AMERICAN NEWS.

St. Louis Strikes a Blow for the World's Fair.

The Samoan Difficulty Amicably Adjusted.

Walker Blaine's Body Interred With Imposing Ceremonies—Iowa's Deadlock Still Remains Unbroken.

Burglars Housed the Town.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 17.—The town of Clearfield was thrown into a state of excitement, occasioned by the blowing up of Dill & McPherson's grain house by burglars, who, in their efforts to open the safe, put in too big a charge, creating an explosion that—not only wrecked the safe, but shattered the building, blowing out one end almost entirely. Buildings within several hundred feet were badly shaken and hundreds of people aroused from their slumbers by the loud report.

The books and valuable papers were thrown out into the street and some of them will be almost worthless. The firm had drawn considerable money out of the bank during the day and the burglars had likely become aware of the fact and thought it an opportune time to ply their nefarious work, but fortunately nearly the entire amount had been paid out during the day. No clew to the burglars has yet been obtained.

Iowa's Deadlock Unbroken.

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 18.—The House, after a stormy session, adjourned until Monday afternoon without breaking the deadlock, Ewart having failed to nominate Wilcox for clerk. Blythe, Republican, placed Wilcox in nomination, withdrawing Van Heinberg. Ewart, however, continued voting for Lehman, maintaining the tie. Ewart afterwards said to a reporter that only as a last resort would he accept the speakership by Republican votes.

Voluntarily Assigned.

LAFOETE, Ind., Jan. 18.—Julius Barnes of this city, the largest dry goods house in Northern Indiana, voluntarily assigned for the benefit of his creditors yesterday. His assets are about $50,000; liabilities, $53,000.

La Grippe's Death March.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—There were 616 deaths in this city during the past week. Fifty-three deaths were reported this morning, of which twelve were indirectly due to a grippe.

Walker Blaine's Funeral.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 18.—The body of the late Walker Blaine, solicitor of the state department, was placed in the Oakhill cemetery to-day. Special religious ceremonies were held at his father's residence, Lafayette Place, at 10:30 o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Hamlin, pastor of the Church of the Covenant, (Presbyterian). The body was then removed to the Church of the Covenant, where regular services were held, Rev. Dr. Hamlin officiating.

Boston's Mortuary Statistics.

BOSTON, Jan. 18.—There were 339 deaths this week, the rate being 41.84 against 46.3 deaths last week. Of the deaths this week there were 93 from pneumonia, 66 from consumption, 34 from bronchitis, and 4 from influenza itself.

The Struggle for the Fair Commences.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Mr. Frank to-day introduced in the House a bill loosting the World's Fair of 1892 at St. Louis, and creating a corporation to carry on the same. The capital stock of the corporation is fixed at 500,000 shares of $10 each. The bill authorizes the corporation to conduct the fair and to acquire lands for railroad and other purposes, also to erect the necessary buildings. In conclusion the bill empowers the corporation when it has fulfilled the purposes for which it was created, to sell and dispose of its property and terminate its business, and divvie its assets after the payment of its debts among the shareholders.

Thomas Rehan Dead.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Thomas Rehan, 71 years of age, father of Miss Ada Rehan, the well-known and popular actress, and father-in-law of Oliver Doud Byron, actor and playwright, died suddenly in the Butler street court room in Brooklyn to-day. Rehan came to court to answer an application made by his son to have him committed to an inebriate asylum. The application was made at Rehan's own request, but before the commitment papers were made out he died in his chair. His death is attributed to heart failure. Miss Rehan was summoned from New York and was much overcome by the sad event. A wife and two sons, in business in Brooklyn, and two daughters who have made their mark on the stage survive the deceased.

They All Have the Grippe.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18. — Robt. Blaine, brother of Secy. Blaine, is quite ill with pneumonia, and was unable to attend the funeral of his nephew, Walker Blaine, to-day.

Major-General Orlow W. Chapman, of the Department of Justice, is also lying dangerously ill with pneumonia at his residence in this city.

Assistant-Attorney-General Maury is also ill with the grippe.

Assistant Secretary Botcheller of the Treasury Department, who has been down with the grippe for several days, does not improve, and his contined illness causes uneasiness among his friends.

Powderly a Prisoner.

SCRANTON, Pa., Jan. 18.—Grand Master Workman Powderly was well enough to walk out to-day and a warrant for his arrest sworn out by Mr. Callaghan was served upon him. Powderly at once proceeded to Alderman Fuller's office and gave bail $3,000 to answer in Westmoreland court, his brother, Patrick Powderly, becoming his surety. Powderly will next week institute suit for malicious libel against Callaghan.

Colliery Close.

SHAMAKIN, Pa., Jan. 18.—The Locust Spring, Reliance, Burnside, Potts and Tunnel Collieries, operated by the Reading R. R., shut down to-day because of the dull markets for coal. About 2000 men are thrown out of work.

Samoa's Factions United.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18.—A letter from Apia, Samoa, dated December 31st, says: The most important political event of the month has been the amalgamation of the two parties that have been contending for supremacy in these islands for the last two years. Immediately after the acknowledgement of Malietoa Luppa, as king by the three councils, and the issuing of their proclamation to that effect, notification was sent by the king throughout the whole of Samoa, telling the people to disperse to their homes and make peace with each other. The action taken by the great powers in deciding to acknowledge Malietoa as king has, no doubt, been the principal cause of bringing about this amicable settlement. The only thing that is likely to cause trouble now is, if restoration of the empty title of vice king is still persisted in. There was a strong suspicion that the Germans were scheming to try and get Famanos into that position to the exclusion of Mataafa; but since the Germans have expressed an opinion against the vice-kingship being resuscitated, a very much easier feeling prevails among the natives.

An Insane Asylum Burned.

WORCESTER, Mass., Jan. 18.—The state asylum for the chronically insane was seriously damaged by fire this evening. The roof of the two wings was destroyed. All the inmates were removed in safety, though amid much excitement. The fire was caused by the carelessness of attendants in throwing burning paper into a closet.

Drumming Up Evidence.

DENVER, Col., Jan. 18.—It is stated on good authority that the Englishman who is stopping here under the name of Murray is the agent of the London Times, and of Capt. O'Shea's lawyer in the divorce case suit wherein Parnell is co-respondent. Murray has called on several prominent Irishmen, but all have refused him a hearing, though he exhibited credentials from the British foreign office, and a letter from the manager of the Times.

Death Dealing Danites.

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 18.—W. M. Whitney Seymour, a prominent Gentile rancher, was found dead near his home at Fort Duchesner, Utah, to-day. He had been shot while asleep, presumably by Danites.

And the Principal Continues to Fight.

JACKSON, Miss., Jan. 18.—The house resolution against the further expenditure in the prize fight cases was killed in the Senate to-day, and the house bill appropriating $1,000 to bring Wakeley, Johnson and other prisoners from New York was passed.

Miners' Troubles.

PUNXSETAWNEY, Pa., Jan. 18.—About sixty negroes were brought here yesterday and put to work loading coke at Walstron under a strong guard of Pinkerton police. This action caused considerable excitement among the miners and an open air meeting was held this afternoon. They were between six and seven hundred present, and they voted solidly to fight the strike out on the old lines. There was a good deal of bad blood exhibited at the meeting and the Italians and Hungarians gave vent to their feelings by shooting into the air, over 100 shots being fired.

A Clergyman Goes Wrong.

BUFFALO, Jan. 18.—Rev. E. C. F. Ernest of St. Jacob's church, is accused of misapplying $4,700 he collected to defray the expenses of organizing a grand musical festival to aid in the building of the church. A card is published in which several leading citizens who were aiding in the movement announce their withdrawal. Ernest is much troubled over the affair. He denies his guilt, but does not explain what has been done with the funds.

Highly Sensational.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 18.—To-day's issue of Every Saturday contains a story about Robt. Garrett that has set the town agog. It says that the ex-president of the B. & O. is held under unnecessary restraint, and is practically a prisoner in his own house; and that continues to say that he has with him two muscular male nurses accustomed to dealing with demented persons, or with those who for interested motives are considered such, and under the eyes of one of these Garrett passes his days and nights. Of course it is scarcely probable that Garrett is subjected to the horrors of a lunatic asylum, yet, in a person resting under the suspicion of insanity, the slightest act is construed to mean a phase of the disease and treated accordingly. Recently Mrs. Garrett asked her husband to drive into town from the uplands. "What," was the response, "to be watched like a pick-pocket; to be hounded like a thief by one of your hirelings." In the position he occupies at the moment, even supposing him to be perfectly sane, Garrett knows that he is absolutely powerless. What motive can there be to keep a sane man watched and guarded like a lunatic? What motives may there not be to hold in subjection a man with millions, who knows! And in this case, outside of the persons most interested, who cares? Has Garrett a dozen friends in Baltimore who would care to take upon themselves a thorough enquiry into his condition? Is the Uplands a private asylum, and are unlawful means employed to prevent Garrett from enjoying his liberty?

CANADIAN NEWS.

British Capital for Investment in Canada.

The "Grippe" at Halifax.

HALIFAX, Jan. 18.—Halifax appears to be suffering as much as any city of its size from "la grippe." An immense number of people are laid up with it, and the doctors are rushed with work. One or two deaths have been caused by diseases resulting from the epidemic.

Always Blame the Woman.

MONTREAL, Jan. 18.—Le Gare, the young man who eloped with Madame Tequin to Toronto has been sent to jail for one year. The prisoner persists in saying that "it was the woman's fault," and a good many people believe he is telling the truth.

To Reduce the Trip to England.

OTTAWA, Jan. 18.—Sir Henry Isaacs, Lord Mayor of London, England; Sir Henry Foster and other British capitalists are applying to the Dominion parliament for a charter for a railway to run from Quebec to St. Charles Bay, Labrador. They propose to put on a line of ocean steamships, whose Eastern terminus will be Milford Haven, Wales, and hope to come from Winnipeg to England in two days less than is now occupied.

A Government Victory.

ST. JOHN, New Foundland, Jan. 18.—The government candidates were returned in the departmental elections today by large majorities.

Heavy Liabilities.

TORONTO, Jan. 18.—Coffray & Ryan, wholesale liquor dealers have assigned with liabilities in the neighborhood of $40,000.

Senator Trudel Dead.

MONTREAL, Jan. 18.—Hon. Senator Trudel died to-day at the Hotel Dieu hospital, after a long illness. By his death the Ultramontane party loses its head, Le Tendard newspaper its editor, and the French-Canadian press one of its most vigorous writers. He was always an intense Catholic, and even went farther than the bishops in advocating extreme measures for the aggrandizement of the church.

An Invitation for Queen's Birthday.

TORONTO, Jan. 18.—Mayor Clarke was instructed by a special motion in the city council to invite His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught to celebrate the Queen's birthday this year in Toronto, as the guests of the city; it being understood that they intend to visit America this year.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Great Improvements to the Esquimalt Dock.

It Will Accommodate the Largest Ship Afloat.

A Threatened Strike of the Government Printers—Mr. Earle's Health Improved—The Annual Drawing-Room.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT).

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 18.—The Colonist correspondent enquired about Mr. Earle late this evening and found him much better. He expects to be in his place in the house on Monday.

The government has decided to signify to the Imperial authorities Canada's adhesion to the wreck convention recently agreed to between Great Britain and France. The government convention is that if a wreck occurs on the coast of either country, salvage operations shall be in charge of the nearest consul.

It is stated at the Public Works Department to-day that the Esquimalt dry dock will be lengthened one hundred feet, not fifty, to enable it to accommodate the largest Imperial war vessel afloat.

A deputation of printers from the government bureau interviewed Hon. Mr. Chapleau to-day and asked for an increase of wages. The secretary of state said that the men were receiving as high wages as in any other large printing houses and he could not promise them any increase. Probably the men will go out on strike on Monday. In that case great inconvenience will result. Should the men give trouble it is likely the government will revert to the contract system.

The Governor General held his annual drawing room to-night. A large number were present, but the attendance was not as large as usual.

CABLE NEWS.

"Viva Portugal."

LONDON, Jan. 18.—A despatch from Lisbon to-day states that crowds of people assembled in the streets last night and shouted "Viva Portugal" and "Down with England." Similar scenes were enacted in the provincial towns. The Lisbon correspondent of the Times says: "The Duke of Palmella, captain of the King's guard, who recently returned to the British legation the medal received by him while he was in the British service, has also dismissed all his English servants. The Duke, however, still keeps his fortune invested in British consols." A vigilance committee has been formed in Lisbon to denounce receivers of English goods. French financiers have declined to negotiate a loan for Portugal.

A Tribute to Dollinger's Memory.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—In an article in the Speaker, giving some reminescences of Dollinger, Gladstone concludes with this tribute to his memory: "He is to be honored for attainments perhaps never surpassed either for their extent or for the wonderful manner in which he held them digested and at his command for use. He is to be honored yet more fervently, because in him the spirit of self was downtrodden and extinct, that he might live a larger life; and, because pursuing truth in the spirit of courage, he set great examples for generations to come."

Still Suffering.

ZANZIBAR, Jan. 18.—There is no improvement in the condition of Emin Pasha, who recently suffered a relapse after his partial recovery from the effects of his fall from the baloony at Bagomayo.

Fatal Pneumonia.

ROME, Jan. 18.—The condition of the Duke of Aosta, who is ill with pneumonia in this city is slightly improved this morning. Marioni, the French ambassador to this country, died to-day from pneumonia.

Intervention Anticipated.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—The Portuguese government anticipates a favorable reply to its note to the powers asking for their intervention in the dispute betw en Portugal and Great Britain concerning the territory in Africa.

At Zanzibar.

ZANZIBAR, Jan. 18.—The British fleet, which sailed south a few days ago, has returned to this port.

Will He Abdicate?

PARIS, Jan. 18.—"La Xixe Sicle" states that the Emperor of Austria will soon abdicate his throne.

A Charitable King.

BRUSSELS, Jan. 18.—King Leopold has donated a sufficient sum of money to establish a sanitarium in the Congo country for the benefit of African explorers and others.

An Ex-King Passes Away.

ROME, Jan. 18.—Prince Amades, Duke of Aosta, brother of King Humbert, and ex-King of Spain, died at Turin at 7 o'clock this evening of pneumonia, resulting from influenza. He retained consciousness to the last. Cardinal Alimonda, Arch-bishop of Turin, conveyed to the dying man the blessing of the Pope. In consequence of his death, all the theatres in the kingdom have been ordered closed. Prince Amades was in his 45th year.

Plague-Stricken in a Strange Land.

DRESDEN, Jan. 18.—While travelling in the express from Vienna to Berlin today, a lady passenger was suddenly taken ill and the physicians on the train pronounced her ailment smallpox. She was brought to this city and conveyed to the hospital. In answering questions she asserted that she is the daughter of Thomas A. Edison, the American electrician.

They Want the Earth.

BERLIN, Jan. 18.—The Central Miners Committee at Essel has addressed a demand to the Mine Owners Association for fifty per cent. increase in wages, eight hours labor a day, and payment of wages in bi-weekly instalments. There are no indications that the masters will concede these demands.

Germany for Germans.

BERLIN, Jan. 20.—The Reichstag has passed the second reading of the bill to subsidize a line of East African steamers. During the debate the socialists deputy, Dietz, made a strong speech against the policy of the government in extending its dominion at great expense, while neglecting the social interests of the home population. He predicted that the government were subsidizing a company that would not even employ Germans on its vessels; and he urged that a clause be inserted prohibiting the employ of Coolies.

Accepts England's Ultimatum.

LISBON, Jan. 20.—The Portuguese government, finding the powers unwilling to mediate in the dispute between England and Portugal concerning the territory in East Africa, will submit to Lord Salisbury's full demands, under protest, while at the same time it will try to conciliate Portuguese public opinion.

Bound to Submit to Arbitration.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 18.—The official Journal expresses the opinion that England is bound to submit her dispute with Portugal to arbitration. The government has decided to abrogate the autony of Finland.

Patriotic Journalists.

LISBON, Jan. 20.—The editors of several leading journals in Lisbon have called a meeting for the purpose of promoting a subscription for the national defence.

Dr. Peters is Dead.

BERLIN, Jan. 20.—Lieut. Rust, one of the members of Dr. Peters' expedition, has arrived here. He is firmly of the belief that Dr. Peters is dead.

CARIBOO MATTERS.

The Prospects of the District Brightening—A Wealthy English Company Buying Ledges.

Messrs. Jos. Mason and I. B. Nason, senior and junior members for Cariboo, have arrived for the coming session. They report the outlook for Cariboo as very bright indeed. Mr. Gifford, the expert sent out by an English company, known as the Thurlow syndicate, of London, has reported favorably on the quartz ledges of the district, and his company are now completing arrangements for the transfer of a number of ledges. During the coming season they propose to extensively develope them.

Mr. Mason brought down with him a large number of gold nuggets taken during the past year from the various placer claims around Barkerville. Many of them are lovely specimens of the quartz gold of Cariboo. They will be placed in the window of C. E. Redfern's jewelry store for exhibition.

Some of the old claims have begun paying again, and the output of gold promises to largely increase.

Coal has been discovered in Yellowhead Pass, but will have to await the advent of the Canadian Western before it can be developed.

A GREAT DISCOVERY.

Personal Insulation Against Electric Shocks.

ERIE, Pa., Jan. 18.—The electricians in this section of the State were invited by Superintendent Jacob Pfetch of the Erie Motor Car Company, to witness a test of personal insulation to-day. Pfetch, alarmed at the fatalities in New York and elsewhere studied day and night to avert the danger lying in the overcharged wires. He fortified himself, and taking hold of the buzz-rod of the dynamos in his bare hands, which he had dipped in water, he stepped upon a pile of wire for dirt and received the full charge, over 500 volts, the force used to operate about ten miles of road. To the surprise of every one the electricity did not ground and the superintendent felt no effects whatever. The invention is a secret to himself and upon which he will apply for a patent at once. The insulation enables linemen and others to handle any wire with safety and is so absolute protection.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

To Try a Murderer.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20. — The impanelling of a jury to try James Wilkinson, who murdered John Whalon on the 25th of May last, in a quarrel over a pistol Wilkinson took from Whalon, commenced this afternoon.

Destructive Snowflakes.

GRASS VALLEY, Cala., Jan. 20—There was a heavy snowfall yesterday and last night at Brunswick Mines. The hoisting works building was crushed. The buildings at the Pennsylvania was also crushed. On Saturday the Orleans mill fell, also the roof of the ore bin building occupied by the clothing store.

Her Sleep of Death.

SEATTLE, Wn., Jan. 20.—A woman of loose character, known by the name of Mamie Stetson, committed suicide Saturday night by taking morphine. The death of the woman was not discovered till morning, when the landlady went in to clean up the room. The woman was about 25 years of age and formerly resided in San Francisco. It is said her relatives reside near Portland, Oregon.

They are Sure of Success.

SEATTLE, Jan. 20.—President Siebert, of the Bricklayers' Union, says he is confident the striking bricklayers at Seattle will win the eight-hour system for which they are contending.

The Chinese are Celebrating.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20.—At an early hour this morning the Chinese New Year was ushered in with a grand explosion of fire crackers. All business is suspended and the merchants are busily engaged in entertaining their friends.

Nevada's Cruel Winter.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20.—G. B. Stiles, of Weber Lake, Nevada, stated to-day that the snow in Nevada is heavier this year than it has been for the past twenty-five years. The damage done to stock farms cannot be estimated. Stock raisers expect to lose one half of their sheep and cattle. The stock is freezing to death, and the loss of human life is also extremely large, through exposure and storms in the mountains.

Struck Silver.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 20.—H. J. Patterson, an old prospector, has returned from San Felipe Bay, 125 miles south of Yuma, Gulf of California. He brings silver ore from an eight inch vein, which is found to be very rich. The miners are flocking to the new camp.

The "World's" Globe Circling Tourist.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20.—Among the snow bound travellers in the Sierras are the New York World's correspondents, who hoped to greet Nellie Bly, the round-the-world tourist, who is expected on the Oceanic to-morrow. Unless they descend the Sierras' western slope on snow-shoes they will likely miss the rapid traveller. If Miss Bly reaches here to-night she will to-morrow take the regular Atlantic and Pacific train, which leaves daily at 8:30 a. m. If the Oceanic lands here after 8:30 a. m. to-morrow arrangements have been made with the Southern Pacific for a special engine and car which will speed her south to Mojave. There the Santa Fe management will have a special train that will draw her at lively rate to Kansas City and thence to Chicago. The revenue cutter Rush will be outside with a number of Custom House inspectors on board to intercept the Oceanic on her arrival and keep a sharp look out for any opium that may likely be smuggled ashore.

Her Money Was Respected.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 20.—Mrs. Willamette Martin, an aged widow, died suddenly on Sunday morning, having no friends, and Judge Caldin ordered the body to be placed in Potters' field. Yesterday a Scandinavian found found the trunk of the deceased which he opened, and in it he found $500 which he turned over to the coroner. Judge Caldin revoked his order and the deceased will receive decent burial.

CAPITAL NOTES.

The Recent Customs Order to be Discussed.

Inquiry to be Instituted into Settlers' Rights on the E. & N.

Gordon Asks for Correspondence re the Chinese Restriction Act—The French Language in the N. W. T.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

OTTAWA, Jan. 20. — Hon. Wilfred Laurier will raise a discussion in the House on the subject of the recent regulations issued by the department of customs with reference to the carrying of bonded freight in British Columbia waters. He also proposes to refer to the claims of the settlers in the districts of Cranberry, Cedar, Nanaimo, Wellington and Nanoose, asking if the settlers' privileges on the lands on which they have squatted, situated on the Island railway reserve, include both surface and minerals.

Sir John Macdonald this afternoon said that it was not his intention to bring down the Behring's Sea papers for the present. The language in the Speech from the Throne was purposely vague. All he could say was that negotiations were proceeding satisfactorily.

Mr. Gordon proposes to move for a return of copies of all petitions and communications asking for the modification or amendment of the Chinese Restriction Act.

Mr. Dalton McCarthy to-night placed on the order paper a notice for a bill to repeal section 110 of the Territories Act, in other words to abolish the use of the French language officially.

It is fully expected that the decision of the Supreme Court in the Haldimand election case will be appealed against.

The Premier gave notice to-night of the appointment of Mr. Wood, of Brockville, as deputy-speaker of the House.

In the statement of the Governor-General's warrants passed during the year, appears the sum of $5,441 for the Skeena River expedition, and $3,200 for telegraph lines in British Columbia.

Three bills were introduced to-day providing for reciprocal wreaking and coasting privileges with the United States.

The Labor Unions are asking legislation on various subjects.

Mr. Earle is still confined to his room, but is improving.

OUR OTTAWA LETTER.

The Session Likely to Prove Short and Interesting.

Division in the Orange Order on the Application for Incorporation—Comment on Other Measures.

OTTAWA, Jan. 11.—Once more the session! By the time this letter has reached Victoria His Excellency will have made his salutations to the people's representatives, the government's bill of fare will be before parliament and the address probably disposed of. With the exception of the "syndicate" session of 1881-1882, when the proposals of Sir George Stephen and his confrères were under discussion—parliament that year assembling on Dec. 9th, 1880—and the brief session of less than three weeks anterior to the dissolution of January, 1874, the session which is just commencing will be the shortest on record since Confederation. The average length of each session has been 87 days or about 12 weeks. The longest session was in 1885, viz., 24 weeks, 4 days, and the next longest was in 1887-88, viz., 16 weeks, 4 days. The shortest session was in 1873, and only lasted two weeks and one day. A big effort is to be made this year to keep the duration of the parliamentary session near the average and should nothing unforseen happen members will be on their way home before Good Friday, which falls this year on April 4th. There is no reason whatever why the length of the parliamentary session should not be kept within ten weeks but the custom in the past has been invariably to take things easy for the first three weeks and if the government by direction of the registration, regulation and limited supervision of societies which already are or may hereafter become legally incorporated.

COL. PRIOR'S MISSION.

During the first two or three weeks of the session members of parliament are kept on a perpetual trot round the departments endeavoring to push through requests of their constituents on all kinds of subjects. The loss of time involved by a visit to Ottawa such as Col. Prior experienced when he came here in reference to the coasting regulations is of considerable moment to a busy man, but I am informed that Col. Prior, Prior, himself was well satisfied to lose three weeks considering the important results he achieved in such a short time. There should have been no necessity for him to come east in reference to the coasting order and there would have been none but for the traitorous utterances of the Victoria Times, which led the departmental officials to believe that after all a large section of the people of Victoria was anxious for the continuance of the regulations. However, the objectionable order has been practically withdrawn, and the Colonist trotter need be anticipated on that score. In other respects Col. Prior was well repaid for his long journey. To secure the awarding of the long-delayed contract for "C" battery quarters; to promise of an appropriation of $15,000 for a new drill shed, and permission to organize a new battery of artillery to take the place of the defunct rifles; all this in one week was pretty smart work considering the red tapeism which usually abounds round all government offices, and to which the departments at Ottawa are no exceptions in this respect. Mr. Prior left for home very pretty well lightened by the energy displayed by his colleague on his recent flying visit.

A RUINED HOME.

Westminster's Social Sensation Over Dishonor Brought to Light.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., Jan. 20.—A social sensation, the like of which has not disturbed Westminster circles in years developed yesterday. A well-known cooper suspected his wife of infidelity and set a scheme to trap her and her paramour. The wife is well-known in church circles and has long been a leading member of the Methodist church choir. Yesterday the husband informed his wife that he had to go to Vancouver, and would not return until Monday. He left, but returned, and with a friend secreted himself in the house of a young married man known in athletic circles. He lodged with the family and he was suspected of having illicit intercourse with the wife. At 1 o'clock yesterday morning the husband burst into the athletic gentleman's room and discovered the pair "flagrante delicto." A terrible scene occured. The outraged husband was armed with a heavy weapon and would have injured the guilty parties had his friend not interfered and wrestled it from him. The man escaped and went to Vancouver, from where he took the Premier to Seattle. The wife confessed all and signed the confession. She was immediately turned out of doors and went to her father's home. Proceedings for a divorce or legal separation have been instituted by the husband.

CHILLIWHACK'S HORROR.

A Verdict of Insanity is Rendered—Funeral of the Three Victims.

A coroner's inquest was held at Chilliwhack on Wednesday last to inquire into the death of Edward Hall, John Seagers and Geo. Rutherford, the latter of whom shot the former two on Monday last, and afterwards took his own life. Governor Moresby, of the jail at New Westminster, had the bodies removed to the agricultural hall to await the action of the coroner.

Captain Pittendrigh conducted the inquest on the body of Edward Hall, and Dr. McGuigan on that of the homicide Rutherford. After viewing the bodies in the agricultural hall the jury assembled in the temperance hall, where evidence was taken.

The verdict of the jury in the case of Hall was "that deceased, Edward Hall, came to his death by a gunshot wound fired by George Rutherford, who admitted the same to B. Irving on the night of January 13, 1890."

A similar verdict was given in the case of Seagers.

The jury in the Rutherford case brought in a verdict to the effect that he came to his death by a gunshot wound inflicted by himself while in a fit of temporary insanity.

On Thursday the funeral of the homicide and his two victims took place and was largely attended.

George Rutherford was about 45 years of age and an Englishman by birth. Seagers was a Swede and had the reputation of being a hard worker. Edward Hall was a middle-aged man, well-known throughout the settlement. He lost his wife a few months ago and leaves two children.

St. Paul Makes Blizzard's Acquaintance.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 20.—A storm set in at 9 o'clock last night, accompanied by heavy wind, and at midnight it had increased to such an extent as to be akin to a blizzard. Already nearly five inches of snow have fallen on the level, and the outlook is for an interruption of railroad travel. As for the country roads, they were drifted before the the storm now in progress set in, and the fall of snow last night will block them effectually. Up to midnight there was no interruption to telegraphic communication with all parts of the Northwest, but the snow is so heavy, particularly on the Dakota prairies, that the wires will probably go down.

EUROPEAN GOSSIP.

Aristocratic London Visited by the Starving Unemployed.

The Portuguese Dispute Approaching a Settlement.

Armstrongs, the Gun Makers, to Build Warships for the United States—Russia as Freedom's Friend.

"LES MISERABLES" OF LONDON."

LONDON, Jan. 19.—The peaceful and contented portion of London's population had its nerves shattered again to-day by a demonstration on the part of that portion which is not so contented and not always so peaceful. The persons who thus rudely interrupted the quiet observance of the day were the gas-workers, or, rather, the ex-gas-workers, for they are no longer workers nor even strikers, their places at the gas works having been filled, and they are literally locked out. To be locked out in London is almost equivalent to a sentence of slow death by starvation. It had been thought that these men had lost their identity as workers or strikers or anything but simple units of the great mass of unemployed for the strike was over weeks ago. Thus the appearance of this organized body of unfortunates had a somewhat uncanny effect, something like the appearance of the ghost of that which had been buried out of sight. When the ex-gasworkers entered Hyde Park in grim procession, the people wondered whether the riotous scenes of the great labor demonstration of a year ago were to be repeated. The "bobbies" made sure of their batons and the "Johnnies" remembered that engagements called for their presence elsewhere at once. The procession, with the band playing mournful airs and banners with doleful legends flying above them, moved past the mansions in the West End, and was given the right of way as unanimously as if it was the small pox. The marchers scowled angrily at the swells who gazed on them from the windows of private mansions, and many were the harsh epithets flung out by the sullen, hopeless, almost desperate men. At some points movements were made as if to stone the windows of clubs; and it was only by the energetic efforts of the leaders, among whom some of the coolest-headed and shrewdest labor agitators of London, that outbreaks were prevented, so that on the whole the demonstration was an orderly one, and London to-day congratulates itself having again put off the evil day which so many prophesy as inevitable. The East End has again absorbed its delegation of "Les Miserables," and the West End is at ease.

CARNOT'S CONDOLENCE.

President Carnot has sent to King Humbert by his special envoy, M. Bruyers, his condolence on the death of the Duke of Aosta. M. Bruyeres will also represent France at the Duke's funeral in place of M. Mahland, the French ambassador, who is ill with the grippe.

IN TIME OF PEACE, PREPARE.

Important changes are pending in the composition of the Channel squadron. The fleet will be put on a more effective footing in view of the general uneasiness among the nations, though no immediate trouble is hinted at.

RUSSIA IN A NEW ROLE.

The Russian newspapers contain numerous articles warning Austria with oppressing the Servian residents of Bosnia. There can hardly be a doubt that these utterances are inspired, and their appearance indicates that Russia is still determined to keep the Balkan states in a state of slow death by starvation.

STIFLING THE PRESS.

The Emperor William's order against the Kreuz Seitung and other two independent journals not only excludes them from the royal palaces and offices, but prohibits their circulation among the army, or at least in the barracks!

A TEST OF PATRIOTISM.

The complications arising from the dispute between England and Portugal are rapidly increasing. In addition to the now formidable boycott of England and Englishmen in the cities and towns of Portugal, a large number of English employees of Portuguese merchants and manufacturers have been forced to become naturalized subjects of the King of Portugal, or suffer dismissal from their situations. In these cases no middle course is possible. Every Englishman employed by the Portuguese must forthwith sacrifice his means of livelihood or forswear his allegiance to his Sovereign. In sheer desperation a great many loyal Englishmen are accepting the alternative, in order to keep their positions, but the value of these new recruits to the Lisbon government is questionable.

WILL ASSIST A RECONCILIATION.

The resignation of the agressive governor of Mozambique, Senhor De Castillo Barrette Noronha, will, it is believed, greatly assist in bringing about a reconciliation between the conflicting nations, since it is understood that it was through his excess of zeal and misconception of instructions that the hostile acts of the Portuguese in South Africa were allowed to go as far as they did.

TO BUILD SHIPS FOR AMERICA.

It is stated upon the very best of authority that the firm of Armstrongs, gunmakers, intend to establish an immense ship yard in the United States, and bid, through Americans interested in the enterprise for the construction of the ironclad vessels which it is proposed to build for the United States navy. The claim is made by the Armstrongs that they can profitably compete with the American ship builders on their own ground and easily command the American influence necessary to secure the contract.

ANOTHER EIGHT-HOUR BILL.

R. Cunningham Graham, Liberal member of parliament for the northwest division of Lanarkshire, has announced his intention to introduce an eight-hour bill immediately after the reassembling of parliament, which shall apply to all persons engaged in mining in the United Kingdom.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS.

Preparations for the funeral of the late Field Marshal Lord Napier of Magdala, are of the most elaborate description. The body will be deposited in a grave next to that of Lord Nelson. The Prince of Wales will be present.

RUSSIA'S GOLD LOAN.

The conversion of the Russian five per cent gold loan is about concluded.

AMERICAN NEWS.

Too Hard for the Winter.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Jan. 20.—Owing to the deep snow and the scarcity of food, cattlemen on the Umtah range are gathering all their cattle for the purpose of shipping them into Kansas and Nebraska to feed. It is estimated that over 50,000 will be shipped into these states within the next two months.

Early in the Morning.

BISMARCK, N. D., Jan. 20. — The House convened on Saturday morning before sunrise, and under the call of the House the absentees, in bed and at breakfast, were summoned to the capitol by the sergeant-at-arms. The farmers thought they had the best of the lawyers at that unusual hour, but the lawyers made an unusual effort and got there on time. The business of the forenoon was the consideration of the revenue bill upon the matter of licensing lawyers. Two reports were brought in, the minority favoring the license. The lawyers favored the minority report. It was adopted, and a bill for the license was recommended to pass.

Is Kirkham Scanlan the Man?

CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—W. J. Hynes, when shown the dispatch at 2 o'clock this morning stating that one of the Cronin prosecutors had gone insane, said: Judging from my action in getting up at this time of day to talk to reporters, I should say that I am the man. The case, however, is probably that of some poor fellow who has become insane and imagines that he was attorney in the Cronin case. The only man now out of town who was associated with the prosecution is Kirkham Scanlan, and he went to Washington."

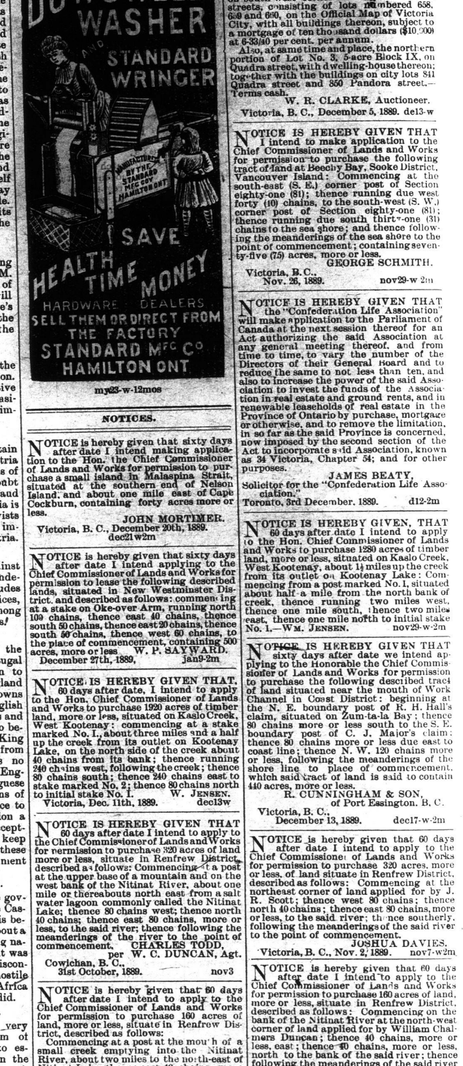
A Fatal Quarrel.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 20.—John Kinney, a packing house employe, quarrelled with Thomas Carey in the latter's saloon last night. Carey followed Kinney home and renewed the quarrel. During the fight that ensued Kinney stabbed Carey in the hip, and received a bullet in the heart that killed him instantly.

A Harvest of Ice.

SOUTH GARDINER, Me., Jan. 20.—The ice men have now been cutting ice on the Kennebeck for a week and are getting a product of superior quality. The river is frozen over with as solid a block of ice as was ever harvested, measuring from eight to twelve inches thickness.

MISCELLANEOUS.



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NOTICES.

NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend making application to the Hon. The Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase a small island in Malaspina Strait, lying at the south end of Nelson Island, and about one mile east of Cape Cockburn, containing forty acres more or less.

JOHN MORTIMER.

Victoria, B. C., December 20th, 1889.
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NOTICE is hereby given that sixty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described lands, situated in New Westminster District, and described as follows: Commencing at a stake on Oke-over Arm, running north 100 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 50 chains, thence east 20 chains, thence south 50 chains, thence west 60 chains, to the place commenced, containing 600 acres, more or less.

W. P. SAYWARD.

December 27th, 1889. Jan2-2m

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT. 60 days after date, I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to purchase 1920 acres of timber land, more or less, situated on Kaslo Creek, West Kootenay, about two miles and a half up the creek from its mouth on Kootenay Lake, on the north side of the creek about 40 chains from its bank; thence running 240 chains west, following the creek; thence 80 chains south; thence 240 chains east to stake marked No. 2; thence 80 chains north to initial stake No. 1. W. ADAMS.

Victoria, Dec. 11th, 1889. dec13w

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT 60 days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase 160 acres of land, more or less, situate in Renfrew District, described as follows: Commencing at a post at the upper base of a mountain and on the west bank of the Nitinat River, about one mile or thereabouts north east from a salt water lagoon commonly called the Nitinat Lake; thence 80 chains west; thence north 40 chains; thence east 80 chains, more or less, to the said river; thence following the meanderings of the said river to the point of commencement.

CHARLES TODD,
per W. C. DUNCAN, Agt.

Cowichan, B. C., 31st October, 1889. nov3

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