Pacific Coast Happenings

Sixty Buildings Destroyed by Fire at Nome With Loss of $200,000.

Fatalities and Accidents Claim Several Victims in and About Seattle.

Rumors of Pending Purchase of Bellingham Bay Line by the C. P. R.

SEATTLE, Sept. 18.—(Special.)—Fire at Nome the night of September 13th destroyed sixty buildings, causing a loss estimated in the neighborhood of $200,000. It did not wipe out the larger wholesale and retail district, as at first reported. The city hall and small buildings were destroyed, but all the records were saved. The big stores of M. E. Atkinson and J. P. Parker are said to be burned. Information is meagre and the exact fire area is not yet known. Communication has been re-established.

While engaged in blasting stumps at Port Madison at noon Sunday John Williams was instantly killed and his wife severely injured as the result of a premature explosion.

Falling into a pot of boiling catsup Friday, the 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Lausch died Saturday on the ranch near where the family lived. There was no medical attendance, although the parents did what they could for the child.

The members of the ninety-sixth annual session of the American board of commissioners of foreign missions of the Congregational church, having completed their work, left here at 2 o'clock this afternoon to visit Tacoma. After visiting other coast cities they will return home.

As a result of attempting to light a fire with coal oil Mrs. E. E. Carr was burned to death at her home in this city last night. No one was in the house when the tragedy occurred.

Bellingham, Sept. 18.—(Special.)—Finding that the present run of sockeyes in the Fraser does not cook properly, Manager Deming of the Pacific American Fisheries Company says his company and others on the Sound will can no more after those received today are put up.

A Report Revived

The visit of Sir Thomas Shaughnessy to the coast has revived rumors here of the sale contemplated transfer of the B. B. & B. C. to the C. P. R. It is stated here that the president of the Canadian road will either meet the executive officers of the local line or their representatives.

Bonner's Ferry, Ida., Sept. 18.—Three men were killed on the Spokane International Railway Saturday through the explosion of a missed hole. All three were laborers and their addresses are unknown. The bodies were buried yesterday at Bonner's Ferry.

Portland, Sept. 18.—(Special.)—Following the announcement of the plans of the Northern Pacific to build down the bank of the Columbia and bridge the stream, the fact is learned today that the road during the past few months has purchased twenty-five acres of land lying north of the Northern Pacific Terminal Company's present yards.

San Francisco, Sept. 18.—(Special.)—United States Senator Platt of New York was much improved in health today.

Mare Island, Cal., Sept. 18.—(Special.)—At the convening of the court-martial on Commander Young on the explosion of the boiler of the gunboat Bennington, Young pleaded not guilty to each of the six charges read.

Butte, Mont., Sept. 18.—(Special.)—Actuated by jealousy Topias Speener, a miner, shot his wife five times and then cut his own throat, severing his head. The woman will live.

Nome Records Burnt

Washington, Sept. 18.—Commissioner Richards of the general land office received a telegram today from the trustee for townsite entries at Nome, Alaska, notifying him of the destruction by fire of all the town records in his office except the plat and tract book.

Fort Benton, Mont., Sept. 18.—W. S. Crates, an old and prominent resident of this place, shot and killed his wife last night and then put a bullet into his own head, dying an hour afterward. On their marriage Crates signed over all his property to his wife, and their recent losses was the cause of the family trouble.

Malcolm B. Scarth Gains Notoriety

Former Victorian Under the Calcium at 'Frisco Because of Friend's Suicide.

His Friend Archibald Ralston of Boston Takes Poison in Woman's Presence.

Malcolm B. Scarth, formerly of this city, has been gaining much notoriety at San Francisco during the past few days owing to his connection with a recent tragedy at the Bay City wherein Archibald Ralston, of Boston, his friend, took his life by drinking cyanide of potassium in the presence of a woman named Hattie L. Thebault, at the Delmonico restaurant. Ralston and Scarth had met the woman at San Francisco a month before, and Ralston had gone to Santa Cruz with her, and they had registered at the Sea Beach hotel as man and wife. He was drinking heavily and spoke of taking poison. Mr. Scarth was notified, and he and one Sawyer went to Santa Cruz to take charge of Ralston. Ralston had gone through what money he had, and after a visit with the Thebault woman at Delmonico's became despondent and told her he did not have money to pay for their breakfast. Then, as Miss Thebault told the police:

"He went out and left me there, and went to find Mr. Scarth to get some money. I was reading the Sunday papers about the fight, and was about half asleep, when he walked back into the room. He had a glass in his hand that I had never seen at Delmonico's before. The stuff in it looked like barley water.

"He said, 'You take half.' I said, 'I will not.' I saw him take the poison, but I did not know what it was. I ran out and found Mr. Scarth, and told him that Ralston had taken something. I then went and got the elevator boy to go back into the room with me to get my hat and coat. I went back again to get a letter that I had dropped in there. Then I went away. That is all."

Scarth's Statement

Scarth also made a statement to the police. The San Francisco Examiner says:

"In the statement which Ralston's friend, M. B. Scarth, made to the police after he had been taken into custody on Wednesday night, the story of the acquaintance of the two young men is gone into thoroughly, from the time of their first meeting in Portland, Ore., until the time when Hattie Thiebault ran from Ralston's room at Delmonico's to tell Scarth that his friend had taken poison.

"He says, among other things, that he was not living on Ralston's bounty as he has been reported to have done, but that he spent a good deal of his own money in the effort to straighten Ralston out. He verifies the story of the Thebault woman in many particulars and concludes with a vague explanation of his reasons for refusing to go to Ralston's side when he was told that the latter was dying. This explanation, however, explains nothing."

The San Francisco newspapers comment severely regarding the action of Dr. Stephen, who was called by the Delmonico hotel. It seems that he did all he could to hush up the fact that a tragedy had occurred. The Examiner says that the doctor, who is a surgeon of the emergency hospital, in endeavoring

To Hide the Cause of Death

took the body away in a hack without notifying the coroner, and sought to have destroyed a letter left for Mr. Scarth. Regarding this the Chronicle says: Malcolm B. Scarth, the dead man's friend, met Dr. Stephen and demanded why the latter had opened the letter which Ralston had addressed to him. Dr. Stephen stated that he was a public official, with police powers, and therefore had the right to open the letter. When asked why he had taken so much trouble over the entire stranger, Stephen claimed that he did it because he thought the dead man came from Los Angeles; that he had very kindly feelings to the citizens of the southern city, and that he would never have bothered about Ralston had he known that he was an Easterner.

Scarth was cross-examined by Detective Riordan, Corporal Atchison and Policeman T. Wolters yesterday morning, and gave a full account of his acquaintance with Ralston. His statement differed only in trifling details from the one he gave on Wednesday evening. According to his statement, when the woman who was with Ralston ran down stairs and told him that

His Friend Had Taken Poison

and was dying he refused to go into the room and advised her to come away at once. He claims that he hurried the woman over to the Palace Hotel, as he "did not wish to strut around the streets with her," and when he received the message from Delmonico's at the Grand that his friend was very sick, he merely told the hotel people to telephone the restaurant to get a doctor and went to dinner.

Amongst Ralston's effects were letters from his mother, and contained appeals for her boy to "come home." Some telegrams from Scarth, informing the dead man that money had been telegraphed to him, and others from his father bearing the same news.

A number of clippings relating to the arrest of a noisy automobile party were in the trunk, from which it seems that Ralston and Scarth, accompanied by the Thebault woman and another of the same class, were arrested here for creating a disturbance, and were later let off with a reprimand in Judge Fritz' court.

Scarth was released from custody, but ordered to remain in the city until after the inquest.

Chief of C.P.R. Arrives in City

Sir Thomas Shaugnessy Reaches City Last Evening From Mainland.

Will Today Inspect New'y Acquired Line on Vancouver Island.

THE president of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, arrived in Victoria yesterday afternoon by the steamer Princess Victoria from Vancouver.

In the course of an interview with the Colonist, Sir Thomas remarked that he really had little of public interest to say. His coming was merely a matter of the usual routine, namely, an annual tour of inspection of the company's lines and interests. His stay here would be a brief one only, and today will be devoted to an inspection of the newly acquired line of the E. & N. and the works of the new C. P. R. hotel. Tomorrow morning he will return to Vancouver and thence eastward, as he is anxious to reach home in ample time for the annual general meeting of the company, to be held early next month.

Sir Thomas had time to note many improvements in the city since his last visit, and is well satisfied with the aspect of matters generally in this part of the Dominion.

It is anticipated that the board of trade, which is to hold a special meeting today, will take advantage of the presence here of Sir Thomas Shaughnessy to bring to his notice various matters of local interest, notably an extension of the plans of the C. P. R. hotel whereby greater accommodation could be secured in order to meet the greatly increased demands of the tourist traffic.

Interviewed in Vancouver yesterday, Sir Thomas is reported to have said that large extensions will be made in the Similkameen with the object of connecting with Midway, and that the C. P. R. expects to run trains into Spokane next year on the traffic arrangement with D. C. Corbin.

He never heard of the proposed purchase of the Bellingham Bay line into Seattle except through the newspapers, and knows nothing about the Winnipeg report of the offer of $70,000,000 for lands in the Northwest, declaring that the matter was never considered by the board of directors.

He is understood to have said that large shipments of grain will undoubtedly be made this way to the Orient, and looks for Vancouver and Victoria to become flourishing centres of trade.

TO REGULATE FREIGHT RATES.

Congress to Be Urged to Carry Out Roosevelt's Ideas.

Chicago, Sept. 18.—Delegates representing the various trade, industrial and producing industries of the country are to hold a convention in Chicago on October 26-27. The object of the convention is to impress on congress the extent of the demands of the people of all parts of the country for legislation outlined in the President's last annual message to congress, as follows:

"The interstate commerce commission should be vested with the power, where a given rate has been challenged, and after a full hearing found to be reasonable, to decide, subject to judicial review, what shall be a reasonable rate to take its place; the ruling of the commission to take effect immediately and to obtain unless and until it is revised by court of review."

Dominion News Notes

Dominion Steamer Neptune Will Connect With the Disabled Arctic.

Quarter of a Million Bushels of Wheat Markets on Saturday.

Preparations for the Dominion Fair Now Making Good Progress.

MONTREAL, Sept. 18.—In reference to a story in the Associated Press from Newfoundland about the Neptune, it may be said that she will connect with the Arctic, now at Chateau Bay, opposite Belle Isle. The Arctic is disabled at Chateau Bay. The Neptune has on board the necessary appliances to have it repaired. Comptroller White of the Northwest Mounted Police is in full control of all unorganized territory of Canada, including Mackenzie, Keewatin and Ungava. He was appointed some time ago commissioner of that territory, and whatever he says is law. He can order the Arctic or Neptune to go or not to go. The likelihood is that the Neptune will spend the winter in the North and the Arctic will be supplied with new engines at Sorel.

Thos. Fysche, ex-general manager of the Merchants' bank, had a narrow escape from death Saturday. While he was crossing St. James street he was struck by a delivery wagon and knocked down. In falling his head struck the curbstone, producing a slight concussion of the brain. He is expected to be about again in a few days.

Ottawa, Sept. 18.—Canada produced 24,000,000 gallons of petroleum last year, on which was paid $350,000, being bounty at one cent per half gallon. The granting of a bounty by parliament had a decidedly stimulating effect upon oil prospecting and production.

Winnipeg Wirings

Winnipeg, Sept. 18.—Eighteen members of the Thirteenth Field Battery have left for Petawawa to attend competitive drill.

Theodore L. Taylor, M. P. for Radcliffe, Farnham, in the British Parliament, Liberal Free-trader, is in the city on the way to Vancouver.

Dr. Laurie will be given command of a new regiment to be formed at Fort William and Port Arthur.

Two offices signed the eight-hour agreement with the printers this morning, the Free Press and Telegram, and the employees returned. Thirteen offices are still idle, the employers refusing to sign.

A quarter million bushels of wheat marketed at C. P. R. points Saturday.

The Canadian Pacific railroad directors have refused an offer of $70,000,000 for the remainder of the company's arable lands in the Canadian west. The offer was made this week by a syndicate composed of English, American and Canadian capitalists, and was rejected while President Shaughnessy was in Winnipeg.

Building permits issued up to today reached a total up to $9,407,000, the largest in any season's history. The most important one today was $85,000 for a brewery to be built by the Canada Malting Co., Toronto.

The first cargo of new wheat to be shipped this season left Fort William today on the big freight steamer Gelespie, the steamer reported missing for a week. The cargo is for Montreal.

The Dominion Fair

New Westminster, Sept. 18.—Myriads of electric lights now burn brightly at Queen's park, the beautiful site on the hill top of the Royal City, where the 1905 Dominion exhibition is to be opened at 1 p. m. on Wednesday, September 27th. In the daytime and through the night the work of completing the grounds and buildings and arranging for the displays goes on with increased force and activity, with every prospect of having the whole scheme of accommodation and entainment in perfect order before the opening day. People who have to do with exhibits and the supervising of the various shows are arriving daily and taking up their duties.

A number of horsemen with their racing stock are alreay quartered on the grounds, and in the mornings and afternoons are speeding around the new track.

Reports from Manitoba, the new provinces, Washington, Oregon and all of British Columbia promise an attendance that will meet the most sanguine expectations of the management. Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere, Lieutenant-Governor of the province, will officially open the national exhibition.

CHICAGO'S PIRATE SHIP.

Dime Novel Heroes Play Rough House With Yacht Club.

Chicago, Sept. 18.—With a black flag flying from its masthead and its occupants armed, a sailing craft appeared off the foot of Thirty-third street yesterday afternoon, and after a battle with the members of the Douglas Yacht Club, in which the latter were forced to appeal to the police, weighed anchor and disappeared in the direction of South Chicago.

The pirate ship, the police say, was seen by scores of persons on the shore. She dropped anchor less than a half mile out in the lake, and her sailors clambered over the sides into a yawl and were rowed to the yacht club building, carrying rifles and other weapons. The invaders attacked a number of persons who were sitting on the porch of the building. The small boathouse party were finally routed, and telephoned for police aid. As the first of the policemen appeared, the "pirates" hurried to their yawl, rowed back to their yacht and sailed away. The police believe that the pirates are youthful young burglars who live in the district south of Hyde Park.

FIGHTING INDICTMENTS.

Counsel for Meat Trust Enters Pleas at Chicago.

Chicago, Sept. 18.—By pleas in abatement attorneys representing the seventeen packers and other persons indicted by the federal grand jury on charges of conspiring in a trust to monopolize the meat industry, attacked the position of the government today. The attack was made against the empanneling of the jury, alleged improper service of a summons on John Murray, one of the jurors, unlawful secrecy at the time the jury was drawn from the box, unlawful presence of a stenographer in the jury room during the hearing and subsequent writing of the shorthand notes, that the indictment was returned in the Eastern division of Illinois, although the jury which found the indictment was sitting in the Northern district. The plea was filed late this afternoon with District Attorney Morrison after an all day's conference between John S. Miller, general counsel for the packers, and a number of assistant counsel in the case. There were no court proceedings, and the plea has not yet been properly filed with the clerk of the district court, but this will be done tomorrow morning.

POLAND'S REPRESENTATION.

Scheme Being Elaborated to Provide For Approaching Elections.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 18.—The Solsky commission has elaborated the conditions governing the representation of the people of Poland in the national assembly. The voters will be divided into three classes, the first to be composed of landed proprietors, the second of members of cantons owning from 3 to 20 acres, and the third of urban electors. Thirty-six members will be returned from Poland.

The Emperor has ordered a state of siege to be proclaimed in the town and district of Bielostok owing to the disturbances there.

NORWAY AND SWEDEN.

Official Announcement of Probable Early Agreement.

Karlstad, Sept. 18.—It was officially announced last night that the probabilities are that Norway and Sweden will in the near future be able to bring the present separation negotiations to a definite result. This is taken to mean that a settlement is at hand.

The Norwegian and Swedish delegates were in conference for two hours and a half today and adjourned to meet when an agreement is reached on certain points submitted to a sub-committee consisting of Messrs. Lundenburg, Michelson, Hammerslajold and Loveland.

A certain element in Norway is opposing the proposed terms of agreement, thus placing difficulty in the way of the delegates. It is understood that as a basis of agreement Sweden has promised to sign an arbitration treaty as soon as Norway is recognized as a separate state, while Norway agrees to destroy all the new frontier fortifications. The other conditions are still under consideration.

SAYS OIL FLOW IS PHENOMENAL

Standard People Said to Have Plans for Purchase of Fields in Alberta.

Private information received from Pincher Creek, Alberta, is to the effect that the flow of oil recently encountered by the Rocky Mountain Development Company in its borings at Oil City, some miles south of Pincher, is phenomenal and creating much excitement. It is claimed that the twelve-inch boring is flowing fully three hundred thousand gallons of oil per day, the pressure being so great as to force a stream fifty feet in the air. When the boring had reached a depth of 1,500 feet the oil stratum was struck and oil immediately commenced to flow, the pressure becoming so great as to compel the drillers to cease. Oil gushed out in such large quantities as to flood the immediate surface surroundings of the well to a depth of over two feet.

Great secrecy was maintained about the strike, the idea being to give the Rocky Mountain officials time to get control of all the neighboring land, and in this they have partially succeeded. News of the strike, however, gradually got out, and many people have gone into the district for the purpose of staking land, title to which must be obtained through the interior department at Ottawa.

The flow struck by the Rocky Mountain people proved almost too great to handle, and it was with much difficulty that the well was finally capped. The oil is of a high grade, and it is claimed refining can be done without the use of sulphuric acid, effecting a considerable saving in general expense.

How Oil Is Developed

Oil has been known to exist in the locality for many years. Old-timers remember when William Aldrich used to skim the surface seepages and sell the oil to the Mormon settlers for lighting and lubricating purposes. Finally John Lineham, well known around Calgary, got on to the idea and secured expert advice and tests about the oil. On the strength of these reports Lineham secured land covering the seepages and organized the Rocky Mountain Development Company, whose operations have met with such signal success. Were the borings continued to a depth of three thousand feet it is believed the flow of oil would surpass anything ever struck on the continent.

According to the report of the geologists the valley, or "pass," as it is called, is an enormous crevice caused by volcanic eruption, crescenting the formation of the Rocky Mountains and thereby forming a basin-like vacuum into which the oil—caused from distillation of the large coal bodies lying to the west, seeped until it formed vast lakes underlying the rock foundation at a depth of about a thousand feet.

Standard Is Interested

Standard Oil representatives have been keeping a watchful eye on the operations of the Rocky Mountain people ever since the boring machinery was set up, and it is believed the Rockefeller people will make an effort to secure control of the new well and all the adjacent territory. At all events, persistent enquiries are being made relative to the feasibility of purchase. The territory in which the oil has been struck is adjacent to the famous Flathead country, of which so much has been heard in the past two years. It is practically one and the same country, communication to either being easy by way of Pincher creek. The same formation and strata extend over the American boundary and oil has been struck by a number of American drilling companies.

ODD FELLOWS CONVENE.

Eighty-First Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge at Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Sept. 18.—The eighty-first annual communication of the sovereign grand lodge of the Independent Order of Oddfellows opened here today. The initial exercises were held in Lulu Temple. Grand Sire Robert E. Wright, of Allentown, will preside at all public meetings. The opening exercises consisted of an address of welcome by Mayor Weaver and addresses by Melville M. Churbuck, grand master, L. Gielulalis, grand patriarch, and Mrs. Morrow, president of Rebekah assembly. Simultaneously with this ceremony were held the prize drills of the patriarchs militant in the Second Regiment armory. Later in the day competitive degree work of lodges, encampments and Rebekah lodges took place in Lulu Temple.

A PEACE CONFERENCE.

Russia About to Address Note to the Powers.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 18.—It is authoritatively stated that the Russian government proposes to address the foreign governments with the view of holding a second peace conference at The Hague. It is known that President Roosevelt is anxious that such a conference should be called, but he is of the opinion that the first step in this direction should be taken by the Emperor of Russia, on whose initiative the first conference was held.

EFFECTS OF EARTHQUAKE.

Sulphur Spring in Calabria Now Emits Mud and Hot Water.

New York, Sept. 18.—A cable despatch to the Herald from Naples says that a telegram from Tropea, Calabria, says that as a result of the earthquake an old sulphurous spring on Mount Pons, which had run dry, emits instead of gases, mud and hot water.

Acapulco to Come Under Hammer

Capt. McLean's Notorious Sealer Will Be Sold to Satisfy Claims Against Her.

Beacon Rock With Cargo for Victoria Puts Into Port Stanley in Distress.

The sealing schooner Acapulco, or Carmencita, or Jennie Thelin—she has been known as all three within the past three years—will be sold under the hammer. It is probable that the sale will take place within a few days. The vessel is being sold to satisfy the claims of her crew against her for wages. A few days ago six hunters began libel proceedings against the vessel to recover $1,094, the amount of wages due them under agreements made with Captain McLean, by which they were to be paid three dollars for every skin taken. Several others of the crew remaining on board are contemplating proceedings. Mr. Wilson, the San Francisco stevedore, who is now in Victoria in the interest of R. de Smidt, the present owner of the vessel, wishes to wind up the business of the schooner, and it is understood that he seeks to have the vessel disposed of to satisfy the claims against her.

The Acapulco—she is at present known by that name—is at present without a register or flag, the Mexican papers given for a voyage to Acapulco having been seized by the local customs, by whom the vessel was fined $1,600 a few days ago. If she is bought at the forthcoming sale by local shipping men it will be necessary for them to pay duty before a local registry can be secured.

The schooner is an old one. Thirty-one years ago, when known as the Jennie Thelin, she struck on the bar when trying to sail into Coos bay, and was beached on North spit. She was then owned by Beedle & Co. of San Francisco, by whom she was insured for $8,000. The wreck was purchased from the underwriters by Captain McAllep of Eastport, by whom she was repaired and again placed in commission. She is a vessel of 145 tons gross, 138 tons net, built at Devonport Landing, California, in 1869. She is 91 feet long, with a beam of 29.5 feet and a depth of 8.25 feet. It is estimated that she will carry 175,000 feet of lumber.

ATHENIAN SAILS.

Carried Cargo of 2,400 Tons to Far East—Iyo Maru About Due.

Steamer Athenian of the C. P. R. line sailed last night with 2,400 tons of general cargo, including a shipment of prime cattle for Japan. The Athenian did not call here, stopping only to land her pilot from Comox, where she loaded bunker coal. The steamer Iyo Maru of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line, Captain Thompson, which sailed from Yokohama on the 7th, is due tomorrow from the Orient, and the steamer Pleiades, a freighter of the Boston Tugboat Company, which left shortly after the Japanese liner, is due in a few days. The steamer Machaon of the China Mutual line left yesterday morning for Vancouver to load more salmon. The Machaon discharged about four hundred and a half of general cargo at the ocean dock and loaded about ten thousand cases of salmon for England.

GLENALVON ASHORE.

Sailing Ship En Route to Royal Roads Stranded on Japanese Coast.

The British ship Glenalvon, which sailed from Yokohama on August 2 for Royal Roads, is ashore on Saratoga spit, on the Japanese coast. The Glenalvon encountered the typhoon in mid-August and was driven ashore. She was still ashore on August 18, when the last advices were received. It is not thought the vessel will be seriously damaged, however, as the shore is muddy where she lies and, if not, the vessel is practically lying on a mudbank. The Glenalvon is a British ship of 1,980 tons, commanded by Capt. Andrews. She was coming to Victoria in ballast for orders. The Glenalvon has been here before several times, having carried salmon to England on one occasion.

The French ship Alice, from Hobart for orders, was picked up off the Cape Sunday by the tug Sea Lion and towed to Port Angeles. The Sea Lion has gone to Vancouver to tow the lumber-laden German ship Najade to sea.

TELLUS COMING.

Headed for Royal Roads for Orders—Was Blockade-Runner.

The Norwegian steamer Tellus, formerly a collier running between British Columbia ports and San Francisco, is en route from Kobe to the Royal Roads in ballast, in command of Capt. Arntzen. The Tellus was formerly commanded by Capt. Pedersen, when running on this Coast. It is now thought that she has been chartered for the coal trade, the vessel being rather small. The Terje Viken, a larger and newer freighter belonging to the same owners, has been chartered for the coal trade and is now en route. The Tellus was one of the more fortunate of the vessels engaged in blockade-running during the war in the Orient. She made two successful trips through the Japanese patroling squadrons in the Sea of Japan and reached Vladivostok with two cargoes loaded at Shanghai, which port she made her base when in the contraband business.

IS IT THE PEARL?

Wreck Sighted Off Alaskan Coast Believed to Have Been That Vessel.

Little doubt exists among seafaring men that the three-masted schooner which was first sighted floating bottom up and later seen ashore on the beach near Yakutat Bay, Alaska, by Japanese sealers, was the schooner Pearl. The fact that the body of George Fermerling, who shipped as cook aboard the vessel, has been fully identified adds to the belief that the wreck is that of the Pearl. It is the belief that the Pearl capsized off Sanak Bay and later drifted to where she was seen.

Although a staunch little vessel, the schooner had the name of "unlucky" among seafaring men. Capt. William Kessel, who is now in command of the ship Occidental, which sailed from Seattle a few weeks ago, was once wrecked in the same vessel. When the Pearl started on her last voyage she carried a complement of 34 men, all told, and if the wreck proves to be her, there is very little doubt that all on board have been drowned.

BEACON ROCK DAMAGED.

Vessel En Route to Victoria Puts Into Port Stanley.

A despatch received yesterday by The Colonist from London, England, stated that the British ship Beacon Rock, Captain Wilson, now 110 days from Liverpool for Victoria, with a full cargo of general merchandise consigned to Victoria and Vancouver merchants, put into Port Stanley, in the Falkland islands, on August 11, with her decks and bulwarks damaged. The Beacon Rock had encountered a heavy storm and lost several boats and some sails. The German ship Emile, Captain Wilhelm, from Shields for Portland, Ore., also put in at Port Stanley, having been caught in the same storm which injured the Beacon Rock. The Emile had her rigging damaged.

The Beacon Rock is a vessel of 1,758 tons and carries a full cargo of miscellaneous freight consigned to British Columbia merchants. The Beacon Rock is a sister vessel of the Red Rock, for whose safety considerable apprehension was felt some years ago when en route to England with salmon from Victoria. A lifebuoy, some wreckage and salmon from the vessel were found on the Vancouver Island coast. The Beacon Rock has the distinction of being one of the few vessels posted as missing at Lloyd's which have afterwards reached port. She was given up as lost some years ago, when on a voyage from Melbourne to New England. The vessel was disabled and drifted across the Pacific to the South American coast. Ninety per cent. had been paid to reinsure her, and she was given up as lost when she reported.

STRIKE CALLED OFF.

Packing Box Makers Ordered Back to Work on Any Terms.

New York, Sept. 18.—A strike of the Packing Box Makers' Union declared three weeks ago in a large number of factories in Greater New York was called off yesterday. The men had demanded a nine-hour day, but were instructed to go back on any terms they could obtain from their employers.

A STRANGE FATALITY.

Long Island Train Kills Principal Objector to Its Grade Crossings.

New York, Sept. 18.—Charles Goubeaux was killed by a Long Island train last night. Mr. Gobeaux was taking a walk while guests were gathering at his home to celebrate the anniversary of his fiftieth birthday. Mr. Goubeaux was a wealthy metal dealer who had been one of the most active advocates of the removal of the Long Island railway from the surface of Atlantic avenue, which will be accomplished in a few weeks. He was mortally injured by one of the trains of that road.

M. WITTE ARRIVES.

Russian Envoy Reaches Plymouth En Route Home.

Plymouth, England, Sept. 18.—The North German Lloyd steamer Kaiser Wilhelm, having on board M. Witte and colleagues, arrived here today. The Russians, who were in good health, went on to Cherbourg, where they will land this evening.

A number of reporters went aboard the steamer, but M. Witte declined to be interviewed, except to reiterate that the recent rioting in Japan would not delay or interfere with the ratification of the treaty of peace.

OUTRAGES IN BAKU.

Troubles Continue and Many Shops Remain Closed.

Baku, Sept. 18.—Serious outrages are being continued here and many of the shops remain closed.

Tiflis, Sept. 18.—Gen. Shrinkin, commander of the troops, today received a telegram from the officials of the copper works at Elizabethpol requesting him to send Cossacks to that district. The telegram says that the district is surrounded by bands of Tartars and that property and the lives of the employees are in imminent danger. Five wagons filled with Armenian refugees from Shusha were attacked by Tartars. Most of the refugees were killed and the women were carried off. Similar outrages are occurring in various districts.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 18.—According to reports from Baku the forts of 21 oil companies and those of 13 private owners were completely destroyed during the recent disturbances.

The Gathering Of the Clans

King Edward Reviews Greatest Army of Scots Since Flodden Field.

40,000 Volunteers Under Arms at Holyrood—Accident to Sir T. Lipton.

EDINBURGH, Sept. 18.—The greatest muster of Scotchmen under arms since the battle of Flodden Field was reviewed by King Edward here today. The King arrived at the Scottish capital this morning and proceeded to Holyrood palace, when, attended by the Duke of Connaught and a brilliant staff, he rode to the parade ground in King's park.

Nearly 40,000 Scottish volunteers were in the march past. Enormous numbers of visitors were here from all parts of the world and the north of England to witness the review, which is expected to assist in counteracting the extreme irritation felt in volunteer circles over recent worrying regulations of the war office.

During the march past, Sir Thomas Lipton, who is honorary colonel of the Second Lanarkshire Engineers, was leading his regiment past the King when his horse threw him and Sir Thomas was kicked in the face. His injuries are not serious.

ANOTHER ADVANCE IN OIL.

Standard Company Takes Advantage of Baku Troubles.

Cleveland, Sept. 18.—The Standard Oil Company today advanced the selling price on all grades of refined oil half a cent per gallon and gasoline one cent per gallon. This is the third advance announced by the Standard Oil Company within the past seven days.

BOSTON HONORS DEAD MAYOR.

Business of Great City Suspended During Obsequies.

Boston, Sept. 18.—The business of this city was stopped for a while today to do reverence to the memory of Mayor Patrick A. Collins. Schools, courts, trade exchanges, municipal offices and manufacturing establishments all suspended operations, some for the day, others for the period of the services at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. Everywhere were emblems of mourning.

WITH THE CHESS MASTERS.

German Beats American in First Game at Nuremburg.

Nuremburg, Germany, Sept. 18.—The first game of the chess match between Dr. S. Tarrasch of this city and Frank J. Marshall of Brooklyn was played at the local chess club in this city today and was won by the former after fifty moves.

TO TRANSPORT PRISONERS.

The Russian Government Purchases a Castle Liner at Southampton.

Southampton, Sept. 18.—It is stated that the Russian government has purchased the Union Castle steamer Arundel, which will be equipped as a troopship to carry prisoners from Japan.

ALICE IN WONDERLAND.

Miss Roosevelt and Party Take Ship From the Far East.

Yokohama, Sept. 18.—United States Secretary of War Taft and his party sailed from here this afternoon for San Francisco on the steamer Korea. Miss Alice Roosevelt will return home on the steamship Siberia.

To Inspect The Militia

Sir Frederick Borden Here From Ottawa Accompanied by General Lake.

Will Today Examine Esquimalt With View to Pursuing Departmental Plans.

In Interview Outlines Scope of Scheme of Government in the West.

SIR FREDERICK W. BORDEN, K. C., M. G., minister of militia and defence, accompanied by Lieut.-Gen. Lake, the imperial officer, acting chief of the general staff in Canada, first military member of the militia council at Ottawa, arrived in the city yesterday by the Princess Victoria from Vancouver. Sir Frederick was met on board the steamer by Mr. Muskett, representing His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Col. English, commanding the imperial troops at Esquimalt; Lieut.-Col. Hall, commanding the Fifth Regiment; Col. Holmes, D. O. C., Lieut.-Col. Jones, Maj. McComan and others, who attended the distinguished visitors. On shore they were received by a guard of honor under the command of Capt. A. W. Currie, with Lieuts. Sidney Booth and L. H. Garnett, acting as subalterns of the guard. After inspecting the troops and receiving the presentation of the officer in command, they entered the carriage in waiting and were driven to Government House, where they remain the guests of Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere during their stay.

Object of Minister's Visit

The object of Sir Frederick's visit and the attendance of General Lake is to inspect the military depots of the permanent force, and also to look over the grounds on which and places at which it may be necessary later on to establish other depots of the permanent forces. Also to inspect the militia units or corps of the active militia at various points, both in the province of Manitoba and the new provinces, as well as in British Columbia.

Speaking of Esquimalt, he said: "We shall make it a teaching depot for the purpose of educating the active militia in the surrounding neighborhood for garrison duty, or whatever may be prescribed. We were about to establish a depot in British Columbia, and when the policy of handing over Halifax and Esquimalt to us was suggested it worked into our hands, you may say, so far, that we were going to do this anyhow, and were paying half the expense, so we might as well pay the whole cost and use the depot entirely for our own teaching purposes. The same thing applies to Halifax, and this, I think, is a tangible way of showing Canada's willingness to relieve the British taxpayer, so far as expenditure in Canada is concerned.

Military Drill in Schools

"One of the things I am trying to do," remarked Sir Frederick, "is to interest the provincial departments of education in the question of training the children in physical military drill and the older scholars in rifle shooting. We would co-operate in the way of providing instructors, arms, and everything of a kind. The report circulated to the effect that I favored conscription is absolutely false. I have addressed a letter to the Hon. Colin Campbell and all the ministers of education of the government in the Dominion and sent them a copy of a memorandum from the military members of the militia council. Mr. Campbell quite reciprocates with certain limitations the views I have expressed. I have no doubt that we shall be able from east to west to arrange a programme which will be adopted by all the provinces in respect to this important matter, whereby, moreover, I expect to relieve the Dominion government of a very considerable burden, as it will give the Dominion the benefit of the training of the rising generation, who later on, should trouble arise, could be drawn upon when a large military force might be required. If this plan be followed, every youth of 18 will have some rudimentary knowledge of drill and the use of the rifle, and that without drawing them away from the productive development of the country."

This morning at 9:30 Sir Frederick Borden and Gen. Lake, accompanied by Col. Holmes, will inspect the position at Beacon Hill, and proceed thence to view the defences at Esquimalt, returning to Government House to lunch. In the afternoon it is proposed to take a drive round the beauty spots of the Victorian suburbs, and on Wednesday evening Sir Frederick Borden, Lieut.-Gen. Lake and their respective suites will be entertained at the officers' mess of the Fifth Regiment.

News of the Federal Capital

Thanksgiving Day Is Fixed for October 26th—The King's Birthday.

Minister of Public Works About to Start West on Business.

From Our Own Correspondent

Ottawa, Sept. 18.—The great seal of the Northwest Territories has been forwarded to Commissioner White for safe keeping.

The Hon. Mr. Hyman leaves either tomorrow or Wednesday on a visit to western provinces on departmental business. The department of public works has many important buildings under construction, particularly in Winnipeg and Vancouver, and the minister's object is to see from personal observation what is going on.

The island of Trinidad, after benefiting for years by direct Canadian steamship service without paying a cent, now proposes to give $75,000 a year to a line from New York. Great indignation exists in official circles.

Thanksgiving is fixed for Thursday, October 26th. This was decided upon by the cabinet today. Strong representations had been made to the government to select a Monday, so that young people away from the parental roof might eat their thanksgiving turkey with the old folks, but clerical interference on behalf of Thursday has carried the day. There will be no official observation of the King's birthday on November 9th and it will not be a public holiday. The celebration will be held, as this year, on May 24th, and on the 9th of November there will be only royal salutes fired at every military post in Canada.

COMMUNICATES ARMISTICE.

A Russian Squadron Again Makes Its Appearance.

Seoul, Sept. 18.—A Russian squadron was sighted Sunday afternoon off Syongchin, in northern Korea. Its mission was to communicate the terms of the armistice to the Russian forces on the Tumen river.