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[illegible]EDERAL FORCES AT GOLDFIELD

President Says Request for Retention Must Come From Legislature

WILL OTHERWISE REMOVE

Governor Sparks Urges President to Keep the Troops There

Washington, Dec. 28.—President Roosevelt today telegraphed Governor Sparks, of Nevada, that if the governor within five days will issue a call for a special session of the legislature he will continue the troops at Goldfield during a period of three weeks. If within five days the call has not been issued the troops will be withdrawn.

The telegram of the president was in response to one from the governor, in which he set forth the need of armed intervention and expressed a doubt that calling the legislature would result in the necessary request from that body for Federal aid.

The correspondence, which was made public at the White House, is as follows:

"Carson, Nev., Dec. 26.—To the President, Washington, D. C.—As chief magistrate of the state of Nevada, I have been of the opinion for the past year that a condition bordering on domestic violence and insurrection has existed in the Goldfield mining district. There has been an almost constant war between the miners' association and the owners who employ the members of the union."

The telegram of the president was in response to the governor, in which he sets forth the need of armed intervention, and expresses the doubt that to call the legislature would result in the necessary request from that body for federal aid.

Senator Francis Newlands, of Nevada, today sent a telegram to Governor Sparks, saying in part: "My opinion that, in order to justify the national government in using its armed forces to protect the state against domestic violence, it is necessary, according to the constitu-[illegible] tion, that application should be made by the legislature (or when the legis-[illegible] governor). It is necessary, therefore, for you to convene the legislature and obtain its decision as to whether application should be made to the president for protection, or an adequate law passed for the organization of a state peace force, which will maintain order and protect life and property.

"Individually, I believe in the latter course, and that the good name of Nevada requires that it assert its sovereignty, maintain order and protect life and property within its boundaries, and that its duty is plain. I cannot believe that the legislature can fail to act promptly and decisively. If it does not so act, the responsibility is theirs, not yours."

Carson City, Nev., Dec. 28.—Having been given five days by President Roosevelt in which to call a special session of the legislature if the troops are to remain at Goldfield, Governor Sparks is deliberating on what course to pursue.

The injunction suit by the Goldfield mine owners' association against the union miners to restrain picketing and to dissolve the union, has been taken under advisement until January 30, by the United States court.

POWER AND IRRIGATION

Plant at Cascade May Be Utilized to Water Farms in Kettle River Valley

Rossland, Dec. 28.—The latest enterprise in connection with the application of electric power in the Kootenay country is a project advanced by Lorne A. Campbell to irrigate the whole of Kettle River valley. Such an enterprise would be the means of creating a world of wealth in this already fertile valley, which is producing gold medal fruit, and where several profitable orchards are now in bearing.

It is said the project is to be carried out in connection with the Cascade Power company's plant, which has been idle since it was absorbed by the West Kootenay company. It has a capacity of 3,000 horse power, and if applied to irrigation purposes there will be no difficulty in irrigating the entire valley, which is fifteen miles long and a mile wide. Electric irrigation by means of pumps is already in use on some orchards in the valley.

When seen about the project, Mr. Campbell admitted that he had gone into the matter thoroughly, but that he was not prepared to discuss it.

A Violent Son of Nippon

Vancouver, Dec. 28.—A Japanese, who gave his name as Takenchi, was arrested yesterday afternoon charged with the theft of a small piece of fancywork from L. A. Noecker. The accused is being held for a week pending further investigation. The article which it is alleged that he stole is of very little value, but the informant suspects that a number of other things that have been missed of late can be traced to the same source. When Takenchi was being put down in a cell at the police station he gave considerable trouble. He made a vicious attack on the jailer, but assistance was readily at hand and he was overpowered. Placed with the other prisoners he started to graple with one of the latter, after which he started to storm the iron door. His action were of such a violent character and the noise he created so annoying that he was taken to a padded cell where he soon became more pacified.

STRUCK ON REEF

New Orleans Party Bound for Honduras Meets With Obstruction on the Voyage

New Orleans, Dec. 28.—According to a cable message received at the office of the United Fruit company in this city, the steamer Alps is on Glover reef, about fifty miles from Puerto Cortez, on the coast of Honduras.

It was the Alps that carried from this port eight days ago Wm. Adler, president of the State National bank; Moses Schwartz, president of the Schwartz Foundry Co., and a large supply of groceries from the firm of A. Adler & Co., of which Adler was also the head.

When the Alps did not reach Puerto Cortez on time much speculation as to the steamer's real destination was started, and the consul for Honduras cabled his government from here the full details of the Schwartz-Adler affair, and asked if the large cargo of stores was really intended for his government.

Vancouver, Dec. 28.—For recent serious injuries received by Miss Nelie Boyce while employed in the Dominion Steam Laundry her father, W. W. Boyce, has entered suit against the company for $7,500. Defective and unguarded machinery, it is claimed, was responsible for the accident.

To Dig For Coal

Vancouver, Dec. 28.—Boring for coal in the bed of False creek will be rather a novel venture, but if the False Creek Coal syndicate succeeds in maturing its plans, this work will be seen in actual operation here next month. The syndicate is convinced that a seam of coal underlies the creek, and under its instructions, its solicitors, Messrs. Bowser and Wallbridge, have secured provincial licenses covering a large portion of the bed of the creek, starting at the head and proceeding westward. The expert of the syndicate believes that a seam of coal will be struck at a depth of 500 feet.

ENERGETIC POLICY ADOPTED BY FRANCE

Change of Generals in Morocco Means More Vigorous Campaign

Paris, Dec. 28.—It is already apparent that the replacing of General Drude by General D'A[illegible] the beginning of a more energetic policy in Morocco. There is reason to believe that General Drude's recall is due as much to dissatisfaction with his hesitating course as to illness.

France has reached a complete understanding with the foreign board of Morocco. The rebellion under the leadership of Mulai Hafid is no longer formidable, and the French government has decided that the time has come to take a bolder position. General D'Amadé will be given reinforcements, and will be expected to put an end to the anarchy prevailing in the vicinity of Casa Blanca.

The Temps tonight declares that 1908 will witness an important change in France's Moroccan policy.

"While the government intends to keep within the limits of prudence and fulfil its international obligations," the paper declares, "it purposes also to repair the errors committed in the past and to regain the time lost."

Report on Cattle Disease.

New Westminster, Dec. 28—A threatened epidemic among the cattle in Matsqui and Chilliwack districts is not as serious as first reported, according to Dr. A. Knight, who has just returned from an inspection trip through those districts. Only a few cases have been reported to him and he believes that it will soon be suppressed. Mr. Knight undertook the trip in his official capacity as government veterinary and dairy inspector.

Monetary Times Retracts

Vancouver, Dec. 28.—In the current issue of the Monetary Times appears a partial retraction of the statements made in a previous issue severely criticising the recent sale of bonds by the civic authorities, on the basis of which the City Solicitor has been directed to formally demand a complete retraction from both this journal and the World, which copied it verbatim without appending explanation or denial. Mr. Cowan says the retraction is not sufficient.

RUSSIAN STATE TRIAL

Members of Former Duma Who Signed Viborg Manifesto Now in the Hands of the Court

St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—The trial of the members of the first Duma who signed the Viborg manifesto, calling upon the people of Russia to stand up for their rights, was completed at a late hour this afternoon. The prosecution and counsel for the defense had delivered their final argument. A verdict is expected today or on Monday morning.

The former deputies were tried on charges of treason. The arguments today were confined to formalities. The prosecutor limited himself to simply summing up the illegal nature of the manifesto and the grave consequences which might have ensued had the people heeded its appeal.

The defense made its strong point on technicalities, holding that the crime, if any, had been committed outside the country and that the government had failed to establish the individual responsibility of the defendants.

Prince Albert Utilities.

Prince Albert, Sask., Dec. 28.—The ratepayers of this place yesterday passed, with only three dissenting votes, a bylaw to raise $50,000 for the extension of the light and water works systems and extra fire fighting equipment.

TRAINS CRASH ON GRAND TRUNK

Collision Between Passenger and Freight on Detroit Section

FIVE TRAINMEN ARE KILLED

Engineers and Firemen Mangled and Scalded by Steam

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 27.—Speeding through a dense fog at 40 miles an hour, Grand Trunk passenger train No. 5, which left Port Huron shortly before 7 o'clock tonight for this city, collided head-on with a double-header freight train one mile north of Lenox, Mich.

Five trainmen met death, four being killed instantly, the fifth dying three hours later. All of the passengers escaped injury except a baby, who was only slightly hurt by being thrown out of its mother's arms and over a seat when the trains crashed.

Following is the list of dead:

James Bennet, passenger engineer, Detroit.

August Berhowski, freight engineer, Detroit.

George Boughmier, freight fireman, Detroit.

Willard G. Tyler, freight switchman, Detroit.

Albert McCall, passenger fireman, Port Huron, Mich.

The passenger locomotive ploughed under the engines of the double-header, and the trainmen were buried in the wreckage. Their bodies were terribly mangled, and scalded by the escaping steam.

Engineer Fred Haugh and Fireman Washburn of the second freight engine escaped death. Haugh was caught in his cab, but was taken out unhurt. Washburn jumped and was only slightly injured.

The freight train had switched from the main track to a siding to allow the passenger to pass. It is unofficially charged that the switch was not properly closed, and on account of the fog which prevailed the passenger crew could not see that the target was set against them.

Vancouver's Death Rate

Vancouver, Dec. 28.—According to the statistics of the civic health department, the death rate of Vancouver for the year marks a distinct advance over that recorded for 1906. The monthly mortality reports give the register of deaths: January, 66; February, 58; March, 58; April, 53; May, 46; June, 51; July, 56; August, 60; September, 60; October, 61; November, 53; December (average) 56; total, 678. This record is to be compared with a total death roll of 426 for 1906. It should be noted in instituting any comparisons, however, that the population of the city has increased abnormally during the year, though even with this fact taken into account, the mortality for 1907 appears to mark some increase above that of the previous year.

PRODUCTION OF ORE IN UPPER COUNTRY

Figures of Output for the Past Week—Nelson Wants a Consular Agency

Nelson, B. C., Dec. 28.—Shipments and ore receipts from mines to smelters of southeastern British Columbia districts for the past week and the year to date, in long tons, are as follows:

Shipments: Boundary, nil, and 1,410,730. Rossland, 5,398, and 283,450. East of Columbia river, 4,364 and 18,375. Total, 9,762 and 1,608,048.

Receipts: Trail, 4,872 and 265,165. Northport, 1,789 and 100,197. Marysville, 675 and 3,500. Others nil and 1,110,079. Total, 7,336 and 1,506,941.

S. S. Taylor, K. C., will be Nelson's next mayor if an unanimous call to office prevails. Mr. Taylor has pleaded press of office business.

A request was sent to Washington today protesting against the removal of the United States consular agency here signed by the banks and all business houses. It is probable that the remonstrance will result in the Nelson consular agency being retained.

There is a heavy snow fall here. Over two feet fell in the past forty-eight hours.

Mystery Concerning Child

Vancouver, Dec. 28.—Is little Minnie Moore, now a charge of the Children's Aid society in the home in Vancouver, really Goldie Evoy, who was two months ago kidnapped by her alleged mother from the care of the Children's Aid society in Ottawa? This interesting question is now being probed by C. J. South, secretary of the local society, who as a result of inquiries from Ottawa suspects that he has the missing child in the five-year-old girl whose reputed mother, Pansy Smith, alias Moore, is now serving a sentence for intoxication. When the child was taken from the woman two weeks ago in Police court and given over to the care of the society, the name it went under was Minnie Moore. Mr. Smith is now in communication with the Ottawa society.

Suit Over Property

Vancouver, Dec. 28.—An action involving a half-interest in the Sherman house, Cordova street west, and an interest in valuable Harris street property has been entered by McCrossan, Schultz & Harper on behalf of Louis King, brother of the late Alfred King.

MINING AT ROSSLAND

Prospects of Increased Production by the Different Mines in Coming Year

Rossland, Dec. 28.—The ore shipments of the camp keep up well and continue to run over 7,000 tons a week, amounting during the week ending on Saturday last to 7,215 tons. The mines are now in shape to put out a large tonnage, and the outlook is that there will be an increase before many months roll by. The management of the Le Roi Two, for instance, has been instructed by the directorate to increase the output, and steps are already being taken in that direction, but it will of necessity take time to bring such a change about. The Le Roi Two has some large areas of unexplored but most promising territory to exploit and in due course of time its output is certain to be much larger than it is at present. The Le Roi is reported to be looking well. Drilling to the south of the Le Roi into the territory recently acquired by the Le Roi company is in progress from the eighth level at the Le Roi. The Centre Star and its allied mines are producing a good tonnage each week. The development of the Idaho continues to make satisfactory progress. The Iron Mask, the War Eagle and the Centre Star are developing and producing well.

Payroll at Fernie

Fernie, Dec. 28.—Last Saturday was payday for the employees of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal company, Fernie, and the amount paid out was $204,463.75. The payroll is the largest in the history of the C. N. P. C. Co.

Expensive Fun

New Westminster, B. C., Dec. 28.—Because he cut off a Chinaman's queue while on a carousal, John Payne of Collingwood, was yesterday morning sentenced to pay a fine of $20, or spend the next two months in jail.

LUMBER BUSINESS LIKELY TO IMPROVE

Depression of Passing Year May Be Followed by a Prosperous Season

Vancouver, Dec. 28.—A review of the lumber trade shows heavy depression in the year just passing, in contrast with the activity of 1906. This was largely due to the [illegible] cut off the demand from the prairies. Another adverse [illegible] was the blocking of traffic, which prevented the filling of many orders that were received in the early part of the year.

Stocks throughout the mountain mills gradually filled up their yards, and by the month of October a general shut-down went into effect with a stock of about 200,000,000 feet on hand.

On the coast conditions were to a very considerable extent relieved by the very active local demand. Mills in and around Vancouver all did a much larger business locally than ever before. The favorable weather conditions which extended almost into December kept building operations going and the demand for material continued with comparatively little abatement and very greatly aided in relieving the situation for local mills. In spite of this, however, the accumulation of large stocks was inevitable, and although they ran practically to the close of the year, shutting down for repairs as is usual in the winter months, large stocks and full yards are the general rule.

The outlook for the ensuing season may briefly be summarized as follows: Emptying and empty lumber yards throughout the prairie provinces point clearly to a demand for lumber in the near future. The financial tightness will force dealers to buy only what they cannot get along without, or as nearly as may be. It may be assumed, therefore, that while a steady volume of trade may be anticipated, the demand will not be of the reckless nature which characterized so much of the ordering by lumber dealers in 1906.

At present the actual supply of shingles is quite below normal both in the yards of the dealers and the manufacturers, and a brisk demand for these may be reasonably looked for in anticipation of building operations.

A summarizing of the results of the lumber industry for 1907 will in few cases bear out the anticipations entertained at the opening of the year, but on the other hand the lumber industry of this province has met the changed conditions with alacrity and courage, and is in every way ready for and hopeful of better things in 1908.

MR. GREEN APPEALS AGAINST VERDICT

Libel Case Against World to Be Brought Before Full Court Here

Vancouver, Dec. 28.—R. F. Green, late commissioner of lands and works, today filed an appeal against the recent verdict of the jury in his suit against the World newspaper for alleged libel arising out of the Telqua Valley Land-Caron romance. It will be recalled that Sir Adolphe Caron made Mr. Green a little present of stock in his company, a present which Mr. Green personally declined, naming Neil McKay as one who might accept it. Mr. McKay did accept it. The newspaper declared that Mr. Green had been bribed, a charge which Mr. Green and Sir Adolphe, in his evidence taken on commission strenuously denied at the trial. The jury found in favor of the newspaper, and the judge administered a scathing rebuke upon the head of Sir Adolphe. Now the case is to be heard before the full court at its January sittings in Victoria. Messrs. Burns and Walkem as solicitors for Mr. Green, have filed the appeal. Charles Wilson, K.C., will argue the appeal for Mr. Green and D. G. Macdonell for the respondents.

J. K. Huycke, J.P., one of the pioneers of Northumberland, is dead.

A valuable vein of lead has recently been discovered at Wick, Scotland.

MANITOBA HOUSE TO MEET THURSDAY

Many Changes to Be Noted as Result of Last General Election

NEW MEMBERS OF CABINET

Death, Retirements and Defeats Leave Many Old Faces Missing

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—The local house will be opened at 3 o'clock next Thursday, when the address from the throne will be delivered by the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir. D. H. McMillan. On the conclusion of the reading of the address, the House will stand adjourned until the Monday following, when the members will get down to the ordinary business of the session.

The mover of the address in reply to the speech from the throne will be A. L. Bonnycastle, member from Russell, and the seconder will be Jos. Bernier, M. P. P. for St. Boniface.

This being the first session of the new house, many new faces will be seen and many old ones will be missing, some having fallen in the elections, some retiring and one removed by the hand of death.

Hon. S. W. McInnis, who was the life of the last session, passed away since his election for Brandon city.

The junior member of the house is Hon. G. R. Coldwell, who succeeded Dr. McInnis as member from Brandon.

On the government side, Dr. McFadden, Provincial Secretary, was defeated at the polls. Allan Thompson, or Arthur; J. R. Dauphin; W. Corbett, Springfield, and S. Walker, North Winnipeg, retired. David Wilson sitting for Gladstone, H. E. Hicks, for Lansdowne, D. A. McIntyre, for Mountain, George Ashdown, for Morden, Edward Briggs, for Deloraine, and B. Baldwinson, for Gimli, were defeated.

On the opposition side, W. J. Doig, Russell, and David Jackson, Hamiota, retired. Horace Chevrier, St. Boniface, M. O'Donohue, Kildonan and St. [illegible], Jos. Prefontaine, Assiniboia, W. Lagimodiere, La Verandrye, were defeated.

Amongst the new blood to be seen in the house will be found four members who served previously, Dr. Grain, of St. Andrew's and Kildonan, T. C. Norris, of Lansdowne, Capt. Jonason, Gimli, and Jos. Bernier, St. Boniface.

On the government benches two new ministers will take their seats, Hon. J. H. Howden, of Beautiful Plains, as Minister of Telephones and Telegraphs, and Hon. G. R. Coldwell as provincial secretary, municipal commissioner and minister in charge of the department of education.

The speaker of the house will be Hon. James Johnson, member for Turtle Mountain, who filled the position for the last four sessions of the house.

GRIPPE EPIDEMIC SWEEPS PITTSBURG

Present Visitation Described as the Worst Since That of 1889

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 28.—What is said to be the worst epidemic of sickness since 1889 is being experienced in Pittsburg, and physicians estimate that thousands of persons are prostrated by pneumonia and typhoid fever, and especially by the grippe throughout the city.

Probably every home is affected in some manner, and a scarcity of employees in the large office buildings is seriously felt. The Pittsburg Railroad Company is having difficulty in manning its cars, conductors and motormen being laid up with the grippe.

City Physician B. A. Booth says the present epidemic of grippe exceeds in scope and severity all but that of 1889, the worst in the history of the city, and yet may break the record. He considers it contagious, and believes the germs of the disease may have originated from here. In 1889, the malady's start was traced back through Europe to Asia, and finally located in Hongkong, China.

TSCHAIKOVSKY'S CASE

Russian Revolutionary Leader Has a Small Prospect of Escape From Punishment

London, Dec. 28.—Friends of Nicholas Tschaikovsky here hold slender hopes that he will escape from the clutches of the Russian police, who for many years have been awaiting an opportunity to arrest him. They declare the evidence against Tschaikovsky, on a formidable series of charges, is chiefly in connection with the importation of revolutionary literature into Russia. The fact that he is a close friend of Maxim Gorky constitutes a serious offence in the eyes of the Russian authorities, they say, and further, he was very active at the congress of social revolutionists in London last spring arranging for the accommodation of the delegates and providing them with disguises, aliases and passports, to enable them to enter Russia. Altogether, much surprise is expressed by his friends that although previously he had by clever disguises and clever dodges, paid flying visits to his native land, he again ventured to run the risk of being arrested.

CHARGED WITH ARSON

Trial of R. J. Lund, Accused of Setting Fire to His Flour Mill at Wapella

Wapella, Sask., Dec. 28.—The preliminary trial of R. J. Lund was held here today. Lund is accused of setting fire to the flour mill of this town, which was burned down on August 29. The chief witnesses were George Ameer and J. T. Knowles. The former swore he saw Lund through an opening in the basement light bags which were supposed to be saturated with coal oil. J. T. Knowles swore that Lund promised to discharge a considerable amount of indebtedness if he would set fire to the mill, as the defendant told him he was in financial difficulties. Lund was committed for trial.

Levi Thompson, of Wolseley, crown prosecutor, prosecuted, and J. T. Brown, of Moosomin, appeared for the defendant.

MRS. MARSHALL'S DEATH

Prominent Canadian Literary Woman, Who Wrote Under the Name of "Sandy Grant"

Regina, Dec. 28.—Word was received here today of the death of Mrs. J. R. Marshall, at St. Catherines. Mrs. Marshall was a well known member of the Canadian Women's Press association, and under the name of "Sandy Grant" wrote a considerable amount of poems and poetry, much of which was in the Scottish dialect. The remains of the deceased lady are being brought here for interment.

There was one achievement of which Mrs. Marshall was justly proud, and that was the winning of the prize for the best poem on the coronation of King Edward, and for which she received a personal letter of thanks from His Majesty.

INSPECTING PLANT OF BELL COMPANY

Manitoba Expert's Valuation Said to Be Less Than the President's Figure

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—Yesterday O. F. French, chief telephone expert for the Manitoba government, concluded his valuation of the Bell system at Brandon, and is today visiting country points, looking over the Bell plant at the points visited, preparatory to presenting a complete report on the valuation of the system of the company in Manitoba.

Mr. French visited Portage la Prairie on Thursday, and made an inspection of the plant in that town, and has forwarded to the government his finding in regard to that point. The engineer has already gone over the Winnipeg system, and has handed his report to Premier Roblin. The reports on the Winnipeg and Portage la Prairie exchanges are expected to show that C. F. Sise, president of the Bell Telephone company, has greatly overvalued his plant at these points, and that the market value is not obtainable.

It is said that the government is in possession of reliable information to show that the Bell system in Manitoba can be duplicated for about one million dollars less than President Sise has asked for his plant, which is in the neighborhood of $3,500,000, but it is said that the government is willing, however, to meet Mr. Sise half way and pay a little more than the plant is worth, so that Manitoba may be freed from the Bell monopoly.

It was further learned today that the government expects to have Mr. French's report presented early next week, and that if the report warrants the government proceeding further in the matter an agreement of sale will be drawn up and executed in the ordinary way, and that the agreement will be sent to the House for ratification, after which the Bell system in Manitoba will pass into the control of the Provincial Government. It is understood that the system on its being taken over by the government will be run by a commission. More than one member of the Cabinet is favorable to this being done, as being most advantageous to all concerned.

The opposition, led by C. J. Mickle will, it is understood, ask for a return of all correspondence between the government and the Bell company, with a view to finding out the exact state of the negotiations.

Vancouver Postoffice

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—M. Kelly, senior partner of Kelly Bros., left on Thursday for Vancouver, B. C., to complete the postoffice building.

Another Agency Cut Off

Lethbridge, Dec. 28.—C. I. Bowman, U. S. consular agent here, has received word from the consul in Calgary that this agency will be discontinued.

California Town in Danger

Fresno, Cal. Dec. 28.—Fire is menacing the whole town of Coalinga, on the Southern Pacific railroad, fifty miles from Fresno. The town is one of the oil centres of southern California.

Rescuing Imprisoned Miners

Ely, Nevada, Dec. 28.—Fifteen feet advance was made yesterday in the rescue work at the Alps shaft, where the three miners are entombed. The rescuers have not yet reached solid ground. The imprisoned men are cheerful and in good health.

Balloon Contest.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—The Aeronautique club of Chicago announced today that it will hold an international balloon contest here on July 4. Two valuable cups will be given for the longest distance and for the greatest time in the air. The race will be open to the world.

CRIME RECORD IN MANITOBA

The Allegation Made That Too Many Offenders Escape Punishment

POLICE ARE HANDICAPPED

Several Serious Crimes, the Perpetrators of Which Have Gone Free

Winnipeg, Dec. 28. — Considerable comment has been heard on the streets lately owing to the number of men charged with serious crimes who have so far escaped punishment.

The police say there are a number of men wanted on charges of murder, but no systematic plans have been made to apprehend them.

It is claimed that the police department is seriously handicapped owing to the attorney-general's department declining to approve the spending of the necessary money to detect criminals or to bring them to justice.

Some weeks ago, two Chinamen were brutally murdered on Salter street, and the chief of police, in his anxiety to secure the capture of the perpetrators of the murder, engaged a detective familiar with eastern methods, and put him to work to detect the criminals. Higher officials, however, declined, it is said, to authorize the expenditure of the money even to secure the capture of the perpetrators of one of the coldest blooded murders ever occurring in the province. From the number of men charged with murder and other very serious offences, and who have escaped, Manitoba seems to be a regular Utopia for the culprits.

At the present time, the police are supposed to hold warrants for three men wanted to answer a charge of murder.

In July, 1905, H. Wilson Todd is alleged to have murdered a girl called Biron in a city hotel, but for some reason he seems to have been allowed to get clean away, and it is doubtful if the attorney-general's department now even remembers the incident.

Since that time a Galician named Slobojan, wanted for murder in the north end of the city, has escaped, and not even a whisper is heard of any attempt by the crown's law officers to secure his apprehension.

Within the last three months the grand jury returned a true bill against "Doctor" Oscar Margolei, wanted on a charge of murder of a girl, and although the doctor was in the city about the time of the inquest on the girl, and was since known to be in Montreal, no serious effort seems to have been made to apprehend him.

Another case that cropped up within the last year or so is that of an American named Charles Douglas, who was charged before Mr. Justice Mathers with conspiracy to defraud a number of farmers at Morris South, of land, etc., valued at over $12,000, and the indictment was quashed owing to being faulty. As soon as the indictment was quashed he walked out of the court a free man, and was allowed to escape, owing to the law officers of the crown neglecting to swear another information against him. The second warrant for his apprehension was not issued for three hours after the quashing of the indictment. It is said that this man can be secured by the police in a very short time if his arrest is desired. It is not thought, however, that he will be arrested.

Another case in which justice seems to have been evaded was that of a Jew named Levi, who was sent to jail by Magistrate Daly on a charge of using a bath house on King street for immoral purposes. He appealed against the magistrate's decision, and the appeal was dismissed by the judge. Through some blunder of the officers of the crown Levi walked out of court and left the same night for Chicago. He is said to be still there, but that he is not very anxious to return to Winnipeg.

A number of other cases can also be cited, where the defendants seem to have been able to get clear away.

It is said by those in a position to know, that the police are willing to do everything possible to arrest the fugitives if proper facilities are granted them to do so.

The Shah Yields.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The Persian legation in this city was today officially notified by cable that the Shah had taken in parliament the oath to support the constitution.

Lithograph Artist's Death.

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—The death occurred yesterday of R. A. Mathias from the effects of a paralytic stroke which he suffered on December 12, as he was about to start to work in the morning. The deceased was known throughout the west as the Dean of the Lithograph Artists. He came to this city from Hamilton about fifteen years ago, was the first lithographer to come through this western country, and was associatel with the beginning of the business in Winnipeg.

Died Suddenly.

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—Death came with shocking suddenness this morning to Mrs. Emma Brittain, a visitor to the city from England, who has been living with her niece on McDermot avenue. Mrs. Brittain, since her arrival here, had not been in the best of health. Her heart troubled her to a great extent, and Dr. Peat had been in attendance for several days. Mrs. Brittain arose this morning feeling fairly well. She ate a hearty breakfast, and had been sitting for some time in the front room. A water pipe broke, making considerable noise, and Mrs. Brittain fell back dead.