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FACES CABINET CRISIS

NG DISTRUST OF SAIONJI MINISTRY

of Increasing Expendiand Limiting Emigraon Not Approved.

fan. 14.-The resignation

ier, Marquis Saionji, tend resignation to the empero soon at 4 o'clock, but his ma ined to receive it, while the resignation of Yoshiro Sa. Yamagata, minister of com

Matsura, minister of justice ne the portfolio of finance hat of communications ves the cabinet without nev and removes the disputant been the disturbing factors

ime past. nation about the resigna uro Yamagata as ministe ications, announced by th Press on Jan. 11th, was evict, and the official denia

the following day was proich there was a possibility of n the resignation of Sano is responsible for the bud-who is blamed by the cabi-ters because in 1907 he promthere would be no increase he taxation, nor would there sort to foreign loans in 1908 stigation of the situation en that an increase of taxin lieu thereof a foreign loan unavoidable. Sakatani ento reduce the appropriations lected and they finally suc eupon attempted to reduce

magata made an objection ong the leading financier Sakatani finally decide and also insisted that his should be accepted. Mar et who agreed with him. fin Marquis Saionji's resigna ld be offered. If the emperor to accept it then the resigna-

Matsura and Keihara con-combine their portfolios in ance to this agreement. Saionji and Prince Ito wait emperor this morning. The refused to accept the resigna-aionji, but accepted the resigof Sakatani and Yamagata. dget, and the diet may decide crease the taxation, but in-uce the appropriations for the d navy. It may be decided to loan to cover the deficit.

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ngton, Jan. 14.—Cable dis-received here from Tokio durast month have indicated that nji ministry was meeting with opposition throughout the particularly because of the renade by it in the appropria-military and development The elections in Japan are ing, and the opposition has eavoring to create a strong at against the cabinet by means spaper campaign, attacking the government's policy

taxation and limiting emitled at a meeting of the couner Statesmen held on Decem lved a reduction in the exthe army and navy for the years, whereby the govern-uld save \$200,000,000. As soon ogramme became known the ministers began a vogorous

ner departments declared that alculation of \$20,000,000 had widespread distrust in the fincy of the Sajonii ministry n the cabinet because of the n in the appropriation for rail-

A MILLION FOR ROYAL MINT

of Nearly \$300,000 Al-Expended on Canada's lew Establishment.

a, Jan. 14.—According to a rerought down in the House of ns yesterday the total cost of mint up to November 30th 953. The site cost \$21,150; the proper \$286,836, and the equip-4,967. It is estimated that a sum of \$94,000 will be required lete the establishment, making aff of the establishment num the imperial authorities. No has yet been coined in the The profit on copper and age made at the royal mint and for Canada during the past s was \$3,007,973. It is estimated the current year Canada will 000 and silver doinage to the

dires the expenditure of eight e energy to go upstairs that is for the same distance on the

NO IRRIGATION

PROF. CARPERTER HAS NOT FORWARDED ONE

overnment Has Not Received From Expert Result of His Investigations.

o far as can be gathered from govmment sources there will not be anynme to be submitted to the ap-ching session of parliament. here seems to be some doubt whethhe legislation affecting the queson of irrigation, which the govern-ent had in mind when it started its estigations, with the assistance of rofessor Carpenter, will be brought wn. For as explained by Hon, F. J. ulten this morning, the professor has, hough some unexplained remissness, lailed to make his report. And it was professor Carpenter's report that the and Miss Looney. ugh some unexplained remissness,

government was looking to for guid-nice in framing the proposed amendents to the Water Clauses Act, Of course Professor Carpenter's rert may come in any day, but the hief commissioner had been expecting in time for utilization before the pening of the House, so that the pro-sed changes might have been printfor the advisement of those chiefly rested, and suggestions invited king to the perfection of the new act. All these plans of the minister pave been spoiled by the failure of Prosor Carpenter to send his report into

government. will be remembered that Professor rpenter was employed as an irrigan expert, to assist the government in reference to the administration of ir-rigating water powers, etc. And in company with the chief commissioner of lands and works, the professor made some extended tours and inspections of W. Rutherford, Fred Clark, Sam Horn-er, W. S. Miller. West ward, H. E. Woodland, P. T. some extended tours and inspections of irrigation systems prevailing in some of the Western States, and also made Miller.

West ward, H. E. Woodland, P. T. McCallum, James Hardy and Frank Miller. horate investigation of the situation s affecting the irrigation question in he interior parts of the province. The department, it is said, has been ooking anxiously for his report for

several weeks past, expecting it every day, and now the fear is growing that after all the painstaking endeavors of he commission, its work will be pracically impracticable for use during the resent session of the House. The department is now making a move with a view to hastening Professor Carpen-

NEW MARRIAGE LAWS.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 13.-Cardina bbons said to-day that the new laws ating to marriage in the Catholic which have recently been is ed by the Holy See, will not chang any important particular the exist ing laws in the church in this country The new laws are aimed to prevent hasty and ill-advised marriages. The new regulations will, it is said, be an-

HAWAIIAN FORTIFICATIONS.

Honolulu, Jan. 13 .- The award of bids Honolulu, Jan. 13.—The award of bids for material for the fortification of Pearl harbor has been held up for the reason that it is believed the lowest bidder is a dummy for some Japanese contractor. It is probable all bids will be rejected and the war department will conduct the

COMPLIMENTS GIVEN AT COUNCIL BOARD

and Aldermen Resulted in Little Business.

The meeting of the city council las night was more in the nature of a aledictory than anything else. It afforded the aldermen opportunity, which they took advantage of, to clear their esks of accumulations of old papers. and leave them clean to their succesors. For every one of them-ever hose whose temerity was again carrying them into the field—were appar-

ing them into the field—were apparently building on the possibility that they would not sit at the council board during the coming year.

Then there were addresses, the key note of which was that of farewell. The Mayor created the second of Mayor started the speech making by aying some nice things about his relaons with the council: that there were casional disagreements was only to expected in an independent body, and he renounced any feeling of preju-dice or pique on his part as a result of associations with the aldermen i ividually or as a whole. He wished success to everybody-in whatever line ate might choose for them-whether it

manic halls or in the private walks of life. Then each of the aldermen in tu rose in his place and duplicated the ACCEPTS SCUM BUT Mayor's good wishes to everybody.
Ald. Fell took occasion in the cour f his farewell to suggest that the first wo years of his service in the coun more happy than the last two iring which he had, he said, been reed into the position of a critic. He nunciated the idea as something which he thought might be helpful to he new council, if observed—that the ayor was not supposed to interfere ites of the council as a partici it, from the chair—but should per-

ODD FELLOWS' BANQUET.

Successful Function Held Last Nigh in Hall on Douglas Street.

A banquet was given by the Odd Fellows in their hall on Douglas street last evening, and it was one of the most ccessful functions ever attempted by anticipations, but accommodation was soon made for the surplus. W. H. Hux-table, chairman of the joint committee, resided, while James Robinson suplied the good things with which the bles were laden.

The toast list was long and varied. After the King had been honored J. Wilby proposed the toast, "Our Beloved Order," which was responded to by Fred Davey, grand secretary, who re-marked that the Odd Fellows were justly proud of their order. Like the drumbeats of the empire, it encircled the globe, having a membership well ver the two million mark.

In speaking of Victoria lodge, he declared that he had occupied the post of ecretary for the past 32 years. The odge was first organized 44 years ago, and since then over \$88,000 had been paid out in benefits. The vocal talent was of a high order and formed a very enjoyable part of the programme. W. Kinnaird rendered several songs, while others who contributed to the programmee included W

G. M. TRIPP, MAYOR

BY ACCLAMATION

in Grand Forks Yesterday -Polling on 21st.

nations were held here yesterday for the city elections, and were as follows: reloping an improved scheme with For Mayor, G. M. Fripp was elected erence to the administration of ir- Mayor by acclamation. For Aldermen

C. Hannington, I. A. Dinsmore. trustees will take place on Tuesday next. The contest among the aldermen will be keen. Only a total of six aldermen and two school trustees can

QUEBEC TERCENTENARY.

Quebec, Jan. 14.-It was decided last night to hold the Quebec tercentenary celebration in August next, as suggested by Earl Grey, instead of next

ANOTHER ARGUMENT FOR ALL RED LINE

Lord Strathcona Comments on Agreement Between German Steamship Lines.

and Mount Royal in an interview last night on the shipping situation, said that he regarded the agreement recent ly entered into by the North German Lloyd and the Hamburg American steamship lines as likely to precipitate a repitition of the situation of a few years ago, when the American attack upon British shipping resulted in the granting of a subsidy to the Cunard company by the British government and the building of the Lusitania and

Last Night's Meeting of Mayor He considers that the German agreement is further justification for the subsidizing of an "All Red" transporta tion line to encircle the globe, which had been strongly advocated last sum



ALD. A. M'KEOWN, Of the Progressive Ticket, Elected by Acclamation Yesterday for

WOULD BAR JAPS

Caustic Comment on Attitude of U.S. on Immigration Question.

rans, Jan. 13.—The Patrie to-day published a letter from a "Japanese officer who was wounded in Manchuria and who is now convalescing at New York," protesting requests to be presented to egislature for amendments to the Paris, Jan. 13 .- The Patrie to-day pub-

150 LIVES WERE LOST

Blazing Furnace

Shocking Holacaust at Boyertown, Pa.-Hundreds Hemmed in by Seething Flames-Women and Children Were Trampled to Death.

Boyertown, Pa., Jan. 13.—A catastrophe, terrifying in its details and sickening in its results, to-night swept one hundred and fifty souls of this borough into eternity in almost the twinkling of an eye, and injured nearly seventy-five, many of them fatally. A majority of the killed are leading members of the families of the town.

Tank Exploded.

While "The Scottish Reformation" was being produced in the Rhodes Opera House by Mrs. Munroe, of Washington, a tank used in a moving-picture scene exploded. Immediately there was a wild rush for the exits of the building. Men of mature years endeavored to still the panic, but their voices could not be heard above the shrieks and screams of the terrified women and children, who composed the greater part of the audience.

Blood Curdling Cries.

The scenes cannot be portrayed fully by the most imaginative. The blood-curdling cries for help of those who were penned within the walls of the blazing structure could be heard above the roaring flames. It seemed as though nearly the entire audience made a mad rush for the exits the moment the explosion occurred.

A Roaring Furnace.

In the rush a section of the floor gave way, precipitating scores of people to the basement. As the floor collapsed, the shrieks of the helpless people who were carried down were heard for blocks. It was scarcely five minutes from the explosion of the lamp until the entire heart of the structure seemed a roaring furnace.

Children Trampled to Death.

There was a mad scramble for the stairway leading from the building, and scores of women and children were knocked down and trampled upon, man yof them crushed to death. At least fifty persons, realizing that exit by the stairway meant almost certain death, risked their lives by jumping from the windows.

As the flames ate their way towards the front of the building women could be seen to clasp their hands and fall back into the flames. Once the doorways were cleared, the rescuers dragged many women and children from the stairway leading to the balcony.

Horribly Mutilated.

Some of them were so badly injured that they died before reaching a temporary hospital. Skulls were crushed, and the faces of some of the victims were so horribly mutilated that they were barely recognizable. In one instance the skull of a child was crushed almost to a pulp.

In several cases, it is said, whole families have been wiped out.

Charnel House.

Boyertown, Pa., Jan. 14.—When daylight dawned to-day the full extent of last night's horror, when the Rhodes opera house was burned, was apparent. The list of dead is placed at 150, and the injured at 75.

How many were killed may never be known, for among the victims of the awful disaster were a number of visitors and some strangers. It is estimated that there were 400 people in the place when the explosion oc-

An amateur performance of the "Scottish Reformation" for the benefit of St. John's Lutheran Sunday school was being produced when the explosion occurred. Some one yelled "Fire," and in a remarkably short time the centre of the opera house was a blazing furnace. The rapidity with which the flames spread was caused by the upsetting of the coal oil used at the foot lights, by some of the persons on the stage, who endeavored to allay the fright of the women and children in the audience.

"The Scottish Reformation.

For several months the Sunday school pupils of St. John's Lutheran church had been rehearsing "The Scottish Reformation," which was being staged by Mrs. H. E. inroe, of Washington, the authoress, and when the curtain rose at 8 o'clock the opera house was thronged with representative persons of the church.

That part of the play in which the students from Glasgov inversity and the Puritans marched to Leita to meet Queen Mary had just been reached. The young people dental to the drama, a number of pictures were shown by a ving picture machine. This was operated by M. W. Fisher, of Carlisle, Pa., who used calcium lights.

Flash and Loud Report.

While he was operating the machine there was a flash and a loud report, and the people sitting in the rear of the opera house near the machine rose in fright and rushed toward the stage. Their action caused a panic in the audience, and many of the people, thinking the building was on fire, also rushed toward the stage. The young people who were taking part in the play motioned to them to go back and resume their seats, but the frightened spectators attempted to climb up on the stage to escape the fierce spluttering of the moving pic-

One of the young men on the stage, more excited than the others, made a motion as if to repel the audience. and in his excitement he overturned one of the coal oil lamps that were used as foot lights for the stage. It fell with a crash into the auditorium and exploded.

Indescribable Panic.

In an instant the stage front was ablaze and the frightened people surged toward the rear again. The youthful actors fied clothed in their stage garments. The crowd in the front of the auditorium fied to the rear as the flames from the stage edged toward them and they were met by a crowd from the rear, frantic to escape from

They became panic-stricken, and strong men beat down women and children. The flames spread rapidly and many in the audience were caught and overcome before they could reach the fire escapes,

Men Fought With Women.

Even the men seemed to lose all control of themselves and fought with the women and children in their efforts to reach the street. In this manner many women and children who might otherwise have escaped the flames were forced back and trampled to death. Particularly was this the case with those who were caught on

Pandemonium reigned and in the mad scramble for the exits the weaker ones were brushed aside and in many instances killed. Scores of persons on the second floor seeing the awful jam on the stairs risked their lives by jumping from the windows. Several of those were so badly injured that they died. Boyertown is a village of about 2,500 population, and there is scarcely a home in the little town that has not

been afflicted by last night's fire. Survivor's Story.

Reuben W. Stover, one of those who escaped the flames, said to-day: "When the explosion occurred there were at least thirty boys and girls on the stage, while many more were behind the scenes. Without warning, there was a terrific explosion, which seemed to shake the entire building. Immediately there was a wild rush for the exits. The people on the stage jumped over the footlights into the audience. Everybody seemed to have

"The flames first consumed the flimsy scenery and then swept toward the crowd like a great wave, the suffocating smoke driving men, women and children in its path. The flames did the rest.

"Once the crowd began to fight its way toward the doors no power onearth could have saved all the lives, but I believe that if the men had not lost control of themselves the loss of life would have been very small.'

and Pottstown. Physicians and nurses from Reading aided materially in alleviating the sufferings of the in jured. Early to-day about fifty members of the state constabulary arrived from Reading on a special train, Buried Beneath Debris.

The fire was not brought under control until early this morning, after assistance had arrived from Reading

The work of removing the bodie: from the debris will be unusually tedious and hazardous. When the crush was at its height the floor gave way, precipitating many persons to the basement and the bodies of these are buried beneath the charred timbers and tons of bricks from the ruined walls.

In addition to the opera house, the Farmers' National Bank, Rahn's hardware store, and the dwellings of Geo. Rahn, Harry Pennypacker and Alfred Reashard were burned. The monetary loss will amount to about

EMMERSON LIBEL CASE.

Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 13.-The last ment and discharged Mr. Crockett. Hon. nove in the Emmerson libel was made H. R. Emmerson, complainant in the

General had no instructions to go on with the case, the judge quashed the indic Ottawa, Jan. 14.-It is understood

PRESERVATION OF FORESTS.

biodying requests to be presented to legislature for amendments to the legislature for amendments to the incoming council; as also a comminication from Mason & Mann recomming that amendment be sought to Municipal Elections Act to deterning more clearly the right of Municipal Elections Act to other more clearly the right of a degree of the Japanese.

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stricted district fo when he made a break dashed along an alley win pursuit. The policeman ed a gun and brought down through his right shoulder. He

MYSTERIOUS CRIME.

Winnipeg, Jan. 13.-W. J. Week, a prominent labor man, and secretary of the cigarmakers' union, was shot and offices robbed last night while sitting in his trustees

He was alone in the house, and his wife returned to find him sitting at the table with his hat on and a bullet through his head from the rear.
All the doors were locked, as they had of the council since been left when the family went out. His money had been taken from his one even thought of o pocket. The crime is considered mys-

PROBING CALGARY

POLICE METHODS

Civic Investigation Concluded Without Any Startling Evidence Being Adduced.

without startling evidence being brought in and Judge Stuart will hand in his report with the full evidence to the city council in the course of a few weeks' time. Mr. Tucker, the star witness for the prosecution, who claimed that the police arrested parties for stealing from him and then dropped the prosecution, was confronted by the man who stole the goods, who had to admit that he had accepted ten dollars from him not to prosecute. This removed the charge entirely from the police, especially as it was brought out in the evidence that members of the citizens' league who were prosecuting the chief of police, knew previous to the trial that Tucker had taken hush

E. Ryan, of P. J. Nolan & Co., barristers, in summing up for the defence, made one of the greatest speeches ever brethren afterwards.

BIG COTTON STRIKE

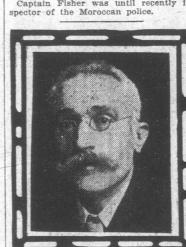
IS IMMINENT

Lancashire Employees Break Off Negotiations With

ment of the dispute between the cot- connection with the function to be ton mill owners and their employees, which threatens to result in the locking out of 150,000 men, have come to

The operatives at a meeting last night MAYOR OF WINNIPEG decided to break off all further negoti-ations with the master spinners and a ockout now appears to be inevitable. SWISS OFFICER DISMISSED.

Berne, Switzerland, Jan. 14.—Captain Fisher, of the Swiss army, has been dismissed from the service by a court-mar-tial, having compromised the Swiss army Captain Fisher was until recently in



ALD. F. A. PAULINE. Of the Progressive Ticket, Who Was it

Returned Unopposed for Ward 4.

POSSESSED GALAXY OF MASTERPIECES

M. Groull, Who Has Just Died, Had Finest Art Collection in the World.

one even thought of op, In the south ward the were elected, there being no opp. to Louis Herber and Julius Brethour, both of whom are old inhabitants, known and respected by everyone. In the other wards there will be an elec-tion, as there are three candidates with only two offices to fill. Each of the candidates might almost be considered a native son. Alex. McDonald is the youngest man, but he has a good deal f influence in the community, and it thought he will probably head the

For school trustees there are four candidates, while only three trustees are needed consequently there will be Calgary, Alb., Jan. 14.—The civic in-vestigation was concluded last night

George Sangster, returned by accla-

Councillors. South Ward-Louis Herber and Julius

Brethour, returned by acclamation.
North Ward-Wm. R. Armstrong, J. ., Henry Brethour and Alexanded Mc-Donald. Board of School Trustees. The following were nominated, three to be elected: Samuel Fairclough, A. J.

McKenzie, H. A. McKillican and FANCY DRESS BALL.

Function to Be Given in Aid of St. Joseph's Hospital in Empress Hotel.

The arrangements for the ball to be given in the Empress hotel in aid of heard in a Calgary court, and was the St. Joseph's hospital are now well warmly congratulated by his legal advanced. The committee in charge of the function is composed of Mrs. Robin Dunsmuir, Mrs. Herman Robertson, Mrs. R. H. Pooley and Miss Sehl. In the sale of tickets the Knights of Co-

lumbus will give assistance. The C. P. R. Co. has generously agreed to give the spacious dining room in the new hotel for the purpose. The company is giving everything free, charging only for the expense of preparing the supper, so that a large fund will be available for the hospital fund. out look to fancy dress or poudre for Manchester, Jan. 14.—All efforts at ladies, and fancy dress or facings for gentlemen. There are many details in

APPEALS TO BANKS

Needs of Cty for Current Year Will Total in the Neighborhood of \$3,250,000.

Winnipeg, Jan. 13.-This morning a onference was held in the Bank of ommerce between the members of the Bankers' Association and the city which was represented by Mayor Ashdown. Controller Evans and Ald. Riley. There was practically a full attendance of the bankers. The conference was of a private nature, the press not be-

It has been learned, however, that Mayor Ashdown presented to the bank-ers a full statement of the city's assets and liabilities and asked that the Bankers' Association, representing the different chartered banks recommend to the head offices of the different banks interested, that each bank assume in proportion to its capitalization a part of the money required by the

city for current expenditure. Mayor Ashdown pointed out that the needs of the city for the current year would be in the neighborhood of \$3.-250,000, this amount to include the overdraft at the banks. In civic circles if was learned that the proposal of the mayor and committee was favorably received and that the bank managers have all expressed the wish to meet the city half way and supply the

funds for current expenditure on a reasonable basis. It is said that the bank of Nova Scotia has undertaken to supply \$200,-000 of the city's liability and that other banks will do so in proportion,

Port Arthur's Defender to Address Court on His Capitulation.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 13.-The court mar-Paris, Jan. 14.—M. Groull, the owner of one of the finest art collections in the world, died last night.

The nictures in his gallery which are Ottawa, Jan. 14.—It is understood The pictures in his gallery, which are that after the present session of par-valued at \$4,000,000, include master-dered this fortress to the Japanese beliament a commission will be applieces by Turner, Constable and Gainsfore its resources were exhausted. pointed to investigate the question of forest preservation throughout Canada tury, such as Wattcau.

Dorough, and almost pricess examples of the French painters of the 18th century, such as Wattcau. Gen. Stoessel's motive in opening the Stoessel is expected to address the court