

# Womens' Shoes

Most popular sellers in Florida. Smooth velt stock, anti-static, medium weight sole for pair: \$1.75 pair.

Lot's Shape—velvet, single cut tip, low heel, welt sole, pair: \$2.50 pair.

# Children's Shoes

The strongest lines of Children's Shoes at the right. These shoes have good solid outer soles and good soles, and will give good satisfaction. No advance in price, leather has advanced.

Port Sole Shoes, 25c. pair.

# Rugs

Hearth Rugs, from \$2.75 to \$7.50.

Rugs, size 40x70, \$2.50 each.

# Curable.

Evidence is THE TESTIMONY. CURED. If interested, let us hear from you.

**Stern Medicine Co., Ltd.**

Government St., Victoria, B. C.

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**Carbolic Toilet Soap.**

Can be done towards keeping the skin clean and smooth, only the purest materials to make it, including a special emollient Crystal Carbolic for good for the skin, 25c. a 5-lb. box, at all Drugstores.

# NEW HAMILTON'S RETURN.

Chief of Insurance Lobby Reaches His Home.

Mr. N. Y., March 7.—The return from in this city of Andrew Hamilton, who for many years has been in charge of the legislative work of the insurance companies of the United States and who since last June has been in Europe, was the chief topic of conversation in the legislative circles throughout the city. He returned at home with a good deal of money and was in appearance better than ever. He had returned from his trip to Europe with a good deal of money and was in appearance better than ever. He had returned from his trip to Europe with a good deal of money and was in appearance better than ever.

## NEWS NOTES OF THE WEEK

### Select Committee to be Appointed by Laurier to Amend Rules of House.

Ottawa, March 12.—(Special)—The House of Commons today announced that a select committee would be appointed by Mr. Laurier to report on the revision of the rules of the House of Commons.

### MONTREAL IS UP IN ARMS

Montreal, March 12.—(Special)—The Montreal miners' strike has taken a serious turn as a result of the refusal of the management to grant the demands of the union.

### Crow's Nest Line to be Extended

Ottawa, March 12.—(Special)—The Government has approved the extension of the Crow's Nest line through the Okanagan lakes.

### OTTAWA, March 12.—(Special)—

The House of Commons today passed a resolution approving the extension of the Crow's Nest line through the Okanagan lakes.

### Chauffeur Parent of the national

transcontinental railway commission says it will be nearly a week before the names of the successful tenderers for two sections of the road and Cape Rouge bridge will be known.

### Dangerous Dynamite

Kenosha, Wis., March 12.—A Swedish man was instantly killed near Margach today while thawing dynamite in a workshop.

### Prince Albert, Sask., March 12.—

The hearing in the case of Deputy Returning Officer Sinclair, charged with ballot fraud, was adjourned until Friday next.

### Find Land North of Alaska

The Canadian northwestern coast. There are certain conditions which indicate the presence of a large area of land north of the Beaufort Sea.

### Gale on North

Mills and Farm Houses on the Washington Border Have Narrow Escape.

### TREES ON THE HIGHWAY IN FLAMES

Steam Freight Barge Transport Is Blown Ashore at Port Angeles.

### BELLINGHAM, March 12.—

As a result of a gale blowing from the north for three days, sending the temperature this morning to twenty-five degrees above zero and damaging vegetation, forest fires are now burning in various parts of Northwest Washington.

### Port Angeles, March 12.—

The steam freight barge transport was blown ashore here yesterday morning by the heavy northwest gale.

### SUITS FOR LIBEL.

New York, March 12.—District Attorney Jerome has brought two libel suits for \$10,000 each against the other against the New York Evening Journal.

### CONVICTED OF BIGAMY.

New York, March 12.—Capt. Albert Reid, who claims to be an officer of the British Hussars, today was sentenced to not less than one year and four months, but not more than two years and four months, in the state prison for bigamy.

## WILL SEEK LAND IN THE ARCTIC

### Explorer Einar Mikkelsen in Victoria Negotiating for Sealing Schooner.

TO CARRY AN EXPEDITION WILL START FROM VICTORIA TO FIND UNDISCOVERED LAND IN FAR NORTH.

EINAR MIKKELEN, the noted Arctic explorer, who heads the Anglo-American polar expedition, is in Victoria, negotiating for the purchase of one of the schooners for the sealing fleet for the voyage to the Beaufort Sea of the Arctic Ocean.

Speaking to a Colonist reporter yesterday, Captain Mikkelsen said that he shall outfit and start on his Arctic expedition. This is the logical and, to his mind, the best place to start. There have been looking over schooners elsewhere, and since my arrival have been negotiating with the captain and owner of the sealing schooner in this city, although nothing definite has been done.

The object of this trip, which will be the fourth in his Arctic expeditions, is to reach the Beaufort Sea of the Arctic Ocean.

His expedition is being financed by the Royal Geographical Society and the American Geographical Society.

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## FOURTEEN YEARS IS COLLINS' SENTENCE

### Perjured Attorney Gets Swingering Penalty From California Court.

HE PROMPTLY ASKS FOR MORE TIME

Gives Usual Notice of Appeal and Requests to be Let Out on Bail.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 10.—(Special)—George D. Collins stood up in the judgment of a law and the sentence of the court that you be confined in the state prison at San Quentin for a term of fourteen years.

This was the laconic judgment passed by Judge Burnett of Santa Rosa in this department second of the superior court yesterday morning.

George D. Collins, convicted by a jury of perjury in the former trial on a similar charge that he was not married to Charlotte F. Newman on May 15, 1892.

The defendant did not move a muscle but for an instant his face flushed crimson and in a steady voice he coolly asked the court for a term of fourteen years.

Collins then asked that the judge fix a time to hear evidence as to his admission to bail.

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## RESOLVE WORK IS SUSPENDED

### Owing to Possibility of Further Disaster Work of Aid is Stopped at Mines.

PITABLE SCENES AT PITHEAD

Serious Disorder is Threatened Owing to the Terrible Grief of Bereaved Parents.

PARIS, March 12.—All rescue work has been suspended at the Courrières pits, where over a thousand miners lost their lives Friday, owing to the danger of gas and the emanation from the decomposing bodies.

The engineers fear another explosion, and therefore they are waiting for the gas to clear this morning.

The miners' latest estimate place the number of victims at 1,000.

A serious disorder was threatened at noon today owing to the persistence of parents who longed to see the bodies of the dead.

The authorities agreed to permit crowds of twenty-five in, but the parents grew discontented.

They rushed at the Doors. The police and mounted gendarmes eventually forced back the crowds, and order was restored with difficulty.

When the parents obtained permission a sorrowful spectacle was presented as a group of twenty-five men, pale and blackened bodies. A number of identifications were made and the bodies were taken home.

The bodies of the dead are marked with rough black crosses, decorated with simple floral devices.

The chamber of deputies today unanimously voted \$100,000 for the relief of the victims of the disaster.

The mine association has voted \$40,000 for the same purpose.

An awful disaster followed today upon the terrible calamity that befell the workers in a coal mine at Courrières on Saturday last.

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## Mining Institute Elects Officers

The Sessions at Quebec Ends and Elections for the Year Take Place.

THE GREAT RUSH TO THE WEST

Changes and New Appointments in Some Dominion Seats of Learning.

WASHINGTON FISH COMMISSIONER

Bellingham, March 10.—(Special)—State Commissioner Korbay today addressed a letter to Governor Mead of Washington, proposing to relinquish his office to his successor.

Tacoma, March 10.—(Special)—Republican convention today nominated Charles J. MacDonald as mayor.

Fremont, March 10.—(Special)—While flying from the roof of the first story of Merle Heavy Manufacturing company's building, with his head protruding into the street, was directed towards a fire broke out this morning.

Expanding Locomotive Kills Two

Golden, Colo., March 10.—(Special)—An explosion of a locomotive on the Southern Pacific company's road in Sierra Nevada mountains last night killed two men.

NELSON MAKES PROTEST

Appeal to C. P. R. to Equalize Freight Rates.

Nelson, March 10.—(Special)—At meeting of the board of trade tonight a resolution was passed memorializing the C. P. R. to equalize its discrimination in rates against Nelson and to appeal to the railway commission if necessary.

Westward, Ho!

Toronto, March 10.—Orders have been placed with the C. P. R. and G. T. P. by settlers going to the Northwest for a thousand freight cars to be supplied during the next week.

Candidates for Moderator

Coburg, March 10.—The Presbytery of Peterboro has nominated Dr. F. W. Brewster as moderator of the general assembly.

EARTHQUAKE SUFFERERS

Italian House Votes Large Sum to Aid in Regeneration of the South.

Rome, March 10.—Premier Sonnino today introduced a bill in the chamber of deputies for an appropriation of \$1,200,000 for the sufferers from the earthquake in Calabria.

City Jubilant Over Verdict

The city is jubilant over winning its appeal against the West Kootenay Power and Light company, who have sought in many ways for years past to stop the building of a power plant by the municipality.

MONEY FROM ENGLAND

Importation of a Million and a Quarter Dollars for United States Bank.

New York, March 12.—The engagement of \$1,250,000 in London for the importation to this country was announced today by the National City Bank.

CASE AGAINST PACKERS

Chicago, March 12.—The final verdict has been announced and argument commenced in the packers' case late today.

MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE

Baltimore, March 12.—Bernard N. Baker, president of the Union Trust company of this city, announced that he had accepted the chairmanship of the Mutual Life Insurance company policyholders' committee.

PENDING COAL STRIKE

Roosevelt Taking No Action—Early Reply to the Operators.

Washington, March 12.—President Roosevelt is taking no part in the pending negotiations between the miners and operators to prevent a coal strike.

Early Reply to Operators

New York, March 12.—Announcement that a reply will be sent as soon as possible by the anthracite miners' committee to the committee representing the coal operators was made today.

Indians, Inland

March 12.—John Mitchell, president of the Union Workers of America, returned to Indianapolis today to preside at the national convention of miners on Thursday.

Demands of the Miners

He said it looked as though the operators are looking for a strike.