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New Orleans, La., Oct. 28.—Deadly fumes from Mexico's great oil well fire, from Tampico, have killed more than a score of workmen during the past few days, completely black-ened the white paint on the sides of the ships, endangered commerce, and caused a thousands of dollars of damage to ranches and other neighboring interests according to Captain Michael Henriksen, of the steamer City of Mexico, which reached New Orleans on Monday night.

NOT WELL ACQUAINTED WITH ENGLISH AFFAIRS Lord Northcliffe Discusses Canada's Antipathy to His Countrymen.

Toronto, Oct. 28.—Speaking at the Canadian Club luncheon yesterday, Lord Northcliffe regretted that the noted had got abroad in England that an Englishman need apply for a position in Canada. For this Canadian, he said, were to blame. He had noticed in Canadian newspapers advertisements of positions with the words in them, "No English need apply."

"SOAP TRUST" DAMAGES Associated Newspapers, Ltd. Again Mulcted in Heavy Sum.

London, Oct. 28.—Edward Cook & Co., a firm of soap makers, yesterday obtained a libel judgment of \$115,000 against certain newspapers owned by Lord Northcliffe, which charged that the company was attempting to form a trust.

CLEVELAND STREET CARS Receiver Is Appointed to Wind Up Municipal Traction Company.

Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 28.—The Central Trust Company of New York, as trustee for the bondholders of the Cleveland Railway Company, to-day filed a suit in the federal court, praying that a receiver be appointed for the Municipal Traction Company, now operating the lines of the former corporation in this city. Judge Taylor, of the federal court, issued a temporary order trying up all the funds held by the municipal company except such as may be necessary for the payment of wages.

CRIMEAN VETERANS WILL BE BANQUETTED Campaigners' Association Will Honor Inkerman Day by Giving Dinner.

The campaigners' Association will celebrate the anniversary of the battle of Inkerman by a dinner to be given in the Dominion hotel. This will take place on Thursday evening, November 5th, at 8:30. The speakers on the occasion will be Capt. Clive Phillips-Wolley, Premier McBride and A. E. McPhillips, K. C., who is a retired captain in the militia.

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New York, Oct. 28.—Accusing a man whom she had frequently met socially of having bound and gagged, beaten and robbed her of \$800 in jewelry and \$50 in cash, Mrs. Anna B. Flood, widow of a former president of the St. Paul & Duluth railroad, yesterday caused the arrest of Elmer M. Swallow, a public weigher. She said the robbery occurred in her home in Brooklyn last Friday night, only a few hours after she had been playing cards with Swallow, but that she could not bring herself to believe before this that he could be guilty of such a crime as she alleges.

TSCHAIKOVSKY RELEASED. St. Petersburg, Oct. 28.—Nicholas Tschaikovsky, the Russian patriot, who has been imprisoned in the city for nearly a year, was released this afternoon at a quarter after four.

CABINET MEETING TO BE HELD TO-MORROW Government to Clear Up Affairs of Business—New Speaker of Senate.

Ottawa, Oct. 28.—Ex-Secretary of State Scott will probably be appointed by the government as speaker of the senate in the new parliament. A cabinet meeting is to be held to-morrow to clear up the affairs of government business. The ministers are returning to the capital this week.

MINE WORKERS IN U. S. A. Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 28.—A special convention of district number five, United Mine Workers of America, representing 30,000 miners, in the Pittsburg district, convened here yesterday.

HOLLAND'S ULTIMATUM TO PRESIDENT CASTRO May Adopt Drastic Measure of Blockading Venezuelan Ports.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 28.—Diplomatic officials, together with state department officials, are wondering just what is to be Holland's next step in her dealings with Venezuela. Now that President Castro has declined to revoke his decrees of May 14th, prohibiting the transshipment of goods for Venezuelan ports at Curacao, Holland's latest note demanding the revocation of that decree generally has been understood to be an ultimatum by Holland, and November 1st was set down as the limit of time in which she expects Venezuela to take favorable action on her demands. As that time is now near at hand, Holland has maintained that the restoration of Curacao's commercial intercourse with Venezuela is absolutely necessary to her existence.

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Buda Pesth, Oct. 28.—Baron Von Aehrenthal, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, in an important speech yesterday, indicated a yielding attitude on the part of Austria which may aid materially in the preservation of peace. Addressing the Austrian delegation, the foreign minister admitted that it is Austria's desire to do its utmost to relieve the tension, and that therefore the government would not insist that the question of the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina should be entirely eliminated from the program of the international congress, although naturally he could not admit that the powers had the right to question the annexation of the provinces, or the idea of any territorial compensations in other directions.

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DRUGS LEAD TO SUICIDE. Woman in Voluntary Letter Expresses Her Love For Her Husband's Brother.

Newark, N. J., Oct. 28.—Mrs. Chas. Stebbins, wife of the manager of the Pure Oil Co., who shot herself on Monday night in the head in her apartments in the Continental hotel, died in the city hospital yesterday. In a letter addressed to Benj. E. Stebbins, brother of her husband, and manager of the Atlantic Refining Company of Erie, Pa., the woman expressed her love for him, and asked him to care for her small daughter, now with his mother. The husband saw her shoot herself, and attributes her act to excessive use of drugs.

MARCOVIL WINS THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE Newmarket, Cam., Eng., Oct. 28.—The race for the Cambridgeshire stakes was run here this afternoon, resulting in the victory of Marcovil; Land League was second, and Succour, third. The winner started at 50-1; Land League, 10-1, and Succour, 100-8.

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THREE CARDINALS FOR STATES. Pope Will Hold Consistory After Organization of Diocese.

London, Oct. 27.—A dispatch from Rome to a London news agency says the Pope has decided that a special consistory shall be held for the nomination of new American cardinals after the organization of the American diocese, and that the United States shall have three cardinals.

SHOOTS HIS BETRAYER. Joplin, Mo., Oct. 28.—Lee Nutt, of Neosho, Mo., yesterday shot his cousin, Jacob Nicely, whom he found in a store here with Mrs. Nutt. A year ago Nutt admitted adultery to his home. Last month Nutt's wife left Neosho. Nutt had come to Joplin on business and accidentally ran across the pair. He submitted quietly to arrest.

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Wilhelmstad, Curacao, Oct. 28.—According to newspapers received here from Venezuela by the last mail, there is already on foot in that republic a movement on the part of the governmental party to bring about the election of President Castro to another term of office in 1911, when his present term expires.

PRINCESS PATRICIA TO WED. Paris, Oct. 28.—A dispatch to the Petit Journal from Rome says the engagement of Princess Patricia, daughter of the Duke of Connaught, will be announced soon. The Count of Turin is a brother of the Duke of the Abruzzi.

NELSON SHIELDS FOR CANADIAN SCHOOLS E. W. Matthews of London Reaches Coast on Tour Through Dominion.

J. S. Bailey, port missionary and secretary of the British and Foreign Sailors' Society here, received word today that E. W. Matthews, who is the chief secretary of the society, would pay a visit to Victoria to-morrow. Mr. Matthews is not a stranger to Victoria, having been here nearly two years ago. He is at present engaged on an educational tour through the Dominion. He is also making preliminary arrangements for a big undertaking which the society contemplates. This is the patriotic, educational and philanthropic scheme of placing a Nelson shield in every school in Canada. The shield is made of copper from Nelson's ships, the Trafalgar and the Foudroyant, and shows Nelson's flag and a bust of the great admiral himself. The shield is intended to be a stimulus to the pupils, and every year they will be asked to write an essay on some sea subject of educational and patriotic value.

On his way through Canada Mr. Matthews is conferring with the ministers and leading educators in the country and is meeting with warm encouragement and support. Mr. Matthews has sometimes been called the "Archbishop of the Sea," and has been secretary of the British and Foreign Sailors' Society for the past thirty years. Arrangements are being made whereby he will preach in at least two of the churches here next Sunday, and during his visit, which will occupy until next Monday, he will likely deliver other lectures. Mr. Matthews is at present in Vancouver.

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BALLOTS WILL BE RECOUNTED JUDGE LAMPMAN IS TO CHECK UP VOTE

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A judicial recount of the ballots cast in Monday's election will be commenced to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock by His Honor Judge Lampman. There were 4,439 ballots cast, of which 4,377 were counted, 22 were rejected for various reasons and 70 had been spoiled by voters.

A formal application for the recount was made this morning to the judge in chambers by F. B. Gregory, and an order granted for holding it to-morrow. The judge will take the ballots poll by poll, open the envelopes in which they were placed by the deputy returning officers, and proceed to count those which have been already counted to verify the figures. The rejected and spoiled ballots will then be scrutinized in order to determine whether they were properly thrown out. This part of the proceedings will take up most of the time, as these are the ballots upon which legal argument will wage, and on which the issue depends. The recount is hardly likely to be completed to-morrow, although it is believed his honor will sit late to facilitate the proceedings.

VOTERS TO BE GIVEN CHANCE TO REGISTER Opportunity Afforded Household-ers to Have Names Recorded.

With a view to assisting in the registration of voters in the forthcoming municipal election, the Victoria Christian Endeavor Union have twelve committees at work in the different sections of the city, calling upon those who have not registered to do so. That this registration may more easily be effected, properly qualified officials, with the necessary registration blanks, will be found at the following places, between 8 and 9 o'clock to-night and on Thursday and Friday evenings: Pennington & Woodward's store—Victoria, West. Fawcett's Drug Store—Corner Douglas street and King's road. Gardner's Drug Store—Corner Pandora and Cook streets. Emmanuel Baptist church—Spring Ridge. White's Drug Store—Oak Bay junction. James Bay Methodist church. Lee & Fraser's office, from 9 until 8 each day this week.

MEMBERS OF THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR executive wish to take this opportunity of thanking those who are giving their services in taking the above statements, and express a desire that all those who have not already done so, would take advantage of this opportunity and register.

BRYAN'S OPTIMISM. Confident of Carrying the State of Nebraska Next Tuesday.

New York, Oct. 28.—W. J. Bryan expects to carry his own election precinct next Tuesday for the first time in his three campaigns for the presidency. "You know that the Republicans are saying that I never carry my own precinct," said Mr. Bryan to members of the National Democratic club, "but the Republicans have not told me that when I moved there, there were ten Republicans to one Democrat. This year I am going to carry my own precinct, I am going to carry the city of Lincoln, and I am going to carry the state of Nebraska."

W. C. T. U. PRESIDENT. Denver, Colo., Oct. 28.—Miss Lillian H. Bennett, of Fort Collins, Maine, yesterday was unanimously re-elected president of the National Women's Christian Temperance Union.

COMMISSIONER COOMBS WILL VISIT VICTORIA He Will Be Here Next Month—Band Concert of Salvation Army.

The band concert to be given in the Salvation Army barracks, 1412 Broad Street, to-morrow evening, will commence at 8 o'clock. Coffee and cake will be served. A good programme has been arranged and it is expected that the hall will be well filled. The proceeds will be used towards buying instruments for the band. At present the band numbers twenty-three players and is making good progress under the leadership of Bandmaster Colin Nicoll, a young Scotchman, who came to the city a few months ago from Dundee. On November 10th Commissioner Coombs, the territorial commander, will visit Victoria, accompanied by several of his staff from Toronto, also Major Morris of Vancouver. The commissioner will conduct the bioscopic service "From Bethlehem to Calvary." In the A. O. U. W. hall in fulfillment of the promise made on the occasion of its being given here last year.

LAST YEAR NEW YORK CITY SPENT \$33,000,000 ON ITS PUBLIC SCHOOLS; CHICAGO, \$23,000,000; BOSTON, MORE THAN \$18,000,000; PHILADELPHIA, A LITTLE MORE THAN \$6,000,000.