Telegraphic

SENTENCE COMMUTED.

Albany, Dec. 20—Governor Higgins today commuted to imprisonment for life the sentence of death under which Albert T. Patrick, a lawyer, has remained nearly five years, since his conviction of the murder of William Marsh Rice, an aged and eccentric millionaire of New York City. The case of Albert Patrick is in many respects unparalleled. It is doubtful if ever a convicted man, himself an able lawyer, has played so large a part in the conduct of his own case even turning his new quarters in the death cell of the state prison practically into a law office equipped for the direction of his battle for life. Rice died Sept. 23, 1900. Patrick and Jones were arrested Oct. 4. Jones at first declared that Patrick himself had chloroformed Rice, but in other confessions which varied materially he said he killed his master at Patrick's instigation. This statement was the principal evidence to sustain the murder charge against Patrick. Jones was never tried as either principal or accomplice. He was released and is said to be living in Texas from which state Rice, Jones and Patrick originally come.

BENEFACTIONS.

Peterboro, Dec. 21—Richard Hall and Chas. McGill, trustees of the Nichol estate have donated out of the residue of the estate $20,000 for park purposes. This is in addition to $60,000 left the city by Mrs. Nichols, for the purchase of parks at the time of her death. The trustees have also donated during the past week a valuable lot and $500 to the Y.M.C.A.; $200 to the Y.W.C.A.; $300 to the Children's Aid society and $5,000 to Knox church.

ROYAL PATIENTS.

Bulletin Special.

Teheran, Persia, Dec. 21—The Shah maintained his strength fairly well during the last 24 hours and was able to sign some of the imperial state papers.

Stockholm, Dec. 21—King Oscar continues to make good progress towards recovery.

HERRESHOFF INJURED.

Bulletin Special.

Providence, R.I., Dec. 17,—It was learned at Bristol tonight that Nathaniel G. Herreshoff, the famous designer of fast yachts, notably the defenders of the America cup, was severely burned on Sunday by the explosion of a tank of naphtha in the machinery department of the Herreshoff shops. Two of his sons, Sidney, aged 16, and Francis aged 13, were slightly burned.

A MINNEAPOLIS CRIME.

Bulletin Special.

Minneapolis, Dec. 18—Murder in the second degree is the verdict of the jury which tried Henry Sussman for shooting and killing his wife in a room in the Glenwood hotel.

The only motive ascribed for the crime was that Sussman was tired of the young girl whom he had married only a short time before. Both were young.

CREDIT CURRENCY.

Bulletin Special.

Fowler, of the house committee of Banking and Currency, submitted to the House today his report on the credit currency bill agreed upon by the committee. The report reiterates the committee's assertions that bank book credits are identical with bank note credits, and that it should be at the option of a depositor of a bank to say whether he shall have currency credit at the bank or a book subject to his cheque.

NOT YET.

Lodon, Dec. 21—Herbert Gladstone replying to a question put by Mr. Watt in the Commons, said the Premier could not promise legislation providing for the free importation of Canadian cattle. The House had decided against it and there the matter must rest until the House sees fit to change its mind.

COWBOY IN TOILS.

Bulletin Special.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 27—Rawhide Jack, whose name it develops is properly John Weatherly, is in the toils. Rawhide is one of the best known punchers on the northern Montana ranches, and was second in the Denver and Cheyenne tournaments for broncho busting, that made Thad Sowders champion of the world. Following the Cheyenne tournament of two years ago, he returned to Valley county, Montana, making his headquarters at Malta, near the Canadian line, where he finally was arrested by Stock Inspector George W. Hall of Havre, upon complaints preferred by the authorities of Canada. It is not stated what offense Weatherly is charged with.

INVESTIGATE GOLSPIE WRECK.

Bulletin Special.

Toronto, Dec. 21—Captain Thomas Donnally, of Kingston, a member of the Dominion Board of Wreck Commissioners, this morning received a telegram from Hon. Mr. Brodeur, Minister of Marine, asking him to proceed to the Soo to conduct a full investigation into the wreck of the steamer Golspie at Brule harbor recently.

KOCH TREATS DISEASE.

Bulletin Special.

Berlin, Dec. 21—Professor Koch, reporting from Sese Islands, Victoria, Nyanza, on his investigation of the so called sleeping sickness, the mortality from which has been so great that in many cases all the men in the native villages have died, says he has found that atoxyl, a preparation of arsenic, is efficacious in treatment of the ailment. Prof. Koch has nine hundred patients in an abandoned misison house loaned by the British government. An idea of the ravages of the disease is given by the fact that the population of Sese Island has decreased from thirty thousand in 1902 to twelve thousand.

UNITED STATES GRAIN PRODUCTION.

Bulletin Special.

Washington, Dec. 21—A bulletin issued by the agricultural department today shows the total production in bushels in 1906 of corn to be 2,927,416,091, winter wheat 492,888,004, spring wheat 242,272,966.

HEAVIEST MAILS.

New York, Dec. 20—The largest quantity of mail matter ever brought here from a foreign country arrived today on the steamer Majestic from Liverpool and Queenstown. It consisted of 4,570 sacks of mail anmd 85 packages.

THE CHINESE REBELLION.

Nanking, Dec. 20.—About 2,000 Chinese soldiers from Nanking armed with modern weapons, trained by European officers and accompanied by batteries of field artillery have proceeded to the front to meet the rebels in the Ping Kiang district. Gen. Hsie of the troops left here yesterday.

RETURNED THE MONEY.

Pittsburg, Dec. 20.—Following reports of the numerous thefts in the dormitory of the Washington seminary at Washington, Pa., the principal yesterday announced that young women in that section of the building would not be permitted to leave for the Christmas vacation until they and their rooms had been searched. Scarcely had the teachers begun the unpleasant duty when the stolen money and articles were surreptitiously returned to their owners, and the search was discontinued. The students of the school left for their homes, many being somewhat hysterical over their experience.

FREIGHT BLOCKADE.

Bulletin Special.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 20—A freight blockade order was issued today against the Great Northern by all Chicago and St. Paul lines. No perishable or car load freights will be accepted for points west of Grand Forks, N.D. It is feared this order will complicate the situation.

YOUNG MAN LOST IN SNOWSTORM.

Bulletin Special.

Medicine Hat, Dec. 21—A report was made at the local headquarters of the Mounted Police by Mr. C. C. Galup, of Sterrford, about Nov. 26, to the effect that it was efeared a young man named Albert Laroche had been lost in a blizzard in the Sounding Lake country. It seems that Laroche left the lake, where he resided with his parents on Nov. 15 to assist in hunting up some cattle belonging to a man named Woods. He was accompanied by the latter and they had a team of mares and two saddle horses. They were caught in a blizzard about twenty five miles from the lake and became separated. Woods spent four days hunting for his companion but could get no trace of him. Inspector Parker, on being notified by Mr. Galup concerning the affair sent word to the Sounding Lake detachment of the police. Word has now come in from Colonel Harper, stating that the horses, saddles, etc., have been found but that no trace can be discovered of young Laroche. The country is not settled and as there is two feet of snow on the level hopes of his reaching safety have been abandoned. He had no bedding with him of any account and was but thinly clad.

NOT YET.

Montreal, Dec. 20—The report that J. E. McPherson, now general passenger agent at Winnipeg, has been appointed passenger manager, is denied at the C. P. R. headquarters. Changes are pending in the passenger department, but the president has not reached a decision.

MAY ATTEND THE SCHOOLS

Bulletin Special.

Washington, Dec. 18.—In a special message to Congress today the president transmitted the report of Secretary Metcalf on the Japanese situation in San Francisco. The report deals with three matters of controversy. First, the exclusion of the Japanese children from the San Francisco schools; second, the boycotting of Japanese restaurants, and third, acts of violence committed against the Japanese. As to the first matter President Roosevelt calls special attention to the very small number of Japanese children who attend school, to the testimony as to the brightness, cleanliness and good behavior of these Japanese children in the schools, and to the fact that, owing to their being scattered throughout the city, the requirement for them all to attend one special school is impossible of fulfillment and means that they cannot have school facilities.

"Let me point out further," says the president, "that there would be no objection whatever to excluding from the schools any Japanese on the score of age. It is obviously not desirable that young men should go to school with children. The only point is the exclusion of the children themselves. The number of Japanese children attending the schools of San Francisco was very small. The government has already directed that suit be brought to test the constitutionality of the action in question, but the very earnest hope is that such suit will not be necessary and that as a matter of comity the citizens of San Francisco will refuse to deprive these young Japanese children of education and will permit them to go to the schools. The question as to the violence to the Japanese is most admirably put by Secretary Metcalf, and I have nothing to add to his statement. I am entirely confident that, as Secretary Metcalf says, the overwhelming sentiment of the state of California is for law and order, and for the protection of the Japanese in their persons and property. Both the chief of police and acting mayor of San Francisco, assured Secretary Metcalf that everything possible would be done to protect the Japanese in the city. I authorized and directed Secretary Metcalf to state that if it was a failure to protect persons and property, then the entire power of the federal government within the limits of the constitution would be used promptly and vigorously to enforce the observance of our treaty, the supreme law of the land, which treaty guaranteed to Japanese residents everywhere in the union, full and perfect protection for their persons and property and to that end, everything in my power would be done, and all the forces of the United States both civil and military, which I could lawfully employ, would be employed.

MAKING GOOD PROGRESS

Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—J. Wesley Speers, colonization agent for the department of the interior was in the city yesterday for a few hours after making a visit to the Austrian and other colonies established in the west.

"I visited two of the most interesting colonies in the west," he said, "The colonies referred to are in close proximity to the Saskatchewan river and are made up in the one colony wholly of Austrians and in the other wholly of Doukhobors.

"The large Austrian colony was established in the year 1898. In that year we put one thousand people on the lands situated on the east side of the South Saskatchewan, about fifty miles to the south of Prince Albert. The people were very poor in the beginning and were glad to obtain work on the railway line and among the farmers in the surrounding districts. Many of them were employed on the Long Lake and Saskatchewan railway and in gravel pits. I have seen four or five hundred men turning out of this settlement for work on the railway lines in the west. The number of the settlers was added to very largely in the years immediately following the year 1898, hundreds of new settlers going in every year until the eyear 1905. In those years there were added to the settlement about 2,500 people, and there have been a few additions from immigration each year since that time. In the beginning the settlers lived in "A" snapped mud huts and sod houses and all their domestic utensils were of the rude class which they had brought with them from Europe. They were not able to do much in the way of cultivation of the soil for the first year or two. Now they have added to their farming implements until they have a full equipment of everything needed and they have grown wealthy. They no longer are compelled to leave their farms in search of employment. They remain at home and cultivate their land. They are raising immense quantities of grain, are large producers and also large consumers. They are building better houses and farm buildings and are gathering around them large quantities of stock. The Austrian girls who in the beginning went out to do domestic service at a wage of eight or nine dollars a month are now receiving from eighteen to twenty-five dollars per month. They are to be found in almost all the notes of the district and are the best help available. They have, like their fathers and brothers, become rapidly Canadianized, dress as the Canadians do an despeak the English language. Many of the men have bought additional land in the past two years and are preparing to carry on operations on a large scale in the years to come.

"West of the Austrian settlement on the west side of the North Saskatchewan is the western settlement of the Doukhobors, who in this colony are half communistic and half individualistic."

THE CONGO.

Baltimore, Dec. 16. — Cardinal Gibbons, replying to a declaration made by Rev. R. Grattan Guinness, of London, Eng., yesterday, that the Cardinal is the power that has prevented a joint action by England, and the United States, looking to the suppression of alleged atrocities in the Congo Free State said tonight, "I have observed in the papers that an emissary of the Congo reform association has made a personal attack on me for my attitude in defending King Leopold's Congo administration against unjustifiable attacks. My position has always been very clear. I have naturally the means of keeping in touch with the situation through our missionaries." "There has been a great amount of exaggeration in those stories of maladministration. The king is a wise as well as humane ruler. We hear through missionary sources that wherever cases of cruelty have occurred as such things will occur under every humane government, the king has been prompt to redress such abuses and to punish the offenders. I fear this agitation against King Leopold's administration is aimed primarily by religious and partly by commercial rivalry. It is to be hoped that the individuals who are carrying it on will not be successful in their efforts to induce the great powers of the earth to interfere in the affairs of the small nation. Belgium is but small but the Belgians are brave and as indicated by the action of their parliament yesterday stand solidly by their king in supporting his African regime, in defending the Belgian administration of the Congo, I am actuated solely by a sense of justice and of fair play.

THE THAW CASE.

New York, Dec. 16—Clifford W. Hartridge, attorney for Harry H. Thaw, applied to Judge O'Gorman in the New York state supreme court yesterday for an order to show why the indictment against Thaw for the murder of Stanford White should not be dismissed unless a speedy trial is granted. The order was served on Assistant District Attorney Garvin, and was made returnable on Monday before Justice Newberger of the state supreme court. In the papers submitted to Justice O'Gorman, W. Hartridge sets forth everything that has transpired since the arrest of Thaw. He declared that Thaw's trial was set for December 3, when because of the application of the commission to take testimony of witnesses outside the state, the trial was put over by the district attorney and said that other prisoners arrested since Thaw, have been granted trials. The papers cite that Thaw has now been in prison for 172 days and that not only is his health being impaired but also the health of his wife and mother over the "undue and unnecessary delay."

SEAMEN HONORED

Port Arthur, Dec. 12.—At the Algoma hotel this evening, an interesting and popular event occurred, namely the presentation of an address and purse of gold to Captain Robertson, of the wrecked steamer Monarch. A large number of the citizens of both towns were present to show their sympathy to the popular commander, and to aid in making the event memorable. The address was as follows:

To Captain Edward Robertson—

Dear Captain—The citizens of Port Arthur and Fort William, through our respective boards of trade, desire to express to you their feelings of sympathy in the recent loss of your good ship Monarch. We have long known you as a successful lake captain, commanding, as you have done several steamers running in these ports, and the people of these towns and the public generally have always held you in the greatest esteem and confidence as a mariner of distinguished ability, as indicated by your long career of thirty-five years as a mariner, beginning as a mate on the old side-wheeler Manitoba, and as captain of the steamers, Ontario, United Empire and Monarch, all of which were in their time the finest passenger steamers on the Great Lakes. The fact of your running continuously in the same line for all these years is ample proof of your ability, both to your company and to the public. We further desire to express our goodwill towards you by asking you to accept the accompanying purse of gold as a token of our friendship and we all desire to see you return to these ports sailing even a bigger and better ship.

Signed on behalf of the citizens of Fort Arthur and Fort William, George Clavet, George Mooring, president of the board of trade, Fort Arthur; E. S. Rutledge, mayor; J. R. Lumble, president of the board of trade, Fort William.

Captain Robertson made a suitable reply, thanking the citizens of both towns for the goodwill manifested.

The heroic bravery of the lookout on the Monarch, Mr. A. McCallum, was also recognized by the following address: To A. McCallum, lookout on the steamer Monarch.

Dear Sir—At a meeting of the council of the board of trade held today the following resolution was passed:

That the Port Arthur board of trade desire to place on record its high appreciation of the heroic services of watchman A. McCallum during the big storm on the night of Dec. 6, when the steamship Monarch was wrecked at Blakes Point, Isle Royale. Mr. McCallum, by his daring heroism imperilled his own life in providing a way of escape whereby all on board with one exception were saved. Be it further resolved that the secretary be instructed to correspond at once with the Royal Humane Society, in order that Mr. McCallum may receive due recognition.

Signed, George Mooring, president of the board of trade.

The purse presented to Capt. Robertson contained $300 in gold.

The address will be forwarded to Mr. McCallum, he not being present at the time of reading.

WRECK OF THE GOLSPIE

Sault Ste. Marie, Dec. 16.—The sailors of the wrecked steamer Golspie, whose limbs were amputated last Friday at the general hospital, are making fair progress except McDonald, whose condition is critical. The men aver that the ship would never have been lost had it been properly equipped and navigated. They speak in the warmest terms of gratitude for the kindness shown by the Indians, but for whose timely aid they must have died. The Sons of England Society is collecting what facts it can which it intends passing to the mayor to send to the Dominion government, at the same time demanding that an investigation be held into the causes of the loss of the boat, so that the blame may be located, and if necessary, the guilty persons punished.

RAILWAY ACTIVITY

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—The board of railway commissioners has approved of the location of the Quill Lake branch, of the C. P. R. for thirty-one miles. The Canadian Pacific is authorized to cross the Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan and Saskatoon, the Canadian Pacific to pay the cost of the diamond as well as the wages of the flagman. The same company is authorized to build a branch line at Elkhorn to the premises of Reid Bros.

The Midland Railway Company is given authority to cross the tracks of the Canadian Pacific at Hamilton avenue, and McPhillips street, Winnipeg. A diamond is ttto be inserted and crossings are to be protected by semaphores at the cost of the applicant. The Midland company must also pay for a flagman at each street, the appointment to be made by the Canadian Pacific.

The Qu'Appelle, Long Lake and Saskatchewan is granted authority to build a spur line along Smith street, Regina to the premises of Laird & Co.,

Winnipeg, Dec. 21.—A resume of Canadian Northern construction work for the year 1906 shows that 230.65 miles have been graded, and 167.37 miles of rails laid during the year now drawing to a close. Of this amount 100.80 miles of grading, and 72.73 miles of steel has fallen to Manitoba's lot, while Saskatchewan got 129.85 miles of grade and 56.16 miles of track. In Alberta 38.48 miles of track have been laid.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 21.—The townsite of Prince Rupert will not be put on the market by the Grand Trunk Pacific till next September, according to an announcement today by E. G. Russell, executive agent of the line in the west, after returning from the north. Russell added that it had not been expected that the work of the improvement of the townsite would have been such a large work, as it turns out to be."

Mr. Russell added: "I think the Vancouver board of trade is making a great mistake in asking the government to enforce the customs coasting laws, which prohibit American vessels carrying goods from Vancouver north. There is no more reason why they should be applied now than at the first of the Klondyke rush. There are too few Canadian steamers to take care of the trade.

C. P. R. CENSURED

Brandon, Dec. 21.—Considerable indignation is being felt here among local dealers over the action of the city council delegation in purchasing or authorizing the purchase of so much fuel for the city. Nearly 100 cars of coal and 1,000 cords of wood are to be purchased by the city, and this, the dealers say will completely take away their business. The city got no better terms than the local dealers would have got and to the original cost must be added the expenses of the three composing the delegation to Winnipeg. The dealers claim too that they are not going to be allowed the fuel here for the city, as it has been put in the hands of public city manager Marrow. It has been said also that the Canadian Pacific discriminated against the local dealers in not having rushed their coal because the local men had ordered a large supply from Duluth over the Great Northern Railway. That was the reason, the dealers claim that fuel was so long in reaching here over C. P. R. route. If, they say, the C. P. R. authorities had not discriminated against them when it was found that no help could be expected from G. N. R. quarters the famine here would have been in a great measure averted.

NAVIGATION CLOSED.

Fort William, Dec. 20.—During the season of navigation just closed 836 vessels arrived and 854 departed at the port of Fort William. A trifle more than 2,090,000 tons of freight of all kinds was received during the season and about 2,136,000 tons were forwarded. The amount of freight received during 1905 was 1,137,000 tons. Six hundred and seventy-two vessels arrived last year. Fort William harbor is free of ice. Tugs and pleasure crafts are moving up and down the Kaministiquiar iver and out into the bay. For the last time until the opening of navigation next spring most of the 1,200 truck handlers and checkers who have been employed since early last fall at the Canadian Pacific freight sheds yesterday drew their cheque marking the close of the season of 1906. There are still engaged at the freight sheds approximately 300 men, most of whom will be retained during the greater portion of the winter. The volume of freight handled during the season exceeds by fart hat of any previous year in the history of this port.

During the last sixty-five days of navigation about 280,000 tons of package freight and flour were unloaded as compared with 191,000 tons for the corresponding period a year ago. The increase was confined to non particular commodity, all lines of merchadise having shared in the marked advance. Of the barbed wire that arrived there since the opening of navigation fully 15,000 tons, or enough to build a two strand fence around the entire world, is in store here, enough soap was unloaded at the docks during the month of November to keep an average city of 150,000 inhabitants clean for a year.

JUDGE ASSAULTED.

(Bulletin Special.

Chicago, Dec 21—An attempt was made today by Frank Ellerbrook of this city to assassinate Judge Chas Cutting of the probate court. The judge escaped injury. When Judge Cutting entered the court house he was followed to the elevator by Ellerbrook, who was disappointed by the decision rendered some time ago by Judge Cutting. Ellerbrook stepped close to the side of the judge, and drawing a revolver placed it against the judge's side and pulled the trigger. The judge moved slightly at the instant, the cartridge exploded and the bullet passed through his clothing.

RAILWAY MEN'S FAREWELL.

Bulletin Special

Saskatoon Phoenix—Unusual interest hung around the coming in of the train from the north this morning, for it was the last down train under the regime of the C.P.R.

Conductor Prosser and some of his crew passed up and down through the crowd receiving farewell grips from acquaintances here. "Meet you somewhere on the main line," was Mr. Prosser's parting words to A. E. St. Laurent.

There will be practically none of the train men or officials on the line remain at their posts under the new management. In town all forces will move out with the C.P.R.

All morning great long strings of box cars were being lined up in the local yards with double-headers in readiness to move them to Regina, for all have to be there by 24k. This evening the last C.P.R. train will go north.

As stated above the train hands and officials will all remain with the C.P.R. and are moving out on the freights headed south today, but practically the entire roundhouse force will remain in the city to work for the C. N. R. This means from twenty to twenty-five men who will not change their residences.

THE MANITOBA PLEBISCITE.

Bulletin Special.

Winnipeg, Dec. 20—Returns of eighty eight out of one hundred and twenty-three municipalities received show that throughout the province the telephone by-law has carried by a substantial majority. The total returns so far show 10,080 votes for and 6,811 votes against the plebiscite. Fifty of the eighty-eight municipalities have given majorities in favor of municipal phones and forty-five have given a six per cent. majority or over, which ensures the establishment of a municipal system. Nearly all of the larger towns and points where Bell has an exchange have voted in favor of the by-law, while the adverse votes are principally from rural municipalities.

DROWNED AT VANCOUVER.

Bulletin Special.

Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 21. —William Allen McDonald, a wealthy rancher of Alberta, and a resident of Winnipeg for ten years was drowned some time last night. He sold his ranch and came to the coast to invest his money. He deposited a large sum in a local bank and then started out to look for investments. While crossing Granvill street bridge he must have fallen in the water.

OATS FOR EXPORT.

The situation of the oat market at the lake front at the ports of Fort William and Port Arthur. The British consumers have hitherto been favoring American oats. There has never been a steady demand for Canadian export oats, but the British are beginning to recognize the superior quality of western oats and a good demand growing which will continue.

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