## FEAR MASSACRE

Foreign Legations Prepare for Serious Trouble in Peking Through Action of Irreconcilable Manchus

PEKIN, Jan. 18.-The foreign legations are preparing for trouble in Peking tomorrow. The question of ab dication of the throne will be decided by the Empress Dowager and the princes, but it is not thought Premier Yuan will take part in the conference. It has long been expected that the Manchu irreconcilables would unite in a massacre when all hope for the administration had vanished, and a placard posted tonight indicates that the Manchu threats may be ful-It calls on all loyal Manchus and Chinese to resist the abdicatio of the emperor to the death. The street near the office of the Chinese foreign board, at which Yuan Shi Kai resides, is heavily guarded by the premier's own men, of whom it is said there are 3,500. Many Chinese who have not yet deserted the city are preparing for flight tomorrow, and promi neht followers of Yuan are taking refuge outside their own homes tonight hoping that in the event of a massacre they will not be found.

Charges that Yuan Shi Kai has been disloyal to the Manchus, although pretending to support them are attracting the attention of foreigners as well as Manchus and Chinese. Several revolutionists long have been saying that he was working for the overthrow, not the salvation, of the dynasty, but it has been thought that the charge was designed to discredit the premier with the Manchus. Others accuse Yuan of working for his own interests, and say he intended to become dictator if he did not assume

The Imperialists who distrust him point out that he has persistently withdrawn his army, although the trained imperialist troops could easily disperse the untrained rebel volunteers. It is also said that withdrawal of the army from Nanking was by Yuan Shi

Even after obtaining sufficient money from the Empress Dowager and the princes for a month's campaign and after a request by the generals that they be permitted to fight, Premier Yuan continued to withdraw his forces. The proposition which he now is making to Wu Ting Fang, the republican minister of justice, is though to be tantamount to a dictatorship. It is understood that he offers a compromise of abdication if the government is left in his hands until a prop erly elected national assembly shall decide the form of government.

Some of Yuan's right hand men are Cantonese and other southern men from provinces recognized as rebel, and several of his immediate supporters do not attempt to hide their anti-Manchu feelings.

Whether the suspicions against the premier are false or true, they are giving sufficient credence to cause the organization of anti-abdication bodies, against which Yuan Shi Kai has been compelled to take measures of defence, and it is said authoritatively the dynamite bomb outrage against his life was the work of a Manchu faction.

So complex is the situation that the foreign ministers no longer attempt to late it for their governments

Yuan Pleads Indisposition PEKIN, Jan, 18 .- The three men who were arrested after the bomb-throwing at the carriage of Yuan Shi Kai were

put to death today by strangling. Yuan Shi Kai today attended the memorial rites for the captain of his escort, who was killed by a splinter from the bomb.

The premier has been granted three days' leave, ostensibly on account of indisposition caused by the attempt on his life. It is thought, however. that the real reason is that he does no desire to attend the conference of the Empress Dowager and the princes of the Imperial clan on the question of abdication of the throne, which has been called at the Imperial palace tomorrow Several Mongol princes persist in their determination to oppose abdication.

Revolution in Mongolia PEKIN, Jan. 17.—The revolutionary movement in Mongolia is making considerable progress.

According to consular dispatches received here the seizure of the Manchurian town of Khailar by the rebels and the proclamation of autonomy by the Mogolians of that region is confirmed. The Imperial troops stationed in the town did not offer any opposition. The Russian railway guards who have formed a cordon around the Russian settlement and railway station in Khallar for some weeks past, have per mitted some of the Manchus to take re-

Frequent reports reach Pekin that the Mongolians have taken cities sometimes

The attitude of the republicans in onnection with the loss of the provinces heretofore attached to the Empire is being watched with considerable interest by observers. In Russian circles it is contended that there is danger of a great and really modern army being organized by the republican government, but doubts are expressed by the military attaches of other foreign nations that the Russian statesmen really

fear such an occurrence. There seems to be a desire on the part of the British and Japanese governments to prevent any anti-Russian press campaign at the present moment in view of the possibility of a partition of China, but in diplomatic circles here it is generally recognized that China has lost the right to retain vast territories which she has proved Rerself incapable of developing.

### LABOR PROPOSALS

Several Amendments to Dominion Acts
Are Sought by Trades and
Lahor Congress

OTTAWA, Jan. 18.—A varied pro-gramme of desired legislation has been prepared by the officers of the Trades by J. G. O'Donchue, counsel for the Congress. Changes are asked in the Lemieux Act, Railway Act, and Lord's Day

The proposed amendment to the Le-mieux Ant is designed to free members of trades unions from what they de-clare to be a burdensome provision of the existing law, as interpreted by th Nova Scotia courts. This provision bars a striker on strike in contraven tion of the act from sharing in trade mion benefits, or strike money, by mak ng contribution of such aid an infrac tion of the law. As the statute is now enforced, any one contributing to the support of the striker aids and abet and brings himself under the probibit ory clause. The labor men want that changed.

two proposed amendments, one to permit the union musicians to play on Sunday and the other giving all cooks and waiters a legal right to one rest day in

The amendments asked for in respect to the Railway Act are more numerous They will, if enacted, empower the rail way commission to exercise jurisdiction in the matter of the length of fallway sections, and will provide for the pro tection of car men and will require the side ladders for use in case of accident.

### NANAIMO ROBBERY

Two Young Men Arrested on Charge Beating Chinese Driver and Taking His Money

NANAIMO, Jan 18 .- Robt Stove and Chic" Williams, two young men well known in this city and district, are under arrest and will be charged in the provincial police court with highway obbery, the alleged offence being committed on the Extension road on day. A Chinaman employed as a drive of a vegetable wagon owned by Yick Chong while returning home was held up in the vicinity of Stark's Crossing by two young men who beat him about the head with clubs, inflicting fourteen cuts and bruises, and robbed him of \$31. The Chinaman gave the police a good de scription of the two young highwaymen and both the provincial and city police set to work, with the result that Stove was arrested on Tuesday and Williams last evening, the two youths being lodged in the provincial jail.

### FIERCE THIBETANS

Returned Missionary Says Story of Bloodshed and Pillage in Far Interior Will Shock the World

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18 .- J. C. Ogden, a Christian church missionary of Los Angeles, arrived in San Fran cisco today with his wife and child, after a desperate 1,000-mile fourney through the wilds of China and Thibet, in which all narrowly escaped with their lives.

According to the missionary, they were compelled to wade through blood. on the journey from Batang, Thibet, to the French province of Tongking, China. They arrived today on the Nip-

pon Maru. "The story of the isolated provinces in Northern China is one that will shock the world, when once it is told," said Mr. Ogden. "I was sent to Thibet six years ago as a missionary. The war-ike Thibetans have taken up arms, and are using the revolution in China as an excuse for plundering and pillaging. There is far more to be feared, as far as the missionaries are concerned, from the Thibetans than, there is from the Manchus and Chinese. The border be-tween China and Thibet is overrun with lawless bands."

Mr. Ogden travelled with his wife and little boy. The child is about one year old and in delicate health.

### PAIN BRAVELY BORNE Miner Severely Injured Is Conveyed on Rough Sled Several Miles to Hospital

VANCOUVER, Jan. 18 .- A tale of heroic fortitude under painful suffering was related at the provincial police headquarters today by Karl Wagner, a miner from Granite Bay.

On Friday last Mr. Wagner and a comrade, Eugene Smolk, were encamped some seven miles from tidewater at Rock Bay. Both were engaged upon assessment work in connection with their claims in the district. Early in the morning Mr. Smolk went into the woods, his comrade remaining in the camp to clean up. About an hour afterwards an explosion occurred, but Wagner did not go to investigate, as he thought it was

Some time later his companion appeared in a distressing condition. It seems that Mr. Smolk attempted to open a box of fulminating mercury caps. The caps exploded, and the unfortunate man had both hands blown off and the sight of both eyes damaged. Nevertheless he was able to walk to the camp, where his comrade dressed his wounds as well

Then a sleigh was manufactured out of a few planks, and Mr. Wagner pulled this rough equipage over the snow to the hospital at Rock Bay. During the journey Mr. Smolk never complained of his terrible sufferings. He died in the Rock Bay hospital Sunday morning.

In Rossland, junior pupils are given fifteen minutes extra time at the hi hour, not because they are supposed to eat more than the seniors but because their legs are shorter. Lionel Crippen's new herring curing

plant on Digby Island is now in full Marysville Conservatives have elected Thomas Caven, M. P. P., honorary president; H. L. Sawyer, president, D.

J. Douglas, vice-president, and George James, secretary-treasurer. A general increase in salaries has oeen promised South Vancouver school

Resist Efforts of Government to Afford Means of Making Departmental Investigation More Thorough

OTTAWA, Jan. 18 .- A dull afternoon was spent in advancing government bills, its chief incident being the stubborn fight made by the Liberals agains the inquiries bill. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his followers fought it step by step. This is the second afternoon which they have spent on it. The government for its past made concession after concession.

The opening incident was Mr. Bradbury's introduction of his bill respect-ing the use of flags. He explained that the purpose of the measure is to prohibit the defacing of the national flag by the addition of letters and words, as everyone knows there is much use of the ensign for advertising purposes. Mr. Emmerson declared that the Union Jack had been put to a baser use than those of advertising There should be a provision in the bill to prevent the use of the national flag in political contests. This abuse had been very pronounced in recent years,

especially in the last election.

Mr. Pügsley complained that at Coaticook a government official had been dismissed for publishing a pro-test against "Shooting holes in the Union Jack" speech.

Labor Gazette Correspondent

During question time Mr. Verville asked for the names of all correspondents of the Labor Gazette who have been dismissed. Mr. Crothers stated that the only correspondents who have been dismissed were persons who were either incompetent or inattentive. Mr Verville insisted on knowing the names. He said that he knew one of the correspondents who had been dis-missed and knew him to be neither incompetent nor inattentive. The speaker checked the discussion.

Later, when supply was moved, Mr. Verville returned to the subject and protested that the Maisonneuve correspondent did not deserve condemnafion. He also condemned the new system whereby the names of corres pondents are not published with each ontribution. They might be the agents of manufacturers' associations. Mr. Crothers denied that any man had been dismissed for partizanship The Maisonneuve correspondent had

resigned, expecting to be dismissed.

Mr. Carroll of Cape Breton, assailed the minister for omitting the names of correspondents. He assumed that the correspondent at Sydney had been dismissed and carroll the correspondent at Sydney had been dismissed and carroll the correspondent at Sydney had been dismissed and carroll the correspondent at Sydney had been dismissed and carroll the correspondent at Sydney had been dismissed and carroll the carroll the correspondent at the carroll nissed and asked the name of his cessor. Mr. Crothers produced the report upon the Sydney man. It was thoroughly favorable. "He has not been dismissed."

Inquiries Bill The inquiries hill took up most of the afternoon. Hen. Mr. Doherty at the outset announced that the government would consent to two changes. First, the commissioners may allow any persons whose conduct is under investigation to be represented by counsel. They must allow that privilege to persons against whom charges are made. Second, when the commission appoints sub-commissioners the approval of the governor-in-council must be obtained. The amendment offered by the opposition to prevent a delegation of powers was rejected. The opposition then once again opposed the general idea of facilitating the work of investigation by allowing sub-com-missioners to presecute special lines of investigation charging political ani-

The bill stood over to permit minor amendments, one of form, to be drafted. The etxernal affairs department bill was put through and then the house took up the bill to enable the government to pay more adequate salaries to the min isters' private secretaries. The Liberals asked that it be widened to include secretaries of the Liberal ministers, The bill stood over to be redrafted to

Other bills were advanced, and in the evening the house went into supply after Mr. Sinclair had complained that the government had dropped the appro-priation for the railway in his county

Grand Trunk's Request

President Hays of the Grand Trunk was again in Ottawa today, and had a conference with the premier. The Grand Trunk people were reported some time ago as anxious to obtain additional financial help from the government in connection with the completion of the Grand Trunk Pacific. The understanding has been that the company asked for a loan of fifteen millions, and the Hays mission here today is believed to have been to press this request, but there does not appear to be any certainty that another loan will be forthcoming. The negotiations today were, it is said, without finality.

That the public service commission intends to make its investigation into the workings of the civil serivce complete and thorough, is evident from the preparations now being made by the commission for the formal opening of the inquiry, which will not be long delayed. These preparations include the gathering of complete statistics in regard to the staff and duties of each department of the inside service at Ottawa. Armed with that information, the commission will be in a position to set bout its investigations with a good general knowledge of the administra-

tion machinery.

South Renfrew Hon. Dr. Reid left the capital today for Renfrew, where the South Renfrew Conservative convention is to be held tomorrow to formally select a candidate to oppose Hon. George Graham at the by-election rendered necessary by the resignation of T. A. Low, Gerald White,

M.P. for North Renfrew, leaves tomor rew to attend the convention. The ex-pectation here is all in favor of a very spirited contest, with Dr. Maloney of Eganville as the Conservative standard

Bace Meet Charters

It is known that the intention of the government to bring in legislation prohibiting the holding of race meets by associations incorporated under letters patent has occasioned something of a run on the State department for charters, the object of the application being to get in ahead of the promised legislation. Your correspondent undersateds that the efforts of these gentlemen will be without avail, as the bill to be brought in by the government will, when passed, take effect from the first of the year.

### MR. MITCHELL SCORES

United Mine Workers Strongly Supporting As' Delegate to American
Pederation of Debor

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 18 .- Though attacked in a resolution before the convention of the United Mine Workers of America as a "labor leader in the grasp of capitalists," John Mitcheil, former president of the organization, received more votes than any other candidate for federation delegate, according to the report of the tellers of the miners' convention today. Mr. Mitchell will appear before the committee to defend his advocacy of the National Civic Federation, from which he resigned last year in compliance with a resolution adopted by the miners' convention at Columbus, and the assembly voted today to pay the expenses of his trip to this city, He has declared that the Columbus convention was "packed" against him. When the tellers' report of the min-

ers' election was read today it made known that John P. White had been re-elected president by a majority of 45,424 over Thos. L. Lomis, and that Mr. Mitchell had received 107,487 votes for delegate to the American Federation of Labor. Of the other six delegates chosen, the vice-president the next largest vote, 91,006.

### WILL BURN TREES

Inspector Cunningham Finds Songhees Tract Alive With Deadly Oyster Scale Which Might Kill Fruit Industry

Victoria has been harboring a nest of infection to its fruit and rose trees on the late Songhees Reserve, and Mr. Thomas Cunningliam, inspector of fruit pests for the province is now superintending the destruction of its fruit trees and scrub which have been ound to be covered with the Oyster Scale disease.

On a walk round the Reserve with Mr. Cunningham this week it was easy to perceive what a menace this infected area right in the middle of the gardens of Victoria would be, and has been for years, to its fruit trees and rose bushes. The land has numerous trees on it, apple, pear, cherry and wild crab as well as scrub of wild rose bushes and buckthorn. All these are infected, some so badly as to be almost killed. Even the broom has not escaped. "I have never," remarked Mr. Cunningham, "seen anything so bad as this state of things anywhere." Indians cannot be taught to keep their trees clean and it points to the undesirability of locating them in the immediate neighborhood of white men. Vancouver has two reserves close in and it is equally a mistake there."

This Oyster Scale is known to scientific men as Mythaspis pomorum; it attacks all plants of the resachiae order. The cycle of its life is as follows: The eggs hatch out in May, and the insect hatched crawls all over the branches until it finds a place to insert its sucking tube; the female, inserting her tube into the bark proceeds to cover herself with a glutinous substance which she secretes and un-derneath which her eggs are laid. At the first moult the matter thrown off goes to form part of the covering scale. The female, her work done, then shrivels up, leaving her eggs to hatch out the succeeding spring.

Under Mr. Cunningham's microscope, an instrument which magnifies 250 diameters, the eggs could be seen packed away under the scale in bunches of 60 to 80 and very beautiful they looked, in shape an elongated oval and in color like a clouded pearl. Once the scale protecting them is removed they soon dry up and

perish.

Mr. Cunningham in consultation with the fire chief has selected a spot to which all the fire chief has selected a spot to which all the infected wood will be dragged, and burned. To prevent the possibility of the fire running the space will be ploughed round. The whole district should benefit in a marked degree by the destruction of this infected wood, and the beautiful reserve tiself will be all the more ready for whatteelf will be all the more ready for whatteelf will be all the more ready for whatteelf will be all the oak are immune to the attacks of the oyster sale and will be left as they are, nor does the insect infeat the bracken or grass.

Fruit and rose growers will do well to

Fruit and rose growers will do well to study this pest; it is present in many a garden but may be kept under control by spraying with lime and sulphur wash, (nine gallons of water to one gallon of the concentrated solution). This should be done in the winter.

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The work done on the Songhee reserve is but the heginning of a campaign against this fruit pest all over the island. Mr. Cunningham advocates all the wild rose bushes along the reads and trails being cut down and is selecting capable experts to urge this upon isoal authorities and every one interested in garden or orchard here; they will also give advice on spraying and management generally. If time is not taken by the fareleck, the fruit industry may he thinks, receive a deadly blow just when the opening of the Panama Canal would otherwise enable apples to be sent to the English and Gevman markets at from 15 to 20 cents a box for freight charges. British Columbia's future as a fruit producing area is beyond computation; within the next few years the growth of her exports will be enormous; over ten million fruit trees have been planted within the last five years; if she will put forward strong efforts to capture markets now she need never look back.

# HOST OF LIVES

Numerous Wrecks, with Many Casualties Caused by Fierce Gale Now Sweeping Coasts of Great Britain

ABERDEEN, Scotland, Jan. 18 .-Fifty-three of the crew of the British steamer Wistow Hall were drowned today when the steamer foundered on the Bullers of Buchan, off the coast of Aberdeenshire. Only Captain Stoddard and three of the crew reached shore. The Wistow Hall had a terrible experiexce in the gale. Capt. Stoddard, who was resuscitated after a long period of ousness, relates a story of extremely tempestuous weather from the time of leaving the Tyne on Monday.

The vessel got into difficulty on Wednesday, when two of the crew were mortally injured. The captain himself hed his spine hurt, confining him to his cabin, Finally the fires weer extinguished, and the vessel was at nercy of the sea. A few minutes before she struck the steward assiste the captain to dress. No sooner had he reached the bridge than the steamer crashed into the rocks. He was washed overboard, and remembered nothing until he recovered consciousness in cottage where he is now lying. Capt. Stoddard was taking his first voyage as commander of the Wistow Hall owing to the illness of the regular master. After Monday the crew had no food or drink, and all of them huddled in the engine room, not daring to venture to the forecastle to procure supplies.

The scene from shore was harrowing The vessel soon broke up, and the crew clung desperately, but every wave claimed its victim. Nothing could be done to help the men, and in a short time all disappeared except the four who were washed asnore.

LONDON, Jan. 18 .- The gale still continues in some parts of the United Kingdom, the most severe in many years. Many lives have been lost by wrecks and accidents, and it is feared the tale of disaster is not complete. Off the Aberdeen coast the weather has een particularly wild. A large liner was seen to disappear today. It may have put out to sea, but it is feared that it was wrecked. Two other wrecks are reported along the coast. Another vessel was seen to founder yesterday. and it is supposed to have been an Aberdeen cellier with 14 hands aboard.

Nothing has been heard of the steam-er seen in distress off the Yorkshire coast a day or two ago. A boat washed ashore at Ramsay, Isle of Man, appears to indicate the wreck of a large tramp. In addition, there have been several small wrecks, involving a few lives

### INDUSTRIAL PEACE

ops and Glesgymen of Vancouver and Vicinity Meet to Assist Purpose of Association

VANCOUVER, Jan. 18.-In response to a call issued by the bishops and residents of the ministerial unions of Vancouver and vicinity, a representative meeting of the clergy of all deiominations was held at 10:30 a. m. today in the rooms of the Vancouver board of trade.

The meeting was called for the purpose of emphasizing the action already aken by the different religious denominations in their endorsement and commendation of the plans and purposes of the Canadian Industrial Peace association. Archbishop McNeil pre-

A resolution was introduced and carried unanimously recommending that the clergy of Vancouver and vicinity set aside one Sunday in the year, preferably the Sunday previous to labor day, when every clergyman should preach to his people a sermon appro-priate to and in behalf of the cause of industrial peace. A committee including a representative of each denomination was appointed to bring their recommendations before the clergy of the various denominations and report at an adjourned meeting.

John W. Morse Released

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 18.-President Taft tonight commuted to expire immediately the fifteen year sentence for violation of the national banking laws under which Charles W. Morse, the New York banker and "Ice King' has served two years in the federal peniter tiary at Atlanta, Ga. The commutation of sentence, which gives Morse immediate freedom, but does not restore his civil rights, was granted upon recommendation of Attorney-General Wicker sham and Surgeon-General Torney, U. S. A. The authorities at Atlanta have been notified by telegraph of the prosident's action. Efforts for a complete pardon were unavailing, and under the iaw Morse will not be paroled until he has served five years. His friends wish to take him to Carlsbad for treatment, and he probably will be taken there at

Alberta's Railway Act

OTTAWA, Jan. 18 .- It is understood that the cabinet will arrive at an early decision in regard to the request for disallowance of the Alberta government's Alberta and Waterways Railway legislation, which was argued before the ministers at length some time ago. The general impression seems to be that the government will not dis-allow the act. the province having. through premier A. L. Sifton, given an understanding that those who have claims will receive a full measure of

Toronto Board of Trade TORONTO, Jan. 18 .- W. P. Gundy defeated John Firstbrook for vice-president of the board of trade today. IT MAY SOUND STRANGE

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