

Meets in February

Dominion Parliament Will Be Convened on Twelfth of That Month.

Official Circles Somewhat Surprised at Mr. Charlton's Statements.

Manitoba Young Conservatives Hold Their Convention at Winnipeg.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—(Special)—It is said in official circles that parliament meets on Thursday, February 13.

The Clergy Company only supplied 3,500 tons of steel rails to the government on account of this year's order of 25,000 tons.

Mr. Fielding's tariff utterances at Halifax have been closely scrutinized here and it is felt that the government cannot much longer delay action with a view to getting rid of all existing tariff anomalies.

It is officially stated that John Charlton's announcement that parliament meets on Thursday, February 13.

Winnipeg, Dec. 12.—(Special)—A provincial convention of the Manitoba Young Conservatives was held at Brandon yesterday and today.

Mr. Daye, of Canmore, widow of a miner of Canmore, killed in the disaster in MacNeil Col. Co.'s mine in June, 1901, has brought action against the company for the loss of her husband.

A city paper announces that W. R. McInnes, general manager of the Western division of the C. P. R., will be promoted to the position of general manager of the C. P. R. in Winnipeg.

Threaten To Shoot

Foreign Residents at Puerto Cabello Seek Refuge on Warships

H. M. S. Aradne and German Cruiser Vineta Likely to Bombard Town.

Report That Castro Is Now Anxious to Have Arbitration.

London, Dec. 13.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Villenstadt, Curacao, dated December 11, says that the fortmen taking refuge on board the German cruiser Vineta, and the British cruiser H. M. S. Aradne, are threatening to bombard the town of Puerto Cabello.

Berlin, Dec. 12.—As the result of fresh inquiries made regarding the reported sinking of the German cruiser Vineta, the correspondent of the Associated Press is informed that the vessel was not sunk.

The Meeting At Parkville

People of that Part of Nainaimo Solid For Mr. McInnes.

Socialists Fail to Hold Their Promised Gathering at Wellington.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Nainaimo, B. C., Dec. 12.—One of the most interesting meetings that was held here during the campaign for Mr. McInnes was held at Parkville last evening.

The Socialists failed to hold their promised gathering at Wellington on Monday last.

The Socialists made a big bluff yesterday about giving the Opera House here tomorrow night and charging the Provincial Secretary to appear now.

The Socialists went to Wellington tonight to hold a meeting. Neither by word nor deed did they invite Mr. McInnes to be present.

Initial hem stitch linen handkerchiefs in dozen boxes, \$1.20 per box. B. Williams & Co.

A Tame Capture

Seizure of Venezuelan Fleet Devoid of Any Exciting Incidents.

The British and German Sailors Quietly Sent the Crews Ashore.

And Towed the Ships Away From Anchorage Without Any Fuss.

Berlin, Dec. 13.—The Foreign Office here tonight had not received a proposition to arbitrate through any channel.

The prime object of this plan will be to buy time for the Canadian Pacific Railway to complete the new line.

Situation Is Not Alarming

London Not Greatly Agitated Over the Trouble in South America.

Venezuelan Consul Makes a Statement in Regard to Financial Offer.

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The Venezuelan consul-general is credited with the assertion that the British and German governments would be certain to follow immediately such an invitation.

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Bernier Declines

Will Not Accept Five Thousand Dollars to Build Vessel in Victoria.

Appreciates Mayor Hayward's Offer But Will Give Preference.

Clergue Steel Rail Mills Will Re-Open on December 22.

Quebec, Dec. 13.—Capt. Bernier has received a telegram from Mayor Hayward of Victoria, B. C., offering him \$5,000 towards the cost of building a vessel for the Quebec expedition.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 13.—The police have arrested forty accomplices of persons who have been attempting to introduce revolutionary proclamations into Russia.

Blown to Pieces By Glycerine

Explosion Wrecks Part of Hamilton Powder Works at Departure Bay.

And James Sloan's Body Was Torn Into Small Fragments.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Nainaimo, B. C., Dec. 13.—A terrible accident occurred at the high explosive works at Departure Bay, of the Hamilton Powder company this morning.

A large excavation was found where the building had stood. The shock was felt for miles around.

Deceased leaves a widow and adult son and daughter. The remains will be interred here with Masonic honors.

Marseilles, Dec. 12.—The first collision between strikers and police occurred today, and as a result several men on both sides, including a commissioner of police, were injured.

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Coalamine

Plants in Connecticut Obligated to Close Down.

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