

FROM THE ORIENT

Empress of China and the Olympia Arrive from Yokohama and Hongkong

Topeka Leaves for Alaska-Salmon ship snowdrop Loaded for King and Co.

The fleet of sailing vessels that are loading at the outer wharf appeared to frighten the big C. P. R. liner Empress of China last evening. Although there was left a larger berth than that into which steamed the Empress of Japan about a month ago, the China dropped anchor half a mile from the wharf and signalled the officials on shore to send a tender. The steamer Sadie was secured, and at 8:30, two hours after the Empress dropped her anchor, the passengers and mails for Victoria were landed. The Empress encountered pleasant weather all the way across. Her saloon passenger list is a short one. Among her passengers were Captain Houston, of the United States navy, who is returning home, and Mr. E. A. Stevens, an agent for the London and North Western Railway, who was on his way to Hong Kong during his tour. At the special request of Li La Loie is going to dance before the Emperor of China, and Mr. Stevens went across to see that the dancer's reception should be a fitting one. He and Captain Houston went on the Kingston to the Sound last evening and will take the overland route to San Francisco. Other passengers were Mr. Geo. Flood, a Kobe merchant, who will visit the Eastern cities; Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Anderson, returning to their home in Manchester from a visit to the Orient; Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Merivale, of Barcelona, who are on a pleasure trip; Dr. A. de Flesch, the Austrian consul in Hongkong; Mr. A. Spitzer, Rev. V. Sandeman, Mr. E. F. Penolosa and wife, Mr. A. E. Wilson and Mr. P. M. Sweeney.

There were also seven intermediates and 298 stowage passengers. Her cargo was made up of 38,439 packages or 2,912 tons.

Among the passengers brought down by the steamer Boscovitz from the north were Captain Scott, Captain Whitworth, Isaac Whitworth, an engineer and George Blair, a ship carpenter. These were the crew of the little canyery steamer Georgia which was swamped by the heavy seas in Queen Charlotte Sound on Wednesday last. The Georgia belonged to the B. C. Canning Company and had been used in connection with their canneries at the various inlets. Being in need of repairs she left the inlet in charge of Captain Scott and the above crew. As a matter of fact a stoutly built yawl was towed behind the steamer. In Queen Charlotte Sound the Georgia encountered rough weather and heavy seas. One of these came over the steamer. Captain Whitworth, who is the regular master of the steamer, and his companions, had just time to seize their clothes and a small stock of provisions and get into the yawl before the steamer went to the bottom. They pulled the boat for eleven hours in a blinding snow storm before making a landing at Cape Calvert. From there they rowed to Wunchoo, the Georgia was registered at 20 tons net. She was built in 1872 and was for some time employed as a passenger steamer between Seabeck and Port Gamble. The Dominion government then purchased her and used her as a tender for the harbor dredge. She was valued at \$3,000 and was insured for nearly that amount.

At 3:30 this morning the Northern Pacific steamer Olympia arrived at the Pacific wharf and after discharging about 150 tons of freight left at noon for Tacoma. The Olympia had a pleasant passage across. Three days out from Yokohama she met the steamer Tacoma, of the same line, and four days before her arrival here another large steamer was seen going west, but her name could not be discerned. Among the Olympia's passengers were Lieutenant Bloodilowsky, of the Russian navy, and wife, who are returning home; Mr. and Mrs. Owen Williams and Mr. Harry Sniffin, who belong to the United States civil service and who made the round trip on the steamer. She has a full cargo of freight, the greater portion of which will be taken east over the Northern Pacific.

After the Danube had been loaded with freight for the Northern ports, it was found that her machinery, which had been strained by the steamer striking a rock several weeks ago, was not working smoothly. Her freight was transferred to the Islander, which will leave for the North this evening. The Danube will undergo necessary repairs.

On Friday the British bark, Snowdrop, Capt. Foster, will leave for London, England, with a cargo of salmon. R. P. Rithet & Co. are the charterers. Her manifest shows 18,191 cases of salmon from R. P. Rithet & Co. and 9,233 cases from Robert Ward & Co., also 143 packages of general merchandise.

The Topeka called at the outer wharf to-day on her way to Alaska. Her regular master, Capt. Leo Wallace, is dangerously ill at Seattle and the steamer this trip is in charge of Capt. Lloyd, the well-known pilot.

Mr. Geo. Byrnes, auctioneer, has been instructed by Captain Atwood of the schooner Puritan to sell the wrecked vessel at his auction rooms at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning. Captain Atwood will pay off his crew here and return to San Francisco.

The ship Cairnmore will commence loading salmon at the outer wharf on Friday.

Bishop Ferrin has returned from a visit to Alberni.

R. S. Day and William Dalby were passengers on last evening's Charming from Vancouver.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY

Hon. Robert Beaven has decided to seek re-election to the office of mayor.

A dispatch from Vancouver says that to-day snow is falling heavily in that city. Up to three o'clock this afternoon not an inch had fallen.

A Chinaman's sloop capsized in James Bay last evening and John was brought out several boats and he was rescued without further damage than a wetting.

The Y.M.C.A. propose to hold a week of prayer, beginning on Monday next and continuing until Friday evening. The young men of the city are cordially invited to attend the meetings held during the week.

Fred Woods, Charles Clark and Maurice Hardy were brought before Police Magistrate Macrae in the police court this morning to answer to the charge of vagrancy. They were remanded until next night, in order that they might be allowed, if possible, to obtain work, or to leave town. They were allowed out on their own recognizance of \$25 each to appear next Tuesday.

The death occurred yesterday at Victoria West of Mrs. Thomas P. Warren and her infant child. Deceased was a daughter of Mr. Mark Parsons, and highly respected by the many friends she had made. She was 25 years of age. The funeral will take place from the family residence on Jessie street, Victoria West, on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mr. Marquis, of the Bank of B.N.A., was severely bitten by a collie dog on Broad street this morning. Mr. Marquis was walking along the street when the dog, which had been following a butcher wagon, without the slightest provocation sprang at him and inserted the teeth in the fleshy part of the leg. Mr. Marquis had the wounds cauterized by a medical man.

As the Point Ellice bridge has not yet been declared open for tramway traffic the street car service on the Esquimalt route, until further notice, will leave corner of Yates and Government streets as follows: First car at 6:35 a.m. and every twenty minutes thereafter until 10:35 p.m., and will leave Esquimalt for the city as follows: first car at 7 a.m., and every twenty minutes thereafter until 11 p.m.

John James Virtue, an expressman, well known in this city, died this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Deceased yesterday morning was driving a truck on North Park street when he burst a blood vessel. He managed to sit on the seat of his express until the horse walked into the house and laid in bed where he lay until the end came this afternoon. He was a native of Fredericton, N.B., and was about 63 years of age. Virtue was a widower and leaves two sons.

The annual dinner of the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society will take place at the Driford on Nov. 30th. The society are in hopes that the Governor-General will be in the city at that time and that he may be their guest. The members of the Behring Sea Commission are also among those invited to be present.

The funeral of the late Robert Russell Bothwell took place yesterday at 2:30 p.m. from Hanna's parlors, where Rev. Dr. Campbell conducted the services and also at the cemetery. The pallbearers were Messrs. P. H. Smith, Jas. Lucas, Geo. Mellor, Harry Cummings, John Bell and Alfred Cooper. There was a large attendance and many beautiful floral offerings.

Shortly before 11 o'clock this morning the fire department was called to a fire at the corner of Oak Bay avenue and Hinton street. The fire, which was caused by a defective flue setting fire to the boarding around the chimney, was soon extinguished by the fire department with the chemical. The damage to the building, a cottage owned by Mr. McGregor, will not be very heavy.

The funeral of the late Wm. Craft took place this afternoon from his late residence, "Sunside," Victoria West, to St. Saviour's church, thence to Ross Bay cemetery. Rev. Mr. Barber conducted the funeral services both at the house and the church. The members of Victoria Lodge No. 2, G. O. P., and the British Columbia Pioneer Society, of which societies the deceased was a member, attended in a body.

In the application of Messrs. Munn, Holburn, O'Keefe, Carthew and Mathewson for an injunction restraining the defendants from acting as trustees of the Carlisle Packing & Canning Co., Ltd., Mr. Justice McColl to-day granted the injunction excepting, however, ordinary and necessary business requiring attention. It is understood the troubles of the Carlisle company have been settled by Messrs. Carthew & Mathewson selling to the other shareholders.

Mrs. Thompson and Mr. McGregor, who returned from Sooke lake last evening, brought only confirmatory proof of the supposition that Mr. Thompson met his death in the swollen waters of the river. Although nothing was seen of Mr. Thompson, the broken buoy was found about 300 yards where the teams usually crossed. A large party left the city to-day to make a thorough search of the river. They are not expected home before to-morrow morning.

An accident befell Mr. Vernon Lane on Monday. He was with his son Arthur, hunting in North Saanich and was standing on a steep hillside cutting brush to build a fire and throwing it down to his son, who was standing below. Suddenly he slipped and before he could recover his footing fell to the bottom of the hillside, a distance of 60 feet. His arm was broken and he sustained severe injuries about the body and legs. He was brought to town on the train this evening and taken to his home on Hillside avenue, where the family physician attended him. Yesterday his condition was much improved, and he is

said to be progressing toward recovery as rapidly as might be expected.

Cedar Hill Lodge No. 3, I. O. G. T., finds itself at present in a very healthy condition. The members of the lodge are usually at their post, and manifest an active interest in the welfare of the order. The regular quarterly meeting was held on Saturday evening, 14th inst., when the following officers were elected for the ensuing quarter: C. T. C. E. King; V. T. Miller; M. A. White; secretary, Eugene Miller; A. S. John; Irvin; F. S. O. H. Cogswell; treasurer, Miss Alice King; M. G. Clarke; D. M. M. Irvin; Chap., Miss J. A. Scott; P. C. T. Isaac Somers. The leading members and other interested in temperance work are availing themselves of the pleasant, moonlight evenings for social gatherings, in preparation for the coming event of the month—the entertainment to be held next Friday evening, 20th inst. A good programme is being provided and by the time this is printed the cakes will be in the oven. The intellectual feast and palatine delights coupled with a cheap admission of only 25 cents is expected to secure a full house.

Agent Blackford, of the N. P. R., last evening received the following dispatch: "Our line in first class condition Portland to St. Paul, both passenger and freight business about normal."

Major McManus, postmaster at Northford, was seriously injured this morning, a restive horse he was driving running away and throwing him out. Major McManus was thrown from his horse and many Victorians, who were hearing of the accident with regret.

The cases against Captain McCollman, for destroying furniture, publishing and threatening to publish a libel, were called in the Police court this morning before Magistrate Macrae. As neither party appeared the cases were adjourned until Thursday next, the 20th inst.

The local agent of the C. P. R. Mr. G. L. Courtney, this morning received a dispatch from Superintendent Abbott, stating that the collision between the snowslide on the line between North Bend and Yale, the worst ever experienced. Two fatalities and a big gang of men are at work and the company expect to get the train through this evening.

The funeral of the late John J. Virtue took place to-day at 2:30 p.m. from his late residence, 190 Johnson street. Rev. Mr. Foster, assisted by Rev. A. B. Winchester, officiated at the house and cemetery. Deceased leaves two sons and one daughter. There was a large attendance and many beautiful floral offerings. The pallbearers were: Robert Stephens, F. B. Gregory, George Biggar, J. P. Beaven, J. W. Sinclair and J. Clearburn.

The department of education have decided to make a change from the present system regarding the annual examinations for admission to the high schools. Under the present system those who fail to pass any of the subjects at the examination held last season would be obliged to wait a whole year before re-examination, who have failed to pass that examination and continued their studies since are to be allowed an opportunity of undergoing an examination on the subject in which they failed, at the time of the closing of the schools in December.

Provincial Police Officer McKenna returned last evening from Sooke Lake, where he made a thorough search of the body of Mr. Thompson. The box of the buggy was found on a little island about 200 yards below the ford, and in a log jam a little to the right of this were found the broken shafts. They are attached to something heavy underneath the jam, presumably the horse, but as the waters are still high and the current strong, nothing further could be done. Mr. Thompson's overcoat and a horse blanket, also some books and a roset of beef, were also discovered and brought to the city.

Before Police Magistrate Macrae in the police court this morning, Harley, a Chinaman, Indian, was fined \$5 or a default of payment 12 days in jail for being found drunk. For the same offense, Josie Edwards was fined \$5 and costs, or 14 days. William Daley, accused of vagrancy, was remanded until Saturday. He was allowed on his own recognizance as he said he would be able to obtain work in the meantime. Three women, keepers of some of the shacks on Chatham street, were summoned to appear, charged with keeping houses of ill-repute. They were fined some block and tackle belonging to the linemen down Carmanah way, and from the line adopted by counsel in cross-examination the theory of the defence will be that the stuff was stolen by the Indian who was carrying it, and that accused was not there. Several Indians are present in court interested in the proceedings.

Just before the steamer Mexico left the outer wharf for San Francisco last evening Deputy Sheriff Siddal stepped on board and arrested, under a capias, H. J. Edwards, of Vancouver. Mr. Edwards arrived in Victoria by the Charming on Wednesday evening, and his wife came over by last night's steamer. Tickets were secured for San Francisco and both were on the boat when the arrest was made. Mrs. Edwards had been for some time an accountant in the Vancouver branch of the Bank of British Columbia, but was relieved some time ago and has since been doing nothing. The informant upon whom the capias was issued is to the effect that Mr. Edwards contracted a debt of some \$169 which he neglected to pay before leaving. Mr. Edwards was taken to the provincial jail.

TALLYARD CASE. A Verdict of "Not Guilty" on the Indictment of False Pretences.

The assizes were continued yesterday afternoon and this morning. In the Grimm case the jury returned a verdict of guilty and added a recommendation to mercy. His Lordship inflicted a fine of \$25 and on counsel for accused, undertaking to pay the fine Mr. Grimm was allowed to go. Grimm was charged with voting twice at the recent Dominion election. The case against Eadean charged with theft was continued. The evidence showed that Eadean had collected money for Wm. Powell, the black-

smith, and had failed to account for a part of the amount collected. Mr. S. Perry Mills appeared for the accused, and although he made a spirited fight, the jury returned a verdict of guilty, adding a recommendation to mercy. Sentence was deferred. In Regina vs. M. L. Young, charged with keeping a common nuisance, the jury this morning returned a verdict of guilty and judgment was deferred until Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. His Honor Judge Harrison, in charging the jury said the question to be decided was whether or not the accused were keeping a piggery which was a nuisance and annoying to the residents of the neighborhood. In deferring sentence the court intimated that the pigs should be removed. Mr. R. Cassidy for the Crown and Mr. F. B. Gregory for the defence.

After luncheon the charge against William Wallis, charged with obtaining money under false pretences, came up before Mr. Justice McColl. The evidence showed that accused had bought a pianette from T. W. Fletcher under a receipt, which was never registered, and was therefore void as against subsequent purchasers. Accused after searching at the registry office and finding the agreement was not registered sold the pianette to A. A. Aaronson, representing that it was his own. The pianette was brought in a verdict of guilty with strong recommendations to mercy. Mr. Justice McColl then asked prisoner what he had to say why sentence should not be passed, and accused stated that he never troubled him for the balance of the money, and he had no intention of defrauding anybody. His Lordship said he was very sorry to see a young man who had been so well brought up get into such a serious scrape. He got by was severely punished by punishing himself where he was, but he was a young man and could make another start in life. Prisoner had pleaded guilty on the charge of escapism from custody, and he would sentence him to one month without hard labor, the sentence to begin to run from the first day he was in jail.

True bills were found in Regina vs. Talliard and Regina vs. Lawrence. At the conclusion of the Walls case the court adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock. In the assize court this morning Talliard's case, (false pretences) was proceeded with, Mr. Thornton Fell, appearing upon behalf of the Crown. On counsel's completion of the examination of Mr. Coates, Mr. S. Perry Mills, on behalf of the accused, commenced his cross-examination of Mr. Coates, to the point of purchase of shingles in the mining province, the subject of the present prosecution, and also as to his money forming part of the capital of the mining company of which Mr. Coates and the accused with others were partners. He was also cross-examined as to his wanting the trustees to secure all the accused's interest in other mining claims, thereby confirming the partnership transactions. Mr. Mills was proceeding to cross-examine him as to the alleged description of the shingles, when his Lordship Mr. Justice McColl said: "I suppose, Mr. Mills, you are on the question of value."

Mr. Mills said "Yes, my lord." "Well," stated his Lordship, "I think I had put an end to this case without 'skipping' any more time of the jury if the counsel would kindly take their seats." As a point of law had been raised the Crown could not proceed further on the indictment, and directed the jury to return a verdict of "not guilty," which was only a formal proceeding. The jury therefore returned a verdict of "not guilty" as instructed.

The point of law raised was in regard to the ownership of those mining interests which Coates and accused were partners, in order to substantiate a charge for false pretence it is necessary that the accused should have parted with all interests in the property. The charge of theft against him was then proceeded with. Mr. Mills, acting upon behalf of the accused, pleaded "antefacto acquit."

An adjournment then took place until after luncheon, when without argument on the point Mr. Fell, for the Crown, asked that the case stand over until next assize. Mr. Mills objected, as it would be a hardship to deprive his client of his liberty for such a lengthy period. His Lordship ordered the case to stand over until next assizes, the accused to be allowed out on his own recognizance of \$200.

After the Talliard case the charge against the Indian Machief was taken up. The accused is charged with theft and receiving stolen property. H. D. Helmcken, Q.C., appeared for the defence. Those present were Messrs. J. M. McLagg and J. W. Campion, of the Vancouver Board of Trade; Messrs. G. E. Corbould and John Hendry, of the New Westminster Board; and Messrs. D. R. Kerr and A. P. Plunke, of the Victoria Board. Mr. D. R. Kerr was present to advocate the merits of his scheme, as also were representatives of the Victoria, Vancouver and Eastern Railway.

After considering the merits of the scheme and also the practicability of the government building the road, the Board of Trade delegates formulated a report, which was presented to the provincial government at 2:30 this afternoon. The meeting was a private one and the contents of the report could not be learned. The members of the government discussed railway matters with the delegates, promising to give their report the earliest consideration.

The Victoria, Vancouver and Eastern Railway representatives also interviewed the provincial government.

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ed, the government this afternoon. The delegates were a further formidable one, being as follows: Messrs. C. N. Davidson, W. Thimpterson, A. J. J. Banfield, W. McCrae, N. McClean, Dr. Carroll, W. L. Pagan, Alex. Ewen, James Webb, Cesare J. Marani and D. G. Macdonnell.

HON. MR. TARTE

Spends a Busy Day—Will Visit Nanaimo To-morrow.

Hon. Mr. Tarte's engagements are such that he can only give until to-morrow evening to Victoria and Nanaimo. He will leave by special train for Nanaimo at 3 o'clock to-morrow morning, returning in the evening in time for the banquet at the Driford. Mr. Tarte, however, is making use of every minute of his time. By 9 o'clock this morning he was ready to receive the many citizens who wished to interview him on local matters connected with his department.

At 11 o'clock the mayor and aldermen placed the steamer Sadie at his disposal and Point Ellice was visited. The party included Mr. Coste, chief engineer, Mr. Gamble, resident engineer, Mayor Beaven and all the aldermen with the exception of Alderman Marchant, Wilson and Cameron. Mr. Tarte minutely examined the broken structure and the new pile bridge and expressed his satisfaction at the appearance of the new bridge. He remarked that he learned from a personal inspection that from all the correspondence he had read on the subject. He was pleased with the substantial appearance of the new bridge. The party was up as far as Curtis Point, the visitors expressing their delight at the natural beauty of the Arm.

One incident of the trip showed that the minister of public works does not let personal inconvenience interfere with public matters. He noticed that the visit to the bridge was made at high tide, and asked when the tide was at its lowest. The answer was an early hour before daylight to-morrow. Mr. Tarte at once replied that he would visit Point Ellice at that hour to-morrow, so that he could more thoroughly examine the structure.

This afternoon Mr. Tarte visited the Esquimalt dry dock, where his department is engaged to make some extensive improvements. The ladies of the party spent the morning sightseeing. A party consisting of Madame and Miss Tarte, Madame Robillard, Mrs. McInnes, Mr. Henri Boudras and Capt. Clark. The minister's party and other guests will be entertained at a dinner by Dr. Milne at his residence.

At 5 o'clock this evening Mr. Tarte will receive an address from the B. C. Board of Trade, and to-night the minister will receive an address from the B. C. Chamber of Commerce. He will be entertained at a dinner by Dr. Milne at his residence.

THE ARMY'S WORK.

Testimony From Speakers at Last Evening's Meeting.

The Salvation Army held a mass meeting in connection with "self-denial" week yesterday evening in A.O.U.W. hall. Sir Henry Crease acted as chairman, and on the platform with him were Rev. Bishop Cridge, Rev. Dr. Campbell and Capt. Clark. The band of the Salvation Army from a corner of the balcony discoursed music during the evening. After prayer had been offered by Rev. Dr. Campbell, Sir Henry Crease addressed the meeting. He eulogized the work of the Salvation Army and said that their work was worthy of the public's support. This meeting, he said, was expressly called to bring their work before the public and they should be helped to extend the benefits derived from their operations. The object of the Salvation Army was to save souls. He liked the name of Salvation Army; there was nothing about it to raise any ideas that might be objected to. It was not denominational, and did not say that one form of church government was better than another. In closing his address the speaker introduced the Rev. Dr. Campbell, who was to follow him, as an example of a Christian, a man who for the past 38 years had gone about doing good.

Bishop Cridge said he was pleased to be present. When he first came to this city he said, there was but one Protestant minister, and at the advent of the Salvation Army here his heart was filled with joy. He loved Victoria, and he was pleased that in it no obstruction was offered to the Salvation Army. Mr. F. Sherbourne then sang a vocal solo "Free as a bird," in his well known style.

Rev. Dr. Campbell was the next speaker. He said he always did his best to help the Salvation Army in any way that he could. His church had ever been at their service when wanted. He spoke in glowing terms of the two speakers who had preceded him. The work of the Salvation Army, he said, had a great deal towards the advancement of Christianity; they put off their silk hats and kid gloves and reach down to those whom the churches were unable to reach. Referring to the \$1,000 donated by the last city council for the Shelter home, he said it was the best \$1,000 they had ever spent.

Mr. Herbert Kent then sang in a very pleasing manner a solo entitled "Adoration." Capt. Clark followed, speaking on incidents of Salvation Army life in the city of Montreal and Toronto. At the conclusion of this address he proposed, seconded by one of the officers of the Salvation Army, a vote of thanks to the speakers of the evening.

ANNUAL MEETING

Of the Y.W.C.A. Held Last Evening—Reports Presented.

The various reports presented at the annual meeting of the Young Women's Christian Association held in the Y.M.C.A. rooms last evening, showed the association to be in a healthy financial condition and that good work had been accomplished during the past year. The attendance at the annual meeting was large. Miss Carr, the president, was in the chair, and on the platform were: Mrs. R. B. McMicking, Miss Bowes, Miss Sylvester, Miss Munro, Miss J. T. Fawcett, Mrs. J. B. McKilligan, the Archdeacon Scriven, Rev. Dr. Wilson and Rev. W. Leslie Clay. The devotional exercises were con-

ducted by Ven. Archdeacon Scriven. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. Wilson, Rev. W. L. Clay, and Archdeacon Scriven. Miss Carr sang "Jesus, Lover of my Soul." Mrs. J. B. McKilligan gave an interesting report of the proceedings of the second Biennial conference of the Y.W.C.A. of Canada, which was held at Hamilton in September last, and at which she was the Victoria delegate. Letters of regret for non-attendance were read from Rev. Dr. Campbell, Rev. S. Cleaver, and Rev. J. F. Betts. The meeting closed by singing the national anthem.

BANK OF ENGLAND.

Weekly Statement of the Bank Showing Changes.

London, Nov. 19.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England, issued to-day, shows the following changes compared with previous accounts: Total reserve increased £53,000; circulation decreased £200,000; bullion increased £218,942; other securities increased £304,000; other deposits decreased £141,000; public deposits increased £305,000; Note reserve increased £50,000; government securities decreased £5,000; proportion of Bank of England's reserve to liability, which last week was 52.40 per cent., is now 52.53 per cent.

STRIKE THREATENED.

Miners Demand the Restoration of Their Old Wages and Hours.

Moosehide, Nov. 19.—At a conference of Moosehide silver miners a resolution was adopted demanding the restoration of the old rate of \$2.80 a hundred bushels in all river mines, except in the fourth pool, where the old rate of \$2.16 is demanded. Should the operators refuse the old rates a general strike will be ordered.

MEXICO'S TOBACCO.

Taking the Place of the Cuban Product in Europe.

Washington, Nov. 19.—Consul-General Crittenden reports that Mexican tobacco promises to take the place of Havana tobacco in the markets of the world. Already great tracts of country are being operated as tobacco plantations and the product equals the best from the famous tobacco sections of Cuba. England, France and other countries are using large quantities of Mexican tobacco. General Crittenden says it promises to make Mexico rich.

CHANGED THEIR MINDS.

Boston Accepts Macromnie's Statue, "The Bacchante."

Boston, Nov. 19.—The former vote of the Art Commissioners, whereby the Bostonian rejected the statue of "The Bacchante" by Macromnie, has been reconsidered and by a unanimous vote the commission has approved of the gift of Mr. Carter McKim to the Boston public library.

A PRESENT FROM CANADA.

Fruit From Hamilton, Ont., to be Presented to the Queen.

London, Nov. 18.—The Daily Telegraph devotes an article to a description of a charming present of fruit sent to the Queen from Hamilton, Ontario, which arrived at the Canadian office in London yesterday. Sir Donald Smith, the Canadian high commissioner, personally attended to the disposal of the gift in accordance with the Queen's wishes.

CHANGED THE TEXT.

I have a very critical parishioner in my church who used to annoy me terribly, but I finally silenced him," said a Harlem preacher very confidentially, to a brother minister, who thought the story too good to keep. "I used to be afraid of him. If I ever preached a sermon in the parlor for a few minutes, I opened his bible and noticed upon turning the pages that he had the date of every one of my sermons noted on the margin opposite the text. Some of them had been preached two or three times were marked accordingly. "I had found his memory and very easily defeated it. Since then when I want to repeat a sermon I simply select a new text that will fit it instead of the original one. I have repeated a number of sermons since I made my discovery, and haven't heard a single word about them from my critical and watchful friend."—New York Herald.

A SHOWER OF BIRDS.

On Friday morning of the week before last, early risers in Baton Rouge, La., witnessed a peculiar sight in the shape of a shower of birds, that fell from a clear sky, literally cluttering the streets of the city. There were wild ducks, cat birds, woodpeckers and many birds of strange plumage, some of them resembling canaries, but all dead, falling in heaps along the thoroughfares, the singular phenomenon attracting many spectators and causing much comment.

The most plausible theory as to the strange windfall is that the birds were driven inland by the recent storm on the coast, the force of the storm on the Florida coast, the force of the current of air and the sudden change of temperature causing the death of many of the little feathered creatures when they reached Baton Rouge. Some idea of the extent of the shower may be gathered from the estimate that on National avenue alone the children of the neighborhood collected as many as 200 birds.

RUSSIAN WHEAT.

Prices Advance and Railway Rates Also Go Up.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 18.—Advices received from Rostoff say that the price of grain in Southern Russia has advanced considerably owing to the foreign demand. Freight rates have followed this advance and Indian agents are reported on their way to Odesa in order to contract for shipments of wheat to India.