State Ball At Ottawa

The Final Function by Their Excellencies Attended by Hundreds.

Knighthood Conferred on George Drummond by Special Warrant of King.

Fitzpatrick Takes Railway Commission and Aylesworth Minister of Justice.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Nov. 7.—Over a thousand people attended the final state ball given by Their Excellencies at Government House tonight. People were present from all important centres of Canada. The consular corps here were in full force, including representatives of the United States, Russia, Germany, the Netherlands, France and Denmark. Additional interest was imparted to the gathering by reason of the knighting of Sir George A. Drummond by His Excellency, under a special warrant from His Majesty; also by special command of His Majesty the decorations of Companions of the Imperial Service Order were conferred on Mr. David Pottinger, manager of government railways, and Mr. A. A. Boucher, assistant clerk of the Senate.

The report is current that Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick will be chairman of the railway commission in place of Mr. Blair. In that case Mr. Aylesworth will become minister of justice.

Premier Laurier was in his office this morning. At half-past twelve he left for Rideau Hall to make a friendly call on His Excellency. The Premier was besieged with visitors, many on business, and all to congratulate the prime minister on his victory. Sir Wilfrid granted a brief intereview to the press representatives. He says he has not yet reached a decision as to whether he will sit for Wright county or Quebec East, which he has represented for twenty-six years. Both constituencies want him and are bringing much pressure to bear which makes a decision all the more difficult. Sir Wilfrid joins in the general sympathy felt for Mr. Borden in his defeat in Halifax. He would be pleased to see the opposition leader elected somewhere by acclamation. The Premier says Mr. Aylesworth has a choice of two constituencies in Quebec. It is probable he will take Gaspe, which is now held by Lemieux.

Several ministers have returned to the city. The first cabinet meeting since the elections takes place Wednesday, when the contract for the national museum probably will be awarded.

It is definitely announced that Sir Wilfrid Laurier will go south for a holiday before the meeting of parliament.

Trade reports from Australia and South Africa were received today. Mr. Ross, agent at Melbourne, complains of the inferior quality of Canadian rubber shoes. A Melbourne house with large connections, wants to get into communication with a Canadian paper mill.

Czar's Weakness Blamed For War

Misfortunes to Russian Arms Due to Unpreparedness Owing to Emperor.

High Official Unburdens Himself Over His Country's Woes.

London, Nov. 7.—The Publishers' Press correspondent today had an interesting conversation with a high Russian military officer, who expressed himself frankly on matters pertaining to Russian's present position. His state of health compelled him to leave his post at the front some weeks ago. His regiment, recruited in the Caucasus, has, out of 2,500 men, only 380 left. It participated in the awful struggle before Liaoyang. It was a great mistake, he said, to blame the tragedy of the Far East on Vice Admiral Alexieff.

"This erroneous impression," he said, "seems to prevail throughout all Europe. Alexieff is not a brilliant man, but he is a thoroughly competent administrator. The blame for unpreparedness lies higher up. It is not a pleasure for a loyal Russian to make the admission, but we who know the true state of affairs have long ago become convinced that the blame rests solely upon the Czar.

"Alexieff repeatedly warned him, in fact, that unless his Far Eastern policy was modified it would precipitate war. For six months before the outbreak of hostilities our then minister at Tokio, Baron von Rosen, sent weekly reports of Japanese preparations, and in the strongest language forecast the crisis. I understand from the best authority that the Czar met every one of these reports with remarks of incredulity. 'I will not permit war,' he said. 'It is simply out of the question and your fears are childish.' These reports will enable future historians to place the blame.

"In this way it came about that our fleet was not ready, that Port Arthur was not adequately protected, and that our army consisted of half-trained men and it was not sufficient in numbers."

"And what will the future bring?"

"The future will bring victory. We have learned a bitter lesson and we will make use of our experiences. We shall throw an army into Manchuria which will crush the Japanese."

PANIC ON A STREETCAR.

Passengers in San Francisco Frightened When Fuse Blows Out.

San Francisco, Nov. 8.—In attempting to start a heavily laden electric car on the Devisadero line today the motorman threw on the controller too quickly, and the fuse blew out with such force that the passengers were thrown into a panic and many were badly hurt.

AN EXPENSIVE WAR.

Operations in Southwest Africa Have Cost $20,000,000.

Berlin, Nov. 8.—According to official figures received by the foreign office, the Southwest African war has so far cost Germany about $20,000,000, and although it is believed that the Herrero uprising is nearing its end, the struggle with the Witbois is as bitter as ever. Fears are expressed in Berlin that the bellious movements in other parts of the colony, and it is understood that additional troops will be sent to the seat of war before winter.

MADAME REJANE'S TOUR.

New York, Nov. 7.—Madame Gabrielle Rejane, the famous French actress, began a twelve weeks' tour of the United States at the Lyric theatre tonight, appearing in "Amoureuse" and "Lolotte." A large audience greeted her return to America after an absence of ten years.

ENGINEERS RETURN TO WORK.

La Salle, Ill., Nov. 7.—The hoisting engineers' union in Illinois is a thing of the past. All the coal mines in this district resumed operations today as if there had been no strike. The old engineers have returned to work and have joined the miners' union.

VICEROY ALEXIEFF ARRIVES.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 7.—Viceroy Alexieff arrived in St. Petersburg Friday. There is renewed talk that he may be transferred as viceroy to the Caucasus on account of the situation there. Besides the mobilizations of the Plock and Czestocnowa rifle brigades, the mobilization of the other brigades stationed at Chemerinka, Odessa and Suwalki is proceeding.

SALE OF WINNIPEG.

Boundary Property May Be Disposed of to Settle Claims Against Company.

Phoenix, B. C., Nov. 7.—About a year ago the Winnipeg mine was closed when the Bank of Montreal began suit on a note. Liens for labor and supplies, totalling about $4,800, were at once filed and placed in judgment against the property, the bank's claim to come in after these were satisfied. The property was put up for sale with an upset price of $4,500, but there were no bidders. It is understood that it will be offered for sale again shortly. It is located in Wellington camp, about three miles east of Phoenix.

Unprecedented Exportations

Puget Sound Busier With Shipping Than Ever Before in Its History.

Big Liner Minnesota Will Relieve Freight Pressure With Record Cargo Out.

According to the Puget Sound press shipping business in that quarter has never been so good since those waters began to be frequented by the ships of all nations. At present there are loading twenty vessels representing a vast aggregate tonnage. The cargoes being taken aboard consist of grain, lumber, iron manufactures, salmon and other fish, all sorts of industrial products and produce of the soil of every kind. They are destined for many parts of the world, but mainly for the Asiatic side of the Pacific.

The war between Japan and Russia has been in the nature of a godsend to the Puget sound shippers, and causes such as were not dreamt of some years ago have been going out of the Sound ports steadily throughout the present year. It was feared some time ago that the leviathans of the new Hill line would find it difficult to get full cargoes to take across the Pacific. Now the talk is all the other way, and the puzzle is to know where all the vast accumulations of freight are to be stowed even in the capacious hold of the Minnesota. It is considered certain that the Minnesota on her first trip across from Seattle to the Orient will easily break all records for cargo by several thousands of tons. She is expected to make her first trip in December, and will probably bring back the record eastbound cargo.

The freight sheds of Seattle and Tacoma are filled to overflowing with the rapid accumulations from the inland districts, and as soon as one mammoth freighter sails with from ten thousand to sixteen thousand tons of the stuff, the sheds are filled up again. In the history of American railroading there Mr. has never been such a conveyance of freight from all points east to those two western ports. All the railways are busy night and day transporting products of every sort, and were it not for the steady arrival of those enormous freight vessels which can take several freight train loads as cargo, there would certainly be a serious jam at the exporting ports.

The Minnesota will very likely take away enough to clean up most of the freight that will then be waiting at Seattle and Tacoma, and so relieve the pressure. As the leading shippers say, these are only the beginnings of the vast trade which will be developed between Canada, the United States and the teeming populations of Eastern Asia. Within a few years, they say, its magnitude will dwarf, by comparison, the Atlantic traffic.

LUMBER FOR CHILE.

Tacoma, Nov. 7.—The American ship St. Francis, commanded by Captain T. Murray, has secured her crew and will tow to sea this morning. She has a cargo of about 1,400,000 feet of lumber loaded from the St. Paul mills, and is bound for Antofogasta.

SHIPPING ENGAGEMENTS.

Ships in Local Waters Which Are Chartered to Load.

Port Townsend, Nov. 7.—The bark Albert, Captain Turner, arrived in port yesterday in tow of the tug Pioneer, after a voyage of 22 days from Lahaina. She will load a return cargo of lumber at Port Gamble from the Puget Mill Company. The British bark Ancona, commanded by Captain Robbins, which has been lying in Royal Roads awaiting orders since her arrival from Callao about the middle of October, is expected to arrive tonight, and will proceed up Sound to load immediately upon passing quarantine. The British ship Crown of Germany is also expected over in a few days and will load a cargo of lumber at Bellingham for Melbourne.

WITH A MILLION FEET.

Port Hadlock, Nov. 7.—The schooner Admiral, Captain Sjo, has finished loading her lumber cargo from the Washington Mill Company here and will go to sea tonight. She has a load of about 1,000,000 feet, consigned to San Diego.

FREED FROM LIBEL.

British Ship Celtic Monarch Not to Blame for Collision.

That no blame attaches to the ship Celtic Monarch on account of the collision between the tug Sea Lion, which had her in tow, and the steamship Mainlander, on October 27th, is the decision handed down by Judge Hanford yesterday in the United States district court, says the Post-Intelligencer. The Celtic Monarch was by the decision discharged from the libel that the Pacific Coast Company, owner of the Mainlander, filed against her. The Pacific Coast Company immediately filed notice of appeal, and the Celtic Monarch came back by filing a libel against the Sea Lion for demurrage in the sum of $6000. The Sea Lion is now between two fires, as the Pacific Coast Company also has libeled her.

In filing the libel against the Sea Lion the owner of the Celtic Monarch states that she has a cargo on board composed of wheat, valued at $110,000. The ship company alleges it is costing $120 per day for demurrage, and as far as can be ascertained, the amount sued for is an exact a loss as can be determined at this time.

THE NORTH SEA AFFAIR.

London, Nov. 7.—Colonial Secretary Lyttleton, in a speech at Leamington tonight, said there was an excellent reason for the hope of the almost immediate agreement by Russia to all of Great Britain's demands in connection with the North Sea affair.

KOOTENAY PIONEER.

W. Kirkup Found Dead in a Revelstoke Hotel.

W. Kirkup, one of the pioneers of Revelstoke, was found dead in bed at the Oriental hotel on Wednesday, the cause being heart failure, says the Revelstoke Mail. An inquest was held by Dr. Cross, district coroner, when the medical evidence showed deceased had been in bad health for some time. He resided here since 1886, and took an active part in the development of the Big Bend, having organized the French Creek and other companies. He had in hand another deal on the French Creek Hydraulic and came here to perfect the title when he died. The jury consisted of pioneers of Revelstoke: Messrs. F. Fraser (foreman), R. Howson, H. N. Coursier, A. E. Kincaid, F. McCarty, J. Abrahamson. A verdict of death from natural causes was returned. Deceased had a brother, J. Kirkup, government agent at Rossland.

MURDER AT TANANA.

Mutilated Body Found in a Burned Cabin Near Fairbanks.

Dawson, Nov. 7.—Through the finding of the remains of Jacob Jackson in the ashes of his burned cabin near Fairbanks, the first murder in the Tanana camp and one of the most fiendish that has ever been perpetrated in the Alaskan country, has been unearthed. News of the crime has just been received here. From the advices received it would appear as if the partner of Jackson, whose name has not yet been ascertained, committed the act. He has disappeared. Jackson was supposed to have had a large amount of money and the motive was evidently that of robbery. While the body was almost cremated, the bones of the head show that a murder was committed. It is evident that the murderer struck Jackson with an axe, as the skull is cut entirely through to the brain. From the position in which the bones of the unfortunate man were found it would appear as if the murderer threw the dead body of the man in one corner of the cabin and then deliberately piled inflammable materials over it and set them ground.

ENCKE'S COMET SEEN.

Barely Visible at Washington and Is Diminishing Rapidly.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 7.—Encke's comet was seen at the United States naval observatory Sunday morning and again tonight. Its radiance, however, is so feeble that as yet the comet is barely visible in the telescope as a patch of light and several days perhaps will elapse before accurate observations can be made of its position which, however, follows quite clearly the path predicted for the return of the comet. Its distance from the earth and the sun is rapidly diminishing while the apparent motion among the stars is so rapid as to be perceptible in the field of the telescope during an hour's time.

Rich Copper Deposit Struck

Ironclad Claim, Bald Mountain Vancouver Island, Yields Some Likely Stuff.

Believed That Ore Body Will Be of Very Considerable Dimensions.

William Battershill, a practical miner, who has been working the Ironclad claim on Bald mountain, across the range from the Mount Sicker group for Mr. Beaven, formerly of Duncan's but now resident of Crofton, called at the Colonist office yesterday afternoon with a sample of copper ore taken from twenty feet below the surface on the claim. The stuff is high grade and presents an appearance to make a mining man's mouth water. It strongly resembles the famous Tyee ore from the richest leads of that well-known mine.

Mr. Battershill says that ore was struck in the Ironclad seven or eight feet down, but that a "horse" of very hard rock covers the real lead. After this is blasted out and the vein exposed he says he believes Vancouver island will hear news of another big mineral property. The sample, as noted, was taken out at twenty feet, where the vein begins to widen after leaving the layer of hard rock which overlies the vein. There is lots of back work in the neighborhood of the vein, and this is always a good sign.

It is believed the ore body below the rock is of considerable proportions, and that the owner of the mine has a bonanza. Active work on the claim will be pushed. Mr. Battershill has been working the claim himself, but the prospects seem to warrant more extensive operations, and it is altogether probable that Mr Beaven will order a strong force to undertake the work immediately. Should the expectation of the miner and owner turn out to be correct it is probable that another fine mineral property will be added to the Vancouver island producers this season.

The sample brought to town by Mr. Battershill was shown to several mining men and all declared it was the right stuff, if there is only enough of it. The Bald mountain region has long been looked upon as a most likely spot in which to find another Tyee mine, and Mr. Battershill seems to think that something very like that exceedingly interesting proposition has now been unearthed. Should such be the case there is no doubt that island mining will see considerable activity during the present winter.

The specimen of the ore from Bald Mountain can be seen by anyone calling at the Colonist office. It is on the counter in the front office.

GREAT LOSS AMONG RUSSIAN OFFICERS

Thirteen Hundred Casualties About Mukden and Reserves Called Out.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 7.—The necessity for officers for service at the front has resulted in the mobilization of all reserve officers in St. Petersburg, Vilna, Warsaw, Kieff, Odessa, Moscow, Kazan and the Caucasus. The loss of officers at Liaoyang and below Mukden was about 1,300. The mobilization, while intended to supply the deficiency is also necessary on account of the grand scale on which the war in the Far East is to be prosecuted.

The news from the front indicates that General Kuropatkin is giving his attention chiefly to keeping the Japanese busy along the line of fortifications below the Shakhe river.

ROOSEVELT'S INVITATION.

Constantinople, Nov. 8.—The American charge d'affaires today communicated to the Porte President Roosevelt's invitation to the peace conference. An answer was promised shortly.

CHINESE RIOTERS.

Shanghai, Nov. 8.—Several thousand rioters entered Kaifung, the capital of the province of Honan, 205 miles north of Hankow, and destroyed ten telegraph wires. The rioters were well armed and serious trouble is feared.

Both Sides Confident

Presidential Campaign Ended and the Two Parties are Equally Sure.

Large Army Detailed to Watch for Illegal Voters in the Metropolis.

Millions of Dollars Wagered on Results by Enthusiasts in New York.

Washington, Nov. 7.—A few hours before the balloting in the Presidential contest finds the national capital practically deserted by qualified electors. From every department of the government hundreds of officials and clerks have gone home to vote.

Only two members of the Cabinet, Secretary Hay and Secretary Morton, are in the city tonight. On account of his health, Secretary Hay felt that he ought not to make the trip to Ohio at this time and Secretary Morton is detained here by important business in the navy department.

Arrangements have been completed for the President's trip to Oyster Bay, where he goes to cast his vote. A special car for the accommodation of the President and his party will be attached to the Pennsylvania railroad train which leaves here for New York at 12:30 a. m. Mr. Roosevelt will be accompanied by Secretary Loeb and several White House attaches who will also vote at Oyster Bay. The President will remain at Oyster Bay only long enough to cast his ballot, returning to New York in time to catch the 1:14 train for Washington.

The party is scheduled to arrive here at 6:16 o'clock.

Returns from the election will be received by the President at the White House.

At the headquarters of both parties tonight the utmost confidence is expressed. Betting on the result has been heavier in Washington than ever before. The odds on the general result are 5 to 1 in favor of Roosevelt and Fairbanks but many wagers have been made at shorter odds. The interest of the betters centres on New York. Odds of two to one have been offered that Roosevelt would carry the state and they have been accepted. Many wagers have been recorded also on the result in Maryland and West Virginia, but Republican money is as scarce on the former state as Democratic money is on the latter.

The betting on the Presidential result was livelier today than at any other time during the campaign. It is estimated that nearly $200,000 were wagered on the Broad Street curb and in the various hotels. The ruling odds were 6 to 1 on Roosevelt on the general result, 2 to 1 that Roosevelt will carry New York state and 2 to 1 that Herrick will defeat Higgings for the Governorship. One bet on the President was of $5,000 to $800. One man offered $50,000 or any part of it at odds of 5 to 1 on Roosevelt without takers.

The heaviest stake bet was $12,000 to $8,500 on Herrick. Another bet on Herrick was $5,000 to $6,000. A Wall street house offered to bet $50,000 even that Roosevelt will carry New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Indiana and West Virginia, but there were no takers. One better placed $6,000 against $6,000 that Parker will carry New York state.

A Wall street firm put up $2,000 at odds of 2 to 1 that the President will carry New York and announced that it had $10,000 to place at the same odds. On national and state issues it is estimated that $2,000,000 has been wagered in New York city.

New York, Nov. 7.—Election eve finds both parties claiming the state. Today the leaders took the last estimates of their committeemen and then each side put forth its declaration, the Democrats pinning their faith to a statement by Charles Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, that the vote for Parker in the Greater New York would be the greatest ever given a Democratic candidate; while the Republican view was expressed by Governor O'Dell, who said Parker's plurality in the city would have to be more than 140,000 if he was to carry the state. Forty years ago Coler, the Democratic candidate for governor, had 122,600 plurality over O'Dell in the city, but was defeated, O'Dell having 130,800 plurality in the rest of the state.

The feature of the election in this city promises to be the remarkably close watching of the polls. The plans to prevent illegal voting have been made on a scale that is far ahead of all former efforts. In addition to the party watchers and the city's 8,000 policemen, everyone of which will be on election duty, Superintendent Morgan, of the state election bureau for the metropolitan district, will have more than 1,000 detectives at work to prevent the casting of ballots by those not entitled to vote, and a force of 100 secret service men will watch for foreign-born men who may present fraudulent naturalization papers.

With a good weather promised, tonight's indications are that the vote cast tomorrow will be the heaviest ever known in New York city, and perhaps, throughout the state.

Boston, Nov. 7.—The final word of the campaign was spoken tonight to voters throughout Massachusetts, who tomorrow will ballot for presidential electors, state officers, members of congress in the fourteen districts, members of the state house of representatives and senate and county officers. It is upon the vote for governor and upon the choice of congressmen that the claims of the Republicans and Democrats conflict, the success of the Roosevelt electors being conceded by the Democrats. The Democrats claim the election of Wm. L. Douglas, candidate for governor, and they will be disappointed if this, not being achieved, Governor Bates' plurality is not reduced to a small margin. The Republican leaders predict Governor Bates' re-election by the customary large plurality.

Besides the Republican and Democratic parties the Socialists and Labor-Socialists, Prohibition and People's parties have electoral nominees in Massachusetts and the Socialist, Socialist-Labor and Prohibitionists have nominated state tickets.

Both of the principal parties claim that gains will be made in the state legislature.

Chicago, Nov. 7.—Republicans say they will carry Illinois by from 125,000 to 140,000, while the Democrats say they will reduce the Republican plurality of four years ago.

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 7.—The campaign in Nebraska closed tonight. Roosevelt's plurality, Republicans say, will not be far from 40,000.

Wilmington, Del., Nov. 7.—The campaign just closed in Delaware was one of the most complicated in the political history of the state. Both the Democrats and Republicans claim they will carry the little state for their respective national and state tickets, but indications tonight point to Republican success by majorities under those of four years ago. In 1900 McKinley had a majority of 3,671.

St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 7.—Robert C. Dunn, Republican candidate for governor, and John A. Johnson, Democratic candidate, spoke in Minneapolis tonight. Dunn claims the state by 50,000. The Democrats estimated Johnson's plurality at 26,000. There seems to be little doubt anywhere but that the Republican ticket will be victorious with the usual majority.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 7.—The Republican state committee estimates a plurality of not less than 20,000 in the state, with 7,000 or more in St. Louis. The Democrats estimate a gubernatorial plurality of not less than 48,000, with the remainder of the state ticket, and the national ticket a little under that figure.

Cincinnati, O., Nov. 7.—The Republicans are confident that their organization in Ohio will secure unusual results, even exceeding the pluralities in what are previously called "McKinley years," while the Democrats have no such organization as their opponents, they say that there has been during the past two or three days "a whirlwind in their favor" that justifies their anticipations of a landslide that might make the state close and enable the Democrats to gain three or four congressmen.

Providence, R. I., Nov. 7.—The political campaign was concluded in the state tonight. It is expected that about 85,000 ballots will be cast during the day. A plurality of 10,000, a decrease of 3,000 from McKinley's plurality, is confidently expected by the Republicans for Roosevelt, though the Democrats figure on a small plurality.

Milwaukee, Wis., Nov. 7.—The political contest closed in Wisconsin with speeches in many places tonight. The Republicans claim that their electors will carry the state by a plurality of ranging between 50,000 and 75,000.

Denver, Colo., Nov. 7.—Despite the tense feeling resulting from the sharp contest over the governorship, indications point to a peaceful election throughout the state, with the possible exception of Teller county, where Republicans and Democrats accuse each other of provoking trouble. Largely attended meetings were held tonight in the leading cities and towns and enthusiasm reached a high pitch. Neither side has modified its claims of a sweeping victory, but Republicans and Democrats alike agree that Roosevelt and Fairbanks will get many more votes than other Republican candidates.

Boise, Idaho, Nov. 7.—Republican managers claim a plurality of 15,000 for Roosevelt. The Democrats, while conceding a Roosevelt victory, put the plurality at a much smaller figure.

Topeka, Kas., Nov. 7.—It is generally conceded that the state will be carried by Roosevelt, the Democrats making no claim regarding the national ticket. The Democrats say they will elect the state treasurer by a majority of 50,000 and governor by 10,000. A large number will support the Republican national ticket and Democratic state ticket.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Nov. 7.—That Roosevelt will carry Utah is certain. The fight over the state ticket and county tickets in Salt Lake county is evident in the movement against the churches dabbling in politics. The Democratic national chairman claims the election of a state ticket, congressmen and a majority in the Legislature which will elect a United States Senator. Republican state leaders claim a clean sweep.

Seattle, Nov. 7.—Clairman Palmer of the Republican state committee says that Washington will give Roosevelt from 30,000 to 35,000 plurality and that Mead, the Republican nominee for Governor, will be elected from 12,000 to 15,000. The Democratic chairman says the state will give Roosevelt a good round plurality. He says that the Democratic candidate for Governor will be elected by from 15,000 to 20,000 plurality.

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 7.—At the state headquarters of both political parties final reports have caused expressions of renewed confidence in the outcome. Chairman Walsh, of the Democratic state central committee, said tonight: "We have won Connecticut by a great campaign, and both Parker and Robertson will carry the state by significant majorities." At the Republican state headquarters Chairman Kennedy said: "I am more certain tonight than at any time during the campaign that Roosevelt will carry Connecticut by not less than 15,000 majority, and I would not be surprised to see 20,000 posted as the figures."

Trenton, N. J., Nov. 7.—The campaign, which closed today, was the most aggressive since 1892, when the Democrats carried the state for Cleveland for President and Werts for Governor. The Republicans, so far as the presidency is concerned, entered the campaign just closed with the prestige of a plurality of 56,890 for McKinley 4 years ago. They are confident of carrying the state for Roosevelt by from 35,000 to 40,000. The Democrats are claiming that Parker will have a small plurality. The Democrats have made a strong fight for Charles S. Black for Governor on a platform of the greater taxation of railroads, and they are enthusiastically confident of winning. The Republicans admit that Edward C. Stokes, their candidate for Governor, will run considerably behind Roosevelt, but claim that Mr. Stokes will be more than 10,000 to 20,000 plurality. A fair estimate makes the governorship fight a close one. The legislature will be safely Republican and in the election of a Republican to succeed John Kean as United States Senator.

White River Junction, Vt., Nov. 7.—The electors of this state have taken no interest in tomorrow's election and no campaign has been conducted. It is estimated that Roosevelt will carry this state by 35,000 plurality. No candidates other than those for election of president and vice-president will be voted for.

Concord, N. H., Nov. 7.—No sensation marked the closing hours of the campaign in New Hampshire, but activity on the part of both the leading parties continued. A heavy vote is anticipated through the state.

Portland, Me., Nov. 7.—Maine is considered surely Republican by 25,000 or more plurality, and comparatively little interest in the result in this state is taken.

A CANDIDATE JAILED.

Boston, Nov. 7.—State Representative T. F. Curley and Alderman J. H. Curley were sentenced today in the United States Circuit court to serve two months in jail for having impersonated others at a civil service examination. T. F. Curley is a candidate for re-election.

SKOOKUM CHUCK NOT HEARD FROM

One More Polling Station In New Westminster to Add to Returns.

From Our Own Correspondent.

New Westminster, Nov. 4.—The final returns from the election in this constituency have been brought in with the exception of those from Skookum Chuck, where there are only a very few voters. In the city Mr. Kennedy's majority was 110, while in the district Mr. Taylor had a majority of 17, leaving the government candidate with a final majority in the constituency of 93. Skookum Chuck returns, when received, will probably add a couple to this.

$50,000,000 SUIT.

Inventor's Widow Asks a Share of Standard Oil Swag.

Boston, Nov. 7.—The suit for $50,000,000 brought by Elizabeth T. Greenough of New York, against Henry H. Rogers of the Standard Oil Company, which was dismissed by the agreement of the parties on September 24th last, was re-entered in the Supreme Court. Mrs. Greenough is administratrix of the estate of her husband, Benjamin F. Greenough, an inventor, and seeks to recover money or the use of an invention for treating [illegible] to make it non-explosive.

PASSED THE DARDANELLES.

Constantinople, Nov. 7.—The Russian volunteer fleet steamer Voronej, loaded with coal and provisions, passed through the Bosphorus at noon today, bound for the Mediterranean.

BANDITS GET AWAY.

Casper, Wyoming, Nov. 7.—Sheriff Webb and party returned to Casper this afternoon from their pursuit of the bandits who held up the First National Bank of Cody and killed Cashier Middaugh. Not a trace of the outlaws was discovered, and it is the impression of the officers that they have escaped.

CUBAN CONGRESS MEETS.

Nationalist Leaders Declare Their Intention To Be Good.

Havana, Nov. 7.—The winter session of congress opened today, Nationalist leaders declaring that they will not pursue the obstruction tactics which characterized the summer session. In his message President Palma refers to the amount due the veterans and suggests a perpetual debt at three per cent. interest per annum. He asked for an appropriation for sanitation on the island, and asserted that health conditions are not satisfactory. Next year's expense budget totals $19,000,000, of which President Palma proposes to spend $2,500,000 on new roads and bridges. There are now thirty schools on the island with 1,200 pupils.

Stole Flowers For His Girl

Son of Tyee Chinamen Proves to Be a Bit of a Rake—Let Off With Fines.

Two White Men Found Guilty of Supplying Liquor to Indians Are Soaked.

The gilded youth of Chinatown seems to have his share of natural sin, despite the serenely innocent expression that usually decorates his countenance. Certainly it is the case with Master Loo Loo, the son of a well-known and wealthy Chinese merchant of this city. Loo is a regular high roller. He is 17 years of age and quite a beau in his way, with a childishly pretty face on which one can read no guile. But his papa knows better and so now do the police.

Loo appeared in the Police court yesterday morning on two charges, one of stealing a quantity of beautiful flowers from the Jubilee greenhouses, of Messrs. W. & L. Russell, and the other of having concealed weapons in his possession. According to the statement of Loo's counsel, Mr. Moresby, Loo is carrying on an intrigue with a young woman of the lower world, who is fond of flowers, and although Loo's father gives him a nice allowance in the way of pocket money, this is not enough to cover the expenses of Loo's love affair. So to meet the young woman's demand for flowers Master Loo arose with the sun—or a trifle ahead of it—on Sunday morning and hied him to Messrs. Russell's floral stores and selected two armfuls of the best on the premises. There were lovely yellow chrysanthemums and delicious roses and other blooms of the most fascinating description.

Loo then departed with his spoils, his heart no doubt full of gratitude for the good things his joss had put in his way and of pleasant expectations of a warm reception by his lady friend. But there's yesterday a slip, etc., and an unromantic policeman took a hand in the game with the result that Master Loo and his flowers were taken to the police station questioned and searched.

The search revealed the fact that Loo was armed for almost any enterprise. A pocket machine gun, captable of firing sixteen steel bullets one after another, and the electric flashlight affair, formed part of Master Loo's equipment. The machine gun and the flashlight apparatus were confiscated and an additional charge of carrying a concealed weapon, was entered against the boy.

It is not known whether Chinese boys are supplied with "blood and thunder" literature, but if they are Loo probably has read his fill of it, and could qualify as the equal of any of the bad boys of Canadian or American parentage.

On the representations of counsel, who stated that Loo would receive punishment for his sins from his father and would also be sent back to China, where discipline is very much stricter than it is practiced here, Magistrate Hall imposed a fine in each case, $25 for carrying a concealed weapon and $10 for stealing the flowers, together with $2.50 costs. The money was immediately paid, and Loo Loo was returned to his father and probably is feeling very sore still. The value of the flowers and any damage done to the premises was paid to Messrs. Russell.

RAILROAD FOR EAST KOOTENAY

Prospect That Line up the Columbia Valley Will be Constructed.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Golden, Oct. 26.—The surveyors are making the final location for the railroad from the C. P. R. at Golden up the Columbia valley to Fort Steele Junction, on the Crow's Nest Pass line. They have just finished their work in the vicinity of Golden, and are now encamped about twelve miles up the government road. People generally feel sure that construction will begin next spring. It is said that the C. P. R. will avoid the great inconvenience and expense which is now incurred at the "Big Hill" at Field. They say that, although the new line would be eighty miles longer than the present line of the C. P. R., yet since it would be a very easy grade it would be cheaper for freight. Others, however, who profess to have practical knowledge of such matters, declare that this is absurd, and call such talk only "barroom eloquence." At any rate, everyone in this part of East Kootenay will be delighted to see the beginning of construction. It will mean the extensive mining of the valuable ores in the adjacent Selkirk foothills and a great development in the ranching industries of the Upper Columbia valley.

The water in the Columbia is very low, owing to the long continued dry weather, consequently navigation will close much earlier than usually.

At present we have days of brilliant sunshine and nights of brightest moonlight.

Considerable big game has been brought to town recently, such as goat, moose and bear.

The pet cinnamon bear of the Queen's hotel was showing so much of his native ferocity last week that it was deemed wise to shoot him.

The Curling Club have organized for their winter's sport, and the firemen are arranging a series of dances, while a dramatic club, recently formed, is preparing a stirring drama for our future entertainment. So much for the amusements of the approaching winter.

Russian Line Is Pierced

Japanese Succeed in Driving Wedge Into Centre of Defences.

Make a Lodgment in the Inner Circle of Port Arthur Defences.

Superb Spectacle Presented by Climax of Sunday's Bombardment.

Chicago, Nov. 7.—A Daily News despatch from Dalny, November 6th, via Kobe, November 7th, says:

"After three days' of continuous bombardment of Port Arthur, which caused extensive destruction to the Shojusan and Niryusan forts in the west centre of the Russian line of defence and also to Kleekwan fort, the right wing of the Japanese army assaulted Shojusan yesterday afternoon, having carried the approaches to the height the assailants entrenched themselves under the glacis of the forts. In the evening the left wing delivered an assault on Kleekwan, fighting its way to the lower parapet. There the Japanese held their ground in the face of Russian counter attacks.

"Having been reinforced during the night, the Russians charged down upon the Japanese and a desperate hand-to-hand conflict ensued. The Japanese beat back the enemy and destroyed two covered positions in the front moat. A Japanese sub-lieutenant, with thirty volunteers, then succeeded in making his way to the rear of the fort. There he engaged in a personal conflict with a Russian officer and killed him. Having discovered two more defences in the rear moat the sub-lieutenant withdrew his force, losing two men.

"Later in the night the advanced position of the Japanese was taken and re-taken twice. The besiegers succeeded in holding the approaches and constructing trenches. At dawn numbers of dead were visible on the slope. Fort "P," north of the new batteries, in the left centre of the line was captured. These operations have successfully driven an effective wedge into the Russian centre.

"Severe explosions and extensive fires have occurred in the fortresses within the last few days. The total casualties of the Japanese in the late attacks were 1,100, of which over 600 were killed. The spirit of the troops is magnificent. The firing of all the guns is wonderfully effective.

"The climax of the late bombardment came between 4 and 6 o'clock Sunday afternoon. It was a superb spectacle. Every fort of the enemy was engaged, and the fighting in the trenches was severe.

"The outposts of the contending forces were only forty feet apart. At one o'clock this morning one of the Japanese trenches collapsed into a Russian gallery. The enemy being surprised underground fled in confusion."

News Notes Of The Dominion

Colonel Sam Hughes Gallantly Offers His Seat to Mr. Borden.

Conservative Caucus Decides on Fitting Protest Against Premier Parent.

Montreal, Nov. 7.—It is reported that Col. Sam Hughes, member-elect for Victoria, has expressed his willingness, if the consent of his electors is obtained, to resign in favor of R. L. Borden. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has also intimated that if the Conservatives will consent to the return by acclamation of Mr. Aylesworth in Gaspe, the Liberals will not contest Mr. Borden's return for any conservative constituency which may be open for him.

The city council today decided to investigate the charges made against Chief of Police Grant by keepers of disorderly houses of accepting protection money from them. It is understood that a number of other members of the force are implicated and sensational evidence is expected.

A fire Saturday night burned to death twelve valuable horses belonging to the Reinhardt Brewing Company, St. Paul street. The loss is placed at $6,000.

THE QUEBEC SITUATION.

At a caucus of Conservative leaders in provincial politics held here the conclusion was unanimously reached not to run candidates in the field at the provincial elections, which are fixed for the 25th of this month. This action is in protest against the attempt of the Parent administration to seek an extension of power by taking advantage of the Laurier feeling now prevalent, and by fixing the date of the elections so as to prevent the opposition bringing the case against the government before the people. The legislature has still another year to run, and there is no reason for appealing to the people at the present time, save and except those of party value.

GRAND TRUNK OFFICIAL.

Windsor, Nov. 7.—M. K. Cowan, K. C., formerly member for South Essex, will with his family, permanently reside in Montreal. He has accepted a position in the Grand Trunk and Grand Trunk Pacific railway legal department.

BODY RECOVERED.

Port Arthur, Nov. 7.—The body of Thomas Kinloen was taken from the bay near the Canadian Northern dock tonight. He was reported missing about a month ago and had been employed at the Empire elevator.

WINNIPEG WIRINGS.

Winnipeg, Nov. 7.—Thompson, Liberal, is elected for Qu'Appelle by 12 majority.

The asphalt plant, owned by the city of Winnipeg, was burned early this morning. The building was a light frame structure, but the machinery was the latest, and the loss will be over $20,000. All work on asphalt street pavements will be stopped for the year.

ANGLO-FRENCH TREATY.

Paris, Nov. 8.—In the Chamber of Deputies today the debate on the Anglo-French arbitration treaty was continued. The principal speaker was Eugene Etienne, deputy from Oran, Algeria, leader of the Colonial party, who expressed his heartiest approval of the treaty. The debate will be continued on Thursday.

CONFESSED TO KILLING.

Vienna, Nov. 8.—A corporal in an Italian regiment of conscripts on duty during the disturbances last week at Innsbruck today confessed that it was he who bayonetted and killed the German artist Prezzey. The corporal says that, fearing discovery he hid the bayonet. This development is expected to greatly increase the difficulty of the ministry in affecting a peaceable settlement of the affair.

Unfortunate Circumstanc

Election Law Will Prevent M Borden From Sitting This Session.

Mr. Aylesworth Expected to B Sworn In Without Portfolio Today.

Lord Minto Entertained by th Rideau Club Last Night.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Nov. 8.—The announcemen that a seat in the House of Commo will be found for R. L. Borden, giv great satisfaction to the Conservativ of this district. It does not seem po sible, however, under the statute that a arrangement can be made to bring M Borden into parliament in time for th opening of the House. The law make no provision for a member resigning h seat after a general election and befor the meeting of parliament. In the pas when for governmental purposes this ha been found necessary the practice ha been to create a vacancy by appointin a member to an office under the Crown In 1878 Messrs. Horton and McDougal temporarily accepted unimportant of fices to provide seats for Messrs. Cart wright and Lavangine, and a more re cent case when Forbes, member for Queens, N. B., by arrangement wit the Laurier government, accepted a pub lic position before the meeting of parlia ment to give seats to Messrs. Fielding and Blair, who did not run at the gen eral election, but were called to the new ministry after the general election had taken place. In the present situation ther is no likelihood of a Conservative member securing an office of emolument under the crown, so that the constitu ency which it is proposed to give Mr Borden cannot be vacated until after the new parliament is properly constituted. There is no possibility what