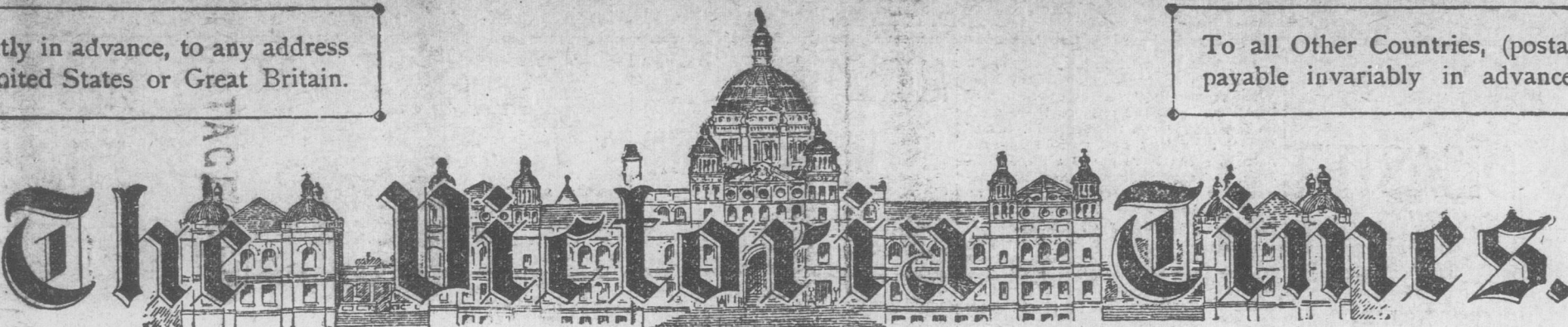


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EXPERT EVIDENCE IN THAW CASE

SEVERAL DOCTORS STILL TO BE CALLED

Defence Will Probably Object to Dr. Allen Hamilton Testifying For State.

New York, Feb. 23.—The immediate future in the Thaw trial shows nothing but expert testimony. Dr. B. D. Evans, superintendent of the asylum at Morris Plains, N. J., will resume the stand to-day and District Attorney Jerome will continue the searching cross-examination, which took up practically all of yesterday's session. To-day Dr. Evans will tell what signs of melancholia he finds in Harry Thaw's letters, and in the will and the codicil thereto, which bears the date of April 4th, 1905, the day on which Thaw and Evelyn Nesbit were married.

Perhaps the most interested man in the court room yesterday was Dr. C. G. Wagner, superintendent of the insane hospital at Hinghamton, N. Y., whose cross-examination will follow that of Dr. Evans. He occupied a seat close to the rail and listened intently to every question and answer. Behind the witness stand, it is probable that the rule of physician of patient will be invoked by the defence. Dr. Hamilton was retained by the defence soon after the killing of White, and saw Thaw in the tombs at the request of Thaw's lawyers. When he examined Thaw it was a physician in Thaw's employ.

Mr. Delmas stated yesterday that he expected to finish the defence's direct case this week, the sixth of the trial. If this is done it is likely the case will go to the jury within two weeks.

THE MONTREAL SCHOOL DISASTER

INQUEST ADJOURNED UNTIL NEXT MEETING

Bodies of Sixteen Children May Be Buried at One Time on Friday.

Montreal, Feb. 27.—To-day's scenes following the disaster of yesterday where sixteen children lost their lives, and Sarah Maxwell, principal of Hochelaga public school, perished in an attempt to save them, have been full of interest.

Chief of Provincial Detectives K. P. McCaskill appeared at the morgue and watched the opening of the inquest. He admitted that he had been instructed by the attorney-general to watch the proceedings from beginning to end.

Corner McMahon opened the inquest and a dozen witnesses, fathers and mothers, swore to the identity of their children as did Rev. Dr. Jekillin, of whose Sunday school eleven of the victims were members. He admitted that he had thought of the danger by fire in the school which was burned. He said he had never brought it to the attention of the authorities.

There were in the neighborhood of 500 people in the crush trying to gain admittance to see the bodies. The investigation was adjourned until Tuesday next.

Indication is running high as regards those who are responsible for the building having no fire escapes.

The cause of the school fire has been discovered. It appears that a wooden chink extended from the top flat to the basement, and it is supposed that one of the boys threw down a lighted match. The furnace theory was found to be unfounded.

Twelve of the victims as far as known are buried at the cemetery in St. Mary's church on Friday afternoon. It is quite possible that the sixteen children will be buried at the same time, but that is not known at present.

The children who were scholars in St. Mary's Sunday school will be buried at the same time.

FISH LAKE IS A BEAUTY SPOT

DR. FAGAN SPEAKS OF ITS ADVANTAGES

Funds Are Still Required for the Tuberculosis Sanatorium Plan- ned for Province.

(From Thursday's Daily.)
Dr. Fagan has returned to the city from the mainland and is as enthusiastic as ever over the proposition of a tuberculosis sanatorium for the province. He confirms the news published in the Times a few days ago that a grant of 400 acres of land had been made by the Dominion government for the purposes intended. Dr. Fagan says the land is yet to be surveyed, but the location of the place is admirable for convalescents. Fish Creek, upon which it is situated, is a beautiful body of water, and the patients would be able to enjoy a delightful period there.

Surrounding the lake are fine areas of timbered land. Trout abound in the lake and there would be no need for time to hang heavy on the hands of those who were convalescing at the point. The fact that the location is about 4,000 feet above sea level, renders it unsuited for all classes of patients. Those who could take advantage of it would have to be robust and free from heart trouble.

The doctor regards it as a very valuable addition to the scheme which the society has in hand, and he speaks highly of the interest manifested in the matter of securing it by Hon. W. Templeman and the other representatives of the province in the Dominion parliament.

The intention is to have some chalets built at the lake and then establish communication direct with the general sanatorium. The intention is to locate the latter within easy reach, possibly twenty miles away. This would make it possible to drive from the one site to the other in a day without any fatigue on the part of the patients. Telephone communication could be established also, and the Fish Lake station kept within touch from the sanatorium proper.

Dr. Fagan says the difficulty yet is the question of funds to go on with the building. There is yet required considerable money before the plan can be carried out. The public are earnestly requested to aid in every way possible in this good work.

CANADIAN PACIFIC LANDS.

Government Not Allowed to Appeal to Privy Council on Question of Taxation.

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—The application of the Dominion government to appeal to the judicial committee of the privy council in the case of the taxation of C. P. R. lands within the twenty-year limit has been refused. The Canadian courts decided in favor of the C. P. R. that the lands could not be so taxed except in the case of school lands in the Northwest.

MAN SUFFOCATED.

Was Asleep in Rooming House Adjoining Furniture Store, Which Was Destroyed by Fire.

Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 23.—In a fire, believed to have been of incendiary origin, the Waldheim & Company furniture house, a five story brick structure on Ontario street, was destroyed last night, and John Shafter, who was asleep in a rooming house adjoining, was suffocated. The property loss is \$150,000. The police are searching for a man said to have been seen in the building before the fire.

DIVORCES IN STATES.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Preliminary estimates by the bureau of census as a result of the investigation of marriage and divorce statistics, which began last summer, indicate that the number of applications for divorce filed throughout the United States during the twenty-year period from 1887 to 1906, will reach the enormous total of 1,400,000. It is estimated that three-fourths of the applications have been granted, so that the statistics when compiled will show that in the period stated more than 1,000,000 divorces have been allowed.

Returns from a large number of counties have been studied and show the surprising fact that divorce is on the increase in rural districts, leaving out of consideration South Dakota, whose preliminary statistics are laughable, both as to the number of applications and divorces. This state, of course, is the banner one in that respect.

EASTERN BASEBALL LEAGUE.

New York, Feb. 23.—Club owners of the Eastern Baseball League will hold their annual meeting here to-day. President Powers will make known the season's playing dates and select league umpires. He said yesterday that the teams in the league will play 140 games this season, as usual, beginning April 24th, and ending September 24th.

"UNWRITTEN LAW" AGAIN.

Two Brothers on Trial For the Murder of Their Brother-in-Law.

Culpepper, Va., Feb. 23.—Whether James and Philip Strother, indicted for the murder of Wm. F. Mywaters, their brother-in-law, on the night of December 15th last, can clearly show justification under the "unwritten law" on the strength of the testimony introduced by the witnesses in their defence, began with the opening of the Circuit court here yesterday. With the closing of the State's case the defence announced that Mrs. Viola Bywaters, the bride of an hour, for the violation of whose honor the two brothers declared they killed Mywaters, would be the first witness. She was wheeled into the court by her sister, and her invalid chair placed near the witness stand. John L. Lee, for the defence, examined her. The witness said she was 23 years old and had known Bywaters from childhood. Their improper relations began four months before the death of her mother, which was about fourteen months after her father's death. After their marriage, her brothers kissed her and shook Bywaters' hand. They said they would give him plenty of money and would forget the past. To this Bywaters had no response. She then told of Bywaters' desire to leave her within a short time after the ceremony, of her remonstrances and his insistence to go then of her sister's interference, and finally of Bywaters tearing her arms from around his neck and his dash, and her flight to the stairs, and her flight from the window. Her brothers, aroused to fury by her description, then opened fire.

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TO ENCOURAGE RIFLE SHOOTING

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PHILIPPINE AUTONOMY.

Action of United States Senate Regard- ed as Indicative of Policy.

Manila, Feb. 23.—There is general surprise here among the Filipinos at the recent action in the United States senate defeating the amendment offered by Senator Culbertson to the act establishing an agricultural bank in the Philippines declaring the intention of the United States to abandon the islands as soon as a stable government should be established. The Progressives express satisfaction with sentiment of the amendment, but deplore the time selected in view of the Japanese war talk which has caused excitement in the provinces surrounding Manila. In some instances the inhabitants left the towns and hid in the mountains. One town was depopulated recently by the exchange of salutes between warships which caused the idea to spread that the Japanese were entering the bay.

The native newspapers regard the action as inopportune as the war talk was bringing the Filipinos closer to the Americans. The effect of the action was to cause a breach.

One of the leading newspapers seeks to minimize the importance of the defeat of the Culbertson amendment. It interprets the action to mean that congress does not consider the question of the Philippines a favorable opportunity at this time, and hence voted the amendment down.

RECTOR'S SUDDEN DEATH.

Toronto, Feb. 23.—Archdeacon Dixon, Rector of St. George's, died suddenly at the family residence in Scarborough town- ship.

CHARMING AREA TO BE SUB-DIVIDED

Hudson's Bay Company's Lands at Cadboro Bay to Be Laid Out as High-Class Residential Property.

By far the most important real estate deal in so far as the city of Victoria is concerned has been brought to a completion. The Hudson's Bay Company has disposed of that most delightful tract east of the Cadboro Bay road, and fronting on the sea. The area contains about 500 acres, and extends from the road to Cadboro Bay.

The purchasers are J. H. Oldfield and W. H. Gardner, of Winnipeg, who have become attracted to Victoria as the greatest residential city on the Canadian Pacific Coast. These gentlemen have been in negotiation for some time with C. C. Chipman, chief commissioner of the Hudson's Bay Company, at Victoria. A settlement has now been reached and the company hands over this charming spot to the gentlemen named, who will at once proceed to make use of it.

It is fortunate indeed that the land has passed into the control of these men, for they have in view a scheme which cannot fail to add to the beauties of the city of Victoria.

A model townsite will be laid out under the eye of experienced landscape gardeners. Every precaution will be taken to avoid the marring in any way of the natural beauties of the location, and the design is, as Mr. Oldfield says, to make it high class residential property.

LIFE BOAT ASSOCIATION.

Arranging For Facilities of Humane Society's Diploma For Presen- tation.

(From Thursday's Daily.)
At the regular meeting of the Victoria Life Boat Association to be held March 6th, the special committee appointed to look into the matter of awarding diplomas for heroic action in saving life will report.

After considerable trouble the only diploma of the Royal Humane Society, of London, in the city was secured. This was presented to Mr. Philip Austin, who, several years ago, when a choir boy at Christ church cathedral, rescued Mrs. (Rev.) G. B. Hewetson from drowning in Shawanigan lake. Replies of this diploma will be obtained by the association, with the name only altered and hereafter awarded to those deserving of them. The first to be presented will be given to the boat's crew of the Quadra, who saved the captain and nine others from the wreck of the Coloma, early in January.

JAP CRUISERS SAIL.

Will Participate in Review in Honor of the Opening of the Jamestown Exposition.

Tokio, Feb. 23.—The Japanese cruisers Shiouze and Tsukuba, under command of Vice-Admiral Ijin, assistant chief of staff of the navy, sailed to-day for Hampton Roads to take part in the naval review in honor of the inauguration of the Jamestown exposition. The Japanese newspapers hardly approve of the action.

MINERAL OUTPUT OF PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Ores Mined Last Year Valued at Over Twenty-Two Million Dollars.

Toronto, Feb. 23.—Not only in variety, but in values of mineral production Ontario is first among the provinces of the Dominion, according to an official statement issued by the bureau of mines as to the mineral production of the province for 1906. The figures follow: Metallic, gold 3,519 ounces, valued at \$59,274; silver, 6,357,330 ounces, \$2,543,891; Cobalt, 312 tons, \$30,819; Nickel, 1,932 tons, \$3,836,419; copper, 5,940 tons, \$998,548; lead, 393,500; Iron ore, 128,069 tons, \$301,032; pig iron, 275,555 tons, \$4,554,247; zinc ore, 400 tons, \$8,000; total \$13,422,925; less the value of Ontario iron ore smelted into pig iron, 101,569 tons, \$243,766; net metallic production \$13,179,159; non-metallic production, \$9,042,645; total \$22,221,803. The total combined production for 1905, which was the previous highest record, was \$17,854,283.

TIMBER CONTRACT.

Cheminus Mills Will Get a Large Supply of Logs From Comox.

The Victoria Lumber Company, whose mills are located at Cheminus, as previously mentioned in the Times, to draw a supply of timber from their limits in the Comox valley. For this purpose the intention is to locate a wharf within a short distance of Union wharf, and from there build a logging railway into the limits which are within very easy reach of the water. At first only a very few miles of railway will be required for the purposes of the company.

The logs will be towed to Cheminus, where they will be cut into lumber at the mills now operated by the corporation. According to the News-Advertiser contract has been let to Williamson & Sykes, formerly of Seattle, to do logging work for the company at Comox. They will cut 400,000,000 feet of logs, and will proceed at once with the work. The statement was made by Mr. Williamson that they will employ about 150 men for the next 18 years on the above-mentioned contract with the large lumber company at Cheminus.

GOVERNMENT'S CANAL POLICY.

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier told a delegation which asked for the deepening of the Willand Canal that it was the policy of the government to deepen all canals, and if they had the necessary money would begin next week. But while the government was progressive it was also economical, and he would see Hon. W. S. Fielding on the matter.

MAY RESUME OPERATIONS.

Rice Mill Owned by Montreal Firm to Start Up Anew.

"It is somewhat premature to say anything about our proposed operations," said D. W. Ross of the Mount Royal Milling & Manufacturing Company of Montreal. He was here to look over the ground in company with R. B. Ross, Jr., secretary-treasurer of the company. Things looked very favorable for a resumption of the business.

The mill on Store street has been owned by the company for some time, and it was not their intention to allow it to remain idle if business could be profitably resumed.

Asked as to the probabilities of a resumption Mr. Ross stated that nothing would be done until their return to Montreal. The indications are, however, that within the next few weeks the mill will be in operation. As soon thereafter as possible other products, such as glucose and starch will be added.

The raw material for manufacture here will be imported from Japan. Rice from that country does not come under the provisions of the preferential tariff as does that from Burma and Patna. This means an additional cost of 15c. on a hundred pounds of the raw material. The nearest, however, of the Northwest market will enable rice flour to be manufactured here at a profit.

The mill has been booked for all boats sailing on now until the middle of June. The flour demanded is third and fourth grade. A feature of these shipments is that not only is the flour made in the province, but the bags in which it is contained are manufactured in the city.

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OPERATORS ARE TO MEET MINERS

SEEKING A BASIS FOR NEW CONTRACT

A. C. Flumerfelt Has Gone to Cal- gary to Attend Meeting Between Interests Concerned.

(From Thursday's Daily.)
A. C. Flumerfelt, of this city, president of the International Coal & Coke Company, operating mines at Coleman, Alberta, left this morning for Calgary. His trip is made in connection with an important conference which is to be held at that place during the next few days, when representatives of the various coal mining companies operating in the Crow's Nest Pass country, both in British Columbia and Alberta, will meet with delegates from the various miners' unions employed for the purpose of arranging for a basis for a new contract.

There are about half a dozen companies interested, and the contracts between the management and the men have not any difficulties with the men in the next few weeks. In order that the matter may be fully gone into and a satisfactory contract made, it has been deemed wise to hold this conference.

Mr. Flumerfelt says he is not at all apprehensive of trouble. His company has not any difficulties with the employees, and does not anticipate any. With representatives of the miners from the various unions meeting with the representatives of the company, it is hoped to arrange for a contract, which will be eminently satisfactory to all concerned.

A press dispatch from Calgary to-day says: "District President F. H. Sherman, of the United Mine Workers arrived in the city from the south to-day accompanied by ten prominent members of the union, and they expect more tomorrow. They are here with a view of meeting the operators, and the first meeting will take place at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon."

Mr. Sherman expressed a belief that they would be able to complete all business with the operators in two or three days if nothing turns up to cause friction. Accompanying Mr. Sherman are John Sullivan, board member for British Columbia; W. Brahm, from Michel, member for Crow's Nest sub-section; D. L. Oakes, member for Lechbridge district and others.

John Mitchell, president of the organization, was expected, but was unable to come owing to the serious illness of his father-in-law.

There will be general regret that John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers will not be present at this conference so that official sanction might be given by the head office of the miners' organization to any agreement entered into.

Mr. Mitchell's part in the recent strike at Fernie has added to his reputation on the Canadian side of the line, and his name has come to be looked upon as very fair-minded. It was, therefore, expected that his presence at the conference with the wide experience he has had would materially assist in the conclusion of terms upon which a satisfactory basis for contracts could be arranged. It will, therefore, be a loss to all concerned that Mr. Mitchell will not be able to attend the conference.

Mr. Flumerfelt wishes to correct a statement attributed to him in yesterday's interview with the Times. Mr. Gill did not express an unwillingness to sell on the same terms to Victoria as to Vancouver, but regretted that Victoria was not in a position to extend to the university the same terms as Vancouver at that time did.

MANITOBA FLOUR FOR THE ORIENT

THE DEMAND IS ON THE INCREASE

Recent Orders From Kobe, Shanghai and Yokohama Total Fifty Thousand Sacks.

Winnipeg, Feb. 23.—The demand for Manitoba flour from the Orient keeps on increasing. A representative of the Lake of the Woods Milling Co. was seen, and he reports that recent orders received from Kobe, Shanghai and Yokohama merchants would total 50,000 sacks of 49 pounds weight. The company has orders booked for all boats sailing on now until the middle of June. The flour demanded is third and fourth grade. A feature of these shipments is that not only is the flour made in the province, but the bags in which it is contained are manufactured in the city.

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