

PLEA FOR AN ALL RED CABLE

HON. R. LEMIEUX SPEAKS AT LONDON MANSION HOUSE

Prominent Men Pass Resolutions to Urge Scheme on Government.

London, Dec. 11.—An influential meeting was held at the Mansion House to-day in support of the movement in favor of state-owned cables and cheaper rates. Lord Mayor Truscott presided. Among those present were the Duke of Argyll, Lords Strathcona, Milner and Jersey, Sir Edward Sassoon, Hon. W. S. Fielding, R. Lemieux, Sir Fred. Borden, Hon. S. Fisher and the agents-general of most of the colonies.

There was some objection to state-owned cables expressed in word. "So-called," but Sir Edward Sassoon emphasized difference between Socialization and Imperialization.

Mr. Lemieux, who was warmly received, claimed that the cause of cheaper communications between the Mother Country and colonies had never received such influential support as now. He surveyed Canada's record in this regard and incidentally paid a tribute to Sir Sanford Fleming.

Then he asked: "Should we lay out our money to buy cables, or should we try to get our money's worth by making our own cables?"

Mr. Lemieux said there was very little information concerning the Dominion beyond the fact that the opinion and aspirations of our fellow subjects in both hemispheres should cease to be what it practically is to-day—a closed book.

Continuing, Mr. Lemieux said he was more particularly concerned with the state-owned cable service across the Atlantic, as it would be a logical sequence to establish a Pacific cable. This one step would be of incalculable importance. It was a feasible scheme and one that could be worked on a paying basis. Figures showed the Pacific cable was not worked at an annual yearly loss. There had been an excess of earnings over expenditure ranging from \$125,000 to \$275,000 a year which was regularly employed in paying off the original capital expenditure.

The twentieth century was Canada's, and "was it not well to give our fellow subjects a graphic communication to both countries?"

He welcomed the help given by the United States, but said that it was to be achieved at no distant future he claimed that Great Britain and her premier colony should accomplish it. State-owned cables across the Atlantic were immediately lower the charges by fifty per cent. This would immediately bring down the charges for messages between England, Australia and New Zealand to half or less than half the present exorbitant rates. It would be the harbinger of the pan-British cable and telegraph system encircling the globe.

Resolutions in support of the movement and calling on the government to convene a conference were carried.

Premier Lemieux also requested to receive a deputation of the various national organizations show fully 85,000 persons will be brought to Seattle next year by these conventions alone.

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Although based on the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition new round trip rates announced by the Transcontinental Passenger Association will broaden the field from which convention delegates and visitors next year will be drawn.

The passenger association announces that a round trip of \$62 could be made from Chicago to Seattle from Peoria, and \$58.35 from St. Louis, a \$60 rate from St. Paul and common points had been announced previously.

The low round trip rates will be applicable after the 23rd and tickets will remain on sale until September 30th.

Black Watch

The Chewing Tobacco of Quality.

20th. The final return limit will be October 31st.

Following is a list of the conventions to be held here next year which have already been procured:

Alumni Association of the University of Washington, June, 1909.
American Association of Park Superintendents, August 1-15, 1909.
American Association of Title men, August, 1909.
American Institute of Banking, summer, 1909.

American Institute of Electrical Engineers (Seattle section), June, 1909.
Ancient Order of United Workmen, Grand Lodge of Washington, July 21-23, 1909.
California Promotion Committee, June 15, 1909.

Catholic Order of Foresters of State of Washington, June, 1909.
Christian Missionary Convention of Western Washington, June, 1909.
Degree of Honor (Auxiliary to A. O. U. W.), July 21-23, 1909.

Delta Sigma, Delta, summer, 1909.
Dramatic Order of Knights of Knorrassan, August, 1909.
Constitutional Convention of Washington, July 4, 1909.
Epworth League Convention, National, July, 1909.

Fraternity Brotherhood, Uniform Rank, July 22-24, 1909.
Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Washington, June 23-24, 1909.
Grand Commandry Knights Templar of Washington, June 18, 1909.
Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Washington, June 15-17, 1909.

Idaho State Medical Association, summer, 1909.
Independent Order of Buffaloes, summer, 1909.
Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Sovereign, Grand Lodge, National, summer, 1909.

Knights of Pythias (Grand Lodge of Washington), August, 1909.
National American Woman Suffrage Association, summer, 1909.
National Editorial Association, summer, 1909.

National Lumber Manufacturers' Association, June, 1909.
North Pacific International Lawn Tennis Association, August, 1909.
Northwest Music Teachers' Association, summer, 1909.

Northwestern Branch of American Mining Congress, summer, 1909.
Northwest Electric Light and Power Association, September 8, 1909.
Norwegian-Saengerfest, summer, 1909.

Order of Eastern Star (Grand Chapter of Washington), June 17, 1909.
Oregon State Medical Society, summer, 1909.
Pacific Coast Advertising Men's Association, June 15-17, 1909.

Pacific Coast Association of Fire Chiefs, about October, 1909.
Pacific Coast Association of Nurserymen, July 14, 1909.
Pacific Northwest Society of Engineers, July, 1909.

Photographers' Association of the Pacific Northwest, (not decided).
Fifth International Association of Washington, June 8, 1909.
Seattle Hebrew Benevolent Association, October 2, 1909.

Seattle Volunteer Firemen's Association, June 8, 1909.
Swedish-Finnish Temperance Association of America, July, 1909.
United Commercial Travelers (Jurisdiction of Oregon, Washington and British Columbia), June 12-13, 1909.

United-Swedish Singers of the Pacific Coast, July 25-31, 1909.
Washington Association for the Prevention and Relief of Tuberculosis, (not decided).
Washington Bankers' Association, June, 1909.

United Amateur Press Association, July, 1909.
Washington Children's Home Society, June, 1909.
Washington Forestry Association, July, 1909.

Washington Society Sons of the Revolution, February 22, 1909.
Washington State Association of Postmasters, (not decided).
Washington State Dental Society, June, July, 1909.

Washington State Elks Reunion Association, July, 1909.
Washington State Federation of Women's Clubs, (not decided).
Washington State Game and Fish Protective Association, October 1-5, 1909.

Washington State Library Association, (not decided).
Washington State Medical Association, July 25, 1909.
Washington State Nurses' Association, June, 1909.

Washington State Press Association, (not decided).
Young Women's Christian Association, January, 1909.

ON VISIT TO CITY.

Joseph Sullivan Returns After Eleven Years' Absence.

Joseph Sullivan, formerly for several years foreman at Welles Brothers and afterwards salesman for the same firm, returned to the city Thursday after an absence of eleven years spent in the north. Mr. Sullivan is now foreman of the shops of the White Pass & Yukon railway at Skagway, and will return after spending a month in Victoria. He is staying at the Mason hotel. Eleven years have made an immense difference to the city of Victoria. The improvements to the thoroughfares and the additional buildings which have been erected in that time have made the city like a different place from what he left eleven years ago.

The next season in Skagway, Mr. Sullivan says, will be better than the last. The White Pass & Yukon railway shops employed about one hundred and fifty men during the season.

Through the sale of work held recently by the junior members of the Woman's Auxiliary, and the entertainments given by the boys in Christ Church cathedral the handsome sum of \$184 was realized. One hundred dollars will be used to pay for a horse for Harold Edwards, in his arduous work as a catcher in the neighborhood of Islay, Alberta, while a handsome Morris chair, costing some \$25, will be presented to Mr. Edwards as a Christmas present from the boys.

The "Imaktur," a Finnish stone, is used as a barometer. It becomes white before the approach of wet weather, and dark when storms are at hand.

PARIS NEWSPAPERMAN ON PANAMA SCANDAL

Says United States Bought Property From Her Own Citizens.

Paris, Dec. 14.—Prominent men in Paris who figured in the Panama canal deal smiled when they were shown President Roosevelt's strong and unequivocal statements denying the report that certain Americans got a "rakeoff" from the sale of the Panama canal.

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CARRIE NATION EJECTED FROM SCOTCH PUBS

Accosts Clergyman Whom She Meets Smoking a Cigarette.

London, Dec. 14.—"All nations are welcome here except Carrie," is the legend which the public houses of Dundee, Scotland, are now decorated. By way of enforcing the announcement two of the public house keepers threw the reformer from their premises without ceremony or tenderness.

Carrie was not dismayed by this treatment but made tracks for the next bar. En route she met a clergyman smoking a cigarette. Take that, vile thing from your mouth," she exclaimed, but the offender bestowed a smile on her and walked on. Carrie has been shocked to find tea drinking so common in Scotland, where, indeed, an amazing quantity of beverages is consumed at all hours. She classes tea drinking with the morphine habit and has added it to her crusading repertoire.

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CRICKET CLUB GIVES ENJOYABLE DANCE

Pleasant Time Spent at A. O. U. W. Hall Last Night.

(From Saturday's Daily.)
The dance given by the Victoria Cricket Club in the A. O. U. W. hall last evening was a largely enjoyed and very delightful function. Miss Thain's orchestra was in attendance and furnished a first-class programme of sixteen numbers, all of which were most enthusiastically received. The floor was in excellent order as a result of the efforts of the committee in charge.

The hostesses were Mrs. George Gillespie, Mrs. A. E. Irving, Mrs. J. H. Gillespie and Mrs. T. B. Tye, all of whom were charmingly groomed, and most attentive in looking after the comfort of the guests. Mrs. A. E. Irving wore a most becoming blue gown; Mrs. J. H. Gillespie, a very dainty pink; Mrs. T. B. Tye looked very smart in a beautiful pale blue Empire gown with touches of white; and Mrs. George Gillespie wore a very handsome in a grey gauze trimmed with silver, and pink roses.

The decorations of the hall were carried out most effectively in flags, kindly loaned by Captain Parry, of the Egeria, and put up by the sailors. The supper room, which was under the special charge of Mrs. J. K. Gillespie and Mrs. T. B. Tye, presented a very beautiful appearance. The great quantities of ivy, smilax, holly and crimson bells decorated the walls and ceilings, while on the table red and white drapings of crimson ribbon were used with splendid effect. The centre of attraction on the table, however, was the silver challenge cup presented by the Victoria cricketers last summer.

Some very pretty gowns were noticed. Mrs. George Gillespie wore a most becoming pale blue, with touches of black; Miss Paula Irving, white satin with gold bands; Miss E. Mason, white satin; Miss Pitts, white satin trimmed with pale blue; Mrs. Judge Lammpan, a handsome black; Miss Gillespie, a very dainty and becoming blue; Mrs. Irving, blue silk; Miss Genevieve Irving, blue silk; Mrs. Bromley, a lovely rose colored gauze; Miss McKay, a very pretty white brocade; Miss Pooler, white lace; Mrs. Capt. Parry, a pretty blue.

Among those present were noticed: The Rev. Mr. Gairdner, Mr. E. H. Mason, Mr. B. Powell, Mr. George Johnson, Mr. B. Bell, Mr. Templeton, Messrs Helmecken, Messrs. Drake, Judge Lammpan, C. E. Wilson, Mrs. Fagan, Mrs. Misses Keast, Ellis, Page, Savage, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. D. York, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Mackenzie, Mr. Holland, Mrs. Cullen, Hon. E. Dewdney, Mr. and Mrs. T. Dewdney, Miss Blackwood, Miss Group, Miss Mowbray, Mr. Holland, Mrs. Butchart, Messrs. Raymer, Barton, Bailey, Miss Cambie, the Misses Lugin, Mrs. Shaw, Messrs. Bland, Julian, Miss Peck, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Cambie and many others.

The Canadian Courier is conducting a voting competition to discover who is "Canada's Ten Greatest Men." There are no fees and no prizes. So far the leaders are: Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Lord Strathcona, Professor Goldwin Smith, Sir William Van Horne and Mr. William Mackenzie. Any person may vote and our readers are invited to complete their list of ten favorites and send it to the editor of the Canadian Courier, Toronto. The competition closes January 31st.

CORELLI MANIA.

Admirer of English Novelist Fires Off Revolver in Her Garden.

Stratford-on-Avon, Dec. 14.—An enthusiastic admirer of Marie Corelli's writings who came all the way from Birmingham to see the novelist, was arrested on Saturday as a dangerous crank. The stranger invaded Miss Corelli's garden, but being unable to obtain access to her home, he pulled out a revolver and began firing. The appearance of the police finally put an end to his activity. The man offers no explanation of his act, except that he had seen Marie Corelli. He has been remanded.



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Soul Particles Unite After Death to Form the "Soul Body."

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Declares There is Real Danger in Empire's Financial Position.

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MONUMENT TO OSCAR WILDE.

Anonymous Donor Gives \$20,000 to Erect One in Paris.

London, Dec. 14.—Twenty thousand pounds has been given for the erection of a monument to Oscar Wilde in Pere la Chaise cemetery, Paris, by a donor who desires to remain anonymous.

An announcement to this effect was made at the complimentary dinner at the Ritz hotel to Robert Ross in recognition of his publication of Wilde's works in the face of considerable difficulty owing to the author's estate being in bankruptcy.

The large company present included Sir Martin Conway, the Duchess of Sutherland, Lord Howard de Walden, who is generally supposed to be the anonymous donor of the monument; Edmund Gosse, William Archer and H. G. Wells.

Mr. Ross, in replying to the toast of the evening, said that he had been informed in 1901 by an official of the bankruptcy court that none of Wilde's works had any literary or commercial value, but by the sales of "De Profundis" at home and abroad he soon hoped to help pay off £5,000 of Wilde's debts.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at the next Session thereof, for an Act to incorporate a Company to be named "The Victoria and Barclay Sound Railway Company," with all powers, rights and privileges necessary and expedient for the construction, equipment and operation of a line of railway from Victoria, by way of Outer Point and San Juan's Island, to a point on Barclay Sound near Sarita River, such railway to be declared to be for the general advantage of Canada.

Victoria, B. C., 13th November, 1908.
W. H. LANGLEY,
Solicitor for the Applicants.

"LAND REGISTRY ACT."

In the Matter of an Application for a Duplicate Certificate of Title to Lot 1 and Eastern 1/2 Foot of Lots 2, 3 and 4 of Suburban Lot 1, Victoria, B. C.

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention, at the expiration of one month from the date of the first publication hereof, to issue a Duplicate Certificate of Title to said land, issued to Rose Campbell on the 31st day of March, 1909, and numbered 17400.

S. Y. WOOTTON,
Registrar-General.
Land Registry Office, Victoria, B. C., the 11th day of November, 1908.

TEACHER WANTED—For Pender Island public school, duties to commence Jan. 4th, 1909; salary \$50 per month. Apply to A. H. Menzies, Pender Island, B. C.

WANTED—A few good sheep for breeding purposes; also good butter cows; state price and particulars. D. S. Times Office.

U. S. ATTITUDE IN CARIBBEA

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SURPRISE AT OUTBREAK AGAINST CASTRO'S R

Will Not Interfere in Venezuela Unless Monroe Doctrine is Violated.

A rumor is current on the New York Stock exchange to-day that Venezuela has declared against Holland. Stocks are being up well, says the informant no confirmation of which can be obtained from Associated P

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—The ring events in Caracas are some of a surprise to officials in Washington where it had been generally expected that any manifestations of hostile Venezuela would have the support of the people and make rally vigorously to President C

It has been the common belief in Washington that the United States takes any forceful steps against Venezuela in the efforts to have its country arbitrated, C would have become a veritable hero to the people there. It is possible that participating in such an attitude administration has been indifferently pushing a demand for settlement.

Castro has left the country engaged in a plot against the people in 1908. In the minds of the off appears to be waning.

Some interest is manifested in state department in the unsettled ports that Castro might seek alliance with Germany. The lacks any substantial confirmation far as the state department is concerned. The department has felt the situation in Venezuela would really work itself out. For this there has been a persistent delusion to ignore President Castro's foreign governments, in their get satisfaction from him for a wrongs, so long as there is no interference with American interests no violation of the Monroe doctrine.

Berlin, Dec. 17.—The members of entourage of President Castro of Venezuela, who has been in Berlin for several days past, still maintain an attitude of skepticism regarding the prospects at Caracas against the president in the course of which an inflated made a bonfire on the Plaza Bolívar, a collection of Castro's belongings those of his closest friends.

In spite of the well known fact there is no telephonic communication between Caracas and the outer situation in Venezuela. The steamer from the capital to West had, and there placed on the wire declare that Castro is in receipt of communication from the government but that no reports have been in corresponding to the events depicted by the press dispatches.

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DEFALCATIONS LEAD BANK TO AS

Cashier Admits System Robberies—Liabilities Nearly a Million.

Somerworth, N. H., Dec. 17.—doctors of the First National Bank this city were closed yesterday owing the discovery of a shortage placed at \$85,000, and Fred M. V the cashier, was arrested on the of being a defaulter. The trouble discovered by National Bank Examiner N. S. Bean, of Manchester, according to W. W. Tobett, president of bank, Varney has now admitted he took large sums from the which had been accumulating for last several years. Varney was granted a late yesterday afternoon pleaded not guilty and furnished of \$10,000 for his appearance before United States circuit court at month in March. Examiner Bean grants the bank as solvent, but the directors declare their inability to make up the shortage, and have requested a liquidator. Late yesterday the bank was appointed temporary receiver by the controller of the rency.

Women Depositors Faint.

Napoleon, Ohio, Dec. 17.—Men and women fainted in the street they found a notice of assignment posted on the doors of the Ohio state bank yesterday. D. D. De was named as assignee. President of the bank is in a hospital in Minnesota. The failure is said to loans to Judge Michael De who is president of the Ohio Co Fire Insurance Company, which recently failed. The bank is capitalized at \$1,000,000 and has an undivided of \$21,000. The deposits amount to \$200,000.