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COMMISSIONERS TOO FAR APART

Reports on Fisheries Not to Be Presented to Respective Governments

CONFERENCE IS POSTPONED

Disagreement Will Leave Regulations Unchanged for Coming Year

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—That the members of the international fisheries commission appointed under the treaty of April 8, 1908, between Great Britain and the United States, to formulate regulations for the operation of fisheries along the international boundary line from the Atlantic to the Pacific, have disagreed so seriously in the reports they have prepared for submission to the governments of Canada and the United States as to render it inadvisable to present the reports at the present time was learned today. Even the final conference between the commissioners, at which all unfinished details of their work of last summer were to be dealt with, has been postponed indefinitely.

The commissioners are Prof. Prince, of the Canadian department of fisheries, and Dr. David Starr Jordan, of Leland Stanford University, California, an acknowledged expert on fisheries.

According to arrangement the commissioners were to have held their final conference in San Francisco about the middle of the present month, and almost up to the day when Prof. Prince intended to have left for the Pacific coast there was no hint that the meeting would not take place.

About this time the commissioners are reported to have exchanged copies of their recommendations respecting the operation of the fisheries along the thousands of miles of border line between the two countries, and each official found that his report in many important phases was widely at variance with that of the other. Under these circumstances it is said to have been realized that a conference at this time would be barren of results, meeting should be postponed until the month of April, when the departure of the commissioners to the coast to dispose of the most important matters at issue will be that another year will elapse before any drastic changes can be made in the regulations governing the fisheries of either country on seaboard or boundary lakes and rivers.

It is understood that the commissioners will next summer attempt to get together and formulate reports which in the main will agree one with the other. It is said that the principal difference between the commissioners arose in connection with the promulgation of regulations for the lake fisheries, which have for years been the cause of bitter contention.

One effort of the postponement of the final conference will be non-interference with the Pacific coast salmon fisheries during the coming year, which will be the season of the phenomenally large run of fish which takes place every four years.

WILL SHORTEN ROAD

Great Northern Cut-Off Between New Westminster and Blaine to Be Finished Shortly

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—The contractors for the construction of the Great Northern cut-off between New Westminster and Blaine via Boundary bay, have announced to the railway company that they expect to finish the work before the end of the present month, and they are now arranging to turn the road over on January 1.

It was announced today by the Great Northern railway company that as soon as the operating department of the railway has been in charge of the cut-off for a few days and perfected the details incident to its operation it is the intention of the company to run a businessmen's excursion from Vancouver to Blaine. This excursion will probably take place some time about the middle of January following the holiday season, when the business community will have recovered its breath from the Christmas rush period.

Shipment From Royal Mines

Lethbridge, Dec. 24.—The first car of coal was shipped from the Royal mines over the new spur, recently completed. It was billed to Regina, all shipments will now be made over this spur.

Christmas at Sandringham.

London, Dec. 24.—The King and the Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, are spending Christmas at Sandringham with the customary festivities. Sandringham House is gaily decorated, and a gigantic tree, laden with gifts, stands in the ballroom. The King will preside at the family Christmas dinner tomorrow.

Pitiful Tragedy

Chicago, Dec. 24.—While helping his mother trim a Christmas tree last night, Earl Locke, three years of age, playfully picked up an old revolver and said to his mother, "Shoot me, Mother." The mother, unaware that the revolver was loaded, pulled the trigger and shot the child through the heart, killing him instantly. The revolver had been lying about the house for six months, and only one chamber was loaded.

Mr. Hirt's Views

London, Dec. 24.—Mr. Hirst, of the London Economist, who recently returned from Canada, in an article in that paper today advises the English farmer of small capital who decides to farm in Canada to let the Canadians of Ontario and Quebec go west, as farms in Ontario can be had for half the price they fetched thirty years ago. But should he buy the moment he gets out, he is almost certain to be "done." Mr. Hirst adds that the terrible isolation of the western plains which drives so many men and women crazy, and is filling the lunatic asylums is not felt in the settled parts of Ontario.

WOLVERINE CAUGHT

Rare Animal on Vancouver Island Trapped at Horne Lake—Wild Man is Also Seen

Nanaimo, Dec. 24.—William Buss, the well known resident of Qualicum, brought a wolverine to the city yesterday which he caught in a trap at Horse lake. Wolverines are extremely rare on Vancouver Island, and probably the majority of the oldest hunters here would deny that there were such an animal on the island, although they are quite plentiful on the mainland. Mr. Buss is sending the animal to Mr. Kermode, curator of the provincial museum, Victoria. This is the second animal of the kind that has been seen in this district in many years. The wolverine belongs to the cat family, it is a very cunning beast, and when cornered will fight tenaciously for its life. They are the despair of trappers where they are plentiful, being very destructive. The animal is known by the appellation of the "devil" among the French-Canadian trappers.

The most sensational part of Mr. Buss' story of the capture of the wolverine is that he states he saw the famous wild man of Vancouver island near the trap, who fled with amazing rapidity when he approached. Mr. Buss does not treat the wild man story with the levity generally used with this story, but firmly believes in the wild man, and is as firmly convinced that he saw him on this last trip. He describes him in the conventional way of all those who have seen him.

The Wellington Colliery company broke all records yesterday at the Cumberland mines, when over two thousand tons of coal were hoisted from their four mines. The output of number four mine alone was 1,240 tons.

The herring run in the harbor, which has been large for the past two weeks, during which many hundreds of tons of fish have been caught and shipped to many parts of the world, suddenly ceased on Tuesday night, and yesterday but indifferent catches were made, only very small fish in scarce quantities being caught. The fish will probably return in as great numbers as ever at an early date, this darting away being an old characteristic of the fish. The Japanese are very actively engaged in the industry here this year, and are making large shipments daily to the Orient.

PROVINCE GETS MUCH ATTENTION

Hon. R. G. Tatlow Speaks of Interest in it Aroused in Great Britain

SUCCESSFUL ADVERTISING

B. C. Fruit Displays and Picture Shows Take the Eye of the Public

Vancouver, Dec. 26.—Hon. R. G. Tatlow, Minister of Finance and Agriculture, who returned on Thursday night after a ten weeks' trip to the Old Country, brings back the news that British Columbia is so well advertised in Great Britain that it is now one of the best known of the provinces of any of the colonies. He came across a large number of people who are investing here and who are forming companies for investment purposes, and he expects that the demand for fruit lands will be heavy during the coming year.

"My first business when I arrived in London was to change the location of the agent-general's office," Hon. Mr. Tatlow said yesterday. "It used to be situated at the top of a large building fronting on Finsbury Circus, but now it is on the ground floor and in a much more advantageous position. Mr. Turner is kept very busy with inquiries and has many callers who ask concerning the openings in this country and about the land. City people, interested in companies and various enterprises, are also interviewing the agent-general, and several enterprises which will directly affect this province are proposed, but not yet sufficiently far advanced to enable any announcement to be made.

"I spent three weeks in Ireland visiting relatives, and found the conditions in that country to be quite as bad as reported, and in some parts it is quite impossible to conceive that such a state could exist in a civilized country. It looks as if an excitable people were influenced by political agitators.

"I returned to Liverpool about the end of October and met Mr. R. M. Palmer and Mr. Scott, of Salt Spring Island, who came over with the displays of fruit. Arrangements were made for the exhibition of the fruit at the time as required, after which the programme was drawn up for exhibits at the various shows. Among the places where the fruit was exhibited were the Crystal Palace at Sydenham, Liverpool, Chester, Bath, Windsor, Belfast, Howick, Aberdeen, Red Hill, York, Bradford, Islington, etc., at all of which the displays received commendation, and, where prizes were won, medals were awarded.

"In this connection cinematograph pictures were shown of the journey across the Rockies, and illustrating also the lumbering, fruit growing, canning and other industries. Those of us who happened to be in charge gave explanatory addresses. I may say that these were very successful, so much so, that in Birmingham it was necessary to keep two men at the door to hold back the pressure of people. In most places the show was given from three to five times daily. Large quantities of literature were distributed, besides the imparting of direct information to the many interrogators whose interest had been aroused. From the expressions of opinion heard it is very probable that this work will be productive of a good class of immigration in the near future. Mr. Scott has remained over there to give a number of other picture exhibitions and lectures in January. Mr. Palmer should return by the first week in January.

"While in England I replied to several questions as to the truth of the report that Englishmen were not wanted out here, and I had little difficulty in convincing those who spoke to me that there was no such general feeling, and that letters, which referred to this, had been written almost invariably by men who had been disappointed in the country.

"One thing I attempted was to have the Provincial inscribed stock placed on the list of securities available for investment as trustee funds. Great objection exists on the part of the English treasury to widen the scope of that list, more particularly as the Imperial government itself will soon be in the market for a very large amount. Consequently the time was inopportune to press the request.

"A large number of inquiries about Prince Rupert are being made in Great Britain, showing the interest taken in all parts of this province. British Columbia is better known there now than at any previous period, and the outlook for immigration and investment from there is very encouraging.

"While on the other side of the Atlantic I met a number of people well known out here. One of these was Mr. Charles S. Jones, who was formerly with the Bank of British Columbia in Victoria, and who is now identified with the London and Southwestern Bank, and had charge of the banking facilities at the Franco-British exposition last summer. Another was General Strange, who will be remembered by the old-timers as having been sent out here in 1879 to report on the defences of British Columbia. He is now living near Aldershot, where at his request I addressed a meeting, while he exhibited magic lantern slides of various parts of Canada. Captain Hemmel, who came out with General Strange, is now Colonel Sir Reginald Hemmell, commander of the King's Bodyguard. He takes a great interest in Canadian affairs.

"I had the pleasure of spending a couple of days with Mr. A. St. G. Hamersley, who with his family is now living in Oxfordshire. He has received the Unionist nomination and confidently expects to be elected in the constituency of Mid-Oxford.

"In conversation with Lord Strathcona, Canada's High Commissioner in London, inquired after many old-timers he knew in British Columbia. He has a wonderful memory and has followed the careers of his friends and their families. He is now enjoying good health and is getting over the trouble which prevented him from coming out here last autumn."

Hon. Mr. Tatlow was accompanied on the trip by Mrs. Tatlow. On the trip across on the Empress of Britain very rough weather was encountered. The rudder was damaged on one occasion, so that for some time the ship had to be steered by means of the propellers only. Mr. and Mrs. Tatlow spent Christmas with relatives in the city.

Farmers From Manitoba

New Westminster, Dec. 26.—A party of eighteen Manitoba farmers is at present inspecting land at Chilliwack with a view to purchasing. The prairie farmers intend moving to the Coast immediately after Christmas.

Incendiarism at Prince Albert.

Prince Albert, Sask., Dec. 24.—The lumber shed, store and office of William Cowan & Co., lumber manufacturer, were destroyed by fire at 5 a. m. The fire was of incendiary origin. It was discovered in the big shed, filled with shiplap. The firemen did good work in saving the storehouse, the lumber piles adjoining and the sawmill. The loss is about $20,000, covered by insurance. Mr. Cowan is spending Christmas at his old home in Norfolk county, Ontario.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

Action of French Chamber in Reviving Guillotine Due to Increase in Murders

Paris, Dec. 26.—The guillotine, after two years of enforced idleness, is to resume its grim functions in France. The vote of the Chamber of Deputies has definitely settled that important point.

During the period in question the law of capital punishment has been in abeyance, for the President of the Republic, irrespective of public opinion, has commuted every death sentence, sparing, in all, the lives of about 100 assassins. But since the head of the State entered upon his campaign of mercy the number of wilful murders has increased considerably. Juries throughout the country protested against what they described as the misguided clemency of M. Falieres, while the electors urged their parliamentary representatives into activity.

The parliamentary commission which was appointed reported in favor of the maintenance of the death penalty, and by 330 votes against 201, the Chamber decided in favor of the retention of capital punishment.

C. P. R. INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT PLANS

Organization Completed and Work Placed in Charge of F. W. Peters

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—All the details in connection with the creation of the new industrial department by the C. P. R. were completed in the office of the second vice-president this morning.

The department will be under the personal direction of F. W. Peters, who will exercise a general supervision over all the work which may be undertaken in this connection.

The inauguration of this department is regarded as of great importance in the upbuilding of the towns and cities of the west, and the increase of the general prosperity of the country. Information will be supplied to all classes of people who desire to locate in the country, whether for the purpose of manufacture or trade.

The co-operation of boards of trade in all parts of the country will be sought, and towns and cities which believe that there are facilities at their command for the profitable operation of industrial institutions will have the fullest support of the Canadian Pacific in the endeavor to secure the location of such plants. Much work in this direction has been done by the C. P. R. in the past, and it is now proposed to carry this work on in a systematic and thorough manner.

Returned to Capital.

Montreal, Dec. 24.—Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Countess Grey, with Lady Evelyn Grey, returned to Ottawa this afternoon by special train.

Strengthen German Bulwarks

Hamburg, Dec. 26.—The German admiralty is inviting tenders from Hamburg coal importers for the delivery of 700,000 tons of English and Scottish bunker coal. In accordance with the Kaiser's orders the garrison at Emden is being strengthened by artillery. The system of mines on the whole north sea coast has just undergone stringent inspection, and has been strengthened and improved.

Would Aid Servia

St. Petersburg, Dec. 25.—Since the beginning of the Balkan crisis and the rumor of an Austro-Servian war, crowds of Russians have volunteered for service in the Servian army. Even prominent political leaders such as M. Stachovitch and M. Pogodin have enlisted. When the Servian crown prince and his special delegation arrived here the number of volunteers increased considerably, and the Servian legation was literally besieged. It is alleged that about 15,000 volunteers have enlisted.

Ruef's Sentence Delayed.

San Francisco, Dec. 24.—The passing of sentence upon Ruef was today continued by Superior Judge Lawlor until next Tuesday morning. The postponement was granted so that the prosecution might reply to the numerous motions and affidavits submitted by the defence. The day was the third continuance since Dec. 10, when Ruef was pronounced guilty by a jury. The motion for a new trial was based upon affidavits making grave charges against individual members of the jury which convicted the defendant.

REVISERS OF TARIFF WILL WORK STEADILY

Chances of Large Interests Taking Fight for Duties to Senate

Washington, Dec. 24.—The tariff framers met again today to continue the work of preparing a tariff bill to be presented to congress at the special session to be called in March.

While protection to industries which must compete with cheap labor abroad will be the keynote of the revised tariff, much consideration will be given to the questions of raising sufficient revenues for the government. The subcommittee of the house ways and means committee is wasting no time in drawing up the new bill, and it will resume its programme of daily meetings on Monday.

The matter of revenues involves more difficult problems than the protective or other phases of the tariff revision question. It is claimed by some that the government has been deprived of millions of dollars of revenue during the operation of the Dingley tariff because of the numerous changes made in the bill after it passed the house of representatives. The changes were made principally in the wording of the rates of duty.

It is freely said that numerous large interests which will be affected by the new tariff law as it will be reported to the house, will make a strong fight when the bill reaches the senate as it comes from the house. It is even said that Mr. Taft will veto the bill if the senate asks too many changes tending to increase the rates of duty.

LEADS TO BATTLE

Striking Miners Fight U. S. Marshals, Who Try to Enforce Court Restraining Order

Danville, Ky., Dec. 26.—A battle between striking miners and five United States marshals took place at Stearns, a coal mining town, sixty miles south of here, early yesterday, and resulted in the death of two men and the wounding of several others.

The dead: John Mullins, United States marshal, Richmond, Ky.; Richard Ross, miner. The wounded: Marshal Tate, Somerset, Ky.; Marshal Ryan, Somerset, Ky. Several of the miners were also wounded.

The trouble arose over the refusal of the strike promoters to obey a temporary restraining order issued by Judge A. M. J. Cochrane, at Covington, Ky., several days ago.

Marshals Siler, Ryan, Henry Wadell, Messingale and Tate, of Somerset, Ky., and Marshal Mullins, of Richmond, went to Stearns, found the strikers barricaded in a hotel, and were fired upon. Then ensued the fight during which Mullins was killed and several of the miners wounded. The hotel was then burned and the miners fled. Marshal Ryan got separated from the others, and it is feared he was killed. A posse went to Stearns and it is feared further trouble will follow.

Subjects for Matriculation

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Grammar and arithmetic in future will be included in the list of subjects to be taken by students at the matriculation examinations for Ontario universities, according to a decision reached yesterday at a conference of representatives of provincial universities.

BANK PAYMENTS TO COUNCILMEN

Gave at Least $176,000 for Privilege of Handling Funds of Pittsburg

MORE ARRESTS PROBABLE

Voters' League is Assured of Plenty of Financial Backing

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 24.—That at least $176,000 was paid councilmen for the selection of certain banks as depositories for the city's funds has been almost positively established by evidence submitted and statements furnished by the Voters' league and the Scranton, Pa., detectives employed by the league to give this city a municipal housecleaning.

Whether all of the banks selected as depositories contributed to this fund has not been established. Officials of but one bank have so far been arrested, and they are charged with the payment of $17,500 of the alleged bribery fund. That other bankers are to be arrested is almost positively stated by those back of the investigation.

Mayor Guthrie, who refused to make contracts with the banks as authorized by the council, on the ground that they were illegal, said tonight that the selection of the depositories is void because obtained by bribery and fraud, and that the council can set them aside without the formality of court proceedings. The period for which the depositories were selected will expire early in February.

That other arrests are to be made is practically admitted by all concerned in the case, but the present intention is to let the matter rest until after Christmas. Detectives are still at work, however, and if developments make it necessary, officers will close upon the suspects before the time now fixed by the league.

The Voters' league has been assured of the financial backing needed, it was stated by Vice-President H. B. English tonight that the league depends wholly upon voluntary contributions. Mr. English said any sum up to $100,000 can be secured anytime it is needed, without effort, proffers having been made by the leading men of the city.

Big Timber Purchase

Bellingham, Dec. 26.—The Whatcom Falls Mill company has purchased 50,000,000 feet of timber on Stillaguamish river, Snohomish county, for $100,000 from the Arlington Shingle company. A logging camp is to be established immediately.

THE NOEL SUCCESSION

General Sir Neville Lyttelton Becomes Owner of Extensive Estates

London, Dec. 23—By the death of Mr. Charles Perrott Noel, General Sir Neville Lyttelton becomes the owner of extensive estates adjoining the Lyttelton property at Hagley.

The deceased, who was 78 years of age, lived at Bell Hall, Belbroughton, near Stourbridge, and was the last male representative of the elder branch of the Noel family, at the head of another branch of which is Lord Gainsborough.

The common ancestor of the family was Noel, who, with his wife Celestria, came over with William the Conqueror. On the occasion of his golden wedding, two years ago, Mr. Noel announced that, having no children, he and his wife had decided to make General Sir Neville Lyttelton their heir.

There is something peculiarly appropriate in the choice of a Lyttelton to succeed a Noel, for a Noel and a Lyttelton fought side by side in the days of Cromwell, and both families are among the oldest in Worcestershire.

A few years previously Mr. Noel chose as his heir Major Vernon, son of the Honorable Foley Vernon, of Hanbury Hall, near Droitwich. The major fought in the Boer war, and soon after his return to England was killed while playing polo.

Three years later Mr. Noel made another will leaving his property to General Lyttelton. At his golden wedding celebration, in thanking his tenants for a gift of a silver loving cup, he formally announced that he would be succeeded as landlord and squire of the district by General Lyttelton.

Asked at that time by a press representative why he had selected the general as his heir, Mr. Noel said: "It is no use thinking that I am going to live forever, and some day I must die, and so I looked about for an heir. I could not bear to think of this property being sold. I see no romance in my action. I could not do better than choose a family in which there are young men, so I decided upon Sir Neville Lyttelton, whose father's place adjoins my own. The announcement was, of course, no surprise to Sir Neville, and I know that he will, after my death, carry on the estate according to the best tradition of the Noel family."

Wrongly Reported Dead

Guelph, Ont., Dec. 24.—Eighteen years ago next June, the report appeared in the papers of this province of the death of Corporal Morgan, of the Northwest Mounted police, who had previously left for England and had, after leaving New York, been found dead in his berth. Corporal Morgan was well known here. To the surprise of his friends, however, Corporal Morgan has returned here. The mistake occurred over the death of another man of the same name on board ship.

President's Hunting

Washington, Dec. 24.—President Roosevelt will make a special effort in his African hunting trip to shoot two white rhinoceroses, about the scarcest animal in all Africa. The national museum in Washington is especially anxious for one of these, and if the president gets another specimen, he will give it to the British national museum. The president will not end his journey until he has got two elephants. The advice recently given him that he will get no elephants on the route he has decided to take has caused him to determine to go as far into the interior of Africa as is necessary to get elephants.

Senator Bernier Dying.

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—Senator Bernier, of St. Boniface, was stricken down with paralysis today while in the city and is dying.

Grand Trunk Earnings

Montreal, Dec. 24.—Traffic earnings of the Grand Trunk railway for the week ending Dec. 21, show a decrease of $87,245, compared with the same week a year ago.

Gift From Pope Pius

Boston, Dec. 24.—Archbishop Wm. O'Connell received a gold timepiece as a Christmas gift from Pope Pius X today. It came by special messenger, and was enclosed in a case magnificently carved. Both the watch and case bear the papal coat of arms.

Aiding London's Unemployed.

London, Dec. 26.—The Queen, it is announced, at a meeting of the Central Unemployed Body for London, has recognized the useful work done through the agency of the women's workrooms by purchasing a quantity of goods from each workroom. A sale has also been held at the Mansion House. Forty thousand unemployed have registered at the London office and work has been found for only 3,300.

More Tennessee Outlawry

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 24.—On an indictment from the court of Humphrey county, six men were brought to this city and are in jail today, charged with whitecapping and Ku-Klux outrages. The order for their arrest was signed by the clerk of the Humphrey county circuit court. Besides these six, fourteen more men were arrested yesterday in Humphrey county charged with the same offences. These fourteen are held in the jail at Waverley. Little is known of the alleged crimes of the men and their arrest is surrounded in mystery.

Washington, Dec. 24.—If one can drop a penny in a vending machine and obtain a piece of chewing gum or a handful of peanuts, why not be able to drop in a coin and get a postage stamp? That is just what the United States postoffice department wants to make a popular feature of its service, and an order today makes the announcement that the department is now prepared to issue limited quantities of postage stamps in rolls of 500 or 1,000 for use in stamp-vending and stamp affixing machines. Postmasters desiring to try the new proposition are requested to make requisition to the department.

DR. W. J. M'GUIGAN DIES IN VANCOUVER

Old and Prominent Resident, Who Held Various Public Offices

Vancouver, Dec. 26.—Dr. William Joseph McGuigan, city coroner, died yesterday in St. Paul's hospital at the age of 55.

Dr. McGuigan was born on August 17th, 1853, in the township of Easthope, Ontario, within a couple of miles of the town of Stratford. After spending the usual number of years on the "farm," he afterwards attended the county school, where he received the usual country school education. Later he attended the Stratford Collegiate Institute, taking the qualifying certificate for teacher's work, and returned to the neighborhood of his early home days to teach the young idea how to shoot.

He continued in this course for three years, after which he went to McGill University in Montreal and studied medicine graduating with high honors at the end of five years in 1879. After his graduation he practised his profession in Detroit, Mich., for a period and at the conclusion of that term removed to London, Ont., where he still carried on his profession.

In 1885, at the solicitation of his brother, T. F. McGuigan, for many years city clerk of Vancouver and now alderman for Ward III, he came to British Columbia and was employed as medical superintendent for the C.P.R. on construction work within the limits of the Province.

After the completion of the C.P.R. Dr. McGuigan came to Vancouver and entered upon a career of professional and civic activity which has made his fame as one of the pioneers of the city. He was accompanied here by his brother, Ald. T. F. McGuigan, and J. J. Blake, at one time city solicitor. He was appointed the first coroner for the then town of Vancouver, a commission which he held continuously since.

Dr. McGuigan was an alderman in the city council for a continuous period of seven years, after which he became Mayor, and occupied the Chief Magistracy of the city in 1904.

Deceased was a member of the Board of the Medical Association for British Columbia, and its treasurer for 20 years. He went to San Francisco in 1902 to confer with the medical authorities of that city on the best methods for the exclusion of the bubonic plague from Pacific coast cities.

While nominally a Roman Catholic, he was broad and tolerant in his religious ideals and when appealed to for charity and philanthropic help never made any distinction between the members of any religious denomination, or even non-members.

His fatal illness which terminated in his death yesterday morning seized he has been incapacitated and has re- he has been incapacitated and has required constant attendance.

Spokane, Dec. 26.—The Great Northern has started condemnation proceedings for a right of way for a tunnel through Greenwood cemetery to connect with the S. P. & S. in the western part of the city. For some time the company and the cemetery association have been negotiating but no satisfactory conclusion could be reached. Col. W. M. Ridpath, of the cemetery association, has been in Seattle for several days in an effort to adjust the matter with the railroad company.

MURDER PLANS OF NIGHT RIDERS

Number of Prominent Men Were Marked for Killing By the Savages

JUDGE HARRIS' FORTRESS

Boys Found Wearing Black Masks and Imitating Gang in Their Play

Union City, Tenn, Dec. 24.—The state today, in offering more evidence against the night riders, summoned Thomas H. Cloar as its first witness. Thos. H. Cloar is no relation to the defendant, Arthur Cloar.

Thomas H. Cloar was induced to join the night riders by Arthur Cloar early in October. The witness was cool but careful, for last Sunday a friend of one of them on trial told him that if he testified he would be killed before he left the stand.

On the night of Capt. Rankin's murder, Cloar went to Reelfoot Lake for fish, and met Bob Huffman and Bud Morris, two of the defendants. Huffman told him they had wanted him to join to get information as to how Union City was guarded, for they wanted to visit that place and "attend to" Judge Jones, Attorney General Caldwell, the latter's father, a man 80 years old, Judge Waddell, and a number of other prominent men who were urging the extermination of the night riders' band.

The witness was told that the night riders were going to "get" Rankin and Taylor that night, and he was urged to go with them. He told them he had no gun, that his child was ill and that he could not go. Prior to this he had burned his mask and told his wife he would never go with the riders again. He was not present when Rankin was killed. He talked with Arthur Cloar, the defendant, a few days after the killing. The latter told the witness all the details of the murder, and said that he, Arthur Cloar, was present when it was committed. A severe cross-examination failed to confuse the witness.

During a recess today Judge Jones noticed a number of small boys in the court room and ordered them to retire. This was due to an incident that the court noticed last night. A number of boys had secured black masks, and were playing "night riders." They have been constant attendants at the trial and the court did not consider the effect good for their youthful minds.

W. A. Robertson, a Reelfoot man, testified that he was solicited by Arthur Cloar to join the night riders. He refused, whereupon Cloar told him the "riders" proposed to "get" Judge Harris, whip him and cut his head off. The night riders were never able to get Harris, who was one of the owners of the West Tennessee Land company, because he was well guarded at all times. His home at Tiptonville is a veritable fortress. The grounds and approaches to it are electrically mined, and it could stand a siege of weeks. Whether this was known to the night riders is not definitely known, but they never attempted to raid the Harris home.

OXFORD AND THE PEOPLE

Movement Now on Foot To Broaden Sphere of University

London, Dec. 25.—Two of the most important questions in the future of Oxford University are about to be answered, experimentally at least. The questions are:

How can the university be brought to the workpeople?

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The committee which has been considering these questions, and is now preparing its report on them, consists of seven representatives of the university, appointed by the vice-chancellor, and seven representatives nominated by the executive of the Workers Educational Association.

Briefly, the suggestions of the committee in their report will be as follows:

Tutorial classes to be formed in selected centres, to give workers a two years course, with a special certificate from the University Extension Delegacy for work, attendance, and proficiency at the end.

Duly qualified students from these classes to be given exhibitions by the various colleges to continue their studies for a diploma, as distinct from a degree course.

The colleges, it is hoped, will provide these exhibitions, for they have large incomes, whereas the university as a whole has little.

TO KEEP WITHIN LAW

New York Life Insurance Company Stops Writing Off New Policies For the Present Year

New York, Dec. 24.—In order that it may be certain not to exceed the limitations of new business prescribed by the new insurance laws of this state, the New York Life Insurance company announced today that it would write no more policies, the insurance under which can be consummated in the present year. An official statement issued by the company declares that this step is necessary in view of the large amount of business that already has been written. The statement as given out by the company says: "The New York Life Insurance company has today refused to write any more policies the insurance under which can be consummated in the year 1908. The company has already in the year 1908 received the first year's premiums on so large an amount of insurance, and has in addition so much insurance outstanding in the hands of agents all over the world, as to make this step necessary in order to be certain not to exceed in the year 1908 the limitation of new business prescribed by section 96 of the insurance law."