TAFT ON THE ABOLITION OF WAR

WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH ARBITRATION

Question of Treaty With Great Britain to Be Taken Up Immediately

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Washington, D. C., March 28.—The abolition of war is not the dream of theorists, but the practical end of a practical plan, which, according to President Taft, promises to mark one of the very greatest steps in the history of the world, through the medium of arbitration. The president has taken the lead in a great movement of the nations looking toward the realization of a hope which found its inception in the year of one, A.D.

Through a special interview granted by the president, the United Press is able to present for the first time his views on this vast project. Under the unwritten law of the White House the president is not directly quoted, but in the following an earnest effort is made to reproduce his opinions as he expressed them.

Arbitration will surely come as the means of settling international disputes. Disarmament is incidental, it will follow as a matter of course and has no part in the present movement. The realization of arbitration will make armament useless, and when it is useless it will disappear. The way to dispose of armament is to provide some means of settling international disputes without the use of armament.

The first step is the formation of an arbitration treaty with Great Britain. The favorable manner in which this suggestion has been received in Great Britain speaks well for its early accomplishment. The favorable endorsement of France is another indication that the time is ripe. When several nations get together with such a treaty then the others will observe the new system works, and all will come in.

The treaties will be taken up immediately. Secretary of State Knox and Ambassador Bryce probably will exchange ideas, and the treaty will be worked out so that it may be submitted to the senate at the earliest possible time compatible with careful preparation.

It is right that the United States should take the first step in this movement. The hearty response with which the plan has been received is an indication of this. While the exact details are as yet in a formative stage, they will soon be worked out.

The arbitration treaty must not be confused with an alliance. It distinctly is not an alliance. It is an agreement between two nations to settle disputes arising between them, and will have no bearing whatever upon a dispute between one of the parties and a third power.

The present prize court is the first evidence of the general movement toward world-wide arbitration. The settlement of the fisheries disputes between Canada, Newfoundland and the United States at The Hague was one of the most important evidence of present time. A dispute that had been standing for 100 years was settled and disposed off with the exception of certain details which are to be worked out by a joint commission.

The prize court will be developed into an arbitration court, and it will represent the modern method of dealing with international affairs. The immediate and, at present, the all-important step, however, is the accomplishment of an arbitration treaty with Great Britain. An effort will be made to have it ratified at the coming session of congress. Then will come similar treaties with other nations, as rapidly as circumstances permit.

With such treaties in effect between Great Britain, France and the United States, the great purpose would be near accomplishment, and the rest would come as a matter of course. It is an actual, practical proposition that promises realization.

NO PARDON FOR BANKERS.

Taft Declines to Intervene in Cases of Morse and Walsh.

Washington, D. C., March 28.—That President Taft has decided not to pardon Charles W. Morse and John R. Walsh, bankers, each serving time for having violated the federal banking laws, was reported at the White House yesterday. Attorney-General Wickersham had recommended that no clemency be shown in either case.

Walsh, who is serving his sentence at Leavenworth, Kas., will be eligible to parole in September.

WILL ATTEMPT LONG FLIGHT.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 28.—C. F. Walsh, amateur aviator, has announced his intention of flying from Los Angeles to San Diego. Walsh has just received a new Curtiss biplane which he is testing thoroughly in preparation for the flight.

Walsh has made several successful passenger-carrying flights recently around Los Angeles and aims to break all amateur cross country records by flying to San Diego, 128 miles.

KILLED BY TRAIN.

Oakland, Cal., March 28.—Struck by the San Jose local as he was walking along the first street trestle, Edward Houston, a teamster, was instantly killed and his body hurled into the bay. Houston came here from Calinga.

FOLLOWING A GOOD EXAMPLE

Washington Counties Organize to Establish Development League of Their Own

Sweet are the uses of advertisement. This effective parody of an obsolete proverb is being taken to heart over on the other side of the line as a result of the great work that is being accomplished by the Vancouver Island Development League.

Mayor N. K. Mead of Port Angeles, Washington, has just written to Mayor Morley of Victoria advising him that on April 21-22 meetings will be called for the purpose of organizing the business interests of the three counties of Clallam, Jefferson and Kitsap, which comprise the Olympic peninsula, the object being the establishment, or rather the inauguration, of an Olympic Peninsula Development League.

Mayor Mead's object in writing to Mayor Morley on the subject was to broach the possibility of co-operative effort, and it is understood that this form of reciprocity will be heartily endorsed at the Victoria end. The local branch of the Vancouver Island Development League, to which the letter has been referred, has forwarded to Port Angeles a consignment of advertising material.

The league is also in receipt of an interesting letter from Mr. Beadnell, of Comox, in which he promises to send on a unique photograph of the flying machine which is being largely used in the Comox district lumber camps for the pulling-out process.

Another correspondent, whose address is in Shanghai, China, conveys the somewhat belated information that China is no longer a country in which a white man can obtain a decent living.

The party of English capitalists, headed by Sir Edward Tennant, have been supplied with the league's latest "dope" on the resources of the Island.

In renewing their subscription to the Victoria Branch of the Vancouver Island Development League of $100 per year for the next two years the Turner, Beeton & Co., Ltd., write as follows: "We beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of March 24, and we have much pleasure in enclosing a subscription blank filled out to the amount of $100 each for 1911 and 1912." In renewing their subscription for the same amount and for the same period, P. R. Brown & Co. append the following note to their subscription blank: "I fully appreciate the good work being done by the V. I. D. L." In enclosing a cheque for $100, the B. C. Land & Investment Agency, Ltd., write as follows: "Your letter of the 24th inst. is to hand re renewal of our two years' subscription to the work of your league. We congratulate you on what you have been able to do during the past two years, and have much pleasure in enclosing our cheque for $100 for the current year." Wilson Bros. also have forwarded a subscription of $100 per year for the next two years.

ORGAN RECITAL.

Artistic Treat, Vocal and Instrumental, in Metropolitan Church.

The organ recital in the Metropolitan Methodist church Monday was well attended and the audience were heartily appreciative of the work of Edward Parsons, the organist, and those assisting him. The two numbers which seemed to be most enjoyed were "The Angelus" (C. J. Gray), and the overture to "William Tell" (Rosini). Both of these numbers were encored. The soloists all received a recall. Mrs. Edward Parsons sang "The Worker" Gounod), excellently and Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Hicks were never in better voice. Mrs. Hicks sang "A Song of Penitence" (Beethoven), while Mr. Hicks gave two numbers, "Knowest Thou the Land" (Beethoven), and "Wher'er Ye Walk" (Handel.) The duet, "Near Us, Ever Near us" (Abt), was received with prolonged applause, and Mr. and Mrs. Hicks graciously responded to the encore.

The concert was well worthy of even a larger audience and it is hoped to make these recitals popular enough to attarct an audience that will fill the church. The full programme follows:

1. Organ—Introduction and Allegro in D ..... E. Townshend-Driffield
2. Organ—Canzona ...W. Wolstenholm
3. Vocal Solo—"A Song of Penitence" ....Beethoven
   Mrs. Gideon Hicks.
4. Organ—Two Sea Pictures .... E. MacDowell
   (a) "Ocean Thou Mighty Monster."
   (b) "A merry song, a chorus brave, And yet a sigh regret For roses sweet, in wood-land lanes— Ah, love can ne'er forget!"
5. Vocal Solo—(a) "Knowset Thou the Land" ..... Beethoven
   (b) "Wher'er Ye Walk" ..... Handel
6. Organ—"The Angelus" ....C. J. Gray
   Interval during which a collection in aid of the organ fund was taken.
7. Organ—Fantasia ..... A. Hesse
   Grave, Andante. Allegro and Fugue.
8. Vocal Solo—"The Worker".C. Gounod
   Mrs. Edward Parsons.
9. Organ—(a) Water Scene (Narcissus) ..... E. Nevin
   (b) Slumber Song..E. Nevin
10. Duett—"Near Us, Ever Near Us" ..... F. Abt
    Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Hicks.
11. Organ—Overture to "William Tell" ..... Rossini
    (a) Shepherds on the hills playing their reed instruments.
    (b) Storm Scene
    (c) Pastorale.
    (d) Dance of the Shepherds.

CARNEGIE'S CONTRIBUTION.

New York, March 28.—Andrew Carnegie yesterday contributed $5,000 to the fund of the destitute relatives of the victims of the Triangle Shirtwaist Company factory fire.

DAMAGES CLAIMED FROM B. C. ELECTRIC

At 91, James Bourget Meets With Accident Which Prevents Him Working

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Before Judge Lampman, in the county court, this morning, James Bourget aged 91 years commenced an action against the B. C. Electric Railway Company for damages claimed to be due as a result of injuries sustained when the plaintiff stepped from a Douglas street car at the intersection of Douglas and Pandora street last September, at the time the new tracks were being laid by the company, and the street was in a state of excavation. The case is being heard before a jury of five consisting of Charles Watkins (foreman), Herbert Ford, English, Robert Jelland, J. A. O'Brien and W. B. Shotbolt.

Plaintiff, represented by D. S. Tait, claims that on September 6th last he was a passenger on the Douglas street line, and had to transfer at the city hall corner to take the Spring Ridge car to his home at Spring Ridge. The street was torn up opposite the Drake & Horne hardware store on Douglas street, and building material, mortar, boxes, etc., were in the roadway in connection with the construction of the Drake & Horne block.

The plaintiff said, in the witness box, he alighted when the car stopped opposite the Drake & Horne building, and just as he reached the ground a dray coming the same way parallel with the car jammed him between the hub of the hind wheel and the car. He claims the B. C. Electric Company's employees should not have stopped the car, and allowed him to alight at that spot, and that it was the duty of the company to have provided a safe landing place for its passengers, because the regular landing place was, at that time, torn up owing to new rails being placed in the roadbed.

In cross-examination by Hon. A. E. McPhillips, K. C., the plaintiff remembered having been examined before the registrar and having said he did not know how the company's employees could have prevented the accident, and that he did not know how it could have been averted.

The plaintiff is 91 years of age, and sustained a rupture eight inches long. To Mr. McPhillips, he admitted having been ruptured previously.

The case is proceeding and will probably conclude this afternoon.

ALLEN APPEAL IN THE SUPREME COURT TO-DAY

Argument Being Heard by the Highest Tribunal in the Dominion

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, March 28.—The Supreme Court is hearing this afternoon argument in the criminal appeal case of the King vs. Allen. Allen was convicted at Victoria for the murder of Capt. Elliston, at Esquimalt. The appeal is taken on the ground that evidence submitted by the crown at the trial, relative to an alleged statement of Bombardier Corrigan, a deserter, who was not present at the trial, was not admissable.

J. A. Ritchie, K.C., crown attorney for Carleton county, was deputed by the Supreme Court to look after the interests of Allen, and argue the appeal from the decision of the British Columbia court of appeal.

GAME TO BE RE-PLAYED.

Wards and Foresters Now Almost on Level.

At the meeting of the amateur Island league officials on Saturday night, it was decided that the game which the Wards defaulted to the Wests a few weeks ago should be played off. This places the Wards and the Foresters on a level as far as losses are concerned and assures the fans a fairly interesting race for the amateur pennant.

The Wards are the favorites, as they have not yet lost a game, although they defaulted to Duncan for playing suspended men. The Foresters easily come next in the betting, for although beaten by the Wards they have had an easy time with all the other teams. The Wests, Wanderers, Corinthians and Duncan will end in the order mentioned, judging by the games already played. The Wests and Wanderers are very closely matched but the former have the most points to their credit. Duncan has one more point than the Corinthians, but as two of their three were gained by default they cannot be said to count.

Another matter which came up at the meeting was the case of Thackeray, who in the Ward-Forester match struck one of the Ward men. As no report of the affair had been sent in by the referee the association could do nothing, but in order to keep down any such rough work in future passed a resolution that all referees must report cases of that kind to the association officials so that they could punish the offender.

Those present were: A. Locksley, president; R. Kelsall, secretary; A. Manson, Foresters; A. Selfe, Corinthians; L. Beckwith, Wanderers; F. Sweeney, Wards.

SIR EDWARD TENNANT ON RETURN JOURNEY

Appreciates Canada Greatly but Deplores "Americanization" of Newspapers

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Looking for a real, live lord in a crowded hotel is not exactly the same thing to-day as it might have been in the days of old. Then, so we are told, it was possible to distinguish him by the inevitable presence of the magnificent satellites which his very existence seemed to breed. He could always be recognized as the worst-dressed person in the room. Now, however, the lords, despite acts of Parliament to the contrary, insist upon being regarded as individuals as well as institutions, and hence the occasional difficulty that confronts a newspaper interviewer in making the necessary distinctions.

The new Lord Glenconner, subject to the will of Lord Bute (alias Lord Strathcona, vide morning contemporary) must be bracketed as an exception to the general rule, however. Almost anyone looking for a lord, and lacking data as to personal appearance, would instinctively be attracted by the poise of this eminent financier. Not, it must be hastily stated, because he has defied the evolutionary process and retains the "landmarks" above referred to, but because in the best sense of the word he looks a lord.

Seated yesterday afternoon in the main hall of the Empress hotel with his back to the door and quietly reading a newspaper Sir Edward Tennant, as he must still be called until his barony title is ratified, looked the part. His finely intellectual face reposing in the relaxation of newspaper gossip was richly suggestive of strength and determination. His well-groomed appearance was above all suspicion of show; it was but the outward trapping of the inward man. Admitting freely that his identity had been discovered he submitted himself to be interviewed briefly.

Of his trip across the Dominion he spoke in the most flattering terms, likewise of his short visit to Vancouver Island, where he had witnessed some of the important industries of this progressive part of the Empire. His impressions were all gratifying because they were all complimentary, with one terrible exception. He is not in love with the Canadian newspapers. He deplores the pyrotechnic style that is being adopted in many places all over the Dominion, and he looks with distaste upon the preponderance of news of the doings of the United States and its people.

He is an imperialist and in this absorption of American ideas and sentiments he sees a possible loosening in the cohesive element that so far has kept Canada so closely allied to British sentiments. He understood the difficulty of getting English news through the lack of direct service. If the news of England had to filter to Canada through the New York wires he thought it was time the papers of Canada combined for the purpose of inaugurating a service direct to England.

On being told that there was considerable dubiety as to his title Sir Edward smiled and acknowledged that he was a partner in that feeling of uncertainty. He does not yet know whether it will be Baron Glenconner or Baron St. Rollox. The former is his first choice and he has written to the Marquis of Bute asking permission to take that title. However, as he left England just at the time of his "elevation", he has not yet heard from Lord Bute.

What particular significance the visit of himself and party might have in relation to Vancouver Island he was not in a position to say, but he did say that he warmly admired the beauties and heartily appreciated the opportunities with which the Island abounds.

He left yesterday for Seattle and will start on the return journey to England after another short stay at Vancouver.

CRICKETERS DRAW SEASON SCHEDULE

Victoria Club Will Have Two Teams—Game Every Week-End

The Victoria Cricket Club is determined to make this season a banner one in its history. Two teams will be put in the field, and it is proposed to have a match played on the Jubilee ground every Saturday.

The two teams will not be designated first and second, as they will be practically on a level in playing ability, but will be formed simply for the purpose of keeping all the members in the game as far as possible. One team will play at home while the other is away, and thus there will be a cricket match at the Jubilee grounds every week-end.

Two schedules will be drawn up, one for each team. The following are the dates decided on for one of the teams:

May 13—Garrison, at Work Point.
May 20—Albion, at Jubilee hospital.
May 27—Seattle, at Seattle.
June 3—Garrison, at Jubilee hospital.
June 17—Albion, at Beacon Hill.
June 22—Burrard, at Jubilee hospital.
June 24—Nanaimo, at Jubilee hospital.
July 1—Vancouver, at Vancouver.
July 8—Seattle, at Jubilee hospital.
July 29—Nanaimo, at Nanaimo.
Aug. 5—Vancouver, at Jubilee hospital.
Aug 12—Burrard, at Vancouver.
Aug. 21 and 26—Tournament of local clubs, at Jubilee hospital.
Sept. 1 and 2—Frankford C. C., Philadelphia, at Jubilee hospital.

There are several open dates which may be filled in later on.

A French commission has reported in favor of the inclined over the vertical system of penmanship as less likely to injure the spines of children while being taught to write.

GLORY OF THE SEAS NOW ORDERED SOLD

Must Be Disposed of Within Two Weeks to Pay Claims for Wages

The Uruguayan ship, Glory of the Seas, now in Esquimalt harbor, libelled for wages claims by six of the ships complement, was in the Admiralty court on Tuesday ordered to be sold by Mr. Justice Martin sitting as judge in admiralty.

The claims of the men arise out of a trip of the Glory of the Seas made to Unalaska from Ladysmith with coal, leaving Ladysmith August 18 last, and returning during December.

The men claimed wages for the time away. The seamen were paid off when the ship returned to port here, but the officers, two Chinese cooks, and an apprentice were unpaid and entered a libel against the ship.

J. S. Fellows, part-owner of the Glory of the Seas, appeared in court this morning, and admitted the claims made against the ship. He offered no objection to the sale being conducted immediately, and was in fact anxious to have the matter settled as speedily and as honorably as possible.

Mr. Justice Martin ordered that the sale shall take place within two weeks. The claims against the ship amount to $2,133, all due for wages to the officers, two Chinese cooks and an apprentice.

Appearing for the claimants this morning were George Morphy, Frank Higgins, and H. C. Hannington. J. S. Fellows appeared in person.

SUPPORTS RECIPROCITY.

National Chairman of Democrats Says It Is Duty of Party to Ratify Agreement.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 28.—Norman E. Mack, national chairman of the Democratic party, is out for Canadian reciprocity. In a leading editorial in his National Monthly, Mack says the confirmation of the Taft reciprocity agreement is a Democratic duty.

SHOT BY ROBBERS.

Omaha, March 27.—Herman B. Cohan, a wealthy clothing merchant, was shot and killed within half a block of his home in the best residence portion of the city by two thugs who attempted to rob him when he returned home from a theatre party. The men stopped Mr. Cohan and demanded his money. He was in the act of resisting when the two thugs shot and killed him, making their escape.

SUPPORTS RACING; FROWNS ON BOXING

Oak Bay Council Divided on Amusements for Municipality at Last Night's Meet

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

That horse-racing should take place at the Willows race-track in May next was approved by the Oak Bay council last night at its regular meeting. The race track is in the Oak Bay municipality and the permission of the council was necessary before it could be definitely said that races would take place there. The permit was granted to have the race meet take place under the provisions of the racing by-law of the municipality.

An application to stage a boxing-bout in the municipality, however, met with a reverse, when made by A. Montieth, of Victoria West, through his solicitor, R. C. Lowe, who wrote asking for the permission under clause 55 of the amusement by-law. The council was divided on the application. Councillor McGregor put a motion that the permit be granted but was opposed by several members of the council. He obtained a seconder in Councillor Lindsay, who voted against an amendment that the permit be not granted. The ayes on the amendment were Reeve Henderson, Councillors Hargreaves, Noble and Hillis.

Petitions for street improvements were received from property owners on Oak Bay avenue, Newport avenue, and Monterey avenue. Specifications of sub-divisions were received, and accepted. Councillors Hargreaves, Hillis and Noble, with the reeve, were nominated a lighting committee. The council has secured a dumping ground and last night decided to obtain estimates for an incinerator at once.

Clerk Floyd will open a list for all the Oak Bay Georges to subscribe to. When the subscriptions are in they will be sent to the Empire George fund. The electors of Oak Bay elected its council last election without electing a George, so the honor of receiving the subscriptions fell on the clerk.

FACTORY DESTROYED.

Revelstoke, March 21.—Fire which broke out in the Sawyer Bros. sash and door factory completely destroyed the building and contents entailing a loss of close to $5000. The origin of the fire is unknown as no fire had been in the building since 6 o'clock the night before. Included in the contents of the mill were several expensive pieces of machinery, together with considerable unfinished work which was almost ready for shipment. The mill had been running for nearly 15 years.

CORRUGATED STEEL DECKS FOR WARSHIPS

Will Take Place of Wood on New Battleships for U. S. Navy

Washington, D. C., March 28.—The elimination of every stick of wood from subsequent United States battleships has already been decided upon as one of the imperative reforms in Dreadnought construction, as the result of the firing tests with the San Marcos, it has just been learned.

The wooden decks of the old battleship were literally torn to pieces and splinters were everywhere. Great gashes two and three feet long were cut below decks where wood has been largely used in the construction of officers' quarters. It was asserted that undoubtedly the whole crew of the San Marcos had it been on board would have been wounded by flying splinters.

For the wooden decks it is planned to substitute corrugated steel. To prevent the quarters below the outside deck from becoming too hot by radiation from the steel deck above, a double ceiling is planned.

LOCAL NEWS

—The Ladies' Aid of the Church of Our Lord (Reformed Episcopal) proposes holding a semi-annual sale in the schoolroom on April 4.

—At a meeting of the Tabernacle B.Y.P.U. held Monday evening the following were elected to serve as officers during the ensuing term: President, Miss S. Blackwell; vice president, J. A. Bernie; secretary, A. T. Turner, 532 Cornwall street; treasurer, Blake Johnson; organist, Miss Margaret Clarke. The conveners of the various committees were elected as follows: Membership, Miss May Clarke; programme, Rev. F. T. Tapscott; musical, Mr. Williams; floral, Mrs. Robertson; social, Miss S. A. Blackwell; ushering, Owen Roberts; caretaking, Giles Province. A letter descriptive of the wonderful progress of Christian missions in Bolivia was read by R. Robertson.

—Simon Tompkins, the boy who pleaded guilty to four charges of theft in the police court Monday morning, was this morning allowed to go on suspended sentence. He remarked: "I'll never sink so low as to be in jail again," and expressed a desire to talk to the magistrate. He was taken to the magistrate's room and given some magisterial and fatherly advice.

—The cookery lectures under the auspices of the Y.W.C.A. will be commenced on Monday, April 3, and not this week, as advertised. A free demonstration will be given on Monday afternoon at 3 p.m., to inaugurate the series, in the store, corner of Cook and Fort streets.

—Two employees of the B. C. Marine Railway Company, Robert Adamson and James Thompson, were admitted to St. Joseph's Hospital, Monday, suffering from slight injuries received through the falling of a sling pole while they were engaged at work. One received a cut behind the ear, while the other was slightly wounded in the head. Both are progressing favorably.

—Monday evening the Victoria West Methodist league enjoyed a pleasant meeting conducted by the Citizenship committee. Miss Robinson read a paper on "Woman's Place in Municipal Politics," Rev. Wood gave a short address on "Temperance and Moral Reform" and Mr. McKenzie spoke on the "Ward System." A short discussion was held on each subject.

—A meeting was held by "Friends of the Hindus" in the Friends' Hall, Courtney street, on Sunday. It was decided to form a committee to do something practical towards relieving conditions which are complained of by Hindus in British Columbia. The chair was occupied by R. W. Clark, and the speakers were Dr. Sunder Singh, C. Jinarajadasa, J. Dilworth and A. J. Brace.

—A special meeting of Columbia Lodge, No. 2, I. O. O. F., was held Saturday evening for the purpose of conferring the first and second degrees of the order on four candidates who came from Duncan for that purpose. There has always been a very warm feeling between the members of Victoria lodges and Duncan lodge, and there have been many exchanges of fraternal visits between the two bodies. A large delegation accompanied the candidates from Duncan, and the lodge room was well filled during the conferring of the degrees. Bro. F. Forneri, Noble Grand of Columbia Lodge, occupied the chair, the Vice-Grand's chair being filled by Bro. Hugh Grant, P. G., the other members of the team being composed of members of the three city lodges. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting, and a short time devoted to fraternal speeches.

—Dr. David Donald delivered a most interesting and instructive lecture to the members of St. Andrew's Society Monday, his subject being "The After History of a Good Dinner." The doctor gave an excellent description of the action of the digestive organs upon food and in his treatment of the subject avoided as far as possible medical phraseology. At the conclusion of the lecture questions were invited, and the large number which were put testified to the excellent impression made by the speaker. Dr. Donald is a convincing speaker, unassuming in manner, and his lecture was greatly appreciated, the hope being generally expressed that the society would soon be given the opportunity of hearing him again. It was intimated that lectures would be given at future meetings by well-known local speakers and by members of the society.

THREE THOUSAND BILLS CONSIDERED

CALIFORNIA LAW MAKERS HAD BUSY SESSION

Provision Made for Initiative, and Referendum and Recall of Elective Officers

(Times Leased Wire.)

Sacramento, Cal., March 28.—After one of the lengthiest and viewed from the standpoint of political leaders, the most progressive sessions, the 39th California legislature adjourned sine die shortly before dawn to-day.

Officially the legislature closed at midnight. The senate adjourned at 1 o'clock this morning and the assembly three hours later.

The session was marked by the passage of a score of important measures and a host of smaller ones in the interests of cleaner politics, the betterment of labor conditions and the reformation of judicial precedure.

The consideration of more than 3,000 bills by the law-makers was one of the records established.

Among the measures that failed were an anti-alien land owning law, which passed the senate but failed in the assembly, a double session of the legislature to permit its members to study all bills introduced and the defeat of the anti-injunction bill sought by organized labor.

Progressive measures passed included: Resolution to submit to the people a constitutional amendment providing for the initiative and referendum; resolution to submit to a vote of the people a constitution amendment providing for the recall of all elective officers, including the judiciary; railroad rate bill, extending the powers of the state railroad commission, providing for physical valuation of railroads and the establishment of rates on that valuation; a resolution to submit to the vote of the people a constitutional amendment that will extend the jurisdiction of the railroad commission to all public utilities corporations; bill limiting the laboring women to eight hours per day and 48 hours per week, except in the perishable fruit industry.

ITALIAN EXPOSITION.

Rome, March 28.—With King Victor Emmanuel and his queen and a throng of high government officials in attendance, the international exposition of art and history, one of the biggest features of the semi-centennial celebration of United Italy, was opened here yesterday.

The exposition will continue until November 15. Next to the Italian pavilion, the French and American exhibits are the greatest. In the American display are about 400 examples of the best trans-Atlantic art with a large group of the small sculptures in which Americans excel.

Washington, D. C., March 28.—Fearing injury to the Italian celebration of the unity of that country, Marquis Cusani Confalonieri, Italian ambassador to the United States, yesterday made formal denial of statements by a United Press correspondent in Rome that cholera, plague and a threatened strike have endangered the success of the Italian exposition.

Marquis Confalonieri declared that plague had never appeared in Italy and that cholera there has been extinct since January 30. He declared that there are no reasons whatever which might endanger the success of the Italian exposition.

THREE-CORNERED DUEL.

Two Men Dead and One in Jail as Result of Fight in New Mexico.

Albuquerque, N. M., March 28.—Tom and Ed Hall, brothers, are dead and William Zumwalt is in jail as the result of a three-cornered duel with revolvers, which occurred near Kenna, N. M. The men were all cattlemen and owners of small ranches near Kenna. The fight was the result of a dispute concerning the ownership of some cattle.

A small boy, the only witness of the tragedy, says all three men were mounted and that shortly after they met the shooting began. An empty sixshooter was found beside the body of Ed. Hall, while clutched in the hand of his brother was a revolver fully loaded.

Zumwalt surrendered to the sheriff. Further than to admit that he did the shooting he would make no statement.

FAIR BUILDINGS.

Merritt, March 27.—The Nicola Valley Agricultural association is considering plans for the erection of permanent buildings. Last year's show was a wonderful success for the first effort, so much so that a substantial surplus has been left in the bank. The securing of a site for a permanent home has been practically completed and with this will come the erection of buildings necessary to house the show. A. W. Strickland, manager of the Bank of Montreal, has again been chosen president of the society.

TO ADVERTISE RESOURCES.

Kelowna, March 27.—The following resolution was adopted at a meeting of the board of trade: That the secretary write to Premier McBride and Hon. Price Ellison, pointing out that the Dominion government is spending large sums of money in advertising the prairie provinces in the United States in order to promote immigration, and asking that the provincial government take similar steps to advertise the fruit lands of British Columbia in the United States.