward to withhold his consent. The federation declares that the proposed marriage has caused the deepest sorrow and distress to Protestants, and that the Princess' intended entry into the Roman Catholic Church has greatly shocked them. The King's answer to this first officially formulated disapproval is awaited with interest.

BRITISH ELECTION PROTESTS.

London, Feb. 12.—Sir Francis Henry Evans, Liberal, recently defeated at the Maidstone, Kent, election, has petitioned against the return of the Marquis of Londonderry's son and heir Viscount Castlereagh, Unionist, alleging bribery and other illegalities against the Castlereagh agents. Sir Francis was defeated by the narrow majority of 132. About half a dozen petitions have been lodged against others elected on similar grounds.

INTERNATIONAL MERCANTILE.

Marine Merger Will Compete for Canadian Trade.

London, Feb. 12.—The International Mercantile Marine company proposes to more actively compete for the Canadian trans-Atlantic traffic during the coming season. According to information received in British shipping circles this will be done by strengthening the Dominion line controlled by the International mercantile marine company. The addition of a number of new steamers to the fleet is contemplated, the newly acquired or launched being taken from the fleet now engaged in the traffic between Liverpool and the United States.

Cruise of a Plague Ship

Smallpox Outbreak Aboard a Whaler From Rio Janeiro.

Ten of Crew Dead and Others Too Ill to Navigate the Ship.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—One month on the Atlantic ocean with the inner ship converted into a smallpox hospital and quarter of the crew ill with this disease, was the experience of the whaling brig Sullivan of New London, Conn. The story of the smallpox outbreak on the whaler was told today by Mrs. M. J. Haggerty, wife of the captain of the ship, who arrived here from Rio Janeiro after ten of its crew had died of smallpox and with several others ill with the disease and with the remaining members of the crew frantic to get ashore off the vessel, which they declared had been cursed. The cruise began, Mrs. Haggerty said, last October from the island of Fayal, in the Azores. After the brig had been out some time, a sailor fell ill of smallpox and the disease spread until nine sailors were ill. Days followed when, owing to the fear which spread among the members of the crew, the brig drifted along almost like a deserted ship. With Mrs. Haggerty on board the vessel were her two children. After landing at Rio Janeiro she remained there until the disease had been stamped out on the Sullivan.

ARCTIC EXPEDITION.

Washington, Feb. 10.—On the theory of the existing Arctic regions of enormous archipelago as yet unexplored lying between the Parry islands and Wrangel land of the Siberian coast, Capt. E. J. Mikkelsen, commander of the Anglo-American Polar expedition will undertake what is said to be an entirely novel campaign in the history of arctic explorations. Although a subject of Denmark, Captain Mikkelsen, upon discovering the new continent, intends to plant the American flag and claim it as a possession of the United States. He has no intention of trying to reach the north pole, an undertaing which he believes to be both improbably unprofitable if attained. Captain Mikkelsen today called up the president and explained to him the objects and purposes of the expedition. President Roosevelt expressed his hearty approval of the enterprise. It was explained that intention of Capt. Kikkelsen is

To Make Scientific Investigations

which probably will result in new and important additions to present knowledge of geological, hydrography and possibly ethnology astronomy, physics.

Capt. Mikkelsen will have as companions on the expedition which it is expected shall start from San Francisco in May of the present year, Ernest Leffenwell, of the university of Chicago, who will have charge of the scientific work and E. J. Mar Ditleson, of Copenhagen, who is both a zoologist and an artist. Ditlevsen served with Mikkelsen in the polar expedition of 1900 and Leffingwell was attached to the Baldwin-Zegler arctic journey of 1901-2.

Admiral's Narrow Escape

Commander of the Black Sea Fleet Was Shot Four Times.

Officer Had Received Many Warnings That He Was a Marked Man.

Notices of Impending Death Received by Many Leading Officials.

ST PETERSBURG, Feb. 10.—The admiralty has received a report from the surgeon in charge of Vice-Admiral Choukinin, who was shot by a woman in his office at Sebastopol yesterday, to the effect that his wounds are not dangerous. Rear-Admiral Gregorvitch has assumed command of the Black Sea fleet in succession to Choukinin. The attending surgeons are confident that Choukinin will recover. The most severe wound is in his breast, from which the bullet has not been extracted. The other wounds are in the right shoulder and both legs.

The crime beyond doubt was political. Chouknin had long been a marked man on account of his activity as commander of the Black Sea fleet in repressing disorders. When the sentences imposed on the sailors for participation in the Odessa mutiny were before him for review formal notice was served on Chouknin to the effect that if he approved of the death sentences he

Would Share the Same Fate

Intimations that terrorists were merely waiting for a favorable opportunity to kill him have reached the admiral several times since. The hand of the terrorists is now raised against all classes of officialdom, military and naval, which are called upon to curb the revolutionary movements. Various manifestations have taken place in the last three months and a number of officials have been killed, on account of their prominent part in subduing the agrarian uprising. The army has contributed Gen. Griaznoff, formerly chief of staff of the viceroy of the Caucuses, who was killed by a bomb at Tiflis January 29 last; Col. Lissovski, formerly commander of the 2nd infantry division, who was murdered recently, and many subordinate officers, and among the governors whose

Lives Have Been Attempted

or who have been killed are Gen. Bogdanovitch, formerly vice-governor of the Ufa province, who was killed by the revolutionists in December last; M. Klingenberg, governor of Mogkilieff, who was shot by a woman in November last and Gen. Kourloff, governor of Minsk, whose life was attempted by the throwing of a bomb in January last as he was leaving a church. The shadow of terror hangs over those who are on the list of "enemies of liberty," high on which are the names of Interior Minister Durnovo, Vice-Admiral Doubassoff, governor-general of Moscow, and Gen. Sollogub, governor-general of the Baltic provinces.

Every Precaution Has Been Taken

to protect them but history has shown that the integrity of the terrorists are sure to be successful sooner or later. Mme. Doubassoff, who is a sister of M. Sipiaguine, the former minister of the interior, who was assassinated in 1902, is so alarmed for the admiral's safety that she is imploring him not to return to Moscow. It is noticeable that a large proportion of the recent terrorists sentenced have been executed by women, who are among the most devoted members of the fighting organization. The number of officers of the police have been slain on account of their "pernicious activity" is amounting up so rapidly that the reports of such crimes hardly receive comment. Several cases occur daily.

Agent of Terrorists

The woman who was shot and killed by an orderly who rushed to the admiral's assistance, is believed to have been an emissary of the St. Petersburg group of terrorists like the murderess of Lt.-Gen. Sakharoff, the former minister of war, who was shot and killed December fifth at Saratoff and the assassin of Gen. Shuvaloff, prefect of police of Moscow, who was shot and killed at Moscow July 11. She has not been identified but it is known that she arrived at Sebastopol February 7 and registered at a hotel under the name of Krupnitskai. She was well dressed, was quiet in her manner and attracted no attention.

Assailant Fired Four Shots

At 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon the woman appeared at the official residence of the admiral and sent in her card, assuming she was a daughter of a rear-admiral who was an old acquaintance of Chouknin at St. Petersburg and requested an interview. On entering the Admiral's office she drew a revolver and fired four shots at Chouknin with deliberate aim, each bullet reaching the mark. She then turned to flee, but was killed by the orderly. Chouknin exhibited remarkable nerve and continued to issue orders while being carried to be examined by the surgeons. Later he received personal friends who came to sympathize with him. The news of the attempt on Chouknin's life created great excitement among the sailors at Sebastopol, a large proportion of whom are sullen and continually on the verge of mutiny. The revolutionists at Sebastopol attempted to organize a demonstration, but were unsuccessful.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 10.—The mutiny on board the battleship Knaiz Potemkine (renamed to Pateleimon) in June last has been attributed to the severity of Chouknin, who commanded the Black Sea fleet. He displayed considerable activity in attempting to capture the mutineers who eventually surrendered at Kustenji, Roumania, in July last. Chouknin also showed energy in suppressing the sailors' mutiny at Sebastopol in November last. He is said to have declined to accept the post of minister of marine in succession to Admiral Avellan.

Purchases Site for Terminals

A despatch from New York says the Union Pacific railroad has purchased the site of St. Paul and Tacoma Lumber company., in Tacoma for terminals.

SERVIA AND TURKEY.

Belgrade, Servia, Feb. 12.—A serious fight has occurred in old Servia between Turkish troops and two Servian bandit bands near the villages of Nikujan, Dragomarzi and Chelehek. The Turks, who were the attackers, lost forty men killed or wounded. The Servians lost eighteen killed or wounded.

REDMOND RE-ELECTED.

Irish Parliamentary Party Again Select Old Leader.

Dublin, Feb. 10.—At a meeting of the Irish members of parliament today John E. Redmond was re-elected chairman of the Irish parliamentary party. The members who acted as whips for the party during the last session of parliament were also re-elected.

INTERNATIONAL EXPLORATIONS.

Brussels, Feb. 10. —The international congress at Mons on the initiative of M. Decomte and Vanoverburghe has elaborated a scheme for the exploration of regions in which many explorers including the Duke of Orleans and the Duke of Abruzzi concur. An international conference will be held in Brussels in September to determine a common scientific base on which observation by expedition from all countries may be made. The conference will be summoned by a committee appointed by the Belgian government and other governments will be asked to send representatives.

SUMMIT OF MONTE CRISTO.

along the right-of-way of the power line. The start was a few hundred feet above the "take-off," which is really a snowbank from which the spring is made. Each man had three tries, the best of which was taken as his record. Noran in his second jump fell and was unconscious for a moment, but speedily recovered and was helped from the course. His lip was badly cut, but he was ready for the final leap, which gave him the honors. He jumped 60½ feet and was cheered heartily, but he was too weak for another exhibition jump. Both Swanson and Johnson did well. The one-mile championship skating race was won by John Donahue, the present champion, with A. McQueen second; time, 3:17.

Sensational Turf Scandal Develops

Alleged That Drugs Were Administered to Celebrated Racer Lou Dillon.

Owner of Major Delmar Accused of Winning Gold Cup by Crime.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—According t othe American today the most sensational turf affairs of recent years was revealed last night when it became known that E. E. Smathers, the millionaire horseman, has been accused of knowing that drugs had been administered to Lou Dillon, C. K. G. Billing's famous trotter. At Memphis in October, 1904, Smathers driving his own horse, Major Delmar, beat Lou Dillon. The Mold cup worth $5,000, which Smathers won at that time, has been taken by a deputy sheriff out of Smathers' suite in the Pierpepoint, and is now in the sheriff's office. Mr. Smathers when seen late last night said the cup had been seized before he learned of the accusations and that he believed his former trainer and Billing's trainer who drove Lou Dillon in the race were being used by some man of great power to injure him.

Lou Dillon's Owner En Route

Chicago, Feb. 10. — K. B. Billings, owner of Lou Dillon, is now on his way to New York and it is understood that he is decidedly averse to participating in the controversy regarding the $5,000 gold cup awarded to E. E. Smathers of New York, when Smither's trotter, Major Delmar, defeated Lou Dillon at Memphis in 1904. A man who is familiar with the case said today: "The best veterinaries in this country have in turn had Lou Dillon under their care and scrutiny and none of them is able to say if she will ever recover her former greatness."

An Atrocious Action

"Assuming that the legal action for the recovery of the cup is brought to a successful issue, it is manifest that probably the least important feature of the matter has been settled, and there will still remain the gravest questions of the responsibility for the damage done to the mare, as well as the personal discussion involved. If the association succeeds in the action for the recovery of the cup the atrocious character of the wrong done would necessarily indicate to the public officials, the next step to be taken."

WINDING UP PORTLAND FAIR

The affairs of the Lewis Clark Fair association are rapidly being brought to a close, and stockholders meeting will be held March 1st., to authorize the dissolution of the corporation and the division of the capital stock. The total cash on hand as shown by the reports of Secretary Henry C. Reed, was $116,000. Of this amount $16,000 will be required to settle various obligations of the corporation leaving $100,000 or 25 per cent of the capital stock, to be divided among the stockholders. The paid up capital of the corporation was $402,192.

BOUNDARY PROPERTY BONDED.

Grand Forks, B. C., Feb. 10.—(Special)—Another mining deal of great importance to this district was closed here today when George A. McLeod, representing New York capitalists bonded a group of claims in Gloucester camp comprising the Gloucester, G. H. Ophir, and G. H. fraction properties situated some 45 miles up the North Fork. The consideration money being $90,000 and the life of the bond 24 months, the first payment to be $3,000 on May 1st next and on November 1st next a further payment of $9,000 and the balance will be paid in three payments of $26,000 every six months. Under the terms of the bond not less than six miners

Legislative Assembly

Expressions of Sympathy With Premier From Both Sides of House.

All Contentious Business Laid Aside by Common Consent.

Land Transfer Act, Statutes and Journals Act and Bella Coola Act Pass Committee.

Monday, February 12.

THE House met at 2 o'clock. After prayers by Rev. W. Leslie Clay, Mr. J. A. Macdonald said that before proceeding with the ordinary business of the day he desired to express the profound sympathy of the opposition with the Premier in the sad bereavement that had overtaken him. He was sure every member of the House shared this sentiment and he begged to assure the government that any business of a party or controversial character should stand over until the return of the Premier.

Hon. Mr. Tatlow spoke in appreciation of the sentiments of the opposition and said that under the circumstances he proposed to proceed with business of a non-controversial character.

Hon. F. J. Fulton said that with reference to the McGill University bill a deputation was coming over from Vancouver to make some representations to the government and a telegram had been received saying that they could not be here until tomorrow; he therefore proposed to let further discussion on the report stage stand over until tomorrow.

Transfer of Land Act

The House then went into committee on a bill intituled An Act relating to the Transfer of Land, and to provide for the Registration of Titles to Land. Reported complete with amendments. Report to be considered tomorrow.

The House then went into committee on a bill intituled An Act to amend the Statutes and Journals act, under the chairmanship of Mr. Price Ellison.

Mr. Stuart Henderson (Yale) objected that $15 for a copy of the Revised Statutes was too high. In Ontario the charge was only $9.

Hon. Mr. Fulton said that $15 had been paid since 1896 and no objection had been urged against the charge.

Mr. Stuart Henderson urged that the difference was too great.

Hon. F. Carter-Cotton—If we make it too easy for the people to become acquainted with the statutes there would not be so much for the lawyers to do.

Mr. J. R. Brown (Greenwood) thought the member for Yale was right. Further the Revised Statutes were not as costly to produce now as formerly owing to the numerous consolidations and he thought $10 an ample charge.

Hon. Mr. Fulton said the printing cost more than was being charged and he could not see his way to a reduction. There were only 140 copies left on hand.

Hon. F. Carter-Cotton suggested that the objection be met by considering whether cheaper printing and binding would not meet the requirements of the case when next the statutes are re-printed as they would be next year.

This was accepted by Mr. Henderson, and the committee reported progress.

The House then went into committee on the act to incorporate the Bella Coola and Fraser Lake Railway Co. Mr. Stuart Henderson took the chair. All the clauses passed until clause 22 was reached when Mr. Paterson objected on the ground that there were certain clauses of the Companies Clauses Consolidation act which were objectionable in a railway bill and the latter should not be governed by them. This had special reference to the voting powers.

Mr. John Oliver supported the contention of the member for the Islands.

Clause Struck Out

Mr. Paterson then moved that the clause be struck out. It reads as follows: (22. The provisions of the Companies Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897, shall apply to the company and to the undertaking authorized hereby, save so far as they are expressly varied or excepted by this act, or as any of such provisions are repugnant to or inconsistent with the provisions of this act, or the British Columbia Railway Act as incorporated into this act, in which case the provisions of this act or of the said Railway act as so incorporated herein, as the case may be shall, to the extent of such repugnancy or inconsistency govern.)

On a division the objection was sustained and the clause was struck out.

The committee then rose and reported the bill as amended.

Mr. Garden (Vancouver) then moved the second reading of the Kamloops and Yellowhead Pass Railway Co. It was agreed.

Mr. J. R. Brown (Greenwood) moved the second reading of the St. Mary's Valley Railway Co. Agreed.

Mr. J. R. Brown moved the second reading of the St. Mary's and Cherry Creek Railway Co. He said this was a branch only 18 miles long to connect with the C. P. R. and was already constructed. It was undertaken by private parties. Agreed.

Mr. Price Ellison moved the second reading of the British Columbia Central Railway Co. Agreed.

Mr. Cameron, (Victoria) moved the second reading of a bill to incorporate the Canadian Plate Glass Co. Agreed.

Mr. Garden moved the second reading of the Union Steamship Co. of British Columbia, Limited. Agreed.

Mr. Manson (Alberni) moved the second reading of an Act respecting the British Columbia Northern and Mackenzie Valley Railway Co. Agreed.

Mr. Evans moved the second reading of a bill intituled An Act to Revise, Ratify and Confirm the Cowichan, Alberni and Fort Rupert Railway Company Act. Agreed.

Mr. Ross (Fernie) moved the second reading of a bill intituled An Act to Incorporate the South-East Kootenay Railway Company. He said this was an important road and would serve the coal and oil lands of South-East Kootenay. Agreed.

The House then adjourned to 2 o'clock tomorrow.

Notices of Motion

On Wednesday next—Mr. Ellison to ask leave to introduce a bill intituled An Act for the Extermination of Wild Horses.

On Wednesday next—The Hon. Mr. Wilson to ask leave to introduce a bill intituled An Act to amend the Provincial Elections Act.

On Wednesday next—The Hon. Mr. Wilson to ask leave to introduce a bill intituled An Act to amend the County Courts Act.

By Mr. Oliver, on Wednesday next—Question of the Hon. the Minister of Finance—

What are the detatils of expenditure of $916.15, under the head of Transport, set opposite the name of J. P. Babcock, as per public accounts, page B93.

By Mr. Evans, on Thursday next—Questions of the Hon. the Premier,—

1. How many (if any) Crown grants issued under authority of chap. 54, 1903-04, have been registered as an indefeasible fee?

2. How many (if any) of said Crown grants have been registered as an absolute fee?

By Mr. Evans, On Thursday next—Questions of the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.—

1. Why was the Cowichan River bridge, on Indian Reserve near Duncan, not re-built last summer during low water in river?

2. Why were the tenders called for last fall afterwards withdrawn?

3. Is it the intention of the government to proceed with the immediate construction of said bridge?

By Mr. Oliver, on Friday next—Questions of the Hon. the Premier,—

1. Did Mr. J. P. Babcock accompany a deputation of salmon canners to Ottawa to interview the minister of marine and fisheries in respect to salmon fishing?

2. If so, did Mr. Babcock receive the consent of the government to proceed to Ottawa?

3. Who paid Mr. Babcock's expenses on this trip?

Legislative Notes

By common consent all contentious business was laid aside today in consequence of the absence of the Premier and Hon. R. F. Green, who were in New Westminster attending the funeral obsequies of the brother of the former. The leader of the opposition in fitting terms voiced the sympathy of the House adn suggested this course. Hon. Mr. Tatlow suitably acknowledged the sentiments expressed by Mr. Macdonald, after which the House settled down to routine committee work and passed the Land Transfer act, the Statutes and Journals act, and the Bella Coola Railway act through the final stages and reported progress.

MARCONI'S WIRELESS.

New York, Feb. 12.—The Kaiser Wilhelm II., from Bremen for New York, was in communication by wireless telegraph with the Marconi station at Sable Island, N. S., at 11 p. m. Sunday, when the vessel was 200 miles southeast.

Pacific Coast Happenings

Extensive Fire in Portland Results in Six Deaths and Many Injured.

Fifteen Bodies Washed Ashore From Wreck on Alaskan Coast.

PORTLAND, Feb. 12.—At least six persons lost their lives in a fire which swept the busy commercial district at the east end of the Morrison street steel bridge, which spans the Willamette river, at an early hour this morning. Ten or more persons were seriously injured and removed to hospitals or homes of near-by residents.

The dead: Nathaniel P. Young, watchman for the East Side Transfer Company; two unknown women, two unknown men and Harry Taylor, a boy aged 12, whom the police believe is dead.

The injured: Mrs. M. Bailey, Floyd Bailey, Mrs. Nettie Browne, Walter Browne, Mrs. Nan Edmunds; Mrs. Mae Macirving, who jumped from a second storey window, back and hip sprained; R. H. Babcock of Sherlock, Mich., who has been in Fulda, Wash., for two years, installing a sawmill; and Fred Grueger, Detroit, Mich.

The financial loss is not heavy and is about half covered by insurance. A number of persons are reported missing. The fire started in the Mount Hood saloon, it is said, and rapidly consumed that place and the lodging house above, in which a majority of those

Killed and Injured Were Sleeping

Twenty-two horses, the property of the East Side Transfer Company, were destroyed by the fire. Watchman Young's death was one of the thrilling spectacles of the fire. He had made several trips into the Transfer company's stable, endeavoring to save the horses, when he was cut off by the flames. He made his way to one of the upper windows, which he broke. Looking out, he waved his hands to the crowd below and cried "Good-bye, boys—I can't get out this time," and fell back into the flames.

Many firemen had narrow escapes from injury. The district burned is partly built over a hollow, and as the planking along the sidewalks burned the positions of the firemen became precarious. In endeavoring to save some of the lodgers from the rooming house over the Mount Hood saloon, two firemen were overcome by smoke, but were saved by comrades.

Fifteen Bodies Washed Ashore

Seattle, Feb. 12.—Fifteen dead bodies were washed ashore at Yakataga beach on December 1, and they now lie buried there, unidentified. They are thought to be members of the crew and fishermen of the long overdue schooner Nellie Coleman, now 94 days out from the fishing station at Unga Island. The miners worked all day digging graves for the unfortunates, marking each one with a slab of wood.

Post Office Safe Blown

Spokane, Feb. 12.—The safe in the post office in an East Spokane grocery was blown open with nitro-glycerine yesterday morning. The robbers secured $70 in money and $300 in stamps. They made their escape.

Mr. Balfour's Explanation

Ex-Premier Addresses Party at a Banquet Given in London.

Puts an End to the Controversy Concerning Leadership of Unionists.

Fiscal Reform to Be the Chief Plank in Opposition Platform.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—Arthur J. Balfour's dialetical skill has again served him well and properly reinstated him in the leadership of his party. He has still to run the gauntlet of the party meeting which has been arranged to be held Thursday. But after the speech which he delivered in this city tonight at a banquet given to Sir Edward Clarke, former solicitor-general, and Alban G. Gibbs, who has relinquished the seat in parliament to which he was recently elected in order that Mr. Balfour may have another opening to obtain a place in the House of Commons, it is fairly safe to say that little further will be heard of any alternative leadership. Whilst his speech was fully as ambiguous as any of his previous utterances, the former premier declined to accept the country's verdict in the recent elections as final. He declared himself still for a

Policy of Fiscal Reform

in terms only a trifle more definite than the formerly employed which is accepted by the Chamberlain organs as by far the clearest and most unmistakable utterance Mr. Balfour has yet given his countrymen.

The Standard, which headed the movement to displace Mr. Balfour from the Unionist leadership, will in tomorrow's issue complain of his indefiniteness, but will say: "We are glad to think his speech makes it possible for tariff reformers to accept him as the leader of the Unionist party and paves the way for unanimity at Thursday's meeting of the party."

Mr. Balfour had a flattering reception. He looked rather tired and worn but spoke with great energy and managed to please all sections of the party, the gist of his speech being that the policy he was advocating

Could Not Be Called Protection

and that as the present government is in for a long term there is no immediate necessity of elaborate methods to attain the end they all desired.

Mr. Balfour, whose speech had been anticipated with intense interest as his reply to Joseph Chamberlain's pronouncement, spoke at great length, confining himself mainly to fiscal questions. He maintained that the results of the general election could not be accepted as a final verdict against fiscal reform. He declined to argue the question of protection versus free trade but maintained that the policy he has hitherto advocated is altogether apart from the controversy. His policy was designed so far as might be to diminish the burden on British industries. This policy is hostile to the tariffs other industrial countries have imposed, he said. In countries where hostile tariffs did not exist it was the intention

To Preserve Neutral Markets

and at the same time preserve the interests of the British colonies on an equal footing. It was, he said, a policy intended to maintain an increased foreign market for British manufacturers. Protection was an attempt to keep the home market against equal competition from foreign countries.

Mr. Balfour said the sentiment favoring his policy was not diminishing but increasing, and unless it were carried out he believed as the world became more and more industrialized and as civilized nations brought more and more weaker nations under control the question of markets for Great Britain would assume proportions which could not be ignored. The world saw great nations using not only diplomatic but their whole military and naval force in order to push their commerce.

Mr. Balfour said he viewed the industrial conditions in the United Kingdom with the greatest alarm, possibly nations which built up industries behind tariff walls were acting foolishly, but nevertheless they did it and the result undoubtedly was

Injurious to the United Kingdom

Mr. Balfour asked was it possible to carry out retaliation unless a general tariff formed a part of the scheme. He declined to commit himself on that point, but he said what the country had to make up its mind to was: "Is the end at which we are aiming worth making a sacrifice for??"

The cause of tariff reform, Mr. Balfour said, had been delayed some years, but in the meantime it was the duty of the opposition to the present government to point out the mistakes of the latter and direct the country along the best lines looking to the future of the country. Continuing, Mr. Balfour said that never had a government been returned with a large majority without a cause which it wanted to carry out without any great personality to guide it, but he was ready to concede the present government even longer life than five years.

In conclusion Mr. Balfour welcomed the workingmen in parliament, but said he doubted if the present labor representatives was destined to introduce legislation beneficial to the country or which the Unionists would support.

PATIENT'S REMARKABLE FEAT.

Seriously Injured, He Bolts From Operating Table But Is Captured.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—A despatch to the Record Herald from New Orleans says: After having been placed on the operating table at the charity hospital yesterday to undergo an operation which was supposed to mean life or death to him, Joseph Donahue broke away from the surgeons and nurses, sprang from the table, climbed a ladder to the building where he remained for ten minutes before he was captured. Although several bones were broken and he was internally injured in an accident, the patient still had great strength and the attending physicians and nurses and great difficulty in recovering him.

OSSLAND'S CARNIVAL.
th Annual Winter Celebration pens Most Auspiciously.
nd, B. C., Feb. 7.—The ninth Rossland winter carnival opened ously tonight with a grand masque on the ice at the skating rink. number of maskers were present, the rink crowded to the doors. rnished by Greenwood band of pieces and a splendid time was mmorow there will be snowshoe ockey games in the intermediate nship and hockey senior champ. Large delegations are here son, Grand Forks, Trail, North other towns. The weather is around the zero mark and the arp and hard and in prime condition for the hockey events. The snow d over and hard and good time to be made in the snowshoe races.
E BALANCE OF TRADE."
n Feb. 7.—The board of trade for January easily beat all previous months, totalling $267,500,000 orts $153,750,000. The respectiveases are $28,500,000 and $28,-
Doctors Admit
Blood Is the Bedrock of Health.
odies and minds are refreshed ngthened by blood, and upon its ur health depends. usand disorders can be traced irectly or indirectly to an unhealthy condition of the blood. Among t common are Rheumatism, a, Nervousness, Eczema, and d female irregularities. disease has entered the system the blood, of course the only cure is a thorough purification blood. This is best accomplished by Ferrozone, which attacks poisons y description and makes the re and rich. ses are known where Ferrozone ded to disturb debilitated people contains abundance of nourishd strengthening elements that ted many physical wrecks from sickness and made them well. ing of restorative properties of e, Mr. Cyrus R. Sargeson of says: "I was in a dreadful n with poor blood and palpitaon the heart for two years. I had any appetite, and suffered eumatism in the left shoulder. d a slight change after the first Ferrozone, and when eight ere used I was a well man." y be exhausted nerves, a weak or bad kidneys that drags you Be it one or all of them, Ferrozone will cure. Let Ferrozone assist finding and maintaining health. 50 cents per box, or six boxes 0, at all druggists, or by mail C. Polson & Co., Kingston, Ont. rtford, Conn., U. S. A.