

CANADA BUILT ON SOLID BASIS

HUGH GUTHRIE SPEAKS OF "LAST GREAT WEST"

Destiny of Dominion Theme Before Canadian Club of New York.

New York, May 15.—Praises of the Dominion were sounded with no uncertain note at the annual banquet of the Canadian Club at the Hotel Astor last night. Speaking on the topic, "Canada of To-day," Chas. Marcell, deputy speaker of the House of Commons, Ottawa, declared that Canada's destiny is to become one of the two great nations of the western world.

Mr. Marcell dealt with the immense strides made by Canada since Confederation, and said that to-day was the dawn of the most prominent of the younger nations of the world. In the 50 years which have passed since France's empire in America passed to the British crown, there is to be found some of the most splendid achievements of the British government toward nation building. "For close on one hundred years," continued Mr. Marcell, "the great lakes which separate us have become boulevards of trade and amity. Across more than three thousand miles of boundary, we look at each other as friendly neighbors, all imbued with the high ideals of modern civilization and Christian forbearance. We rejoice in our splendid progress and great achievements. In your hour of trial there is no nation in the world that extended to the United States greater sympathy than did Canada. A million Canadians are peace-loving citizens of the United States, while thousands of Americans are flocking into our great Canadian northwest in a trek which will become historical."

Mr. Marcell said that in trade and commerce the march of progress in Canada has been sustained, and he pointed out that Canada is one of the best customers of the United States.

Whereas for many years Canadians emigrated to the United States, he said that today Americans are now emigrating in large numbers into and taking up land in the Canadian northwest. Last year, he said, the immigrants numbered 40,000, and that in 1907 over \$48,000,000 in cash and effects.

Continuing, he said: "Canada is destined to become one of the great nations of the world. Her destiny is to become a great power. Her rule has been a blessing in the enjoyment of the largest conceivable self-government. It makes its own treaties under the aegis of the British crown. It has assumed the maintenance of the last British fortress in America. It is at all intents and purposes independent under the crown of Great Britain, a nation within a nation and content with its present status. It is free from militarism and the maintenance of armies and fleets. The efforts of its people are directed to the paths of peace and material and moral progress. It is free from embarrassing problems and extends the hand of fellowship to the world."

To the toast of the "Last Great West" Hugh Guthrie, M. P. of Guelph, Ont., remarked that it might seem paradoxical to say that the last great west is a new land with a history, but such, nevertheless, is a fact. He explained that in the history of discovery, struggle and adventure, a history of wars, conquests and treaties, to which the passing centuries have given a glory and imparted an air of chivalry and romance.

In the course of an historical resume of Canadian discovery and development, Mr. Guthrie spoke of the charter granted by Cardinal Richelieu to the Company of One Hundred Associates, the first commercial attempt at organized trade and settlement in Canada, and later referred to the royal charter granted by King Charles II to the governor and company of merchants, adventurers trading in Hudson's Bay.

The acquisition by Canada from the Hudson's Bay Company, for the sum of \$1,500,000, and a grant of seven million acres of land, of the territorial rights of the company at one time was considered by King Charles II as a bad bargain. Agriculturists had pronounced the country as worthless to grow wheat, and generally unsuited for agricultural purposes. But now we know from actual experience that we possess in the country west and north of Lake Superior, not only the largest, but the finest wheat area in the known world.

Mr. Guthrie called attention to the fact that less than 50 years ago it was believed the western boundary of Ohio marked the limit of the wheat-producing area of North America, and that the secretary of the Ohio board of agriculture at that time declared that "the tide of population then moving west must soon return eastward to the wheat-producing region." The west was not suited for agricultural purposes. Such he said, was likewise the opinion freely expressed of western Canada in the early days. "There it lies," he said, referring to the great northwest, "in its virgin purity and richness, offering peace and plenty, happiness, success and civilization to those willing to turn its riches to the last great west and reap its advantages." The Canadian government had no lands for sale, no lands to give away to railway companies or private contractors, no lands for speculators or promoters, but millions of acres of splendid lands would be given free in sections of 160 acres each to any man over 18 years of age who was willing to enter upon it and settle it.

EMPIRE DAY IN LONDON.
London, May 15.—Fifty members of the Boys' Brigade, travelling 210 miles from Cambridge, Cornwall, to London will attend the Empire concert under the direction of Dr. C. A. E. Harris, of Ottawa, on Empire day by invitation of Oliver Woodard, of British Columbia.

IS KNOWN IN VICTORIA.

Calvin H. Bell Arrested in Santa Monica on Telegraphic Advice from Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, May 15.—Upon telegraphic advice from Chief of Provincial Police Elliott, Calvin H. Bell, alleged to be wanted here in connection with a transaction involving \$2,000, was arrested yesterday at Santa Monica, Cal. Bell was visiting with his unmarried daughter and mother and returned to the north and that there is nothing in the charge. He is a member of a well-known firm of painters and decorators and spent the winter a year ago in Victoria.

COTTON GOODS DRUG ON MARKET

President of Textile Workers Talks of Present Depression.

Montreal, May 15.—President Gignac, of the Federation of Textile Workers of Canada, in a circular to the striking textile workers, states that the present time is one of general depression, and that while a year ago cotton goods were in great demand, they are now a drug on the market. He also states that he has the assurance of the manager of the mills that wages will be restored as soon as possible, and that nothing can be gained by the present strike.

LONDON'S GREAT SHOW OPEN TO PUBLIC

Prince of Wales Inaugurates Franco-British Exhibition at Shepherd's Bush.

London, May 15.—The gates of the Franco-British exhibition were thrown open to the public yesterday, and in spite of the threatened weather, a large crowd was present to witness the inauguration ceremonies, which occurred later in the afternoon. The Prince of Wales, who was accompanied to the exhibition by the Princess, delivered the pronouncement which started the wheels going.

Canadian Exhibits.

Montreal, May 15.—A London cable says: Heavy skies and pitiless rain outside increased the impression of gloom and gloom inside of the palace at Shepherd's Bush, when the Prince and Princess of Wales came to open the Franco-British exhibition yesterday. As the Prince entered, he might have asked as the King of Belgians asked at the inauguration of the Antwerp exposition: "Gentlemen, am I asked to open the exposition of the boxes?"

EMPEROR'S FORMER FAVORITE IN DISGRACE

Zu-Eulenbergh a Prisoner While Commission Searches His Home for Papers.

Berlin, May 15.—The residence at Liebenberg, of Prince Philip Zu Eulenbergh, who was arrested recently charged with perjury in connection with the Harden revelations of last summer, was searched yesterday for political correspondence. The result of the quest has not yet been made known. The investigation was conducted by a commission appointed by the judge in whose hands the Eulenbergh case has been placed, and a number of the prince's papers were gone over.

At an early hour yesterday morning the commission called upon the prince, who is being held a prisoner in the charity hospital, and requested the key of his private desk, which was locked. The prince became very much excited and refused to give up the keys. He was examined by a doctor, who was overcome by an attack of weakness, and a physician had to be summoned to apply restoratives.

The prince still refuses the commission permission to examine his private letters, and remarked that in any event, no political correspondence would be found, as he had long ago deposited such communications in another place. It is not known whether the commission forced the prince's private desk or not.

ANTI-OPIMUM CRUSADE.

Shanghai May Be Meeting Place of International Conference.

Paris, May 15.—The government at Washington has proposed Shanghai on January 1st, 1909 as the time and place for the holding of the coming international conference at which the powers are to fix upon the details for the cessation of the cultivation of opium within their territories in order to assist China in the suppression of the use of opium among the Chinese people. The French government has accepted the American proposition.

ANOTHER WAGE DISPUTE.

Many Operators Thrown Out of Work in New Jersey Manufacturing Factories.

Orange, N. J., May 15.—The eight hat manufacturers in this place closed their doors yesterday, throwing about 2,500 operators out of employment, because of a failure to reach an agreement with them as to wages and better conditions.

DEATH OF LADY DALY.

Halifax, May 15.—Lady Daly, wife of Sir Malachi Bowles Daly, former Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, died yesterday after a lingering illness. She was 89 years of age.

RAILROADS' TAX ON A NATION

IF INCREASED FREIGHT RATES ARE ADOPTED

Each Individual in U. S. A. Would Pay \$1.75—Companies Gain \$1,000,000,000.

Chicago, May 15.—Just what the advance in freight rates proposed by the eastern railroads within the territory of the Mississippi river and north of the Ohio, will mean in increased cost of living, is set forth in a table of statistics compiled by the Illinois Manufacturers' Association. The table, together with the legal opinions and the recommendations will be presented to-day at the conference of representatives of fifty of the largest industrial organizations of the east and middle west.

"The railroads propose to tax every man, woman and child in the country \$1.75 a head," is the first contention set forth. The increase contemplated will raise the present gross freight revenue of the roads in official classification territory from approximately \$1,000,000,000 to \$1,140,000,000. There are 80,000,000 people in the country so each will be called to contribute \$1.75 per annum to the coffers of the railroad companies.

COAL OIL TRAGEDY.

Little Baby Is Burned to Death Before Mother's Eyes.

Elm Creek, Man., May 15.—Mrs. Thomas Cook on returning home from town on Wednesday night kindled a fire with coal oil, then stepped out of the house for a moment, leaving her little baby sitting on the floor. On returning she found the whole interior in flames, and the child was burned to death almost before her eyes.

MONTREAL BANK CLEARINGS.

Montreal, May 15.—Bank clearings \$27,167,471, as compared with \$30,453,976 for the same week last year, and \$28,294,474 for 1906.

CHICAGO SOCIALISTS LIVE UP TO CREED

Pandemonium Chief Feature of Convention to Nominate Presidential Candidate.

Chicago, May 15.—The Socialists in the national convention last night adopted a platform after a long debate that grew more acrimonious at times. As soon as the platform was adopted the convention proceeded after midnight to-night to select a candidate for president. The name of Eugene V. Debs, of Indiana, and A. M. Simons, of Chicago, were placed before the delegates.

Phil. Calgary, of Mississippi, presented the name of Debs in a speech assailing President Roosevelt as "the most despicable coward the world has ever known." He denounced Secretary of War Taft for having drunk to the health of the Czar of Russia. He also cast aspersions on W. J. Bryan, John Spargo of New York, seconded the nomination of Debs.

Seymour Stedman, of Chicago, presented the name of Simons, declaring Debs was physically unfit to make the race. This remark caused the supporters of Debs to burst forth in pandemonium of shouts and hisses. More clamorous debate and recriminations followed. Debs received 162 votes. The roll of the votes had proceeded until 194 had been counted and on the showing it was moved by Victor Berger, of Milwaukee, that the nomination be made unanimous. The motion went through with a deafening shout. Benjamin Ranford, of New York, was nominated for vice president.

BLOODHOUNDS TRAIL DARING BANDITS

Texan Depot Broken Into and \$35,000 Stolen by Outlaws.

El Paso, Texas, May 15.—Pursued by men and bloodhounds, three bandits with \$35,000 of loot in their possession are fleeing through the mountain passes north of French, a little station eight miles from East Las Vegas, on the Santa Fe railroad.

At French the party broke down the doors of the depot, bound and gagged the station agent and a special guard, blew the safe, took the money and rode away, leaving their victims helpless. A tramp wandered into the station half an hour later and found the almost unconscious men and gave the alarm.

The stolen money was received from Albuquerque on a Santa Fe train to pay miners at Dawson, N. M. Only a branch road leads to the mine and a transfer of the money was necessary at French. A special guard, heavily armed, accompanied the treasure, and upon leaving the train at French he went inside the station, placed the money in the safe and locked the doors of the station.

Suddenly the noise of a breaking window attracted him, and he and the station agent looked around to face the muskets of two rifles. A third bandit broke the door and entered. He then held the two men covered with a revolver while the other bandits entered the building. After tying the guard and the agent the robbers dynamited the safe, took the money and fled.

ST. LAWRENCE COLLISION.

Owners of St. Ottawa Take Out Warrant for Seizure of Norwegian Collier Troid.

Montreal, May 15.—The British and North American Steam Navigation Company, proprietors of the steamer Ottawa, which was run into by the Troid in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, yesterday took out a warrant in the maritime court for seizure of the Troid, the amount of damages claimed being \$70,000.

NEW FLOUR MILL FOR REGINA.

Regina, May 15.—Minnesota capitalists have become interested in the Regina Flour Mills Company, and will erect a five hundred barrel flour mill and a hundred barrel oatmeal mill here this summer. These will take the place of the plant of the Regina Flour Mills Company which was destroyed by fire.

EARTHQUAKE IN NOVA SCOTIA.

Yarmouth, N. S., May 15.—A most perceptible shock of earthquake was felt here at midnight.

GERMANY ARRESTS ENGLISH FISHING BOAT

Cuxhaven, Germany, May 15.—The English steam fishing boat Taurus from Grimsey, England, while in the act of fishing at Amrum Island off Prussia in the North sea has been arrested by a German torpedo boat which was patrolling the fishing ground at the time. The Taurus was brought into Cuxhaven.

COUNTING DEAD IN TORNADO'S WAKE

BLAST CUTS PATH FORTY MILES LONG

Wrecked Homes and Ruined Crops in Louisiana—Hundreds Injured.

Shreveport, La., May 15.—Thirty dead and 200 injured is a conservative estimate of the fatalities caused by the tornado which swept through northwest Louisiana on Wednesday evening, destroying three small towns and leaving wrecked homes and ruined crops in a path a mile wide and 40 miles long.

The dead at Gilliam, which has about a hundred inhabitants, number thirteen, that at Bollinger the known dead list is six. These two towns are about fifteen miles apart, and nothing has been learned of the work of the storm in the country between them.

At Elmore, a small town near Gilliam, several houses were destroyed, and it is not known how many people perished. Several of the dead were brought to Shreveport on a special train from Gilliam this morning, and the hospitals and sanitariums are crowded with injured, several of whom will die. Only two houses were left standing at Gilliam.

WHITE GIRL WEDS WITH CHINAMAN

Vancouver, May 15.—Edith Lamoung, a pretty white girl of 24 years, was married yesterday at New Westminster to Nip Sue, a Chinese merchant of about the same age. This is the first wedding of the kind that has ever occurred in British Columbia. The groom was educated in the church mission. Rev. C. W. Houghton, of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, officiated at the ceremony.

BOWSER WAS ASKED QUESTION.

Vancouver, May 15.—Attorney-General Bowser was asked today regarding the report from the Attorney-General in his cabinet as Minister of Public Works. He replied that nothing definite had been decided.

HIGH WATER IN ST. LAWRENCE.

Montreal, May 15.—Owing to the combination of the abnormal height of water, the ferry service to Laprairie has been discontinued. The height of water yesterday was registered at 41 feet 5 inches, as compared with 40 feet 11 inches the previous day. The low lying wharves are flooded.

BOWSER EXPERIMENTING WITH HIS NEW LAW

Fishermen Make Strenuous Objections, But Atty. General is Obdurate.

Vancouver, May 15.—Attorney-General Bowser and Premier McBride this morning listened to a delegation of fishermen from the Fraser river, above New Westminster, who have strenuous objections to having further restrictions to their fishing above the bridge as defined in the new provincial regulations. They said the regulations would practically put them out of business.

Mr. Bowser replied that the changes have been gazetted and anybody who wanted to see what the result of the new regulations would be could enforce this year. Next season new regulations would be enforced.

MEAT TRUST MAY INVADE ENGLAND

ARMOURS SAID TO HAVE EXTENSIVE SCHEME

Government to Be Asked What Preventive Measures Will Be Taken.

London, May 15.—C. W. Bowerman, who represents the meat market district in the House of Commons, has notified Winston Churchill, president of the Board of Trade, of his intention to question him in the House on May 18th regarding what steps the legislature proposes to take to prevent the Armourers of Chicago from establishing in this country retail stores for the purpose of supplying meat direct to the consumer.

This query is based on the statement that the Armourers are calling up \$500,000 of new capital for the purpose of dotting London and the provinces with their own retail stores, the idea being to avoid the tolls and charges levied at the Smithfield market. Mr. Bowerman claims that the putting into effect of this scheme will destroy the business of the English butchers and meat salesmen who will not be able to compete if the American packers are permitted to trade on such terms.

LAST OF PACIFIC FLEET.

H. M. S. Leander Is Only Vessel, Formerly Stationed Here, Now on Navy List.

London, May 3.—As an instance of the shortness of life of the modern warship it may be of interest to say that the old Pacific fleet, of eight cruisers and gunboats of the late "nineties" there is not a single one of them now on the active list. The only one retained yet in the Royal Navy is the Leander, which is the oldest ship in the fleet, a totilla of destroyers at Devonport.

Engineer Commander Sydney J. Drake, who was chief engine-room officer of the Fores, which she was on the Pacific station, has just been appointed to the cruiser Lancaster on the Mediterranean station in a similar capacity.

YOUNG LIBERALS TO GIVE SMOKER TO-NIGHT

An Enjoyable Time Promised—Good Programme of Speeches and Songs.

The young Liberals of Victoria have a reputation for being excellent entertainers. For years past the smokers given by that organization have been conducted in such a way as to give them a splendid reputation. Another smoker will be added to the long list given by the organization and it is promised that it will be conducted in keeping with the high reputation the club enjoys. There is splendid music talent among the young Liberals which will be used to advantage this evening as on past occasions.

In addition to the musical part of the programme there will be addresses by prominent Liberals. Fred Peters, K. C., a prominent figure in public life, will be one of the speakers. M. B. Jackson, who, although not so generally prominent in Victoria, has been a prominent figure in Manitoba politics for years, will also give an address. Mr. Jackson is a clear forcible speaker and his address is sure to be of an interesting character. In addition to these two, Smith Curtis, who is so well known in British Columbia as a vigorous debater, will be present and deliver a speech.

All Liberals are invited to be present as the gathering will afford excellent opportunities to become acquainted with supporters of the party in this city.

WORMED SECRETS FROM FAMOUS "GOLDEN CIRCLE"

Death of Felix Stidger Recalls Stirring Days of Civil War.

Chicago, Ill., May 15.—Felix Grundy Stidger, the exposer of the "Golden Circle," dropped dead last Monday at his home here and will be buried today. Scarcely known by his neighbors and having only a small acquaintance with the civil war veterans of Chicago, his death attracted little attention.

Stidger was a secret service man during the two last years of the war. He worked his way into that notorious secret service of southern in the north states known as the Knights of the "Golden Circle," and became one of its chief officers. When the south was about ready to give up the conflict, after the battles of Gettysburg and Vicksburg, he and a number of his associates planned all set for the delivery of the 40,000 Confederate prisoners in Port Douglas, in Chicago, and other northern cities. Plans also had been made for delivering to the confederacy the states of Illinois, Mississippi, Indiana and Ohio.

SUPPORTING TAFT.

New York, May 15.—Jacob H. Schiff, the banker, yesterday accepted a vice-presidency of the Taft organization of this state in a letter in which he expressed appreciation of Secretary Taft's ability and fidelity.

MINERS BARRED FROM DRINK.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 15.—The H. C. Frick Company, a subsidiary of the United States Steel Corporation, has ordered into effect a new code of rules governing its mines and miners, the most remarkable provision of which is the prohibiting of the company's miners from drinking, whether on duty or off.

"REV. DONALD" AS CANDIDATE.

Toronto, May 15.—The Mail and Empire says Rev. Donald Hossack, pastor of Deer Park Presbyterian church, whose epistolary efforts in one cause or other are a feature of successive election campaigns, will be a candidate for the legislature in class B, in North Toronto.

SETTLERS FOR BULKLEY VALLEY.

Vancouver, May 14.—C. E. Edwards, of Mayville, North Dakota, president of the British Columbia Transportation & Commercial Company, has been in town today from the East, and is at the Hotel Vancouver. He is accompanied by Mrs. Edwards. It is his intention to spend the summer here, directing his large financial interests in this province. The British Columbia Transportation & Commercial Company owns large tracts of lands in the Bulkley and Kispiox valleys, in Northern British Columbia, and on which several hundred settlers will be located this year.

FORMING UNITED DANISH EMPIRE

Iceland to Be Autonomic, but Frederick Will Remain Her King.

Copenhagen, May 15.—The commission having the matter in hand yesterday, presented to King Frederick a report containing his recommendations for the regisiting of the future relations between Denmark and Iceland. The committee is composed of members of the Danish and Icelandic parliaments, and it was appointed at the time of His Majesty's visit to Iceland last year. The report is accompanied by a draft of the new law to govern these regulations. The bill to bring this law into being, which must be approved by both parliaments, constitutes Iceland "a free autonomic and independent country, united to Denmark by a common king and common interest, and forming with Denmark a state federation—the United Danish Empire."

If the bill passes, King Frederick will be entitled to call himself King of Denmark and King of Iceland. Various concessions have been granted to Iceland, giving a greater degree of independence. Iceland's treasury will contribute to the king's civil list, and Icelanders and Danes will enjoy equal rights in both countries. It is provided also that the law may be revised after twenty-five years and the union partially denounced should it be impossible to reach an agreement on a new law. The arrangement providing for a common kingship, a common ministry of foreign affairs and a common system of defence cannot be denounced.

THAW FIGHTING TO REGAIN FREEDOM

Question of Murderer's Sanity Still Engaging Poughkeepsie Court.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., May 15.—With the proceedings accelerated by the decision of Justice Morchauer to hold court in practically continuous session from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m., considerable progress was made in the court here yesterday with the hearing which is expected to determine whether Harry K. Thaw shall be liberated from the Matteawan asylum for the criminal insane at Matteawan.

Following the settlement of preliminary legal points, which included a ruling by the court that the question of Thaw's sanity and of the constitutionality of his commitment would be proceeded with simultaneously, Attorney James C. Graham, of Thaw's counsel, opened the presentation of his case by calling several physicians, who testified as to Thaw's apparent rationality during his confinement in prison and in the Matteawan asylum. All the medical witnesses were cross-examined by District Attorney Jerome, who is opposing Thaw's release. During the afternoon session Thaw's counsel rested their case without having presented Thaw on the stand or having presented their expert testimony. District Attorney Jerome then proceeded with his case.

Mr. Jerome's chief witness of the day was Dr. Austin Flint, of New York, an expert on mental diseases. He characterized Thaw as a paranoiac, the victim of a disease from which he declared the patient never recovers. Dr. Flint was under cross-examination by Attorney Graham when court adjourned for the day.

NAVY WILL NOT SUFFER.

London, May 15.—The government has decided to replace the cruiser Gladiator and the torpedo boat destroyer Tiger, which recently were sunk by the purchase of two warships from private firms.

SHELLING MOORISH TRIBEMEN.

Casa Blanca, May 15.—General Vigy, who has bombarded three of the principal Arab camps, according to uncorroborated reports, is now shelling Bou denib where the forces of his commander are in contact with the main body of troops of Mulai Hassan.

INTERPRETER DISMISSED.

Halifax, May 15.—Jos. Bernstein, interpreter for the Immigration Department, received notice yesterday from Ottawa that his services were no longer required. Bernstein was charged with wrongdoing particularly in financial dealings with foreign speaking immigrants landing from Europe.

PICKED UP WHEN SINKING.

Milwaukee, Wis., May 15.—The Barry line steamer J. C. Sult was towed into port at 11 p. m. by the steamer Glawick, which picked up the vessel in a sinking condition off South Milwaukee. The Sult carried no passengers and a crew of 20 men.

WANTS BIRRELL TO BE ARRESTED

FOR THEFT OF DUBLIN CASTLE JEWELS

Irish "Barrister" Makes Extraordinary Statement in London Police Court.

London, May 14.—A warrant for the arrest of Augustine Birrell, chief secretary for Ireland "for the theft of the crown jewels from Dublin Castle," was the demand made by an elderly man this afternoon before the magistrate at Westminster police court. The applicant, who claims to be an Irish barrister, handed up a statement charging that "Lord Aberdeen, the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and Mr. Birrell had committed the theft in conjunction."

He declared that in support of this charge he had circumstantial evidence of an extraordinary character. The magistrate took the statement and read it, after which he told the applicant that he could, if he desired, proceed through the Attorney-General, the public prosecutor. The applicant thereupon commenced to argue in favor of immediate action on the part of the magistrate, but the latter instructed the officials to remove the man from the court. Jewels valued at \$30,000 belonging to the regalia of the Order of St. Patrick disappeared last summer from Dublin Castle. The matter has never been cleared up.

CHOUROS GIRL'S SUICIDE.

Inhales Gas Through Rubber Hose Until Death Comes.

Philadelphia, May 15.—With one end of a rubber hose in her mouth, and the other attached to an open gas jet, Virginia Paul, an actress, was found dead in a boarding house. On the floor of her room was a letter torn into bits. She is thought to have penned this to some person and then decided to tear it up.

Miss Paul was young and pretty. Her home is believed to have been in Denver. She was in the chorus of an attraction now playing at a local theatre, and it is believed the fear of losing her position caused her to end her life.

VICTIMS OF WOOD ALCOHOL.

Three Dead and Fourth Comatose in New York Hospital.

New York, May 15.—Three men are dead and one lying in a state of coma at Bellevue hospital as a result, the police say, of drinking wood alcohol.

The fatalities, the Russians, were celebrating the departure for his native land of a fellow countryman, in a house on East 72nd street. The janitor of the house last night found them in a squalid state and caused their removal to the hospital. Max Glusko and Jacob Kosonuk died in that institution not long after being taken there. The third victim of the affair died shortly after midnight.

MARRIAGE PUZZLE.

Vancouver, May 14.—Is the testimony of the first husband as a witness to the first marriage sufficient to prove that there was such a marriage in a case in which he is prosecuting his wife for bigamy?

This point was raised and argued in the police court to-day in the prosecution of Peter Arseth, an applicant for a Canadian divorce. The second marriage was contracted in the absence of the first husband, who is now in the Canadian law courts.

A. J. Russell, for the accused, contended that the prosecution was bound to produce the marriage certificate as proof that there was a former marriage. This had not been done. The magistrate will consider the case.

IMPROVEMENTS AT CHILLIWACK

New Westminster, May 14.—A by-law authorizing the ditching and draining of ten thousand acres of valuable land near Chilliwack has been passed by the mayor and aldermen of that city. Work will be commenced on the big undertaking in the immediate future. The improvements are expected to have a tendency to increase the value of land in the vicinity of Chilliwack.