

## LIQUOR LICENSES FOR RESTAURANTS

### Vancouver Council Would De- rive License Commissioners of Powers

Vancouver, Dec. 20.—The board of license commissioners having twice declined to adopt a policy with respect to giving up its power to grant liquor licenses for restaurants, the city council decided at its last meeting to take matters into its own hands and accordingly the city solicitor was given instructions to apply for a charter amendment from the provincial government covering the point mentioned.

Some time ago a petition with some 4,000 signatures was presented to the city authorities asking for the cancellation of all restaurant licenses in the city. This was passed on to the license board. It was suggested that a charter amendment be secured taking from the board the right to give any such licenses, but the commissioners said the question back to the council. It was again returned to the board and for a second time was handed back without any recommendation.

"I understand that the commissioners do not care to lose any of their powers in this regard," said the mayor, "but no recommendation has been made."

The matter came up for settlement when the city solicitor reminded the council that previously he had been requested to give notice of such a charter amendment as desired.

"I know if the amendment would actually be applied for."

Ald. Ramsay and Rogers moved to have the necessary amendment prepared to disallow the powers of the license commission to grant any liquor licenses in restaurants outside of hotels.

Ald. Enright said he wanted to see the board itself take action instead of shoving the difficulty on to the council. He moved to that effect. Ald. McMaster seconded.

While in favor of having as close a supervision as possible Representative McBeath said that the license board's mind closing up the two licensed restaurants would not mend matters any as "two grog shops will immediately open grill rooms and serve liquor on the table."

"We are told that these institutions are hard to control and give a good deal of trouble," remarked Ald. Ramsay. At one time there were no restaurant licenses. Now I believe the board is taking action.

Ald. Enright's motion to send the question back to the board was lost and the resolution for a charter amendment to do away with its power to grant any restaurant licenses at all was adopted.

#### FRISCO MARINE NEWS.

Cape Breton Chartered to Load on Sound for Orient—Many Other Charters.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—The British steamer Cape Breton, at present under charter to load railroad ties in Japan for Redondo, has been taken on time charter to load general cargo on the Sound for China. She gets a rate of slightly over 50 cents per ton, which is the highest figure paid a tramp steamer on time charter for some time and indicates a very strong market.

The French barque St. Louis, due here from Newcastle, Eng., with merchandise for B. Four, Guthrie & Co., was chartered to-day by Heatley & Co. to load wheat at Portland at 30s.

The German barque Steinbeck has been rechartered by M. H. Houser to load wheat at Portland at 28s. 9d.

The barquentine Benicia, now on Gray's Harbor, has been chartered to the E. K. Wood Lumber Company to load lumber there for Guaymas.

The British ship William T. Lewis, owned by Hmd. Rolph & Co., arrived late last night from Antwerp with general cargo for Meyer, Wilson & Co. She will probably load a return cargo of grain in the north.

After making one more trip to Tahiti in the service of the Oceanic Steamship Company, the liner Mariposa will be turned over to her new owners, the Alaska Steamship Company. Plans are being prepared for alterations to the Mariposa, costing approximately \$50,000, and when she enters the Alaska service in conjunction with her sister ship, the Alameda, she will be one of the finest passenger carriers plying northern waters.

A new smoking and observation compartment is to be constructed on her deck, decorations renewed in her main saloon, state rooms and cabins; a new steam heating system installed and an additional hatch supplied in order that she may aid in carrying the heavy cargoes of copper ore from Alaskan ports.

#### SENT TO PENITENTIARY.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 21.—W. T. Smith, who is alleged to have defrauded Oregon and Washington farmers out of more than \$10,000 by the operation of a loan office in Seattle, which collected commissions in advance and never made a loan, was found guilty to a charge of grand larceny yesterday and was sentenced to from one to fifteen years in the penitentiary. Smith, who is 63 years of age, was arrested in Vancouver, B. C., and returned to Seattle and jumped his bail, later being arrested in Winnipeg and successfully resisted extradition. Finally he was arrested in Richmond, Va., and returned here for trial.

#### STEAMER CAPSIZES.

Penzance, Eng., Dec. 21.—The British two-masted steamer Heloph of 1797 tons capsized and sank near here to-day. The crew was saved.

## COMPANIES AND VOTES.

Vancouver, Dec. 20.—At a meeting of the city council the suggestion sent to the finance committee by T. T. Langlois that the representatives of joint stock companies have a vote at municipal elections came close to being defeated, but was ultimately passed by seven to five votes. Ald. Macpherson contended that the principle of giving one man two votes in one ward was wrong, and he moved that the recommendation from the finance committee be struck out. This was seconded by Ald. Enright.

Ald. Ramsay agreed that "one man one vote" would be quite right when everything was adjusted, but there was another side to the question, which was that property was taxed but was not allowed to be represented, which he did not consider was a fair thing. Ald. E. C. Stevenson, M. P., pointed out that there was a great deal to be said on both sides, and that he was inclined to maintain the principle of personal representation, but he thought the matter should be more carefully thrashed out than he thought it had been by the council.

When the vote was put there was an appeal from the chair, the mayor holding that the clause should be struck out. On a count being called for, it was found that there was a majority in favor of the recommendation of the finance committee.

## ALLEGED COMBINE OF ATLANTIC LINES

### Demurrer to U. S. Government Dissolution Suit Has Been Overruled

New York, Dec. 21.—The full bench of the United States Circuit court yesterday over-ruled the demurrer interposed by the Hamburg-American Steamship Company and other transatlantic lines forming the "Atlantic Conference" against the government's suit for the dissolution of the "conference."

The government's contention is that the conference by reason of an alleged pooling agreement on passenger rates, is a trust in restraint of trade, and an injunction is asked to restrain the companies from further execution of the agreement.

Judge Noyes, who read the opinion, said the transportation of passengers between the United States and Europe forms part of the commerce of the United States with foreign nations, and that congress had the power to prohibit all contracts, combinations and conspiracies in restraint of the foreign commerce of the country. He declared that the agreement between the companies affects foreign commerce, because its operations must divert a part thereof from the natural channels of free competition into fixed channels assigned to the parties to the agreement.

"These different lines," the judge added, "obtain not that which would come to them from their separate efforts, but precise and certain percentages of the traffic."

Judge Noyes said the contention that the combination was formed in a foreign country was immaterial, as it affected the foreign commerce of this country and was to be put in operation here.

"Citizens of foreign countries," he added, "are not free to restrain or monopolize the foreign commerce of this country by entering into combinations abroad, or by employing foreign vessels to affect their purpose."

The district judge cited to support the government's complaint in February.

#### B. C. E. R. CHANGES.

Vancouver, Dec. 20.—Several changes in the management of the British Columbia Electric railway were announced to-day. The resignation of Allen Purvis, who took over the management of the interurban system two years ago, has been accepted, and G. H. Franklin, local manager of the Lulu Island lines, has been appointed in his place. Mr. Franklin has been in the employ of the company for about 13 years. Mr. Stirling, who has been divisional trainmaster at the Lulu Island offices, will succeed Mr. Franklin. W. H. Elson's resignation as local manager has also been accepted. Mr. Elson's successor has been appointed. Previously to joining the staff of the B. C. E. R., Mr. Purvis was superintendent of the Kootenay division of the C. P. R., with headquarters at Nelson.

#### WITNESS TELLS OF MURDER.

Golden, Col., Dec. 21.—Stella Foran, who with her mother claimed to have witnessed the murder of Mrs. Maria Laguardia near here last August, for which Mrs. Angelina Garramone is being tried, took the stand to offer testimony for the state.

She reiterated her story of how she held Mrs. Garramone's infant while the woman drew a butcher knife across Mrs. Laguardia's throat. She further explained that the Garramone woman took from the dead woman's dress a sum of money amounting to about \$30.

Both of the women have told of how Mrs. Garramone had inveigled Mrs. Laguardia to a lonely place in the mountains by telling her that she could take her to a mine where Mrs. Laguardia's husband worked. The knife with which the murder was committed, both women say, was carried in a lunch basket.

#### THREE INJURED IN WRECK.

Glencoe, Minn., Dec. 21.—The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul's Columbian express, which was wrecked Monday at Odessa, with the loss of ten lives, again was wrecked to-day when it crashed into the rear end of a local passenger train near here.

The fast train telescoped the baggage car and ploughed its way into the coach of the local. Two trainmen and one passenger were injured.

## SHIPMENTS FROM BOUNDARY MINES

### Over 1,100,000 Tons Sent to Smelters for Year to Date

Grand Forks, Dec. 20.—"The Granby smelter will resume operations on Wednesday or Thursday of this week," said W. A. Williams, general manager of the large reduction works in this city, on Monday night. "Regular shipments of ore are now on the way from the Crown West for the Granby Co., so that we will be in full operation by Christmas. Some men have already been put to work at the mines at Phoenix, which will be fully equipped next week, and there will be no delay in the resumption of work at either the mine or smelter."

There is a considerable tonnage of ore in the bunkers at the smelter at the present time, and it is stated at Phoenix that shipments of 3,000 tons daily will be resumed by December 21st. The Boundary mines shipped 7400 tons of ore during the past week. For the year to date the shipments have totalled 1,104,296 tons. The B. C. Copper Co. treated 7419 tons of ore at its smelter at Greenwood during the week, making a total treatment for the year of 328,555 tons, which added to the Granby smelter treatment of 577,791 tons, gives the Boundary smelters a total treatment for the year of 1,142,246 tons.

A large attendance of members were present at the annual meeting and election of officers of the Grand Forks Agricultural Association. The officers for the new term were elected as follows: President, F. Clark; vice-president, A. B. Tweedle; secretary-treasurer, W. E. Hadden; honorary directors, Hon. Richard McBride, Hon. Martin Burrell, Hon. Price Elton and Ernest Miller, M. L. A.; directors, R. J. Gardner, Schell, W. H. Collins, Thos. Powers, C. H. Niles, J. T. Lawrence, T. A. McIntyre, C. C. Heaven and T. A. Love. The president was elected as delegate to the annual convention of British Columbia Agricultural Association, which meet at the coast shortly, with T. A. McIntyre as alternate.

Following the evidence submitted at the trial of some Doukhobors who were burying their dead without reporting the death to the proper authorities, Magistrate Cochrane of this city impressed upon the members of the colony living near this city the necessity of living up to the law.

In the last of three recent cases the fine was made \$100 and costs. During the trial it was brought out that during their 14 years' residence in Saskatchewan, these people have never to report the deaths in their colony, and they did not see why they should be compelled to do so here.

## NOT PERMITTED TO SEE HUSBAND

### Catholic Woman Who Married Protestant Denied Admit- tance to Hospital

Winnipeg, Dec. 21.—Public sympathy is interested in the case of Mrs. Frederick Brewer, Logan avenue, which comes into conflict with the No Temere decree. She is a Catholic, but her husband is a Protestant, and they were married by a Presbyterian.

Some months he has been ailing and for the past three weeks he has been in St. Boniface hospital, where he is awaiting a critical operation. Until yesterday the wife and children were refused admission frankly on the grounds that the woman and man are not legally married. The woman claims that the church is in error because she permitted her daughter by her first husband to be married by a Protestant minister.

Grand Master Noble, of the Orange-men, to-day stigmatized the episode as characteristic of the lengths the hierarchy was prepared to go in support of the No Temere decree.

LOS ANGELES TRAGEDY.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 21.—Summonsing his wife, Mrs. Sofia Gela, to the home of a customer, whom they had known before, Joseph Gela, a dealer in Oriental rugs and leathers, shot her yesterday and then committed suicide.

Mrs. Gela died a short time later in the Ryan hospital. Gela and his wife had been separated. Mrs. Gela conducted a lace shop in the residence section of the city and yesterday when Mr. H. Lingman was to Gela's store to purchase some Christmas gifts, the man told her that while he knew where she was, he did not know where the articles could be procured. Later he went out to Mrs. Lingman's home and called on her wife. When Mrs. Gela appeared, bringing a selection of laces, the man leaped to his feet, rushed to the door and fired three shots into his victim's head and body.

As Mrs. Gela rolled down the steps he sent a bullet into his own brain and died on the porch.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

The dredge Mastodon will commence work at once on the north shore of First Narrows, about half way between Brockton and Prospect points. The morning chains on the port side of dredge extend nearly half way across the channel. The bow, stern, and starboard lines are well out of the way. Shipmasters and those interested are therefore notified to govern themselves accordingly.

During last century no fewer than 28 volcanic islands rose out of the sea. Nineteen of that number disappeared again, and ten are now inhabited.

## HAS NARROW ESCAPE.

Tofino, Dec. 20.—Mr. Hudson had a narrow escape here a few days ago. When landing at the wharf he fell overboard and disappeared. Messrs. Davidson, A. Hanson and Albert Tunstall searched diligently around the wharf, while Capt. J. W. Thompson and W. Simpson pulled down the out-going tide looking for the man. The searchers had returned to the wharf when Hudson was observed clinging to the pile. Simpson at once plunged into the water and rescued Hudson from his perilous position.

## MAY OFFER TO ACT AS MEDIATOR

### Taft Considering Question of Tendering Services to Italy and Turkey

New York, Dec. 21.—At the suggestion of Dr. Lyman Abbott and Dr. Mary Dolly, an American woman who has spent many years in Turkey, President Taft took under advisement yesterday the tendering of the good offices of the United States as mediator in the Turco-Italian war. Drs. Abbott and Dolly spent more than an hour with the president urging him to take some action in the matter. When Dr. Abbott departed all he cared to say was that the president had the matter under consideration.

Under the Hague agreement any nation may tender its services as mediator to settle an international dispute.

## URGES REDUCTION OF WOOL DUTIES

### President Taft Sends Report of United States Tariff Board to Congress

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—President Taft sent to congress yesterday the long-awaited report of the tariff board on schedule K of the Payne tariff act and with it a message recommending that the rates on wool and woollens be materially reduced.

The report showed that the existing duties on many classes of wool and woollen manufactures are prohibitory and greatly in excess of the difference in the cost of production here and abroad. The duties are so arranged as to keep out of the United States entirely wool of finer qualities, which, if imported, might be used to displace the cheap substitutes now used.

"President Taft's attention to these points and urgent that a revision of the schedule be proceeded with at once."

Congress will begin consideration of tariff legislation in the committees of the two Houses after the holiday recess, though Democratic leaders of the House say no measure will be ready to report for some weeks.

Republican Leader Penrose, of the Senate, said the finance committee would begin its work in advance of the House, while Democratic Leader Underwood said the bill would not be whipped into final shape until February. The committee, he said, must decide what rates should be fixed, after thoroughly comparing its own data with the facts submitted by the tariff board in the report which President Taft submitted to congress yesterday.

Senator Penrose announced that he hoped Republican senators would be able to formulate a bill to comply with the tariff board's views.

## EXPENDITURES ON PUBLIC WORKS

### Department Authorizes Spend- ing of Seven-Twelfths of Appropriations

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—The department of public works is sending out instructions authorizing the expenditure of seven-twelfths of the votes for all public works recently voted by parliament. While all are authorized, there will be many instances where, owing to winter having come and other reasons, it will not be possible to expend money. Of course votes must spent on March 21, 1912, the close of the fiscal year, will expire, and for works in progress but not completed at that time money will have to be reverted.

## A FAMILY MIX-UP.

Canton, Ill., Dec. 21.—A grandmother at 20, mother of eight children and sister-in-law of her own daughter, is Mrs. William Golden of Norris, a mining town near here. Mrs. Golden has been married twice. The youngest of her children are twins, born last Saturday. Her grandchild is six months old. Mrs. Golden was married when thirteen years of age to Henry Bird. There are six children living as a result of that marriage. Bird died, and in July, 1910, Mrs. Bird and her eldest daughter, then fourteen years of age, were married to Floyd and William Golden. The two brothers are now married to Mrs. William Golden and the twins born to Mrs. William Golden are both uncles and cousins to the child of Mrs. Floyd Golden.

## COL. S. HUGHES PROMISES REFORMS

### Summer Camps for Cadets Next Year—Rifle Training to Be Improved

Montreal, Dec. 21.—Hon. Col. S. Hughes, minister of militia and defence, was banqueted last night by a large and enthusiastic gathering of the officers of the local militia regiments. Colonel Hughes made a speech outlining numerous reforms to be undertaken, and was heartily endorsed by his audience. Hon. F. D. Monk, who stated that he and Colonel Hughes now saw eye to eye and were working together for the good of the country.

"It is my ambition," Col. Hughes said, "to see that training schools are not centralized in distant parts, but placed at the door of every regiment in Canada. It is the desire of Mr. Monk and myself to see proper armories and drill sheds located throughout the country."

He declared that the men on the Reserve officers list should take great interest in military affairs of the country, and that he would give them every opportunity to do so and arrange matters so that their valuable services should not be lost to the country. He would also improve the rifle training system; he would improve the uniforms and would have the unfair duty on uniforms not procured in this country removed.

He referred to his western visit with Major General Mackenzie and said the municipalities there had offered valuable sites for armories and drill sheds and that he had seen enough to convince him that the people of the west, whether British or otherwise, were united in the work of defending their country and empire.

Referring to cadet work, he stated that next summer the country would be divided into many districts, and would turn out 35,000 or upwards, he expected at the various summer camps, and he would transport, ration, uniform and instruct them.

## KOOTENAY CENTRAL RAILWAY.

Cranbrook, Dec. 20.—Within a very few days steel on the Kootenay Central railway will be laid into Port Steel. The ceremony of driving home that steel spike will be royally celebrated on December 26.

## GETS TWO YEARS.

Vancouver, Dec. 20.—James Donovan, for shooting George Spinks in a hotel and cutting his head open with a water jug and endeavoring to rob him, was sentenced by Judge McInnes to two years in the penitentiary.

Donovan had previously been sentenced to a period of from 5 to 10 years in Walla Walla.

## LITTLE PROSPECT OF EARLY PEACE

Chinese Revolutionists Firm in  
Their Demand for a  
Republic

Pekin, Dec. 21.—Late advices to the Chinese imperial authorities state the revolutionaries at Shanghai insist on establishing a republic as the only terms on which peace can be concluded. In an interview to-day Premier Yuan Shi Kai again declared he never would agree to a republic.

Outlook Gloomy.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—Washington was gloomy to-day over the vanishing prospects for a speedy conclusion of a peace agreement between the imperialists and the republicans in China. Reports say that matters are very discouraging. American naval officers have been instructed to be in readiness to respond to any appeals for protection from American and foreign interests.

## POISON MYSTERY.

Everett, Wash., Dec. 21.—Owen Tennell is dying and Mrs. Natalia Owens and daughter are ill as a result of drinking last night from a bottle, purporting to contain brandy, which was delivered at the residence by a messenger boy. The two physicians who are attending Tennell state that he appears to be suffering from strychnine poisoning. Tennell roomed at the Owen residence.

The coroner was notified and together with detectives took steps to apprehend the man who sent the bottle. Henry Berg, the messenger, was unable to give a very good description of the man. He stated that he was called out by a newboy and found the man who told him to take the bottle, and he said he would have more later. The police are looking for the divorced husband of Mrs. Owens, who is alleged to be jealous of Tennell.

## SEVEN MEN INJURED.

Clash Between Officers and Strikers and Sympathizers.

Dunkirk, N. Y., Dec. 21.—The first violence in the strike of the American Locomotive Company's bolismakers occurred here early to-day. About 1,000 strikers and sympathizers clashed at the Lake Shore station with detectives and policemen over the possession of six strikebreakers who had just arrived on a train. Three detectives, one strikebreaker and three strikers were badly injured. The crowd threw several stones over the fence to cover their retreat.

## CANDIDATES WITHDRAWN.

New Westminster, Dec. 20.—With the retirement of Ald. J. J. Johnston, who announced himself as a candidate for mayor, and the retirement of Messrs. B. Cotworth and J. Chapman, labor candidates for aldermen, a campaign which had promised to be exciting now has the appearance of being quiet. The election committee of the trades and labor council will call another meeting shortly to receive nominations for candidates.

Aldermen Lynch and Campbell have announced themselves as independent candidates for aldermen. Alderman Bryson will not make any statement for the present, as he remains undecided. He is mentioned as a probable candidate to oppose Mayor Lee, who so far is the only candidate for the position of chief magistrate of the city.

## MINER CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Vancouver, Dec. 20.—Caught be-  
tween a mass of falling rock, John Dempsey, a miner, met almost instant death in Marble Bay, which was located at Van Ande. Dempsey had only been in the employ of the company for a few days and was working on the night shift. He was about 45 years of age, and is said to have been an experienced miner.

## SHOT IN FIGHT WITH POLICEMAN

### Wounded Man Declares He Thought Officer Was a Highwayman

Portland, Ore., Dec. 21.—Gasping for breath after two hemorrhages from the lungs, due to bullet wounds inflicted by Policeman Charles H. Hewston, with whom he was in a revolver duel at First and Clay streets about 1 o'clock this morning, Frank Ryan, of Missoula, Mont., made a dying statement to Carl Blake, foreman of the H. F. Norton Company, who declared that he was employed, and a reporter, in which he denied that he is guilty of any crime.

He charges that the first shot was fired by Hewston, who he says ordered him to throw up his hands and caused him to believe the bluecoat was a highwayman.

In a statement given out last night by the police department, it stated Ryan was the "Tacoma Kid" who has a long criminal record in the Pacific northwest, particularly in Tacoma. It was stated by the police that the alleged robber fired at Policeman Hewston when the latter asked him his business on the streets. Ryan, who was a well-known figure in the exchange of shots which followed the "Tacoma Kid" and Hewston were wounded. It was also stated that the alleged "Tacoma Kid" had been taken into custody by Capt. Keller after a second running battle. That there was a second battle is denied by Ryan, as also is the statement of the police that he was taken into custody by Keller.

Ryan stated on what may be his death bed to-day, that after the exchange of shots with Hewston he ran from the scene, thinking that Hewston was a hold-up man, and, weak from loss of blood, took refuge in an empty freight car, where his groans attracted the attention of a citizen, who had him removed to the hospital.

Ryan was identified to-day by several persons who have known him since he came to Portland last August. Foreman Blake, of the hide concern, states that Ryan is a hard working, conscientious man, and that at various times he has had access to large sums of money and other valuables belonging to the H. F. Norton Company, and that nothing was ever stolen from the company's premises.

Ryan denied that he had made a confession to various robberies, as alleged by the police. He stated he told the officers, who were questioning him at the hospital early to-day, that he had no statement to make, and that he did not answer questions put to him concerning various robberies which have taken place in this city recently, save to "grunt" his denial. He was suffering too much pain to pay close attention to the detectives, he said, in making statement, and to the reporter reiterated his innocence of any wrongdoing. He stated that he had played cards in a saloon in the neighborhood where he was shot and left the place shortly after midnight to go to his hotel. Ryan is a married man. It is understood.

Officer Hewston, who is painfully but not dangerously wounded in the muscles of the left side, insists that his only query when he met Ryan was as to what he was doing out at so late an hour. He asserts that Ryan drew his revolver and began shooting.

## ROSSLAND CARNIVAL.

Roseland, Dec. 19.—The preparations for Roseland's great winter carnival took another step forward when the executive committee held a formal and busy session. The date for the event was fixed for February 6 to 10 inclusive, and this will give a masquerade on the opening night and four full days of ice and snow sports.

## LOSES LIFE IN FIRE.

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 21.—One man was killed, another fatally injured and two others burned early to-day in a fire which destroyed a three-story frame lodging house here. The others of the forty occupants of the structure, twelve of them children, are believed to have escaped.

## VANDALS MUTILATE PAINTING.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—Vandals entered the Capitol and mutilated "The Little Lake Erie," the largest canvas of the collection of paintings which are on the walls of the corridors and stairs. A strip two feet long and three inches wide was cut from the lower left-hand corner. The strip was found close by on the floor. It can be replaced.

## BREAKS DOWN ON WITNESS STAND

### Woi. Declares She Induced Her Husband to Accept Bribe

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 21.—The second day of the hearing on the second charge of bribery against Bert H. Franklin, the detective employed by the McNamara defence, resulted in the state completing its case and a continuance being granted at the request of the defense until December 27, by which time the defendant's attorneys said they probably would have decided upon their line of defence.

The preliminary hearing was concerned with the charge that Franklin had bribed Robert F. Bain, a sworn juror in the McNamara case, by giving him \$400 in cash and the promise of \$2,000 more at the conclusion of the case.

The principal witnesses were Bain, his wife, Mrs. Dora Bain, who collapsed while testifying that she had induced her husband to take the money, and George N. Lockwood, also summoned as a McNamara juror, and whom Franklin in another case was accused of having tried to bribe.

When Mrs. Bain went under cross-examination, the first question propounded by Attorney Gage rendered her so nervous that she collapsed, and Justice Young was restrained to order a short recess. The question was: "What was your conversation with your husband, Robert Bain, after Franklin had talked to you?"

After the recess stage, asking the effect of his previous question, told Mrs. Bain he would modify and asked: "Did you induce your husband to accept a bribe?"

"Yes," the witness answered faintly, and again collapsed. She was taken into an ante room to recover.

Mrs. Bain previously had stated that in reality her husband had received only \$400. Franklin, she said, told her and her husband he did not have the other \$100 at the time but would pay \$2,000 instead of \$2,500 if everything came out all right. Mrs. Bain then told of how she broke down in Judge Bordwell's court after the alleged bribery arrangement when she learned that her husband had been accepted as a juror to try James H. McNamara.

The bribery charge against Thomas M. White, accused of complicity in the corruption of members of the police "purty squad," was dismissed at the request of Deputy District Attorney Frank Blair. The prosecutor's action was the result of the recent supreme court decision that a defendant could not be convicted of bribery on the testimony of accomplices. The dismissal of White, it is believed, will have an important bearing on the Franklin case.

## MINERS MEET.

Ymlr. B. C., Dec. 21.—At yesterday's session of the annual convention of District No. 3, Western Federation of Miners, which is proving the most important and successful in the history of the organization, resolutions were passed urging that the boiler inspection act be so amended that men operating electric motors and compressed plants, particularly electrical hoists, be compelled to become qualified by examination in the same manner as stationary engineers; that in the event of failure of the Kraus appeal before the Privy Council, the legislature be asked to amend the workmen's compensation act so as to make clear the claims of foreign dependents; that