Pacific Coast Happenings

Preparations for Funeral of Late Senator Mitchell at Portland.

Mount Lowe Observatory Has Narrow Escape During Destructive Fire.

Companion of Wife Murderer Hammond Goes East Voluntarily.

PORTLAND, Dec. 9.—It has been definitely decided that the funeral of the late United States Senator John H. Mitchell will occur from the city hall, Portland, Tuesday afternoon next. The interment will be in the family plot at Riverview cemetery. While plans for the funeral are not yet completed it is expected that the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and Odd Fellows, with which orders Senator Mitchell was affiliated, will take part in the ceremony. The body now lies at a local undertaker's establishment, from which it will be removed to the city hall on Tuesday morning, where it will lie in state.

Whirled to Death by Pulley

Bellingham, Dec. 9.—Whirled to death by a pulley is the horrible manner in which M. O. Kyllo, a young Norwegian, of Jackson, Minn., met his death while at work in the lower part of the E. K. Wood mill last night. The man's head was battered to a pulp, one arm was terribly mangled and his right knee laid open to the bone.

A Miscreant Gets Justice

Fourteen years' imprisonment was the sentence inflicted upon D. A. Griffin, a prominent politician, in the superior court by Judge Neterer this morning. Griffin was convicted after a sensational trial on a charge of assaulting Winnie Johnson, a 16-year-old girl in Deming, December 4, 1904.

Mormon Church Wins Suit

Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 9.—A decision in favor of the authorities of the Mormon church was rendered by Judge Morse in the state court today in a suit brought to enforce an accounting of the tithing funds.

Observatory's Narrow Escape

Los Angeles, Dec. 9.—Fire today swept Echo mountain, destroying all buildings except the Mount Lowe observatory and damaging other property. The loss is $200,000. Telephone poles, railroad power house and much valuable machinery were destroyed. Communication by wire and travel by railroad were cut off, and persons at the Casino and the railway hotel had to flee on foot to the hills. Twice the flames threatened Mt. Lowe observatory, but hard work saved the building and its valuable contents. The fire started just after daybreak at the foot of the trail, where the Pacific Electric Company's Mt. Lowe line enters Rubio canyon. The flames swept rapidly up the face of the huge buttress of Echo mountain and enveloped the row of buildings that lined the edge of the bluff. The power house that served the incline railway the Mt. Lowe extension and the enormous searchlight were destroyed.

All the Machinery Is Ruined

The Casino and the railway company's hotel, located about 300 feet apart, caught fire about the same time. Long before the flames reached the settlement the persons who lived there had fled for safety into the hills. The flames passed across the much plateau on which the Echo mountain settlement stood toward the observatory, situated a short distance above Echo mountain on the side of the hill. Here the men by strenuous efforts diverted the course of the flames so they passed around the buildings. The fire has mounted the first line of timber and entered the belt of pine trees on the higher range. The buildings destroyed were erected at great expense and the raising of the heavy power house machinery to the top of the incline cost a small fortune.

Hammond's Companion Speaks

Helena, Mont., Dec. 9.—Arthur Strong, who, it was stated in a despatch from Albany last night, was under arrest here because of his association with John Cross Hammond, whose wife's body was found in a trunk after Hammond's flight, is not in custody. He is waiting for money which has been sent him in order to return home. The boy, who is a cousin of Hammond, has made a statement showing the trip of Hammond from New York to Missoula. At no place did the two stop more than a few hours. The first knowledge the boy had of the murder was on the train east of Spokane, when Hammond showed him a paper with an account of the murder. The boy asked Hammond if it was so and Hammond would not reply. Arriving at Missoula Hammond wanted Strong to take to the hills with him. For three days Hammond did not let Strong get out of his sight. Thanksgiving Day Hammond went out to get a bottle of whisky and Strong slipped away, going to the depot and taking a strain for Helena, where he has been since.

Chinese Boycott in 'Frisco

San Francisco, Dec. 9.—The Anti-American boycott has reached this port. It is the custom of the Pacific Mail Company to allow peddlers and other small dealers to board their China liners during the luncheon hour for the convenience of the Chinese sailors, firemen, cooks and waiters, who by reason of the exclusion act may not do their shopping ashore. When the Manchuria docked on Tuesday last notices in Chinese were posted all over the ship calling attention to the existence of a boycott against American goods and forbidding them to buy any wares during the ship's stay in port. So far they have obeyed the edict and the dealers have abandoned the efforts to trade with them.

OPENS THE CAMPAIGN.

Speech of Opposition Leader at Manchester Yesterday.

Manchester, Dec. 9.—Arthur J. Balfour, now the leader of the opposition party in the United Kingdom, opened the campaign in a stirring speech before his Manchester constituents today. With the utmost frankness the former premier explained the resignation of his government was on the ground of expediency showing that the step had been carefully considered for some time and that it was evidently contemplated by Mr. Balfour during the greater part of the year. Mr. Balfour defended the action of the Unionist government in its retention of office on the ground that it was essential to wait until the Anglo-Japanese treaty was finally concluded and other necessary features of the government programme were carried out. This had been done with the exception of the distribution bill, an outline of which had been given to parliament, but divisions within the Unionist party led the government to the conclusion that it would be impossible at present to carry out a measure which demanded absolute unity.

Pokes Fun at Liberal Party

Without going at any length into the probable platform of the Leberals, the former premier poked fun at the Liberal protest against being forced to accept office and ridiculed the efficacy of a party composed of so many factions. He laid the lash of sarcasm on what he declared to be their attempts to avoid making home rule the leading issueand said whether or not they were ashamed of it ,home rulers, they were and home rulers they would remain. Mr. Balfour plainly indicated that the Unionist attack would be centered on the home rule record of the Liberals, while the Unionists would use their own record at home, foreign and colonial policies as their bulwark of defense.

He challenged the Liberals on the issue of Chinese labor in South Africa. Here the former premier became severely denunciatory, he said the Liberals had won by elections by unscrupulous

Disregard of the Truth

"Let us forget if we can," he said, "the programme by which they endeavored to blacken our political life provided that when they are in a responsible position they do not kindle a feeling among the colonies, which, believe me, if once kindled, will not be easily extinguished." Mr. Balfour made a strong plea for unity during the elections. He hoped that the new administration when it handed back the reins to the Unionists would be able to point to a record equally creditable to the country. He predicted the failure of the Liberals to carry out their programme, which he understood was the upsetting of many things accomplished by the Unionists, but he hoped they would stick to their resolution to follow the lines of foreign policy of the Unionist government.

A Vote of Confidence

The meeting concluded with the passing of a vote of confidence in Mr. Balfour, whereupon the former prime minister, responding, said he had much to say concerning the Unionist and Liberal programmes but that he would reserve it for a more fitting occasion. He declared he intended to lead the opposition through the campaign.

"The party elected me its leader and I propose to carry out the great mission entrusted to my hands," he said. "I am perfectly confident that from all sections of the party, be the minor differences what they may I shall receive that support which I have never wanted for in the past."

Throughout his speech Mr. Balfour made no reference to Joseph Chamberlain or his financial policy.

Nanaimo Herring Fishery Booming

Unusually Large Run of the Fish Again Visits the Harbor.

Scotch Expert Impressed With Great Possibilities of the Business.

From Our Own Correspondent.

NANAIMO, Dec. 9.—Much to the surprise and astonishment of the fishermen, who had feared that this was to be an off season, the herring returned to the harbor last night in such quantities as never before seen, and inside of two hours the fishermen were returning home with their boats heavily laden with herrings. Catches as high as 20 tons are reported as the result of last night's haul. Fishermen this morning expressed the opinion that the season's run really commenced last night, and that there would be no further scarcity. The Scottish expert, J. J. Cowie, who with his Scottish lassies has been here since November 4, instructing the local fishermen in the best method of pickling herring for the market, leaves for Ottawa on Monday, to make his report to the Dominion government on his work in Canada. After spending a week or ten days at the capital he will proceed to his home in Lossiemouth, Morayshire, Scotland, where he owns a large fishing establishment and also acts as expert for several large fishing companies of that city.

The Bonnie Scotch Lassies

Mr. Cowie has been in Canada for almost eight months, together with Mr. Cumming, the cooper expert, and the "lassies," instructing various fishing concerns on both coasts. He says he left Scotland with six girls, but three of them fell in love with Nova Scotia fishermen and are now settled down. Misses Wood, Campbell and Gault, however—and they are three pretty girls—resisted the charms of the entire fishing community from coast to coast, and will leave with Mr. Cowie on Monday, under the guidance of Mr. Cumming, direct for their home in Lossiemouth. The Scottish girls of that village are rarely known to marry out of their own community, and the three young ladies have upheld the traditions of their own town, against many opportunities.

Mr. Cowie Reviews the Industry

Reviewing the industry here, Mr. Cowie, while somewhat reticent, of course, until his official report is made to the department, stated this morning that the Nanaimo herring was the equal of any in Canada, perhaps a trifle smaller than that of the Old Country, but for quality and flavor they compared favorably with any he had had experience with. Mr. Cowie sees great possibilities ahead for the development of the Nanaimo industry, and sees no reason why next year Nanaimo companies should not have representatives throughout Canada and the United States pushing sales. Throughout both North and South America there is almost an unlimited market. He is much pleased with the enthusiasm displayed by the Nanaimo people, who are following out his instructions implicitly, being determined to place on the market, not the greatest quantity, but the very best quality.

Alleged Attempt at Wrecking

Evidence of what points to an attempt to wreck this morning's southbound E. & N. train was brought to the city last night by a number of lads, who while playing in the outskirts of the city discovered a number of boulders and planks across the main line just beyond Chinatown. They were wedged together in such a manner as to indicate that they were placed there with the intention of causing a wreck. The boys removed the obstruction and reported the matter to the provincial police, who are now investigating.

A Pioneer's Sad Ending

Robert Algy, better known in Nanaimo as "Scottie," and one of the best known characters in British Columbia, was drowned in Long Lake, Wellington, some time yesterday. Algy had been at work on a ranch a few miles from Wellington, and yesterday while on his way home stepped into a saloon, where he had a number of drinks. In order to reach his home he had to cross the long bridge over the lower portion of Long Lake. In doing so it is thought he fell off into the water, being intoxicated at the time. The body was found floating in the lake this morning by a young man named Biggs. Deceased was 60 years of age and one of the best known characters here, where he has resided for over 35 years.

Unpleasantness At Rossland

Judge Forin Resents Disrespectful Language From Counsel.

Orders Mr. MacDonald Retire From Court Until He Apologizes.

Rossland, B. C., Dec. 9.—The contract for deepening the winze from the 1,550 foot level of the Le Roi down to the 1,750 foot level was let today by Superintendent Trevarrow. The territory between the 1,350 and the 1,550 has proven so productive, and such good shoots of ore have been found in it that the management has determined to go to still greater depths in order to uncover the shoots that are supposed to exist there. In the Centre Star the main shaft has been deepened down to the eleventh level and a station is now being cut out at that point, which is 1,530 feet below the collar of the shaft. In this mine, too, the ground between the 9th and tenth levels and between the 10th and 11th levels is said to contain some rich and good sized ore shoots. Indeed, the explorations in both these mines in the lower levels have resulted in developments of a most encouraging character, and have added several years to their lives. It is the intention of the management of the Le Roi should the ground prove as rich as expected, between the 1,550 and the 1,750 foot levels, is to deepen the main shaft from the 1,350 foot level.

The ore shipments were: Le Roi, 1,740; Centre Star, 2,010; War Eagle, 1,230; Le Roi two, 180; Le Roi two mills 1,200; Jumbo, 200, total for the week 6,660 and for year to date 309,843 tons.

Scene in the County Court

The county court was the scene of a serious misunderstanding today between Judge Forin and J. A. MacDonald, K. C., and leader of the opposition, which ended in the latter being ordered from the courtroom by the former for the reason that he refused to apologize for what the court considered insulting language.

When the case was partly heard the plaintiff being on the witness stand, a dispute occurred between Judge Forin and J. A. MacDonald, who was acting counsel for the defendant, Mr. MacDonald was cross-examining the witness after W. J. Nelson, the counsel, had finished his examination in chief. Mr. MacDonald asked the plaintiff the following question

"Do you not know that considerable correspondence passed between Mr. Nelson and Mr. Owens before this suit was begun?" Mr. MacDonald asked this question with a view to showing collusion between the plaintiff and her witness Owen Owens.

Mr. Nelson objected to the question as improper at that stage of the trial as it was presuming a state of facts which he alleged was not true.

Judge Forin ruled that the question was an improper one.

"I will not be interrupted in my cross-examination by the court," said Mr. MacDonald with considerable show of feeling.

"It is the duty of the court in administering justice to see that the rules of evidence are observed, and I must necessarily interrupt counsel when such rules are not observed," replied the court.

Mr. MacDonald Again Retorts

Mr. MacDonald retorted that he would repeat the question and asked his honor to rule upon it so that he might bring the question before a higher court. A somewhat similar scene had occurred at a chamber sitting last week and this was referred to by judge and counsel. It was evident that both by this time were not as calm as they usually are.

Finally, Judge Forin said: "Mr. MacDonald, you must either apologize for your insulting remarks or retire from the case. I will adjourn the case till two o'clock to give you an opportunity of determining what course you will pursue."

Two o'clock came and the same counsel appeared in court. Mr. MacDonald positively refused to retract or to apologize in any way and the court when informed of his determination, said to him: "You must retire from the case."

Thereupon Mr. MacDonald left the court room.

VESSELS DRIVEN ASHORE.

Steamer and Schooner Derelicts on the Hatteras Coast.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 9.—The coasting schooner Aragon went ashore today 17 miles north of Bodies Island, off the Hatteras coast. She left Norfolk yesterday for Georgetown, S. C., having in tow the ocean-going barge Thomas A. Godard. A despatch from Hatteras says the steamer had to drop the barge this morning, after laboring heavily in the sea for eight hours, and was driven on the reef. It is not stated what became of the barge. The report is that the Aragon is lying easy, but the storm appears to be increasing and it is practically impossible for wrecking tugs to leave this evening for the scene. The Aragon's crew was offered assistance by the life-saving crew, but refused to leave the ship. The barge Godard has several men aboard.

A telegram was received this evening that an unknown schooner had been driven ashore off Gall shoals, on the North Carolina coast. The life-savers are hurrying to the scene.

Pioneers at the Annual Banquet

British Columbia Argonauts Assemble at Victoria Hotel Last Evening.

A Goodly Gathering and Many Interesting Speeches Are Made.

The thirty-fifth annual banquet of the British Columbia Pioneer Society, which was held in the Victoria hotel last evening, proved as great a success as any in the history of the society. Although there were not as many present as at some of the annual reunions, it was put down largely to the extra attractions of the evening.

The menu which had been provided by the management of the Victoria hotel was up to the usual high standard of that hostelry and nothing was lacking (not even the pork and beans) to make the affair a great success.

It was shortly after eight o'clock that those present entered the spacious dining room. Two long tables literally covered with all the good things imaginable awaited them; and the guests sat down to a very appetizing repast; the menu being as follows:

Oyster Cocktails. Caviar on Toast.
SOUPS.
OxTail. Consomme Royal.
RELISHES.
Assorted Pickles. Queen Olives. Celery.
FISH.
Boiled Halibut, Shrimp Sauce.
SALAD.
Chicken and Mayonaise.
BOILED.
Pork and Beans a la Victoria.
ENTREES.
Salme of Duck a la Victoria. Sweet Corn Fritters.
ROASTS.
Prime Ribs of Beef, Yorkshire Pudding. Turkey, Cranberry Sauce.
VEGETABLES.
Boiled and Mashed Potatoes. String Beans.
DESSERTS.
English Plum Pudding, Brandy Sauce. Apple and Mince Pies.
Assorted Fruits. Nuts. Raisins. Assorted Cakes.
Tea. Light Wines. Cigars. Coffee.

After doing full justice to the many good things, President Hayward called on the secretary to read a number of communication from those who were unable to be present, but who had sent letters of regret were His Hon. The Lieut. Governor, Senator Templman, Mayor Barnard, Dr. J. S. Helmcken and R. E. Gosnell.

Immediately after this, President Hayward called on the guests to drink to the health of the King, and also to the Prince of Wales and the Royal family, both of which, were drunk with a great show of enthusiasm.

In the absence of Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge, the president called on W. G. Cameron M. P. P., to propose the toast of the president of the United States, which he did in his usual happy manner.

C. H. Lugrin responded to the toast and referred in very warm terms to the bond of sympathy which at present joins Canada with the United States. This he contained could not be better shown than by the salute which was recently fired by the combined fleet in New York harbor in honor of the birthday of King Edward. He was sure that President Roosevelt would commend himself to Pioneers by the fact that he was made of the qualities that the hardy pioneers of the early days possessed. He concluded a very eloquent address by referring to the educational advantages of the United States and hoped that British Columbia would not be slow in following their lead and establish a university.

E. E. Wootton broke the monotony of speech-making with a song, and he was followed by Chas. E. Redfern with a song entitled "The Old Pack Mule."

To Alderman J. A. Douglas fell the lot of proposing the health of the governor general and lieut. governor.

Senator McDonald was called on to propose the toast of the navy, army and volunteers, and Col. Holmes replied stating that although his time was nearly expired, he intended to go east, but would return and make his home in this city. He concluded his remarks by relating a couple of stories which added to the enjoyment of the evening.

Major Hippen responded on behalf of the volunteers.

Ed Peirson, J. P., proposed the toast of the mayor and council in which he referred to the many improvements that had been made since he came to this city, and expressed the hope that next year the board would see their way clear to have a band concert at Beacon hill every Sunday. He also advocated bicycle paths.

In response to this toast Aldermen Hanna and Douglas both replied.

After this W. H. Ladner contributed a song which called forth a well merited encore.

J. Robertson proposed the health of the Sister Societies. C. E. Redfern, the press, and H. D. Helmcken, K. C., the ladies, all of which were toasted in a very hearty manner.

"God Save the King" and "Auld Lang Syne" brought the annual dinner to a close.

Among those who were present were Chas. Hayward, president; Senator McDonald, W. G. Cameron, M. P. P., M. Fox, Col. Holmes, C. E. Redfern, F. C. Gamble, J. Robertson, W. H. Ladner, R. Dunn, Jr., Alderman Goodacre, C. H. Lugrin, Alderman Hanna, R. Hall, M. P. P., Wm. Munsie, Dr. G. L. Milne, E. E. Wootton, Major Hibben, Wm. Harrison, J. Ray, J. Bell, Sergeant Major Mcarthur, Ed Peirson, J. P., J. W. Lorimer, L. G. Quagliotti, W. S. Fraser, Jr., E. Hayward, H. D. Helmcken, K. C., Alderman Douglas, James Innis, J. J. Sargison, W. Bray, Wm. Thompson, Capt. Christinsen, Allan Graham and Wm. Thompson.

NEWS OF GRAND FORKS.

Grand Forks, B. C., Dec. 7.—Corroborating previous reports, Superintendent H. W. Warrington of the Kettle Valley Line Railway, with a survey party of some eighteen men and four large transport wagons left here today for Bannock City some twelve miles up the North Fork at which point they will commence to survey the line to Franklin camp, a distance of some forty miles further. It is estimated that this survey will take three months to complete, the object of making a winter survey is to enable the engineers to complete their work in time for the grading of the railway to be commenced in the early spring. It is now unofficially announced that this railway will be built to Franklin camp, a distance of some fifty miles as quickly as men and material can be got on the ground in the spring.

Grand Forks, Dec. 5.—Among the mining deals closed during the last few days of most importance was the purchase by G. McPhee of an undivided one-third interest in the Huron property one of the Banner claims in Franklin Camp the former owner of this property being Thos. Doran.

Frank Fritz, the original locater of Thunder Hill camp has just sold that well known property known as the Agnew, to W. H. Worrington, general superintendent of the Kettle Valley line railway. It was on this claim that an exceedingly rich body of copper ore was uncovered some two weeks ago. George A. McLeod of the McKinley mine has sold an interest in the Yellow-Jacket claim in Franklin camp to D. Whiteside, solicitor of this place.

At a meeting of the local lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, just held here the following officers for the coming year were appointed: Noble Grand, George Rutherford; vice grand, Alex. Hall; recording secretary, W. Dewdney; financial secretary, G. Murphy; treasurer, R. Frache.

The Reverend Mr. Mouthrone ,of Lancaster, Ontario, has been appointed temporary pastor of Knox church here and is expected to arrive in Grand Forks tomorrow.

Development work on the Seattle mine near this place has been suspended for the winter months. Robert Clark the original owner expects to resume operations again in the early spring.

A new machine of modern device has just arrived at the Granby smelter its special use is for lining the converters, it is the most novel piece of machinery ever brought into this district.

Tomorrow evening in Oddfellows hall the local order of Knights of Pythias will entertain the local order of Rathbone Sisters, an extensive programme is being prepared.

Plans are being prepared for a new hotel to be located on the property now occupied by the British-American Trust Company on Bridge street, it will be owned by T. A. Manly.

It is announced that the Kettle Valley line railway will put a survey party to work at once to complete the survey of that road as far as Franklin camp, already the line is surveyed as far as the base of Pathfinder mountains and the distance from there to Franklin camp, some thirty miles will be surveyed this winter. It has also been stated that the Kettle Valley line will renew its application to the local legislature this session for a subsidy and is making all necessary arrangements to commence actual grading on the North Fork extension as soon as the weather will permit in the spring. This news is welcomed by all those interested in the North Fork section.

KILLED IN POLICE COURT.

Young Negress Slain by Companion Before N. Y. Policemen's Eyes.

New York, Dec. 9.—Elsie Parker, a young negress, was stabbed to death today at the doorway of the courtroom, where she had come to secure justice, and by the man whom she had summoned there for punishment. She fell and died within full view of the courtroom, with policemen within a few feet of her, and, indeed, only a few seconds after a policeman had once rescued her from the hands of the man who killed her.

This man was Williams, a colored youth, who was infuriated at the girl because she charged him with beating and assaulting her. He had been living with her up to the middle of this week, when they had a quarrel. The Parker woman was 23 years old and Williams is 19. They met on the stairs of the West Side police court in West forty-fourth street. Arriving there simultaneously for the hearing, Williams begged the woman to withdraw the complaint, but she apparently refused, for a policeman

Saw Them Scuffling on the Steps

He separated the pair, but thinking the quarrel to be an ordinary street brawl, ordered the pair away and paid no further attention to them. The youth went immediately into the court corridor, where he hid near the door of the courtroom. When the woman passed his hiding place Williams grasped her arm and whispered a few words to her. She replied in a low voice, and immediately the youth drew an open knife from his pocket and struck her over the heart. She stumbled toward the courtroom door, where she fell and died within three minutes. The court, which was thrown into an uproar, immediately suspended. Williams was arrested.

A FOOLISH DIPLOMAT.

Copenhagen, Dec. 9.—Diplomatic circles have been stirred up by a statement that F. A. G. Behrenkreutz, the Swedish consul-general here, who was charged with having written a poem published in Sweden containing insulting references to Denmark and the Norwegian consul-general, admits writing the poem, which was sent to a Swedish college, but says that publication of it was unwarranted. M. Behrenkreutz was incensed at the dissolution of Norway and Sweden and the acceptance of the Norwegian throne by a Danish prince. It is understood that the Swedish government will be obliged to recall M. Behrenkreutz.

THE NOBEL PRIZES.

Awards Amounting to $40,000 Each to Be Made Today.

Stockholm, Dec. 9.—The Nobel prizes which will be awarded tomorrow include: Physics, Philipp Lenard, professor at Kiel university, for researches into cathode rays; chemistry, Adolph Von Boyer, professor at the University of Munich, for research leading to the evolution of organic chemistry and the development of the chemical industry; medicine, Professor Robert Koch of Berlin for researches looking to the prevention of tuberculosis; literature, Henry K. Sienkiewicz. Each prize amounts to about $40,000.

EXCITEMENT ON SHIPBOARD.

Plymouth, Eng., Dec. 9.—Forty-seven passengers of the American line steamer New York, from New York, December 2, had an exciting half hour while landing here today. A tender with the passengers and a thousand bags of mail collided in a fog with the freight steamer Maggie Hough. The bulwarks of the tender were smashed and several stanchions were carried away, but no one was injured and the passengers were safely landed.

LONDON MEETING OF THE LE ROI

News of Yesterday's Proceedings Caused Noticeable Stir at Rossland.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Rossland, Dec. 8.—News that McMillan has been restored to the board of directors of the Le Roi and that amalgamation had been defeated caused a noticeable stir here today. As to the effect, it is conceded that it will not be great or far-reaching. Under the contract with the Trail smelter made by the directors, the ore of the Le Roi will, it is conceded here, go to the Canadian Smelting Works at Trail for the next three years. It would have been better, pedhaps, had the amalgamation prevailed, so far as the company is concerned, as the profits to stockholders ordinarily would be larger where several mines are operated under one management.

As to the personnel of the local management, John H. Mackenzie will probably be retired and a man named by Mr. McMillan will succeed him in the actual management of the mine.

Mining men conversant with the Le Roi amalgamation project state that even if Anthony J. McMillan is again on the board of directors the proposed merger of the Le Roi with the Centre Star and War Eagle in the Rossland camp and the St. Eugene at Moyie is only sidetracked for the present, and that yesterday's action of the London shareholders, if it is endorsed by a proxy vote, cannot disturb the contract the board made last summer with the Canadian Smelting Works for the treatment of the whole of the output of the mine at $6 per ton.

This contract was secured by W. H. Aldridge, manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's smelter at Trail, and it provides that the whole of the tonnage of the Le Roi mine shall be furnished exclusively to the Trail smelter for the next three years, and that the smelter company shall transport and reduce the ore for $3 per ton. Since the independent Rossland mines cannot at the present time supply any considerable tonnage to the Le Roi company's own smelter at Northport, it is hardly likely that the plant will be "blown in" again. Unless Mr. McMillan can find some means to upset this contract, which contains no reference to an amalgamation, and was properly executed by the duly authorized board of directors, Mr. Aldridge still has the upper hand.

ROBBERS CAPTURE TOWN.

Reading, Mass., Dec. 9.—A gang of masked men entered this town early today, captured and locked up the two policemen who were patrolling the main street, and then forced an entrance to the Mechanics' bank in the Masonic building, where they blew open a safe with dynamite. They secured $400 in cash. The robbers were seen by several citizens. One who lives across from the bank exchanged shots with the man left on guard outside the bank. No one was injured, however.

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Home-Made Layer Cakes, each	35c
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Native Port, per bottle	35c
St. Augustine Port, per bottle	50c
Old Californian Port, per bottle	75c
Old Spanish Port, per bottle	$1.00
Glenlivet Scotch Whisky, per bottle	85c
Watson's Scotch Whisky, per bottle	$1.00
Cooking Sherry, per bottle	50c
Dry Table Sherry, per bottle	$1.00
French Claret, per bottle	35c
French Claret, per bottle	50c
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