Bullet Hole In His Head

For Two Weeks Body of Suicide Was Hidden in a Shack.

Amicable Arrangement For V. V. & E. to Cross Kettle River Railway.

Boer Delegates Apparently Will Not See Much of British Columbia.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Nov. 13.—With a bullet hole in his head, and a pool of congealed blood beside him, an unknown man was found in a cabin in the rear of St. James' church today. He had been dead two weeks. It was apparently a case of suicide. The unknown was well dressed, and had a gold watch in his pocket, but nothing to identify him.

The injunction trial to come up today, the Kettle river railway holding an injunction to prevent the V., V. & E. crossing their tracks at Grand Forks, has been settled out of court, and the Kettle Valley railroad will allow the crossing.

Capt. Kirkpatrick, accompaning the traveling Boers as representative of the British government, states that the party have no definite future plans at all. It is possible, however, one or two may go to Victoria and take the boat to Australia from there. They have no programme, however, and being at the end of their journey through Canada are simply here preparing for their long water voyage. The visitors are all to return to their farms and continue farming in South Africa.

A consignment of oats will be shipped to Australia tomorrow by the Miowera. The shipment consists of 50 tons and is experimental.

While some hunters were exploring the cover for pheasants along No. 4 road on Lulu Island, they stumbled upon the dead body of a Chinaman, badly decomposed. The body must have lain in the bushes for several months. No information could be obtained as to the Chinaman's death, and as the body had fallen to pieces no examination could be made. It might have been murder, suicide or disease. Only theories could be advanced. The sum of 80 cents was found on the body.

J. C. Keath has offered to sell to the city 5,519 acres of land near the water works for $3 an acre. The Capilano river runs through the centre of Keath's land, and if the property was purchased the city would try and arrange with the government to have the whole valley transferred to the city. Mr. Keath, it is understood has arranged to sell the timber on the land under offer to the city.

Architect Fee has submitted plans to the building inspector for a new block of stone and brick next to the Bank of Montreal.

IN WINTER'S CLUTCHES.

Cold Snap Catches Steamers on the Columbia River.

Golden Nov. 13.—Winter is upon us suddenly. Last week brought snow for sleighing, and a temperature of five below zero. Three steamboats are frozen in on the Columbia on their way from Golden to Windermere, the lumber mill has been compelled to shut down, and the Columbia Lumber Co.'s other mill at Beaver closed a week ago. There was skating on the Columbia on Friday. The cold weather has rendered the task of the carpenters on the new office building for the Smelter company very unpleasant.

The Presbyterian church held a congregational social on November 5. Thus the people had an opportunity of meeting with their new pastor, Rev. Mr. Campbell. This gentleman is winning the good opinions of all.

There was a quiet wedding on the 6th, when Miss Eva Evans and Mr. F. Sharp, night agent on the C. P. R., were made man and wife, Rev. Mr. Yates performing the ceremony.

Sheriff Redgrave was called out of town on Thursday to investigate a house-breaking event and illicit selling of whiskey at Field.

A number of young people have organized a euchre club. The first meeting was a very enjoyable one at the house of Rev. Mr. Yates.

A young man a plumber, by the name of P. Moran, was found dead in bed at the Columbia house some days ago.

FIRE IN OLYPHANT.

Town in Pennsylvania Coal District Suffers Badly.

Scranton, Pa., Nov. 13.—The town of Olyphant, six miles north of Scranton, was swept by flames today. One entire block of business portion was in ruins at 1 p. m., when the fire was got under control, after two hours destructive progress. The blaze was caused by the explosion of a gas tank in the cellar of a department store, and in a short time it appeared as if the entire town would be wiped out. Building after building went down in a remarkably short time. A call for help brought fire apparatus from Scranton, and shortly after noon the firemen had the fire under control. A fireman named Pettigrew had a terrible gash cut in his side by glass. The loss is estimated at between $175,000 and $200,000.

JAMAICA'S DEFENCES.

Will Be Strengthened But Naval Establishment Reduced.

Kingston, Jamaica, Nov. 13.—It is reported here that the Admiralty has decided to largely reduce its naval establishment at Kingston. The depot ship Urgent is to be removed and will not be replaced. The station defences will be strengthened and there will always be a ship in Jamaican waters. Further developments in the work of strengthening the harbor fortifications and in increasing the garrison are expected.

THEY TRY TURKEY.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 13.—A petition from the Doukhobors asking the Sultan of Turkey for permission to settle in some part of his empire, where they can cultivate gardens with their own hands, and not be compelled to obey human laws, is published here.

CANADIAN BANKERS.

E. S. Clouston Elected President at Annual Meeting.

Toronto, Nov. 13.—E. S. Clouston, general manager of the Bank of Montreal, was yesterday elected president of the Canadian Bankers' Association. The annual meeting of the association was held today, but the press was not admitted to the deliberations. It is understood the question of circulation was fully discussed.

MARCONI

Making Experiments with the Carlo Alberto.

Halifax, Nov. 13.—Marconi began tests at Table Head this morning between his land station and the cruiser Carlo Alberto. He will gradually increase the distance until the attempt is made to connect with Poldhu, Cornwall.

SIX YEARS.

President of Bank Sentenced For Embezzling.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 13.—J. M. McKnight, ex-president of the defunct German National bank of this city, was sentenced today to six years in the penitentiary by Judge Evans, of the Federal court, having been convicted of embezzling the bank funds. This is the fourth sentence on the same charge. Previous sentences having been set aside by the higher courts.

CHARLOTTETOWN FIRE.

Tobacco Factory and Several Stores Destroyed.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Nov. 13.—This city was visited today by a $70,000 fire, the most serious one for many years. The large brick structure owned by Walsh and Owen and occupied by the firm and other merchants was destroyed with its contents. The Riley Tobacco Factory was burned, and Readon's wholesale grocery was badly damaged, besides minor losses being sustained by other firms.

APPEAL DISMISSED.

Privy Council Decides a Well Known Bank Case.

Toronto, Nov. 13.—(Special)—A cable announces the decision of the Privy council dismissing with costs the appeal from the Supreme Court of Canada of the Imperial Bank against the Bank of Hamilton in the Baeur case. Baeur, a customer of the Bank of Hamilton, had a check of $5 marked as good and then raised it to $500 and discounted it with the Imperial Bank, which later presented the check through the clearing house, and the Bank of Hamilton paid it. When the forgery was discovered next day they demanded a refund, which was refused, and an action for recovery of money was commenced and carried through all the courts. The Privy council has now affirmed judgment in favor of the Bank of Hamilton.

Their System Not For Sale

Mr. Mackenzie Denies Move to Sell Canadian Northern Railway.

Line Will Run From Coast to Coast In Five or Six Years.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Toronto, Nov. 13.—William MacKenzie, said today regarding the statement from Montreal saying that negotiations were in progress for the purchase of Mackenzie & Mann railway system in Manitoba by the Grand Trunk: "The Mackenzie & Mann system is not for sale, and there are no negotiations for its transfer to the Grand Trunk. As for Senator Cox and James Ross and other gentlemen who are reported to be arranging this matter, I really cannot say what they are doing.

"It is stated that Mr. Blair favors the purchase of the Canadian Northern railway by the G. T. R. Well what has Mr. Blair to do with it. We have got along so far very well without the Grand Trunk's kindly assistance. We have been building from two to three hundred miles of track yearly, and this year we hope to build six hundred. Our system is steadily growing. We have charters for Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick, and also for the Western end of the line. In fact within five or six years we hope to have our system running from Coast to Coast. We have built in sections, wherever there was a good business opening. Shortly the gaps will be filled up and the C. P. R transcontinental route paralleled. Our line is doing very well, and not a share of stock is owned by other than Canadians, something by the way, that the G. T. R. cannot boast of."

LORD MAYOR'S THANKS.

For United States Contributions to Queen Victoria Memorial.

London, Nov. 13.—In acknowledging the final instalment of $75 000 contributed by Americans towards the Queen Victoria memorial fund, Lord Mayor Samuel today wrote to Chairman Vanduser of the United States commission as follows: "The liberality shown by your countrymen is a practical demonstration of the regard and esteem entertained for Her Majesty in the United States. This generous tribute will touch the hearts of the English people."

GERMANY AND BRITAIN.

Chinese Newspaper Predicts They Will Come in Conflict.

Shanghai, Nov. 13.—Unusually strong articles are appearing in the Chinese newspapers declaring that in spite of the withdrawal of the British, troops from Shanghai to Wei-Hai-Wei, and the withdrawal of the German forces from here to Tsing Tau (Kiao Chou) the independence of the Yangtse Valley is still menaced. The Chinese want the British and the Germans to get out of China instead of merely evacuating Shanghai and withdrawing their respective garrison stations in China. The paper adds that a conflict between Germany and Great Britain is inevitable.

FRENCH STRIKE.

Has Practically Come to an End.

Paris, Nov. 13.—The general coal miners' strike has practically come to an end, although many of the men are still holding out. About two-thirds of the strikers already have returned to work at the mines. The miners' congress now being held at Lens has voted in favor of the resumption of work. Ten thousand strikers, many of them armed with clubs and carrying banners and red flags, made a demonstration at St. Etienne today. They marched through the streets, but seemed more bent on merry-making than creating disorder, and no untoward incident occurred necessitating the intervention of the troops, a strong force of whom was held in readiness to cope with any disturbances. A few isolated dynamite outrages are reported from various points in the strike region, but the damage done was slight and of a purely material character.

SAMOAN ERUPTION.

Volcanoes Are Reported Active on Islands.

Auckland, N. Z., Nov. 13.—According to advices received here from Apia, Samoa, via Tonga, a volcanic eruption has broken out in Savaii, the westernmost and largest of the Samoan groups. Craters are reported to be omitting smoke and flames. One village in the vicinity is covered two inches deep with ashes.

Thirteenth Masquerade

Sons and Daughters of St. George Make Merry In Fancy Dress.

A Brilliant Scene In A.O.U.W. Hall--The Prize Winners.

The thirteenth annual masquerade ball of the Sons and Daughters of St. George was held last evening at A. O. U. W. hall, which was resplendently decorated for the occasion. The annual masquerade ball of the Sons and Daughters of St. George is one of the features of each season, and this year it proved as attractive as in past years, for not only was the floor thronged with dancers, but the galleries were crowded with spectators, and great credit is due to the president, W. H. Price, and his fellow officers of the society for the success which resulted from their efforts when the ball was held last night.

The scene in the hall was a moving kaleidescope of color, for masqueraders in vari-colored and many sorts of garbs were whirling to the music of the Bantly-Davis orchestra, and overhead the decorations were lavish. The galleries were lined with festoons of ivy and evergreens, and bunting was spread from end to end, with a liberal supply of vari-colored pennants dangling from the railings. The walls behind were half-hidden with flags and decorative designs. Strings of signal flags and pennants were strung from post to post, and beneath the galleries, and across the hall, each rafter was hidden with bunting and strings of flags. In the centre of the hall, beneath a red shade, were clusters of incandescent lights, and from this shade, which formed a centrepiece, were many strings of Japanese lanterns running to the corners and sides of the hall. The decorations in themselves were brilliant, and the sight was a dazzling one.

There were dashing cavaliers, and black-faced darkies, Topsies who growed, noisy Chinamen, both coolies and long-gowned aristocrats, cowboys with arsenals at their belts and lariats in their hands, vaqueros with button-trimmed, bell-bottom trousers, of the cattle country, siwashes and klootchmen, with their grimy baskets of clams and other features of the natives. Alphonse and Gaston, the ultra polite Frenchmen drawn by Opper, were also there; sailors, tramps, men in khaki, and sailors and soldiers, jesters and Britannias, Columbias Queens of Night, queens of all sorts and kinds, flower girls, and other girls—many sorts of people were represented—the rout ensemble giving a most picturesque and brilliant effect.

The floor was in good condition and the programme arranged being a good one, the dancers had an enjoyable time. The Grand March was held at 8:30 o'clock, and while the programme was carried out, His Worship the Mayor, H. D. Helmcken, M. P. P., and Mrs. Helmcken, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Price and others acted as judges, and awarded the prices to the best dressed and comical characters, who were doing their best to amuse the spectators, and indidentally amuse themselves.

Supper was served at midnight—and a recherche supper it was—and before the dancers entered the supper room, the unmasking took place, and then was the time of surprises. Mr. H. D. Helmcken made a short address, complimenting the officers and committee on the success of the ball, and then he announced the victors as follows:

Historic character, gentleman, Highland costumer—"Bonnie Prince Charlie." Angus Campbell.

Comic character, gentleman, Chinaman—National character, gentleman, trooper of Strathcona Horse, Mr. Bacon. Lady, "Columbia." Miss Seymour.

Sustained character, gentleman—Clergyman, Mr. Nunn. Lady, Kloochman, Mrs. Drout.

Best costumed, gentleman—Vaquero, F. Lemon. Lady, pink and white costume, Miss Ferguson.

Comic character, gentleman, Chinaman—George Wall. Lady—Negro woman, Mrs. Mulcahy.

Juvenile character, Flower Girl—Miss Stewart.

Original character, gentleman, Cowboy—Mr. Bimester. Lady, Carpenter and Builder—Miss Knight.

BAD DIGESTION AND SATIRE.

Shirt-makers Will Based on a Classic Play.

A curious will dispute is now before the Paris courts, says the London Daily Mail.

M. Begis, a Paris shirt-maker, retired from business a few years ago with a large fortune and a bad digestion. The result was that his money and his digestion occupied his mind to such an extent as to give it a saturnine turn. He loved to say bitter and sarcastic things, and was as cynical as Timon of Athens.

On June 18, 1885, he played his heirs a characteristic trick. First he disinherited them, and then—five years later—he hanged himself.

The "Figaro" states that his will, which was drawn up in 1880, was probably inspired by a visit to the Theatre Francais, to see "Le Testament de Cesar Girardot," for in it he produced an imitation of the portrait scene of that play, and bespattered his relatives all round. Here are a few of his portrait sketches.

June 20, 1880.

To Monsieur, the Prefect of the Seine.

This is my testament—

Call the roll of my brothers and sisters! Let me begin with Mme. Vajou. Is she here? Yes. Look at her well, with her thick rustic hide. She is a deep one, and a very deep one. You see her smile, don't you? She has often got money out of me, and it was she who taught me that, in the age in which we live, it was the deepest one who trapped another. It is my turn to "do" her.

Let us pass to my sister Zoe. She is a very honest and very laborious woman. You may express my regret to her; but her husband is not honest. He was an accomplice of my brother Begis in despoiling me of a part of my wealth.

Now for my brother. Is he here? Yes! He should be. You must not let him loose. He is the worst beggar, the greatest communist.

M. Begis forgot none of his kinsfolk, and every one received a stroke of the lash.

Having scarified them, all and sundry, in similar fashion, he came to the real heir:

I choose for my sole legatee thee Prefect of the Seine—apart from the few gifts mentioned beneath—to be disposed of in the most useful way possible in the city in which I acquired it. If my name can be connected with some useful charitable work, I should be pleased. It is understood that the Prefect of the Seine shall enter on his duties as soon as I am dead, and not at the date of the will by which I bequeath my property.

The estate turned out to be of the value of 143,000 francs.

RESERVIST SETTLERS.

Montreal, Nov. 13.—The steamship Lake Ontario is bringing out the first lot of British reservists who are seeking homes and suitable employment in Canada. They are coming out under the auspices of Sir Alfred Jones.

Hon. Raymond Prefontaine leaves in the morning to make an inspection of the St. Lawrence, with a view of discovering what is necessary for the improvement of navigation.

Patrick Carline, Canadian Pacific conductor, was arrested today on a warrant charging him with conspiracy. In the Johnson case, testimony was given by another conductor that it was Carline who supplied him with information that traveling auditors were to make an audit of his train. Carline was released on $1,500 bail. He has been in the employ of the company for a number of years, and had been running between Montreal and Brandon.

A VIENNA DEBATE.

As Usual, the House Resorts to Fists.

Vienna, Nov. 13.—The sittings today of the Lower House of the Austrian Reichsrath was suspended on account of the German and Czech members coming to blows. The cause of the trouble was a debate on the advisability of the use of the two languages in the names of stations on the railroads.

Herr Schnal started the disorder by shouting: "You Germans are a lot of pigs!" Thereupon a number of German deputies cast themselves upon Herr Schnal, shouting: "Smash him!" 'Kick him!" which they proceeded to do. Eventually Herr Schnal was thrown down the gangway to the bottom of the amphitheatre. The fighting continued for a quarter of an hour into the suspension of the sitting. Throughout the disorder the combatants were encouraged by hearty plaudits from the strangers' gallery.

DERRICK COLLAPSES.

Winnipeg Bricklayer Killed While at Work.

Winnipeg, Nov. 13.—(Special)—MacGraham, a bricklayer, was killed today by the collapse of a derrick while working on the Cockshutt Plow Company's new warehouse.

MR. JUSTICE LOUNT

Will Spend the Winter in Bermuda for His Health.

Toronto, Nov. 13.—Justice Lount has so far recovered from his recent serious illness that he will be able to leave for Bermuda next week. He will remain in a warm climate all winter.

ERUPTION ON STROMBOLI.

Volcano Vomiting Up a Great Column of Fire.

Rome, Nov. 13.—The volcano on Stromboli Island, off the northwest coast of Sicily, has commenced a terrible eruption. A colossal column of fire is rising, and incandescent stones are being emitted from the craters. Many houses on the island have been destroyed.

THE CZARINA.

Report That She Is Very Melancholy.

London, Nov. 14.—In a despatch from Livadia, Russia, the correspondent of the Daily Mail says the Czarina has fallen into a condition of deep melancholy, which takes the form of preserving silence for long periods even in the presence of guests.

Rapidly Nearing Its Completion

The New Arcade, Phœnix-like Arises Out of Its Ashes.

Some Narrow Escapes Which Have Marked Building's Re-Construction.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Things are being rushed these days in and about Spencer's Arcade. Until the roof had been put on the building it was impossible to undertake any of the thousand and one jobs to be done in arranging and fitting up the interior, and all efforts were accordingly concentrated in getting the huge building covered in ere the advent of wet weather. This work has now been about completed, and double shifts of men are working night and day to get the various floors ready for occupancy.

The new Arcade has, like a butterfly from the chrysalis of its old self, gradually emerged until now its handsome proportions and points of beauty can be seen and appreciated. So far has the work progressed that there is now little left of the original building. The new glass front on Government street has been completed, and the whole of the ground floor is now practically one large flat again—the workman having gradually absorbed and worked over the older portion, while the business of the store was being carried on as usual.

Yesterday the first line of shelving along the southern wall of the building was completed, and the gallery, which runs along the top of this first line of shelves was made ready for the second lot of shelving, which will extend to the roof thus covering up the entire southern wall. The length of these shelves are truly astonishing, and recall the description once given of the tall trees of California—it takes two looks to see one end.

Next week the proprietor expects to be able to move the goods on the ground floor from their present position into the new portion on the south side of the building. The old shelving and fittings will then be taken out and the whole made uniform. The ground floor has been run on a grade from the level of Government street up to Broad street, so that in future the steps which ran across the centre of the building will be done away with.

Mr. Spencer has been particularly fortunate in the weather encountered while he has been carrying out his great alterations, only a few wet days having been experienced, while the building was practically roofless. These few days of rain, however, did considerable damage. It is not generally known that in other respects the enterprising proprietor and his staff have cause to be thankful for good fortune during building construction in other respects than that of good weather—with the exception of a fall which laid the contractor up there have been no accidents. But there have been some exceedingly narrow escapes. One in particular in which Mr. C. Spencer was the person most interested, was an exceedingly close shave. A crowbar dropped from two storeys above hit Mr. Spencer a glancing blow on the head, stunning him for the time being. Had the heavy piece of iron struck Mr. Spencer end on, the results can better be imagined than described. At another time a young lady who was going upstairs was just grazed by a plank which fell at her feet from some scaffolding above. However all's well that ends well, and by Christmas time it is confidently expected the Arcade will stand forth in all its pristine beauty, a complete monument to the energy and push of its owner, and the talent of the architects who planned and carried out what all will admit was a very difficult and risky piece of work.

WRECK OF ELINGAMITE.

Forty Persons Still Missing Though Search Is Made.

Wellington, N. Z., Nov. 13.—Forty persons who were on board the British steamer Elingamite, which was wrecked Nov. 9th, on one of the Three King islands off the north coast of New Zealand, are still missing in spite of the careful search which is still being made of the coast and islands adjacent to the scene of the wreck.

Wreckage from the Elingamite has drifted to a great distance from the point where the ship was lost. The 90 survivors of the Elingamite who were rescued a couple of days ago, had a painful experience. They spent three days on a barren island where they had to subsist upon shellfish until they were rescued by a passing steamer.

SOFT COAL COMBINE!

Formation of Another Big Trust Contemplated.

New York, Nov. 13.—The formation of another important soft coal combination is in contemplation. Leading miners in the soft coal belt of Indiana are in this city holding daily conferences. About $25,000,000 will be involved in the proposition.

Will Launch C. P. N Liner

Princess Victoria Leaves Ways at Newcastle-on-Tyne Tomorrow.

Will Be Fine Vessel—Seifu Maru To Repair—Rosalie Libeled.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

The steamer Princess Victoria—the new steamer being built for the Victoria-Vancouver route at Newcastle-on-Tyne—will be launched at the yards of Swan & Hunter tomorrow. The Princess Victoria, which has three smoke stacks, and is possessed of several other features novel to the craft on the Pacific ocean, will, it is said, be the finest vessel of her class on the Pacific, if not in the world. According to an official of the C. P. R., who recently returned from England and the Continent, there is no passenger steamer in existence that will surpass her.

The Princess Victoria will receive her engines on the Tyne after being launched, Chief Engineer T. G. Mitchell, of the steamer Charmer, being en route to England now to superintend the work of installing her engines. She will then be brought around the Horn to British Columbia to have her house work and interior fittings completed at either Victoria or Vancouver.

Work is being carried on most satisfactorily on the steamer Princess Beatrice, the other new liner for the C. P. N. service, which is being built at the Esquimalt Marine Railway Company's yard at Esquimalt.

ROSALIE LIBELED.

Claim for $3,500 Made Against the Sound Steamer.

The steamer Rosalie has been libeled $3,500 by Capt. S. F. McKenzie, as a result of the collision which occurred on Tuesday night. The master of the Rosalie, Capt. Carter, blames the Fingal for the collision, while Capt. Grey, of the Fingal, places all the blame on the Rosalie. Capt. Carter, in an interview given at Seatle, said:

"We were leaving Victoria at the regular hour and the night was unusually dark. While pulling out from the harbor I noticed a green light, but no red light, and supposed that it was a boat at anchor. A moment later I first saw the red light, showing an approaching vessel, but it was too late to prevent the collision and the boats came together. I did not suppose that the Fingal was very seriously damaged, and we kept on, after seeing that there was no immediate danger and the damaged vessel was close to her dock.

"It was considered surprising that the Fingal was as badly damaged as the reports would lead one to believe. Both vessels had reversed their engines when they came together, and the shock was so light, it is said that the purser on the Rosalie did not know that a collision had actually occurred."

A MAN OF METTLE.

How Commander of H. M. S. Flora Proved Himself a Hero.

Capt. Casper J. Baker, R. N., has been selected for the command of H. M. S. Flora, which is commissioned to relieve H. M. S. Phaeton, Capt. Edgar J. Fleet, on the Pacific station. Capt. Baker joined the service almost twenty-seven years ago, attained his present rank in 1898, and since the latter date was unemployed. He is no stranger to the Pacific station, having been first lieutenant of the Egeria during one of her commissions. On one occasion he did a very gallant act in conjunction with Quartermaster Bullock. Whilst at anchor at the Friendly Islands a seaman dropped overboard and was stunned by the fall. Although the sea was swarming with sharks, the lieutenant and the quartermaster jumped into the sea and rescued the drowning man.

A survey of H. M. S. Warspite, ex-flagship of the Pacific squadron, at Chatham shows that it will take close on £25,000 to bring her up to date and fit her out as flagship of another station. It is proposed to replace her ten 6-inch guns by ten 6-inch quick firers which will involve many alterations in the ports, gun carriages and in the magazines. The engines are defective and require a complete overhaul, and other defects have to be made good.

H. M. S. Shearwater, Commander Charles H. Umfreville, which is under orders to leave Esquimalt for lonely Pitcairn Island, will proceed via Honolulu, where she will lift the special mails from England. Mention of this island invariably recalls the mutiny of the crew of the Bounty in 1787, and Capt. Bligh's historic voyage of 3,618 miles in an open boat. From Esquimalt to Pitcairn is one of the longest runs on the huge Pacific station, as it is over 7,500 miles via the Sandwich Islands. One of the squadron usually visits the island twice a year.

FROM BEHRING SEA.

Courtney Ford Is Now High and Dry.

The United States revenue cutter Manning arrived at Seattle yesterday from the Behring sea, after completing her patrol in the North. She was six and a half days from Dutch Harbor. The officers of the Manning report that the wrecked Courtney Ford is now high and dry on the beach, and will be floated again only with the assistance of a complete wrecking outfit, and the very best of weather. The officers say that the story about Capt. Burgeson's compass having been tampered with is news to everybody in the North, and they are at a loss to understand how he possibly mistook Amak Island for Scotch Cape, when there is no similarity in the shore view and 100 miles intervene between the two places.

During her cruise the Manning rendered material and much needed assistance to five sailors from the wrecked schooner J. B. Ward, who escaped the vessel only to land on a bleak, barren shore, far from the line of communication. These were picked up and taken to St. Michael.

THE SEALERS.

Siefu Maru Reaches Port—But One More Schooner to Arrive.

The Japanese sealing schooner Seifu Maru, of Hakodate, flying the rising sun flag, reached port yesterday from Sooke, and will land her skins at the Sealing Company's wharf today. The white hunters of the Seifu Maru—all old-time Victorians—were renewing acquaintances in this city yesterday. Among the local acquaintances of the sealers of the Japanese schooner is Otto Larish, one of the crew of the steamer Amur, now in port, who a few years ago was imprisoned in Vladivostock with some other seal hunters, who were caught raiding Robber Island, where they were landed from a Japanese sealing schooner. The schooner sighted a cruiser coming after landing the raiders, and made off, leaving the hunters to fall into the hands of the Russians. They had a trying time in the Russian prison before they were released three years ago.

The local sealing fleet have all returned, with the exception of the little South Bend. Capt. Cole, which was last reported in September in the Behring sea, by the Enterprise, and a small schooner was sighted eight days ago off Quatsino, which was believed to have been the South Bend. She had 697 skins when spoken. The fleet which have returned from the Behring sea [illegible] 5,193 skins from the Northern [illegible] the smallest catch for years [illegible] schooners went out to [illegible] Islands, the Coast and Bel[illegible] made a total catch of 14,[illegible] clusive of the catch of the [illegible] which has not returned. The details of the catch of each schooner was given in the Colonist about eight days ago.

The Seifu Maru will be repaired here after discharging her skins, which are to be shipped to the London market by the Sealing Company.

WONDERFUL AIRSHIP.

Successful Trial on One Carrying Four Persons.

Mantes-sur Seine, France, Nov. 13.—The air ship built for the brothers Pierre and Paul Lebaudy, made a successful trial today in this neighborhood. Several free ascents and descents were effected accompanied by evolutions in all directions over the fields and woods bordering the Seine between Larcose Guyon and the town of Bonnieres. The flying machine returned each time to its point of departure at the rate of 25 miles an hour. There were four persons in the car.

HILL FOR CHINESE.

Would Like to See Them Emigrate to States.

New York, Nov. 13.—Wu Ting Fang, the retiring Chinese minister, was the guest of honor of the American Asiatic Association at a banquet given at Delmonico's tonight. The guests included Mayor Low, Cornelius N. Bliss and Jas. J. Hill. Mr. Wu said in reply to a toast to his health: "The United States and China are practically neighbors. So whatever takes place in China cannot be indifferent to the people of this country. When the Pacific cable is finished, continued the minister, it will unite the oldest nation on the earth with the newest nation. When the Isthmian canal will shorten the route to China by thousands of miles from New York to Shanghai. Many people may not appreciate these things that are coming. Therefore it is for you gentlemen to inaugurate a campaign of education. With your energy and enterprising spirit there is no reason why your trade with China should not surpass that which you have with Great Britain.

Jas. J. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railway company, said among other things: "There is one thing we ought to do. We ought to see that our national legislation will not keep out an ambitious Chinaman who wants to come to this country through any motive, but certainly no unfriendly one. I would like to see 25,000 or 30,000 Chinamen a year come to this country. They won't do any harm. They won't drive you or anybody out."

Thousands For Charity

Patrick Murphy Has Bequeathed Large Sums to Local Institutions.

Both Hospitals, Orphanages and Old Ladies and Mens Homes Benefit.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Patrick Murphy, a former Victorian, who died at Kelceyville, Cala., on the 11th inst., has bequeathed the bulk of an estate of about one hundred thousand dollars to the Sisters of St. Anne, and other charitable institutions in Victoria, both Catholic and Protestant. The residuary estate, which consists of valuable property in San Francisco and British Columbia, has been bequeathed to Sister Winifred of St. Anne, in Victoria and Sister Mary of Providence, at New Westminster. It is believed that the assets of the estate will be in the neighborhood of $100,000. The property at San Francisco consists of United States bonds, stock of the Springfield Water company, some real estate on Mission street, San Francisco, and other holdings.

Both hospitals in Victoria are beneficiaries as a result of the will, for it provides that $1,000 be paid to St. Joseph's hospital, and $1,000 to the Royal Jubilee hospital. The Protestant Orphan's Home and Old People's Home in Victoria will also each receive $1,000. To Sister Mary, of the Good Shepherd of Our Lady of Charity, at New Westminster, the deceased has bequeathed $3,000, and to Sister Rodrigue, of the Sisters of Providence, at New Westminster, $1,000, and Sister Mary Beatrice of St. Anne in Victoria receives $1,000. There are numerous other substantial legacies to people in Victoria and elsewhere.

The executors under the will are S. Perry Mills, K.C., and Joseph Seaward. The remains of deceased will probably arrive from San Francisco today, and the funeral will take place on Monday morning from St. Andrew's Roman Catholic cathedral, where a solemn requiem mass will be celebrated.

MASCAGNI'S TRIALS.

United States Secretary of State Cannot Interfere.

Washington, Nov. 13.—Mascagni's troubles have not yet been brought to the attention of the State Department, and the officials there see no reason why they should be. Secretary Hay has no power to interfere with the course of justice in the Massachusetts court. Mr. Mayor Deplanches, the Italian ambassador, is now in Boston and it is supposed that with the Italian consul there, will advise the composer of his rights.

SENATOR DEPEW.

Wants Some Scale of Reciprocity With This Country.

Springfield, Mass., Nov. 13.—Senator Chauncey M. Depew, of New York, and Congressman Frederick Gillott were guests of the Springfield Board of Trade at a banquet here tonight. Senator Depew in his address advocated some scale of reciprocity with Canada, immediate action on the Cuban proposition, and the stimulation of commercial relations with the South and Central American republics and with Mexico.

EDUCATION BILL.

House of Commons Has Twenty Divisions in Four Hours.

London, Nov. 14.—The government's "guillotine scheme" with regard to the Education bill was put in operation in the House of Commons last night at 11 o'clock. Five clauses of the bill with their numerous attendant amendments were all closured and voted on without discussion. Members of the opposition challenged every vote, with the result that 20 divisions were taken between 11 o'clock and 3 o'clock this morning, when the House adjourned.

THE BOGOTA

Reaches Panama for Some Slight Repairs.

Panama, Nov. 13.—The government gunboat returned to this port last night to repair some slight damages to her pumps. She brought some valuable revolutionary correspondence which had been captured by members of her crew. From these papers it would seem that the revolutionists are without salt, provisions and other necessaries, and there is much sickness in their camps. As soon as her pumps are repaired, the Bogota will again sail in search of the revolutionary fleet.

"Maria," said Mr. Henpeck, "you'll never know how I appreciated your kindness to me when you thought I was going to die." "Well," she replied, "I'm glad to know

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For T[illegible]nths More Than D[illegible]me Period Year.

Report [illegible]al Mint Branch Has [illegible]helved at [illegible]a.

Civil Ser[illegible] Decorations For Canada Will Be Limited In Number.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Nov. 13.—It is announ[illegible] the Department of the Interior [illegible] number of homestead entries [illegible] August and September was 5,[illegible] as compared with 1,943 during the same period last year.

The Post Office Department is [illegible] that the new arrangement under which duty can be paid in Great Britain, on parcels destined for Canada, is to go [illegible] to effect on December 4.

There does not seem to be any [illegible]lihood of a commencement being made this year with the Canadian branch of the royal mint, and the project may be hung up until the general elections are approaching. Tenders were called for some weeks ago, but all checks have been returned to the firms who bid. Mr. Bourque, of Hull, was the lowest tenderer, and he is naturally disappointed that the contract was not awarded to him.

Col. Charlie Ross, who commanded the Canadian scouts, has refused a salary of $3,000 per year from Col. Steele in connection with the South African Constabulary. He has gone into farming near Pretoria, but is not enamored of his new vocation, and may return to Canada by Christmas.

The evening papers state that every member of the Canadian civil service who has served for 25 years is to receive the decoration of the new Imperial service order. This is not correct. The total number of decorations to be given self-governing colonies and India is limited to 125, of which Canada will get no more than 25, and possibly the number may be 16.

Hon. W. C. Wells, chief commissioner of lands and works of British Columbia, has practically concluded his business with the government and leaves for home tomorrow. He is sanguine that the federal subsidy will be granted next session to the new bridge over the Fraser river.

Japanese Consul-General Nosse is here, discussing with the government arrangements for the Osaka exhibition. The government wants a bright, educated Jap to act as interpreter at Osaka.

WALKING LOCOMOTIVE.

Invention of Which Great Results Are Predicted.

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 13.—A brother of Mr. A. B. Diplock of Vancouver, has invented a m[illegible] locomotion which is [illegible] tion of the mechanical w[illegible] ventors name is Braman [illegible] lock, resident in Engl[illegible] ventions is considered [illegible] a profusely illustrated [illegible] has been issued on the [illegible] man's, Green & Co. The invention is called a new system of heavy goods transport on common roads. It would be impossible to give more than a passing notice to the machine in this article but it is of special importance to British Columbia as it would appear from indication that it would revolutionize certain kinds of transport and more particularly on inclines in the getting out of timber. The engine is built on the plan of animals in as much as it has heavy feet which in a manner grip the ground as it climbs upwards.

A passage from the inventor's book says: "Nature's great pulling instrument, the horse possesses a hauling power altogether out of proportion to its weight, and it is therefore evident that the more nearly a mechanical traction engine assimilates in principle to the structure of a horse, the better will be the result. The horse puts down a foot to which is attached a leg, or lever, and the foot is mounted on an ankle joint, which enables it to twist to any reasonable angle to suit the surface of the road. To imitate this was all plain sailing so far as adhesion was concerned but another condition had to be considered, namely road resistance. It was clear that the minimum of road resistance would be secured by rolling metal on metal as in a railway, and as a result the pedrail is, as its name implies, a railway on feet, or in other words, a combination of an endless railway with a trotting machine. A wheel though commonly used on a driving engine motor cars, bicycles, etc., is not really a suitable pulling instrument; it is only a rolling instrument for reducing friction, and was never intended for anything else.

"The engine has four wheels, but they move on axles to accommodate the ground. The engine is supplied with proper springs to minimize the wear and tear, and all four wheels drive and steer. As to the feet that do the climbing and the limbs or spokes that guide them the best way to describe them is to quote a paragraph from the book:

"A disc is keyed or fastened to the driving axle; mounted in the disc are [illegible] driving spokes, and on the outer end of each spoke is the climbing foot pivoted by a ball and socket joint, so that it can turn on any reasonable angle to suit the surface of the road. On one side of each spike and projecting beyond the disc is a small wheel or roller. The spokes are drawn inwards by the springs—one to each spoke—on the other side of the disc radiating from the centre. The foot turns on its axle joint, and as it presses the ground always presents a flat surface."

Practically the new system which is called the Pedrail system, places feet on the ground, each foot supporting a roller on edge, and a short rail supporting the load, is levered along by the spokes over the rollers.

In an ordinary railroad a rail is laid down, and the wheels are run over it. In the Pedrail system wheels or rollers are laid down, and the rail is run over them. The principle is the same, only the railway is inverted. The sliding spoke represents the horse's leg or lever, and each leg is pivoted by an ankle joint to its foot. It is claimed that those who are getting out timber from high places will be saved enormous amounts of money by adopting the marvelous animal machine invented by Mr. Diplock.

RHODESIA.

London, Nov. 14.—The Daily Express this morning asserts that the principal object of Colonial Secretary Chamberlain's visit to South Africa is to make arrangements for the British government to take over Rhodesia.

Shopper—"How much is this a yard?" Assistant—"Sevenpence, ma'am." Shopper (misunderstanding) — "Eleven-pence! Outrageous; I'll give you ten." Assistant—"I said sevenpence, ma'am." Shopper—"Oh! I'll give you six."—London Tit Bits.

Chinese Pup[illegible] Will Si[illegible]

Separate Apartmen[illegible] Ward Will Be Se[illegible] For Then[illegible]

School Trustees So[illegible] ter Much Discus[illegible] the Subjec[illegible]

The question of the seg[illegible] Chinese pupils in attendan[illegible] lic schools was temporar[illegible] yesterday evening's mee[illegible] school board by the passi[illegible] discussion, of two reso[illegible] That a small room be se[illegible] North Ward school for t[illegible] of the Chinese pupils, an[illegible] committee of the whole be[illegible] the Council of Public In[illegible] the object of getting [illegible] ments made to the Public [illegible] will enable the board to [illegible] questions with a free ha[illegible] ture.

and Trustees Mrs. Jenk[illegible] Matson, Drury, Huggett[illegible] Boggs.

Johns Bros. asked for t[illegible] supplying wood to the [illegible] per cord. Receiver and [illegible] age will be divided amon[illegible] dealers.

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