SAVED FROM THE SEA.

Shipwrecked Crew Brought Safely In After Three Days in Deadly Peril.

Leaving Sinking Ship They Spent Twelve Hours Adrift in Blinding Gale.

Made Desolate Island but Hunger and Thirst Drove Them Again to Sea.

By Associated Press.

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 15.—Every member of the crew of the wrecked steamer William Lawrence was saved, but only after the greater number of them had suffered terrible hardships. The tugs Cambia and Cynthia came in this evening from the Sea islands of South Carolina bringing with them Capt. A. L. Willis and thirteen men constituting those who had been missing since Sunday morning when the ship was abandoned in the breakers. The tugs left the city at daybreak this morning and searched every island and inlet northward until the castaways were found at 9 o'clock.

The captain and his men left the ship on Sunday at 9 o'clock. After twelve hours at sea in a blinding gale the two boats under the captain and first officer made land on Caper's island, a desolate and barren little sand spit. In beaching both of the boats were smashed and the men were thrown into the surf. Though almost exhausted they managed to scramble beyond the reach of the waves. What little drinking water they had was lost, together with the biscuits.

There was no fresh water and very little fuel on the island and no shelter. The captain had a few matches in a metallic box and tearing the seats out of the wrecked boats, a fire was made. The boats were of iron or they also would have been burned. The men hovered over the blaze during the sleet and snow storm of Sunday and Monday.

On Tuesday one of the boats was patched up and both crews got into it and endeavored to reach Port Royal. They had been without food and water since Sunday. After painful efforts they reached Hunting Island. Some soldiers who were stationed there took them in and fed and warmed them.

TWO GREAT FIRES.

Half a Million Consumed in Cincinnati and Three Quarters in Chicago.

Cincinnati, Feb. 14.—A fire causing the loss of half a million dollars started in the hat factory of Kothan, Feltheimer & Co., 106 West Third street, to-day, and communicated to the clothing house of H. A. Zinsheimer & Co., 104 West Third street. Sanford, Varner & Storr's valuable stock of clothing and materials is practically ruined. The fire found its way into the rear of the buildings fronting on Race street occupied by S. L. Weiler & Co., Louis Wolf & Co., and Reins & Meirs, all clothiers, and caused considerable loss, though it was checked before the buildings were destroyed.

Chicago, Feb. 14.—A six storey building at 10 and 14 West Waller street, occupied by the Traders' Warehouse Co., and a large number of smaller concerns, was completely destroyed by fire this morning, the total loss being estimated at $780,000. All the losses are covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown.

MINERS KILLED.

Mysterious Death of R. B. Snider and Jas. Cook Near Port Hill.

Nelson, Feb. 15.—R. B. Snider and James Cook, miners engaged near Port Hill, were killed on Monday under circumstances which will probably remain a mystery. They were working in a cut by themselves blasting, and no attention was paid to them by the other workmen in the vicinity. About ten minutes after one, two Italians passing the cut found both men unconscious and blood flowing freely from wounds in their heads. They were taken immediately to camp, where attention was paid them, but Cook died within an hour after he was found and Snider within three hours. The latter came from Belleville, Ont.

CANADA AT PARIS.

Official Representative of the West Preparing for a Great Exhibition.

Winnipeg, Feb. 16.—(Special)—W. D. Scott of the Manitoba government immigration department, who will look after the interests of Western Canada at the Paris exposition, has arrived in the city from Toronto. Mr. Scott will spend the next few months between Winnipeg and the Pacific Coast collecting exhibits representative of the various resources of the West. The mineral exhibition from British Columbia and Northwestern Ontario, it is expected, will be on a scale never before attempted.

CANADA LIFE MOVING.

Headquarters to Be in Toronto as Soon as Authority Can Be Obtained.

Hamilton, Feb. 15.—(Special) — The Canada Life Assurance Company, at its annual meeting, decided by a majority of 399 on a total vote of 2,309 shares to remove the headquarters of the company from Hamilton to Toronto, the necessary steps to do so being left to the directors.

Senator Cox and B. E. Walker, manager of the Bank of Commerce, were strongly in favor of the change. Wm. Hendrick opposed it. The move cannot be made without legislation, and likely will not be consummated for a year or two.

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PACIFIC CABLE.

Mr. Chamberlain Says There Has Been No Decision as to Canadian Project.

London, Feb. 14.—Mr. Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, announced in the House of Commons to-day that no decision had been arrived at by the ministry regarding the proposed Pacific cable.

THE GASPESIA'S ADVENTURE.

She Confounds the Prophets by Getting Free of Ice and Steaming Away.

St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 15.—(Special)—Capt. Delaney, commander of the steamer Bruce, a powerful ice-boat which runs in the winter mail service between Newfoundland and Cape Breton, believes that there is no doubt that the Canadian liner Gaspesia is in a dangerous position in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, owing to her not being fortified to contend with ice floes. He believes she may remain frozen there for weeks unless the winds change and loosen the floe, and so enable her to escape.

Halifax, Feb. 15.—Telegraphic advices from Meat Cove, C. B., say the steamer Gaspesia was seen this morning steaming around the west end of Magdalen island, apparently in loose ice, making good headway.

SUICIDE AT REVELSTOKE.

Chef on C.P.R. Dining Car Ends His Life With a Razor.

Revelstoke, B.C., Feb. 15.—A man by the name of Connell who held the position of chef on the dining car Holyrood committed suicide here this afternoon by cutting his throat with a razor. No cause can be ascertained for his act. His home is in Quebec, where his wife and family reside.

ANOTHER MEMBER SHELVED.

Mr. Beausoleil to Become Postmaster at Montreal—New Commissioner to Paris.

Montreal, Feb. 15.—(Special)—Le Soleil of Quebec announced to-day semi-officially that it has been definitely decided that Mr. Beausoleil, M.P. for Berthier, shall become postmaster at Montreal in succession of Mr. Dansereau.

It is stated that Hector Fabre, at present Canadian commissioner in Paris, is to be recalled and replaced either by J. E. Robidoux, now provincial secretary in Quebec, or by Ald. Rainville of Montreal. The latter has the preference because Mr. Robidoux's ambition is to become a judge.

QUEER OFFICIAL MAP.

Mr. Sifton Spreading Broadcast a Chicago Misrepresentation of Western Canada.

American Version of Alaska Boundary Adopted and Other Grave Distortions.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—The department of the interior is sending out the first consignment of a new descriptive atlas of Western Canada. An edition of 200,000 is to be printed, but before going to the expense of issuing such a large number Mr. Sifton ought to stop the press and revise his book. With the competent officers at the minister's call and the reliable data at hand, there is no good reason why such an inaccurate publication should be given to the world. An examination of the map reveals the fact that it is "made in Chicago," but in this respect Mr. Sifton has only followed the example of the minister of finance and postmaster-general, the first of whom gets his Dominion bills done by Americans, and the latter his postage stamps. The map of British Columbia shows the American claims in the dispute over the Canada-Alaska boundary. The boundaries of the new districts in the Northwest, viz., Ungava, Franklin, Mackenzie and Yukon, created in October, 1895, are very inaccurate, while Newfoundland is given a large slice of Canadian territory and Labrador. Under the heading "Canadian cities," there are references to Montreal, Toronto, Quebec, Halifax, Winnipeg, Vancouver and Victoria; but Ottawa, Sir Wilfrid's Washington of the North, is omitted altogether; so are Hamilton, London, Kingston, Fredericton, Charlottetown, Regina, etc. In one place the interesting statement is made that Ottawa is the capital of Ontario. On the margin of the map of the Northwest Territories about 250 places are mentioned as "chief cities."

STOCKS, METALS AND PRODUCE.

Quiet but Firm Tone on London Share Market—Strength in New York.

New York, Feb. 15.—The Commercial Advertiser's financial cable from London says: "The stock markets here were quiet but firm to-day, the recovery being led by Americans, partly on the New York lead and partly on the revival of Continental and English speculation. The coal carrying roads were particularly good. Prices closed on the street a trifle under the best. The Paris money market is affected by the issue by the Credit Foncier of a loan of £10,000,000 on the 21st of this month."

New York, Feb. 15.—Many stocks were materially advanced on the stock exchange, with dealings considerably larger than yesterday. Generally the market was more animated than of late and strength developed on pool manipulation and commission house buying.

Money on call closed steady at 2¼ to 3 per cent.; last loan, 2½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 2¾ to 3¼ per cent. Sterling exchange, firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.86 to ¼ for demand and $4.84 to ⅛ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.84½ to $4.85 and $4.86 to $4.87. Commercial bills, $4.83 to ½.

Silver certificates, 59⅝c.; Mexican dollars, 47¼c.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—The leading futures closed as follows: Wheat, May, 72⅝c.; July, 71⅝c.

Corn—May, 36⅝c. to ⅞c.; July, 37¼c.; Sept., 37⅞c.

Oats—May, 28⅝c.; July, 26¼c.

POINTER FOR CONGRESS.

Washington, Feb. 15.—The President has conveyed assurances to some of the party leaders in congress in addition to those given last week that he will certainly call congress together in extra session if it fails to pass the army reorganization bill at the present session.

NINETEEN MILLIONS.

Experienced Australian So Estimates the Coming Washups of the Klondike.

Thawing Machines Facilitating Operations and Greatly Reducing the Expense.

Free Milling Quartz in Several Localities—Labor Not Now in Demand.

Special To The Colonist.

Nanaimo, Feb. 16.—Among the passengers on the Amur which arrived this afternoon, was M. Marks, an experienced miner and assayer, who was engaged in those pursuits in Australia for eighteen years, during the last five being manager of the Niobe mine. About a year ago this gentleman came direct from Australia en route to Dawson where with his associates he engaged in looking up and purchasing prospects.

To a press representative to-day he said that among the claims obtained are eleven on Little Skookum and his trip south is for the purpose of obtaining thawing machines to use on them. Such machines are now being successfully used in mining in the Dawson district. Those now in operation thaw from ten to twelve feet of ground per day, as against one or two feet by the old process, and require less fuel and labor. A small sream outfit costing about $80 in the States brings $100 per day for its use in the mines. The general use of these thawing machines will make valuable low grade ground passed over before.

Mr. Marks' trip out was slow, being one of observation, as well as of business. On the way he stopped at Thistle creek, Salmon river, and reports a fine country adjoining these streams. As to Thistle creek he reported the discovery claim good, while 8 and 10 above discovery and several claims below, are showing up well, but his judgment was that the creek was spotted and would not bear out its first promise.

On Stewart river, Scroggie creek, a tributary, was showing some gold with seven or eight claims working, though there was nothing in sight to indicate the richness desired in a placer district.

When asked about McDonald creek, he smiled and said: "I know some of the prospectors on this creek, and while they get a little gold there is nothing in it."

The richest part of the Klondike today, he said, is Bonanza creek from Adams creek to French gulch. The hill claims are richer than the creeks. In most of the bench or hill claims, upper and lower strata of bed rock are found, and between the two is a pay streak running remarkably rich. The whole country is of slide formation.

Free milling quartz has been found on Bonanza, Dominion and Eldorado creeks, assays showing from $10 to $15 per ton. Having assayed specimens himself he certifies to the accuracy of these statements.

Estimating the product of the wash-up in the spring, Mr. Marks gives the following figures, which he considers conservative: Eldorado and Bonanza, $5,000,000; Big and Little Skookum, Gold and French hills, $5,000,000; Dominion, $4,000,000; Hunker and Quartz creek, $5,000,000, making a total of $19,000,000. Hunker creek and Gold Bottom are coming to the front rapidly.

The labor situation in Dawson does not warrant any one in going in with the intention of depending on his labor for existence. All who go should be prepared to prospect and be well outfitted. The error of so many last year should not be repeated. A little labor is employed at $1 per hour without board. Many of the claim owners being of limited means, either work themselves, or employ but one or two hands to assist them. Mr. Marks considers the country an exceptional field for the investment of capital. He will return in about six weeks.

Another steamer ran on the mud flats to-day, owing to the buoy being out of place. W. W. B. McInnes, M.P., has reported the matter to the inspector of marine.

At a special meeting of the Building Society held last night it was decided to wind up the society. Mr. Raymond of Victoria won the drawing last night.

BROKE FROM CAPTIVITY.

Two Wolves and a Panther Break Loose and Disappear in the Suburbs.

Mr. French, the keeper of a menagerie of wild animals out near Swan lake, is lamenting the loss of some of his pets. One day last week while attending to them two wolves and a panther, which he highly prized, broke from captivity and have not been seen since. The Victoria & Sidney railroad is close by Mr. French's place and along this in the direction of Sidney the animals escaped. The wolves were tracked for about nine miles along the line and there they turned into one of the Saanich mountains and were lost. Mr. French has owned the animals for several years and had them quite domesticated. Despite this fact however, the neighborhood which is accustomed to the howls by night of these natives of the forest is alarmed since the brutes are at large and school children who have not been frightened out of venturing into the country alone are picturing to themselves the terrors of meeting any of the animals. Several sheep owners are scouring the country with rifles and shotguns ready to face the most terrifying wild animal that roams the island.

C.P.R. EXPRESS DITCHED.

Several of the Passengers Severely Injured but No Fatalities.

Montreal, Feb. 16.—(Special)—The C. P. R. express from Toronto due here this evening met with an accident at Green Valley, 58 miles above Montreal. Five cars left the track owing to a broken rail. There were no fatalities, but the passengers were badly shaken up and about a dozen injured.

The sufferers include Miss F. Macdougal, Toronto; R. Rogers, Queen's hotel, Toronto; John Kerr, Perth, Ont.; D. Doltman, Montreal; A. Jack, Westmount; Frank Murphy, manager of Her Majesty's theatre, Montreal; and J. S. Holt of this city.

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VANCOUVER'S BUDGET.

Guarantee of Interest on Three Quarters of a Million the Atlin Company's Requ st.

Official Assayer Nominated by Board of Trade—Two Burglaries Reported.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Feb. 15.—The tramway office on Burrard street was burglarized last night, the thief securing $20 in cash and $150 in tickets. The burglar is supposed to be an ex-employee of the company.

Last night an attempt was made to burglarize the Westminster post office. This morning the lock of the front door was found to be so damaged that an entrance had to be made by the front window.

Burt Baker, one of the performers of the Savoy theatre, burnt his face and hands very badly by the explosion of chemicals with which he was experimenting for stage effects. His wounds are so serious that he will not be able to appear in public for some time.

Mr. T. H. Bowerman received word from Bracebridge, Ont., yesterday of the death of his father from the effects of a paralytic stroke. The deceased was a prominent government official of Bracebridge. He was 65 years of age.

Communications have been received from Toronto, Winnipeg and Montreal boards of trade, asking for further information regarding the requested government subsidy to the White Pass railway and the proposal of the railway to extend their branch to Atlin. This company ask from the province a subsidy of $10,000 a mile or a guarantee of 4 per cent. on $700,000, and they expect a grant from the Dominion which they will make over to the province in consideration of the provincial subsidy asked for.

Mr. Pellew-Harvey has been nominated by the board of trade as prospective government assayer at Vancouver. Mr. Harvey states that if the government will establish an assay office in Vancouver and install a $1,200 plant, he will work without salary, only asking the fees usual in other government assay offices. The board has telegraphed the government as to the urgent necessity of establishing an office here at once.

The board of trade have in their possession $183.50 collected for the New Westminster relief fund. Some of the members have suggested that it be used to relieve Vancouver's distressed. This proposition was not agreed to, and the money will be held pending the adjustment of the relief fund difficulties in New Westminster.

At the annual meeting of the Women's Council of New Westminster held in the Royal City yesterday, Miss A. J. Hill was elected president by acclamation, and Miss A. J. McDougall secretary.

THE WHEELING HORROR.

One Tired Wretch Makes His Escape After Whipped on to Track by His Trainer.

San Francisco, Feb. 15.—Gimm was 37 miles ahead of the world's record at the end of the 43rd hour in the six-day bicycle race at the Mechanics' pavilion. The score at 5:54, the 43rd hour, was: Gimm, 786.7; Miller, 770.6; Nawn, 758.4; Barnaby, 752.4; Pierce, 752.3; Fredericks, 747.4; Hale, 744.5; Alberts, 723; Aaronson, 721.3; Lawson, 716.6; Pilkington, 686.5; Julius, 657.4; Ashinger, 638.

The sensation of the day was the rank quitting of Earl B. Stevens, the Buffalo boy. Stevens withdrew in the early morning hours. His trainer whipped him back to the track once, but he sneaked out again and when examined by competent men and found perfectly sound and in excellent shape to go on, actually lay down on the floor and would not be carried out.

Stevens claimed that he was going all to pieces, but during his stay on the track he outsprinted all the riders, including Miller, Barnaby and Gimm. The moment his trainer gave it up as a bad job, Stevens donned his street clothes and walked from the building. Another feature of the early morning was the superb riding of Barnaby, who is rapidly becoming a factor in the contest.

Hannan also quit. His quitting was due to a poor stomach, which would hold no food. He rode ten hours on an empty stomach. Waller is broken-hearted over his being forced to withdraw on account of his eyes. Ashinger's stay on his wheel for 469 miles and seven laps without a dismount strained the old man and he has not kept up his record. The race is but a quarter over, but the present field will probably stay to the close.

KILLED HIS MOTHER.

But Is Obviously Half Witted and Insanity Will Be the Defence.

Hamilton, Feb. 15—(Special)—Benj. F. Parrott has been committed for trial on the charge of murdering his mother. The plea of insanity will be advanced and undoubtedly proven, the prisoner being obviously half witted.

CONGRESS OF MOTHERS.

Its President Counsels Attention to the Home Rather Than Public Careers.

Washington, Feb. 16.—A sleet and rain storm making sidewalks sheets of ice did not prevent the delegates to the national congress of mothers from meeting to-day. After an opening prayer, Mrs. Theo. W. Birney, president of the congress, delivered an address of welcome. She spoke of the home influence, saying that there lay the only solution to the problems that confront the world. Women should not seek to make a career in the world, for their highest duty lay at the fireside. Those with comfortable means should not compete with women working for a living.

Mr. Horace Fletcher spoke of the education of children from an economic standpoint, stating that it was cheaper to teach them to live properly than to take care of them when they became criminals.

Dr. G. Stanley Hall delivered an address, in which he pointed to the fact that children should not be forced into maturity. "All history," he said, teaches that precocity leads to the fall of empires."

REMEMBERING THE MAINE.

New York Showed Flags at Half Mast and Philadelphia Commenced New Battleships.

New York, Feb. 15.—A year ago today the United States battleship Maine was blown up in the harbor of Havana and 266 American seamen lost heir lives. The event was remembered in this city to-day. Flags were flying at half mast on the City hall, the public schools and all other public buildings. Nearly all the vessels in the harbor had flags at half mast. Private residences had flags half masted and in the stores were pictures of the ill-fated battleship with the charge "Remember the Maine."

Philadelphia, Feb. 15.—The anniversary of the blowing up of the battleship Maine was marked here with the beginning of work on the powerful man-of-war which will bear the name of the historic battleship. The new Maine will be built by the Cramp Shipbuilding Company, and at the company's yards at 11 o'clock the first piece of the keel was laid.

THE HOCKEY CHAMPIONS.

Montreal Wins First Match From Winnipeg After Very Exciting Play.

Montreal, Feb. 15.—(Special) — The first match for the hockey championship between Montreal and the Winnipeg Victorias was played here to-night at the Arena rink. It was one of the most exciting ever played on ice, and resulted by 2 to 1 in favor of Montreal. Winnipeg scored the first goal in the first half, and no other goals were scored till five minutes before time, when Montreal put the puck through and did it once again just as time was called.

Dan Bain, of Winnipeg, was knocked unconscious during the game and replaced by Armstrong.

The rink was crowded, and the excitement towards the close was tremendous. The next game will be played on Saturday night.

Winnipeg, Feb. 15.—There was the greatest excitement in the big Auditorium rink here this evening during the progress of the hockey match in Montreal for the Stanley cup. Special wires were run from the Free Press to the rink, the returns being announced by bulletin boards and megaphones. The exciting nature of the last half of the match caused the greatest enthusiasm, but the result of the final five minutes, giving Montreal the match by 2 to 1, dampened the ardor of the Winnipeggers.

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

Awaiting Reply to Japanese Protest—Penitentiary Made Twine—Paris Exhibition.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Feb. 14.—Canada has received a set-back at Paris, her space in the main building having been reduced to 12,000 feet.

Several ministers are taking part in the West Huron contest.

The British Columbia government has not yet forwarded a reply to Mr. Chamberlain's despatch with reference to the obnoxious anti-Japanese legislation of last year.

Tenders for binder twine to be manufactured at Kingston penitentiary this year were received at the department of justice to-day.

The Ottawa city council is moving to kill the trading stamp business.

NO COCAINE IN DR. A. W. CHASE'S CATARRH CURE.

Prof. Heys, Ont. School of Chemistry and Pharmacy, says: "I have made an examination of Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure for Cocaine and in all its compounds, from samples purchased in the open market, and find none present." We offer a reward of $1,000, to be devoted to any charitable institution if any druggist or doctor can find the least trace of that deadly drug Cocaine contained in Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure. Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure is recommended by all dealers at 25 cents per box, blower included free.

Old-Line Democrat—I want to see the party succeed and all that, but I can't swallow the 16-to-1 platform.

The Tempter—Good heavens, man! I don't ask you to swallow it. All I want you to do is to stand for it!—Chicago

FILIPINOS STILL FIGHTING.

Apparently Short of Ammunition, But Killing Many American Soldiers.

Manila, Feb. 15.—Colonel C. Potter arrived from Iloilo yesterday evening with despatches from Brigadier-General M. D. Miller to Major-General Otis.

On Sunday General Miller ordered a reconnaissance. Major Cheatham's battalion of the Tennessee volunteers marched beyond Malo without finding the enemy, and returned to Iloilo.

Cellar's battalion of the Fifteenth United States infantry, with two Hotchkiss guns and one Gatling gun, marched towards Jaro. This battalion encountered a large body of the enemy, occupying both sides of the road, who met the advanced American troops with a severe and well directed fire. The Americans deployed and returned the fire with a number of volleys. The troops advanced steadily, supported by the Hitchkiss and Gatling guns, and drove the enemy through Jaro to the open country beyond.

The town of Jaro was found to be deserted and all portable property had been removed. When the Americans entered the place there were only a few Chinese there. At 4:10 o'clock Captain Griffiths raised the American flag.

During the fighting outside of the town, Lieut. Frank Bowles, of the 18th infantry, while working the light battery, was shot in the leg. In addition one private was seriously wounded and two slightly wounded. The rebel loss was severe.

All was quiet on Monday when Colonel Potter left Iloilo.

Two natives attempted to slip past the United States cruiser Olympia during the night in a boat. They failed to respond when hailed, but kept paddling along. After a warning shot, a sentry fired at the boat and killed one of the occupants, wounding the other.

Several rebels yesterday afternoon having fired from houses bearing white flags on the American outposts, Colonel Swith, with companies A, D and M of the California volunteers, proceeded to clear out the enemy along his front. The rebels opposed him from the houses, and several skirmishes occurred, during which nine of the Californians were slightly wounded.

Work proceeded to-day in a systematic manner, a gunboat shelling the villages and working her rapid-fire guns very effectively on the jungle. The entire California regiment, with the exception of the Washington regiment, two companies of the Idaho regiment and a battery of the Sixth artillery, were engaged. The rebels were driven towards Lake Laguna de Bayo. The rebels held their fire, apparently being short of ammunition, but they fought desperately.

The American outposts in this division are now fully twelve miles out. All is quiet along the route of the line, with the exception of an occasional exchange of shots between the sharpshooters.

New York, Feb. 15.—A Herald despatch from Manila says: "A Spanish prisoner who escaped from Malolos reports that Baldomeo Aguinaldo, a cousin of General Aguinaldo, and the Filipinos minister of war, was killed in the fighting at Calooean on February 10. Corroboration of this report was given by the finding of a general's sword beside the railway sheds."

THE TREATY'S HALT.

London Report of Absolute Failure Denied but a Critical Stage Reached.

British Demand for Footing on Lynn Canal the Stated Cause of Rupture.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Whether or not the negotiations looking to the settlement of a dozen or more issues between the United States and Canada by means of a joint commission now in session, will ultimately fail entirely can be scarcely foretold at this moment. Agreements have been reached on some questions of first importance, including matters that have been the cause of constant friction between the United States and Canada for many years. On some other questions the commissioners have not been able to get together, and it is even probable that they never will, and it remains to be seen whether both the United States and Canada will regard the agreement so far reaching as to constitute a fair adjustment.

To-day's session of the committee was a one-sided affair. After a few minutes in joint session, the British members retired and the Americans remained half an hour longer than usual in conference. This immediately set afoot the report that the British side had presented an ultimatum, which is being considered by the American commissioners.

This was in general in line with the story telegraphed this morning from London that the negotiations had entirely fallen through.

After the session, however a prominent member of the commission whose attention was called to the London despatch expressed surprise, and declared that there was no truth either in this or the report that an ultimatum had been presented to-day. The negotiations, he said, were in a critical stage, but there was no reason to believe that they had failed. That was all that could be said at present.

London, Feb. 15.—A despatch to the Daily Chronicle from Washington says: "Great Britain is disposed to hold in abeyance the negotiations for the modification of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty until the result of the deliberations of the joint high commission is known."

Buffalo, Feb. 15.—A Special to the Enquirer from Washington says: A meeting of the Canadian joint high commission will be held to-day and may be the last session of that body. Should that prove to be a fact it will mean that negotiations have been a failure, and that no treaty will be agreed to.

The question at issue is the demand by Canadians and Lord Herschell, representing the British government, for a portion of the Lynn Canal, thus giving Canada direct access to the Pacific ocean over Alaskan territory. The American commissioners are firm in the resistance of the demands, having decided primarily not to cede any American territory.

An impression prevails that the Canadians and Lord Herschell will not let this demand stand in the way of a successful issue of their long and laborious efforts, but that they will withdraw and proceed to a conclusion.

REPORT OF TRAIN WRECK.

Portland, Me., Feb. 15.—It is reported here that a Grand Trunk train after breaking away from the engine was ditched at a point south of Sherbrooke, Que. Several persons are reported killed. The train is supposed to be that which left here at 8 a.m. for Montreal.

MAHER AND CONROY.

Hartford, Conn., Feb. 15.—The police stopped the Maher-Conroy fight in the seventh round to-night. Maher had the best of the bout all the way through.

PRESIDENT FAURE DEAD

Official Head of the French Republic Taken by a Stroke of Apoplexy.

Ill Only Four Hours and the Sad Event Was Totally Unexpected.

Though Midnight When News Circulated a Throng Soon Surrounded the Elysee.

By Associated Press.

Paris, Feb. 16.—President Faure died to-day from apoplexy.

It had been known for some time that his heart was weak, but the first intimation that he was sick was given at half past six this afternoon when a message was sent to the premier, M. Dupuy, that the President was ill. M. Dupuy immediately repaired to the Elysee. All medical efforts proved futile and the President died on the stroke of ten. The flag on the Elysee was immediately lowered to half mast and the news was despatched to all the officials and members of the cabinet.

Gen. Zurlinden, military governor of Paris, the grand chancellor of the legion of honor, the prefect of the Seine, the prefect of the police of Paris, and the presidents of the senate and chamber of deputies promptly arrived at the Elysee. The report spread rapidly through the city and large crowds soon collected.

About six o'clock, M. Faure who was then in his study, went to the door of the room of M. Le Gall, his private secretary, which is contiguous to the study and said: "I do not feel well; come to me." M. Le Gall immediately went to the President's aid, led him to a sofa and called Gen. Bailloud, general secretary of the President's household, M. Blondel, under private secretary, and Dr. Humbert, who happened to be at the Elysee attending a relative. The President's conditions did not appear dangerous, but Dr. Humbert on perceiving that he was rapidly getting worse, telephoned for Dr. Lanne-Lagny and Dr. Chourit, who arrived with M. Dupuy, and were joined later by M. Bergeroy.

Though M. Faure still retained consciousness, the doctors soon recognized that the case was hopeless, but it was not until nearly 8 o'clock that the members of the family were informed of the real state of affairs. They then came to the sofa where the President lay upon a hasily improvised bed. Soon after he began to lose consciousness and despite all efforts expired at 10 o'clock in the presence of his family.

M. Dupuy communicated the intelligence to M. Loubet, president of the senate, and M. Paul Deechanel, president of the chamber of deputies, the members of the cabinet and other functionaries, after which he addressed this despatch to all prefects and sub-prefects in France: "I have the sad task to announce to you the death of the President which occurred at 10 o'clock this evening as the result of an apopleptic attack. Kindly take the necessary measures to inform the people immediately of the mourning that has fallen upon the public. The government counts upon your active vigilance at this painful juncture."

It was not until 11 o'clock that the news began to become known to the general public in Paris. From that time began a continuous arrival of public men. Strict orders, however, were issued, that only members of the cabinet were to be admitted to the Elysee.

The president of the council and minister of the interior, M. Dupuy, has requested all prefects and sub-prefects not to leave their posts, and directed all those who are absent to return immediately.

Nothing could have given the idea of approaching death. Up till the very last M. Faure indulged in his customary habits of work, and even in his equestrian rides. He ate and slept regularly. Nevertheless several times recently he had been heard to exclaim, "How weak my legs are!" and "I can scarcely stand!" or to make some such remark.

He left his study about the usual hour at 7 o'clock last evening (Wednesday), telling Mons. Jarrett, chief of his stables, he would ride from 7 to 7:30 the following morning (Thursday). He then retired to his private apartments, dined with his family, went to bed at 10 o'clock, got up this morning at 6, and almost immediately informed his valet that he would not ride. M. LeGalle, his secretary, on learning of this, hurried to the President, whom he found in his dressing room about 6:45 a.m. M. Faure said: "I do not feel ill, but I prefer to abstain from fatiguing exercise to-day."

M. Faure presided with his usual ability at the council, which assembled at 9 a.m., and on their taking leave, the ministers could not have imagined that they were pressing his hand for the last time. At 6 p.m. LeGalle returned and reported himself to the President, who was then signing decrees presented by General Bailloud, according to his daily custom. The work of signing was then about over, and soon ended. General Bailloud had gone but a few minutes when the President called LeGalle, saying: "Come quickly; I feel ill."

When M. LeGalle reached him the President was rubbing his forehead and saying, "I don't feel well." LeGalle asked where he felt the pain, and the President replied: "I feel a general weakness; I am fainting."

Dr. Humbert, on arriving, gave ether. He did not consider the case serious, but on finding that his patient did not revive he decided to inject cafine. The President was apparently aware of the seriousness of the attack, for he said: "I feel myself failing; I am gone, all gone," and he expressed a desire to see his wife and children. When Madame Faure and Mademoiselle Lucie Faure entered the room the President exclaimed: "Je suis bien souffrant; Je suis perdue" ("I am suffering greatly; I am lost.") M. Faure remained on the sofa, repeating that he had no illusions as to the issue of his case. His wife came to him, and he bade her an affectionate farewell. It was a touching scene. He thanked her for the affection and devotion she had constantly shown him, and then he bade farewell to his daughters, the doctors and his personal attendants, thanking all for their care and devotion, and asking them to pardon any hasty words he might have uttered.

London, Feb. 16.—In the lobbies of the House of Commons this evening the news of the death of President Faure made a profound impression, and the greatest anxiety was expressed as to its possible consequences in the present excited state of France. The Redmondites immediately called a meeting and adopted a resolution of sympathy with the French nation—("the ancient friend and ally of Ireland."

LEGISLATIVE AS

Committee Discussion chis ment Bill and New Voters' I

Legal Profession Ope Arrivals—Mortgage —County Court

WEDNESD

Consideration of the P tions bill in committee chief feature of to-day's legislature, several lively ring and section 8 being when the committee rose, gress. Just before the the house, four bills wer message from His Honor Governor and ordered to b committee to-morrow. are:

To amend the Successio

To amend the Revenue

To amend the assessme

An act extending the crown to prospect for mi way lands to all free min

Prayers were read by R chester.

PRIVATE BILL RE

Mr. Higgins presented port from the private bi asking that the recomm tained in their eleventh re ed, and that the petition Southern Railway Co. for be referred back to the c seven days' additional tim report. The chairman of explained that this petitio ported to the house on a that the required notice h by the railway promoters.

The report was received

PROPERTY OWNERS

Mr. Hall presented a Hon. J. S. Helmcken and of Victoria City, protesti amendment to the Municip by which the City of Vic given increased power fo of real estate not enjoyed corporations. The petitl the words "except the Cit be omitted from section 13

The petition was receive printed.

JUBILEE HOSPITAL

Mr. Higgins moved, wi Smith as seconder, for th of a select committee "Messrs. Booth, R. Smith den and the mover, to visit Royal Jubilee hospital, V quire into the working o tion, with power to send f papers, take evidence and suit of their inquiries to

The member for Esquim plained that this Jubilee h ceiving generous aid from and it was therefore the member of the house to money so received was pended, and the institution such a manner as to entitl

Mr. Helmcken, as vice-p hospital in question, welc lution now brought forwar lee hospital was an instit every member of the hou an active interest, and an every way worthy of the British Columbia. It wa pital in the province preser to the government a full a port, accounting for every expenditure. He underst motion of the member for been prompted by certa that had been made to hi ence to the admission of hours.

Mr. Higgins corrected gentleman. It was on a charge being made that a been shown on the part to exclude free patients.

Mr. Helmcken accepted and denied that any free been refused admittance authority of the medical ing such proposed patient tal care. For the benefit and in order to facilitate th the inquiry, Victoria's proceeded to recite facts connection with the hosp subsequently placed in hands—calculated to form the proposed investigation

Hon. Mr. Martin had fou cken's information and fi teresting, but held that t fective in that they did n the per capita cost per failed to see why the cost should be so much higher tario or Manitoba. There sons, but he had never y cited. The subscription f ince was the largest indiv the receipts of the Victoria he hoped to see some rea for the increased mainten capita of hospital patient Columbia.

Mr. Helmcken was glad t also had been raised, as i which the directors of the given very careful atten which they would be prep oughly satisfy the committ and the house. It had been dealt with in former hos and these would at once be possession of the proposed

Mr. Kellie held that an in nature had been proven nec case of the Jubilee hospita himself applied for the adm poor patient from Kamloop however, been refused on t he was suffering from an contagious disease. If, w ernment was giving son $40,000 or $50,000 per annu pitals, such patients were care and treatment, he tho for one would be in favor such grants altogether.

Mr. Helmcken explained had been some misunders regard to the case Mr. K ferred to. This patient h fused admittance to the Kamloops, and then cam authorities of the Jubilee ho to know, quite naturally, been refused at Kamloop puted the argument of the Revelstoke that persons s infectious or contagious d be admitted to the genera spread their maladies patients. Direst results ably follow such a cour reasonable man would adv

The resolution was accep

KAMLOOPS & ATLIN

In passing Hon. Mr. Mar that private members sho that their bills were printe ed as quickly as possible these might find the sessio denly and their legislati through no desire on the pa ernment. He referred pa the report on the Kamlo Railway Company bill (M