# FORCED TO YIELD TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

## Reforms Granted in China—President of Council Will Be Punished

Pekin, Oct. 27.—The throne yesterday in addition to surrendering to Tsi Cheng Tiuan, China's national assembly, in ordering the dismissal of Sheng Hsuan Huai, minister of posts and communications, ordered Prince Ching, president of the cabinet, before a board of inquiry where he doubtless will be severely dealt with released from custody the president of the Szechuen provincial assembly and other leaders in the riots at Cheng Tu and, in fact, agreed to all that the assembly asked with lack of dignity inconceivable to Western observers.

A year ago the throne treated the national assembly almost with contumacy. Until even a month ago, the throne, defiant of the people, issued edicts embodying drastic measures. Now, the resolution of the newly convened assembly, carrying consequences of irremediable character, has been granted without a day's consideration.

The edict repeats over the throne's seal the allegations and charges made against the minister of posts and communications and others made by a heated, radical and controlled assembly, but the Chinese affairs cannot be judged by Western standards. It will be considered here, however, that the throne acted wisely, that it recognized its defeat and submitted to force. Even the degraded ministers are not likely to bear serious ill-will.

The appointment of Tang Shao Yi to succeed to Sheng Hsuan Huai is believed to forecast the appointment of Yuan Shi Kai to the second office in the cabinet if not to the premiership.

It is reported that Yuan already is negotiating with the rebels. Members of the legation who are old in experience in Chinese affairs would not be surprised if the revolution terminated practically without further fighting through the government granting complete and immediate constitutional government.

An imperial edict was mainly responsible for the plan to nationalize the Chinese railroads in consequence of which the present rebellion arose. The government thus sacrificed the man considered by foreigners as the strongest member of the cabinet in order to avoid an open rupture with the assembly. The rebellious element in the provinces of Szechuan, Hupeh and Human formulated charges against the minister and the subject was taken up by the national assembly Wednesday. Sheng was not present, but his secretary attempted to read a written statement from his chief. The members refused to hear him and cried "decapitate Sheng." Tang Shao Yi, who formerly held the post, succeeds Sheng.

Punishment is ordered for General Chao Erh Feng (reported assassinated) and Wang Ter Wen, the present and past viceroys of Szechuen.

### Will Celebrate.

San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 27.—Overjoyed at the reports of the fighting in China received in the last week or ten days the leaders of the Chinese movement, which has its headquarters in this city, have laid plans for a big demonstration next Saturday, in which 10,000 revolutionary flags and pennants will be used. It is said that virtually the whole Chinese population of the cities around San Francisco bay, will participate in the parade and mass meetings. As soon as the ceremonies are over the flags and pennants will be gathered up and shipped to China.

The local revolutionists also are planning for a monster banquet on November 5th, with which the rebel triumphs will be celebrated.

### STRATHCONA'S FLYING TRIP.

Made Journey From London to Winnipeg and Back in 17 Days.

A journey to Winnipeg and back, over 10,000 miles, in 17 days is the record established at the age of 91 by Lord Strathcona, high commissioner for Canada. Accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Howard, Lord Strathcona arrived in London in the Mauretania special train. He looked none the worse for his long journey and walked briskly from the train to his waiting motor car.

"It is wonderful what a lot you can get through in a few days with these fast trains and boats," he said to a Daily Mail representative. "I've had a splendid voyage in a splendid boat. I am very well and have enjoyed my trip." Complimented on his achievement at 91 years of age he said: "That is nothing. In a few years I do not see why people should not look on a man of 90 as only middle aged."

A rough sketch of the veteran statesman's itinerary shows the following mileage:

| | Miles. |
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| London to Liverpool and back.... | 402 |
| Liverpool to New York and back.. | 6,072 |
| New York to Winnipeg..... | 1,800 |
| Winnipeg to Ottawa ..... | 1,300 |
| Ottawa to Montreal ..... | 101 |
| Montreal to New York ..... | 420 |
| | 10,095 |

Lord Strathcona sailed in the Mauretania on September 28. From New York he went direct to Winnipeg, where he attended a meeting of the Hudson's Bay Company. Returning to Ottawa he called on Earl Grey, the retiring governor-general; Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Borden. On Tuesday, October 3, as chancellor, he visited the McGill University, Montreal, where the students gave him an uproarous send-off the same evening for London, via New York. He arrived home within seven days of his departure from Montreal and a little over 17 days since he left London.

It is 73 years since Lord Strathcona, as Donald Alexander Smith, set forth from Scotland on his first voyage across the Atlantic. He was then beginning his career with the Hudson's Bay Company, and took with him a leather trunk bearing the initials "D. A. S." This same old trunk was in Lord Strathcona's luggage; it has crossed the Atlantic just as many times as its owner.

### REORGANIZING DEPARTMENTS.

Proposal to Form Civil Service Commission to Handle Winnipeg's Civic Servants.

Winnipeg, Oct. 27.—The organization of a civil service commission is a suggestion just advanced for Winnipeg, a board of commissioners with classification and efficiency charts to handle the city's rapidly-increasing army of employees in all departments. The scheme has been tried out in some large cities in the United States, and just now when the city is worrying its way through the gigantic problem of reorganization of its clerks and employees generally, the proposal may be treated with more than passing interest. The scheme is advanced by the recent deputation sent by order of council to attend the international municipal exposition and good roads congress at Chicago in its report to the council. This party was composed of Controller Waugh, Alderman Douglas, City Clerk Brown and Street Commissioner Tallman.

### MUST SUPPORT FAMILIES.

Kingston, Ont., Oct. 27.—In an interview with J. C. McConnachie, agent of the Children's Aid Society, Hon. W. J. Hanna, provincial secretary in the Ontario government, said that his department was considering a plan whereby the worthless heads of families would be placed at work and the proceeds sent to their families. Mr. Hanna also said it was possible that arrangements would be made in the eastern part of the province for taking care of the men who would not support their families.

# WILL INCREASE FRUIT SHIPMENT

## Building of Electric Line in the Okanagan Valley Will Be of Immense Benefit

Vancouver, Oct. 27.—There is much satisfaction in the Okanagan Valley over the announcement that Sir William Mackenzie will start the construction next spring of an electric railway in that valley. During a recent visit there the railway magnate acquired control of a charter as well as a water power capable of developing sufficient electrical energy for all requirements.

The news was especially gratifying to farmers and fruit growers, as the proposed line, when completed, will greatly facilitate the distribution of the products of their farms and orchards, according to R. H. Agur, a prominent fruit grower of Summerland, who is in Vancouver.

"A careful estimate shows that there are 1,500,000 apple, peach, cherry, plum and pear trees in the valley and new orchards are constantly being planted," observed the visitor. "Summerland alone is credited with 300,000 trees. It has the best domestic waterworks system in the valley, the installation having taken place seven years ago at a cost of $75,000. The assessed value of the fruit farms in that vicinity at a low valuation is $2,000,000, exclusive of irrigation systems worth an additional $300,000. The apple show recently held at Summerland was a great success and resulted in a splendid display of fruit, only second in importance and size to that assembled at last year's apple fair in Vancouver. Our fruit growers will send an exhibit to the Spokane fruit fair, where they have successively won many honors.

"The trees throughout the valley are now in bud, and if conditions prove favorable during the winter there is no reason, in view of the increased acreage coming into bearing, why the valley should not ship 1,000 carloads of fruit next season. Quite a large shipment of selected apples were exported to Australia this fall."

### BLOODHOUNDS FIND BODY.

Woman Commits Suicide by Jumping From Pipeline Trestle.

Port Townsend, Wash., Oct. 27.—Bloodhounds from the sheriff's office of King county Wednesday followed the trail to the body of Mrs. J. O. Whitmarsh, who disappeared on Tuesday from the Northwestern sanitarium near here, and brought about the recovery of the body. Mrs. Whitmarsh apparently had committed suicide by leaping from a trestle into the Sound.

Mrs. Whitmarsh was the wife of the superintendent and part owner of a logging railway at Burlington. She was at the sanitarium for treatment of mental trouble. She and her son, Joe, had been living in a tent on the sanitarium grounds. Tuesday noon she asked her son to go on an errand to the hospital office. When the son returned his mother was gone.

Deputy Sheriff Joe Hill, from Seattle, accompanied Mr. Whitmarsh to Port Townsend Wednesday, bringing with him two bloodhounds. The dogs took the scent at once and led the searchers first to a deserted cabin, where it is believed Mrs. Whitmarsh lay concealed. From this point they followed the trail out over a pipeline trestle, where the oil tank ships unload their fuel for the hospital. The body was found on the beach nearby.

### WILL SELL ART TREASURES.

New York, Oct. 27.—The sale of the art collection of Miss Emily Grigsby, the ward of the late Charles T. Yerkes, who recently returned from abroad, with $800,000 worth of jewelry in her possession, will take place early next year from her New York home on Park avenue given her by Mr. Yerkes. Miss Grigsby is soon to leave again to make her permanent home abroad and intends before leaving to dispose of all her property here.

The Grigsby collection of jades and tapestries is said to rank among the finest in the world.

At least sixty languages are spoken in the empire governed by the Czar of Russia.

# BRITISH CAPITALISTS READY TO INVEST

## No Difficulty in Underwriting Sound Propositions in London

Vancouver, Oct. 27.—"Canadian industrial and land propositions were never in more general favor with the British investing public than at present. Many causes during recent years have contributed to strengthen the sentimental ties and business relations between the Motherland and the Dominion. There is no difficulty in underwriting sound propositions, especially if they come from Western Canada. On my return to London I intend to co-operate with Britian capitalists in organising a loan and mortgage company, whose field of activity will be British Columbia and the other western provinces," said A. J. Macmillan, of Rossland, managing director of the Le Roi Mining Company and its official liquidator, to a representative of the Times.

Mr. Macmillan explained that the company went into voluntary liquidation before selling the once famous mine and plant at Rossland to the Canadian Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company for $250,000 cash. In his capacity of official liquidator, Mr. Macmillan recently distributed a dividend of two shillings a share and several more dividends will be forthcoming before the company is wound up. It has no liabilities and still owns certain other assets in the way of mining claims as well as a smelter at Northport, Wash., just south of the international boundary. These assets will be disposed of. The reduction plant has a treatment capacity of 1,000 tons of ore daily.

### DIES SUDDENLY.

Kamloops, Oct. 26.—Charles Johnston of Marble Canyon died at his home from heart disease. He was feeding his horses in the early morning and feeling chilly went into the house to put on his coat. As he turned to go out to the stables again he dropped dead on the floor.

# DRAWN TO DOOM BY QUEER PHENOMENON

## Knight of St. George Set Off Course by Tidal Wave From Volcanic Disturbance

According to Captain Stephens of the British steamship Knight of St. George, which operated in the service of the Auetralian Mail line, she was drawn to her doom upon the jagged reef at Nukualofa by a strange phenomenon. He attributes the disaster to a volcanic disturbance causing a tidal wave, which he claims set the vessel nine miles out and ahead of her course in an hour and a half.

Significance is given to the theory of Captain Stephens by the fact that the presence of an active submerged volcano within a few miles of the spot where the well known freighter went ashore, was reported recently by the British warship Torch. The minimum depth of water at the location of the volcano was fifty fathoms. It is believed that the crater is situated on a submerged island near Tongatabu, 60 miles south southwest of the Friendly group. The Knight of St. George was on her way from Vavau to Nukualofa, on the voyage to Auckland and Sydney from San Francisco. She ran aground on August 20th on the northwest reef outside the harbor and about a mile to the northward of the Egeria passage.

Cable advices report that the Knight of St. George will be a total loss. The skipper and those with him have saved a good portion of the cargo, but the hull of the vessel has apparently planted itself forever on the treacherous rocks. The Knight of St. George came into prominence several months ago, when she was put up at auction at the Merchants' Exchange at San Francisco and withdrawn because the bids offered were not satisfactory to the owners.

### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

Ministers Hold Long Session—Two Principal Vacancies Still Open.

(From Friday's Daily.)

With the return of the ministers from the interior it was possible to hold a sitting of the executive council yesterday. A number of matters were dealt with, and another session will be held to-day. All the ministers were present except Hon. W. R. Ross, who is in Ontario.

The two principal appointments open in the service, that of King's Printer, void by the death of Lieut.-Col. Wolfenden, and of Chief Inspector of Mines, vacant by the resignation of F. H. Shepherd, since elected M. P. for the Nanaimo federal seat, have not been filled, though it is probable some action will be taken before the Premier and Attorney-General leave for Ottawa.

The executive decided, on the recommendation of Mr. Bowser, to approve the suggestions of John Kirkup, magistrate in the Yellowhead district, to appoint four magistrates for the section of the country between the Rockies and Fort George to be served by the G. T. P. Mr. Kirkup is contemplating returning from his special mission to preserve order in the construction camps.

Among the appointments made are those of F. J. Jones and George Moore, of this city, as commissioners under the election acts, and F. G. Fulton, of Strawberry Vale, for Saanich. R. H. Cheyne, the celebrated lacrosse goalkeeper, who frequently played in this city in the past, and recently has been a clerk in the land registry office at New Westminster, has been advanced to the position of chief clerk in that office.

### EARL GREY WELCOMED HOME.

London, Oct. 27.—Earl Grey had an enthusiastic reception on arrival yesterday at Howick, his northern seat.

# ESTELLE CARROLL FREED BY COURT

## TO BE RE-ARRESTED BY SAANICH POLICE

## Judge Lampman Grants Appeal Against Sentence—Prohibition Order Late

(From Friday's Daily.)

The sentence of four months' imprisonment against Estelle Carroll, who was convicted in the Saanich munipical court of keeping a disorderly house in the Saanich municipality, was this morning set aside by Judge Lampman on appeal brought by the accused. There was no appearance for the crown when the case was called and after waiting until seven minutes after eleven o'clock Judge Lampman decided the matter and said he would fix costs later.

The non-attendance of the crown counsel to resist the appeal was due to the fact that Mr. Aikman was upstairs arguing before Mr. Justice Morrison an application prohibiting Judge Lampman from hearing the appeal on the ground that the judge had no jurisdiction.

The notice to appear before Judge Morrison was served on the appellant and her solicitor, Mr. Robinson of Vancouver, yesterday, and Mr. Robinson and his client appeared before Mr. Justice Morrison at the time set 10.30 o'clock to-day.

The argument was in progress when His Lordship advised Mr. Morrison, a few minutes before eleven o'clock, that as his appeal was set for hearing in the county court at 11 o'clock he had better get downstairs and protect his client's interests there.

Mr. Robinson accordingly hurried below and when Judge Lampman took his seat on the bench asked that the appeal be granted. His Honor remarked that he had some hesitation about hearing the matter without the crown being represented.

Mr. Robinson replied that he had been sent from the court above by the judge to protect his client and again asked that the trial proceed. His Honor asked the time and learned it was 11.05. After waiting two minutes for the appearance of the crown counsel, who did not appear because he was still before Mr. Justice Morrison, Judge Lampman made the order quashing the conviction.

Mr. Aikman remained before Judge Morrison and later in the morning obtained a writ of prohibition preventing Judge Lampman from hearing the appeal on the ground that His Honor is a court of inferior jurisdiction. The order was not obtained until after the appeal had been heard by Judge Lampman.

Having obtained his order Mr. Aikman left the court, and hearing that the appeal had been allowed in the county court, said that he as legal advisor for the Saanich Municipality would immediately have the woman arrested by the Saanich police and placed in jail. The matter would then come up on habeas corpus proceedings, where the legal contentions of the conflicting court orders could be settled. If arrested to-day the appellant will not be able to obtain bail, but must remain in custody until the matter is brought before the court again.

# SAILORS COMING FOR H. M. S. SHEARWATER

## New Commission Arriving To-morrow—Old Boys Leave Next Week

Twenty-four able-bodied sailors under command of Lieut. A. Alcock, R.N., forming the new commission for H. M. S. Shearwater (Commander Vivian), will arrive in Victoria to-morrow night aboard the steamer Princess Adelaide from Vancouver. The Jack Tars reached Montreal on Tuesday last and immediately boarded a special train. They will reach Vancouver in time to connect with the Adelaide on Saturday.

On Tuesday next the retiring sailors of the Shearwater will leave for the old country with Lieut. Alcock in charge. He has been commissioned by the Imperial authorities to bring the new men here and return with those who have finished their work at this station. The sturdy sailors of the Shearwater are dancing with delight at the thought of going back home once more to see their old friends, from whom they have been separated for several years. They, however, regret leaving the dear old city of Victoria, where they have participated in many good times.

Next week both the Shearwater and the Algerine will leave Esquimalt for a cruise south to California and Mexico. The date for the departure of the ships has not yet been decided on.

### MISSION WORKERS.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 27.—More than 200 missionaries from all parts of the world, including native workers, are in attendance at the 42nd annual meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal church, which opened here yesterday.

The society has charge of 329 missions, $2,000,000 worth of church property, which includes 823 primary schools, 22 kindergartens, 88 boarding and high schools, five colleges, 11 orphanages and 20 hospitals.

Man wants but little here below the standard.

# PASTOR OCCUPIES ROOM IN CHURCH

## Although Injured, He Refuses to Be Moved, Fearing Opposition Would Take Charge

Denver, Col., Oct. 27.—Rev. Walter Rudolph, pastor of the Union Presbyterian church here, severely injured in a factional fight in his church Tuesday night, delivered a sermon Wednesday night from the bed on which he is confined, while members of his flock, representing his following from the congregation proper, knelt or stood about his bedside.

Rev. Mr. Rudolph occupies a living room in the rear part of the church and refuses to be removed to a hospital, fearing that should he give up possession of the church the opposition faction would immediately take charge. The trouble of Tuesday night is the culmination of a long war between one faction opposed to the pastor and the pastor's followers, the climax coming when two nights ago a movement to evict the pastor and take possession of the church was made.

### MURDER MYSTERY.

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 27.—Detectives last night attempted to verify the story of J. A. Carr, a plumber, who had reported to the police that late last Monday night, as he was passing the apartment house in which Dr. Helen Knabe lived and met her death by a knife blow, he heard two screams and saw a man with a handkerchief pressed to his face, emerge from an alley. Carr was taken to the building and enacted his part in the incident. Carr's story is corroborative of the statement of the negro janitor of the building, who said he was awakened in the night by screams, but that he went to sleep again without making any investigation.

# MARINE DEPARTMENT FLEET IS VERY BUSY

## Newington Established Light on Canoe Rocks — Quadra Sailing for Langara Island

(From Friday's Daily.)

After establishing an acetylene gas beacon on Canoe rocks, Moresby island, the steamer Newington (Capt. Barnes) of the marine and fisheries department, arrived in port yesterday. The vessel left here a short time ago with the new aid to navigation and material for erecting the beacon and has accomplished the work in remarkably fast time.

It is expected that the steamer Quadra (Capt. Hackett), will leave port to-morrow for Langara island with a large cargo of lumber and other material for the new lighthouse now in the course of construction there. This lighthouse is of the first order and is being erected so as the trans-Pacific liners which will very shortly be running into Prince Rupert may fix their course for the G. T. P. terminal.

The little fishery protection cruiser Alcedo with E. G. Taylor, fishery inspector, aboard, arrived in port yesterday from a cruise to the west coast. Mr. Taylor visited the west coast canneries and during the trip also kept a look-out for poachers, but was unable to locate any.

All vessels of the marine and fisheries department are at present very busy. The boats have a great deal of work to do in establishing new aids to navigation and patrolling the coast in keeping all foreign vessels from stealing the Canadian fish.

### DESPERADO SHOT.

Murderer Slain by Officers While Resisting Arrest.

San Jose, Cal., Oct. 27.—Manuel Garcia, who killed Simon Romero, a prominent resident of Monterey, was shot and fatally wounded at Warm Springs by an automobile load of officers from San Jose, who shot in self-defence. Garcia lived but an hour after his arrival at the county jail here.

Garcia was a vaquero and stableman in the employ of Francisco Quezada.

Garcia was discharged Monday by Miss Quezada because he took out a horse for exercise which she had forbidden him to ride. Shortly after midnight Garcia entered the dining room of the Quezada mansion, where Romero and the young woman were having a light supper after the theatre, and fired four shots at Romero, killing him instantly. Another shot missed, and the sixth fired from an automatic gun hit the girl in the right leg.

Garcia had the thoroughbred single-footer saddled and ready and left immediately. The sheriff's office was notified and men were dispatched immediately to the scene of the shooting. After a long chase the officers, who were in an auto, met Garcia on the Oakland road.

The machine stopped and Garcia halted his horse. He was covered with the guns of the posse, but before a word was spoken he had dropped to his horse's side and fired two shots from his revolver over the saddle at the five men in the machine. The four officers at once opened fire, two with shotguns loaded with buckshot, one with a revolver and the other with a rifle. The horse dropped upon the side to which Garcia was hanging and pinned him beneath it. He partially raised himself and fired one more shot over the body of the horse and was greeted with another fusilade. When picked up Garcia was unconscious, and he was hurried in the automobile to the county jail, where he expired an hour later.

### NEGLECTED CHILDREN.

W. C. T. U. Discusses Important Subject at Interesting Parlor Meeting.

At the home of Mrs. T. Kirby, Gorge road, the W. C. T. U. held a pleasant parlor meeting Thursday. Mrs. Williscroft, the president, presided. There was a large attendance and the afternoon was taken up with readings by Mrs. Gordon Grant and Miss Bromley-Jubb, and a pleasing musical programme. Mrs. Grant's paper on "Work of the Neglected Children" was very interesting, and gave a comprehensive idea of what should be done for the unfortunate boy or girl under sixteen who has not either family or proper home influence. She also mentioned the fact that Victoria has a home for such children, and also that the unfortunate children of this city, at present only fourteen in number at the Home, were receiving just such care as was needed in many of the other cities in the province. Miss Bromley-Jubb's paper, "Am I My Brother's Keeper?" dealt in an interesting manner with the condition of the working girl and boy who is without a home. Mrs. Parson sang a well received solo, and Miss Williscroft was heard in two pleasing pianoforte solos. Mrs. Williscroft gave some interesting details to the ladies present in connection to the men's mission and the advisability of having more space for more beds. She stated that at present a good many men were turned away each night on account of lack of accommodation. The members voted Mrs. Gordon Grant to the building committee, and it was decided that the ladies should see that the proper advancement was made immediately for more accommodations for the men. The members endorsed the work already done by the committee and requested them to proceed at once with the suggested plans. After the meeting tea was served.

# FEDERAL GRAND JURY MAY INVESTIGATE

## Report From Indianapolis of New Inquiry Into Los Angeles Explosion

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 27.—Reports from Indianapolis yesterday that a special grand jury would investigate the so-called McNamara dynamiting cases supplied a theme for consideration by counsel for the defence of John J. and James B. McNamara and attracted attention in the office of District Attorney John D. Fredericks. Clarence S. Darrow, chief of counsel for the defence, telegraphed to Indianapolis for more information. A lull in court procedure yesterday while a new venire was being summoned, gave opportunity for consideration of the situation. It was conceded that the whole general aspect of the case might be altered by prospective action of the federal authorities, and that James B. McNamara and John J. McNamara, under nineteen indictments for murder in connection with the destruction of the Los Angeles Times building might enter upon an entirely changed legal status.

Two main situations were regarded here last night as possible to result from the Indianapolis investigation. It was admitted in the first place that the investigation, regardless of its outcome, might make it easier for the prosecution to institute proceedings by which to obtain certain books and records which the Indiana authorities have refused to give up. This evidence is much desired by District Attorney Fredericks, and back of it was said to have been one of the reasons why James B. McNamara's case was tried first.

The second possibility also has to do with the fact that the state elected to try James first instead of John. The trial now in session may take well into next summer, during which time John J. McNamara ordinarily would be kept in jail here, except for the periods when he might be called to testify, a witness in his brother's defence—a possibility which has been considered without eliciting any statement from the defence.

Should an indictment result from the Indianapolis investigation, there is a legal possibility that he would be taken back there. This could be done under order from a United States commissioner after a hearing instituted upon receipt of a certified copy of the indictment. Such action would raise again the question of McNamara's extradition from Indiana to California.

Attorneys and others interested in the McNamara cases speculated as to whether, when the federal grand jury took charge of the evidence, a petition for its possession by the Los Angeles authorities would lie in the federal court. It was said that the federal grand jury inquiry would be to ascertain if a statute against conspiracy to transport from one state to another dynamite for unlawful purpose had been violated.

### FALL OF TWO FEET FATAL.

Long Beach, Cal., Oct. 27.—Succumbing to injuries suffered by a fall of two feet Francis Barrett, the 4-year-old son of Charles Barrett, division superintendent of the Salt Lake railroad at Lake City, is dead here.

The little boy came here with his mother two weeks ago. A day or two age he fell from a bench to the concrete pavement in front of their apartments, suffering a fracture of the skull.

### CINEMATOGRAPHING BACTERIA.

Cinematographs are to be employed in the Villette slaughter-house of Paris to assist in the analyses of meat. Pictures will be taken of portions of freshly slaughtered cattle and the films shown to sanitary inspectors, cattle dealers, and butchers, the object being to confirm the nature of diseased meat by the examination of its bacteria, which will be portrayed on the films.

# BOATS CAPSIZE IN BEHRING SEA

## NARROW ESCAPES FOR THOSE ON LADY MINE

## Hurricane Coming Home—Indians Scared to Death and Chinese Cook Quits

Narrow escapes from drowning in the rough waters of Behring Sea were the experiences of a number of Indian and white hunters aboard the sealing schooner Lady Mine (Capt. Delouchrye), which arrived in port Thudsday afternoon, having completed her first cruise as a sealer. The crack little sailer, which was formerly the pilot boat of the San Francisco pilotage, took 502 skins during her six months' stay away from port, securing 236 off the coast, which she landed at Rose Harbor.

Maté C. Larsen, of the Lady Mine, states that while engaged in hunting in Behring Sea, two Indian canoes and one boat upset and that in the heavy seas it was a difficult task to rescue the occupants. The small craft left the schooner with the weather comparatively fine and with excellent prospects that it would remain calm. The boats, however, had not been out long before a nasty wind sprung up and they had to hasten back to the mother ship. When nearing the side of the vessel the Indians in their eagerness to get aboard upset their canoes and were precipitated into the water, while the boat of the whites was swamped. Lines were thrown to the floundering hunters and as they grasped them were hauled on board.

After leaving Victoria last March the Lady Mine proceeded south as far as the Columbia river after she had picked up her Indians at the west coast. No skins were taken while off the Oregon and Washington coasts and so the Lady Mine commenced to creep north. She visited the otter grounds and luck was still against her, as not one of the valuable sea animals was seen. Some time was spent in hunting off the coast of the island and the natives were successful in landing a number of skins. The Lady Mine later entered Behring Sea and Mate Larsen, who has been sealing for ten years, states that he never encountered such terrific weather. It was a series of southeast and southwest gales and it was not very frequently that the boats were able to leave the schooner. The vessel headed for English Bay after weathering the storms of Behring Sea for some time and reached that port on Oct. 7. After spending three days there she left for the south in company with the Pescawha and Thomas F. Bayard.

It was on the way south that the worst weather was encountered, the Chinese cook made his solemn vow never again to go to sea and the Indians spread feathers over the bow and stern of the vessel to smooth the waters and lined the dock praying to their gods. Fair weather was experienced the first two days out from English Bay and then a calm prevailed. The barometer suddenly dropped to 28.70—the lowest glass Larsen has seen—and everyone was suspicious of something. A southwest wind started to blow and it kept breezing up until it developed into a hurricane. Sometimes the Lady Mine logged fourteen knots an hour and she pitched and tossed like a cork. A queer and somewhat exciting incident is related by Larsen, which occurred during the gale. "The gale was blowing at a furious rate and after we had been sailing with a single reef for eight hours the skipper ordered me to reef her down to the double reef foresail. I was about to commence this when the skipper shouted something but I could not make it out as the wind carried his voice away from me. He had noticed three large seas curling up astern of us and wanted me to let her hang on a bit so as to race away from the rollers which threatened to break over the ship. I had just about completed the work of reefing her when the lop of one of the gigantic combers struck the stern of the ship. If the sea had struck us fairly it would have smashed the ship to pieces and you would have been wondering where the Lady Mine was now."

During the gale the seas were terrific and the Chinese cook thought he would never see land again. He was so sick he couldn't cook and the whites aboard teased him so that he at times felt like jumping overboard. He made a vow that he would never go to sea again; he would go and work in a laundry. But poor old John was not the only one scared, for the Indians prayed and carried out all their weird customs in an attempt to quiet the rage of the storm king. When off the coast the vessel was becalmed and made the remainder of the passage to port favored with a light breeze.

### AUSTRALIA'S FINANCES.

Melbourne, Oct. 27.—Prime Minister Fisher yesterday delivered the budget speech in the Commonwealth parliament. The figures presented by him revealed a wonderful expansion of revenue. In spite of a great increase in expenditure there remains a surplus of two millions. The principal feature of expenditure is the construction of the first section of the naval fleet at a cost of four millions out of the revenue, while large votes are provided to build new forts equipped with heavy guns, and to place the harbor defences and land forces on practically a war footing.

The government has rejected the offer of Great Britain to contribute a quarter of a million annually towards the upkeep of the fleet.

An issue of federal debentures is forecasted, the proceeds of which will go towards the building of the new capitol, national railways and the redeeming of state debts.

It is not the intention of the government to renew the Vancouver mail service at present. It is announced that the post office department prefers to pay poundage.