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FIFTY-THIRD YEAR.

# EMENT MERGER

Suit Brought by Bank of Montreal Against Sir Sandford Fleming and Mr. J. S. Irving of Ottawa

MAY LEAD TO INVESTIGATION

tch in Regard to Admittance of Enshaw Works Gives Rise to Action—Outcome May be Sensational

TTAWA, Dec. 10 .- There are prosts of sensational developments in case of the Bank of Montreal vs. Sandford Fleming and J. S. Irving Ottawa, an action for the payment promissory notes and interest to the ount of about \$25,000.

It is understood that issues will be aised in the litigation that will necesate a thorough investigation into the ormation of the big Canadian cement nerger which was organized about ighteen months ago with Sir Max Aitas one of the chief promoters. The suit over the notes is the outcome the cement merger. It will be reembered that when this merger was rmed there was some hitch in regard the admittance of the Exshaw, Alerta, works in which Sir Sandford and Irving were interested. The merger as about to fall through when the Bank of Montreal saved the situation y guaranteeing the liabilities of the ller units of the merger. Through chnicalities when the deal was finally ut through the Exshaw concern was zen out, and was later bought in by combine for practically nothing. has always been contended by Sir lford thee there are something ild in the ultimate organization of

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merger, and he repeatedly asked government for an investigation. Fowler's Flight BEAUMONT, Tex., Dec. 9.—Aviator Fowler flew forty miles from Liberty to

### Toronto Pinancier Dead

Beaumont today.

TORONTO, Dec. 9 .- J. Earnest Mor on founder of the Canad Loan company, died tonight in his 85th ear. He was born in Devonshire and came to Canada sixty years ago. He was one of the most prominent financial men in Canada. He was three times president of the Toronto Imperial Federation league.

### Megroes Killed in Race War

PAVO, Ga., Dec. 9 .- Two negroes were killed when blacks and whites lashed here tonight in a riot. The rouble started when Will Williams, a negro, was shot and killed by Marshal Frank Byrd, after he had attacked the narshal for arresting a brother. The town was crowded, and negroes and whites lined up, both sides being heavly armed. Frank Mobley, a negro, opened fire into a crowd of whites, and he was shot and killed. The negroes then fled to cover, but are organizing and another outbreak is feared.

### Dynamite Investigation,

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 9 .- All enographers who have been employed at headquarters of the International siation of Bridge and Structural Workers in this city since 1905, are to be subpoenaed as witnesses beore the federal grand jury in its inquiry into the alleged nation-wide dynamiting conspiracy, it was said today. The purpose of the investigators is to secure copies of letters seized in the raid on the offices of the association and alleged to implicate groups of men in many cities in dynamiting de-

### Mysterious Bobbery.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—A robbery of the most nysterious nature has taken place from he jewelry department of Harrods' stores, Brompton road, S. W. During business nours a thief, without being detected or oven arousing any suspicion, escaped with even arousing any suspicion, escaped with a diamond and emerald pendant, valued at \$15,000, which was on display in a locked

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The pendant contained but two stones, an emerald and a very fine diamond. During the night this jewel, with other especially valuable articles was kept in the strong room. On being received each night it was signed for by a responsible official, and similarly when it was taken out in the morning, it was signed for by one of the heads of the jewelry department. This course was taken on Tuesday morning, and the pendant was placed on a white velvet bust in one of the jewelry windows in Hans-crescent. But few gems, all of a costly character, were shown in the winthe back of which was secured by a platectass locked frame. It was shortly before 5 o'clock, about the busiest time of the day, when one of the assistants noticed that the cendant had disappeared from the window, durried inquiries were made, and it was soon ascertained that it was not being hown to a customer, nor had it been removed by any authorized person.

The thief, after abstracting the pendant, ad relocked the window.

The announcement has been made that the C. P. R. will expend \$2,000,-00 in establishing its new freight terminal yards in the city of Vernon. Reeve W. A. Pound, of South Vanouver, has decided to retire from the

ield in the coming election campaign. The handsome new structure that is eing built for the Hudson Bay Inurance company, is nearing completion and will be opened about Febru-

### INDIANS ARE QUIET

Chief of Provincial Police at Prince Bu-pert Investigated Conditions in Mass District

PRINCE RUPERT, Dec. 9.—Reports having been received at Victoria to unrest amongst the Indians on the Naas river, Chief Owens, of the provincial police, and a party of special constables were despatched to

The party has now returned and reports that conditions are normal, and, although there had been some threatening of white people, nothing serious need be anticipated.

Prominent Financier's Suicide PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 9.—Peter-Boyd, a well known financier of this city, and widely known in political circles, shot himself today. Mr. Boyd was president of the Tradesmen's Trust company, a Philadelphia concern, which recently failed.

### Sugar Trust Investigation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 .- It developed at today's hearing of the house committee investigating the sugar trust that Claus A. Spreckels, of the Federal Sugar Co., was the only subscriber to the Wholesale Grocers' association, whose secretary, F. C. Lowry, testified before the committee. Mr. Lowry admitted authorship of letters to farmers and other pubications containing arguments for the removal of the tariff on sugar. At the conclusion of today's session the committee adjourned until after the holdays. Subpoenaes have been issued for many farmers.

Measures Taken by Provincial Government\_ Effective\_ in Preventing Introduction of Insect Pests

VANCOUVER, Dec. 9.—That the Provincial government by first creating a board of horticulture and then givne to the regulations of that board the force of statute law, has kept the province of British Columbia free from many of the destructive insect pests which inflict great financial loss on the farmers and orchardists of the United States and the other provinces of the Dominion, was emphasized in an address delivered by Mr. Thomas Cunningham, provincial inspector of fruit pests, at the annual meeting of the B. C. Entomological Society in the Aberdeen school this afternoon,

"British Columbia, being a comparatively newly settled province, has suffered less from insect pests than most other countries," said Mr. Cunning-

"Early in the history of the province the pioneer fruit growers wisely took precaution to protect the country from insect invasion. We profited by the experience of California, and were determined to protect ourselves. In this we were aided by the government of the day. In 1890 steps were taken to create a board of horticulture, with power to make regulations governing the inspection of imported nursery stock, trees, plants and fruits The regulations of the board have by act of parliament the force of statute law. and it is entirely owing to the provisions of these regulations that the province is free from many of the most destructive insect pests."

Attention was drawn by W. S. Hadden, the Dominion veterinarian at Agassiz, to the suitability of British Columbia as a field for research in connection with disease-bearing in-

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Hon. President, Rev. G. W. Taylor; president, Tom Wilson, inspector of Indian orchards; vice president, Mr. G. O. Day, Dun cans; secretary, Mr. R. C. Trehern, Vancouver; board of control, Messrs. Wilson, Day, Trehern, W. H. Line; Sherman and Anderson,

Mayor Waugh Congratulated WINNIPEG, Dec. 9 .- The first telegram of congratulation received by Mayor-elect, Waugh at the committee room last night was from Vancouver, sent by ex-Controller Baker, the reading of which was greeted with a great show of enthusiasm.

H. B. Store at Winnipeg WINNIPEG, Dec. 9.—It is understood here that Messrs. Burke, Horgood and White, architects of coronto, are preparing plans for the \$2,000,000 lepartmental stores of the Hudson's Bay Co., to be erected next year on the recently purchased Portage avenue site. The same firm designed the Robert Simpson stores at Toronto, and the Hudson's Bay stores at Calgary, now under construction.

Found on Tideflats SEATTLE, Dec. 9 .- The body of Harry T. Traynor, manager of a large boarding and sale stable, was found in a sink hole on the tideflats today, and the police are puzzled to account for its presence there. There were no marks of violence on the body, and apparently Traynor had been suffocated in the mud. He was last seen slive on Wednesday night, when he left a saloon in the neighborhood. The chief of police of Lexington, Ky., telegraphed today asking for information of Traynor,

Fears Entertained that Men Entombed in Tennessee Colliery Will be Found Dead by Rescuers

### NUMBER ESTIMATED AT 126 TO 156

Slim Hope that They May Have Reached Lateral Workings Before Explosion Occurred

BRICEVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 9 .- Hours must elapse before rescuers working desperately can reach the miners, now estimated at from 126 to 156, who were buried alive in lateral workings of the Knoxville Iron company's great Cross Mountain mine here today.

Those most sanguine hope that by daybreak tomorrow the shafts will have been cleared enough to gain access to the chambers where the living may be confined or where the men's bodies may be recovered. It is generally believed that all the miners are dead. Tonight neary 2,000 persons were

gathered around the mouth of the mine, frantically demanding news. The men had entered to begin the day's work, when a terrific explosion wrecked the workings.

Only three have come out alive. They had entered a lateral off the mine shaft, and succeeded in getting into the open before the flames and smoke caught them. The body of Lee Polston was found buried and mangled under the cave in the main shaft.

Rescue workers are making scarcely any headway. The government's rescue car and force are here, as are many engineers from all over the district. The workings extend more than two miles into the bowels of the mountain. According to President Stephenson, of the Iron company, the men, if they had eached their posts, were in lateral workings when the explosion occurred. This encourages those on the surface to hope that many may be living.

Late today there was little prospect of an early rescue. Workers have encountered dense and compact deposits of (Continued on page 2.)

## PRISONERS GO TO SAN QUENTIN

James B. and John J. McNamara Start on Journey to Penitentiary Where They Are to Serve Sentences

### TAKEN ON CAR FROM LOS ANGELES

LOS ANGELES. Dec. 9 .- James B. McNamara, confessed murderer, and John J. McNamara, confessed dynamiter and secretary-treasurer of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Ironworkers, started from here today for San Quentin peniten-

James B. McNamara, who blew up the Los Angeles Times building on Oct. 14, 1910, will begin tomorrow a sentence of life imprisonment, while his brother faces a term of fifteen years for complicity in the dynamiting of the Llewellyn iron works here last Christmas.

The route to be taken by Sheriff William A. Hammel and his prisoners was kept a profound secret, and even the time of departure was unknown to the general public. By previous arrangement, however, a coterie of newspaper men and photographers were concealed behind the jail, and were notified of the exact moment of departure of the McNamaras, so that they collected about the entrance long enough to see the brothers enter a waiting motor car.

## Fourteen of Crew Drowned

LONDON, Dec. 9-Fourteen members of the crew of the Belgian steamer Vandyke were drowned when she was wrecked off the Cornish coast

### Assailant in Jail

SEATTLE, Dec. 9.-Malcolm C. Patterson, who shot and dangerously wonuded R. T. Seal at Port Orchard yesterday, was brought to the county jai here tonight and locked up in default of \$20,000 bail, the offense charged against him being assault in the first degree. Patterson's father, ex-Governor Malcolm R. Patterson, of Tennessee, he engaged counsel for him. Seal, who is in a hospital at Bremerton, is still

## REFUSED DUTY

Members of Grew of Steamship Medina Said To Have Mutinied on Eve of Royal Departure

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The Express says a ection of the picked crew of the steamship Medina, on which King George and Queen Mary traveled to India, mutinied on the eve of the departure of the vessel and refused to sail. They were arrested with others who had broken their leaves in the hope of being left behind. The latter were distributed among the cruisers which escorted the Medina and the warships furnished substitutes for them on their majesties' vessel.

The trouble arose over discontent among the men as to their quarters, which are described as worse than those of sailing ships in the early days of navigation. Apologists for the vessel say the only trouble with the quarters was if they were not finished because of lack of time.

Winston Churchill, the first lord of the admiralty, will reply to a question on the subject in the house of commons on December 13.

### Pearl Harbor Channel HONOLULU, Dec. 9 .- The dredging of

the Pearl harbor channel is practically completed, and Rear Admiral Chancey Thomas will take the cruiser Califor nia through tomorrow. immigration Statistics QUEBEC, Dec. 9,-Official statistics from the Grosse Isle quarantine sta-

tion show that 193,000 immigrants from

European points were examined there

during the past season, an increase of

fifteen thousand over last year.

# BY THE C.P.R

Fortyfive Million Dollars to be Expended by Company-Large Sums Intended for Pacific Division

WINNIPEG, Dec. 9 1-It is announced by the Canadian Pacific railway from Montreal that the company will shortly raise \$45,000,000 for terminals, improvements to properties and building from the Atlantic to the Pacific Coast at various centres. The C. P. R. has \$20,000,000 in treasury and the remainder is to be raised by issuing common stock.

Returning today from the Pacific oast. Vice-President Bury intimated that one result there would be large sums expended in improvements on the Pacific division, including \$2,000,000

### SANDFORD CONVICTED

Shiloh Leader Found Guilty of Having Caused Deaths of Six Persons on Yacht Coronet

PORTLAND, Maine, Dec. 9 .- Rev. Frank W. Sandford, leader of the Holy Ghost and Us Society, was found guilty of causing the death of six persons on board the yacht Coronet by the jury in the United States court today. He will be sentenced December 16.

In a statement Sandford declared that high heaven was watching to see that a fair trial was given, and he felt it due to each official to give a frank statement of the voyage from his standpoint. He would, he said, embody in his statement various facts essential to a correct understanding of the voyage

of the Coronet. The first was that the expedition was detained when the wreck of the ship Kingdom occurred. It was expected to said for Hudson's Bay, Greenland, etc., and all were greatly disappointed at the wreck of the Kingdom off Africa.

The destination of the Coronet unchanged by the wreck of the Kingdom. This, he stated, as the second fact. With earnestness Sandford con-

tinued "I said: 'Father, what next, now that we have company on board?" I received an answer to this question. I understood its meaning to be that we should go on with the work. It was thoroughly discussed, and finally it was decided to go on with the work, which took up to the Far North."

Mr. Sandford then explained that the destination of the yecht Coronet was thoroughly discussed by members of the crew, men and women, and frequenty the Chinese were asked.

His "third fact" was that he had been forbidden by God to visit the countries over which he prayed last year, and this precluded a return to the United States.

The "fourth fact" was that he and his people expected to receive an abuncance of food from the fishing off the Fifth, they expected to secure an

abundant supply of vegetables and fruits in Newfoundland, but were disappointed; and also he had made a mistake in his calculations of the location of the Grand Banks and had sailed past them. It was then that the discontent among his followers began to manifest itself. He prayed to God, he said, and in the end the decision was reached to disobey God and turn back That the yacht Coronet had been

obedient to the will of God was his sixth contention. The maximum penalty for Sandford's

crime is ten years' imprisonment and

Chinese Government Authorities Extremely Desirous of Ending Conflict-Funds are Absolutely Necessary

### LEGATIONS BELIEVE PEACE IS NEAR

Pillaging by Outlaws and Revolutionary Soldiers Troubles Southern Provinces—Towns are Destroyed

PEKING, Dec. 9 .- Tang Shao Yi, Yuan Shi Kai's representative, accompanied by several influential officials, left today for Wu Chang to negotiate with General Li, the revolutionary commander, and delegates from the various provinces, for peace.

The government professes confidence hat the revolutionists will accept a limited monarchy, but Tang Shao Yi possesses plenipotentiary powers, and it is understood the government is willing to accept a compromise on almost any terms. The administration cannot be carried on for more than a few days unless funds are forthcoming, and the legations believe the end of the rebellion is approaching.

The Imperialists have captured Tatung Fu, in Shan Si province, and dispersed the rebels, who have retreated to Tai Yuan Fu.

Much Pillaging WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 .- Revolutionary soldiers and outlaws in China are causing uneasiness and some damage by their pillaging in the southern part of Kwang Tung province, of which Canton is the capital, American Consul General Bergholz advises the state department today. Limchow, Kwang Tung province, had been pillaged and burned by revolutionary soldiers and outlaws, he supposed. Pakhol, twenty miles from Limchow, was burned by

outlaws and soldiers. Foreign trade is carried on through Pakhoi, and a number of foreigners re

Town Mear Peking Destroyed LONDON, Dec. 9 .- The Chinese revodestroyed Chang Hain about 12 miles southwest of Peking, ac-(Continued on page 2.)

## FEDERAL FORCE IS WIPED OUT

Mexican State Guards Suffer Severely in Encounter with Large Band of Reyesta Rebels in Yucatan

### INSURGENTS ARE WELL EQUIPPED

MEDIRA, Yucatan, Mex., Dec. 9 .-- Of force of about 150 state guards, mostly Yaqui Indians, who engaged a band of Reyestas estimated at between 400 and 600, near here today, less than a dozen escaped, according to meagre information brought to this city by refugees late today.

The government troops were routed completely. The fight occurred on the haciendas of Saoniote and Misnoblan. A fresh force has taken the field to dislodge the rebels.

The stories told by the survivors confirmed by the owners of the hacienda, indicate that the insurgents were far better equipped than was generally supposed. They were well mounted, carried modern arms, used dynamite and operated field telephones, it is declared.

The gunboat Grave is reported to have disembarked 400 federals today at Mandero. The troops are to be stationed along the coast to against the landing of contraband arms and ammunition

In a second fight this afternoon the rebels were defeated at the Saoniote hacienda. The casualties are not

### Assurance from Japanese Premier NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—"As long as ive, whether in official or private life,

there shall not be a war with the United States." This statement was attributed tonight to Marquis Saionii. premier of Japan, by Dr. Inso Nitobe president of the first imperial college of Japan, sent to this country by his government as an exchange lecture Dr. Nitobe was addressing the Japan ese society of New York and said the characterized as having been entirely premier had made the statement to him before he left for America. Dr. Nitobe added that Jepan was most anxious to sign a peace or an arbitration treaty with the United States.

### WINNIPEG ELECTIONS

WINNIPEG, Dec. 3.—The following re-corrected returns of yesterday's Mayor, R. D. Waugh, majority 1,063.

Board of Control, J. W. Cockburn, 7,680; J. G. Harvey, 4,968; A. A. McArthur, 4,937; W. G. Douglas, 4,757. Aldermen-Ward 1, A. L. Bond, majority 3; Ward 3, J. J. Wallace, majority 243; Ward 4, F. H. Davidson, majority 89; Ward 5, Theodore Stefanik, majority 328; Ward 7, Charles Midwin-

ter, majority 48. School Trustees-Ward 3, R. J Craig, majority 1,789; Ward 5, R. S. McMunn, majority 438; Ward 6, George Grisdale, majority 251.

Money By-laws—Suhway by-law, for

2,862; against, 2,033; defeated. bition by-law: for 3,001; against 2,485; defeated. Schools by-law, for, 3,333; against, 880; carried. City Hall by law, for, 2,205; against, 2,637; defeated.

### Attack on Pension Bill

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 .- Characterizing his associates in congress as "po litical agents" on the subject of pension legislation, and declaring that the Sherwood pension bill is a \$50,000,000 campaign contribution, Representative Martin Dies, a Texas Democrat, swung the pension debate in the house of representatives out of its routine channels for a half hour this evening. Mr. Dies declared that members were not voting their convictions on the pension sub ject, but were supporting an increas for fear of losing their seats.

## INCENTIVE TO SEISMIC WORK

Dominion Government Will Make Appropriation to Enable Mr. F. Napier Denison ot Carry on His Studies

The Dominion government has decided to encourage the seismic research work which he been advertaken by Mr. F. Napier Denison of this city. Through the energies of Mr. F. H. Shepherd, the member for Nanaimo, sum of \$2,000 will be set aside in the forthcoming estimates and will be utilized for the purchase of instruments and generally forwarding ine study which has already been productive of him of lacking diplomatic tact. results that are acknowledged by well As has alrea demonstrated by Mr. Denison, this city is an exceptionally favorable place for the study of seismology. The government which has been informed of the findings made here through voluntary effort has determined to foster the study, and Mr. Denison in the future will be able to carry on his research work on a more extensive scale than in

Treating of the work already done by the local scientist a correspondent in the issue of Canada, which has just reached here, says:

"We have to congratulate British Columbia on the valuable contribution to the science of seismology that Mr. F. Napier Denison, of the Meteorological department, has deduced from his esearches, and in the forward position the Province occupies. To be represented at an international conference of Old World scientists marks an advance in age and stability, for a young country struggling with the difficulties of its position cannot devote itself to science. There is neither the time for research nor the atmosphere that stimulates enquiry. Nor is there the tradition to stamp original research with the warrant of approval. That two very suggestive contributions should come from Mr. Denison was proof that culture and science are supplanting the harder conditions that necessarily surround an infant colony.

"Mr. Denison became known for his work on the behavior of seiches, or small tidal waves on lakes, such as Huron, in which particular instance he showed a possible connection between the vibrations of the water in the lake and the fluctuations of atmospheric pressure. When the water was least disturbed so was the barometic trace, and when the undulations of the lake became large and rapid, the atmospheric waves recorded by the barometer bore the safe character. Juler influences were at work, which marked at times these general conclusions, and required further investigation. In Victoria, B.C., hir. Denison, attracted by the possibility of detecting variations in the soil as he had in the waters of the lake, set up two horizontal pendulums, of a very delicate construction, by which he endeavored to trace the effect of barometic load and the amoun of flexure. He has obtained very remarkable results, and it is to be hoped that he will pursue his enquiries. For an important practical bearing is given to this investigation by the possible influence such variations of load may

exercise in causing colliery explosions. "On this point Mr. Lenison submitted statistical data to the International Seismological commission, proving that explosions occurred most frequently when his pendulums were at the limit of their oscillations. The suggestion was that by reason of increased pressure the earth underwent considerable strain, and it was possible that the rocks in collieries and coal seams were affected to such an extent that the coal gas might be able to come up and flood (Continued on page 2.)

## PROTECTORATE

Result of Russian Movements in Persia is Feared in Britain -Whereabouts of Troops Unknown

### BRITISH PRESTIGE IN EAST MAY SUFFER

Cabinet Seeking to Secure Abatement of Russian Demands -Cannot Afford to Offend Big Empire

LONDON, Dec. 9 .- Details as to the dvance of the Russian troops in Persia have been kept completely in the dark for several days. How large a force has been despatched by the Russian government, and particulars as to its movement, are unknown in London, but the public generally feels that the end will be the establishment of a Russian protectorate over the best part of Persia, including the two northern capitals, Tabriz and Teheran. Newspapers and politicians generally regard it as unlikely that Russia, once entrenched in Persia, will withdraw.

The Teheran correspondent of the Times reports that Russia's first act will be to substitute a new form of government for that of the national council.

Possible damage to British commercial interests is absorbing attention, but the blow to British prestige among Orientals causes anxiety. The Outlook says: "We are face to face with one of the gravest crises in the history British policy in Asia." The Nation says: "It means the worst

blow that our prestige could suffer in the East. We appear as the weak partner, who dares not try to check his powerful and unscrupulous associate." Mr. Shuster, the American treasurergeneral in Persia, whose dismissal was demanded by I. assia, is held responsible for having brought the Russian

bles to a crisis. He has been one of the most discussed men in England during the last week. All officials, as well as the newspapers, credit him with efficiency and good intentions, but accuse The British cabinet is trying to induce Russia to aba the crux of the matter is the tension

with Germany, which overshadows all other considerations. Britain needs Russia's support in case of a war with Germany, and therefore cannot afford to take a stand against her.

### Another Russian Request

TEHERAN, Dec. 9.-Russia has preented a note requesting the punishment of the assassin of Ala Ed Dowleh, exgovernor of the province of Fars, who vas killed while leaving his residence on December 1. Russia's action is due to the fact that it is generally believed the three assassins took vengeance on Ala Ed Dowleh on account of his alleged reactionary intrigues with Rus-

Sailor Killed SEATTLE, Dec. 9.—The Peruvian bark Belfast, which arrived at Port Townsend tonight, 27 days from Valparaiso, battled for fifteen days off Cape Flattery with a gale. On the seventh day Leno Cosino was blown from the foretop yard to the deck and killed, His body was buried at sea.

## Schooner Missing

NORTH SYDNEY, C.B., Lec. 9 .- It is believed here that the schooner Florence Smith, which had been unreported for nearly a month on the shore passage between North Sydney and Chatham, N.B., has gone to the bottom with her crew of six men. During the week after her departure there were several severe storms.

### Dominion Finances

OTTAWA, Dec. 9 .- The financial statement for the Dominion for eight months of the fiscal year ending with November 30, shows a total revenue for that period of \$87,886,848, as against a revenue of \$75,875,446 for the same period last year. Expenditures for this year are slightly less than \$48,-000,000, or practically the same as in 1910. There has been an increase of \$2,000,000 on railroads, which is due to the greater progress made during the year on the national transcontinental railway.

### Plumbing Trust Prosecution

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 .- The negotiations designed to effect a compremise in the government's proposed prosecution of the so-called Pacific coast plumbing trust were brought to a conclusion at the conference at the department of justice today. The success of failure of the attempted compromise will be continued early this week. It is declared the result is still in doubt. While the Pacific Coast Plumbing association is the party primarily involved in the government's allegation of violatons of the Sherman anti-trust law, the national committee of the Confederated Plumbers' Supply association, with which the Pacific coast body was formerly allied, was brought into the case this previous relation.