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Germany's Great Ones

Monuments to Dead Rulers Unveiled in Various Parts of the Country.

British Residents of Rio Janeiro Send Wreaths For Empress Frederick's Tomb.

Celebration of Professor Virchow's Birthday Lasts a Long Time.

Berlin, Oct. 19.—The seventieth birthday of the late Emperor Frederick was quietly celebrated yesterday. In the morning Emperor William placed a wreath of violets on the sarcophagus. The wreath had attached to it in white satin ribbon with the initials of Their Majesties in gold. The entrance to the mausoleum and the monument were beautifully decorated with flowers, as was the monument representing the late Empress Frederick. Early in the day delegations from the different regiments placed wreaths on the sarcophagus. The city of Potsdam sent a laurel crown. At noon Princess Eitel Frederick Auguste and Oscar also brought floral offerings to the tombs. Conspicuous among the floral tributes was a wreath sent by the British colony at Rio Janeiro to be placed on the tomb of the late Empress Frederick. During the day the purple standard of the Queen of Prussia was flown at half-mast over the palace of the Empress Frederick. An equestrian statue of the late Emperor was unveiled at Nordhausen, Prussian Saxony, the ceremonies including a procession.

There were only two editorials in the papers here on the event. The Post says: "The nation remembers in sorrow the chivalrous personage whose tragic destiny was to die when he had hardly entered upon his high office. His political views, when he was Crown Prince, differed from ours, he embracing Liberalism in the forties. But he had a praiseworthy and high regard for his office and subordinated his individual ideas and inclinations to the common interests. He will not be forgotten, as a noble man, popular prince and heroic sufferer. The laurel crown on his forehead secures him a place of honor in our history."

The Berliner Zeitung eulogizes Emperor Frederick's Liberalism, depicting the good which he might have done had he lived longer.

Three monuments to the late Emperor William were unveiled yesterday. One of these was unveiled at Aix la Chappelle in the presence of the Crown Prince Frederick William, who afterwards returned to Bonn. The other monuments were unveiled at Allenstein and Friedenau, Prussia.

The Berliner Neuste Nachrichten complains that the Bismarck monument is invisible after sunset, excepting by the light furnished from the two old-fashioned gas lamps, saying Count von Bulow accepted it June 18, in the hope that it would be illuminated in a manner worthy of his great predecessor, and adding that the chancellor may appeal to the city magistrate, who illuminates the statues on the Sieges Allee, "even that of Otto, the Lazy, electrically, should be willing to do the same for Otto the diligent."

This was Virchow week. The celebration of his 80th birthday was still going on yesterday. The city authorities dined the honored citizen at the Rath Haus, which was beautifully decorated. There were no government officials, personages or uniforms present, the assemblage being made up of citizens of Berlin and friends of the professor. The chief speaker was Herr Kirschner, the burgomaster. Tonight the Berlin Handwerker Verein will welcome Professor Virchow as an honorary member. An exhibition of the addresses, memorials, medals, pictures and statues presented to Professor Virchow was opened yesterday. It is said that the Czar will confer on Professor Virchow the order of the White Eagle, but that his long absence from St. Petersburg has delayed the official announcement of this fact.

U. S. POLITICS.

Election Campaign Opened by Republicans in Ohio.

Delaware, O., Oct. 19.—The opening of the Ohio campaign here today by the Republicans was the most largely attended of years.

DEAL DENIED.

Reported Sale of Coal Lands Proves to be Untrue.

Nanaimo, Oct. 19.—(Special.)—A reported deal by which a United States company takes over coal lands held by Nanaimo parties in Cedar district, paying $150,000 is denied by holders of the limits, which comprise about 1,000 acres lying contiguous to the lands of the Wellington Colliery company. Through a broker a United States syndicate have been inquiring whether the lands are for sale or not.

FIRE AT PAN-AMERICAN.

New England Building and Valuable Contents Destroyed.

Buffalo, N.Y., Oct. 19.—New England's building at the Pan-American exposition was destroyed by fire tonight. The valuable contents of the building, consisting of rich furnishings of historic value, costly oil-paintings and other articles of historic value, were also entirely destroyed. The building cost $30,000. The fire was discovered at 11:10 and half an hour later the building was in ashes. The structure was one of the finest of the so-called state buildings on the exposition grounds. It was of colonial design and of a style similar to many of the older mansions to be found on the prosperous New England towns. It was of a white wood with white wood trimmings. A wide, spacious porch ran across the front of the building its entire length and the colonial pillars thereon gave it a thoroughly New England aspect. The five New England states consolidated in the erection of this building—Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island and Connecticut. Among the valuable paintings lost was a life-size portrait of James G. Blaine, said to be the finest painting of that statesman in existence.

NOMINATED A TRAITOR.

Galway Nationalists Select Man Who Fought For the Boers.

London, Oct. 19.—The Nationalists of Galway have selected Arthur Lynch to contest the vacancy in the House of Commons caused by the elevation of Martin H. F. Morris to the Peerage. Mr. Lynch contested the constituency as a Parnellite in 1892, and served as a Colonel with the Second Irish brigade on the Boer side, operating in Natal under General Botha and afterwards in the Orange Free State. When Pretoria fell, Mr. Lynch returned to France, where he remains. He will doubtless be arrested if he returns to Ireland.

ROSSLAND MINES.

Output For the Week Shows an Increase.

Rossland, Oct. 19.—The shipments from the Rossland camp are growing. The figures for the week ending tonight are as follows: Le Roi, 4,000 tons; Le Roi No. 2, 800 tons; Spitzee, 30 tons. Operations in the mines during the week have been largely confined to stoping. The No. 1 mine has been unwatered and mining will be resumed during the week. The Nickel Plate is now being unwatered and the pumping operations are progressing rapidly.

Gold Struck Near Horsefly

News Reaches Ashcroft of a Wonderful Find in Cariboo Country.

R. T. Ward Says He Believes the Report Is Perfectly Authentic.

Ashcroft, B. C., Oct. 19.—What may prove very important news arrived down this week from Horsefly to the effect that rich placer ground had been struck near the headwaters of Horsefly, and in a section where no white men had ever explored before. The report is authentic to this extent that news was sent down by a thoroughly reliable mining man of Horsefly The letter reads as follows:

"Just a line to say that a party just in from the Headwaters of Horsefly report a rich find on a large creek some eight or ten miles beyond where any white man had ever been, at least there is no sign. They panned out considerable gold and brought it with them. Their grub gave out. They will return again before snow falls too deep and make more locations. Every able-bodied man is going."

The best evidence is the gold brought down, which I saw and weighed some of it. Bob Campbell, who is an old Barkerville miner, says its a second Williams creek. The benches are rich, but they could not get bedrock in the creek, but got good prospects everywhere they panned. Parties are going up and I will wait here until they return when I will know more about it. This may surprise the people yet."

A special from 150-Mile House to the Journal, says: "A crowd is leaving here this morning for the headwaters of the Horsefly. R. T. Ward, just in from Horsefly, says it is believed to be all right, and the strike genuine as reported.

SLIPPERY TURK.

French Claims Still Unpaid by Sultan's Government.

Paris, Oct. 19.—A despatch to the Temps from Constantinople, under today's date, confirms previous despatches to the effect that the Lorando claim of over £100,000, Turkish, for money loaned some years ago to the Porte, is still unpaid, and the Temps says rumors that the government of Turkey had agreed to the French demand is untrue.

RUMORS OF DEWET'S DEATH

Contradictory Reports Afloat in South Africa About the Boer Leader.

Durban, Natal, Oct. 19.—General Dewet's recent inactivity has produced the impression among military men that he is either dead or incapacitated through illness or wounds.

According to a letter from Pretoria, a prominent Boer recently wrote a friend there relating the terrible hardships suffered by the Boers in the field, especially from a lack of surgeons.

"Dewet, for example," wrote this Boer, "suffered the most terrible agony before he died. He was wounded in the shoulder by a splinter from a shell, and the wound gangrened owing to its being dressed with dirty rags."

Five Boers captured at different places recently said Dewet was dead, but each gave a different version of his death. Against these reports is the statement of Piet Devilliers, the field cornet recently taken prisoner in the north-eastern part of the Orange River Colony, who said that on the morning of his capture he took breakfast with General Dewet.

VANCOUVER LIBRARY.

Fight Over a Site Is Not Yet Settled.

Vancouver, Oct. 19.—(Special)—"Has the Vancouver city council power to set aside a portion of the market hall grounds for a free library site?" This is the last of many questions raised as obstacles in the way of the Carnegie library committee. City Solicitor Hamersley and Mayor Townley state that there may be a nice legal question to face if any citizen chose to raise it. It is understood that next Monday night the question will be raised at the city council meeting.

MANCHESTER SHIPPER.

Passengers Are Safe and Will Be Sent from Sydney.

Halifax, Oct. 19.—Passengers on the Manchester Shipper, ashore off Sydney, are safe enough and will be sent to their destination by rail. One passenger is a Montreal detective named Napoleon Lambert, on his way home from France. Two months ago he arrested two Parisians at Rimouski, charged with stealing $20,000 from a residence at Nantes. Lambert took them to France, where they were tried and convicted.

Dumont's Airship

Successfully Rounds the Eiffel Tower Though Exceeding the Time Limit.

Committee Declares He Was Forty Seconds too Late to Capture Prize.

Receives Tremendous Ovation From Crowds as He Lands Safely.

Paris, Oct. 19.—The Santos Dumont airship ascended at St. Cloud and rounded the Eiffel tower this afternoon.

Santos Dumont for the first time started at 2:29, but on leaving the park his guide rope caught in a tree, and he was obliged to descend. He started again at 2:42 p. m., rose 250 yards, and then pointed for the Eiffel Tower, the balloon going in a straight line. It was seen through field glasses to arrive at the tower and round it. The time up to that point with the wind in the balloon's favor, was eight minutes and 45 seconds. It returned against the wind, and made slower headway, but still kept in the true direction for St. Cloud, which it reached in the total time of 29 minutes and 15 seconds. Instead of descending immediately, Santos Dumont made a broad sweep over the Aero club grounds, with the result that another minute and 25 seconds were consumed before the workmen seized the guide rope. Thus technically Santos Dumont exceeded the time limit of 40 seconds.

Enormous crowds, which had gathered inside and outside the grounds, gave the aeronaut a tremendous ovation. As his basket came within speaking distance, Santos Dumont leaned over the side and asked, "Have I won the prize?"

Hundreds of spectators shouted „Yes," but the Count De Dion, a member of the committee approached and threw a damper on the enthusiasm by saying, "My friend, you have lost the prize by 40 seconds."

The aeronaut after protesting against the decision of the committee, shrugged his shoulders and remarked, "Anyway, I do not care personally for the 100,000 francs. I intended to give it to the poor."

A number of ladies, who were present, threw flowers over the aeronaut, and others offered him bouquets. At this moment M. Deutsch arrived at the club grounds, having only shortly before that moment reached Paris from Biarritz. He advanced, embraced Santos Dumont, shook hands with him and said, "For my part, I consider that you have won the prize."

The crowd then gave the two men a great ovation, cheering heartily for Santos Dumont and Deutsch.

Santos Dumont claims that he wont the prize because he reached the park within the time, and that the original rules governing the contest made no mention of having to touch the ground within the 30 minutes. The dispute is due to the action of the committee, which some time ago modified the terms of the contest by inserting the latter stipulation. Santos Dumont at the time protested and refused to be bound by the fresh regulation, and strenuously upheld this view with the Count de Dion and other members on descending today, finally declaring that he considered he had won the prize and would not try again. If the money was withheld, it was not his fault.

M. Deutsch said he would give 25,000 francs to the poor, notwithstanding the decision of the committee; but Santos Dumont declined to accept the offer as a solution of the difficulty. There was a large assemblage of people at the Eiffel Tower, and considerable interest was manifested in the experiment in other parts of Paris, groups of people gathering in the streets to watch the progress of the balloon with its long guide rope hanging and big propeller whirling round while those below distinctly distinguished the loud buzzing of the motor.

FRENCH SCHOONER LOST.

Goes Ashore Off the Coast of Newfoundland.

St. John's Nfld., Oct. 19.—The French schooner Madeline, belonging in St. Pierre, is ashore on Red island, on the French shore, and will prove a total loss. The crew were saved. Part of her cargo consisting of general goods for use among the French fishing stations along the coast, was saved by the Newfoundland Coast folk.

GLASS FACTORIES.

Work Resumed in Large United States Plants.

Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 19.—Fires have been lighted in nearly all the factories of the American Window Glass company, and the Independent Glass company, the two leading window glass combinations and the plants will be put in as full operation as possible on November 1. All the factories of the federated co-operative manufacturers were started on Tuesday and also the plants of several outside concerns.

TUG SUNK.

Cut in Two in Collision With Lake Steamer.

Detroit, Oct. 19.—The tug Christian, supposed to be from Toledo, Ohio, with a crew of five men, Capt. Harlow, was run down and cut in two by steamer J. J. Albright tonight at the upper end of Gross Isle, which is about nine miles below this city. Three of the five on the tug were drowned. Capt. Harlow is supposed to be one of them. The names of the other two have not yet been learned.

LAKE DISASTER.

Unknown Vessel Founders in Lake Erie Storm.

Buffalo, Oct. 19.—It was learned tonight that a vessel foundered in Lake Erie off Long Point, in the 50-mile gale that swept over the lake Friday night and this morning. The captain of the steamer Donnaconna, which arrived at Port Colborne this afternoon brought the first news of the disaster. He reported having passed through the wreckage of what was evidently a two-masted vessel with a single smokestack. Large quantities of lumber, ties and shingles were floating about. A tug put out from here to investigate and has not yet returned.

MISS STONE.

Comments on the Letter of M. Saratoff to Mr. Dickinson.

London, Oct. 19.—Commenting on the statement of the Politische Correspondez regarding the letter from M. Saratoff, the Bulgarian minister, to Mr. Dickinson, the Vienna correspondent of the Standard says:

DEPRESSED AND DISCOURAGED.

It is remarkable how thoroughly the whole system is thrown out of order when the nerves become weak and exhausted. All energy and ambition seems to disappear, the mind wanders, memory fails and despondency reigns supreme. Dr. Chase's Nerve Food puts new vim and energy into the brain, nerves and body, builds up the system and prevents paralysis, prostration and insanity.

U. S. MANUFACTURERS.

Intend to Hold Convention to Discuss Limited Reciprocity.

Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 18.—The committee on arrangements of the National Association of Manufacturers, met here today to perfect arrangements for the holding of a national reciprocity convention, which was first proposed at the annual meeting of the National Association in Detroit. It was decided to hold the convention at Washington beginning November 19. The convention will probably last three days. President T. C. Search, of the National Association of Manufacturers, presided at the meeting, which was attended by 30 prominent manufacturers from various parts of the country. There was a general discussion regarding the details of the convention, at the conclusion of which a call was adopted by the committee and will be sent broadcast over the country. The call states that the sole purpose of this conference is to discuss the expediency and practicability of the broader applications of the principles of the commercial reciprocity as a means of expanding the foreign markets for United States products without sacrificing the interests of any United States industries. The object of this convention is to ascertain accurately the view of representative manufacturers on this subject, and to formulate, if possible, some practical suggestion for such legislation or diplomatic negotiation as may be necessary to establish that intimate commercial relation between the United States and other nations.

BULGARIA'S POSITION.

Declines to Offer Ransom to the Brigands.

Vienna, Oct. 18.—According to the Politische's Correspondenz, M. Saratoff, Bulgarian minister of the interior and interim minister of foreign affairs, addressed a note to Mr. Dickinson, United States consul-general in Constantinople, a few days ago, in which after complaining that the consul-general had expressed dissatisfaction with the measures the Bulgarian government had taken against his government declining being held responsible for a crime committed on Turkish territory, and declared that in order to guard itself against a serious and unmerited accusation, the Bulgarian government had resolved, should the robber band try to cross the Bulgarian frontier, or succeed in stealing into Bulgaria, to have it mercilessly pursued and annihilated by Bulgarian troops.

"We will not enter into any negotiations whatever for paying ransom," said M. Saratoff, "as we do not want precedents established for the many robbers infesting the neighborhood to turn to Bulgaria whenever this seems to their advantage. We are firmly determined to make an example which will deter robbers from repeating such speculations. It then will no longer be possible to accuse Bulgaria of harboring secret committees which organize bands for kidnapping foreigners in Turkey and removing them to Bulgaria, there peacefully to enjoy the ransom they extort."

CANADIAN FAILURES.

Fewer Than for the Corresponding Week Last Year.

Toronto, Oct. 18.—Dun's review of Canadian trade for the week states that failures for the past week were 29 against 31 for the same week of last year.

A NEW LINE.

More Steamships to Run Between Quebec and London.

Quebec, Oct. 18.—W. McNaught, of the Great Northern railway, is authority for the statement that Sir Christopher Furness has promised to put on a line of steamships between Quebec and London next summer.

A SEA MONSTER.

Great Britain to Build a Battleship Larger Than Any Afloat.

London, Oct. 19.—The Admiralty has sent instructions to Devonport to prepare for the construction of a battleship larger than any now existing. Her displacement will be 16,500 tons and her length 425 feet. She will be the first vessel of the King Edward class.

THE POPE.

Report That He Is Suffering From Weakness Denied.

Rome, Oct. 18.—The recurring newspaper reports that the Pope is suffering from weakness and is subject to fainting spells have called out a denial from the Vatican. His Holiness is in perfect health, gives audiences regularly and passes the fine days in the gardens.

RAILWAY VICTIMS.

Three Trainmen Crushed to Death in Michigan Accident.

Birmingham, Mich., Oct. 18.—Three train men were crushed to death in a head-on collision today between freight trains on the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee railroad at a curge five miles west of here. The dead are: R. Moffatt, engineer, Detroit; D. Luce, fireman, Detroit; Otto Hurnburg, brakeman, Clarkson, Mich.

FIGHT IN PHILIPPINES.

Ten United States Soldiers Killed and Six Wounded by Bolomen.

Manila, Oct. 18.—Five hundred bolomen attacked a detachment of 46 men of the Ninth Infantry at Bangajon, on the Ganada river, Island of Samar, today, killing ten and wounding six. The remainder of the company arrived on the scene in time to prevent further slaughter and routed the enemy, killing over a hundred of them. It is believed that the enemy only retired for reinforcements. As soon as the news was received at Cathalogan, two gunboats were despatched, Gen. Smith going in person to the scene.

"The D & L." Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil taken in cases of general debility and loss of appetite, is sure to give the best results. It restores health and renews vitality. Davis & Lawrence Co., Ltd., manufacturers

N. F. Davin A Suicide

End of One of the Brightest Men in Canadian Public Life.

Shoots Himself Through the Head at Clarendon Hotel, Winnipeg.

Lay on His Bed and Placed Revolver Muzzle in His Mouth.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Winnipeg, Oct. 18.—Nicholas Flood Davin, of Regina, well known parliamentarian and journalist, committed suicide by shooting here this afternoon about 4 o'clock.

Mr. Davin, who had been in the city for nearly a week, was a guest at the Clarendon hotel, and had been somewhat irregular in his habits. He left the hotel shortly after noon today, and going to a hardware store purchased a revolver and cartridges, saying it was wanted for a friend in the West. Later he returned and said the revolver would not work. The weapon was taken from Mr. Davin's hands, and noticing his nervous condition, the manager of the store refused to replace it, returning the money paid therefor.

Mr. Davin then went to another store and purchased a small bulldog revolver, saying he wanted it to kill troublesome cats. He returned to the hotel in a cab, told the clerk he intended leaving the city for Regina on the 4:30 train, and went to his room to prepare his luggage.

A few minutes later a loud report was heard from Mr. Davin's room. Investigation was made, and he was found lying on the bed with a smoking revolver in his right hand. The muzzle had been placed in his mouth, and the ball passed through the back of the head causing instant death.

A coroner was summoned, and the body removed to an undertaker's. No cause for the crime can be given, as deceased has been in a very cheerful mood since coming to the city. The body will be taken to Regina for burial.

Nicholas Flood Davin, K. C., was born at Kilfinane, Limerick, Ireland, in 1843 and was educated by private tuition and at Queen's college, Cork. He studied law, and was called to the Middle Temple, London, in 1868. He entered journalism, was reporter in the British House of Commons, and during the Franco-Prussian war served as war correspondent of the Irish Times and London Standard. During the fighting he was wounded at the siege of Montmedy. He came to Canada in 1872 on a visit, and liking the country stayed, accepting an offer to join the staff of the Toronto Globe as leader writer on European literary and social questions. Like most Irishmen, he became interested in politics, and devoted a year to lecturing through Canada. He next joined the Toronto Mail, was called to the Ontario bar in 1874, and subsequently to the North West bar and was created a Q. C. in 1890.

As a supporter of Sir John Macdonald, when the N. P. was introduced as an issue in the general election of 1878, he was a candidate in Haldimand. He was afterwards appointed secretary of several Royal Commissions, including C. P. railway commission, and the Chinese Immigration commission of 1884. He settled in the North West in 1883, and established the Leader at Regina, the first newspaper issued in Assiniboia. He sat for West Assiniboia in the Commons from 1887 until the last general election, when he was defeated.

Of scholarly attainments he was not only a master of English, but acquainted with Hebrew, Greek, Latin, German and French. As a writer he not only made his mark as a newspaper man, but as a poet and author. He was an eloquent and witty speaker, and probably as a member of the Commons no name was better known throughout Canada than that of Nicholas Flood Davin.

Mr. Davin married a daughter of James Reid of Ottawa. Mrs. Davin survives her husband.

THE NEWS IN OTTAWA.

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 18.—(Special.)—News of the tragic death of Mr. Davin came as a great shock to his many friends in Ottawa. Mrs. Davin is an Ottawa lady, the daughter of the late James Reid, her mother and sister reside here.

MR. BABCOCK ARRIVES.

Newly Appointed Fisheries Commissioner in the City.

Mr. J. P. Babcock, the recently appointed Commissioner of fisheries for B. C., arrived yesterday from San Francisco, to assume the duties of his office. Mr. Babcock was in consultation with Hon. D. M. Eberts yesterday afternoon, and on Monday he will meet the other members of the Cabinet, when the duties and scope of his office will be discussed, and a programme arranged for his immediate movements. It is probable that Mr. Babcock will proceed at once to the near-by spawning grounds of the salmon and spend the remainder of the season in studying the habits of the fish so as to determine the most favorable location for hatcheries. He was unwilling yesterday to enter into a discussion of the details of his office preferring to hear the views of the ministers before expressing any opinion for publication.

RUMORED DISASTER.

French Paper Says French West Africa Losses Are Heavy.

Paris, Oct. 18.—Le Drapeau, the organ of Paul Deronlede, a bitter opponent of the Waldeck-Rosseau cabinet, says a letter received from the Ivory Coast, West Africa, mentions a report that Gen. Combes, the French commander there, lost 70 killed and 200 wounded, in engagements with rebels, and that the government has not replied to his request for reinforcements. This report is used by Le Drapeau as the basis of an attack upon the government. There is no confirmation of the story, which is of such dubious authority that no other paper reproduces it.

FATAL CAVE-IN.

Five Men Killed and Two Wounded in New York.

New York Oct. 18.—Five men were killed and two injured this morning, when an enormous mass of rock caved in from the side and roof of the rapid transit tunnel in the court of construction on Broadway about the line of 164th street, in this city.

MONEY IS GONE.

But Some Suspicion That it Was Not Lost in a Wreck.

Willemstad, Island of Curacoa, Oct. 18—A fishing schooner which arrived here today from Aruba island, northwest of Curacoa, brings the story that the Arends, a Venezuelan schooner, bound from Laguayra for Maracaibo, bringing a sum of money from the government destined to pay the troops on the frontier, the amount being variously estimated from $25,000 to $100,000, is lost. She encountered heavy weather last Sunday night off Aruba, and foundered in deep water, the entire sum being lost. The crew reached the island in a boat. The money is supposed to have been part of the sum raised in Caracas a fortnight ago from the Bank of Venevuela by President Castro. If it is actually lost, the government has sustained a very severe blow. The sinking of the schooner was attended with certain suspicious circumstances. The weather Sunday night was calm, and the captain of the Arends resides on Aruda island. There are other minor details pointing to the possibility of collusion with outsiders to secure possession of the money.

Line Across The Island

Report That Wire From Nanaimo Will Connect With Cable Landing.

District Meeting of the A. O. F. Closes—The Election of Officers.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Nanaimo, Oct. 18.—It is reported here that the cable which lands at Banfield creek will come to Nanaimo and thence connect with the Mainland. It is said that it is the intention of the telegraph authorities to cut out a roadway from Banfield creek via Alberni to the cable at Departure Bay (Nanaimo) at least 120 feet wide to prevent any interruption to traffic from fallen trees and also to reduce the risk from fire and storms. The question of route has not yet been decided upon, but a direct route is desired. The surveyed route for the Nanaimo-Alberni railway is an almost direct line. It is hoped here that this may be the chosen way. It is also urged that efforts be made to have a roadway opened in connection with it. This would open up rich mineral lands and form a main artery for them.

Helen Hunt, a woman of questionable character, attempted suicide last night by swallowing carbolic acid. Medical aid was summoned and relief given. There is danger that the throat and stomach may be injured so as to result in death.

The district A. O. F. closed this evening. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

District Chief Ranger—Frank Nelson, Victoria.

District Sub-Chief Ranger—A. T. Pierson, Vancouver.

District Treasurer—S. A. Bantley, Victoria.

District Secretary—F. P. Watson, Victoria.

The court voted $25 towards the Extension relief fund. The next meeting of the district court will be held in New Westminster.

An amendment was adopted by which members from the Subsidiary High Court of Canada will be received into the district court here on a sliding scale according to age, instead of at a certain fixed sum, as heretofore. The district court will make a systematic attempt to push the work of organization during the year.

This morning the visiting members were, through the courtesy of S. M. Robins, of the New Vancouver Coal Co., taken down No. 1 shaft and shown the interior of the coal mine.

This evening a banquet was given by the members of the local courts. About 80 were present.

TO REVISE THE STATUTES

Names of Commissioners Will be Shortly Announced—Invitation to Canada.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 18.—It is 15 years since the statutes of the Dominion were revised and the opinion is general among the legal fraternity that it is about time another revision took place. At the last session of Parliament, an appropriation was voted for a new revision, and within a few days the names of the gentlemen who will be charged with this important duty will be announced.

Canada has been invited to participate in an exhibition to be held at Wolverhampton next year to illustrate the industrial and scientific progress of the British Empire and of foreign countries.

The Militia department has received a cable from Hon. Joseph Chamberlain stating that Richard Douglas Muir was wounded at Reipont, October 11, and Frank Nott is dangerously ill with enteric fever at Elandsfontein. Muir is from MacGregor, Man., and Nott from Port Perry, Ont.

H. Tustad, an Ottawa man, is reported missing at Jaggersfontein drift, since October 12.

Last session of parliament voted an appropriation for the much-needed new railway committee room and writing rooms for members. It now appears that the supposed committee room is being converted into a beautiful suite of apartments for the Deputy Speaker, and an additional story is put on for the committee.

BANK CLEARANCES.

Winnipeg Shows Over a Hundred Per Cent. Increase.

New York, Oct. 18.—The following are weekly bank clearings as compiled by Bradstreets for the week ending October 17, with percentages and decreases, as compared with the corresponding week last year: Montreal, $15,017,810; increase 19.6 per cent. Toronto, $11,052,615; increase 23 per cent. Winnipeg, $3,211,728; increase 104.8 per cent. Halifax, $1,578,952; increase 43.3 per cent. Vancouver, $1,025,120; increase 13.3 per cent. Hamilton, $828,781; increase 7.1 per cent. St. John, N. B., $829,737; increase 48.8 per cent. Victoria, $712,245; decrease 10.4 per cent. Quebec, $1,308,703.

Demands Of Miners

French Premier Asked for Government's Intentions on Important Questions.

His Reply Not Considered Satisfactory and Great Strike Is Threatened.

Ten Thousand Old Rifles in Hands of Men Giving Alarm.

Paris, Oct. 18.—The Premier, M. Waldeck-Rousseau, has replied to the secretary of the Miners' Federation, regarding the government's intention towards the demands of the miners for an eight-hour day, a minimum wage and a pension of two francs a day after 25 years work, who threaten to strike on November 1 if their request is not granted.

The Premier says the government cannot pronounce a decision on the eight-hour question until the Parliamentary committee has made its report while, respecting pensions, he recalls that the Chamber of Deputies will discuss during the coming session, a general bill providing for workmen's pensions. As to the minimum wage, the Premier says this was a matter which should be freely arranged between the workmen and the employers.

This reply cannot be considered very satisfactory to the men whose Federation committee will meet on Sunday and resolve whether to strike or not.

The surreptitious distribution of arms among the miners of Monceau les Mines, has assumed a graver aspect lately. It is asserted that 10,000 rifles from which the rifling has been removed in order to avoid their seizures as military weapons, are now in the hands of the miners. The government has realized the seriousness of the situation, and announces that on the declaration of a strike all these rifles will be immediately seized under the law authorizing such a step in case of urgency.

HAY-PAUNCEFORTE TREATY.

Washington Correspondents Make Guesses at Its Contents.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 18.—Lord Pauncefort will sail for the United States on the 26th inst., before the British Cabinet council has the opportunity to review the protocols which embody the proposed new Hay-Pauncefote canal treaty. It is thought here, however, that the fact will not delay sensibly the final negotiations which will take place here, for it is the intention that the new treaty like that which it will replace on the docket of the Senate, shall be finally drafted and signed in the city of Washington. It is said that when the new document is framed the "fortifications" will have been found to have dropped out, leaving the United States at liberty to fortify the canal, but it is distinctly stated that it is not obliged to do so, and in fact there is no present intention of erecting fortifications, which it is stated would be much more expensive than a fleet of battleships and less useful.

COUNTESS OF ABERDEEN.

Advises That British Attention be More Directed to Canada.

Toronto, Oct. 18.—(Special.)—A London cable says the Countess of Aberdeen, wife of the former Governor-General of Canada speaking at a gathering in Dundee, Scotland, says that Great Britain had squandered her sons and her money in Africa, while she allowed Americans to buy up commercial interests here in Canada.

Tom Sullivan, on behalf of George Towns, the champion oarsman of the world, has covered £50 deposited with the Sportsman, on behalf of an unknown Canadian, eager to meet Towns in a contest for the championship and £500 a side.

A telegram received in Toronto announces Dr. Goldwin Smith, who was reported ill at Ithaca, N. Y., had a very bad cold, but was somewhat better, and would be back home on Monday. No particular anxiety is felt for the distinguished patient.

TORTURED AND ROBBED.

Robbers Roast Man's Feet and Make Him Give Up Keys.

New Lexington, Ohio, Oct. 18.—Six masked men entered the residence of Charles Tague, a merchant at McLuney, this county, last night, and at the point of a revolver bound and gagged the whole family. Tague was searched and his gold watch and a considerable sum of money was taken. The robbers then demanded the keys to his store, but refused to reveal where they were. His shoes were removed and his feet roasted with matches and hot irons until he gave up the keys. The robbers then entered the store and thoroughly looted it. Taking Tague's horse and buggy, the gang loaded in it a quantity of goods and the contents of the safe, and made off. Later Tague freed himself and gave the alarm. The sheriff, with a posse and blood hounds, is in pursuit and this afternoon found the abandoned buggy.

TELLER AND BOOK-KEEPER WANTED.

Merchants' National Bank, Lowell, Would Like to Find Them.

Bulletin, Lowell, Oct. 18.—Albert G. Smith, teller, and Lewis K. Swift, book-keeper, of the Merchants' National bank, failed to report for duty this morning. Inquiry showed that neither had been at him home last night. At 10:30 o'clock this evening the directors of the bank are still in session, but a statement may be made later.

MAJOR COCKBURN, V. C.

He is in Winnipeg on His Way to the Coast.

Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 18.—(Special.)—Major Cockburn, V.C., of Toronto, who won the Victoria Cross in South Africa, arrived in the city today with his brother-in-law, Mr. Thos. Tait, of the C. P. R. He is on his way to the coast.

VANCOUVER BURGLARIES.

Thieves, However, Got Very Little for Their Trouble.

Vancouver, Oct. 18. — (Special) — Brown's hardware store, the Clarence hotel, J. Hambly's warehouse, and several other places were robbed last night. The haul was under $200.