DIFFICULTIES WHICH PROPOSITION PRESENTS

Rate on Land Would Have to Be Increased to Make Up Revenue.

The proposal to reduce the tax or improvements, which the city council recommends to the attention of the intoming council, is interesting property wners, whose holdings are in land even more, perhaps, than it is interestmg owners of improved property, who would stand to have the amount of taxes payable on account of the improvements cut in half. The amount they would save on the present assess ment and at the same tax rate, twenty. five mills on the dollar, would be the handsome sum of \$57,849.

The assessment of the city is \$24, and \$9.235.840 on improvements. At the twenty-five mill rate the land would produce \$384,625 and a levy on half of the value of improvements, on \$4,627,-920, would produce \$115,698. If the council decides to give exemption to the extent of three-quarters of the ures do not show such an increase as value of the improvements the revenue from the remaining twenty-five per cent. will be \$57,849. This would have to be raised by a higher tax on the land. One method would be by increase expansion of the figures is credited to ing the assessment, but that is out of the question. The increase would have to be the equivalent of one-quarter of the improvements assessment or \$2. Even if the land was not al ready assessed to its, full assessable value it would be practically impossible to raise all the assessments equitably so as to get the total inthousand odd, which would go to re- minster. In comparison with ward the makers of improvements the number of cases of safe-keeping simple news item in outside papers. comparative figures were as follows: A further difficulty arises in regard 1908.
to striking the rate. The total rate is Convictions in police court 1052 for civic purposes, a special rate for Discharged was a second 162 the repayment of the debt, the board | Sent to the asylum ...... 20 of health rate and the school rate. Safe keeping ..... 716 These are levied on land and on fifty per cent, of the value of improvements equally, at the rate fixed in each case. If the twenty-five mill rate is taken as follows: Assault, 52; aggravated asa basis, and the levy is made on only sault 2; assaulting police officer, 2; as-twenty-five per cent. of improved saulting sheriff, 1; infraction of the value, the levy would be at the present auto speeding regulations, 13; provements, but on land there would tering, 17; oreating a disturbance, in each case, making up 28% mills in to animals, 1; cutting and wounding all. This would entail an immense 1; infractions of city by laws, 124 amount of extra work on the assessor's drunks, 678; under Dominion Immi-

be met would be by making a rate of 2; being unlawfully on premises, 1 rate. From the advertising point of bawdy house, J. keeping vicious dog view this would have the same objec- 2; breaches of Liquor Traffic Regulation any high rate would have, and it tion Act, 14; figuor license regulations would mean that the reduction of tax- 3; libel, 2; malicious injury to pro-

It is plain that the committee on to solve if it decides to act on the advice of the old council.

TO LINK S. PACIFIC WITH MEXICAN ROAD

E. H. Harriman and Other Capitalists Said to Have Projected Scheme.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 6.-According to New York, E. H. Harriman has decided to build a railroad line from the main line of the Southern Pacific into | the report, is as prompt as ever. Mexico. Beginning it at a point east of El Paso the proposed new line will ex-tend through the new oil fields in Northeastern Chihuahua and through the timber region of north central Mexico to a connection with the Guaymas and Guadalajara line now being built. Former Governor Terraseas, Sovernor Creel, of Chihuahua, William Randolph Hearst and other prominent men are said to be interested in the gap to be owned by the new line, and be lending financial support to the andertaking.

FIRE DAMAGE IS \$100,000. Secious Outbreak in Business Section of

Wetaskiwin, Alta. Visited the business section of Wetaskiwin, Alberta, this morning, burning the P. Burns and Compton-Montgomery blocks, occupied by several merchants, who lost their all. The total loss was

SMALLPOX IN SEATTLE.

Scattle, Wash., Jan. 6 .- Following the removal of a patient suffering from allpox from the Hotel De France, 51 Main street, 50 persons who lodged at

About 2,500 acres of abandoned farms in New England have been planted in hauled on to the deck dripping and shorter terms. trees this year as a part of a general cold but very much alive, and he seems Many politic

'FRISCO'S NEXT BRIBERY TRIAL.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 6.-The trial of Adolph Newburgh, a former attorney of Abe Ruef, who was indicted several months ago on a charge of at-tempting to bribe John A. Kelley, a prospective juror in the Ruef trial, was commenced yesterday in Judge Murphy's department of the superior court. The examination of talesmen occupied the entire session.

FRANK BUCKLE TO VISIT CANADA

London, Jan. 6.-Frank Buckle, editor of the Times, will visit Canada in the spring.

YEARLY RECORD OF THE LOCAL POLICE

Large Number of Persons Were Taken Into Lockup.

The police records for the year 1908 the compiling of which was completed by Jailer W. P. Allen on Tuesday, show an increase over 1907 to a very 640,865, of which \$15,885,025 is on land large extent. This was to be expected as a result of the growth of the city and also owing to the closer attention which the police have been able to give since the enlargement of the

patrol force. Looked at closely, however, the figneed cause any concern. There has been some small increase in serious crimes, but even then the total numexpansion of the figures is credited to small offences and to cases of persons brought in for safe keeping or seek- tiations for the acquisition of coal ing shelter. As a matter of fact the number of cases sent up for trial in the higher courts was just half the number committed in 1907; ils 11

In all, 1963 cases came in for attention during the year, as compared with 1211 in 1907. There were 961 arcreased by the figure just named. The rests, 266 persons were summoned, 716 only solution would be the raising of were given protection and twenty inthe rate. To make up the fifty-seven sane persons were sent to New Westland would have to be taxed at twenty- record the year before was 424 Of the eight and three-quarter (28%) mills on cases dealt with my police court condollar. Real estate owners who victions were obtained in 1952, thirteen have figured the thing out do not like persons were committed to the assizes the look of the figures, and it is hint- as compared with twenty-six in 1907, ed that they would hardly look well in and 162 were discharged, against 61 in Tourist Association literature or even the preceding twelve months. The

Total breaks copp. Con 1968

The various classes of cases were as

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crim rate in each of the four cases on im- inal operation, 21 breaking and enhave to be a proportionally higher rate carrying concealed weapons, 6; cruelty and the treasurer's staffs, already over-worked. gration Act. 1; forgery, 1; freud. 3 fighting, 7; frequenting bawdy house One way in which this difficulty could 9; breaches of Fishery Regulation Act 28% mills on land and one-quarter of grievous bodily harm, 2; inmate of the value of improvements, which bawdy house 29; Incentification 1; inwould produce the half million dollars decent exposure, 2; insulting language, r Juvenile Act, ation on improvements would amount perty, 14; musder, 12 neglect to provide to but \$80,829. In other words, the levy for family, 3; obscene language, 1; obwould be on twenty-eight per cent. of taining money under false pretense, & obstructing sheriff, it being in possessions. sion of stolen property, 10; pointing re legislation of the council to be elected volver, 1; being in possession of intoxnext week will have some difficulties icants, 4; infractions of Public Morals By-law, 2; infractions of Provinci Tax Act. 9: robbery with violence 1: robbery from the person, 2; rape, 2 stealing, 67; infractions of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1; supplying intoxcants to Indians, 4; using threatening

language, 4; vagrancy, 740. In both years there were the sam umber of charges against Indians, 55. and in the case of Chinese there was a slight falling off last year, from 34 to 28. The other cases are all included under the general title "whites."

earned \$634.75. Of the annual civic reports which El Paso, Tex., Jan. 6.—According to have to be prepared at this season, private information received here from the police report is always first. This year Mr. Allen, who has kept the records for many years and prepared

ICY WATER OF STRAITS

Japanese Fell Overboard From Steamer Oscar and Was Hauled in With Rope.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) Twenty minutes in the water on a POLITICAL SCANDAL day like this is hardly a thing to be desired, especially when the wind is lashing up the waves along the shore. This was the experience of a Jap, who fell overboard from the steamer Oscar off Lewis Rock, in the neighborhood of Cadboro Bay, this morning. The Oscar was taking fifty drums of glycerine that had been brought on the Titan to Telegraph Bay, but the wind proved too strong to allow a landing. On the way back, just opposite the rock, the Jap fell over the rail. He was wearing gum boots at the time, itsky, chief of the secret service police but these he managed to kick off and at Vladivostock, has been sentenced to though the air was cold. The soldiers the place were vaccinated by doctors swam until the steamer was brought

none the worse for his experience

DIES OF APOPLEXY.

Portland, Ogn., Jan. 6.- H. Barker, proprietor of the Barker hotel in Seattle, who had come to Portland with his wife to attend the funeral of the latter's mother, suffered an attack of apoplexy at Leffert's jewelry store on Washington street at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, from the effects of which he died several hours later at the Good Samaritan hospital,

CONSOLIDATED GAS.

Shares on New York Exchange Record Another Sensational Decline

New York, Jan. 6 .- Consolidated Gas shares made another sensational decline on the stock market yesterday The stock opened at from 138 to 140. as compared with the previous day's close of 141. It moved sluggishly downward during the early session of the market, but yesterday afternoon, on persistent liquidation, sold as low as 1264. From this price the stock rallied

11 MURDERS-NO HANGINGS.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 6.-Police statistics for fast year show eleven mur-ders committed here and no death penalties imposed. There were 63 violent

COAL COMPANY PLANS

EXTENSION WORK Measures Purchased on Queen Charlotte Island Will Be

Fully Developed.

Some time ago the announcement was made in these columns of negomeasures on Graham Island. Ephraim Hodgson, for years a coal prospector on Vancouver Island, investigated the showings and a local syndicate took them up. Among those interested in the undertaking are E. M. Tracksell, L. L. Butler and Z. M. Hamilton. Already payments have been made to the original owners and the developmen of a great mine seems assured,

The coal deposits acquired are those which were located many years ago by W. A. Robertson of this city. Interested with him were William Wil son, C. H. Todd, Capt. John Irving Robert Tennant, Major Nicholls, T. T. Gore, Dr. G. L. Milne and others, While the original locater never for

an instant doubted the importance of the deposit or the fact that it would ultimately come into great prominence it has remained a long time awaiting full development. The presence of mines on Vancouver Island sufficient to meet the immediate demands on the coast has acted as a barrier to the taking up of the Queen Charlotte Island properties as commercial produc-ers. Rapid development on the Pacific and an increased demand has are considering the compulsory removal brought the new measures into promnence, and enterprising residents Victoria saw the opportunity in it of making a great mine.

Strong financial backing has been secured and an area of coal lands amounting to over 25,000 acres is being put in shape to become a com ercial proposition

A railway is to be built from Queen Charlotte City to Rennell Sound, to afford shipping facilities. A charter for this line will be asked for at the ning season of the legislature, so that the mines will be given an outas soon as the work of raising ore is in operation.

Those interested look to a large trade in the north, and will be in an admirable position to serve Prince Rupert as that city develops.

CONGRESS MEMBERS AND ROOSEVELT ESPIONAGE

**Committee Considers How Best** to Resent Mention of Secret Service Legislation.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 6.-Drastic easures were considered yesterday by lets are another danger in the city. the Perkins special committee of the The work of rescue is being pushed house, appointed to recommend action on indefatigably night and day, and The patrol wagon made 1218 runs in in defence of that body in reply to the even now persons alive are occasion-criticism made by the president in his ally dug out from the ruins. A woman annual message in reference to secret service legislation.

After the meeting one rumor said the realize that she had been buried so ommittee would recommend that the many days. She explained she thought portion of the message referring to the she was entombed in the church after ecret service be expunged from the having died a natural death, and that record. Another report was that his she was living in the hereafter. recent message in reply to the request for more information on the subject sky has cleared. Nature appears to would be returned to the chief execu- have wishes even to cancel history. tive. Neither report could be confirm-

A report will be agreed on by the take action to-morrow. Friends of of Messina, has been razed. The cenaction that may be recommended. On the other hand, reports say that Tawney, Smith, Shirley and Fitzgerald are preparing to defend themselves against the reference to them in the message.

IN ST. PETERSBURG

Chief of Secret Police Sentenced for Manufacturing Evidence.

St. Ptersburg, Jan. 6 .- Col. Seavarnfour years penal servitude and the asked him why he did not cover himround and a rope thrown to him. None loss of his military rights on the charge of the men on board expected ever to of having manufactured evidence in a hut, but the old man answered: "I see the Jap on board again alive, but political cases. Two of the colonel's cannot leave, I am the porter of the he was tenacious of life and was soon subordinates were sentenced to municipality." Many political prisoners will be re-

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE

(Special to the Times). London, Jan. 6.—Joseph Cham-berlain publishes a New Year message reminding tariff reformers that the year will like ly see a dissolution of parliament and nossibly a change of government, and that therefore they must be prepared to table their practical proposals the moment the opportunity arises.

## REBUILDING OF RUINED CITIES

PEOPLE MAY NOT RETURN TO STRICKEN TERRITORY

Typhoid Fever Breaks Out in Messina-Italian Government Aid.

Rome, Jan. 6.-Plans for the rebuilding of Reggio and Messina already are being discussed in detail. Messina is the second city of Sicily. It is estimated that about \$15,000,000 will rebuild Messina for 50,000 inhabitants. It will take about \$8,000,000 to rebuild Reggio Natives to Engage in Agriculfor 25,000 people. In any event many years must elapse before the terrorized population can be induced to return and live in the stricken territory.

Another project is to transfer Messins provisionally to Milasseso, a small town near Messina. It has been decided to reconvene the Italian parliament on Friday or Saturday to consider measures of relief. Three members of the chamber of deputies perished in the earthquake. The Pope yesterday vis-ited the wounded in the Vatican hospital accompanied by Dr. Guisseppe Petacci, his private physician.

The prompt despatch of a part of the American battleships with the fleet commanded by Rear Admiral Sperry, to offer aid in the earthquake relief work, has added to the public feeling of appreciation and gratitude. Word has come that Admiral Sperry has opened a fund for the sufferers, and that the men of the fleet are contribut-

ing generously, Despatches received from Messina and Reggio indicate that although the situation is in some respects better, fresh complications have arisen. Tyence with the government authoritie of all the living in the destroyed cities. The work of searching under the ruin

Signor Pava, the Italian minister of public instruction, has received a telegram from Messina saying that the university there has been completely

destroyed Queen Helena has asked the authori ties and people throughout Italy not to engage in the usual festivities on her birthday next Friday. "I cannot possibly think of any kind of rejoicing," said the Queen in communicating her desire to the court chamberlain "while the nation is suffering such terrible mourning.'

The Queen said that she intended to spend her birthday in nursing the wounded and in attending especially to relief work among the children and women which is to a large extent un- Sir John Gordon of Opinion That der her supervision,

Dogs Attack Refugees. Messina, Jan. 6.-Dogs now institute one of the dangers of the refugees. These animals starving and often dying of thirst frequently attack the refugees. Among the wounded who went to Payermo was a refugee whose body has been terribly torn by dogs. He was buried in the debris up to his neck, and while unable to move was attacked by three of the animals and seriously hurt before his cries attracted help. Many people are shooting all vagrant dogs at sight, and stray bul-

was released from the wreckage of the church of San Francisco, She did not The rain has at last ceased, and th

Cathedral is Mass of Ruins Messina, Jan. 6.—The visitor cannot committee to-day, and it is thought refrain from a cry of sorrow when he hat the house will be called upon to realizes that the cathedral, the glory the president will resist any drastic turies have respected it from the time of the Normans until a few days ago. Defying former earthquakes which have afflicted Messina, its great columns of Egyptian granite, heavier and CHICAGO BLIZZARD SENDS stronger than bronze, were all thrown down and crumbled as if they wer chalk. The magnificient tombs of the

kings of Sicilly have been reduced to

Among the many dreadful scenes none is more pathetic than those in which men and women figure who have lost their reason from shock and suf fering. It might almost seem that the little army of survivors has becom demented. To-day a party of soldiers came upon the remains of what was once the city hall. They found an old

Japanese Aid. Tokio, Jan. 6 .- A meeting of promin

esidence of Count Komura, minister of foreign affairs, at his invitation, to-day voted a fund of 81,000 yen (\$40,500) toward the relief of sufferers in Italy. Among the officials and bankers in attendance were Count Matsukata, Marquis Nabasha, M. Matsuo, governor of the Bank of Japan, Baron Sonoda and M. Sakashi, president of the Hypothetic Bank of Japan, and over thirty others. The commission appointed a commit tee to raise 100,000 yen (\$50.000) within

Movements of U. S. Warships. Port Said, Jan. 6.-The battleships Connecticut, Kansas, Minnesota and Vermont left here for Naples last night. Upon their arrival Admiral Sperry wil place the vessels at the disposal of the authorities. The battleships Louisiana and Virginia arrived last night. The Missouri, Ohio and Kentucky are expected to-day.

a fortnight.

LONDON'S RAGGED CHILDREN. Victoria Contributions Provided Dinner For 1,500 Urchins

London, Jan. 6.-Fifteen hundred ragged school union children had a substantial dinner last night provided by funds subscribed by friends in Victoria,

CLERGY AND RAILWAY FARES. Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 6.-The special rates accorded to clergymen by railways in Western Canada for many vears have been withdrawn, and the clergy now pay full fares when travelling. Nuns still get a lower rate.

TAKING TO LIQUOR

YUKON INDIANS ARE

tural Pursuits as Antidote to Debauchery.

Dawson, Y. T., Jan. 6.-Liquor con sumption has increased among the Indians of the Yukon in the last year or two to an alarming degree. All the finally authorities and the clergy are striving to hold down the practice, but the reds, having had a taste of the white man's liquor, will not let it alone. In Dawson just now are four men serving time in the jail for suppling Indians with liquor, and two of the Indians are doing time for having been drunk and

disorderly. dians are in jail for the same offence, and some of the whites, who provided

the liquor, are in durance. It is anomalous that through the early days of this camp the natives eschewed drink and walked in the naths of righteousness and sobriety, while now they are taking the devious track, Plans were made last year to insti-tute agriculture at Mose Hide as it was believed that the natives there might just as well be bending their efforts toward raising good potatoes and other vegetables for their own use as sitting about drinking liquor or absorbing nicotine. If the idea is not cast aside the natives may be put on a self-supporting basis. For a long time the Indians have been more or less of an expense and a charge to the government, but those undertaking the eform believe that if the agricultural industry can be inculcated the returns not only would include material goods but would do the natives good and bring them back from the highway to

REMOVAL OF YUAN SHI KAI period.

Foreign Interests Are Endangered.

Pekin, Jan. 6.-Yuan Shi Kai, accom namied by the members of his family, left yesterday afternoon on a special train for Wei Hai Wei, in Honan province. There were only a few railroad officials at the ailroad station to see him off.
Immediately after his dismissal, Yuan Shi Kai, fearing that the members of his family would be selzed fled to Tlen Tsin, taking his family with him. He reconsidered his flight, and in the light of certain reassurances, decided to return to the capital. The fate of this dismissed statesman is still regarded as problemati

London, Jan. 6 .- The dismissal of Yuan Shi Kal is causing no little anxiety at the foreign office. Dispatches received from Sir John M. Gordon, the British minister to China, intimate that foreign in terests are in danger.

U. S. TROOPS FOR HAWAIL

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 6.-The army transport Thomas sailed for Honolulu and Manila carrying the largest number of army officers transported across the Pacific since the Spanish-American war. Col. Walter S. Schuyler, with 561 men of the fifth cavalry, will leave the Thomas at Honolulu to take station at the army post at Honolulu. The freighter Virginia which also started to-day will transport

MERCURY TUMBLING

Fall of 53 Degrees in Twentyfour Hours-Telegraphic Communication Crippled.

mercury dropped to 9 below to-day. Telegraph wires were crippled in every direction, and there are a num-'I ber of accidents due to the cold weather recorded. Twenty-five guests of the Humboldt Park hotel suffered severely for a time. They were driven half clad leased as a result of these revelations. eat financiers of the empire held in the the coldest in the last three years.

"LEST WE FORGET."

Ottawa, Jan. 6 .- Officials of the im nigration department are doing their best to discourage winter carnivals in Canada. One says:

"Any literature, exhibition or any other thing which tends to create the impression that Canada is an ex-tremely cold country is very hurtful to the work carried on by our officers in other countries. You will remember the great prominence given to Rudyard Kipling's poem 'Our Lady of the Snows,' and the opinion of ma of those best able to judge was that Buildings Blown Up to Check the title did incalculable damage to our Dominion.'

**ELECTRIC LIGHT RATES** AT WESTMINSTER REDUCED

Recommendations Adopted at Last Meeting of Old Council.

New Westmnster, Jan. 5.-In accordince with the custom that has been observed by the city from the date of its incorporation, the outgoing and the incoming councils both held spe-pletely destroyed: Caledonia hotel and cial meetings yesterday, the old council meeting in the morning and the new council at noon.

The members of the old council were all present, with the exception \$1,000; Miss & Co., drug store, \$2,000 of Ald. Garrett, and immediately proceeded to clean up the civic slate of last year, in order to give the new ouncil a clear start.

The most important matter that called for the attention of the old council was the proposed reduction in the electric light rates. The mayor, in putting the matter before the aiderputting the matter before the alder-men, stated that at present the city of amount to about \$30,000. Windows were Vancouver had the lowest light rates damaged by the explosions to the exin Canada.

Ald. Gray, chairman of the light committee, added that the proposed reductions would make the rate in this city a trifle less than that of Vancouver for all domestic purposes.

The recommendations were taken up clause by clause and the reduction decided upon with a few changes from the original. The first 1023 Pike street, was arrested at the clause makes the rate for the first order of Coroner F. M. Carroll last thirty kilowatts 11c per kilowatt hour; the next thirty kilowatts 10c and the rest forty or over 9c, these rates being in their home, 715 Olive street. Albased on meter measure. Clause two though the cause of the won provides that hospitals, educational death could not be ascertained by and charitable institutions be supplied Deputy Coroner John T. Honeycutt with light at eight cents per kilowatt and Dr. I. B. Green, the city physi-Clause three deals with signs and window light for business houses, the rates to be determined from time to time, the minimum to be not less than fifty cents per month. Clause four provides that the corporation be of the Young home, a revolver, which charged \$36 per year for each arc Young later passed to Joseph Roba, a light, and five cents nett for all other civic purposes, to be taken from the general revenue and added to the receipts of the electric light department, Ald, Henley entered a protest to the was 38 years old. She and Young were

Ald. Gray was of opinion that it was a wrong principle to have the electric stand what caused her death. light users paying for deficits in other departments, and in this he was sup ported by the mayor. A change was made in the cost of light to the city from the regular sels, ten steamers and six schooners rates to five cents per kilowatt nett, passed out of existence on the Great

which is slightly more than the cost of Lakes. The boats that were total losses transmission and production. other clauses were adopted with the carrying capacity of 26,250 tons a trip. exception of the last, which provided Eight of the vessels stranded and were that the profits be deposited as a sink- pounded to pieces, five steamers were ing fund to be used to pay off the destroyed by fire, two were lost in colbonded indebtedness of the Electric lisions and one steamer foundered. ight This was laid over ur

JUDGE'S PECULATIONS

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 6.-The county grand jury yesterday returned 35 in- 000. dictments against Judge Chas. E. North Star, which was sunk in collision Booe, former claim clerk in the office of with the steamer Northern Queen on the state auditor, charging him with Lake Huron, was insured for \$120,000, uttering, forgery and defrauding the and she had a valuable cargo which state with vouchers. Records placed was also insured. before the grand jury indicate that the total amount of Booe's peculations DEAN FARTHING'S CONSECRATION. was over \$30,000.

ARIZONA MINING MAN MISSING.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 6.-It is now pelieved that T. A. Cox, the Arizona mining man who disappeared from the Fairmount hotel on December 20th, 4s still among the missing. Detectives who stated that Cox had gone to Portland, Ore., were yesterday convinced that they had located another man of the same name.

**NEW STEAMER TO BE** OPEN TO INSPECTION

Seamen's Institute and Lifeboat Association Will Share in Proceeds.

The general public of Victoria are to have an opportunity to inspect the new steamer Princess Charlotte, now lying diers have taken the field, a column of at the Belleville street docks. She wil be thrown open on Saturday evening, with all her furnishings complete, and a charge of 25 cents made for admission for adults and ten cents for children. The proceeds will be divided be tween the Seamen's Institute and the Native reports, however, are to the ef-Lifeboat Association. This has been feet that the troops were driven back made possible through the kindness of Capt. Troup, superintendent of Pacific Coast steamships for the C. P. R. In order that the visit may be made er joyable an orchestra will be provided and the ship beautifully illuminated.

GOLD IN U. S. TREASURY.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 6 .- True to the Washington, D. C., Jan. 6 .- Yesterweather bureau's schedule, the first day's statement of treasury balance in blizzard of the winter swept down on the general funds shows an available man standing there half-naked. He blizzard of the winter swept down on the general funds shows an available held a blanket in his hands, but he Chicago to-day from the north. From cash balance of \$165,730,461; gold coin 44 degrees above zero yesterday the and bullion, \$28,142,049; gold certificates, \$51,495,750.

Steamer Ivo Maru left Puesday fo ton and herring, canned salmon, crude | being held in this city. The conference into the street by a fire. To-day was laneous goods. She had in all something like 5,000 tons.

FIRE SWEEPS PORT ESSINGTON

TOWN PARTIALLY WIPED OUT: LOSS \$100,000

Progress of the Flames

Aberdeen, B. C., Jan. 5. - Port Essington was partially destroyed by fire last night. The fire started in the annex of the Caledonia hotel, caused by a defective flue. On account of lack of water pressure and the severe weather prevailing it was found neccessary to blow up buildings east and west of the fire centre.

The total loss will amount to about \$100,000, partially covered by insurance. The following buildings were comannex, with Royal Bank, loss about \$15,000; Mackenzie & Jackson, \*general store, \$10,000; Bagstadt's jewelry store, contents saved loss on building shout photograph gallery, \$1,000; church and schoolroom. \$5,000: Lorenz residence. \$2,000; Warren's restaurant and its contents \$2,000: Chinese restaurant and

laundry, \$3,000, Other losses including about 15 small cottages and the contents and part of the wharf belonging to the Skeena tent of about \$3,000.

SEATTLE TRACEDY

Strange Death of His Wife Leads to a Candymaker's Arrest.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 6.-James Young, a candymaker, with a store at night, following the death of Mrs. cian, last night, they are inclined to believe that the woman either too poison or died of acute heart disease brought on by the quarrel

During the quarrel in the bedroom of the Young home, a revolver, which roomer at the house, was fired. The

bullet struck no one Mrs. Anna Young, the dead woman was formerly a Mrs. Robinson. She extent of the reduction, from \$12,000 to \$14,000, on the ground that it would in the house where she died last hight affect other departments, which had to be supported by the general fund.

Was a years old. She and Young were married last August. They had lived in the house where she died last hight since last November.

Young insists that he did not strike Young insists that he did not strike his wife, and says he cannot under-

SIXTEEN VESSELS LOST. During the past season sixteen ves-The were valued at \$681,000. They had a only two were of steel. The greatest loss of the season was the steel steamer D. M. Clemson, which foundered in Lake Superior. Twenty-four lives were lost on her. She was valued at \$300,-000, and her coal cargo was worth \$12,-The package freight steamer

Montreal, Que., Jan. 6.—The consecra-tion of Dean Farthing as Bishop of Mont-real in Christ Church cathedral to-day was attended by all the prelates of the Anglican church in Eastern Canada, and was a most impressive ceremony, despite the fears of the anti-ritualistic wing of the church. There was no disturb

CHINESE SOLDIERS IN OPEN INSURRECTION

Both Government Troops and **Mutineers Claim Victory** in Engagement.

Amoy, China Jan. 6 .- Official reports have been received here of a revolutionary outbreak in Manchuria near Mukden. One thousand mutinous solof government troops with a gatling gun was sent out against them.

An engagement was fought on Sunday in which the insurgents, according to the official version, were repulsed. with a loss of sixty men killed. The fact that the insurgents occupy an impregnable position would seem to indicate a government reverse. Reinforcements have been asked for. The women and children have been sent away from the locality.

The cause of the muting is not explained, Insurgents' agents are busy recruiting in Amoy. They are offering a dollar a day for men.

HARRIMAN SYSTEM

Salt Lake City, Utah, Jan. 6 .- The annual conference of the officials of the Japan and China, taking a large and Oregon Railroad & Navigation Comvaluable cargo consisting of flour, cot- pany and the Oregon Short Line is rubber, cut glass and other miscel- is for the purpose of exchanging views and experiences in the conduct of the two members of the Harriman system.

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