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(From THE DAILY COLONIST, December 10.)
BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

The Petition for Election of Fire Chief Killed Away in the Archives.

How the Day Labor Experiment Succeeded—City Barristers' Retainer—Waterworks Payment.

Mayor Teague presided over a full board at the regular meeting of the city council last evening. There was a large attendance of the public.

W. G. Eden repeated his series of questions respecting the capacity in cubic yards required of corporation laborers, and after Ald. Macmillan told him what he knows of Mr. Eden, "who couldn't dig sewers worth a cent"—let alone \$2 a day, this letter also was filed.

Auditor Raymer wrote that Eberts & Taylor have applied for \$250, as the balance of their retainer for the year ending December 31; but that he understood that under the new arrangement, which went into effect November 1, and by which Mr. Taylor is to receive \$1,000 a year as city barrister, the old contract ceased. The former arrangement was for a retainer of \$500 a year payable on the 30th June and 31st December. Referred to finance committee, to settle with the firm for four months only on the basis of the old contract.

Water Commissioner Raymer wrote recommending a fourth payment, of \$10,225, to the waterworks contractors, which will make a total of \$38,000 to date, being 75 per cent. of the value of work performed. Agreed to.

Fire Chief Deasy's report for November was read and filed.

Five tenders for printing 3,200 circulars were sent to the printing committee.

Reports from the finance committee were read and adopted.

THE DAY LABOR EXPERIMENT.

The sewerage committee presented a report on the sewerage operations which have been carried out by day labor. This showed that for work estimated to cost \$29,256, the actual cost has been \$25,229. The pipe work cost \$6,404. On the basis of the sewerage contract prices paid for similar work under the last year, the total cost would have been 21 1/2 per cent. greater than the city paid. Another report from the same committee stated that the whole of the \$100,000 sewerage loan has been expended, and gave details showing how the amount had been disposed of. The reports were signed by two members of the committee.

Ald. PARTRIDGE explained that he had not signed because he knew nothing of the report and had only been allowed about ten minutes to examine it. He considered the report unfair and that it should not be adopted, because there is an error in it, "there being no credit for water supplied for arduous work." If it is adopted, the work with the McBean contract the result might not have been so favorable to day labor.

The merits of the report and the time allowed Ald. Partridge were so warmly debated by him and Ald. Macmillan that Ald. Bragg rose to deplore that the effort on the part of the council to improve on past methods should thus be made a bone of contention; for he pointed out that it was the whole council, and not merely Ald. Macmillan or the sewerage committee, who decided to carry out the work by day labor.

Ald. CAMERON thought it had been conclusively shown that day labor has been a success, and all concerned should be given credit for what has been accomplished.

Ald. Macmillan praised the foremen who were in charge of the work; though he pointed out that this was performed in fine weather; whereas the contracts, which certainly did not work well, were carried out in the wet.

The report was adopted, Ald. Partridge dissenting.

The streets committee recommended that 50 per cent. of the fire department should be on account of the cement sidewalk laid opposite the Occidental hotel; and the other 50 per cent. in six months, if the work proves satisfactory; also in connection with Mr. Robertson's complaint of a road closed at Ross Bay, that it has been included by mistake in the cemetery grounds, and the fence will be moved when a road is required. Adopted.

THE FIRE CHIEF.

The petition asking that steps be taken to have the chief of the fire department elected by public vote every three years was taken up, after a letter had been read from W. T. Sheret, one of the 1,055 signers, asking that his name be struck off, he having signed through misapprehension.

Ald. WILSON, chairman of the fire wardens, said he had no reason to believe that the present chief did not satisfactorily fill the position. He read several letters from people who declared that misapprehensions had been made in asking them to sign—for instance, that Chief Deasy is tired of the job and wants to resign. He felt that he could get twice the number of signatures to a petition confirming the Chief in his position.

Ald. HUMPHREY considered the present Chief as good a man as could be got, and would therefore vote against granting the prayer of the petition.

Ald. Macmillan thought that if the Chief were to run an election to-morrow a great many of those who have signed would vote for him. The ratepayers have some rights, however, as they pay the bill for the very expensive fire department, and they should have something to say, especially when more than a thousand have asked in this way for a change to express themselves. He therefore moved that the petition be referred, its prayer granted, and a by-law that effect be prepared for submission at next election.

Ald. Macmillan thought the matter should be laid over for a week, to give Ald. Wilson the chance to get twice the number of names, he says he can secure, on the other side. He won't favor giving whatever the majority of the people ask for.

Ald. WILSON said he would not hawk a petition round every body, but would let the people on the issue. He pointed out that there are very few names of property owners or merchants on the petition.

Ald. PARTRIDGE, while feeling that per-

haps he would again fail to secure the applause of the audience, said that though he has frequently crossed the Chief he had no hesitation in saying that he would vote against this petition. He moved that the petition be received and filed.

Ald. CAMERON claimed that in the first place the city has not the power now to elect a fire chief; in the next, the signers of the petition have given no reason for the belief they express that the change would be beneficial, while the fact is that the report on the elective system in the matter of officials is quite the reverse.

The suggestion by Ald. Macmillan to lay the matter over for one week was then moved, and was carried, another vote was taken, and Ald. Kall voting in the negative the amendment was declared lost. The main motion, to receive and file the petition, was carried on division and the board adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

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"QUADRA" TO THE RESCUE.

The Dominion Steamer Ordered to Sea at Once to Search for the "Strathnevis"

"Danube" and "Costa Rica" Others of a Fleet That Is Similarly Employed.

If the disabled Strathnevis is not brought safely into port and that very soon, it will not be for want of energetic action on the part of either the owning company, private enterprise, or the Dominion authorities. The latter were communicated with yesterday morning by Messrs. Earle and Prior, the city's representatives in the Commons, who asked that the Quadra be dispatched without delay to look for and, if found, render assistance to the unfortunate vessel. The reply was only a few hours in coming and conveyed the gratifying information:

"Have wired the Agent of Marine to send out Quadra immediately to look for the Strathnevis."

The government cruiser had already gone out of commission for the winter, and was to have gone into dock at Esquimaux to-morrow to make good the damages received in her recent grounding at Foulford reef. In view of the emergency, however, her repairs will wait, and as soon as she can get her crew together—which will probably be by to-morrow evening—she will leave on her errand of rescue.

Not alone in the search by any means. The Canadian Pacific Navigation company's steamer Danube, with Captain John Irving, Captain Meyer and Captain Sears on board, left Sunday night for the coast along the west coast of the island. The Danube is already on the look-out—she will thoroughly explore as far north as the head of the Queen Charlotte Islands in the hope of picking up the comparatively helpless liner. It is Captain Irving's belief, however, that the number of navigators familiar with the Coast waters and their currents, that the Strathnevis is by this time not far off Graham or some of the neighboring islands, if she has not already found an anchorage in one of their harbors. The Danube went provisioned and coaled for two months if necessary, taking in 500 tons of fuel at Comox in addition to the 400 tons already in her hold on her way out.

The big collier Costa Rica, which arrived down from Comox Sunday night, laden for San Francisco, is another of the fleet that will prospect the North Pacific for the crippled steamer. She is ordered to spend four days in Esquimaux where the Strathnevis is likely to be picked up, and if she, the Quadra, the Danube, the Maude, Empress, Tacoma or Miwewa—not to mention any of the smaller fleet from the Sound or San Francisco that are now cruising off the West Coast—do not pick up the helpless ship it will be almost a miracle.

Each of the captains joining in the search has of course thoroughly familiarized himself with the information given in the log of the John Gaisler, and has worked out the winds and currents to the finest point possible to experienced navigators. It is therefore highly probable that the Strathnevis will be once more safe in port, or in Esquimaux dock, before Christmas comes.

FOR CHINA AND JAPAN.

Another big crowd of Chinamen left for their native land on the M. S. Empress of China which sailed last evening. Eighty-three boarded the vessel here, and a large number took passage from Vancouver. At this time of the year it is customary for a larger number of Chinamen to depart than to arrive, and hence it is that so many have recently been leaving for the Orient. They are not intending to remain in the Flower Kingdom, however, as in the spring they will return probably with scores of friends. The Empress, as usual, carried a full cargo and a good complement of saloon passengers, those embarking here being Mrs. M. M. Mieses M. and L. and Mr. L. Bradberry, N. G. Woolwich and Miss Mary Virden.

MARINE NOTES.

The Unadilla, deeply laden, principally with salmon from Victoria, sailed for San Francisco last evening. Her saloon passengers embarking here were Ernest and W. J. Waterman, Miss C. Glassey, Mr. McMahon, Miss Edith Lombard, Mrs. F. Jones, Mrs. S. A. Clark, T. E. Meenan, R. Horton, S. P. Sergeant, Capt. H. C. Folger, A. R. Penner and A. J. Mooley and wife.

This morning the steamship Islander took the Charmer's place on the Vancouver run, having left the Esquimaux marine ways early yesterday morning. The Charmer will immediately look for her annual overhauling, which will, it is expected, occupy several days.

One of her paddle wheels having struck a floating log on Sunday the steamer Princess Louise was laid up yesterday and her run to New Westminster was taken by the Yosemite. The Princess, however, will be ready for service to-day.

A San Francisco dispatch announces the safe arrival of the overdue steamship Brindale, yesterday. She was a month in making the voyage.

THE CITY.

A SERIES of meetings with the farmers will be held this week by the Agricultural board in the general interests of fruit growing. The first of these will be held at Salt Spring Island on the 17th instant.

A "MUSICAL meeting" followed by a picnic, will be held by the Salvation Army on Thursday evening, for the benefit of their work. Though the self-denial week with the Army is now over the amount of the local collections will not be known for several days yet.

His LORDSHIP the Bishop of Columbia returned yesterday from Salt Spring Island where he conducted two confirmation services on Sunday last—one at St. Mary's church, Fulford Harbor, and the other at St. Mark's. The Bishop conducted his usual Bible class at 3 o'clock to-day.

The fruit preserving department of Mr. J. H. Falconer's Victoria business, including the stock and goods, has been acquired by the Okef & Morris Co. Mr. Falconer will devote his undivided attention in the future to the production of his famous Worcester sauce, pickles, etc.

WORK was at a standstill yesterday on the Walkley, King & Casey contract at Beaver lake. It wasn't a strike that was to blame, as rumor of course had it; the sole cause of the suspension of operations was the rain, which came down in torrents. This was the first full day lost by the contractors since they broke ground.

At a meeting of the creditors of Frederick Landberg yesterday, Mr. Gustav Leiser tendered his resignation as trustee, but the meeting decided to retain him in his position. It was stated at the meeting that a sale of the property under the mortgage was fixed to take place on Thursday and it was resolved to take legal proceedings to prevent this.

On Friday the committee on co-operation of the Fruit Growers' Association met at the office of the secretary, A. H. B. Macgowan, at Vancouver. The mission of this committee is to arrange some scheme whereby the fruit growers of the province can co-operate in shipping fruit to various markets in the manner most advantageous for all concerned.

The Juvenile Opera Company have changed the date of the opera for the benefit of the Protestant Orphans' Home to the evening of the 19th instant, owing to the illness of one of the performers. Some of the performances on the date previously announced. The matinee will, however, be on the following Saturday afternoon, December 21.

In view of the judgment given by Mr. Justice Crease, declaring that magistrates can not have jurisdiction under the Small Debt Act, the court has been adjourned to-morrow, after formally opening the Small Debt Court, adjourn for a week, without hearing any cases. The judgment, involving as it does the constitutionality of the Act passed by the Provincial Legislature, there is no doubt that an appeal will be taken.

A FULL choir of thirty-five voices will render the cantata "Calvary" before the church to-morrow evening. Some of the leading soloists of the city will take part, hence a finished and successful production is promised. The cast is as follows: Queen, Mrs. Gregson; Zerah, Mrs. Andrews; Mordecai, Mrs. Andrews; King, J. G. Brown; Haman, William Muir; Mordecai, Mr. Muir; Attendant, H. A. Howell.

The Willing Workers of Christ church will hold a sale of work in the cathedral school on Friday, when a very fine assortment of fancy work as well as plain and useful articles will be displayed at prices to suit the times. Dolls, varying from elegantly dressed court beauty to the tiny peasant girl, will tempt the little ones, while delicious home-made candy will appeal to the tastes of all. The proceeds of the sale will be for the Christmas tree at the cathedral school, and it is to be hoped that many will aid and encourage the young workers by their presence.

The Spanish ploughing match on Saturday next will take place in a field belonging to Messrs. R. McClure and Reid, North Saanich. The committee offer the following prizes: For professionals, \$25, \$20 and \$15; for amateurs, \$15, \$10 and \$5; for boys, E. G. Prior & Co. plough, \$7.50 and \$5. The entrance fees are \$5, \$3 and \$2 for professionals, amateurs and boys respectively. For the best opening a baggy whip, from Mr. E. Norris, and a number of other prizes will be given. The ploughing will be for the runner up in the boys' class.

TWENTY THREE affiliated societies were represented at yesterday's meeting of the Women's Council, when the matter of selecting candidates to take the field at the coming election of city trustees was before the meeting. Many ladies were mentioned and several nominated, but some declined to stand and others were not eligible. Miss Higgins, Mrs. Angus, Mrs. Spofford, Mrs. James McGregor and Mrs. Jenkins were all named as being brought up. The importance of having mothers as candidates was considered, and finally Mr. Gordon Grant and Mrs. William Grant were declared the choice of the council. The report of the committee was received and after some other minor matters were disposed of the council adjourned. Another meeting of the executive will be held next Monday.

The members of the city council met yesterday morning as a municipal health board, the chief item of business presented for consideration being a complaint from Sept. P. S. Hursey, in his capacity of district health officer, that sewage from the Jubilee hospital is still finding its way into the ravine on the Cadboro Bay road. The sewerage committee of the city council will investigate this matter of offence and report back to the board. Mr. Alexander Hendry, having objected to the appointment of Mr. Furnival as assessor to act with the city assessor in estimating the damage done to his household by the sewage, the investigation was informed that he may name a second valuator; and the trustees of the Metropolitan Methodist Sunday school have objected to the school room being furnished with a toilet, the trustees of the school, the opinion of the medical health officer was asked on the subject. He will report before the next meeting of the board.

PAIN: A SONNET.

Once more, O Pain! thou comest unto me! Once more a guest within my sore-racked frame. Thou art to die the flickering flame, To give room to Nature's aching decree: To yield the axe to health, and to the sun, But I have gauged thy power and thine aim: Thou art to die, and I will know thee, And all that thou canst do, thou dost break.

To know thy might, thou set'st thy bonds, O Pain! And should I fall before thy withering breath? Thou art to die, and I will know thee, And all that thou canst do, thou dost break.

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JUBILEE HOSPITAL BOARD.

Asked to Rent Nominally the French Hospital for an Old Women's Home.

Washing Can Be Done Cheaper at Home It Is Claimed Than By Contract.

"For the information of the board, I beg to state that owing to the number of destitute women here, the establishment of a home for them, somewhat on the same footing as the old men's home, would seem very desirable. The scheme for its maintenance might be similar to that adopted by the Salvation Army, and thus make it practically self-supporting. Could the board assist the scheme by placing the Maison de Sainte at a nominal rent at the disposal of those willing to take an active part in establishing and managing the home."

"SOPHIE E. WALKER."

The foregoing is the text of a letter from Mrs. Walker read last night at the meeting of the Jubilee hospital board, the members present being Messrs. Joshua Davies, president; J. L. Crimp, W. J. Dwyer, H. D. Helmsken, A. Wilson, Chas. Hayward, W. H. McLeod, J. S. Yates, John Braden, A. C. Plummer, and G. H. Brown.

"That is a very worthy scheme," said Mr. Helmsken. "Why should not the old women have a home as well as the old men?" Mr. Wilson, in explanation of the letter, remarked that Mrs. Walker had spoken to him upon the subject, saying that it was proposed to start a home for old women, and wished to know if the board would rent at a nominal rate of the old French hospital building. He suggested that she should apply to the board. He was in favor of seeing the scheme carried out, as it was an excellent opportunity of starting a home for old indigent women. Once started, the corporation might take hold of it next year, as the old women had just as much claim to a home as the old men. He suggested \$10 a month as a rental to be charged by the board.

Mr. Hayward, as the object was such a reasonable one, thought that the use of the rooms for a while might be given.

Mr. Yates suggested that it would be better to let Messrs. Davies, Hayward and Wilson be a committee to make arrangements with the ladies.

Mr. Helmsken also spoke favorably of the scheme.

Mr. Yates' suggestion was made the subject of a motion by Mr. Dwyer, seconded by Mr. Helmsken, and carried.

The president physician of the hospital reported that the cost of the keep of patients per diem had been \$1.30 for the last month. He also reported that having the washing done in the cottage fitted up on the grounds would save \$5 in December for washing, with a margin and better facilities the cost would be still further reduced. The number of patients admitted during the month of November was 31; number treated, 65; in hospital December 1, 32. Out of 65 patients 41 were free.

The matron reported that three nurses had passed the examinations and would be entitled to diplomas.

The committee of the month reported that they had agreed to have the washing done on the premises as the doctor and matron both stated that it could be done more cheaply by the hospital than sending it outside. A plan of fitting up the laundry for \$195 was submitted for approval, and the committee of the month were empowered to carry out the additions suggested, as cheaply as possible.

The special committee appointed for the purposes reported that the balance of expenditure over receipts at the end of October was \$4,800.

The report was laid on the table. The accounts for November, \$1,251, were read and passed and the board adjourned.

THE COURTS OF LAW.

The full court yesterday allowed an appeal to the Privy Council re the Yorkshire Guarantee Company. At the trial before the full court some time ago the judgment was that the mortgage tax imposed by the province was constitutional; also that the company was exempt from taxation upon their mortgages as personal property to the extent of the debentures issued by the company in England for money borrowed upon the security of the debentures; also that the appeals from the exception allowed by the court, and the Yorkshire Guarantee Company makes a cross appeal against the judgment upholding the constitutionality of the tax. Hon. D. M. Burt, Q. C., Attorney General for the Province, E. P. Davis, Q. C., for the Yorkshire Guarantee Company.

The application on the part of defendants to admit an appeal to the Privy Council was granted in the case of the Yorkshire Guarantee Company. This is the "precious metals" case in which the full court decided that the precious metals within the railway grant were not vested in the railway. Hon. C. E. Pooley, Q. C., for the defendants (appellants); Hon. D. M. Burt, Q. C., Attorney General, and Mr. E. A. Robertson, for respondents.

The appeal in Royal Canadian Co. v. A. Olsen (defendant) and George Willeroft (plaintiff) was heard by the full court yesterday. It was an appeal on behalf of the guarantee, Willeroft (now deceased), the estate being represented by the trustees, Messrs. Charles Kent and R. H. Hall from a garnishee order absolute, made by Mr. Justice Drake on June 12. The appeal was that the order absolute be set aside on the ground that George Willeroft was not in issue in the case between the plaintiff and defendant, the costs from issuing of rule nisi to date to be paid by the garnishee. Hon. C. E. Pooley, Q. C., for appellants; Mr. A. L. Belyea, for respondents (plaintiffs).

NEW PACIFIC CABLE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—A meeting was held on Saturday at the office of the Central and South American Telegraph Company for the purpose of completing the organization of the Pacific Cable Company. This company will be independent of the Mexican, Central and South American Telegraph Company in its organization, but they will have relations. The projected cable will connect with the proposed American naval station at Pearl harbor in the Hawaiian Islands, Japan, China, Australia and India.

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ALWAYS FIRST.

"REINDEER BRAND"

CONDENSED MILK.

For many years the Leading Milk. It is the Best and Most Economical.

A PERFECT FOOD FOR INFANTS.

MAKING PROGRESS.

HAVANA, Dec. 9.—Recent movements of the insurgents in Cuba, if correctly reported, would indicate that the Spaniards have been utterly unable to prevent the advance of the army from the province of Pinar del Rio into the province of Santa Clara, and that the combined armies of Gomez and Maceo have been strong enough to enable them to be divided into two corps, which were advancing into the heart of the district where Captain General Martinez de Campos has made his headquarters, and where 40,000 Spanish troops are reported to have assembled. This view of the case is all the more noteworthy from the fact that only this morning it was officially stated here that the friends of the insurgents, who expected Gomez and Maceo to move rapidly into the province of Santa Clara, and later upon the province of Matanzas, which would bring them dangerously near Havana, had been disappointed at their failure to do so, and the reported defeat of the insurgents, classed as having been due to their shameful and cowardly behavior, were said to have demoralized them; and it was stated further that the Spanish officials consider the rebellion to be morally broken.

These rapid movements of the insurgents, which their friends hoped they would accomplish before the arrival of the reinforcements of troops, now seem to have actually taken place and therefore, the rebellion, instead of being broken, looks as if it were making rapid progress, in spite of all the efforts of the Spanish government. Indeed, only this morning, the supporters of the government were so hopeful that it was announced that they were expected to be able to reap a good sugar crop, and that many of the planters, in view of the recent events, were preparing to grind their sugar cane. At the same time it was admitted the arrival of the reinforcements was impatiently awaited, and when the steamer Montevideo arrived from Spain to-day, with the Cantabria and Balon batallions, the soldiers were accorded a most enthusiastic welcome.

This is the situation in a nutshell: the insurgents, according to the report received here this afternoon, and having practically official information, appear to be in Santa Clara, where it may be said nearly the entire effective Spanish force is concentrated. It is startling news, in conflict with government advice, given out earlier in the day to the effect that the insurgents were in retreat through the province of Pinar del Rio.

The reported advance of the two columns under Maceo and Gomez into Santa Clara and the defeat of the Spanish troops near Iguala, has caused much excitement in Havana.

The leaders, Quintana and Ronderos, are now at the head of the forces and are marching in the direction of the district of Trinidad. Lord Wilson, Lord Churchill and the English officers who accompanied him during his tour through Cuba for the purpose of witnessing the operations of the Spanish and Cuban forces, sailed from this port on the Olivette. Lord Churchill, who is a son of the late Lord Randolph Churchill, is an officer in the English army. He expressed satisfaction with the results of his visit to the interior of Cuba. General de Campos has just finished reviewing the Spanish batallions. He will leave to-morrow for the province of Santa Clara.

MADRID, Dec. 9.—The Minister of Finance, Senor Navarro Rivero, and the Bank of Spain, have agreed to prolong the treasury bonds for six months on the existing terms.

ITALY IN ABYSSINIA.

ROME, Dec. 9.—News was received here to-day from General Baratieri, commander of the Italian troops in Abyssinia, announcing what appears to be a serious disaster to the Italian forces operating against King Menelik. He stated that the king's army, numbering about 20,000 men, yesterday surprised and surrounded five companies of Italian troops, under Major Toselli, at Ambalagi. Another body of Italian troops, under the command of General Arimondi, advanced to the support of Major Toselli, but they were stopped by the enemy. A severe battle was subsequently fought and the result was not made known here. The official despatches say that the loss of the Abyssinians were heavy, but no news was published concerning the fate of Major Toselli's command, and nothing was said about the losses of the Italians. Major Toselli's column was composed of 1,200 native troops, commanded by 20 officers, with 40 men, commissioned officers and a mounted battery. It is known that of this force of Major Toselli seventeen officers and 900 native troops are missing. The position of General Arimondi, at Makale, however, is impregnable and he has provisions for a short time. King Humbert to-night conferred with Premier Crispien upon the situation, the Premier being indisposed and confined to his room.

In the chamber of deputies to-day the government was questioned with reference to the reported defeat of the Italian troops in Africa. General Moens, minister for war, read the dispatch from General Baratieri, the Italian commander-in-chief, and added that the Italian positions were secure. He admitted, however, that the incident was a serious one, although entirely reparable. Signor Imbriani, the socialist leader, made speeches opposing the government's policy in Africa.

MANITOBA MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 9.—(Special).—A. Mc Bride was elected mayor of Calgary to-day by three majority over Mayor Orr. The aldermen elect are G. A. McKenna, W. L. Parlow, S. A. Ramsey, J. Creighton, K. Mackie, H. Brown, A. McAvish, W. Garret, and W. H. Cushing.

The Winnipeg nominations take place to-morrow.

A remarkable coincidence is reported from Neepawa. Several weeks ago A. M. Bell, of Portage, shot his companion named Blair, of Dakota, mistaking him for a deer. It is now learned that a son of Mr. Bell on the same day at South Star, Man., was mistaking a deer for a man, and shot him. The deer was walking and shot him. In the first case the shooting was fatal. The victim of the son's shot will recover.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—A Call special from Gassiquill says: Accounts are received of an uprising by the clericals all over the country. Many rebels have been obliged to seek refuge across the border in Colombia. The government parties declared martial law. To-day fourteen were arrested and political prisoners charged. Among the arrested are three military officers who were tried by a drum-head court martial and shot within three hours of trial. At Quito on Thursday one regiment of the garrison there rose. The garrison was called out and the citizens to a great number joined the rioters. A terrible battle ensued lasting over two hours. Over 200 were killed. Most of the rioters were forced to leave town where the number are increasing by voluntary additions. The rebels claim they will soon have sufficient strength to return and capture the town, where they claim they have many partisans ready to join them.

THE LUMBER TRUST.

The great trust known as the Central Lumber Company of San Francisco, is growing stronger every day, and the value of the mills now represented in the combine is estimated at at least \$75,000,000. The latest acquisition is that of thirty-one red-wood mills in California, with a capitalization of \$10,000,000, controlling all the red-wood in the world, and during the present week, possibly to-day, the California retailers are to be approached with the object of forcing them into the trust.

Although Messrs. Bibb and Holt, the agents of the Central Lumber Company, obtained thirty-one mills in Washington, Oregon and British Columbia, they did not gather in all the mills. At what time they failed to capture the Bellingham Bay Improvement Company, with a capacity of 200,000 feet per day, which mill is owned by P. B. Cornwell, of San Francisco, Whitelaw Reid and D. W. A. Woodin stock out: at Olympia the West Side Mill Company and the Olympic Lumber Company, and at Everett the trust did nothing.

The Washington, Oregon and British Columbia mills in the combine, together with their capacity, in feet per day, are as follows:

St. Paul and Tacoma L., Tacoma, 250,000
Tacoma Mill Co., Tacoma, 250,000
Stetson & Post Mill Co., Seattle, 50,000
A. S. Kerr, 50,000
L. Burlingame Co., Fremont, 80,000
Port Blakely Mill Co., Blakely, 200,000
Stimson Mill Co., Ballard, 150,000
Fugate Co., Port Gamble (4 mills), 1,000,000
Port Discovery, 100,000
Paulsen & Drum, Victoria, 60,000
British Columbia Mills, Vancouver, 150,000
Mooch's Sawmill Co., Kamloops, 60,000
M. M. Boyd Co., Cowichan, 60,000
B. West, near New Westminster, 100,000
Northwestern L. Co., Hoquiam, 140,000
J. M. Westaway L. Co., Aberdeen, 100,000
West & Slade Mills, Portland, 140,000
E. K. Wood L. Co., Hoquiam, 100,000
Gray's Harbor Commercial Co., Cosmo, 100,000
Northwestern L. Co., South Bend, 100,000
Pacific Empire L. Co., South Bend, 100,000
Northwestern L. Co., Kamloops, 60,000
Sunshine Mill Co., Sunshine, 60,000
Clatsop Mill Co., Astoria, 60,000
Imman, Paulsen & Co., Portland, 140,000
North Pacific L. Co., Portland, 140,000
Williams Mill Co., Coos Bay, 80,000Total, 3,520,000
*Oregon Pine Lumber Co.

The Bradstreet Company have opened a branch office at Vancouver. Mr. J. B. Gordon, the manager for British Columbia, is now dividing his time equally between the two cities, the head office being still at Victoria.

CALL EARLY.

If you wish to secure copies of the Christmas Papers. We have to hand the following:

Graphic,
London News,
Sporting and Dramatic
Young Ladies' Journal,
Puck,
Figaro,
Harper's Magazine,
Yule Tide,
Ladies' Pictorial,
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