FIRE APPARATUS CONTRACTS LET

SOME DISCUSSION IN REGARD TO HOSE

J. L. Beckwith, Agent for Dunlop Hose, Has a Grievance and States It

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Save in respect to some discussion as to the merits of different brands of fire hose, the report of the firewardens, as follows, was adopted at last evening's meeting of the city council:

"Your committee have considered the letter of the city solicitor in connection with the repairs and alterations and additions to buildings made necessary by the Fort street widening scheme, and would report that in each case the kind of building to be constructed be left to the discretion of the building inspector, it being given to him as a general recommendation that where wooden buildings are capable of being repaired, they might be repaired with wood, but where the building is of such a character as to render this unsuitable the provisions of the building by-law be strictly enforced, not only as to the part taken off, but as to the whole of the building. That permits must be applied for in all cases and we would recommend that in consideration of the fact that this change is forced by the city no fees be collected for any permit for alterations.

"Your committee would recommend the city solicitor be instructed to offer Mr. R. Jones the sum of $1,600 for lot on the corner of Cornwall and Fairfield road for fire hall site.

"Your committee after taking into consideration the tenders received for apparatus and hose, would recommend the acceptance of the following:

"Two 500 Imperial gallon steam fire engines to the Waterous Engine Co., Brantford, Ont., for the sum of $9,200 with heaters attached.

"One 75-foot Seagrave Quick Hoist Truck to [illegible] Seagrave Co., [illegible]

"[illegible] 150 feet hose [illegible] purchase of hose as per specifications for [illegible] 2,000 feet [illegible] at $[illegible] per foot to the Rubber Co. Ltd., 1,000 feet to the Dominion Rubber Co., [illegible] and the Canadian Rubber Co., [illegible] in Dunlop double [illegible] at $1.[illegible] per foot.

"[illegible] and on the change relative [illegible]

After long discussion as to the quality of the specifications [illegible] that J. L. Beckwith, agent for Dunlop hose, who was present, be heard.

Mr. Beckwith said he had not come to the meeting with the intention of addressing the board, but being given permission to do so he would merely say that he believed the tenders would have been awarded differently had the committee gone into the matter more fully. He felt that in submitting the tender which he did he had made out a good case for the people he represented. He had, after great personal effort, succeeded in inducing his firm to locate a branch in Victoria, and, all things being equal, he thought the board would be justified in awarding the contract to himself, particularly as the hose offered was lower than that of competitors and was largely in use in other cities from Portland to New Westminster. Had his bid been accepted there would have been a considerable saving to the city.

Ald. Fullerton, chairman of the fire wardens, said that the members of the committee, as mere laymen, felt that it would be presumptuous on their part to attempt to make a choice of a hose, when they really knew nothing about the matter, and they therefore left the whole thing in the hands of the chief of the department. He thought Chief Davis should be heard in the matter.

The chief said he had been responsible for the recommendation of the committee. He would have to use the hose. He chose what he thought was the best and he would stand or fall by that decision.

Mr. Beckwith ventured to remark that among the testimonials which he had forwarded with his tender was the report of a successful test made by the Toronto fire department.

Chief Davis took umbrage at the remarks of Mr. Beckwith and retorted: "I would remind Mr. Beckwith that I know my business, and would not recommend the council to buy hose if I did not think the same the best for the purposes of the department." The chief, continuing, gave some technical descriptions of the various types of hose offered by the contractors.

Ald. Sargison was sure no one doubted that the chief knew his business, but that was not the point. The chief was willing to try some Dunlop hose anyhow, this indicating that he had not yet full information regarding that hose, and besides, all things being equal, the committee should have shown a disposition to favor the firm which had opened a branch here, rather than patronize a Vancouver firm.

This closed the discussion and the report was adopted without amendments.

WHILE PROBABLY PERISHED.

Miami, Fla., Dec. 27.—Captain Stuart B. Bennett, magazine writer, has been drowned, and it is believed his wife and Herman Parker, their guest on the yacht Flirt, also have met death.

Bennett's body was found to-day near Western Banks. He was the owner of the yacht and lived in New York.

> Then who would give, give quickly, in the grave thy loved one lies, receive no kindness.—Carlyle.

VANCOUVER STREET PROBLEM UP AGAIN

No Final Decision Yet Reached by Council on Complaints of Owners

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The failure of the streets committee's report to contain any reference to the decision reached last Friday evening relative to the work of effecting repairs on Vancouver street, between Humboldt street and Park boulevard gave rise to some discussion at last evening's meeting of the city council.

Both Ald. Bannerman and Ald. Sargison were favorable to reopening the whole matter, pointing out that the decision reached in committee was, in any event, a most peculiar one, inasmuch as it was primarily the intention to have the road asphalted in accordance with the wishes of the property owners, this decision being afterwards negatived and some repairs decided upon instead.

The mayor felt that the failure of the report to contain any reference to the recommendation of the committee could only be due to a clerical error, and he thought no decision should therefore be reached by the council until it had before it the text of the resolution which was passed on Friday evening. At the request of his worship it was decided to leave the matter in abeyance until the next meeting of the committee.

It is probable that on that occasion owners on Vancouver street will again be heard from. They are said to be much dissatisfied with the decision of the committee, and will insist, as far as lies in their power, that their wishes be met by the laying down of an asphalt pavement.

HONDURAN REBELS READY TO ADVANCE

Federal Troops Being Mobilized to Repel Attack by Insurgents

(Times Leased Wire.)

Puerto Cortez, Honduras, Dec. 28.—Two thousand rebel soldiers who have been gathering during the past few months are reported ready for an attack on Tegucigalpa. According to [illegible] threatened [illegible] months [illegible] Cape Gracias, Lee Christmas, an American adventurer, who has played an important part in the revolutionary movement, and has led armies in Honduras and Nicaragua, will share the command of the revolutionists with former President Bonilla. A number of American adventurers are enlisted in the ranks of the rebel army. Most of the recruits, however, are central Americans, many of whom have been exiled from Honduras by order of President Davilla, and who have rallied to Bonilla's standard.

Machine guns, it is reported, will play an important part in the rebel attack. A battery of these weapons has been organized, and American gunners are handling the artillery.

A second force is reported mobilizing at Cebia. The gunboat Hornet, bearing Bonilla and Christmas, is expected to land to-night or to-morrow. As soon as they reach the quarters of the revolutionary army, it is believed the advance on Tegucigalpa will begin.

To Protect Americans.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—The United States gunboat Yorktown arrived at Mapala, Honduras, to-day. The warship has been sent to investigate conditions and protect American interests in Honduras.

G. T. P. DRYDOCK AT PRINCE RUPERT

Plans Have Been Filed by Company—Messrs. Bullen May Also Build

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—The expenditure on which the government will pay a subsidy to the Grand Trunk Pacific for its proposed drydock at Prince Rupert is $2,000,000. The dock will be of the second class and will get a subsidy of 3½ per cent. on that amount for 25 years. The estimate has been made by the chief engineer of the department of public works from plans filed by the company.

There is another second class drydock planned for the same place. Messrs. Bullen, shipbuilders of Victoria, are here completing plans which they will file in a few days, and will at the same time apply for a second class subsidy.

FOUR CHILDREN PERISH.

Burned to Death in Fire Which Destroys Their Home.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—Four small children of Ovila Baril of Athabasca county, were burned to death in a fire that destroyed the store and ho[illegible] their father on Christmas me[illegible] Both parents were severely burn[illegible]

CITY TO WIDEN DOUGLAS STREET

RESOLUTION PASSED COUNCIL LAST NIGHT

Concrete Approaches to Be Constructed Across Boulevards in Fairfield Estate

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

After lying on the table for three weeks, the resolution providing that Douglas street, between Discovery street and Hillside avenue, be made a uniform width of 100 feet, which was moved by Ald. Humber and seconded by Ald. Ross, was passed at last evening's meeting of the city council.

The motion had to run the gauntlet of some adverse criticism against hurrying with a scheme so important that it ought to be fully discussed in all its details before reaching a decision. Ald. Humber, however, stuck to his guns and the resolution carried, only Ald. Bannerman voting in the negative.

Other local improvement works decided upon were as follows:

Grading, draining and paving with asphaltic pavement Morrison street between Oak Bay avenue and Fort street and permanent sidewalks on both sides with curbs, gutters and boulevards.

Grading, draining and paving with asphaltic pavement Broughton street between Douglas and Blanchard street, with a permanent sidewalk on the north side from the east line of lot 37, block 23, to Blanchard street.

Paving with bituminous macadam Phoenix Place between Toronto street and Avalon road.

Paving with Worswick Paving company's pavement Langley street between Yates street and Bastion street.

Constructing permanent sidewalk on the south side of Fort street from Oak Bay Junction to Belcher avenue and on the south side of Leighton road from Belcher avenue to Jubilee street and construct curb and grass plot on triangular piece of ground at the intersection of Fort street and Leighton road.

Lighting Broad street between Pandora avenue and Fort street with cluster lights and constructing the necessary underground conduits, therefor, the owners to pay the cost of installation, the city to supply the current.

Blacting of rock on Cedil, Forbes, Asquith and Victor streets, thereby widening the roadways from forty to sixty feet.

After some discussion as to the quality of the specifications [illegible] street from May street to Dallas road; Wellington street from May street to Dallas road; Cambridge street from May street to Dallas road, and Faithful street from Moss street to Cook street. Where the lots on Faithful street between Moss street and Cook street have a frontage of 100 feet or more such approaches, together with sewer, surface drain and water laterals will be constructed to the centre of each half lot.

READY TO PROCEED WITH VIEW STREET

City Engineer Only Awaiting Settlement of Outstanding Claims to Start

There has been considerable adverse comment at the delay in proceeding with the work of extending View street through from Broad to Government streets. The necessary by-law passed the council some time ago, and as the ruins of the late fire are the reverse of pleasing to the eye, and the improvement has been decided upon, it has been felt that the city should show some activity in the matter.

The Times was informed this morning by the city engineer that he is but awaiting the settlement of outstanding claims with a number of property owners who are affected by the work of improvement, and these settlements, once effected, the project can be taken in hand and rushed to completion at once.

In respect to the removal of the old buildings which occupy the site the city engineer says that this work must be undertaken by the city. This job in itself is a tedious one, but if the outstanding claims by the owners are disposed of before the close of the year three months should see the street put through and all local improvement works in connection therewith executed.

MINER SLAIN.

Man Who Recently Returned From Alaska Shot at Seattle.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 28.—Billy Marks, a miner recently returned from the Alaska goldfields, was shot and killed in front of a First avenue saloon early to-day. Edward Goggin is locked up in the city jail charged with the killing.

Goggin and Marks are said to have engaged in a fight in the saloon and the trouble was renewed when the two men went out on to the street. The first [illegible] shot was heard and Marks [illegible] sidewalk. He was dead when [illegible]

JAPANESE SPIES IN PHILIPPINES

MILITARY AND CIVIL AUTHORITIES ACTIVE

Rumors of Plot to Place Mines in Manila Harbor in Event of War

(Times Leased Wire.)

Manila, Dec. 28.—The discovery of a Japanese plot to place mines in Manila harbor to blow up American warships in case of hostilities between the two nations should ever occur, is positively reported in military circles here to-day. Although General Duvall has said that the search of Japanese houses and stores for explosives resulted in failure, it is reported that the true facts and the official statement are at variance, and that Duvall's men not only found the explosives they sought, but that they also secured maps showing beyond doubt that the Japanese spies in Manila had a perfect working knowledge of the harbor and fortifications, and had planned carefully where and how to place the bombs they deemed essential in destroying the American fleet.

Had the search been done alone by military men, it is said that it would have remained a secret, but the civil authorities were called in to help, and the first inkling of the true facts came, it is alleged, from the police who were engaged in the search.

It is understood that the police were called in by General Duvall to hide the real purpose of his search, believing that if military men made the rounds of the Japanese houses and stores, it would attract attention.

It is understood that Duvall was threatened by a court martial by some officer or men who felt the true object of the visit. The Japanese authorities. However, the civil authorities have been so impressed with the alleged imminence of a plot to blow up the fleet that they have given full data at the true state of affairs, and Manila and the Philippine Islands are agitated over the report.

Great excitement prevails in military and naval circles. The actions of the men and the unusual activity of the officers and guards show that something unusual is under way.

According to recent reports to-day, the papers discovered in the Japanese search revealed the identity of the spies [illegible] Japan. [illegible] Island. [illegible] Corregidor [illegible] Island.

The reports say that the Japanese in the islands have been smuggling explosives into the city for months, and that dynamite, gun cotton and other explosives already found are believed to be only a part of what is already here. It is understood that army officers are planning a careful search of the principal Japanese colonies in the islands.

Reports have caused unusual excitement following the sinking of at Olongapo some months ago of the dry dock Dewey. The recent vehement denial of army officers that the Japanese had anything to do with the sinking of the Dewey, coupled with their activity recently in discovering Japanese secret agents, has caused people here to believe that the military authorities are endeavoring to cover up the real facts in connection with Japanese activity in the islands.

The particulars so far as they can be learned indicate that the plot contemplated the placing of mines near the naval anchorage. Mines were to be placed at the bottom of the harbor and connected with shore batteries where they could be exploded. It is admitted privately in army circles here that the situation is serious. It is reported that an unlighted ship, manned by three Japanese, was noticed on a dark night moving about the harbor. This ship, it is said, was sent out to take soundings in order to determine the best places for laying mines.

At army headquarters it is admitted that a Japanese spy was captured yesterday. When searched it was found he had practically complete plans of the fortifications here and data regarding the guns and their mountings. A bundle of private papers was found, and in these it is alleged the maps and data were discovered.

The spy was not held, it is reported, because there is no law under which he could be arrested. He is being closely watched, however.

The search of the Japanese quarters is said to have resulted in the discovery of metal casings and heavily insulated wires, such as might withstand the action of tidewater.

No Official Reports.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—Officials of the war department to-day denied that official advices had been received regarding the discovery of a Japanese plot to mine the harbor at Manila. General Leonard Wood, chief of staff, asserted that the search of Japanese houses was probably conducted by the civil authorities without orders from the militia. He said if General Duvall, commanding the division of the Philippines, had ordered such a search, he undoubtedly would have reported the matter to Washington, especially if he had discovered alarming conditions.

Army officers are greatly interested in the reports from Manila. Many of them express the opinion that the Japanese have been working secretly in the Philippines for years.

TWO KILLED IN WRECK.

Dubuque, Ia., Dec. 28.—A head-on collision occurred at Stockton, Ills., last night between the Great Western work and freight trains. Two persons were killed [illegible] injured.

RAINBOW GO TO

TO MEET E[illegible] MOUT[illegible]

His Excellen[illegible] Leave Ed[illegible] in[illegible]

(Special to [illegible])

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—[illegible] reaches the Arctic [illegible] after the long trip he [illegible] down the Mackenzie riv[illegible] location, he will be met by [illegible] Rainbow. The cruiser will [illegible] north in the spring to meet his [illegible] ing through Behring sea and [illegible] straits and round Alaska to the m[illegible] of the Mackenzie river. This will [illegible] tablish a new northern record for [illegible] vessels. Up to the present there ha[illegible] never been such a craft in the Arctic ocean.

While the date of Earl Grey's departure for the northern Canadian wilderness has not yet been fixed, it will likely be early in July, as the Governor-General will attend the coronation of King George in London on June 22.

His Excellency will be accompanied down the Mackenzie by a detachment of the Northwest Mounted Police. It is said that the trip will occupy three months and will be even more interesting than the journey Earl Grey made last summer to Hudson Bay from Winnipeg.

WILL BUILD BIG STEAMERS.

Contracts Reported to [illegible]

(Special to the Times.)

London, Dec. 28.—[illegible] stated that the Allan company has entered into arrangements with a [illegible] shipbuilding company for the construction of two [illegible] monster steamers of the fastest type.

ALLEGED COMBINE.

United States Government Will Begin Suit Against So-Called Electric Trust.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—The suit of the government against the so-called electrical trust will rival in magnitude [illegible] Standard Oil [illegible] tobacco trust, according to [illegible] the department of justice to-day. [illegible] it is prohibited [illegible] the which the case [illegible] ought under the [illegible] w.

[illegible] the government will lay before the courts, it is asserted, shows startling price juggling. It is alleged that the General Electric Company and the Westinghouse Electric Company secured control of the electrical business by buying up the most valuable plants and by controlling most of the water-power sites.

The suit will be filed early in January. W. S. Kenyon, assistant attorney-general, is looking over the papers in the case. No criminal prosecutions are expected.

AERIAL DERBY AT LOS ANGELES

Five Entries for Big Race—Birdmen Will Try to Break Altitude Record

(Times Leased Wire.)

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 28.—Improved weather conditions caused much rejoicing to-day in the camps of the birdmen on the Dominguez aviation field. Postponed from yesterday, the first aerial Derby ever held was scheduled as the chief attraction this afternoon. Although a speed test between Ely, driving a Curtiss biplane, and Parmalee in the baby Wright racer, was offered late yesterday, the violence of the wind precluded starting the big race. Five of the speediest flyers on the grounds were entered for the Derby. Radley, the Britisher, who holds the world's seed record, was scheduled to defend his laurels in his Bleriot monoplane. The other entrants were: Parmalee, baby Wright; Curtiss, Curtiss biplane; Hoxsey, Wright biplane; Ely, Curtiss biplane.

Ely and Radley are favored as possible victors by the enthusiasts who have followed the flights closely—Radley, on his previous record, and Ely, upon the strength of his victory yesterday over Parmalee, who drove the speediest craft of the Wright hangars. There is an impression, however, fathered by the knowing smiles of the Wright squad, that Parmalee did not show the true worth of the "baby" yesterday.

Brookings, Ely and Hoxsey, according to an announcement to-day, will try for height records. Ely is the hope of the Curtiss flyers in the height event and it is known that before the end of the meet he will make a determined effort to surpass Hoxsey's wonderful altitude flight of 11,474 feet.

COMMERCE COMMISSION.

Washington, D.C., Dec. 28.—That Judson C. Clements, of Georgia, will be chosen chairman of the interstate commerce commission, is believed to be virtually certain. The commissioners will meet January 3 to select a successor to the chairmanship, which was be vacated at the first of the year by Martin A. Knapp, who has been appointed a member of the new court of commerce. Clements is one of the oldest members of the commission in point of service.

Surplus of $6,563 After Providing for All Ordinary Expenditures

(Special to the Times.)

St. John, N. B., Dec. 28.—The auditor general's report shows that New Brunswick's revenue last year from all sources was $1,847,988. The ordinary revenue was $1,324,440. After providing for all ordinary expenditure there is a surplus of $6,563. Territorial revenue, chiefly from timber and crown lands, was $494,493, compared with $321,000 last year, under the Robinson government. The chief items of expenditure were public works, $328,443; education, $265,299; interest, $251,816. The sum of $148,552 was spent on permanent bridges. Expenditures for agriculture and education were largely increased.

C. P. R. APPOINTMENTS.

Calgary, Dec. 28.—E. W. Duval, trainmaster, it is understood will be appointed divisional superintendent at Moose Jaw, succeeding Superintendent Cameron, who goes to Medicine Hat, Superintendent Taylor of the latter city going to North Bay as general superintendent.

MILITIA RESCUES NEGRO.

Clarksburg, W. Va., Dec. 28.—Escorted by a company of militia, William Furby, a negro, was brought to the Moundsville penitentiary near here, to-day. Furby was rescued from the hands of a mob by the militia after he had spent the greater part of the night locked in the vaults of the Wells, Fargo Express Company in the station at Weston to prevent the mob from lynching him. Furby is accused of attacking Florence Anglin, a white girl.

PLEAD GUILTY TO SELLING VOTES

Many Residents of Adams County, Ohio, Are Disfranchised for 5 Years

(Times Leased Wire.)

West Union, Ohio., Dec. 28.—West Union's hotels overflowed to-day with citizens of Adams county who are awaiting a chance to plead guilty to charges of selling their votes. Wagon load after wagon load of voters under indictment poured into the city during the day. As fast as their names were called off they admitted their guilt, were disenfranchised for a period of five years and were fined insignificant amounts.

Meanwhile the indictment mill was steadily at work and it was expected that at least 150 more true bills would be returned this afternoon. This would bring the total number up to 300. Hundreds of citizens were summoned to appear at the grand jury room.

Prosecutor Stephenson announced that anyone failing to tell the truth would be sent to the penitentiary for perjury. This announcement created much comment and apparently much uneasiness is felt by those yet to be examined.

CHILDREN POISONED.

Bokoshe, Okla., Dec. 28.—Eating mistletoe berries here caused the deaths of three children and the serious illness of two others.

[illegible] editors stuck to their places for the first turn, but were thrown out when the machine again swerved around and turned completely over for the second time. They struck the earth a fraction of a second before the machine with its heavy engines was dashed upon them.

The little crowd gathered to watch the beginning of the flight, rushed forward and lifted the wrecked machine from the bodies of its victims. The Marquis was placed in an ambulance but died before reaching a hospital. Vaman lived a few moments longer. Both were unconscious when the crowd reached them, after the accident.

Expert Pilot.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 28.—[illegible] Latham, pilot of the Antoinette monoplane, entered in the Los Angeles aviation meet, was visibly affected when told to-day of the death in Paris of Aviator Alexandre Lefton and his passenger, Marquis De Pauula.

"I knew Lefton well and had worked with him over the Antoinette machines," Latham said. "He was an expert pilot and knew his machine as he knew his alphabet. I grieve deeply over his tragic death.

"I imagine the lightness of his Antoinette, coupled with the [illegible] of his passenger and the petrol he must carry for the Brussels flight, was responsible. Such accidents are as likely to happen to those who ride behind horses or in automobiles. I hope the affair will not be held to the discredit of aviation."

SUFFRAGETTE DEAD.

Mrs. Clark, Sister of Mrs. Parkhurst, Dies After Release From Prison.

London, Dec. 28.—As a result of the hardship she endured in prison, where she was sent for participating in the recent suffragette raid on parliament, Mrs. Clark, sister of Mrs. Parkhurst, the suffragette leader, died to-day. Her death occurred at her home in [illegible] ton, following her release from [illegible]

Before her death Mrs. Clark told stories of hardships and cruelties she had endured while in her cell. She was compelled to eat coarse food, given no comforts and subjected to harsh treatment on the part of the prison officials, she alleged.

When released her health was broken down and she went to her home, where she became seriously ill.

The suffragettes of the entire country are aroused over the news, and are preparing to demand a parliamentary investigation of the case.

FIRES AT WINNIPEG

Building Occupied by Drygoods Firm Destroyed—Loss May Total $150,000.

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—The Donald Fraser building, occupied by the Montreal drygoods firm of that name, was destroyed by fire Monday night. In addition to the stock of the Macdonald Clothing Company, McAllister, Watts, wholesale stationers, and R. J. Whitla, wholesale drygoods, were totally destroyed, the loss being estimated at from one hundred [illegible] dollars to one hundred and fif[illegible] and dollars.

It was shortly before 5 o'clock [illegible] fire was first discovered in [illegible] ment of the Donald Fraser building [illegible] and the firemen thought they had extinguished the blaze. The loss [illegible] then estimated at about forty [illegible] and dollars. At 10:45 o'clock [illegible] again broke out, and when the [illegible] arrived flames were bursting from the windows of the third floor. [illegible] spite the huge volume of water [illegible] on the flames, it appeared [illegible] that the Grain Exchange, which [illegible] mediately adjacent, would catch fire. However, at 12:30 [illegible] had the flames under control.

Earlier in the evening [illegible] age to the Overland [illegible] on Main street, to [illegible]

UNITED STATES N[illegible] PREPARED FOR [illegible]

GENERAL L. WOOD GIVES HIS V[illegible]

Army Has Not Enough A[illegible] nition to Last Throug[illegible] Single Engagement

(Times Leased Wire.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—[illegible] the United States is not prepa[illegible] meet the hostile moves of a fr[illegible] nation is the testimony of [illegible] Wood, chief of staff, given bef[illegible] House committee on military [illegible] and made public to-day. The [illegible] nition at the disposal of the ar[illegible] testified, would not last throug[illegible] gle engagement, and other co[illegible] are equally bad. General Wo[illegible] plained his plans for re-organi[illegible] militia and urged that a more [illegible] force be ready at all times to t[illegible] field.

"There is no use talking ab[illegible] patriotism and fighting qualitie[illegible] eral Wood told the committee [illegible] have them, but we must remem[illegible] this capital was lost to a fo[illegible] than that of its defenders, and [illegible] was abandoned by our forces [illegible] than a hundred killed and [illegible] Our forces then were composed [illegible] living and fighting within a ge[illegible] of the revolutionary war. Th[illegible] brave, but they were unorgan[illegible] the Spanish war we lost a li[illegible] 200 volunteers killed in battle, [illegible] buried four thousand men who [illegible] disease."

The field artillery at preser[illegible] able is totally inadequate, the [illegible] tee was told, and its supplies li[illegible] that the force as now organize[illegible] be practically useless.

"[illegible] were called to arms [illegible] row," General Wood [illegible] would be practically without [illegible] tillery and artillery ammunitio[illegible]

"As far as the seacoast goe[illegible] that we are well fortified. I do [illegible] lieve that foreign fleets would [illegible] to sail into any port in the fac[illegible] seacoast fortifications, unless [illegible] ject was one of tremendous [illegible] ance. But seacoast fortificatio[illegible] less we have a reasonably mo[illegible] to supplement them, are lar[illegible] less. We must have a mobil[illegible] nearby to protect the positio[illegible] coast defences from being tu[illegible] land forces endeavoring to se[illegible] from the rear."

General Wood urged the ad[illegible] the bill prepared by Congressm[illegible] son providing for a "counc[illegible] fence."

"At present, in the matter o[illegible] ing defence we are absolutely [illegible] air," said the general. "I belie[illegible] had a council to consider such [illegible] and with certain powers to [illegible] could strip off unnecessary thi[illegible] come right down to a matter [illegible] guns, powder and shot."

EIGHT KILLED IN RAILWAY WR[illegible]

Several Passengers Als[illegible] tain Injuries in Collis[illegible] in Missouri

(Times Leased Wire.)

Callipolis, Ohio, Dec. 27.—F[illegible] sons were killed in a collision [illegible] two freight trains on the Bal[illegible] Ohio road at Salt creek, near [illegible] day.

Three Killed.

Faber, Mo., Dec. 27.—Three [illegible] were killed and several passe[illegible] reported to have been injured [illegible] passenger train on the Chicag[illegible] collided with a freight near [illegible] day. First reports indicated [illegible] passenger train had crashed [illegible] rear of the freight.

INVESTIGATING LYNC[illegible]

Judge Will Instruct Jury to [illegible] Indictments Against Ever[illegible] Implicated

Hot Springs, Ark., Dec. 27.—[illegible] grand jury to investigate the [illegible] of Oscar Chitwood, who was t[illegible] jail here and shot by a mob, [illegible] called by Circuit Judge Eva[illegible] jury's work will supplem[illegible] investigation now being con[illegible] the coroner. Judge Evans w[illegible] the jury to make a searchi[illegible] and to return indictments ag[illegible] one involved in the affair.

Attorney John Graham, w[illegible] sented Chitwood, is said to h[illegible] ered evidence that three m[illegible] mob which took Chitwood [illegible] and murdered him, fired the [illegible] killed his client. This ev[illegible] been laid before the grand j[illegible] wood was held for the [illegible] Sheriff Houpt, whom he is s[illegible] shot to death. Feeling ag[illegible] wood was high and he secure[illegible] of venu and was about to be [illegible] the jail and sent to anoth[illegible] protection. The mob storm[illegible] and killed him in a little en[illegible] tween the jail and the cour[illegible]

DENIED RETRIA[illegible]

Louisville, Ky., Dec. [illegible] Wendling, convicted of the [illegible] Alma Kellner, eight years [illegible] basement of St. John's [illegible] school a year ago, has bee[illegible] retrial.