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Wounds Are Fatal

John and Edward Biddle, Principals in Pennsylvania Sensation, Dead.

And the Woman Is the Only One Who May Sur Survive.

The Extraordinary Tragedy Has Caused Great Excitement in the State.

Butler, Pa., Feb. 1.—With the close of a day of intense excitement and many conflicting stories concerning the chances for life of the wounded Biddle brothers and Mrs. Kate Soffel, the unexpected has happened. John Biddle, who until late this afternoon was considered the most healthy of the brothers, succumbed at 1:35 p. m. The condition of Ed. Biddle tonight is exceedingly precarious, and his death at any moment would cause no surprise. Mrs. Soffel developed symptoms of pneumonia this afternoon after having come safely through an operation this morning for the extraction of the bullet. She is the only one of the trio who has any chance of life.

The death of Jack Biddle was caused by the bullet wounds in his abdomen and bladder. Early in the day the physicians thought peritonitis was the principal danger in his case, but tonight internal hemorrhages set in, and the man bled to death in a short while. As long as he was able, Jack was extremely talkative and was almost boastful. But as soon as the shadow of death began to fall upon him, and he recognized it, he became repentant.

"I know," said he, "that my time here is short, and you can say for me that I am a Christian, and will die a sincere believer in God, and hope I will have strength enough to say so at the last. I know I have taken part in many wrong-doings, but I have never killed any man and was never implicated with any one who did. I wish I could see Mrs. Kahney. I would tell her the truth about the killing of her husband. The life has been pretty tough to me, and the end cannot come too quick, and I don't care how quick."

Ed. Biddle has been unconscious the greater part of the day, and it is evident to all that his lease of life is short. Hemorrhage of the lungs keeps him almost continually choked. A sister of the Biddles arrived in town this evening and was admitted to the bedside of her brother. It is doubtful, however, if Edward will be able to recognize her.

The principal subject of conversation on the streets today has been whether the Butler county authorities would permit the removal of the prisoners in the event of any one of them surviving the injuries. The contention was that since Biddle being under arrest here for felonious shooting could not be removed. District Attorney John R. Hennegger dispelled any doubts on that point by stating that it was the intention to turn the prisoners over to the Allegheny authorities as soon as they were in condition to be moved.

The excitement was unabated today, and a dense crowd of people hung about the jail doors all day, trying to get in to see the two criminals. The most persistent of the crowd were women, many of whom expressed the deepest concern and sympathy for Ed Biddle, and declared their belief in his innocence. This belief seemed to deepen when it became known that Ed Biddle made a death-bed confession to Rev. Father Walsh, of this place, last night, declaring his innocence of the crime of shooting grocer Kahney and Detective Fitzgerald.

One of the sensational developments of the day, which the authorities have tried to keep secret, was the finding on the person of Mrs. Soffet, when searched the person of Mrs. Soffel, when searched at the hospital, of a long letter from Ed of escape of the brothers from jail, naming their destination afterwards, etc.

Ed Biddle died at 11 o'clock tonight.

SAVINGS.

Objection to Using Ordinary Postage Stamps in the System.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—To a deputation from the Associated Charities, which recommended the adoption of postage stamp system of saving, Mr. Mulock said today that the objection was that postmasters were paid a commission on stamps they sold, so that the department would be redeeming for a dollar that for which the government only received 60 cents. The deputation suggested special savings bank stamps.

The election of the following members returned at the recent by-elections are gazetted: Sutherland, North Oxford; Archibald Campbell, West York; Harty, Kingston; Beith, Durham West; Porter, West Hastings; Melzar Avery, Addington; Charbonneau, L'Islet; Emile Leonard, Laval; Joseph Brunet, St. James, Montreal.

The Davin memorial fund has reached $800.

RECEPTION AT PEKIN.

Ladies and Children of Foreign Embassies Received by the Court.

Pekin, Feb. 1.—The Dowager Empress, the Emperor and Empress received the ladies and children of the members of the diplomatic corps today in the private apartments of the palace. Mrs. Conger, wife of United States Minister Conger, as doyenesse of the diplomatic corps, and the Dowager Empress exchanged speeches. The visitors afterwards were entertained at a banquet, during which the Dowager Empress and the Emperor mingled informally with their guests. The Dowager Empress grasped Mrs. Conger's hand, wept copiously and in broken words expressed the sorrow which she felt on account of the occurrences during the siege of the legations. Magnificent jeweled bracelets, rings and other souvenirs were presented to the visitors.

WEAVERS STRIKE.

Six Thousand Operatives Out of Work in Rhode Island.

Providence, R. I., Feb. 1.—A strike of the double loom weavers at the Riverside mills of the American Woollen company today, following a strike of the Weybossett mills weavers, caused the issuance of orders to close all the mills of the company in Providence and vicinity until further notice.

The general shut-down throws 6,000 persons out of work. The strike at the Riverside and Weybossett mills was caused by dissatisfaction over the new loom systems.

STEAMSHIP COMBINE.

Minimum Rates Fixed From United States to Great Britain.

New York, Jan. 31.—The Commercial-Advertiser said today: "An agreement, binding the various trans-Atlantic lines plying between this country and England to adopt a uniform minimum freight on grain and provisions, was signed today by the representatives of the various steamship lines interested. The freight rates are increased on all grain and provisions leaving this country for Liverpool and London. The minimum rate on grain is fixed at one and a halfpenny per bushel of 60 pounds, and the minimum rate on provisions at 10 shillings per ton of 2,240 pounds increasing the grain rate 33 1-3 per cent. and the provisions rate 10 per cent. No maximum rate has been fixed. The lines included in the agreement are: The White Star, the Cunard, the Atlantic Transport, the International Navigation, the Leyland, the Dominion line, the Philadelphia line, the Lamport and Holt line, the Wilson line, the Chesapeake and Ohio line, and the Virginia line from Norfolk. At the office of the Chesapeake & Ohio Steamship company it was said that lines to Manchester, Hull and other English ports were also in the agreement. It was learned that the passenger rates under discussion contemplate a minimum of $60 for winter travel. The same lines that have signed the freight agreement will, it is understood, sign the passenger agreement."

Sequel to Jail Breaking

Escapee Murderers Both Shot In Battle With Police Officers.

And Woman Who Aided the Biddles Attempts Self Destruction.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 31.—A telegram from Butler at 9:30 p. m. says: "Edward Biddle is in jail dying, John Biddle riddled with buckshot and in a precarious condition, and Mrs. Peter K. Soffel lying in the hospital with a self-inflicted bullet wound in the breast is the sequel of the sensational escape of the Biddle brothers from the Allegheny county jail aided by Mrs. Soffel, the wife of the jail warden, on Thursday morning. The story of the close of the Biddle tragedy which came at 5:45 this afternoon is a thrilling one. The scene was a snow-covered road two miles east of Prospect, Butler county, near Mount Chestnut, and the exact place was at McClure's barn, where two double team sleighs filled with eight officers, headed by Chief of Police Robert Ray of Butler, Albert Swinehart and Charles McGovern, met the two Biddles and Mrs. Soffel in a one horse sleigh, stolen at Perrysville, and at once opened fire on the trio. The Biddles returned the fire after jumping out of the sleigh. Edward Biddle was shot in the left arm, in the breast and in one leg. John Biddle was riddled with buckshot in the breast and head.

The Pittsburg officers were met at Butler this afternoon by Deputy Sheriffs Rainey and Hoon, and Officers Frank Holliday and Jack Thompson the latter under command of Chief of Police Robert Ray, of Butler. The officers were certain that they were on the right track. It was only a question of time when they would catch up to the escaping and demned murderers and their guilty companion.

The Biddles and Mrs. Soffel ate dinner at Mr. Stephens at Mount Chestnut, five miles east of Butler. They had made a detour of the town of Butler, and after going several miles east turned north and then west. The Pittsburg officers, only a few miles in the rear, took the wrong road for about eight miles, but when they found their mistake they made up for lost time by telephoning and telegraphing ahead for fresh horses, but they reached Mount Chestnut not less than half an hour after the Biddles and Mrs. Soffel. At this point Wm. Watson, a storekeeper, had fresh horses awaiting them, and the chase began anew. The two sleighs with the eight officers aboard started westward and met the Biddles and Mrs. Soffel at McClure's barn, two miles from Mount Prospect.

The Biddles having learned that they were almost overtaken, and taking what they considered the only chance drove eastward and met their doom. The officers were armed with Winchester rifles and revolvers of large calibre. They shot to kill and their aim was perfect. The Biddles tried to kill to the last of the string, but not one of eight officers has a wound as the result of the battle.

When detectives got within 60 yards of the fugitives they opened fire. The Biddles promptly answered with shotgun and revolver. Mrs. Soffel stood up in the sleigh with a revolver in each hand and blazed away at her pursuers. When Ed. Biddle fell and she was about to be captured, she fired a bullet into her breast. An examination by physicians shows that she will recover, as the bullet was deflected by her corset and the wound is comparatively slight.

Ed. Biddle got a bullet in the breast, which penetrated his right lung, and will probably end his life before morning. John Biddle may recover as his wounds though numerous, did not reach a vital spot. The escape of the officers is miraculous. The Biddles have demonstrated on several occasions that they are good marksmen, and why they should have failed today to bring down their men, is a mystery. After the Biddles fell to the snow-covered ground the officers picked up the apparently lifeless body of Mrs. Soffel, and the Biddles, and came back to Butler, bringing the stolen sleigh, patched up harness, and worn out horse that the trio had tried so hard to get away with toward Canada.

LUMBER CAMP SICKNESS.

Smallpox and Diphtheria in Ontario Woods.

Toronto, Jan. 31.—(Special.)—Scarlet fever and diphtheria are raging in the vicinity of the lumber camps at Maguetawan, Parry Sound, according to reports of the medical health officers. Eighty cases of scarlet fever are so far reported and eight or ten deaths have occurred. Diphtheria cases exist also of a malignant type. Reports were received today of new cases of smallpox in Brook township, Lampton county and Clarence township, Russell county. Eleven cases have occurred at Huntowning, Manitoulin. There are new cases at McMillan's camp, Howland township, at Blind river and Mississauga lumber camp.

E. D. WILSON DEAD.

He Was Postmaster of Tilsonburg, Ontario.

Tilsonburg Ont., Jan. 31.—E. D. Wilson, postmaster and head of the Wilson company, limited, died today.

American Poachers

The Vancouver Board of Trade Wants Government to Protect Fisheries.

Instead of Allowing Foreigners to Benefit at Expense of Canadians.

Professor Prince Promises to Lay Matter Before Ottawa Authorities.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 31.—The Vancouver Board of Trade made a formal presentment to Professor Prince today regarding the alleged poaching of Americans for cod and halibut in Canadian waters. There was a good turn-out, and the matter was placed fairly before Prof. Prince. It was stated that the fisheries cruiser should be hurriedly completed, as her services were needed, and the suggestion was made that the whole of the British Columbia coast waters from Dixon's Entrance, down to Queen Charlotte Sound, be declared a closed sea, in which Canadians alone could fish.

Hecate Straits is claimed by American fishermen as open sea. The Board of Trade believe that it should be declared a closed sea, in Canadian jurisdiction. These straits are said to be alive with fish, and the Americans are reaping the harvest. Prof. Prince promised to place the matter before his department.

John Hendry, president of the V., W., N. & Y. railway, has submitted the plans of his company regarding their contemplated entry into the city. In the blue map presented for inspection, the terminals are marked out at the Royal City mills and the yards at False creek. The company will ask the city for 100 acres of False creek flats. The plan submitted is similar to the one presented last year.

And still another labor union has been formed. It is called the Professional Ball Rooms Directors union.

J. B. Ferguson has been appointed manager of the Mutual Life Insurance company for British Columbia in place of Stanley Henderson, who has resigned to become general manager for Quebec of the Crown Life Insurance company.

The judging of the birds at the local poultry show and the awarding of prizes took place yesterday. The annual dinner of the Poultry association came of this evening.

The annual meeting of the Y. M. C. A. took place last night. The different reports on the progress of the institution were on the whole satisfactory. The following officers were elected: President, J. A. McNair; vice-president, Dr. Riggs; second vice-president, Mr. A. H. Skey; treasurer, Mr. G. J. Telfer; secretary, G. E. Little.

MONTREAL DIOCESE.

Coadjutor Bishop to Be Appointed Next March.

Montreal, Jan. 31.—The Diocesan Synod today adjourned the election of a coadjutor bishop to Archbishop Bond to a special session of the Synod to be held on March 4.

SHIPMENTS OF BOUNDARY ORE

Report For the Week Just Ended—Treated By Smelters.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Phoenix, Jan. 31.—Shipments of ore from Boundary for last week totalled 7,624 tons, or 28,210 tons so far this year. This week's shipments were as follows:

Granby mines, 4,558 tons; Mother Lode, 3,056 tons; Winnipeg, 30 tons; Golden Crown, 180 tons.

The two Boundary smelters treated this week 8,094 tons of ore, as follows: Granby smelter, 5,070 tons; Mother Lode smelter, 3,024 tons.

END OF A QUARREL.

John Bonnette Shoots a Man Then Kills Himself on a Boston Street.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 31.—Driven to desperation by insulting language of a man whom he had met for the first time this afternoon in the bar-room of the Shakespearean Inn, John Bonnette shot and instantly killed Geo. McGibbond, then took his own life. Late in the afternoon a dozen men were standing about the bar of the inn on Beach street. Bonnette had ordered a glass of ale and noticing a glass had not been properly rinsed, spoke to the bar-tender about it, but the latter did not notice the remark. McGibbond overheard it and remarked with a sneer: "You'd better go to the Parker house if you are not satisfied here."

This led to an exchange of words and blows during which one of the men invited the other outside to settle the matter. Once upon the sidewalk the men exchanged words until Bonnette whipping a revolver from his pocket fired at McGibbond full in the face, and the latter fell dead on the sidewalk. Bonnette gave one look at the man, then turned and ran at top speed around the corner into Washington street, pursued by a crowd attracted by the shot.

Before they could seize him, Bonnette turned about, faced his pursuers, placed the weapon to his right temple, and sent a bullet through his brain, death being instantaneous. Bonnette was a carpenter, 30 years of age, and is spoken of by his fellow workmen very highly. McGibbond was 30 years old, a laborer, and was married.

ROSSLAND'S FINEST.

Chief Vaughan Resigns and Ingram Reigns in His Stead.

Rossland, Jan. 31.—Following the resignation of Fred Vaughan, chief of police, the commissioners have made radical alterations in the force. Sergt. Neil McPhee and Patrolman McDonnell have been discharged and Patrolman George Bradshaw has been retained and advanced to the grade of sergeant. John S. Ingram has been appointed chief of the force and assumes office tomorrow morning.

NELSON IMPORTS.

Show Large Increase For the Month Compared With Last Year.

Nelson, B. C., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—Nelson imports for the month of January were $89,344 against $51,898 for the same month of 1901; an increase of 78 per cent.

FAREWELL RECEPTION.

Admirers of Mr. Ralph Smith Give Him a Public Meeting.

Nanaimo, B. C., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—This evening a reception was tendered Ralph Smith before his leaving for Ottawa.

Capt. Gaudin tonight presented Messrs. Stark and Roberts, of Entrance lighthouse, with gold medals from the Dominion government, for life saving.

NEW SUBMARINE.

New York, Feb. 1.—The submarine torpedo boat Plunger was launched at Elizabethport, N. J., today. The vessel is a sister ship of the Addar, Moccasin, Porpoise, Shark and Fulton. She is 63.4 feet long and of 11 feet 9 inches beam. She has a displacement on the surface of 104 tons and of 115 tons under water. She will be propelled by gasoline engines.

Attempt at Suicide Fails

Young Man Out of Work Tries Unsuccessfully To Kill Himself.

Convict Who Lead McNeill Penitentiary Outbreak Wanted in Vancouver.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Feb. 1.—Chas. Clifford, a law student, attempted suicide today. He is in the hands of the police. He says he formerly worked in Mr. Jos. Martin's office when he was in Winnipeg, and is a relative of Hon. Clifford Sifton. Unavailing attempts to secure employment drove him to the rash act.

The convict Moriarty, who led the criminals in the escape from McNeill's island penitentiary, Washington, is a man known here as Thos. Johnson, who escaped from the jail here a year and a half ago. Johnson got four years for burglary. On his way from the court room he asked to go to the lavatory, and the door was closed on him. He was never seen or heard of until a letter arrived from Tacoma declaring Moriarty and Johnson to be the same man.

Mr. E. J. Coyle, general passenger agent of the C. P. R., went East today. His marriage to Miss Conklin of Winnipeg, takes place in that city in a few days.

The public are to be asked to contribute funds for the purpose of purchasing a proper ambulance for use by the city. The city at present owns an ambulance which is used for infectious as well as surgical and other cases besides not being up-to-date. A public meeting was held yesterday to discuss the matter, and a committee composed of Lady Tupper, Mrs. G. McL. Brown and Mrs. J. A. Banfield was chosen to take further action in the matter.

The police of Vancouver are establishing a superannuation fund.

The council of the Board of Trade held a meeting today and decided to wire outside papers asking them to contradict erroneous reports recently sent from here and thought injurious to Vancouver. A resolution was passed that this course would be adopted in every similar case in the future.

J. H. Parmiter, contractor, Vancouver, has received word from England that he is named in the will of a deceased relative, Miss Mary Parmiter, Clock house, Sherley, Southampton, England, for several thousand pounds. Mrs. Shotbolt, wife of Thos. Shotbolt, J. P., Victoria, is a cousin of the deceased. It is not known here whether Mrs. Shotbolt shares in the estate. Mr. Parmiter lived in Victoria eight years, and is well known in the capital.

The immense pines of Canada furnish the basis for that peerless cough and cold remedy, Pyny-Balsam. It cures quickly and certainly. Of all druggists, 25c. Made by proprietors of Perry Davis' Pain-Killer.

STEAMER ASHORE.

Cavour of Liverpool Strands on Long Island Coast.

New York, Jan. 31.—At about 6 o'clock tonight, in a blinding snow storm, the British steamer Cavour, of Liverpool, belonging to the Lamport and Holt line, in command of Captain Kelly, went ashore at Long Beach, a point on the southern Long Island coast, about 18 miles east of Sandy Hook. The Cavour is bound to this port with a general cargo from Rio Janeiro. The crews of the Point Lookout and Long Beach life-saving stations went to the stranded vessel. They found that she was resting easily, and was in no immediately danger. The captain and crew decided to remain on the steamer during the night. Two tugs were despatched from this city tonight to go to the assistance of the Cavour.

JANUARY FIRES.

Five Dollars Covers the Losses for the Month.

Victoria has had a most fortunate month with regard to fires, the destructive fiend having but a $5 loss to his credit during the past 31 days. On three days only during the month of January were alarms rung in, although on one of these no less than four runs were credited to the brigade. The following are the monthly details:

January 1, 9 a.m.—A still alarm from Dr. Jones', on Fort street; no damage.

January 24, 6:40 a.m.—Alarm from box 53, chimney fire at 24 Kings road, D. Hosker; no damage. 9:30 a.m.—Still alarm; over-heated stove at Mr. Austin's, Yonge street; no damage. 3 p.m.—Alarm from box 27; roof of Higgins' nursery, Fort and Cook streets; $5 damages. 9:40 p.m.—Chimney fire at 112 Menzies street, H. Rudge; no damage.

January 26, 7:50 p.m.—False alarm from box 24.

TEXADA MATTE.

Grand Forks, B. C., Feb. 1.—The Van Anda smelter, Texada Island, following the example of the Greenwood and Hall Mines smelters, has signed a contract to ship its matte here for treatment in the converter of the Granby Smelter company. The plant here is now turning out over 30 tons blister copper daily besides the gold and silver values.

Cabinet Changes

Minister of Justice Will Likely Resign Before the Coming Session.

And Mr. Blair May Likely Be Transferred From Railway Department.

Senator Templeman or Mr. Morrison Candidate For Marine Portfolio.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Jan. 31.—It will be settled in the course of two or three days whether Hon. David Mills will resign from the cabinet immediately to accept the vacant Supreme court judgship or whether this step will be deferred until after the session. If the latter course is adopted there is danger of delay and inconvenience to lawyers and litigants. The chances are, therefore, that Mr. Mills has sat in parliament for the last time. The Premier worried over the filling of Mr. Mills' place both as minister of justice and leader of the Senate. For the vacant portfolio several names are mentioned, including Messrs. Sifton, Blair, Mulock and Hon. C. Fitzpatrick, solicitor-general. The chances are altogether in favor of Mr. Blair, as with regret it is intimated that the Minister of Railways is so broken in health as to necessitate his taking charge of a less exacting office. He will be succeeded in the railway department by Mr. Sutherland, while the marine and fisheries portfolio goes either to Senator Templeman or Mr. Aulay Morrison. There is no show whatever for Messrs. Emmerson or Fargusharson.

As regards the Senate leadership, Mr. Blair might be induced to go there, but his own personal wish is to remain in the Commons.

Mr. Mills' retirement from the Senate will make a second Ontario vacancy. There are four old-timers, each looking for plumbs, but only two can win them. These aspirants are Hon. Thos. Bain, Wm. Gibson, ex-M.P., James Somerville, ex-M.P., and James McMullen, M.P. Your correspondent picks Messrs. Gibson and McMullen as the prize winners.

The customs revenue for January shows an increase of over $400,000, being $2,489,000, as compared with $2,081,000 for the same period last year. For the seven months the returns are $18,353,000, compared with $16,074,000 last year.

The Privy council is engaged these days in considering the estimates. Preparations for the session are being rapidly pushed.

Judge Burbidge, in the Exchequer court, today commenced the trial for several cases of Yukon miners against the Crown for alleged improper levying of the gold royalty by government officials on account of work done on claims previous to the passage of the order-in-council imposing the royalty. Among the suppliants are Geo. W. Carmack, James Tweed and William Chappelle.

IS IDENTIFIED AT WINNIPEG

Walter Gordon Alleged Murderer Reaches Manitoba—The Stanley Cup.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Winnipeg, Feb. 1.—Walter Gordon, the alleged murderer of Jacob Smith and Charles Daw, reached here today from Halifax, and has been identified as the man wanted on suspicion of having committed the crime.

The Winnipeg Victorias expect the Moutreal Victorias to be the next challengers for the Stanley cup. The match will probably take place here in March.

Winnipeg customs collections for January show an increase of $43,303.91, compared with January of last year.

News has reached here of the death of Ralph Harrison, a former Winnipegger, while en route home from South Africa to England.

ARMY REMOUNT SCANDAL.

Mr. Brodrick Promises Full Investigation of the Subject.

London, Jan. 31.—Mr. Brodrick's presentation of the supplementary army estimate in the House of Commons today furnished Sir John Blundell Maple, Conservative, with an opportunity to refer to yesterday's report of the committee appointed to inquire into the purchase of horses for the British army. He asserted that his original statements were true. Sir John submitted letters to show that certain officers were mixed up in the horse swindles at Buda-Pesth and Vienna, and asserted that the evidence before the committee revealed a gross scandal. Mr. Hobhouse, a member of the inquiry committee, defended the officers, but declared that the investigations revealed glaring shortcomings in the remount department. On one contract for horses, amounting to £111,000, the profits amounted to £44,000. Assuming that a similar percentage of profit was made on the £18,000,000 spent in remounts, the War office had bestowed on the contractors a profit totalling £8,000,000. The remount department was clearly inefficient, and the officer at the head of it ought to be dismissed.

Henry Labouchere, Liberal, declared that somebody ought to be hanged in connection with the remounts, and moved the reduction of the vote.

Mr. Brodrick defended Major-General Wm. R. Truman, inspector-general of the remount department, from the charge of any dishonorable conduct, and after being considerably pressed from the Liberal side of the House, eventually undertook to make a full investigation of the cases of all the officers concerned.

Mr. Labouchere's motion was rejected by a vote of 105 to 75, and the supplementary estimates were adopted by a vote of 159 to 56.

You may need Pain-Killer at any time in case of accident. Cures cuts, bruises and pains, as well as all bowel complaints. Avoid substitutes; there's only one Pain-Killer—Perry Davis'. 25c. and 50c.

PLEASANT PROSPECT.

Lack of Harmony and Bickerings Over Welcome to Prince Henry.

New York, Jan. 31.—There is lack of harmony and unpreparedness in the arrangements for the reception here of Prince Henry of Prussia, and the launching of the yacht of the German Emperor. Certain box-holders at the Metropolitan opera house have failed to give up their places for the Prince and staff; the aldermen complain that they have been slighted, and the arrangements at Shooters island, where the schooner will be launched, are still incomplete.

LISGAR NOMINATION.

J. M. Toombs Will Be the Conservative Candidate.

Winnipeg, Jan. 31.—(Special)—J. M. Toombs, of Carman, has been selected by the Conservative convention of Lisgar assembled here today as the Conservative standard-bearer in the pending election in Lisgar. About 100 delegates were present, amongst whom were Hon. R. Rogers, George Lawrence, M.P.P., of Killarney, and J. H. Suddell, M.P.P., of Morden. The candidates nominated were J. Ring, Crystal City; Alex. Morrison and J. Toombs, of Carmen. The selection of Mr. Toombs was made unanimous.

Richardson, independent, and Stewart, Liberal, are Mr. Toombs' opponents.

Talks With New Arrivals

Mayor Gordon Speaks of the Conditions in the Inland Capital.

Little Interviews With Other Well-Known Men From Outside Parts.

M. P. Gordon, mayor of Kamloops, came down from the inland capital last night and is spending a few days at the Driard. Mr. Gordon reports considerable growth and a very prosperous year in his young city for 1901, while for 1902 the prospect is a very bright one. During the past few months over $50,000 has been spent there in extensions and improvements to the civic lighting and water plant. A new power house, containing a duplicate plant, is now almost completed, as is also the new bridge across the Thompson river to the west of the town. A Coal hill some splendid development work has been going on, and from prospects, several fine mines have now been proved. During the past week Kamloops has had her yearly taste of Jack Frost's working, the thermometer having gone down once as low as 12 deg. below zero. This is now, however, over, and Kamloops is enjoying its famous fine winter weather, with just cold enough to make good sleighing. Mr. Gordon speaks of the late municipal elections as having been a hard fought fight, although they brought to him the honors of a fourth term as its chief magistrate.

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Capt. J. B. Mackenzie came over from the Mainland in connection with his great transportation work. The genial captain had no further development to report except a change in the routes and time schedules of the steamers. With this morning the steamer Iroquois will go on the run between this city and Crofton, giving a daily service, while the steamer Mystery will replace the Iroquois in her old service.

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Robert Kelly, of the firm of wholesale grocers, Kelly, Douglas & Co., of Vancouver, was in town yesterday attending the sale of the Earle stock. Mr. Kelly, who is also known as the Liberal boss of Vancouver, speaks very enthusiastically of the convention his party is about to hold in Vancouver on the 6th prox. He expects that it will be fully as well and largely attended as was the famous meeting of a similar sort in that city of two years ago, but does not aspire to any prophetic honors respecting the action that the convention may take upon the political questions of the day.

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Amongst the arrivals by last night's Charmer were Messrs. F. M. Cowperthwaite, city superintendent of the public schools of the city of Vancouver, and D. Buchanan, one of the professors of the provincial Normal school, also of that city, both of whom have come down to attend the meeting of the executive committee of the teachers' institute, which will be held this afternoon over at the education office. Mr. Cowperthwaite reports some great advances upon educational lines in his city. An eighth teacher has lately been added to the High school staff there, thereby giving a specialist practically for each branch. Of the High school roll of about 275, there are 14 at present taking up university work in connection with McGill college affiliation, while some 35 more are members of the matriculation class. The sphere, too, of this High school is constantly enlarging, some 42 scholars coming to it from outside points, many of them from considerable distances. At the Normal institute, which is held in the lately completed Lord Roberts school, out near English Bay, there is a class of about 35, under three professors, who are assisted by five model teachers of the civic staff. Additional teachers have also been added to the public school staffs in that city, until they number at present some 82.

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Mr. J. C. Brown, of New Westminster, came over last evening and is staying at the New England. He reports that fine weather now reigns on the Fraser, where the recent cold snap interfered somewhat with the river boat system. The city ferry Surrey, however, got in all her regular trips. Referring to the bridge across the Fraser, Mr. Brown states that some disappointment exists in that city because the tenders for its construction were not difinitely let; but the Royal City people appreciate the action of the government in allowing so important an expenditure being first submitted to the legislature, and have no fears now left but that their long-wished bridge will soon be under way. Of late a good deal of building, particularly of residences of from $2,000 to $4,000 in cost, is going on and marked prosperity is visible in all parts of the city. Municipally, too, things have an healthy aspect. A reduced tariff of electric lighting by the civic plant has led to its introduction into almost everybody's home, so that in building, the wireman is almost as regularly in requisition as the plasterer and the plumber. The City hall, which was completed late last year, is being more appreciated every day, particularly the library, reading and smoking room accommodation. Mr. Brown, who is here on private business, will probably remain several days.

Wireless To Dawson

W. F. Thompson Arrives From North to Interview Marconi's Representative.

And Will Endeavor to Get Wireless Telegraph System In Yukon.

Steamer City of Seattle Arrives With Thirty-Seven Passengers.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Feb. 1.—The steamer City of Seattle arrived tonight with 37 passengers, four being for Vancouver, namely W. F. Thompson, W. Dowrey, S. Farquharson and Mrs. Farquharson.

The most important passenger was Mr. W. F. Thompson, formerly editor of the Yukon Sun. Mr. Thompson sold the Sun on January 1, and is at present on his way to New York to interview Marconi's representatives regarding the feasibility of establishing wireless telegraphy between Ashcroft and Dawson.

Mr. Thompson said to the Colonist correspondent: "If Marconi's representatives report favorably on my suggestion, and I cannot see why wireless telegraphy should not work as well over land as water, I will try and induce them to aid me in establishing a Marconi system between White Horse and Dawson, a distance of 250 miles as the crow flies. In Dawson there are capitalists who will provide ample funds to establish the system by reirs between Ashcroft and Dawson. My backers, however, will not go into a blind speculation. They tell me to prove my theory from White Horse to Dawson, and I can have all the money needed."

Mr. Thompson will also proceed to Ottawa and interview Hon. Mr. Tarte, minister of public works. Mr. Thompson says that Dawson city is with him in his enterprise, and if money and patience is all that is needed to carry out the scheme, it will be carried out.

KILLED WHILE COASTING.

Child in Seattle Run Over and Crushed by Wagon.

Seattle, Feb. 1.—(Special)—Charles Neumann, aged 7 years, was killed while coasting, shortly before 6 o'clock this morning, with William Yerkes, another child. The sleigh ran under a lumber wagon and the rear wheels passed over young Neumann's back. The Yerkes boy escaped death by rolling off the sleigh.

LARGE MINING SALE.

Marble Bay Properties on Texada Island Purchased by Tacoma Syndicate.

Vancouver, Feb. 1.—(Special.)—Marble Bay mines, including all the property owned by J. J. Palmer and the Christie estate on Texada island, have been sold to the Tacoma Smelter & Iron syndicate, composed of Henry Hewett, jr., Tacoma; Col. C. W. Thompson, A. J. Hammond, J. D. McCarthy and W. Bowden. The purchase price is said to be $200,000. The first payment was made to J. J. Palmer yesterday.

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Nanaimo Trustees Want the Province to Publish Them.

Nanaimo, B. C., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the School Board this afternoon the question of school books came up for discussion. It was suggested that the cost might be very much reduced if the government printed such themselves. It was decided to communicate with other school boards in the province with the object of enlisting help in urging the legislature at the approaching session to take some such action.

BOTH WERE POPULAR.

They Quarrelled Over Cards and Now Both Are Dead.

Roanoke, Va., Feb. 1.—Details were received here today of a fatal shooting affray at the mining town of Keystone, W. Va., last night, in which Daniel Harmon and Dr. E. J. Daniels were the participants. The two men were engaged in a game of cards when a dispute arose, and the shooting quickly followed. After the smoke had cleared it was found that Harmon had been shot and instantly killed. Both were popular. Harmon, who leaves a wife and children, recently sold some coal lands by which deal he is said to have cleared up $150,000.

PUGS TO MEET.

Arrangements Being Made For Fight Between Fitzsimmons and Jeffries.

New York, Feb. 1.—James J. Kennedy met Robt. Fitzsimmons here today and offered him terms for a fight with J. J. Jeffries for the championship of the world. These terms suit the Cornishman, and it is assumed that Jeffries also will agree to them, inasmuch as William Delaney, Jeffries' manager, had been sounded by Kennedy as to what his conditions would be should the matter be definitely broached to Fitzsimmons. Kennedy is to have the men fight before a club in San Francisco, in which he is interested. Jeffries will arrive in this city tomorrow.

TO TEST YACHTS.

Michigan Man Makes an Offer to Sir Thomas Lipton.

New York, Feb. 1.—C. W. Post, of Battle Creek, Mich., has submitted a novel proposition to Sir Thomas Lipton, designed to further test the merits of Shamrock II. and Columbia in competition, and to similarly try the yachts challenging for and defending the America's cup. The plan, as outlined in a letter forwarded yesterday to Sir Thomas, provides for an exchange of crews and a race for a cup which Mr. Post offered to donate, to be known as the Yachtsman cup. Mr. Post offered Sir Thomas $10,000 for a charter of Shamrock II.

WANT NEW RIDING.

Grand Forks Board of Trade Favors Separation from Rossland.

Grand Forks, Feb. 1.—The Board of Trade tonight adopted a strong resolution asking the provincial legislature to detach the Boundary district from Rossland riding and to grant parliamentary representation to the Boundary as a separate district.