LOCAL NEWS

(From Tuesday Daily.)

Big Christmas Business.—Large crowds of people continue to come and go all day Monday, viewing the big show at Spencer's Arcade. It is estimated that upwards of 5,000 people passed in and out during the day. The display far excells that of any previous year, and is well worth seeing.

Fishery Commission.—Richard Hall, M. P. P. and J. P. Babcock, fisheries commissioners for British Columbia have returned from Vancouver where they were attending an executive meeting of the commission appointed by the Dominion government to inquire into the British Columbia fisheries. This meeting was called for the consideration of the evidence submitted on the salmon fisheries of Rivers Inlet and the Skeena and Naas rivers, and as a result of the deliberations held recommendations have been forwarded in a report to Ottawa. Mr. Hall says that the meeting agreed not to make these known until they had first been presented to the department at Ottawa.

Branch at Duncans.—Yesterday the management of the Bank of British North America instituted a branch of that institution at Duncans. Mr. A. W. Hanham, who has been with the bank in this city for some time, takes charge. The building now occupied is only a temporary affair, as it is intended to shortly erect a suitable place of business.

C. P. R. Improvement.—C. P. R. engineers are now engaged in making the final surveys for a gigantic loop in the main line in order to reduce the objectionable heavy grade at Field. The proposed new loop will be about 20 miles in length, and will reduce the steep grade on what is known as the "big hill" to a minimum.

A Big Mining Suit.—Mr. A. L. Belyea, K. C. left for Vancouver last evening to attend the opening of the civil sittings of the supreme court of Vancouver in the case of the attorney-general vs. Duffner and Blurck, an important mining suit involving a large area of valuable mining property. Mr. Bodwell, K. C., and Mr. Peters, K. C., are associated with Mr. Belyea on the defence.

(From Wednesday's Daily.

Teacher Wanted.—John S. Richardson, secretary of the school board at New Alberni, B. C., is calling for applications for the position of school teacher at that point, duties to commence next term.

Lecture at Colwood.—Yesterday evening at Colwood, James Grant of Gordon Head delivered a very interesting address on fruit growing under the auspices of the district branch of the Farmers' Institute.

Branch Bank Opened.—Yesterday morning the Duncans branch of the Bank of British North America was opened for business at the thriving little town on the E. & N. Railway. As already mentioned, A. W. Hanham has been appointed manager.

Tyee Copper Co.—The secretary of the Tyee Copper Company, Limited, has issued the following statement, showing the smelter returns for November: "Smelter ran 11 days and treated 2,051 tons of Tyee ore, giving a return, after deduction of freight and refining charges, of $31,062."

Insanity in Yukon.—A special Winnipeg despatch says: "There is more insanity in the Yukon territory than any other place in the world for population," remarked Bishop-Elect Isaac Stringer of Selkirk diocese in a sermon here yesterday. It is due to the loneliness and depression of the winter time. Many live in lonely, miserable shacks, and it was a common thing every spring for from five to fifteen to be taken to the asylum by the mounted police. It will be seen, therefore, how urgent was the necessity to maintain and improve the work of the church."

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Were Given Souvenirs.—The Scotch lassies who assisted J. J. Cowie in demonstrating the improved herring curing processes were, before leaving Nanaimo, presented with valuable souvenirs. A. A. Johnson, of the Coal City, giving each a gold brooch with maple leaf design.

To Visit the Coast.—In a private letter to a well-known labor man of this city, says the Vancouver World, his honor the commissioner of the Yukon, W. W. B. McInnes, announces that he will make a trip to the "outside" early in February. It was generally known that the new governor intended to revisit the coast some time next year, but this is the first definite intimation as to the date which has been made public.

New Lumber Rates.—The Colonist was yesterday in receipt of information from an official source to the effect that a meeting of the Pacific Lumbermen's association was held at the Tacoma hotel Tacoma, on Tuesday. Representatives of all exporting manufacturers in Oregon, Washington and British Columbia were present. A resolution was passed agreeing to advance lumber to a $13 base, to take effect immediately; and to issue a new bill at a $15 base, effective February 1st.

Prince Arthur Coming.—Prince Arthur of Connaught will pass through Victoria en route from Japan. According to an Ottawa despatch of yesterday the Prince is on his way to Japan on a mission from the King to deliver to His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Japan the insignia of the garter. The Prince will return by way of Canada. The Dominion government sent an invitation to His Royal Highness to visit Canada and a cable has been received from the colonial office accepting the invitation. The Prince will be accompanied by a staff of about 15. Arrangements for receiving the Prince have not yet been made. It is understood that a special train will be waiting at Vancouver to convey the Prince and party to Halifax. The party in addition to the Prince comprises Lord Ridesdale, Sir Edward H. Seymour, General Sir T. Kelly Kenny, Col. A. Davidson, Capt. Wyndham and W. Lampman. Sir Edward Seymour is admiral of the fleet, and General Kelly Kenny's name was prominent at the time of the South African war.

B. C. Fruit in London.—R. M. Palmer, who is now in charge of the British Columbia fruit exhibit in England, writing to a friend here under date of November 28th, says: "Messrs. Garcia, Jacobs & Co. sold about 175 boxes of apples for us this morning at Covent Garden by auction and realized from 9 shillings to 15 shillings per box. This was a test sale, and, of course, the quantities offered were much too small for large buyers. It served, however, to demonstrate the quality of the fruit, which was certainly superior to any other offered for sale, and proves conclusively that British Columbia growers can ship to this market successfully. Regular shipments are, of course, required, to establish an active demand and good prices. Our exhibit at the Royal Horticultural Society's fruit show will consist of some 200 boxes of apples and pears, part of which will be displayed packed, and part in baskets and on plates."

Wash greasy dishes, pots or pans with Lever's Dry Soap a powder. It will remove the grease with the greatest ease. 36

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

[The Editor does not hold himself responsible for views expressed by correspondents.]

EGGS—ISLAND AND MANITOBA.

Sir—With reference to the article on eggs which heads the quotations for the local markets in your Friday edition, I do not know the writer or the dealer he mentions, but for pure bluff this article takes the cake.

I have always understood that a strictly fresh egg is one from one to three days old, no longer; should weigh, for hens, two ounces and upwards, and for pullets something under two ounces. Such eggs in almost every large city will command 50c. or more at this season of the year, retail. In London, England, 5c. an egg is nothing unusual.

The writer of this article informs us that a dealer pointed out that by a fast freight train "from Winnipeg, Western Manitoba fresh eggs are received on this market in from seven to ten days"; that "Manitoba strictly fresh eggs are worth 30c. a dozen, while Island ranch eggs are quoted at 50c." He goes on to say: "The local poultry raiser comes to town on an average about once a week; consequently Manitoba eggs are, practically speaking, just as fresh as the home article."

Next, "and when the housewife finds that Manitoba eggs at 30c. are equal to the home article at 50c., she is not going to throw away 20-cent pieces."

To begin with. Of course all these Manitoba strictly fresh eggs were laid just as the fast freight train started, otherwise they certainly were more than seven to ten days old; how much more is only known to those who despatched them, possibly not even to them.

Next. The local poultry raiser goes to town but once a week on an average. Just so, probably has not time to go oftener, and his hens do not lay eggs by the carload. Say he drives up to the store on Saturday forenoon with his eggs, those laid the previous Saturday would be seven days old, those on Sunday six Monday five, Tuesday four, Wednesday three, Thursday two, and Friday one; those laid the last three days would be strictly fresh eggs, whilst nothing from Manitoba could come under that category. Here we have approximately the age of the ranchers' eggs for certain. Can as much be said for the Manitoba article?

Lastly. He must have a very poor estimate of the intelligence of the local housewife. If unhappily they should be led away by his article, they may find that their cakes and puddings don't answer their expectations. I am aware that to some people "an egg is just an egg"; to such your advice is bliss, and Manitoba eggs a month old would make no difference; but I cannot bring myself to believe that Victorians will ever consider a Manitoba egg as a strictly fresh one.

Eggs produced in any quantity during the months of October, November and December are, just like anything else on the market out of season, high in price. The domestic hen, if left to her own sweet will, would not lay many eggs, if any at all; to teach or compel her to do so, means time, labor and expenditure in high feeding, to be paid for accordingly by a rise in the price of eggs—and after all, the hopes of a profitable return may be frustrated by these strictly fresh eggs from Manitoba!

S. R.

Westholme.

HUNTING AND SHOOTING.

Sir—I have been much interested reading the letters upon hunting and shooting that have appeared in your recent weekly issues, especially that of "Local Farmer," a most moderate and sensible view of the subject.

If it were not so common, it would be amusing to see the assumed innocent astonishment of the majority of the trespassers after game when a farmer asks what they are doing on his land. Invariably they endeavor to impress the idea upon one that everybody did it, and they thought there was no harm in it; then if that won't work on his feelings, they demand to know why de does not put up notices, and discuss the legal points like a Philadelphia lawyer. The only cure is to summon them and let the magistrate enlighten them in his usually convincing manner.

As to a gun tax, it is most necessary, especially if you live near water where duck shooting goes on on Sundays; a stranger would imagine that a regiment was practicing, and it is no unusual thing to hear the ping of a bullet within a few feet of you. Even the cattle have learnt to run round the corner for safety from the bullets fired by young boys and equally thoughtless men. This state of things would be most effectually cured by a gun license.

I also agree with "Pro Bono Publico" as to gun clubs, some of the members of which are the greatest sinners from a farmer's point of view, especially as to their dogs's ideas of the gameness of chickens and turkeys.

ANOTHER LOCAL FARMER.

SOMETHING TO PLEASE A WOMAN

"DY-O-L-A" is a revelation to every woman at first. It seems too good to be true that one package of "DY-O-L-A" will color silk, cotton, woolen and mixed goods—or all four—This is just what "DY-O-L-A" will do—and color MORE goods to the package than any other. "DY-O-L-A" contains no acid to injure even the most delicate fabrics, and does not stain the hands or boiler. Best in every way for coloring at home. Druggists everywhere have "DY-O-L-A" in 10 cent packages. Color card sent on receipt of 2c. stamp. The Johnson-Richardson Co., Limited, Montreal, Canada.

HAZING AT ANNAPOLIS.

U. S. Midshipman Stood on His Head Until He Fainted

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 13.—A case of hazing took place at the naval academy last night. The victim was Midshipman Jordan Pettus Kimbrough, of Germantown, Tenn. He was last week called before a board of officers, now in session at the academy inquiring into hazing, fighting and similar practices and compelled to answer certain questions. It is also said that he had told some relatives that he had been hazed and that the relatives laid the matter before the authorities. The hazing last night followed.

Midshipman Kimbrough was compelled to stand on his head, then on his feet, and then on his head again, repeating this process for ten minutes continually.

At the end of the time he fainted and was left in that condition by the hazers. Later he was

Found by His Room Mate

still unconscious. This morning he was carried to the hospital but is now doing well.

Admiral James H. Sands, superintendent of the naval academy, had the matter investigated by a board of officers this morning. Their report showed that Midshipman Trenmer Coffin jr. of Carson City, Nev., a member of the third class, took part in the hazing, and that Midshipman Warren A. Vanderveer, of Mount Holly, N. J., of the second class, was on duty and did not report the occurrence. Admiral Sands immediately suspended the midshipmen and forwarded his recommendation to the secretary of the navy.

DON'T TRUST TO LUCK.

Even if there is such a thing as luck you cannot afford to trust to it in case of sickness. You know by the experience of others that Dr. Chase's Nerve Food actually forms new blood and tissue and revitalizes the nerves and by using it regularly you can be certain that your system is being built up and that weakness and disease are being overcome.

THREE CHILDREN DROWNED.

Unfortunate Accident to Young Skaters in New York State.

Amsterdam, N. Y., Dec. 13.—Three school children were drowned early tonight while skating on Kellogg's pond in this city. A party of ten boys and girls were skating in a circle two hundred feet from shore when the leader, a girl, fell, breaking the ice and going into the water. Before the nine children who were following her could check their speed or alter their course all plunged into the rapidly widening hole.

MRS. MUNCKTON'S TRIAL.

Gallstown, N. Y., Dec. 13.—The first day of the trial of Mrs. Hattie Munckton, accused of the murder of her husband, resulted in the selection of a jury today and the introduction of some evidence by the prosecution. The accused woman assisted in selecting the jury and also coached her counsel during the giving of testimony.

Nervous Prostration

The symptoms of nervous prostration well illustrate the fact that there is not a single organ in the human body but is entirely and absolutely dependent on the nervous system for the energy and power by which its functions are performed.

You feel tired, weak and worn out, lose interest in life, have no appetite and poor digestion, disorders of liver, kidneys and bowels, you cannot sleep, your head aches and you feel discouraged and despondent.

Dr. Chase's Nerve Food cures nervous prostration and exhaustion in the only way it is possible to really cure them—by actually forming nerve force to revitalize the wasted nerve cells.

It may require a dozen or more boxes of this great food cure to bring about a thorough restoration of your health, but you can be certain that each dose is at least doing you some good, and the cure is bound to be natural and thorough. Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, 50c a box, at all dealers, or Edmanson, Bates & Co., Toronto.

Close Contest In Saskatchewan

Scott Government Had Narrow Escape in the Elections Yesterday.

Result Still in Doubt as the Returns Are Very Incomplete.

Returns are very incomplete in the first provincial election in the newly-created province of Saskatchewan, which was held yesterday. Some of the early bulletins issued by the courtesy of the C. P. R., indicated that the Scott government had been defeated. The latest bulletin at hand which is dated 11:45 p. m., does not bear this out. It says:

Returns are not yet sufficiently complete at this hour to determine if the government is defeated or sustained.

Premier Scott claims all his ministers are elected and that the government will finally carry fourteen seats.

The opposition claim the government counts on Winnipeg, Regina and Moosejaw, on contested ballots and that the government cannot possibly count on more than eleven in the house.

The government claims they have carried the following seats: Battleford, Cannington, Humboldt, Lumsden, Moosejaw district, Prince Albert City, Quappelle North, Regina, South Rosthern, Salt Coats and Yorkton.

The opposition claim Greenfell, Kinistiono, Maple Creek, Moosejaw City, Moosomin, Quappelle South, and Regina City, Saskatoon, Souris, Whitewood and Wolseley.

Batoche Prince Alebrt district and Redberry returns are incomplete. Government candidates in Batoche and Redberry are leading, and in Prince Albert the opposition candidate is leading by 67.

THE CANDIDATES

The following is a list of the constituencies and the candidates of the two parties formally nominated:

Constituency.	Liberal.	Provincial Rights
Battleford	A. Champagne	R. F. Chisholm.
Batoche	W. G. Grant	J. Bouchier.
Cannington	J. D. Stewart	E. C. McDiarmid.
Grenfell	C. J. Rosborough	Dr. Argue.
Humboldt	Dr. Neeley (Accl.)	...
Kinistino	Thomas Sanderson	Dr. Shadd.
Lumsden	Hon. Walter Scott	F. C. Tait.
Maple Creek	John Dixon	D. J. Wylie.
Moose Jaw (City)	O. B. Fysh	J. H. Wellington.
Moose Jaw (District)	John Sheppard	S. K. Rothwell.
Moosomin	A. S. Smith	Dr. D. Ellis.
Prince Albert (City)	L. M. Lamont	W. Cowan.
		W. S. Gilmour, Ind.
Prince Albert (District)	R. O. Tyreman	S. Donaldson.
Qu'Appelle (North)	W. R. Motherwell	Dr. Rutledge.
Qu'Appelle (South)	Frank Moffatt	F. W. G. Haultain.
Redberry	Geo. Langley	S. A. Hamilton.
Regina (City)	J. F. Bole	H. W. Laird.
Regina (South)	Hon. J. A. Calder	J. B. Hawkes.
Rosthern	George Ens	A. D. McIntyre.
Saltcoats	Thos. McNutt	James Nixon.
Saskatoon	W. C. Sutherland	Dr. H. E. Munroe.
Souris	Dr. W. F. Lockhart	J. T. Brown.
Whitewood	A. Cowan	A. B. Gillis.
Wolseley	Levi Thomson	Dr. W. Elliott.
Yorkton	A. Garry	W. D. Dunloj.

Ratoche—8 polls out of 31 give Grant (Government,) 254 majority and he is probably elected.

Latest returns from Moosejaw district indicate Sheppard, (Government,) elected by over 100.

With 238 votes in dispute the Liberals hope to win out in Moosejaw City.

It is now conceded that the Government will carry 13 if not 14 constituencies exclusive of Regina and Moosejaw.

No returns have been received from Redbery, but it will probably go Government. No further returns are expected tonight. The general opinion is that the Government has been sustained and will have majority of 3, with the possibility of eventually winning Regina and Moosejaw.

Ryan Will Tell On Harriman

Owner of Equitable Changes His Mind With Regard to Evidence.

One More Unfortunate Is Now Under Hughes' Relentless Examination.

New York, Dec. 11.—The legislative life insurance investigating committee, headed by Senator Armstrong, appeared tonight to have succeeded in its attempt to make Thos. F. Ryan divulge what E. H. Harriman said by way of threatening to influence him to divide his control of the Equitable Life Assurance society. District Attorney Jerome, who was asked by the committee to take steps to punish Mr. Ryan for refusing to reply to the questions about Mr. Harriman, reported to the committee today that he has informed Mr. Ryan's counsel that Mr. Ryan ought to answer. Mr. Jerome also wrote to the committee that he is satisfied that Mr. Ryan will answer if brought before the committee again. Mr. Hughes declined to say when Mr. Ryan will be recalled, but it presumed he will take the witness stand tomorrow or next day.

Subsequently Mr. Ryan's counsel gave out that they advised Mr. Ryan that he should answer the questions and that he is prepared to do so whenever recalled. To that statement was attached a letter from District Attorney Jerome to Paul D. Cravath, advising him that Mr. Ryan ought to answer the question, and adding, "Although I

Fully Appreciate the Motives

which led him to refuse to answer until the question of law involved could be made clear."

The committee was engaged for a part of the time today in inquiring into the affairs of the Provident Savings Life Assurance Society of New York.

Charles E. Hughes, counsel for the committee, had brought out by questioning Edward W. Scott, the president of that company, that when Frank R. Hadley, of New Bedford, Mass., secured control of the company in 1896 he borrowed $162,000 from the company on his collateral notes to pay up for the stock of the insurance company. Mr. Scott testified that Mr. Hadley never repaid these loans and that the insurance company realized only $30,000 on the sale of the collateral. The companies in which Mr. Hadley was interested failed and he committed suicide.

A Problem in High Finance

"It cost the insurance company just $132,000 for Mr. Hadley to get control of it," said Mr. Hughes.

Besides $162,000 Mr. Hadley borrowed $200,000 to pay for the insurance company's stock, and had put up that stock as collateral. Mr. Scott testified that he bought that stock at auction after Mr. Hadley's death, and borrowed the money to do it from the New York Security & Trust Company. John A. McCall, president of the New York Life, Mr. Scott said, stood back of him in his negotiations for the loan. Other witnesses have testified that the New York Life controlled the New York Security & Trust Company. After he got control of the company, Mr. Scott said, John A. Horan, brother-in-law of John A. McCall, was made comptroller of the Provident Savings Assurance Company at $10,000 a year. Mr. Scott testified also that his four sons and a nephew are employed by the company, of which he is president.

British Policyholders Move

London, Dec. 11.—The Associated Press was informed today that the policy holders of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York have decided to urge upon the officials of that company that the successor to Richard A. McCurdy must be an insurance man, having the confidence of the British policy holders and that these policy holders must be represented on the board of directors. The Associated Press understands that an urgent cablegram to this effect was sent to the Mutual officials at New York today.

The alternative has not been announced, but the Associated Press understands that unless assurances to this effect are forthcoming within a stated number of days a decided step will be taken as the whole matter is in the hands of some of the most influential men in London.

The leading London newspapers, in discussing the question, urge upon the New York directors in reorganizing the Mutual to protect the interests of the English policy holders. The Morning Post says: "The British policy holders number thirty thousand and their interests must be protected."

A distinct movement is on foot to secure the appointment to the presidency of D. C. Haldemand. It is suggested that the books should be submitted to British accountants.

MORGAN BUYS ROAD.

Heads Ten Million Dollar Syndicate in New Deal.

Cincinnati, Dec. 12.—George W. Harris, a bondholder of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad, brought suit in the supreme court today to assess the stockholders of that corporation. The petition was placed on the files and the action was taken to obtain service on the defendants. This action was entirely unexpected by the interests at present controling the property.

J. Pierpont Morgan was immediately notified of the action. Holding the majority of the stock, he is declared to be responsible to that extent for the debts of the concern.

New York, Dec. 2.—The World tomorrow will say: "J. P. Morgan & Co. have formed a syndicate, consisting of Mr. Morgan, Norman B. Ream, representing the Pennsylvania, the Erie and other railroad interests; H. McK. Twombly, representing the Vanderbilt interests; and George F. Baker, representing the First National Bank and Reading and allied railroad interests,

To Take Over Control

of the 75,000 shares of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad, turned back into Mr. Morgan's hands by the Erie Railroad.

"The shares cost Mr. Morgan more than $10,000,000. The price at which the syndicate is to take them over is not announced, but it is regarded as safe in Wall street that the price is not below what Mr. Morgan paid for them, and the syndicate will eventually apportion them among various trunk lines to prevent them falling into unfriendly hands, at a price substantially higher than that at which the syndicate has acquired them.

"At the office of J. P. Morgan & Co. yesterday all information concerning this syndicate was refused.

"It is generally believed that the personnel of the syndicate confirms the announcement made several days ago that the property is to be apportioned between the Pennsylvania and the Nickel Plate, which are owned by the Vanderbilts."

COLLIDE IN FOG.

Street Cars at Vancouver Wrecked and One Passenger Injured.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 12.—Two cars collided in heavy fog on Westminster Avenue bridge, over False Creek, this afternoon. The fronts of both cars were badly shattered. Several passengers in the smaller car were cut and bruised. Mr. A. Wikkeside, of Mount Pleasant, was unconscious for some time after the shock.

Ask your dealer for Amherst solid leather shoes.

PANAMA CANAL MONEY.

More Millions Asked for by Committee to Keep Work Going.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The emergency appropriation bill to provide the Isthmian canal committee with the funds to carry on the construction of the Panama canal will contain no general legislation. This was decided by the senate committee on appropriations at a meeting today, at which it was agreed to report the measure. Eleven million dollars, the amount named in the first section of the bill in relation to the issuance of bonds, was stricken out. A bill containing this figure was introduced in the senate by Mr. Teller, and it will be dealt with by the finance committee. The bill was amended further to provide that in the future no expenditures should be made for the canal except by authority of congress and when appropriations have been made by congress.

Methods of Expenditure

Secretary Taft of the war department, Theodore F. Shonts, chairman of the canal committee, Jos. B. Bishop, secretary and other officials of the committee were before the committee and were subjected to pointed inquiries as to the manner of making expenditures.

Mr. Taft and Mr. Shonts requested that the appropriation be increased to $16,500,000, the amount named in the bill before it was amended. They admitted, however, that $11,000,000 will be sufficient to carry on the work until April. In view of the fact that congress will have plenty of opportunity to explain by that time, it was determined to restore the $5,500,000.

IT'S AT THE FIRST BEGINNING OF PAIN.

That treatment should be most vigorous. Get relief at the start. Twinges of rheumatism are the first indications of inflammation. Nothing subdues inflammation like Nerviline. Penetrating deeply into the tissue, being five times stronger than other liniments, beyond the comprehension of those who have never used it. Nerviline as a pain saver is worth its weight in gold. Have you tried it? All dealers, 25c. for a large bottle.

MONUMENT TO AN EDITOR.

Memory of Murdered Journalist Honored by Citizens of Columbus.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 12.—A monument, erected by popular subscription, was unveiled here today to the memory of N. D. Gonzales, editor of the State, who nearly three years ago was shot and killed by Lieut. Governor Tillman.

MISS ROOSEVELT ENGAGED.

Formal Announcement Made by the President Yesterday.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—Formal announcement was made late today by the President and Mrs. Roosevelt of the engagement of their daughter Alice Lee Roosevelt to Nicholas Longworth, representative in congress from the first district of Ohio, one of the Cincinnati districts. Coupled with the announcement of the engagement is the additional announcement that the wedding will take place about the middle of next February.

While arrangements for the wedding have not been made, it is expected that it will occur at the White House.

BERNHARDT AGAIN.

French Actress Crosses Path of the Theatrical Syndicate in Texas.

New York, Dec. 13.—Unless the present situation changes, the spectacle will be presented of Mme. Sarah Bernhardt, now appearing at the Lyric theatre, playing throughout the state of Texas of her present tour in a huge circus tent. This move, said her managers today, was absolutely necessary in view of the fact that their promised tour for the French actress in that state had been blocked by the syndicate which controls practically all the theatres in Texas.

PANIC ON MOSCOW BOURSE.

Complete Collapse of Business, Attended by Many Bankruptcies.

Moscow (Tuesday, Dec. 12, by telephone to St. Petersburg, Dec. 12, via Edjtkuhnon, East Prussia)—A veritable panic prevails on the bourse. The complete collapse of business in the provinces has been attended by many bankruptcies.

The agrarian disturbances are extending almost to the gates of this city. The palatial mansions of many nobles, including that of Count Shakhovskoi, have been burned. Strikers fought a duel with a Cossack patrol in Gorodistche. The strikers stood their ground with revolvers, emptying four saddles and forcing the Cossacks to retreat.

The workmen's council of Moscow has adhered to the decision of the St. Petersburg council in deciding against a general strike. It develops that the council's funds have been exhausted in supporting 10,000 idle workmen.

News from Kursk says that two regiments which refused to protect landed estates from the peasants, have been ordered back.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 13.—Leon Jacob Slorotin, an educated Russian Jew of Odessa, who has just arrived here, states that fifteen thousand Jews were killed in three days, with most horrible mutilation and torture. Cossacks and police aided the mobs in their deadly work, and men, women and children were among the victims.

LUMBER FOR MEXICO.

Schooner Chartered to Carry Cargo From Nanaimo Mills.

Nanaimo, Dec. 13.—(Special)—For the second time in the history of Nanaimo, lumber is to be shipped by water from this port. The schooner C. S. Holmes of Frisco, 400 tons has been chartered by the Nanaimo Lumber Co., and will carry lumber from here to Mexico. The Holmes will carry 600,000 feet. It is 25 years since any lumber was carried by water regularly from this place.

Capt. Jorgenson, a Fraser river cannery man is here representing capitalists with a view of entering the herring industry. He holds orders now through Seattle agencies for an almost unlimited quantity of salted herring. The Nanaimo Fishing Company today received orders for two carloads of salted herring from Chicago and New York. The company has now more orders on hand than it can fill in months.

The entire present council is out for election. Ex-Ald. Geo. D. Barlow announces he will run for north ward.

NEW YORK ELECTIONS.

New York, Dec. 13.—The argument on opening 131 ballot boxes and recounting the ballots cast in them for mayor, comptroller and president of the board of aldermen, which was scheduled to begin today, was adjourned until Friday by mutual consent of the lawyers representing Mr. Hearst, Mayor McClellan and the corporation counsel.

Lever's Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder is better than other powders, as it is both soap and disinfectant. 34

Rosebery and Home Rule

His Lordship's Distrust of the Premier's Position Is Not Removed.

Wished the United Free Trade Party Independent of the Irish.

London, Dec. 13.—Sir Edward Grey the new secretary for foreign affairs held his first diplomatic reception today. Following the usual custom Secretary Grey and the foreign office staff were in full diplomatic uniform and all the attending ambassadors and ministers were in the full dress of their respective countries.

Among those present were the French Russian and Japanese ambassadors and the Chinese and Persian ministers.

Lord Rosebery's Blessing

Rosebery gave his blessing to the new Liberal cabinet at the meeting of the council of the Liberal league held in London today. He said he thought the composition of the new ministry must fill them all with pleasuse, and congratulated Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman on his selections. His lordship noted that all the offices were well filled and the country must expect economy in finance and continuity of strength and dignity in its foreign policy and might even hope to see an army once more.

Fears Home Rule

Lord Rosebery, however, declared that he "absolutely and steadfastly adhered to his speech in Bodminton, in which he said he could not serve under Campbell-Bannerman's home rule banner. He said that he had not personally received any assurances from the Liberal premier on the subject of home rule, but he was satisfied that the vice presidents of the league, Sir Edward Grey, Mr. Asquith and Mr. Haldane, had received assurances to the effect that his, Lord Rosebery's interpretation of Campbell-Bannerman's speech at Stirling was incorrect. Lord Rosebery, however, thought it strange that Campbell-Bannerman had not taken the opportunity in his more recent speeches to repudiate Lord Rosebery's interpretation if it was not correct.

His speech at any rate, he declared, had cleared the air, and with Sir Edward Grey and Messrs Asquith and Haldane as members of the government, the country had a guarantee that an Irish home rule bill would not be introduced in the next parliament.

For United Free Trade Party

Lord Rosebery concluded with saying that as Liberals it was their duty to maintain a united free trade party. He hoped and prayed it might be absolutely independent of the Irish vote. A Liberal party relying on that vote would not possess the confidence of the country. Such an alliance would not be very good for the Irish and would be wholly bad for the Liberals.

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Five Men Meet Horrible Death in Works in Alabama.

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DUDLEY AND ABERDEEN.

New Lord Lieutenant of Ireland Replaces the Old.

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