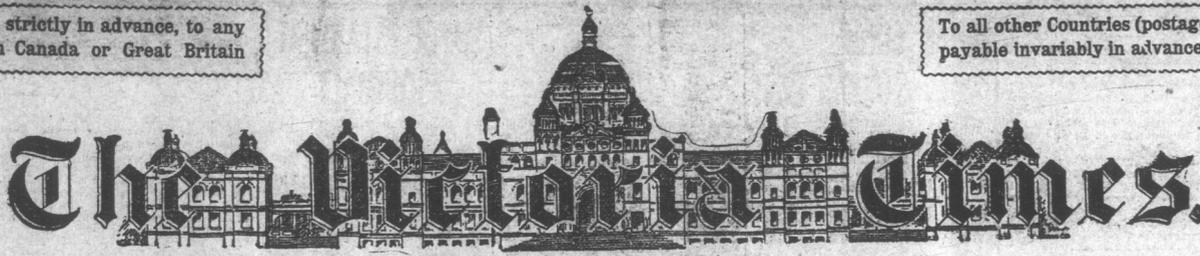


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ORGANIZED FOR THE ELECTION

CENTRAL COMMITTEE HAS BEEN NAMED

The Reasons Explained for the Preparation of the Progressive Ticket.

(From Thursday's Daily).

A meeting was held last evening in Pioneer hall in the interests of the Progressive ticket which has been named for the coming municipal election. At that meeting the candidates were nearly all present.

Short speeches were delivered by the candidates and by several of their supporters, including D. R. Ker, R. L. Drury and Col. E. G. Prior. The speeches dealt for the most part with the reasons which had led to the putting in the field of a progressive ticket. It was pointed out that while nature had done much for Victoria, it was a lamentable thing to see the streets in such a deplorable condition.

A representative meeting had been held at which the business life and labor interests of the city were fully represented. The situation had been discussed from all aspects. The refusal of the ratepayers to vote money while the present mayor occupied the position of chief magistrate made the situation a serious one in the city. The meeting had decided that something had to be done in the interests of Victoria.

The review of the situation has resulted in the endorsement of Dr. Lewis Hall as majority candidate. In Dr. Hall, it was felt, they had a representative who would be acceptable to the large property owners as well as the small holders. A ticket had been prepared for endorsement in the different wards which it was felt would recommend itself to all classes of the community. It was felt that if these men were elected the affairs of the city would be conducted in a business-like manner. Such confidence had been expressed in these candidates that it was felt to be altogether unnecessary to ask pledges from them as to their actions. Their standing in the community was considered a sufficient guarantee of their ability to acquit themselves with credit to the city if elected.

A central committee was appointed last night composed as follows: Ward 1, L. Tait; ward 2, G. Wilson; ward 3, W. R. Ker; ward 4, H. A. Munn; ward 5, J. Musgrave. With the candidates, are meeting to-day at 4 o'clock to perfect the work organizations and to meet a committee of all interested will be held in the committee rooms over Blackstock's real estate office, corner of Broad and Yates street, this evening.

TORONTO DETECTIVE DEAD.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 9.—After an illness of some years, Alexander Noble, principal of the Noble Detective and Detective Agency, died at the Western hospital last night from heart trouble. He was for many years connected with the Pinkerton Detective Agency, and at one time was general manager of the Great Northern railway at St. Paul, Minn.

NEW BELGIAN MINISTER.

Brussels, Jan. 9.—M. Schelleraet, president of the Chamber of Deputies, has been appointed minister of the interior to succeed M. De Troos, who died on December 31st. It is possible that M. Schelleraet will be appointed premier, which office M. De Troos also held.

FALLING OFF IN RETURNS.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 9.—The census reports 8,855,452 bales cotton ginned up to January 1st, against 11,741,039 last year. The total active ginneries are 27,276.

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There has been considerable unrest recently in this province but the disorders have been directed principally against the dynasty. The Presbyterian church south in the United States has maintained a missionary establishment at Kia-Hsing-Fu since 1835. In 1896, there were three missionaries and their wives, one woman missionary, and several native workers at the station.

PARIS DISCOUNT RATE.

Paris, Jan. 9.—The Bank of France has reduced its rate of discount from 4 to 3 1/2 per cent.

TO CONSERVE RIVER.

Dominion Government Will Favorably Consider Plea For Ottawa Headwaters.

Ottawa, Jan. 9.—The Dominion government has been formally asked to undertake the work of conserving the headwaters of the Ottawa river in order to provide an ample and steady flow of water at all seasons of the year for the purpose of lumbering, power production and navigation. A favorable consideration is promised.

ANOTHER CLOSE DOWN.

Strike Caused Cessation of Work in Toronto Shipbuilding Plant.

Toronto, Jan. 9.—At a meeting of the Mechanics Union last night it was reported that the works of Collingwoods, a shipbuilding company, had been closed down for the winter. The company is said to have notified its men that the wages would be cut five per cent, whereupon about 140 painters, riveters, toolmakers and carpenters went on strike, and the company then decided to close down. About 250 men are idle as a result.

WOMEN'S NAMES ARE STRUCK OFF

REDUCTION MADE IN THE LIST OF VOTERS

Magistrate Jay Makes Order Removing Over Four Hundred and Fifty.

(From Thursday's Daily).

Only two ladies, Mrs. Cochenour and Mrs. Mary Noble appeared in court this morning to object to their names being taken from the voters' list. It was shown that the former had paid the necessary amount of rates, and her name was accordingly allowed to remain, but Mrs. Noble had been in the habit of taking the money down to pay the water rate for her husband, and on one occasion the clerk had made out the receipt for one dollar in her name. This was the reason for her appearance in court. She acknowledged that she was paying the rate for her husband, and the magistrate could see no reason why her name should not be removed along with the rest.

At one fell swoop no fewer than 458 names were taken from the list as not being qualified to vote at the forthcoming elections, these being the names of those ladies who have paid no taxes into the city treasury during the year past, and Magistrate Jay decided were not eligible to vote.

The above does not mean that all the ladies of the city had their names removed from the list. At least one-fourth of all the voters of the city are still ladies who own property, are householders, license-holders or for some other reason have paid taxes.

FRENCH CONSUL AT MONTREAL.

Paris, Jan. 9.—M. Loyneux has been appointed consul general of France at Montreal, in succession to M. Dallemagne, who has been promoted to the post of consul general at Tunis. M. Bouvry, formerly French vice consul at Philadelphia, has been promoted to a consul of the first class, and assigned to Berlin.

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WAR TALK IN FRENCH CAPITAL

PROFESSOR WARNS U. S. AGAINST JAPANESE

Hawaiian Islands Are Spoken of as Territorial Key to Situation.

Paris, Jan. 9.—The Matin to-day referring to the American-Japanese situation, declares that President Roosevelt spoke to a diplomat in Washington a few days ago in the following words: "All will be arranged in the most satisfactory manner. The last memorandum received from Japan was expressed in the most conciliatory terms, and there is not the slightest apprehension of a conflict."

The sensational section of the French press continues to dwell upon the probabilities of a clash between Japan and the United States. La Presse yesterday published a long interview with Jacques Flach, the historian and professor in the College of France, who declares he believes that a conflict is certain for the reason that Japan seeks war. He advises the American fleet to be on the watch for a sudden Japanese descent, and asks "who knows if the attack made by the Japanese on the Russian ships at Chemulpo will not be repeated upon the American ships to-morrow?"

Continuing, Flach advises Great Britain and France to intervene to put an end to the trouble before it is too late. The Journal des Debates, a more conservative paper, prefers a long editorial article with the remark that a conflict is improbable, but it then proceeds to outline the circumstances which appear to favor a rupture. In the event of a clash, this paper believes that Japan will be able to seize Hawaii as the territorial key to the situation.

LECTURE ON AUSTRALIA.

William Redmond Described Country as More Advanced Than America.

Rome, Jan. 9.—Wm. K. Redmond, from the British House of Commons, member for East Clare, and a brother of John Redmond, delivered a lecture in this city to-day on the progress of Australia.

He described this country as being more wonderful than America, and said the fact that political liberties were greater and the rights of the people more advanced in Australia than in the United States was due to the circumstance that the Irishmen formed the nucleus of the Australian population.

ENGINEER'S STRIKE.

Five Hundred Men Thrown Out of Work on Michigan Central Railway.

Windsor, Jan. 9.—Because 18 or 20 Detroit engineers struck work, 500 men employed on the Michigan Central railway tunnel under Detroit will be thrown out of employment for the remainder of the winter.

The men declare wages were cut from 40 to 30 cents an hour, and they say they will not work until the old schedule of wages is resumed.

UNITS THAT WOULD FORM SQUADRON

Thirteen Cruisers May Have Base at Esquimalt—7,400 Officers and Men.

London, Dec. 28.—Something like a sensation has just been created in naval circles by the announcement in a usually well-informed paper to the effect that in May next a new naval force, to be called the North America and Pacific Squadron, will be brought into existence, and that Esquimalt, British Columbia, will be revived as one of its bases in the Pacific.

The account further stated that the new squadron will be composed of the present Fourth Cruiser Squadron—the cruisers Euryalus (flagship of Rear-Admiral F. S. Ingfield), Cresna, Hogue—and presumably the four attached cruisers Indefatigable, Syllip, Sappho and Brilliant—and six cruisers of the County class. This would give a force of 13 cruisers manned by 7,400 officers and men, and constituting a most formidable squadron.

TPAINS BLOKED BY SNOW.

Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 9.—For the past twelve hours Western New York has been in the grip of an extensive snowstorm. At Canadagua, eight inches of snow has fallen, and in the Inlet district all trains have been delayed by the heaviest storm this winter.

Country roads are reported to be almost impassable.

CAPITAL \$1,000,000.

Many Well Known Names Associated in London Times Deal.

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"OPEN DOOR" IN MOROCCO.

France Seeks Spain's Help to Carry Out "Energic" Policy.

Madrid, Jan. 9.—M. Pichon, the French foreign minister, who is now here, has been in conference with King Alfonso, Premier Maura and other members of the cabinet with the idea of securing the co-operation of Spain in the carrying out of the more energetic policy in Morocco upon which France has decided.

It is understood here that Germany is ready to give France and Spain a "free hand" in Morocco provided the "open door" there is not disturbed.

STANDARD OIL.

New York, Jan. 9.—Evidence taken in the previous case against the Standard Oil Company was read before Examiner Ferriss yesterday in the government's suit to dissolve that company. The reading is expected to occupy the attention of the examiner for several days, during which no witnesses will testify.

HORSES DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Reston, Man., Jan. 9.—About midnight fire broke out in the barn of J. F. Ireland, completely destroying the horses and their contents, including eight horses, implements and feed. The loss is estimated at \$2,500. The cause of the fire is unknown.

FORTY PERSONS WERE DROWNED

WESTERN EUROPE SWEEPED BY GALE

Passenger Boats Foundered Off Morocco Coast—Fishing Vessels Lost.

Paris, Jan. 9.—The storm on the English channel and along the west coast of Europe and on the North African coast, is still raging, and many fishing boats already have been lost.

A dispatch received here from Tangier says that two native passenger boats foundered off Elralsh, Morocco. Forty persons were drowned, including some Europeans.

THOUSANDS IN GRIP OF STRANGE MALADY

Suffering in Michigan Town May Have Been Caused by Flight of Bacilli.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 9.—A special to the Free Press from Lansing says: "Whether the flight of bacilli over the city or from deleterious matter in the city water, or from some other unknown cause, Lansing was seized by a strange malady some time during Tuesday night, thousands being suddenly stricken with extreme nausea, accompanied by acute intestinal trouble."

From midnight until morning, and all during the forenoon, calls for physicians were incessant. Whole families were stricken. Two boys were found lying in the street, too ill to make further progress. The disease, which most physicians attribute to atmospheric conditions, yielded readily to treatment.

Fifty city teachers and hundreds of pupils were absent from schools. All the stores were short of help. Secretary Sbrumway, of the state board of health, suspecting that something was wrong with the city water supply, took steps to have an analysis made, but it was not completed to-day. It was learned later last night that outside the waterworks zone the disease was quite as prevalent.

Among several old and feeble or very young persons, severe conditions have developed, but no fatalities have so far resulted in consequence of the strange epidemic.

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RANKS NEXT TO GREAT BRITAIN

HON. R. LEMIEUX ON JAPANESE NAVY

Army Is Probably Most Efficient in the World—Immigration Problem.

Winnipeg, Jan. 9.—Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, postmaster-general, who has been in Japan conducting negotiations in regard to the question of Japanese immigration to Canada, passed through the city yesterday on his way to Ottawa. His private car, the Ottawa, was attached to the Overseas Limited, which remained at the station only about ten minutes. While here, however, he was interviewed by Postmaster McIntyre and other Winnipeg citizens.

When seen by a reporter Mr. Lemieux was questioned in regard to the mission which had taken him to the Orient. "The Associated Press of America has stated," said Mr. Lemieux, "that my mission to the Orient was a failure. The reason they gave for the failure was that I had not convinced the American minister at Tokio. I had nothing whatever to do with the American minister. My business was a serious one with the Japanese government, and I was not responsible in any degree to the representative of a foreign power. I wish to be judged by my own parliament, by the people and the press of my own country, and not by the Associated Press of America."

"How about the talk of war between the United States and Japan?" he was asked. "In Japan it is not taken seriously, especially since the last message of President Roosevelt. Economically they are in a very poor condition, and the late war has drained their resources, and they are all for peace. You hear no talk of war, and no one ever thinks of it."

"The great question at the present time is that of emigration. It is a most important one, and that is why the Canadian government will have to be very careful. Fortunately, Count Hayashi is the brains of the Japanese government to-day. He is the man who made the treaty with Great Britain before the late war, and that is a sample of his ability. He is an entrusted safe man, and is to be entrusted to settle this question of emigration satisfactorily. This question, however, is interesting the people of Japan very greatly to-day. There are about fifty daily papers in Tokio, and the people are kept thoroughly informed in regard to it."

"The Japanese are most progressive in every way. I do not judge merely by their army, which is probably the most efficient in the world to-day, nor by their navy, which is second only to that of Great Britain, but I judge by their universities, their schools and their public institutions and government."

"As regards the actual result of my mission, I cannot speak at the present time."

HASTENING TO REPORT ON MISSION

Hon. R. Lemieux to Make Ottawa From Tokio in Fourteen Days.

Ottawa, Jan. 9.—Fourteen days and a few hours between Tokio and Ottawa is a record which has never yet been equalled. When the Hon. R. Lemieux, Canada's envoy to Japan, will reach Ottawa about midnight by the Overseas Limited that will be a record day accredited to him.

Mr. Lemieux left Tokio the day after Christmas. He will be here in good time to take his seat in the House of Commons to-morrow, and if need be, to make a full statement of what he has accomplished. However, it will be necessary for him to report first to his colleagues, and afterwards to the House.

DEATH OF INSURANCE EXPERT.

Wellesley, Mass., Jan. 9.—Frederick L. Cutting, for ten years insurance commissioner of Massachusetts, and one of the leading insurance experts in the country, died of paralysis at his home in Wellesley Hills last night, aged 66.

SALVADOR OBTAINS LOAN.

San Salvador, Republic of Salvador, Jan. 9.—It is announced that the government has obtained a loan in England of \$5,000,000. President Figueroa has given the newspapers full liberty to discuss the accounts of public officials.

JAMES T. SHEARER DEAD.

Montreal, Jan. 9.—James T. Shearer, president of the firm of Shearer, Brown & Willis, lumber merchants and manufacturers, is dead of heart failure after a brief illness. He was born in 1853.

ORPHAN ASYLUM ABLAZE.

Prompt Action on Part of Montreal Sisters Saved 140 Lives.

Montreal, Jan. 9.—Fire this morning did damage to the extent of \$500 to an orphan asylum at the corner of St. Dennis and De Montigny streets. The prompt action of the sisters in charge saved the lives of 140 little children who were inmates.

The fire caught in the upper story and as soon as the alarm was sounded the sisters marshaled the little ones, whose ages range from 3 to 7 years. All were gotten out in safety. Fireman Vian was suffocated by smoke and when found was unconscious.

ARMADA REPORTED.

U. S. Fleet Passed Pernambuco on Its Way to Rio de Janeiro.

Pernambuco, Brazil, Jan. 9.—The American battleship fleet, under command of Rear-Admiral Evans, was sighted passing this port at noon yesterday on its way to Rio de Janeiro.

AN IRRIGATION PROPOSITION

C. P. R. CARRYING IT OUT AT WINDERMERE

Forty Thousand Acres to Be Included in Scheme—Nursery Planted.

(From Thursday's Daily).

The C. P. R. has laid plans for an irrigation scheme near Windermere, in the valley of the Columbia river. Mr. Pollen, of the Kootenay Central railway company, is in the city at present. He says that about 40,000 acres are to be reclaimed and brought under cultivation. This will be devoted in no small measure to fruit culture.

In preparation for this industry a nursery has already been planted and thousands of young fruit trees are already set out so as to be ready for the orchards which will later be laid out by the purchasers of the land.

The work on the Kootenay Central, Mr. Pollen says, is being pushed forward by the C. P. R. Some surveys have to be made yet, but considerable work has already been done towards constructing the line from Golden. This road will invade the district which is to be irrigated, and will afford a splendid means of outlet for the produce of the valley.

DOMINION BANK STATEMENT.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 9.—The annual statement of the Dominion Bank for the year ending December 31st, 1907, shows a profit for the year after deducting charges of management, etc., and making provision for bad and doubtful debts, of \$33,235 added to which is \$323,456, premium received on new capital stock, and \$28,738 balance of profit and loss account for 1906.

INDIAN FEUD.

Man Charged With Murder Now on Trial in London, Ont.

London, Ont., Jan. 9.—Thomas Noah, the Musque Indian, is on trial before Chief Justice Meredith on a charge of murdering Absalom Fox, another Indian, at a dance on the reserve at the time of the Christmas celebration. Noah was driving a knife into his skull. An altercation arose over a jealous quarrel between the two men, in which Annie Fisher, an attractive Indian woman, was a prominent figure.

BOY MURDERER SENTENCED FOR LIFE

Judge Had Known Criminal Many Years—Last Act in Neche Tragedy.

Winnipeg, Jan. 9.—James L. O'Brien, a lad of only 16, was yesterday sentenced at Pembina, N. D., to life imprisonment for the murder of his chum, Arthur Leclair, a young railway brakeman, on the night of December 22nd. The murder was attributed to the laxity of the liquor law at Gretna, Manitoba, where the two boys had procured liquor on Sunday afternoon, previous to the night of the murder.

O'Brien secured a hatchet and struck Leclair several times on the back of the head, and afterwards dragged his lifeless body to the Red river and pushed it under the ice.

O'Brien's father is customs collector at Neche, N.D., on the boundary line between Canada and the United States. The judge who passed sentence and the prisoner's father had been personal friends for thirty years, and the judge had known the prisoner since he was a baby.

The scene in court was most affecting.

EDNA GOODRICH MAY TESTIFY

GIRL WHO INTRODUCED EVELYN TO WHITE

Selection of Jurymen for Thaw Panel Drags Wearily Along.

New York, Jan. 9.—With half of the jury that will try Harry K. Thaw, of a charge of wilfully murdering Stanford White, secured, the trial was resumed this morning with 100 extra talesmen summoned. This number and another 100 are ordered to report to-morrow morning.

An attempt will be made to secure the other six jurymen necessary for the trial. There are still plenty of peremptory challenges left both sides, and it is even possible that some of the men who have been sworn in as jurymen may be excused before the actual hearing of evidence begins.

The venire having been exhausted there was no night session last night. Examinations are being conducted rapidly. The defence so far used 11 of its 40 peremptory challenges, and the prosecution which has the same number, has used but eight; that many more will be used seems probable. When court opened this morning there were three men in the box in addition to the six sworn jurors, who had been passed for cause, but who are still subject to peremptory challenges.

Just before the beginning of the morning session Attorney Daniel O'Reilly announced that a subpoena for the defence had been served on Miss Edna Goodrich, the actress, who if playing here this week in support of a well known star in repertoire, Miss Goodrich failed to appear in response to a subpoena last year. Mrs. Evelyn Nashlet Thaw, on the stand at the first trial, declared that it was Miss Goodrich who first introduced her to Stanford White and took her to luncheon with him.

A messenger from O'Reilly's office at the audience of the theatre where the young actress is playing all yesterday evening and last night, and finally served the papers upon her. Mr. O'Reilly says, as she left the theatre at 11.30 p.m. It was intended to serve the papers after the matinee, but Miss Goodrich had dinner served in her dressing room.

A dramatic feature of this trial which did not appear in the previous one will be the testimony of Ida Vera Simonton, an actress, who has a knowledge of facts believed to be damaging to Thaw, and makes no secret of her enmity toward him. During the first trial Miss Simonton was in Africa. The defence stands ready to make an effort to impeach her testimony.

Mr. C. J. Holman, mother of Evelyn Thaw, will again be conspicuous, it is expected. She aided the prosecution in the first trial, but it is rumored she has undergone a change of heart.

With a new venire of 100 talesmen this morning and with six sworn and three provisional jurors in the box, the attorneys for the prosecution and defence set about filling the vacancies.

Young Mrs. Thaw had to make her way through a group of several hundred people which stood outside the criminal court building when the trial was made.

Several policemen had to be called to clear a passage through the throng. The sixth talesmen to-day passed a successful examination for a temporary juror, and was assigned to take his place on the provisional side of the trial panel. He was Frank Manning, an insurance man, who said he had been too busy during the first trial to thoroughly read the newspapers, and consequently had framed no opinion on the case.

BOUNDARY MINES MAY REOPEN

Rumor That Dominion Copper Company Will Ship Ore on Extensive Scale.

Phoenix, B. C., Jan. 9.—According to an announcement, the Dominion Copper Company is scheduled to hold its annual meeting in Phoenix on Monday, January 27th, when the annual report of the condition of the company and its mines and smelter in the Boundary is expected to be made.

This company ceased operations in October last on account of the high operating costs and low prices of copper. Now that the Granby Company has resumed operations again, and is running already in almost full swing, it is currently reported, but as yet without confirmation, that the company will shortly resume operations and ore shipments on an extensive scale.

It is considered not unlikely that this year the judge will doze at the annual meeting of three weeks hence, or some time in February, a baby.

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