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PARTIES ARE NOW EQUAL

First Duty of New British Parliament Will Be to Deal With the Budget—Then the "Veto" Power

CONJECTURED CHANGES IN LLOYD GEORGE'S MEASURE

Concessions to the Irish in Reduction of Spirit Duties and to the Imperialists in Large Navy Vote

STANDING OF PARTIES

Unionists	264
Liberals	264
Laborites	40
Nationalists	77
Elections pending	25

LONDON, Jan. 29.—The week closes with the Liberals in better heart, as a result of their gradually swelling total. They emphasize the fact that with the Laborites, the government's purely British majority will be forty. The fact that Premier Asquith and Chancellor Lloyd-George are taking a brief holiday, after a short conference today, is reassuring to the ministerialists who see in this an evidence of harmony in the cabinet.

It is notable also that the moderate opinion which a few days ago echoed the Conservative suggestions of a conference on the subject of the House of Lords, has now come into line, the extremists declaring that it is the government's first duty to pass the budget and then [illegible] the matter of the Lords.

It is intended that the second budget, which is due to be presented immediately after the first is passed, will contain concessions to the Irish in the reduction of spirt taxes and to the Imperialists by an increase in the navy for which probably $26,000,000 will be voted.

Unionists Confident.

The Unionists are confident that the government will be plunged into difficulty from the outset by the Laborites, who are certain to re-introduce their "right to work" bill, which was rejected by the government in the last parliament. Moreover, the debate on the address is likely to be very animated.

A host of amendments is already foreshadowed including the Home Rule and fiscal questions. The latter, however, is likely to be in the background so far as parliament is concerned, although an active propaganda will be continued in the constituencies.

The warmest fight in the new parliament will be on the veto of the House of Lords, which are all agreed will precipate a new election within a few months.

There is considerable doubt whether Asquith will retain the premiership when the new government is formed. He will decide this momentous question during his trip to the Mediterranean. He declared most decidedly that he would not continue in office unless the country gave him full authority to carry out his policy in dealing with the House of Lords. It can hardly be said that the results of the election contain any such mandate. It is now practically certain that the Liberals will not have a clear majority and a coalition with the Nationalists and Laborites will not have sufficient authority to inaugurate any such radical changes. It is an open secret that Asquith has found the practical dictatorship of the socialistic members of his cabinet, notably Lloyd George and Winston Churchill, most galling. It is rumored that Lloyd George will become premier if Asquith decides to retire.

Two Men Walk

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 29.—Geo. Goulding, of Toronto, won a two mile walk from Liebgold, of Buffalo.

Tar Baby Stopped

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 29.—James Flynn, of Boston, knocked out Ralph Calloway, colored, of California, in the seventh round of a scheduled ten-round bout at the American A. C. tonight.

Seven Year Tourney

NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 29.—The longest chess tournament on record was ended here today when Gaston G. Netter won the last game of a thousand game match, begun in April, 1902, from Emile Stehli. Netter is a Frenchman and Stehli a Swiss. They played on the same table in a down town hotel nearly every afternoon for the past ten years.

Investigate Beef Trust.

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—That the governments investigation into the affairs of the so-called beef trust is to be national was shown yesterday following the questioning before the federal grand jury of Chas. G. Snow, secretary and treasurer of the National Packing company. It was learned that the books and other documents of fifteen concerns have been laid before the jury. It was also learned that subpoenas had been issued for employees and officials of Armour & Co., Swift & Co., and Morris & Co., the Hammond Co., and the United Dressed Beef Co., of New York.

Sustains Grave Injury.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 29.—Norman Brown, aged 30 fell today from a scaffold on the new building of the court house. Both legs, both arms and back were broken. He is still breathing.

Seat Remains Liberal

OTTAWA, Jan. 29—The bye-election held here today to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, resulted in the return of Albert Allard, Liberal, by a majority of 432. The vote was Allard, Liberal, 5,821; Dr. Chabot, Conservative, 5,389. The French portion of the city gave Alard his majority, the English portion went for Dr. Chabot.

Fur Seizure in New York.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Customs agents today seized fifty pieces of furs from Canada valued in all at $1,000. According to Collector Loeb they were shipped from London, Ont., to a Brooklyn address as household goods, free of duty and were so entered at Suspension Bridge, Niagara Falls. "When the officers examined the car," said Mr. Loeb, "they found a large quantity of skins and manufactured furs concealed under kitchen utensils and other household effects."

Protection of Oysters

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—The U. S. government is going after those who transplant oysters from salt water to fresh water and frequently near the mouth of sewers, where they are allowed to fatten and enlarge beyond their normal proportions. This developed today in the testimony of Dr. Wiley, the government chief chemist, before the house subcommittee engaged in investigating the high prices of food stuffs. Dr. Wiley characterized it as a very flagrant form of adulteration. The more sewage the oyster receives, he said, the more corpulent and whiter it becomes, giving a very edible appearance.

HOSTILE FORCES IN CLOSE TOUCH

Decisive Battle Expected Soon to Seal the Fate of Dictator of Nicaragua—Provisional Forces Confident

SAN JUAN DEL SUR, Nicaragua, Jan. 29.—Owing to the proximity of the contending forces, it seems impossible that another day can pass without an engagement. The reports from Bluefields that a battle has already been fought at La Libertad are not true. There has been nothing in the way of an engagement in that vicinity except an outpost skirmish.

Powerful government forces have been sent to the western departments to watch any attempt at invasion from Salvador, Honduras. According to the reports here, large numbers of volunteers are leaving Leon ad Chindega for the front.

MONTEREZ, Nicaragua, Jan. 29.—(By courier and military telegraph to Bluefields, Jan. 26th.)—The second decisive battle of the insurrection is expected to take place in the next fortnight, probably near La Libertad, according to General Mena, who joined the provisional troops here today. It is possible that the battleground may yet be at Acoyapa, although General Chamorro, who is now at Santo Domingo, nine miles from Libertad, reports the Madriz forces have advanced north, apparently intending to fight in the hills around La Libertad. The end of the week will see Generals Chamorro, Mena and Zeledon with four thousand men facing the enemy. The season has been dry in this section and the men, in consequence, are in good health.

The advance of the provisionals has been retarded for a week by the bad condition of the trail. There is much enthusiasm, even greater than shown before Recreo, as it is believed that this battle will end the war.

LONGBOAT AGAIN COMES TO FRONT

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 29.—Tom Longboat, the Indian, on Thursday night beat Percy Smallwood, the Welchman in a 12-mile indoor running race by four minutes. Longboat's time was 1 hour 8 minutes and 27 seconds. Smallwood finished almost five laps behind.

Chess Champion Dead.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Frank J. Marshall, United States chess champion, was beaten today by Herbert Rosenfeld, in the third of their series of ten games. Play began on Friday night and was not concluded until early today. The score now stands Marshall 2, Rosenfeld 1. A fourth game is scheduled for tomorrow.

Featherweight Championship.

SAN FANCIOSCO, Jan. 29.—A cable from J. W. Coffroth, fight promoter, who is now in England says that he has perfected arrangements for a match in San Francisco for the international featherweight championship between Abe Attel of San Francisco and Jem Driscoll, English champion. It is presumed that the fight will take place next month as the club in which he is interested has received a permit.

Salt Lake the Point.

ELY, Nev., Jan. 29.—Tex Rickard, fight promoter, made public yesterday a contract signed by himself, Sam Berger and James J. Jeffries, under the terms of which the Jeffries-Johnson fight is to take place in Salt Lake City unless the authorities interfere. The contract was signed in Ogden last Monday. If the Utah authorities will not permit the fight to take place in Salt Lake City Rickard is to forfeit the entire purse of $101,000 to the fighters, who are to divide it equally.

EIGHT DIE IN RAILWAY CRASH

One of Worst Train Wrecks in the History of English Lines Occurs on the Outskirts of London

CAUSE OF ACCIDENT IS SO FAR UNKNOWN

Thirty Injured Are Taken From the Wreck of Cars Which Crashed Into Station at Hign Rate of Speed

LONDON, Jan. 29.—One of the most serious railway accident in England since the disaster to the steamer train at Salisbury in July 1906, occurred at Stoat's Nest station near London, on the London and Brighton railway this afternoon. Two third class and a Pullman of a train from Brighton traveling at a speed of forty miles an hour crashed into the station. The third class carse were completely wrecked and a part of the building was demolished. The Pullman was thrown violently into the air but was comparatively little damaged. Its passengers escaped with minor injuries.

Accounts of the cause of the accident differ. One says that it was due to the derailment of a portion of the train which jumped the points where the branch joints the line just outside the station. Another account attributes the cause to the breaking of the coupling between the first and second cars. The two third class cars reared almost on their ends and toppled over on the platform bringing down a mass of iron girders and timber from the station. Robt. J. Wynne the former U. S. Consul-General at London was in the Pullman escaping uninjured.

Jumped Rails

In describing the accident he said "we were passing through Stoat's Nest at a rapid pace, when suddenly a part of the train jumped the rails and began to tear along on its side. The car in which I was seated rocked so violently that many things were smashed. The passengers were preparing to escape when the car stopped with a crash. I looked out of the window and saw a man lying dead near the wheels. I got out and helped to pull another man from a ditch. He died before a doctor arrived. We found two more dead and a woman breathing her last. The third class cars were lying on their sides having been thrown against the stone embankment and were smashed to tinder."

Mr. Wynne thought the breaking of a coupling caused the accident. The critically injured were taken to a local hospital while the others were brought to London.

NORTH WARD TO MEET THE BANKERS

The North Ward and Banker intermediate basketball teams will meet in an intermediate league match on Tuesday evening instead of Wednesday, the date selected by the association, the date having been changed because of the carnival fixed to take place at the skating rink on the following night.

RESULTS BRITISH FOOTBALL FIXTURES

LONDON, Jan. 29.—Today's British football results are as follows:

Scottish League—St. Mirren 2, Celtic 1; Glasgow 0, Horton 1; Falkirk 0, Herts 1; Motherwell 2, Glasgow R. 3.

First Division—Woolwich 4, Middlesboro 3; Tottenham H. 0, Bradford C. 0; Wolwich A. 3, Bolton W. 0.

Second Division—Fulham 0, Birmingham 0; Leicester F. O. 0, Lincoln City 1; Wolverhampton 2, Derby 3.

Southern League—Brentoford 0, N. Bropton 2; Brighton and H. A. 3, Crystal Palace 1; Bristol R. 1, Queen's Park R. 0; Coventry C. 3, Millwall 2; Watford 1, Croyden C. 3; Exeter C. 1, Leyton 1; Norwich C. 0, Northompton 1; South End 2, Plymouth 0; Reading 2, Southampton 1; Westham U. 6, Swindon 1.

Ramona Chartered.

SEATTLE, Jan. 29.—The steamer Ramona, now idle at Eagle Harbor, was chartered today by the Southern Pacific railroad for service on the Oregon coast, probably to replace the wrecked Czarina. The Ramona is 195 feet long and has excellent passenger equipment. She was built in Alameda, Cal., and was at first operated on the Southern California run, and her last service was between Tacoma, Seattle and Vancouver. The charterer will take possession February 5.

The High Cost of Living.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 29.—The Trades and Labor Council, representing about 20,000 men met tonight to discuss the high cost of living and the boycott question. The general trend of the speeches was to the effect that the boycott would not help to solve the problem, and that it was a mistake. The legislative committee was instructed to draft a bill to prohibit the storage of eggs, meats and other food stuffs for a period exceeding 90 days.

Three Mile Record

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 29.—George Bonhag, of New York, clipped five seconds off the indoor record for three miles at the 74th Regiment A. A. games here tonight. Jack Taft, of Toronto, was Bonhag's opponent. The New Yorker won handily in 14.29 3-5. The former record was 14:34 3-5.

Former Ambassador Dead.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 29.—Gen. W. F. Draper, former United States ambassador to Italy and a brother of Eben Draper, of Massachusetts, died at his home here tonight. He was 68 years of age.

May Meet Vancouver.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., Jan. 29.—It is possible that the general synod of the Church of England may be held in Vancouver next year. His Grace Archbishop Mathewson of Ruperts Land paid an unofficial visit to Bishop Dart yesterday and discussed with him the possibility of holding the synod in the terminal city.

REICHSTAG AGITATED

Uproar Follows Member's Attack on Alleged Policy of Emperor Towards Prussia.

BERLIN, Jan. 29.—The Reichstag was the scene of an angry demonstration today when in the course of a speech Herr Von Oldenberg, a Conservative Agrarian, declared: "The German Emperor is asking that Prussia must have the right at any moment to order a Prussian lieutenant to come here and with ten men to close the Reichstag."

At the words all the members on the Left side of the House rose to their feet protesting with shouts of "monstrous," "scandalous," "impudence and "a breach of the constitution."

The spectators joined in the uproar, which lasted for several minutes. Finally Herr Schrecder, the venerable Liberal member, secured attention and made a formal protest against Oldenburg's remarks, which, he said, constituted a grave insult to the Reichstag, the Emperor and army. The Conservatives, on the other hand, greeted Oldenburg's words with thundering applause.

BANISH MEAT FROM BANQUET

Empire State Manufacturers Turn Vegetarians as Protest Against Advanced Cost of Living

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Six hundred representative manufacturers, mostly men of wealth, ate a dinner at the Machinery Club of nothing but vegetables and fruit. There were no speeches, but an informal discussion of the advanced cost of living indicated that the universal protest of the nation has the support of these men, as well as of the laboring men.

There were further slight reductions in prices today, but quotations on the whole seemed to indicate that demand and supply are beginning to approach an adjustment. The warfare between the packers, the wholesale dealer and the small dealer, continues today with a new issue. Wholesalers are asking for a repeal of the duty on Canadian, Argentine and Mexican beef.

"Look at the Londan market," said one of them. "Free competition with the beef of Canada, Argentine and even Russia rules the market with the result that an Englishman can eat Canadian beef grown just across the border cheaper than Americans can eat their own Western steers."

A mass metting at Madison Square, at which a movement in imitation of the "Boston Tea Party" was to have been launched against meat by the National Progressive Womans' suffrage Union, was postponed owing to the weather.

At the next meeting of the union a resolution will be presented calling upon the legislature to limit that period during which meat may be kept in cold storage.

"Eat no meat" in large letters was pasted all over the west side today on shop windows and in many private houses. Twelve of the posters are in butcher shops.

EXPRESSES SYMPATHY

President of United States Cables Regrets at Calamity to President of France

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—President Taft has sent a telegram to President Fallieres of France, expressing the sympathy of the American people for the flood sufferers of Paris and also has tendered him relief through the national Red Cross Society. The State Department has sent a telegram to Ambassador Bacon asking whether Red Cross contributions for the relief of sufferers would be acceptable.

President Taft's telegram is as follows: "In there any manner in which, through the National Red Cross or otherwise, appropriate expression could be made of the sympathetic distress with which the people and government of the United States have received word of the reported calamity in the historic and beautiful capital as well as in the provinces of France. Meanwhile I offer you the sincerest sympathy and most ardent wishes that the cause of this disaster may soon abate."

Switchmen Return to Work.

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 29.—One week from next Monday the switchmen of the Northwest who have been on strike since November 30, will return to work. Practically every one of the strikers will be in their old places. They will resume work with the wage question unsettled, but they will be governed by the figures agreed upon at the Chicago conference.

Lamy Heard From

PITTSBURG, Ia., Jan. 29.—An international record was made at the championship skating races held here tonight, the mile and half being done in 4 minutes 10 seconds by Roe, of Toronto. Ahlroth, of Duluth, was second, and Fischer, of Milwaukee, was third. Edmund Lamy again carried away honors, winning the one and the five mile races.

FLOOD LOSSES ARE APPALLING

With Swollen Waters of Seine Slowly Subsiding Parisians Realize Havoc Which Has Been Wrought

HOMELESS NUMBER FORTY THOUSAND

Advices From Provinces Indicate General Improvement in Conditions—Relief Work Being Actively Prosecuted

PARIS, Jan. 29.—Slowly, very slowly, the swollen waters of the Seine, which reached their high mark at 2 o'clock this morning, are subsiding. At midnight the fall measured about four and one-half inches, not much, but enough to bring a sense of relief to the desolated city.

The situation continues critical at many points within the city, particularly in the neighborhood of the St. Lazare station, where the entire streets and solid blocks of buildings threaten to sink through the crust into the waters beneath. The effect of the removal of the water pressure has been to weaken foundations generally and this causes the greatest anxiety. Besides there will be thousands of acres to be cleared or repaired when the water has receded, and there is also the possibility of an epidemic. It is generally believed that the breaking of the dam at Genevilliers has probably hastened the climax by releasing an immense amount of water, but the consequences below are appalling.

Genevilliers and Colombes, having 30,000 inhabitants, are completely submerged, the water reaching the tops of the houses in the lower section, while the flood is backing up into the very centre of Asnires. Figures as to the number of persons affected by the flood in the valley of the Seine are pure guess work, but certainly 40,000 have been driven from their houses to the hospitals and other buildings, which have been placed at the disposal of the refugees. Such despatches as have reached here from the provinces indicate a general improvement in conditions, except in the lower valley of the Seine.

No State of Seige

President Fallieres and Premier Briand traversed the inundated districts on the left bank of the river this afternoon in an auto boat, giving particular attention to the region around the foreign office, after which they passed around the Eiffel tower into the Javel district. The premier gave a categorial denial to the reports that the government contemplated proclaiming a state of siege in the city. He said that there would have been no hesitation in doing this if the necessity had arisen, but the public had manifested complete confidence in the government and was conducting in such splendid fashion that France might well be proud before the world. General Brun, minister-of-war, and General Dalstin, military governor of Paris, also made a tour of the devastated suburbs to inspect the work of the soldiers.

The French Red Cross, the Societe des Dames Francaises and the Societe des Dames de France are rendering immense assistance to the authorities in the relief of the sufferers. The last two named societies were organized after the war of 1870, and have large reserves of money and supplies which were collected to meet the contingencies of possible war or a national calamity, and their entire resources are being employed. Sixty relief stations have been established in Paris, as well as camps for the free distribution of soup, food and clothing in the outskirts of the inundated towns and villakes along the river.

The local government authorities are displaying great devotion and zeal to the work of salvage. Nevertheless, the conditions, especially in the country districts, are pitiful. The houses of the farmers are submerged to the roofs, and in many cases the inhabitants have lost everything, including their livestock.

It is estimated that the Seine, which under normal conditions moves through Paris at the sluggish rate of less than a mile an hour, is now carrying thirty times the ordinary at a speed of twenty miles an hour.

During the last few days thousands of visitors and residents have left here for London or the Riveria, those going to the latter place making their way around Paris to the broken southern lines over the Grand Ceintur railroad.

A number of deplorable incidents have been reported. Several shopkeepers who attempted to charge quadruple prices, have been mobbed, while a groceryman, driven to the upper story of his house by an angry crowd, fired a fevolver, wounding a woman. Rowdies have attempted to pillage many of the houses, and at several of the towns they have been driven off by the military.

Premier Briand has arranged for the flour mills and oil reservoirs in the west and north to send flour and oil to Paris by special trains, and the danger of a famine is now practically over. Learning that speculators were planning to corner the potato market, and send prices up, the government has issued an edict that if this is carried out the speculators will be sternly prosecuted. The footbridge erected at the Esplanade des Invalides collapsed tonight, precipitating scores of people into the water, but all were rescued by soldiers. Water pouring into the basement of the Opera Comique tonight suddenly drowned the dynamo, and the opera was sung in almost complete darkness.

Bishop Foss Dead.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 29.—Bishop Cyrus D. Foss, retired, of the Methodist Episcopal church, one of the best known clergymen in the country, died tonight at the Hahnemann Hospital from paralysis.

Kidnapping Charge.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 29.—Ferdinand Cohen, the hotel waiter who left this city with Roberta Dejanon, the young heiress, and was arrested in Chicago, was given a hearing and again committed to prison without bail, to await trial on a charge of kidnapping. At his preliminary hearing two weeks ago Cohen was held without bail but his attorney brought habeas corpus proceedings and succeeded in having the court fix bail at $2,000. The bonds were not forthcoming, however, and he has been in the county jail ever since he was brought from Chicago.

MONTREAL SKYSCRAPERS

MONTREAL, Jan. 29.—It is announced that the property on St. James street opposite he post office, and owned by the seminary of St. Sulpice has been leased for a period of ninety-nine years by the Grand Trunk Pacific, and that the work of constructing a ten storey building will be commenced in the spring. The property occupies a whole block in the most central portion of the city, bounded by St. James, Notre Dame and St. Francois Xavier streets and Place Du Armes square. The new building will be one of the finest in the city. On the site of the old St. Lawrence hall on the opposite corner the Canadian Pacific will erect a ten story building, while the Yorkshire Insurance Company will erect a new building opposite the St. Lawrence. Over a million dollars will be spent on the new buildings.

ELECTRIC COMPANY TAKES UP OPTION

Acquires Douglas Street Frontage for Terminals of Suburban Extensions—Realty Active During Past Week

The B. C. Electric company have taken up their option upon the Douglas street property lying between Chatham and Discovery streets. Nearly a month ago the fact that they had considered purchasing the property, and indeed had it under option, was published, and now the deal is completed.

The area in question consists of the entire frontage on the west side of Douglas street between the thoroughfares mentioned, running back with frontages on either street of 240 feet. It will be utilised for the company's suburban terminals, with the inception of their lines tapping the Saanich peninsula, work upon which, it is expected, will be commenced in the near future.

Four and a third lots fronting on Chatham and Herald streets, just east of Douglas street, changed hands yesterday for $27,500.

The lot at the corner of Fort and Quadra streets has been purchased by by Max Leiser. It comes as a portion of the estate of the late Dr. Morrison.

Another week's showings in the local realty market prove conclusively that the public interest is being, not alone well sustained, but is increasing daily in volume. A number of the firms report that the influx of inquirers to their offices during the past six days has been heavier than at any other time in their history. The movement has become widespread, all classes of property being in demand. A considerable amount of the buying during the last few days is traceable to outsiders. Word was received yesterday that over 200 people have left Winnipeg alone during the past week for Victoria.

Indicative of the demand, a summary of the business done by some of the firms, together with the numerous sales reported from day to day, bring the week's business to a mark which may be variously estimated anywhere from a million to a million and a quarter dollars.

During the past six days Allen & Son have put through deals which total in the neighborhood of $75,000. These comprise inside lots, acreage, and residential property.

The B. C. Land and Investment company have had a busy week, their total sales reaching $50,000, while large sums have been refused by a number of clients for inside property.

Coles & Oddy were responsible for sales, large and small, aggregating $42,000 for the week just closed.

P. R. Brown, Ltd., put through a number of deals varying from close on $5,000 to $900, the total reaching the figure of $17,950.

T. P. McConnell's aggregate for the week reached $14,800.

That out of town investors are taking advantage of the low values in Victoria is evidenced by the fact that Messrs. Tracksell, Anderson & Co. have sold during the past week twenty-six lots in the Gorge Park subdivision to non-residents. The same firm, reports the sale of a house and two lots and a vacant lot on Government street.

T. P. McConnell yesterday sold a lot on Yates street to an outsider for a consideration of $5,500.

During the week the Island Investment company put through a number of deals in the north end of the city. The lots in the Empress subdivision have been practically all sold.

Currie & Power report the sale of a house and lot on David street for $1,800; a house and lot on the corner of Niagara and Menzies streets for $6,500; and a lot on Chaucer street, Oak Bay.

A double corner on Government and Bay streets, measuring 100 feet by 100 has changed hands for $15,000. This

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BOUGHT HESPER AS TRADER

Victorians to Engage in Trading in the South Seas in Vessel With Sensational History

WILL CARRY SANDAL WOOD FROM ISLANDS

Capt. McDonald and R. A. Cunningham Bought the Well Known Bark—Negotiated for the Umbrina

Captain W. J. McDonald and R. A. Cuningham, of Victoria, the former an old time South Sea trader, who came here some months ago and endeavored to interest Victorians in a proposition to outfit a schooner as a pearler, and who was, for a time, negotiating with Captain J. W. Peppett for the schooner Umbrina for this business, have bought the American bark Hesper, of San Francisco, which has been lying idle at Eagle Harbor for two years. The Hesper will be used for the project. She will be overhauled and sent to the South Seas as a pearler and trader and will carry sandal wood from the New Hebrides.

The Hesper is a bark of 602 tons net register and was built by Hall Bros. at Port Blakeley, Wash., in 1882. She has had an interesting career, being long known as the "mutiny ship," the crew having mutinied at one time while the vessel was enroute from Australia to the Sandwich Islands, and having murdered the mate. Capt. Sodergren, then in command, with the assistance of his twife, finally quelled the mutiny and brought the vessel to Honolulu, where three of the mutineers were subsequently hung. Later, Captain Sodergren committed suicide in San Francisco, it is said by reason of this matter preying upon his mind. The scene of trade that the vessel will now enter will be a fitting climax to her interesting career.

The Hesper was owned by George E. Billings, of San Francisco.

Capt. McDonald has been engaged in this trade since 1871 with several other vessels, namely, the bark Ousuri, the steamer Pioneer, the brig Donald McLean, the brig Marion Rhenny, and the brig Challenge. These vessels have been used in the same trade as that in which the Hesper will engage, between the South Sea Islands, China, and Australian ports, and have been lost or wrecked from time to time.

A history of these vessels and Capt. McDonald's experience with them and with the savage cannibal tribes he has to deal with in a trade in which he is engaged, if given in print, would make an interesting story.

The valuable hardwoods which the Hesper will be used for in bringing to Puget Sound ports and British Columbia have to be gathered by the natives of the islands, and as a result Captain McDonald is compelled to carry articles of trade such as suit the natives to exchange for their services in gathering the vessel's cargo, as money has no value in such localities so far as the natives themselves are concerned.

It is intended to establish a base for distribution of the hardwood collected both at Sound and the British Columbia ports, which will be in charge of Mr. Cuningham, while Captain McDonald will operate the vessel.

Close Quebec Bars

QUEBEC, Jan. 28.—The by-law closing bar rooms and retail groceries between midnight and 7 a. m. was adopted by the city council tonight. This does not affect the Saturday night early closing.

Holdups in Wicked Toronto.

TORONTO, Jan. 29.—Five drivers for Rutherford and Marshall's stable were held up for $200 by two masked men early yesterday. As driver, one by one, came in with their money returns they were met by a pistol pointed at their faces and told to deliver. Then they were tied up in stables. Detectives are working on the case.

Missing Student Located.

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 29.—The relatives of Joy D. Miller, the deposed captain of the University of Michigan football eleven, who has been missing since the announcement was made early this month that he was not a bona fide student at the university, have received word that he was in Manitoba, at McGregor, on January 14. J. Milne, sent from Spokane, Wash., a letter given him by a strange young man whom he befriended in McGregor, and who appeared to be in a dazed condition and out of funds. The letter proved to be one that was given to Miller by a girl friend in Ann Arbor and was sent by Milne to the girl's address.

Infected Cherry Trees.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 29.—The two thousand Japanese cherry trees presented by the municipality of Tokio to the United States government for use in the national capital, have been found to be affected with root gall worms, certain fungus diseases, and insect pests, some of the latter hitherto unknown in this country. The trees were to have been planted in Potomac Park but the Secretary of Agriculture has found it necessary to recommend their destruction.

Secretary of State Knox has expressed to the Japanese Ambassador the regret of the government authorities that the gift cannot be used and Colonel Crosby, in charge of public buildings and grounds, has conveyed regrets to the mayor of Tokio.