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CAPITAL NOTES.

Winnipeg and North Western Coming Westward.

Land Subsidies Will Bring Them to Fort Simpson.

Vancouver Petitions for the Increase of the Chinese Tax—Its Repeal was Not Contemplated.

(From Our Own Correspondent).

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 23.—In the House this afternoon Sir John A. Macdonald told Mr. Gordon, of Nanaimo, that no applications had been received respecting the repeal of the Chinese Restriction Act.

An elaborate discussion of the currency question occupied the time of the House this afternoon, national currency being advocated. Hon. Mr. Foster said that the government's views on the subject would be made known after their interview with the bankers on Saturday.

Mr. Putman, a prominent Nova Scotian shipowner, says that shipping has been better season last year than for a long time past.

Mr. Davis to-day presented a batch of petitions from the Northwest praying that the use of French as an official language be not abolished.

John Bain, Q. C., of Toronto, and other gentlemen representing the Winnipeg and Northwestern railway, interviewed Hon. Mr. Dewdney to-day. They propose to build from Winnipeg to Fort Simpson, on the Pacific coast, through the Yellow Head Pass. Mr. Bain says that the necessary capital has been procured and they only require a land subsidy to enable them to commence operations.

Mr. Mara has presented a formidable looking petition from Vancouver residents asking for the increase of the Chinese poll tax to $100.

It is proposed to create a new tribunal for the trial of patent disputes, either by referring them to the Exchequer or the Superior court.

AMERICAN NEWS.

A Self-Confessed Forger's Flights.

ROND OUT, N. Y., Jan. 23. — Snyder Lockwood, the self-confessed forger of Shokan, who, recently, when believing himself to be dying, summoned his friends to his bedside and admitted having forged their names to commercial paper in considerable amounts, has left for parts unknown. His brother-in-law, James Dubois, is also missing, and it is thought they have fled for safety to Canada Every day brings additional forged notes to light, and it is believed the amount involved will reach $50,000. One resident of New York is a victim to the extent of $15,000. Many believe that for the past week Lockwood has been feigning sickness in order to escape arrest and obtain an opportunity to flee.

Marine Mishaps.

BALTIMORE, Md., Jan. 23.—An unknown schooner is sunk 28 miles west of Cape Henry, in the track of steamships. The steamship James Turpie, from Garruchi, is aground at the lower end of Cut Off channel.

Nearing Home.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—The Evening World states that the train on which Nellie Bly is a passenger passed Nickerson, Kansas, at 1.59 p.m. to-day.

In the Fashion.

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 23. — E. W. Barker, ex-cashier of the Santa Fe road, is short in his accounts several thousand dollars. He has left for parts unknown.

A Brave Man of the West.

HELENA, M. T., Jan. 23.—J. X. Biedler, who died of influenza here yesterday, was a famous scount, and during the Kansas troubles was John Brown's right-hand man. He has been a deputy United States marshal for years. At one period he led the vigilantes and relieved Montana of many bad characters. At another time he conducted the Wells Fargo & Co.'s stages across the plains, fighting stage robbers as part of his routine duties.

A Veteran Showman Dead.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 23—Adam Forepaugh, Sr., the veteran showman, died at his residence in this city shortly before midnight last night, of pneumonia, superinduced by la grippe. Mr. Forepaugh was 68 years old. He leaves a widow and one son, A. Forepaugh, junior.

A Trap to Death.

NORWALK, Conn., Jan. 23.—Mr. and Mrs. George Comstock, an aged and wealthy couple of Wilton, were returning from the funeral of a relative today, when their carriage was struck by a train on the Danbury and Norwalk railroad at a dangerous crossing near South Wilton. Both were fatally injured. They cannot live. more than a few hours. Both were deaf and could not hear the train. The tracks are hidden by buildings and there are no gates or flagman.

Endorses the Lease of Sea.l Fisheries.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 23.—Secretary Windom, in response to an inquiry from Senator Fry, chairman of the committee on commerce, has written a letter opposing the passage of the bill proposing to repeal the law authorizing the leasing of the Alaska seal fisheries, and to place the management and control of the business under the secretary of the treasury. Secretary Windom, after stating his objections to government control of the monopoly of the fur seal business, says in conclusion: "In my judgment any minor faults attending the contract system can better be removed by increasing the vigilance of the administration than by obliteration of the system itself and the substitution of a policy which is open to objections, so many and so fundamental. In view of these self-evident difficulties the present system commends itself to my judgment as the wisest and best for the government to adopt."

None too Much.

CHICAGO, Jan. 23.—The jury in Judge Gresham's court yesterday returned a verdict in favor of Henry Bush against the Northern Pacific Railroad for $40,000 damages. Bush was a fireman employed by the Northern Pacific, and was so badly injured in a collision that he lost the use of his legs.

A Coal Famine Due to the Grippe.

FORT DODGE, Iowa, Jan. 23.—Northern Iowa is threatened with a coal famine which, if the present cold weather continues, will entail an immense amount of suffering. In the Fort Dodge and Dubuque coal fields, the principal source of the fuel supply for this region, at present more than half of the miners are suffering from la grippe; and are unable to work. The others are working night and day, but cannot supply the demand.

The Commodore's Cousin.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—John Vanderbilt, a second cousin of the late Commodore Vanderbilt, died on Tuesday at Denmark, N. J., of influenza, at the age of 80 years. He gained his living as a fisherman.

Capital vs. Labor.

BRADFORD, Pa., Jan. 23.—A Punxsatawney special says: The miners made an effort to settle the strike to-day. They appointed a committee to confer with Superintendent Haskell as to the company's conditions for settlement. The conference was held this afternoon, but the superintendent positively refused to arbitrate. The strikers' committee volunteered to concede all the demands but one—reasonable wages for the cutting of clay veins. The superintendent said that his ultimatum was for the men to go to work and arbitrate afterwards. This was refused, and the committee retired. The superintendent says he has received instructions from headquarters to draw on the company for any amount of money necessary to defeat the strikers. The miners held a meeting this afternoon and decided to maintain their present position. Sheriff Sutton was instructed by the company to await the result of to-day's meeting before proceeding with the evictions, and if the result was unfavorable to begin wholesale evictions at once. The Hungarians are greatly excited, and are becoming unmanageable, and it is feared that trouble is inevitable.

Damaged and Delayed.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—The steamship Italia of the Hamburg-American line, for some days overdue at this port, arrived this morning, with two blades of her screw broken. The vessel encountered severe gales in the Atlantic on the 11th inst. Capt. Schmidt thinks that some large sea monster washed against his screw, for the blades snapped as though they had struck a rock. The Italia was compelled to finish the voyage at half speed.

An Island All Their Own.

CAIRO, Ills., Jan. 23. — The United States engineers report that at Paducah the point has been washed away by the combined currents of Ohio and Tennessee rivers until the two streams are separated by a narrow strip of land, not more than ten feet in width, which will possibly disappear when the water recedes, as a caving bank always follows a falling river. It is also reported that unless something be done at once the Ohio will be turned into the Tennessee, thus leaving the town of Paducah on an island.

"The Letters that Never Came."

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 23.—The mail car on the Iron Mountain train, which left here Tuesday night, was destroyed by fire near Knobel, Ark., yesterday morning. The car contained the mail for Texas points, St. Louis, Chicago and the west, and registered matter to the amount of $4,000; all of which was lost. The fire was caused by the breaking of a lamp.

Both Drunk or Crazy.

BELLE FONTE, Pa., Jan. 23.—While several men were shooting at a target near here to-day, one of them, named Mike Bordner, called out to a man named Stahick, who was replacing the target. "What a fine shot you would make!" "Shoot away," replied Stahick. Bordner fired, and Stahick fell dead.

Taken For a Burglar.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 23. — Last night two boys named Roberts and Ginsley shot and killed Laura Linton, a maiden lady living on a farm in Camden township, Ohio, in mistake for a burglar. Fearing burglars, she invited the boys to stay at her house. Hearing a noise at night, they discharged their guns at the supposed burglar, killing Miss Linton, who, it is supposed, was walking in her sleep.

Medicinal of Course.

LEAVENWORTH, Kansas, Jan. 23.—Fifteen suits against as many druggists here were commenced yesterday by Assistant Attorney-General Black, who was appointed by the government for the special purpose of enforcing the prohibitory law in this city. The attorney alleges that every druggist in the city has been violating the law. One druggist acknowledges having sold two hundred flasks of whiskey in 24 hours to those who thought they had la grippe.

Boston's Big Blaze.

BOSTON, Jan. 23.—The largest fire as well as the most difficult one to subdue that has visited Boston since that of Thanksgiving Day, started just before midnight last night, in the big brick block on Bristol and Thayer streets, known as Paul's mills. J. E. Paul & Co., lumber dealers, occupied the lower floor; the second and third floors were occupied by the Guild Piano Manufacturing Company, and the fourth floor by the Cole and Woodberry church organ manufacturers, and W. H. Boardman, stair builder. Among the other occupants were the Acme Manufacturing Co., Johnson Bros., fancy goods, and J. G. Hall & Co., carpenters. The fire burned for about two hours and a-half, when it was got under control. Although the building was not wholly destroyed the total loss will probably amount to $125,000, the bulk of which will fall on J. F. Paul & Co., owners of the building. During the progress of the fire a portion of the upper floor fell, carrying down Captain Hiram D. Smith, Lieut. James P. Dean and firemen Albert Laskey, Wm. J. Killier, and Ezra Bowman. They were rescued by the firemen, but were badly bruised.

Up in Arms.

APALACHICOLA, Fla., Jan. 23.—The Escambia rifles arrived last night, 37 strong. Guards were posted throughout the town, and every white man not on duty slept with his arms within reach. Thirty-five of the ringleaders of the strikers were arrested to-day, but the chief one, Sanchez V. Thomas, cannot be found. One negro was shot to-day while fleeing from arrest. The trial of some of the prisoners commenced this afternoon. Intense excitement prevails among both whites and blacks. The negro women are violent in their denunciation of the action of the whites and are throughing the streets. The citizens are worn out with fatigue, but feel confident that the situation can be mastered. It is generally believed that the arrest of the ringleaders will have a quieting effect, but some think that the negroes will attempt to make further trouble to-night.

Losing Its Fatal Power.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—For the 24 hours ending at noon to-day there were 95 deaths reported, against 135 yesterday. Of this number six were due to influenza, twenty-four to pneumonia, seventeen to consumption, and five to bronchitis.

CABLE NEWS.

England is Visited by Terrific Storms.

Westphalia Mine Owners Appeal to the Strikers.

Portugal Fears That Her Agriculture Will be Ruined by American Competition.

The West End Scandal.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—The defense in the case of Solicitor Newton, his clerk, Taylorson, and an interpreter named Degalla, who are jointly charged with having aided Hammond, who was connected with the West End scandal, in escaping to America, and thereby defeating the ends of justice, was opened in the Bow Street police court to-day. In his opening address Mr. Gill, counsel for the defense, commented on the action of the police and the government in allowing Hammond to escape, and in taking young scoundrels nightly around to the clubs to whisper mens' characters away, and then offering Mr. Newton and other defendants as a sacrifice to atone to the public for the police delay. The prisoners were committed for trial. They were bailed for £100 each.

Still Hope for the Erin.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—Capt. Darling, of the steamer Creole, which arrived at Bremen from New Orleans, and which reported sighting and bringing alongside a lifeboat supposed to belong to the National line steamer Erin, says that the oars, etc., taken from the boat were lashed fast to it, and had not been used. There was a hole in the bottom of the boat. Capt. Darling thinks, from the appearance of the boat, that it had been washed from its fastenings. The officials of the National line, to which the Erin belongs, state that all the small boats belonging to the Erin are marked "Erin, Liverpool," while the boat seen by the Creole was marked "Erin, London."

He is Still Alive.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—Cardinal Manning denies the rumor of the Pope's death.

Storms in England.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—Violent gales, accompanied by heavy rains, are reported throughout England. Great destruction from floods is also reported from many districts.

Germany Wants No Socialists.

BERLIN, Jan. 23.—"Tagblatt" states that it learns on semi-official authority that the Government has decided to withdraw the Socialist bill in the event of the Reischstag rejecting the clause giving the Government the right to expel Socialists.

Enormous Damage.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—The damage resulting from the recent storms along and near the southern coast of England has been enormous. The sea wall, extending from Newhaven to Seaford, has been injured in many places, and over a quarter of a mile of it has collapsed completely.

Lord Galloway Again in Trouble.

GLASGOW, Jan. 23.—A sensation was created in one of the police courts in this city yesterday, by the arraignment of Lord Galloway, who had been taken into custody on the complaint of a handsome sixteen-year old girl named Margaret Brown, who charged his lordship with accosting and molesting her on the public streets. The fair complainant declared that the noble lord had followed her persistently, sometimes much to her annoyance. She admitted, however, that he had only whispered to her once. He was admitted to bail in the sum of £10. To-day the case was again called up, and the magistrate after hearing further evidence dismissed the complaint, declaring the charge "not proven."

Costa Rica's Periodical Revolution.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—A telegram from Geneva says that a Swiss paper publishes a private cable reporting that a revolution broke out in Costa Rica, Central America, last Thursday night; that the government was overturned, and the revolutionists were supreme and that there were horrible scenes of bloodshed.

Killed in a Coal Mine.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—By an explosion in the colliery at Pontypool to-day five miners were killed.

Judicial Changes.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—Rt. Hon. Jno. Naish, the additional Lord Justice of Appeal for Ireland, is in ill-health, and in consequence has resigned the judiciary commissionership created under the Irish Education Endowment Act. It is probable that he will be succeeded by Chief-Justice O'Hagan of the Land Commission court.

Their Common Fatherland.

BERLIN, Jan. 23.—The mine owners of Dartmund, Westphalia, have written a joint letter to the miners' committee, declining to concede to the demands of the men, which they regard as extravagant. They appeal to the miners not to disturb the peace, as such a course would be gravely detrimental to the interests of the Fatherland.

The Crown of a Busy Life.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—In a letter to a friend in London, Henry M. Stanley writes: "My hair is like the snow from the Ruwenzori, but it is the crown of a busy period and I wear it without regret as a gift of time."

In a Blaze.

WARSAW, Jan. 23.—A lamp burst in a carriage forming part of a railway train, near Dunaburg, Russia, last night, and in a short time the carriage was in blaze. The train was stopped as quickly as possible and the inmates assisted to escape from the flames, which they did with great difficulty, and in some cases at the cost of severe injuries. One passenger was burned to death.

Cannot Compete with America.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—A despatch to the Standard from Lisbon says: It is rumored there that a movement is on foot in Washington to apply to Congress to subsidize a line of steamers between America and Portugal. The establishment of such a line, it is held, would ruin Portuguese agriculture, which has already been half destroyed by the importation of American wheat. The report gives rise to much uneasiness.

The Thunderer Speaks.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—The Times says: "The Samoan treaty testifies to the reasonableness of Prince Bismarck. The complete equilibrium established is much more than we could expect him to quietly consent to. The prohibition of arms, and the alcohol and land clauses, are probably due to British influence."

A Purely Ecclesiastical Matter.

DUBUQUE, Iowa, Jan. 23.—Judge Ney rendered his decision yesterday in the famous case of Father Jaen, the deposed Catholic priest, versus Right Rev. Bishop Hennessy, of the Iowa diocese. Father Jaen was deprived of his ecclesiastical rights several years ago by Bishop Hennessy for disobedience, and has ever since been seeking a hearing in the court. Judge Ney decides that Bishop Hennessy acted within his ecclesiastical jurisdiction in silencing the priest, and that the action is one a civil court cannot review, belonging solely to ecclesiastical authority. The plaintiff will carry the matter to a higher court.

EUROPEAN GOSSIP.

Portugal Building Ships of War.

The Queen of Italy Narrowly Escapes Death—A Coming Conservative Mass Meeting.

CONSERVATIVE CLANS GATHERING.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—The conservatives have completed arrangements to hold an enormous mass meeting in Belfast next Tuesday, on which occasion the Irish policy to be pursued by the Government is expected to be enunciated by speakers authorized to voice the plans of the ministry. The Ulster County boards have prepared an address to the Marquis of Londonderry, late viceroy of Ireland, who is to honor the meeting with his presence, and from those out and dried expressions of opinion the marquis will learn that his administration has been acceptable, while his eminent abilities as a statesman and his unceasing solicitude for the welfare of Ireland have endeared him to the patriotic people of the county and the Orangemen of Ulster.

IF INSANE, HE HAS AN EXCUSE.

The arrest of Lord Galloway for insulting a young girl on the public streets, has led to the admission by his lordship's friends and relatives that his vagaries of late have warranted their belief that he is mentally unbalanced. It appears that the offence for which Miss Brown had him taken into custody is not the first of the kind he has been guilty of, and several other members of his family have recently had the matter of placing him under restraint in serious consideration. If the stories be true the man is worthy of sympathy, but there is a suspicion abroad that they are told with a view of palliating the offences of a naturally vicious character, and to forestall the disclosure of still greater infractions of the requirements of decency.

PORTUGAL ARMING.

The Cologne Gazette is authority for the statement that the Portuguese Government has ordered the construction in German ship yards of five large torpedo boats, to be delivered without unnecessary delay.

ENGLISH HEIRESSES.

By the death of Mr. Christopher R. M. Talbot, the liberal member of parliament for Glamorganshire, last week, his three daughters inherited in equal shares an estate valued at £5,000,000.

A QUEEN'S NARROW ESCAPE.

While the Queen of Greece was walking in the grounds of the palace this afternoon an electric light wire became detached from its fastenings overhead and fell upon her, in such a manner as to encircle her body. She struggled to free herself, but her efforts only resulted in binding her more securely. The wire, however, was carrying no current at the time, but the hour when it should be turned on for evening was near, a fact which her Majesty fully realized. Attendants rushed to her assistance, and she was extricated, but not a moment too soon, as only had she been freed when the deadly current was turned on and the brilliant lights flashed in every direction.

IT'S FOR MONEY.

The shoemakers of Erfurt have gone out on strike for an increase of wages.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Report of the Department of Indian Affairs.

The Northern Pacific Heading for Yellowhead Pass—Steamer Circassian Ice-bound at St. Johns, N. F.

Canada's Indian Population.

OTTAWA, Jan. 23.—The annual report of the department of Indian Affairs was laid on the table this afternoon by the Hon. Edgar Dewdney. The number of resident and nomadic Indians in the Dominion at the close of last year was: Ontario, 17,752; Quebec, 13,500; Nova Scotia, 2,050; New Brunswick, 1,574; Prince Edward Island, 314; Manitoba and the N. W. T., 24, 572; Peace River district, 2,038; Athabasca district, 8,000; Mackenzie district, 7,000; Eastern Rupert's Land, 1,016; Labrador and the Canadian interior, 10,000; and the Arctic coast and British Columbia 35,765; a total of 171,520.

Ice Bound.

HALIFAX, Jan. 23. — The steamer Circassian from Liverpool for Halifax, which arrived at St. Johns, N. F., yesterday, is unable to leave there on account of ice.

The C. P. R.'s Big Rival.

OTTAWA, Jan. 23.—It is stated here that the Northern Pacific is heading for the Yellow Head Pass, and have actually secured the Great North Western Central, which will be extended to Seymour Inlet.

With Heavy Liabilities.

MONTREAL, Jan. 23.—The assignment of John A. Rafter & Sons, wholesale clothiers, is announced with liabilities of over $25,000. Their principal creditors are Gault Bros., $10,000.

Not Fatal to Journalists.

MONTREAL, Jan. 23.—There are a large number of cases of la grippe in Montreal. Twenty-five serious cases are reported at one of the hospitals, and deaths from pneumonia following influenza are frequently reported. The managing editor of the Herald has been suffering since Wednesday from a severe attack, but is now recovering.

His Risk Will Miss Him.

MONTREAL, Jan. 23.—James Reed, a well known tea broker and a celebrated local curler, is dead.

Jake Schaeffer will enter the coming Billiard tournament in New York.

The grand jury at St. Louis, Mo., is busy investigating charges of corruption and bribery made against certain members of the assembly.

EUROPEAN GOSSIP.

Portugal Has Rights that England Must Respect.

Russia Quietly Befriends Ex-Queen Natalie.

The Anglo-Portuguese Troubles Compared to the Oregon Dispute—Navigation Suspended on the Elbe.

COMPARED TO THE OREGON DISPUTE.

LONDON, Jan. 24.—Professor James Bryce has contributed an article to "The Speaker" treating of the dispute between England and Portugal, in which he compares the present difficulty to the dispute between England and the United States concerning Oregon; which after several years of joint occupation of that territory, was settled in 1846 by a treaty whereby the United States gained sole possession. The article has attracted considerable attention as admitting that "Portugal has rights in the disputed territory in South East Africa, which England is bound to regard as worthy of serious consideration before committing the country to a war of conquest.

BRAVE CAPTAINS, BRAVE CREWS.

Passengers arriving in the belated steamers which have come in within the last few days emerged from the late storms and reached their destinations to vie with each other in relating tales of distress and privation and expressing thanks for their deliverance from their perils. They are unanimous in extolling the bravery and devotion to duty of the officers of their vessels, through whose efforts alone, they are convinced, the ships were saved. The passengers of each ship have united in passing a series of resolutions complimentary to the captain, officers and crews, and expressing recognition of their services and admiration of their heroism and marvellous seamanship.

EDITOR PARKE'S FRIENDS.

The suburban radical club has elected as its president Editor Parke, of the North London press, who was recently sentenced to a year's imprisonment on the charge of having libelled the Earl of Euston. The bestowal of this honor upon Mr. Parke is designed to accentuate the belief of the club in his innocence, and its conviction that he is unjustly imprisoned in order to shield a guilty nobleman.

A FRIENDLY TIP.

It is stated that the Servian regents have received from St. Petersburg a hint that the expulsion of the ex-Queen Natalie from Servia which its alleged regent had planned, would be unwise. It is surmised that this "friendly tip" will be heeded, and that all danger of Natalie's expulsion is removed.

ON THE ELBE.

The extremely low stage of the water in the river Elbe has caused a complete suspension of navigation, so far as vessels of deep draught are concerned, and great hardship, involving an increase of prices in the affected region, has resulted.

THE FUND STILL GROWS.

The fund of the tenants defence league has reached the sum of £33,000, and there is no apparent diminution of the volume of contributions.

RESERVED.

A prominent physician of Landstuhl, Rheinish Bavaria, named Keim, has been sentenced to prison for three years, on a charge of assaulting a young girl who was one of his patients.

GONE TO SEE MALLABY.

Dr. J. P. Guthrie Skips Across the Border.

After Getting Nearly $3,000 on Bogus Paper the Doctor Comes to British Columbia.

(Seattle Post-Intelligencer.)

Dr. J. B. Guthrie, the young Canadian physician, who has been cutting such a wide swath among Seattle "bloods" since his arrival about two months ago, has suddenly taken flight and has disappeared from his old haunts and acquaintances, or it might more properly be said—his victims. The engaging young doctor left Seattle on the Premier Tuesday night last, for the sole reason that the town was getting too hot to hold him. In a word, Dr. Guthrie has turned out to be a forger, swindler and confidence man of the decpest hue, and is as thoroughgoing a rascal as it is possible to conceive of. Coming to Seattle with letters of introduction from well-known men in Canada, he insinuated himself into the good graces of a large number of prominent men in Seattle, as well as others, and brazenly swindled them to the extent of his conscienceless ability. To such an extent did this candidate for the penitentiary carry his operations that yesterday morning Mr. Charles Kittinger, one of the doctor's many victims, swore out a warrant for his arrest in Justice Rivers' court, and placed it in a constable's hands for service. But the warrant came too late. Dr. Guthrie had gone to Vancouver some time before Mr. Kittinger could get out his papers. When Dr. Guthrie came to Seattle two months ago he brought with him two letters of introduction, one of which, from Professor William H. Henderson, of Queen's university, at Kingston, Canada, he presented to Dr. P.R.M. Miller; the other to Mr. Charles Kittinger from Mr. Abbott, manager of the Canadian Pacific railroad at Vancouver. Guthrie also presented himself to Mr. A. B. Stewart, of Stewart & Holmes, who had known his father in Guelph, Canada.

To Dr. Miller young Guthrie, for he is only 24 years old, unbosomed himself first. His excellent recommendations caused Dr. Miller to take more of an interest in the young man than he otherwise would have done. As Guthrie wished to gain a practice here, Dr. Miller offered to help him all he could. He first took an office in the Columbia house, but vacated that in about two weeks, and then went out to Ballard, ostensibly to practice medicine. He hired an office there and also lodgings, but spent most of his time in Seattle. It did not take long for him to extend his acquaintance, and shortly he knew most everyone in town worth knowing. He gave out that he had gone into partnership with Dr. Miller, but this statement was unqualifiedly false. Guthrie's methods of swindling were audacious. From the start he borrowed money and paid some of it back in order to extend his credit. He operated principally by checks and drafts, and had them cashed whenever he could. His favorite method was to go to some friend and get him to endorse a draft on his father. This was generally done after banking hours, or else an expected draft from paterfamilias had not come and he must have money. And at first this clever young swindler had not the slightest difficulty in getting his drafts cashed, to whomever he applied. How could a young man, thought they, of such good family connection, of such insinuating address and such a bon homme air, be guilty of such atrocious cussedness? Such a thought at first did not enter their minds. Young Mr. Guthrie had but to pull the string and forth came the American eagle! It mattered not whom; doctors, lawyers, bankers, druggists and business men—a goodly portion of Seattle's 400, helped contribute toward this young scamp's support. He was addicted to gambling, and he had the lucre to indulge in it; he had good living, good wine, good cigars and—a precious good time. And, vulgarly speaking, the "suckers" looked on and applauded, because he was a good fellow.

Guthrie spent a great deal of time at the Ranier hotel, and his famous game of pool there with Captain Mallaby in which he won $2,100 from the Englishman, and did not get, is still fresh in the minds of many. It is rather laughable when one comes to think of the affair. Apparently dead earnestness on each side. Both were excellent swindlers and neither expected to pay the other, although the one expected the other to pay him. It was a case of "diamond cut diamond," pure and simple. About two weeks before Guthrie's departure he changed his plan of operations to another field. He succeeded in getting his personal checks cashed, representing that he had funds in the bank. His checks were returned with "no funds," but in several instances he affected a surprise that he had no money on deposit, but promised successfully in many cases to make it all right.

The First National Bank was caught to the extent of $200 on Guthrie's personal check.

Mr. A. B. Stewart, of Stewart & Holmes, druggists, who was well acquainted with Judge Guthrie, the young man's father in Guelph, endorsed a couple of drafts, which were paid. He refused a final request to endorse a draft for $250 on Guthrie's father, having heard that young Guthrie was living fast.

Kerkow Bros., druggists, were also victimized, together with a number of others. Geo. B. Kittinger losing $1,000.

At a late hour last night Mr. George B. Kittinger was seen by a Post-Intelligencer reporter. He said that he thought Guthrie, scamp as he is, would settle his debts, for he had just received a telegram from him as follows:

VANCOUVER, B.C., Jan. 22.

George B. Kittinger, Seattle: Shall be in Seattle on Tuesday. Am endeavoring to arrange matters. J. P. GUTHRIE.

This telegram Mr. Kittinger thinks results from the advice of Manager Abbott, of the Canadian Pacific road, at Vancouver.

Guthrie met Mr. Kittinger through a letter from Mr. Abbott, and a few days ago, hearing that Guthrie had left town, wrote to Mr. Abbott, telling him how the young physician was conducting himself. He received a telegram from Mr. Abbott yesterday saying that Guthrie was in Vancouver. The inference is that Mr. Abbott, realizing the enormity of the offence, has telegraphed Guthrie's father to have the matter straightened up, in order to save his son from possible punishment and disgrace.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Tried and Sentenced.

MONTREAL, Jan. 24.—Martin, the who crook, on Monday afternoon last with an accomplice fastened the door of Walker's big jewelry store, and having smashed the window seized and ran away with a tray containing $8,000 worth of diamonds and rings; but who was afterwards captured, was to-day sentenced to fourteen years in the penitentiary. The stolen mass is still at large.

Destroyed by Fire.

MOOSE JAW, Jan. 24.—W. R. Campbell's hardware store and stock was totally destroyed by fire to-day. The loss will be $6,000; insured for $3,000 in the City of London and Imperial.

Toronto Board of Trade.

TORONTO, Jan. 24.—Nominations for the annual election of officers for the Board of Trade were made to-day. The elections will take place on Jan. 31st. John J. Davidson was elected president by acclamation.

On Trial.

TORONTO, Jan. 24.—Two bank clerks, Rolly Moffatt and W. H. Goodwin, the ledger keeper and the assistant accountant respectively, of the Ontario bank, charged with stealing and embezzling its funds, appeared in the police court this morning, but the case was remanded till Wednesday, when the two will be tried together. Goodwin was admitted to bail, but Moffatt was not.

Congratulations.

OTTAWA, Jan. 24.—The caucus of the Conservative party held this morning was largely attended, but little if anything was done. Dr. Ferguson, of Welland, presided. A resolution was passed congratulating Sir John A. MacDonald on passing his 75th birthday, to which one of his usual happy replies was made. He said he was growing old and would grow older yet, and related some pleasing incidents of his long political life. The Speaker issued a warrant today for the issue of a writ for Haldimand.

Mail v. Empire.

TORONTO, Jan. 24.—It is understood that the Mail Publishing Company will institute proceedings against the Empire for libel, in connection with certain articles regarding the giving of secret information of Canadian affairs to members of the senate committee at Washington, and that the amount claimed in damages will be very high.

Prince Edward Island Elections.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I., Jan. 24.—The nominations for the House of Assembly took place to-day. The only elections by acclamation were J. R. McLean, Liberal, and John McLean, Conservative, in the first district of Kings.

MAINLAND ASSOCIATION.

A Branch Established at Westminster—The Scheme to be Made General Throughout the Mainland.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., Jan. 24.—A largely attended meeting was held in the city hall to-night to consider the Mainland Association scheme.

The following resolution was passed unanimously: "That an association be formed in this city to secure as far as possible a representation by population and justice to the mainland in the proposed distribution of seats."

It was also resolved to promote the formation of similar associations in all the mainland municipalities, these associations, including the one at Vancouver, to appoint delegates to form a central association.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria

CAPITAL NOTES.

Earle Makes His Maiden Speech in the House.

Prior Working for the Call of China Steamers.

A Survey of the Fraser to be Made Between Lytton and Lillooet—Newspaper War.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Jan. 24.—In the House today, Col. Prior moved for a return of all correspondence between the Imperial and the Dominion Governments relating to the subsidy for the Canadian Pacific steamers plying on the Pacific Ocean. He said the object was to ascertain where the blame lay with respect to the omission of a clause compelling the steamers to call at Victoria. He said it was scandalous that there was no stipulation to compel the company to call at the chief port of British Columbia.

All disputes in reference to copyright trade marks and patents will hereafter be relegated to the courts.

At a Conservative caucus to-day Sir John was congratulated upon attaining his 75th year.

In a speech to-day the premier urged moderation in the discussion of the dual language question.

Mr. Earle has just recovered from his illness, and was introduced in the House of Commons. He was well received, and delivered a brief speech.

The petition in regard to the incorporation of the Orange order was presented to-day.

The city is full of representatives of banking interests. They will interview Hon. Mr. Foster to-morrow.

The Minister of Public Works has ordered a survey of the Fraser river between Lytton and Lillooet. Mr. F. S. Barnard endeavored to secure an appropriation to make the river navigable between these points.

Hon. Mr. Foster and his wife gave a large dinner party to-night, the anticipated social boycott not taking place.

David Creighton, manager of the Empire, was arrested to-night on a charge of criminal libel preferred by the Toronto Mail. The affair causes a tremendous sensation.

AMERICAN NEWS.

A Colossal Failure.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—The rumor is current in Wall street and among the various commission houses that a $6,000,000 failure has occurred in Buenos Ayres. Nothing definite could be learned, as the merchants engaged in trade with that country refused to say anything for publication until definite information was received. At the London and Brazilian bank here the rumor was not denied but the officials would not disclose the names of the firms in this city who were directly interested. It was learned at some of the commission houses that if the rumor was true, it would seriously affect some of the shipping houses in this city. H. T. Hughes stated this afternoon that his house had received wind from their correspondents at Buenos Ayres that the firm of Repetto, Pacpiliouni & Co. had failed for $6,000,000. The firm did an immense business in jobbing the products of the Argentine Republic, and has considerable shipping interests in Europe. The firm has large warehouses throughout the republic and carried a heavy stock of hardware and provisions.

Two Hours in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—Nellie Bly arrived here at 8:5 this morning and left for New York at 10 o'clock.

Is the Negro Still a Slave.

KNOXVILLE, Ten., 24.—When a carload of North Carolina negroes, billed for Arkansas, reached Morristown last night they were informed that they would be taken to Mississippi instead. They rebelled and became so enraged at the immigrant agents who had them in charge that the latter had to flee for their lives.

Abandoned at Sea.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—A despatch received at the Maritime exchange from London to-day, states that the steamship Lavonia, of the German line, which left New York on Jan. 3rd for Hamburg, was abandoned at sea in a sinking condition on Jan. 13th. All hands were saved.

Avenged His Wife's Disgrace.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24.—Louis L. Bromwell, president of the California Insurance Co., was shot and badly wounded to-day by George C. Pratt, general agent of the company, who says that his wife had confessed that Bromwell seduced her. Both are widely known. Bromwell is a man of family and wealthy. Pratt asserts that his wife has become insane over her disgrace. Bromwell will recover. Pratt is under arrest.

Anarchy's Deserts.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—The general term to-day affirmed the conviction and sentence of Herr Most, who was sentenced to a year's imprisonment and $500 fine for his fiery utterances in a speech about the time of the hanging of the Chicago anarchists. He appealed the case and was released on bail.

A Conspiracy of the Elements.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24.—The blockade on the Central Pacific remains unchanged. The snow is still falling in the mountains and the storm is the greatest known since the road was built. Many mountain and valley streams in Northern California are swollen, and the Sacramento River is rising so rapidly that another flood is feared, several avalanches reported in the Clavyon mountains adding to the blockade.

Communication Again Opened.

HURON, S. D., Jan. 24.—Railroad communication between this city, Winona and Chicago was resumed yesterday afternoon, the snow blockade having been raised. The Manitoba trains were expected last night or this morning. The storm has interrupted railroad traffic more than any storm since January, 1879.

Another Australian Victory.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—A despatch to the Police Gazette from London says: Jem Barges, the light weight champion of Australia, knocked out Sam Baxter, the light weight champion of England, at Sydney to-day.

Prospect of a Strike.

HUNTINGTON, Ind., Jan. 24.—The employes of the Chicago and Atlantic railroad, who are dissatisfied, met the general officers on Wednesday. The engineers, firemen, brakemen, and conductors presented a long list of grievances. The questions of adjustment of time, higher pay, and other points were discussed. It is said that if they are not settled satisfactorily to the men there will be a general strike.

Burned.

HUNTINGTON, Pa., Jan. 14.—The erecting and repairing shops of the Huntington and Broadtop railroad, located at Saxton, Bedford county, were totally destroyed by fire this morning. Loss, $59,000.

All is Peace.

APALACHICOLA, Fla., Jan. 24.—Everything is quiet here to-day, and it is apparent that the trouble with the colored strikers is at an end.

Death by Chlorine Gas.

BINGHAMPTON, N. Y., Jan. 24.—A man who called this morning at the laundry of Lee Hop and Sing Lee, found both Chinese and a man named Lamie Sweeney dead on the floor. Physicians think that their death was caused by the inhalation of chlorine gas, generated in some way from the washing material. The man was a dissipated character.

No Revolution.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 24.—The published reports that a revolution had broken out in Costa Rica is denied by the representatives of that country in Washington. A cable despatch, they say, in support of this denial, was recently received here by diplomatic representatives of Costa Rica, which makes no mention of the alleged revolution.

The Coal Trade Brisker.

MOUNT CARMEL, Penn., Jan. 24.—An improvement in the coal trade is noticed since the weather has been colder. The Bellmore and Morris Ridge Collieries resumed work to-day, and other operators announce their intention to start up on Monday.

A HARVEST OF DEATH.

Natural Gas Causes an Awful Calamity.

Scenes of Horror Witnessed at Columbus, Ohio, Yesterday—Tragedy Follows Tragedy.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 24.—There is a scene of death and destruction in this city to-night. A few moments after 5 o'clock an alarm of fire was sounded. An explosion had occurred at the double residence of Michael Bowers and John Marriot, at the corner of Wall and Noble allies. The cause of the calamity was an accumulation of natural gas in the cellar. The city has recently been supplied with natural gas, and leading past the house occupied by Marriot and Bowers, is one of the mains through which the gas is furnished to the public. The pipes had broken, and the explosive fuel had