



BANK OF ENGLAND RATE DOWN TO FOUR PER CENT

It Was Reduced Today as the Result of Rapidly Improving Conditions --- Bank's Total Reserve Increased.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England was today reduced from 5 to 4 per cent.

THE RUSSIA JAP TREATY

What the Two Nations Have Agreed to in Respect to China

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 23.—The foreign office has issued an orange book relating to the general political agreement concluded by Russia and Japan, July 10, 1907.

A SECOND SOLOMON

How a Vancouver Magistrate Solved a Difficult Case.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 23.—(Special)—Magistrate Alexander of Vancouver has just given his decision in a case which savors of remote, classic times, while the decision has in it more than a mere suggestion of the wisdom of Solomon.

HARRY THAW RAVED LIKE A LUNATIC

And Finally Hypodermic Injection Was Used to Quiet Him Said Witness Today.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—Dr. Charles L. Bailey, of Albany, who arrived in New York last night from Jamaica, was called as the first witness in the Thaw case when court convened at 10.30 a. m. today.

SERIOUS CHARGES AGAINST G. T. P. BOSS

Swedish American Navy Has a Pitiful Tale to Tell of Outrages Suffered at Hands of His Boss.

J. M. ROBINSON & SONS TAKE WHOLE BOND ISSUE AT A FAVORABLE FIGURE

Local Banking Firm Offers 100-1-4 for \$325,000 of Ten Year Civic Bonds—None of the Big Banks Tendered at Any Figure.

At a special meeting of the common council held this morning an offer from J. M. Robinson & Sons to purchase the whole of the 5 per cent ten year city bonds, amounting to \$325,000, at a premium of 1-4 of 1 per cent, was accepted.

ON JAPANESE SETTLEMENT

LONDON, Jan. 23.—A few of the morning newspapers refer to the Japanese emigration settlement mainly as it concerns Canada.

NEWS FROM FREDERICTON

FREDERICTON, Jan. 23.—(Special)—At a meeting of the Farmers and Dairy-men's Association this morning Elsie M. Payne, read a very interesting paper on Beef Raising, which was discussed by Dr. Steadish, Albert Anderson, Walter Bulmer and others.

THE LATE CHAS. F. TILLEY

His Funeral Took Place This Afternoon and Was Very Largely Attended.

AN EXPENSIVE MAN HUNT

VANCOUVER, Jan. 23.—(Special)—One of the most costly and laborious man hunts that ever took place in northern British Columbia is that now in progress after the Indian Simon Gun-snook, who a year ago last July, shot Alex. McIntosh and Max Leclair and fled to the hills in the Bear Lake country.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

MYSTERY EXPLAINED. Worthies with members of the treasury board have been searching nightly for the buried treasures of City Hall.

INJURED IN EXPLOSION

HALIFAX, N. S. Jan 22.—(Special)—John McLeod, injured yesterday in an explosion at Wentworth quarry, Windsor, died subsequently.

PATRICK J. MOONEY WAS ON THE STAND THIS MORNING

He Was First Witness Examined Today in Suit Against City—Session Again Marked by Legal Debate.

THE FIGHT IN SOUTH HURON

Conservatives Put Up Splendid Contest Against Great Odds.

SEAFORTH, Ont., Jan. 23 (Special)—The election in South Huron for the seat in the house of commons rendered vacant by the death of B. B. Gunn (conservative) took place yesterday and resulted in the return of M. McLean, the liberal candidate, over Henry Horton, conservative, by a majority of 134.

HE WANTS A VACATION

Sir Robert Hart, Director of Chinese Customs, Asks for Two Years Leave.

PEKING, Jan. 23.—Sir Robert Hart, director-general of the Chinese customs service, on Tuesday petitioned the council for leave of absence for two years on account of ill health.

SUICIDE IN MONTREAL

Capt. H. G. Brown Took His Own Life—His Mind Unbalanced as Result of Grip.

MONTREAL, Jan. 23.—(Special)—H. Gordon Brown, prominent in military, business and social affairs committed suicide at 11 o'clock this morning at the military installation, No. 7 Beaver Hall Square.

TONIGHT'S DEBATE

Resolved that the time is opportune for the introduction of woman suffrage. Five members of the Every Day Club will debate this question with five men from the Portland Y. M. A. at the Every Day Club this evening.

THE SPLIT IN JAP HOUSE TOKIO, Jan. 23.—A motion to censure the government was defeated in the lower house of the Diet today by 177 votes to 168.