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TWO AT VANCOUVER

d to Hand Over Point of Reolver.

ec. 18.—Two armed ld up William Lough m all the cash he had men made him march der penalty of death ugh is an athletic man parrels were pointed at he 'phoned to the poborhood was scoured

UR DAY BILL. Begin to Take Evi-

January 21st.

18.-The special coms the Verville bill for v to commence taking ary 21st. Deputy Min-Acland will likely be The fair wage officer artment will prepare to working hours minion. The co to invite labor drga. of trade, railway and s and all other interexpress opinions on the

FOUND DEAD.

Cal., Dec. 19 Mrs. found dead ven rday found dead year rday on which her body was

EN BY THUG.

ng house of Mrs. Helen h street late yesterday ng the landlady into in money and value onds, amounting to \$500.

#### CITY SCHOOLS CLOSED TO-DAY

**EXERCISES HELD AT** SEVERAL CENTRES

Trustees and Others Attended Claims That Property Was Serand Delivered Addresses to Pupils.

(From Friday's Daily.) All the public schools in this city closed to-day, and the pupils are now free from their studies until January 3rd. In every school the children wore the classrooms and dismissed. them "A Merry Christmas," which was gratefully returned by the former.

In several of the schools this morning closing exercises were held. Elaborate programmes were given, and the gating between \$10,000 and \$15,000. ttendance in most cases was large. The interiors of all the classrooms were tastefully decorated by the teachers

The closing exercises of this school were started at 9.30 o'clock in the assembly room so as to be over in time to allow the Kingston street school to hold its breaking up. At the time of commencing the room was filled with parents of the children. The prowith parents of the children. The programme brought forth ringing applause. The programme given was an excellent one, and showed signs of earnest preparation on the part of the teachers. Addresses were given by Rev. W. Leslie Clay, Rev. T. W. Gladstone, Rev. A. M. Miller, and Trustees Capt. McIntosh, A. B. McNeill and W. E. Staneland.

The following is the programme which was rendered by the school: Chorus, "The First Noel," school; recitation, "Two Boys," Ronald Cruick-shanks; piano solo, May Avery; solo, "My First Music Lesson," Gladys Gra-ham; recitation, "Dolly's Wash," Edna Warwick; piano solo, Inez Bucknam; chorus, "Christ Was Born of Maiden committee present a statement of Fair," school; recitation, "Kris Krin-endeavors to effect a settlement. gle's Surprise," Letty Mathews; plano duett, "Spanish Dances," Janet and THIRTY-FOUR HUNTERS Marjorie Spalding; class song, "Star of the East," Miss Baxter's girls; mandolin solo, "School Days," Julia Kent; recitation, "Wouldn't You," Allen Cum ine; instrumental, Effie Spalding; chorus, "God Rest You Merry Gentermen," school; piano solo, Curtis Dean; recitation, "The Xmas Tree," Ernest Greenwood; solo, "Always in the Way," Irene Wagner; piano duett, "Fra Dia-volo," Ina Gordon and Freda Watt;

solo, James Woolison. God Save the Kingston Street Following the South Park school ex-

this affair were: Mother Goose, Myra POLAR CONTROVERSY Renwick; Little Bird That Tells, Evelyn Lang; Jolly Beggers, a group of boys; Dr. Foster, Hector McDonald; oman in the Shoe, Myrtle Stevens Old King Cole, Eugene Worth; Bo Peep, Beatrice Fullerton; Old Woman Loose Denies Statement That Basket, Annie Jalland; Jack Sprat and his wife. Howard Watson and Susie Taylor; North Wind, Victoria Emery; Santa Claus, George Trahton; Nannie Etticoat, Myra Renwick. The song, "Canada," was sung by three e who were in attendance.

years has presided over the work of the school, gave her goodbye message to the parents and scholars. She has another quarter threatens the reputabeen an exceedingly efficient and tion of Dr. Cook, according to a memfaithful teacher, and her departure is ber of the committee investigating the Conservatives' military policy, the Libdent Zelaya has sent arms to GranGreat Northern Is Concerned.

put on quite a brave appearance. The work of the principal and her asso- exist. semblage of parents and friends. The a fortnight, following programme was rendered: Recitation, "Welcome," Thelma scientists whether the affidavits of Sir Edward Grey speaking at BerJeeves; chorus, by school; recitation, Loose and Dunkle, accusing Cook of wick, said the duty on Canadian wheat,

nings; chorus, by school: recitation, "A

Poor Rule," Lizzie Wright; recitation

"The Dearest Dolls," Hazel Smith; buying their aid in preparing for Arctic as proposed by the tariff reformers, was recitation, "The Christmas Song," Lil-data, will be considered. lian Northam; round, by school; recitation, "Guiding Santa," Earl Smith; TWO MINERS KILLED. recitation, "Help One Another," Annie Oppenheimer; chorus, by school; reciation, "Mother Nature's Bed Quilts," Nellie Lawson; recitation, "A Happy pupils of division I .: recitation. Johnny's Letter," Darwin Charlton; round, by school; recitation, "When but no fire of ranny was a Little Girl," Francis not damaged. o," Bessie Johns; chorus, by school dialogue, "Two Sides of the Question," by Willia Turnbull and Lotta Jen-

BANDITS LOOT BANK.

Three Robbers Hold Citizens at Bay While Others Carry Off Booty.

Goodbye to Summer," Florence Free- Geronimo, Okla., Dec. 17.—While man; song, by pupils of division I.; three bandits held a crowd of citizens canning factory has been sold to E.

### ENTERS SUIT AGAINST CITY

WM. OLIPHANT SEEKS TO RECOVER DAMAGES

iously Injured During Recent Floods.

(From Friday's Daily.) As an aftermath of the recent severe floods in Victoria, consequent on the unprecedented rainfall of a couple of bright faces, and also were speculating among themselves what they would like for Christmas. Enthusiasm ran high when they were marched out from the suits are threatened. These latother suits are threatened. These lat-The teachers were thoughtfully re- ter may be instituted should the city membered by the scholars, who wished lose the present case. This morning

Mr. Oliphant is the owner of five or more houses on what is known as Park boulevard, Beacon hill, and he alleges and pupils who spared no pains in trythan others. It would have given anyone a hard task to decide this question in most of the schools.

There were no promotion or roll of There were no promotion or roll of honor lists to-day, as it is seldom that any of this kind is prepared at this to the council at that time a promise to the council at that time a promis was made that the matter would be attended to. He alleges also that on another occasion—one year ago—a similar complaint was lodged on his part, and that again a promise was made which

was never fulfilled.

A few days after the recent severe rain storm had abated Mr. Oliphani wrote to the council setting forth that his property had suffered serious injury, and asking that the council meet him and assess damages, failing which he would be compelled to enter an action to recover the amount of the loss he had sustained. A special committee of the council, consisting of the mayor, Alds. Fullerton and Turner and City Engineer Topp was appointed to confer with Mr. Oliphant and endeavor to arrange a settlement. Apparently this onference has failed, hence the threat-

ened lawsuit. at this evening's meeting of the streets, ELECTION FIGHT sewers and bridges committee, and the

Recover.

Boston, Dec. 17 .- At the close of the big game season it was found that the

CONTINUES UNABATED

He Has Retracted Recent Affidavit.

Cook, the Bryooklyn explorer, who is troduce a bill insuring a living wage dency. Addresses were given by Rev. C. E. still mysteriously missing, was revived for every workman. The exercises were brought to a close by the singing of "God Save the King."

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much regretted by all.

The programme was exceptionally good this year. Some who had attended the closing for several years declared it the best year. The walls were clared it the best yet. The walls were ing of data and says Cook's figures rettily and tastefully decorated for will arouse more suspicion in the necessary to keep the workers under the occasion, making the old structure minds of the investigators if they are and protection is to rifle their pockets

ciates, Miss Anderson and Miss Lucas, The committee began work to-day signed to secure for the Tories, who are was warmly approved by the large as- and expects to reach a decision within running it, the ----pathy of the rising It is not known outside the circle of of militarism and bastard patriotism.

Trinidad, Colo., Dec. 17.-An explosion THREE MEN BLOWN TO PIECES. in mine No. 25 of the Cedar Hill Coal and Coke Company, twenty-five miles northeast of here, instantly killed two men. They were Robert Ramey and James Pedesco, and both left families. The exe occurred and the mine was



RIGHT IN HIS ELEMENT.

Joseph Martin: - "How sweetly familiar are these sounds! How I begin to live again."

# GROWS BITTER

LOSE THEIR LIVES CONSERVATIVE MILITARY POLICY ATTACKED

> Proposal to Put Tax on Canadian Wheat.

Toronto, Dec. 17.—A cable to the Star George in support of the charge that the Marquis of Bute was only rated for £924 at Cardiff castle, with its extenthis kind are made by the Liberal fighting zone. speakers everywhere and are mercilessy followed up by the press.

admitted the probability of a Liberal Politics are not as different here as a to-day that General Vasquez, leader Canadian could expect. For instance, of the Zelayan troops near Rama, will a tariff reformer announces a £100 increase in his workmen's wages if the

Hon. T. Brassey, speaking at Boxhill,

school had a special significance from the fact that they are the last to be celebrated in the old building. Miss Blackwell, who for the past eleven years has presided over the work of the man presided over the thing.

Scientist's Views.

Copenhagen, Dec. 17.—Danger from another quarter threatens the recursion of the recent disposed to the disposed to

"Conscription is to provide a force offices of the republic. generation and to innoculate a spirit

gaining and quarrels within the Em

plosion was the result of a "windy shot," plant of the Royal clay works here. 350 employees had entered the building Public sympathy has turned against to begin work. Six boilers were de- William Watson, who wrote the poem, stroyed and the roof blown from the

FACTORY SOLD.

## NO FIGHTING IN COAST CITY

AGREEMENT REACHED BY NICARAGUAN LEADERS

Sir E. Grey Denounces the Rumor That Zelayan General Railway in Province Will Not Will Surrender if President Resigns.

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It is also reported that the American | pleted for the remodelling of the Cairo sive grounds, while a tailor shop near government has been notified of the and Heliopolis by the builders in by was rated for £947. Comparisons of intention to keep the city outside the England and that the formation of a

Zelaya May Resign. New Orleans, Dec. 17 .- Following the resignation of President Zelaya of Nicaragua, it is reported in Managua

In the event of Estrada's accession

agua, where opposition has arisen to fore leaving for the East yesterday,

ASQUITH ABANDONS

Daughter, Who is in Critical Condition.

London, Dec. 17.-Premier Asquith has abandoned his election campaign Archibald Gordon, died yesterday, is \$20,000,000 in Posen, Prussia. The explosion occurred shortly after prostrate and in a serious condition. papers.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS

## C. N. STEAMERS FOR THE PACIFIC

D. D. MANN SAYS LINE WILL BE ESTABLISHED

Be Completed for Four or Five Years.

Following the South Park school exercises the Kingston Street school pupils were ushered in and filled the lease had been 34 lives in pupils were ushered in and filled the lease had been 34 lives in favored with much politics, a tremendfor four or five years," said D. D.

Toronto, Dec. 17.—A capie to the Star says: While London has not yet been for four or five years," said D. D.

British Columbia will not be completed tive Hitchcock, of Nebraska, makes it for four or five years," said D. D.

Ganization cannot stave off investigaplaces vacated by the former, who had just finished their programme. A canjust finished their programme. A cantata entitled "Mother Goose's Visit to not expected to recover; two will lose santa Claus." was given by the scholSanta Claus." was given by the scholThe Christmas.

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steamship department was well under

MISS GUTHRIE DISCHARGED.

Charge of Perjury Is Dismissed on Technicality.

Barrie, Ont., Dec. 17 .- The charge of boys, M. Rondeau, Victor Emery and New York, Dec. 17.—The North Pole Roy Emery, and was well received by controversy, involving the data of Dr.

The North Pole in connection with evidence given at the inquiry those who were in attendance. Cooper and Trustees Capt. McIntosh, A. B. McNeill and W. E. Staneland.

A. Toronto Globe cable says: John to the presidency, it is being whispered to the presidency, it is being whispered to the presidency of the Arctic Club, came out with a Bull is like a very deaf gentleman with pered to-day that Nicaragua will be
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Seattle Wash., Dec. 17 .- J. J. Hill bethe candidates Zelaya proposes for high said that the switchmen's strike was over as far as the Great Northern was

> Making Investigation St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 7.-Governor

ELECTION CAMPAIGN Eberhardt, who is making a private investigation of the switchmen's strike, as to whether business is sufficiently days."

HEIR TO MILLIONS.

Bryner, a switch cleaner on an elec-

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.-E. N. Lewis Con-"The Woman With the Serpent's servative member for West Huron, Tongue," and denunciations of the gives notice of a resolution that the poet are appearing in the morning time has come to place agricultural the writer feared the lapsing of her implements on the free list.

BLAZE AT GUELPH.

#### PREMIER'S HOME RULE STATEMENT

VIEWS OF NATIONALISTS AND CONSERVATIVES

Unionists Make Plank of Regency Established Pending "British Market for British Workmen."

(Special to the Times.)

the Star from London says: Rule is taken by the Conservatives as a straight declaration in favor of grantit. The collapse occurred suddenly ing Ireland local autonomy. The Irish and at a moment when the doctors party so regards it and considers that seemingly had the greatest hope for Home Rule has been formally en- his recovery. Throughout yesterday

dorsed by Liberals.

The men one meets in the leading hotels are mostly tariff reformers denouncing the "detestable budget." They industrial growth in recent years. They are arguing that Britain is engaged in King lay, there was a feeling a war that needs not only ports but anxiety chiefly because of Leopold's custom houses in order to make it great age. strong for defence and attack. The After a w ple of England.

Whether this will procure them a peacefully away. hearing later on time will tell. The contest will not begin in earnest until January, but already there is evidently a struggle between the classes.

In Canada the outcome would be a and left the chamber weeping. or who distrusts Lloyd George because, not come from one of the great fam-

HOLD-UP MAN SHOT.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 17.-A young nan named William Mitchell is dying t the Good Samaritan hospital with a bullet wound in the neck inflicted early this morning by V. Vonone, a saloonkeeper, whom it is alleged Mitchell held up at the point of a gun.

U. S. SECRETARY OF INTERIOR ATTACKED

Affairs at Land Office Will Probably Be Investigated by Committee.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17 .- The sensational attack upon Secretary of the Interior Ballinger, made upon the floor Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 17.—It is Toronto, Dec. 17.—"Our railroad in of the house yesterday by Representa-

> He added that plans had been com- BATH TUB MURDER MYSTERY DEEPENS

> > Mother of Victim Declares Her Daughter Ended Own

New York, Dec. 17.-Mrs. Caroline Martin, mother of Mrs. Snead, who was found dead in bathtub in a deserted house at East Orange, declared yesinto the case of the double fire which de- terday that her daughter killed her- says that the Pope has notified the stroyed her parents' home and also the self, but declined to give motive. The papal representative at Brussels that music hall block on November 17th, was mother said she did not know where King Leopold was regularly married

> In the bath room of Mrs. Martin's ess. written in a girlish hand identical with the handwriting of the note found in the East Orange bath room pinned to a little heap of clothes near the body of Ocey Snead. The notes vary slightly in phraseology but are substantially daughter of Archduke Jose

> as follows: Others near and dear, kindred, too, have gone to heaven. I long to go there He took a prominent part in the dehave gone to heaven. I long to go there too. I have been very weak and ill for a long time. Death will be a blessed relief to my sufferings. When you read this I will have committed suicide. My sorrow and pain in this world are creater than I can endure.

interfered with to warrant intervention on which hangs the whole case of New river under the auspices of the assostatements to make public in a few Experts have doubted the genuineness and completed it in 1884, by establish-

Michigan City, Ind., Dec. 17.—M. D. Martin's room yesterday. These in-Bryner, a switch cleaner on an elec-cluded more than 100 "suicide letters," In recent years Leopold w Clarence Burns, a well known club number of European nations. woman. The letters all sounded a pathetic note of despair. One of them addressed "To My Counsel and Atendowment insurance policies if she lived through her inability to keep up

## KING LEOPOLD PASSES AWAY

DEATH COMES SUDDENLY TO AGED MONARCH

Accession to Throne of Prince Albert.

Brussels, Dec. 17.-King Leopold, of Toronto, Dec. 17.-A cablegram to Belgium, died at 2:35 o'clock this Premier Asquith's reference to Home morning, his aged and wasted body be-

nouncing the "detestable budget." They are quoting figures showing Germany's the King was on the road to recovery but within the pavilion, where the

After a wakeful day, the patient was people in the hotels are not the peo-Reports from the country show that quietly until 2 o'clock, when alarming the opposition speakers are finding it difficult to get a hearing. Unionist King turned and called to Dr. Thirian journals are avoiding two paramount "I am suffocating." Dr. Depage was and allied questions, the Lords and the summoned and the two physicians did Budget, and are talking protection of industries and a "British market for British workmen." everything possible to prolong life without avail. The end came quickly, and after a spell of weakness he passed

Prince Albert arrived at the deathentine. Albert kissed the dead King

foregone conclusion, but it is not so in Baron Coffinet, the King's secretary, a country where you buy a cigar from started immediately for Brussels to a man who denounces Winston Churchill because he is deserting his caste, or who distrusts Lloyd George because, as Chancellor of Exchequer, he does yesterday we were still full of confidence, and now the King is dead." It appears that the doctors were to-

tally unprepared for such a termination. It was a nun, acting as nurse, who first noticed the heavy breathing of the King. She called Dr. Thiriar to the bedside. Both doctors resorted to injections of morphine, but this had no

Regency Established. Brussels, Dec. 17.-The National Monitor announced to-day that pending the ascension to the throne of Prince Albert to succeed the late King Leopold, Belgian affairs will be administered by a-regency consisting of the council

Reported Marriage in 1908. London, Dec. 17 .- A dispatch from Central News, Rome correspondent,



THE LATE KING LEOPOLD.

Italy, in 1908. This information, it is Mrs. Martin was arrested here on said, was given to the papal represenital rights may be afforded the baron-

tria, on August 22nd, 1853. He made a "Last year my little daughter died, lengthy tour through Europe, Egypt

greater than I can endure.

(Signed) "OCEY W. M. SNEAD."

on December 10th, 1865. He took great interest in the Brussels-African Int (Signed) "OCEY W. M. SNEAD."
This wording is substantially the same as that of the East Orange note on which hangs the whole case of New velop the great basin of the Congo interfered with to warrant intervention said yesterday, "Both sides are making claims and I believe the truth lies somewhere between them. I may have doubted the genuineness."

The said yesterday, "Both sides are making jersey against Virginia Wardlaw, Mrs. Claims and I believe the truth lies somewhere between them. I may have seen Ocey Snead alive private purse toward the enterprise. Stanley began his work in 1879 of this note. If proved a forgery the theory of suicide held by the defence Stanley Pools, and founding the congo Free State, of which Leopold became Additional letters were found in Mrs. undisputed sovereign in 1885. The king's

New Philadelphia, Ohio, Dec. 17.—
Three men were blown to pieces today when the boiler exploded at the

day when the boiler exploded at the to prominent New Yorkers, among of affairs in that territory, and dewhom were Mrs. Russell Sage and Mrs. mands for reforms were made by a

DECLINES TO ACT.

torneys" was worded to indicate that Conan Doyle Will Not Officiate as Referee at Johnson-Jeffries Fight.

London, Dec. 17 .- Conan Doyle has the payments. The lawyers were in- received a cable from the committee of recitation, "Two Little Boys," John at bay, two others looted the Citizens bank of \$1,650 early to-day, and eshed to a syndicate of wholesalers by Rev. F. T. Tapscott; "God at Early to-day, and eshed to citizens behalf of a syndicate of wholesalers and pay it over to my grand-building on Market Square, owned by N. Caped. They are being pursued by a from the Northwest. The price paid at Tehauntepec yesterday.

Guelph, Ont. Dec. 17.—A four story building on Market Square, owned by N. Caped. They are being pursued by a from the Northwest. The price paid at Tehauntepec yesterday.

Guelph, Ont. Dec. 17.—An earth-building on Market Square, owned by N. Caped. They are being pursued by a from the Northwest. The price paid at Tehauntepec yesterday. structed to "promptly collect my insur- the Johnson-Jeffries fight asking him