GEDY IN SPRING RIDGE

EGRO FOUND DEAD IN COTTAGE.

elieve Crime Has Been Committed--Three People Were Detained.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

s skull factured and bleeding ny wounds, the body of Wilell, a aged negro, was disy the police yesterday about in the passage way of his cothe North road, Spring Ridge. McKay, Harry Stevens and rgill are detained by the nding an investigation.

news of the tragedy was re- the chief of police about sterday afternoon. J. Lines f, who were painting a build- he scene of the tragedy, no- the rear door of the cottage broken in and that blood had d around it. In response to hone message the chief with of officers visited the scene. crime had been committed ent. In the hand of the dead , clothed in his night robes vered lying in the hall, was a with which he had evidently himself. The walls of the litomed cottage were spattered d, lamp upset and broken strewed the floor, while overairs and tables showed that le had been a severe one.

ce learned that McKay and n had been seen to enter the 7 o'clock the previous even- r they visited a saloon in the ood. The theory of the offat the woman entered the elated in her story. She evi- yed with the old man for Stevens called and went McKay, who has been inti- the woman for two or three , filled with wine and con- h jealousy, endeavored to entrance, and succeeded by n the back door. It is known oman had made her abode ead man at irregular inter- me time past.

e has been the rendezvous ber of cronies who have had unken carousals there. On asions the woman has been ng around the yard flourife in hand. On one oc- recently she was heard to at if the dead man did not to enter she would break . But on that occasion she ed without trouble.

s said to have been jealous the negro. In October he cottage of the dead man hile drunk, and in conseed two months for disord- t. What took place on the estion is more or less of a

an's version is only half the was seen to drive up to the a hack with McKay and in a few minutes for the , a popular resort near by, spent some time drinking rning to her abode.

car conductor states that on g after the affair he was s work at about 5.30 a. m. Cowgill with blood stream- e left side of her head and ck eye rushed out of the g: "Won't you help me get n up. He's down, and I im up."

d that he had to be at his early, and could not stop, hat he turned in a report to station.

intimation we had of the was at twenty minutes to rday afternoon," said the norning.

an in the case is about 40 ge, and McKay, who has rns a fireman on board the ter and general roustabout, years old. Both he and the been known to the police me. Dr. Herman Robertd the postmortem this afterthe inquest will likely nday. Thereafter if the ows that the deceased was tacked as seems to be the vill be given a preliminary

ENGLISH CUP.

dnesday Defeated Everton Goals to One in Final Match.

pril 20.—Fully 60,000 enmirers of football arrived o-day from as early as 3 morning on special trains re, Lancashire and Midess the final game in the ies at the Crystal Palace, erton, the holders, and dnesday. With the con- the south the managers t fully 80,000 persons came see the game. The meshed its full quota, bringnumber of spectators up 00.

cked off and scored a goal nutes. Everton then begressor, but Sheffield put nce, and it was not until he end of the first half ers of the cup were able natters.

know in football here as r time," the score was During the last quarter in their best work. There exciting rushes, but the so evenly matched that able to score for some one of the Sheffield forhe ball, and with a wind won a second goal. Everle to score after that, and tured the coveted trophy, of the holders of the cup, rong favorites, led to the es of excitement. Lord Alverstone presented the winners.

BUSY SESSION FOR ALDERMEN

MUCH BUSINESS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL

License By-law and Other Matters Will Occupy Their Attention.

(From Friday's Daily.)

The council meeting Monday night will be largely confined to routine business. Ald. Hanna will have his streets names by-law straightened out so that it will simply be a case of securing the formal assent of his aldermanic colleagues. Whether Ald. Henderson's committee will be in a position to make a report on the proposed alternative for the creosoting plant is not certain. Investigation has shown that by a new process which is in vogue in Seattle, blocks can be creosoted at half the pressure heretofore possible by the old method which required two pumps in order to force the juices out of the blocks and the oil in. By the new process one of these pumps is dispensed with, and a retort of only half the strength is required to do the work. It is rumored that Ald. Henderson and the city engineer made a pilgrimage to Seattle to inspect the plant at Eagle Arm; that extensive drawings of the retorts, etc., have been made, and that these are to be handed over to the Victoria Machinery Depot, and from them will be constructed the necessary machinery for the work required. The committee will consider the proposition to-night, and it will in all probability form a part of the matter for discussion at the Monday night meeting. The adoption of this plan will hasten the work of repaving Government street, and those other streets which are to be likewise treated, viz., Pandora around the city hall, Douglas, Johnson and Broad streets, between Yates and Johnson streets.

The committee will, it is understood, recommend that the work on the new plant be hastened as much as possible in order that the work may be done this summer. The Mayor is much interested in the new scheme and will endeavor to aid in its consummation.

The cemetery committee will recommend that a hedge be constructed around the Ross Bay cemetery. This, when carried out, will make the cemetery much more beautiful. It will be only one of the improvements to be carried out, however. The Anglican and Roman Catholic additions have to be plotted. This will be recommended. Roads will be laid out and flowers planted.

His Worship will report that negotiations are in progress for the laying under ground of the wires which now adorn the streets of the city. He yesterday wrote to the companies asking their assent to the plan. It was to have been done, so it is stated, on a plan invented by the Mayor in the case of Rockland avenue. Someone in the discussion after the project had been all settled and the avenue was to be made one of the show places of the city, asked how the wires were to be gotton out. When it was found that this could not be done without enormous expense the scheme was dropped. Now it is to be revived, and if a favorable answer is obtained work will be begun at once, preparatory to laying underground the wires in the business part of the city.

The project of increasing the liquor license fee has been dropped for the present. When the report was brought in none of the committee would sign it. It was passed to Ald. Meston first. After he had refused, the others followed suit, so that while many would like to bell the cat, none will risk the scratch from pussy's claws, and for the present she will run at large unmolested.

The legislative committee, if the legislature passes the city's bill, will report the securing of the amendments sought to the city charter.

The rest of the meeting will be occupied in the consideration of routine business, of which there is much.

PARK COMMISSION FOR VICTORIA CITY

Ald. Verrinder Wants By-law Creating One Introduced--Boulevards Also.

(From Friday's Daily.)

"Our scheme," said Ald. Verrinder when seen this morning anent the proposed park commission, "is to have the mayor, the chairman of the streets, bridges and sewers committee and the chairman of the finance committee appointed yearly. The other four members of the commission will be appointed from the council for a term of years to be retired singly in rotation each year. By this means we would secure continuity in the scheme for park development. At present we are waiting for the legislature to decide whether we will have a commission or not. This will be decided in a few days. Meantime, we are laying low with our plan. Of course there is a grant of some $8,500 nearly for park purposes but the cost of maintenance has to come out of this and that leaves us really very little for needed improvements.

Continuing, he said: "If when the money was first borrowed for Beacon Hill park, they had gone a little further and borrowed enough to have finished the work at that time, it would certainly have been a beauty spot. But this was not done and now has to be completed, and we have to provide for it.

"It is possible," said he, "that a by-law may be introduced yet if the legislature turns us down. But you can understand that after the fate that befel the others, I feel a trifle shaky about introducing anything looking to park improvement. Those were both very important, and since that time we have had many requests for surface drainage improvements. These we cannot do out of current revenue, so that the only alternative is to carry them along as best we can. To go ahead with any plans for extensive improvement to the parks would be the utmost folly under the circumstances.

"The commission if appointed will have the care of the parks this year. In addition they will have to look after the boulevards and the public gardens thus taking the care from the aldermen's shoulders. "In addition to the scheme for a park commission the legislautre is being asked to grant the council power to construct and maintain boulevards on the local improvement plan.

TOWN DESTROYED.

Manila, April 19.—The town of Iloilo, capital of the Island of Pansy, has been totally destroyed by fire. Twenty thousand people are homeless.

Iloilo is the second port in the Philippines.

CONSTITUTION OF CONFERENCE

DISCUSSED BY THE COLONIAL PREMIERS

The Colonies and Imperial Defence Council--Australia Submits Resolution.

London, April 18.—According to the brief official announcement, the colonial conference to-day discussed questions concerning its constitution, and considered the draft of a resolution drawn up by the Earl of Elgin, the colonial secretary on the subject, which was accepted in principle, though the settlement of the precise terms was held over until April 20th.

The conference also considered two resolutions from the Commonwealth of Australia, the first inviting the colonial secretary to frame a scheme under which the staff of the colonial secretary would be enabled to acquire a more intimate knowledge of the colonies, and the second urging the desirability of the colonies being represented on the imperial council of defence, and that they be authorized to refer to this council for advice in regard to local questions on which expert assistance may be desirable. It was explained respecting the latter item that it was intended to provide means for a more effective discussion of questions relating to the defence of the empire.

It was learned from another source that Lord Elgin's resolution indicates one distinct advance, namely, the creation of a new permanent department, presumably at the colonial office, whose especial duty would be to look after questions of general imperial interest, carrying on the work between the colonial conference, which will be held every four years. This is understood to be the result of a compromise, there being no desire on the part of the premiers to emphasize a divergence of opinion or occasion anything looking like a split.

The premiers have expressed general dissatisfaction with the secrecy maintained concerning the discussions and the method of publishing the proceedings of the conference, and there is reason to hope that when the various resolutions are adopted, fuller public announcements will be made.

PREMIER McBRIDE'S VISIT TO LONDON

Has no Intention of Attempting to Appear Before the Colonial Conference.

Montreal, April 18.—Premier McBride, of British Columbia, who is now on the way to England, states that he has no intention of attempting to appear before the conference of colonial premiers in respect to British Columbia's case, but will work through the colonial office.

Speaking of the coal situation in British Columbia, Premier McBride stated that it threatened to be very serious, and if carried along would cause terrible loss to the entire country. However, he had not given up hope of adjustment of difficulties.

The Premier leaves for St. John today, whence he will sail on the Empress of Ireland.

"KNOCKED-DOWN" BOATS.

One Recently Built and Shipped to the Yukon.

The business of building "knocked-down" boats is a new industry for Victoria which promises to develop into considerable proportions. On the Princess May's present trip north there is being sent to the Klondike a craft every portion of which is resolved into its original sections, and almost every piece of which could be handled by a child. It was constructed in the elementary form by the expert boat builder of Hutcheson Bros., who has recently joined the firm, and will be assembled at White Horse by the ship carpenters there. It is built to the order of Eli Vesson, who has had the mail contract for years between Dawson city and Forty-Mile. The launch is equipped with Hutcheson's motors, and can develop a speed of fifteen miles an hour.

Stapleton Caldecott, a well known dry goods man of Toronto, died suddenly aged 70 years.

Two severe earthquake shocks were felt at Manila on Thursday morning. No damage is reported.

MANY KILLED BY EARTHQUAKE

DEATH ROLL WILL EXCEED ONE HUNDRED

Reports of Damage Are Now Being Received From Interior of Mexico.

City of Mexico, April 19.—The first direct tidings from a number of interior towns affected by the earthquake on Sunday show that the death list will exceed one hundred with many small towns still unheard from.

At Cilapa thirty-three persons were injured and 779 buildings destroyed. Nobody was killed.

At Chilpancingo ten persons were killed and the whole city is in ruins except the city hall and twenty houses.

Earthquakes and subterranean noises continue.

At Ayutta nine were killed, thirty-seven injured and innumerable buildings destroyed. The damage amounts to $2,000,000 with no reports from country districts.

A message from Chilpancingo says sulphurous fumes poured up after Sunday's quake, give everyone headaches.

The city of Mexico is furnishing relief and the governors of all Mexican states have asked aid.

Living in Tents.

Ayutta, Mexico, April 19.—Seven persons were buried under the wreckage and killed at this place by the earthquake on April 14th. The wounded number 37.

Many buildings were thrown down, and those which are still standing are in danger of falling.

None of the houses are habitable, and citizens are camped under improvised tents.

The losses are estimated at approximately $200,000.

No advices have been received from outlying districts of this section.

TARTAR ARRIVES AHEAD OF TIME

Passes the Empress of Japan Carrying Overseas Mail Late Last Night.

(From Friday's Daily.)

One day ahead of time the R. M. S. Tartar, Commander W. Davidson, reached the outer wharf at 10 o'clock this morning. She arrived at quarantine about 6 a.m., and was delayed there for over three hours.

After leaving Yokohama on the 6th inst. the Tartar had a splendid voyage and ran through good weather during the entire trip. The passage moreover was uneventful.

At 10.30 p.m. yesterday, when about 130 miles out from Victoria, the Tartar passed the R. M. S. Empress of Japan, the vessel which left port yesterday carrying the overseas mail. The Empress was making fast time, and, according to statements made by officers on board the Tartar, owing to fine weather and calm seas which prevail across the Pacific she has every chance of making a record voyage. The overseas mail is due in Hongkong on the 5th of May.

The majority of the European passengers on board the Tartar were booked through to England and the eastern states of America. Five Chinese and two Hindus and a number of Japanese were landed here. The following is the passenger list for Victoria and Vancouver: Mrs. Alfred, Mrs. and Miss Andrews, Miss E. Appling, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. and Mrs. A. H. Bottenheim, Misses Bottenheim, Dr. and Mrs. I. M. H. Bourke, J. R. Calvert, Mr. and Mrs. B. Dalton, Miss Dalton, J. K. Davis, Rev. W. Field, P. G., Mrs. Field, Masters F. and P. Field, H. D. Fitzgerald, R. Fryer, Mr. and Mrs. H. Goddard, Rev. A. C. and Mrs. Huntley, Misses M., J. and S. Huntley, Master C. Huntley, Miss L. Jackson, Miss L. M. Jones, J. McCubbin, Rev. Van. and Mrs. Meter, Mrs. G. Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Moon, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Murphy and two children, Capt. R. Rodgers, Mrs. Simmons and child, Mr. and Mrs. Sincholle, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Smardon, R. Stevenson, F. Strathler, P. Turner, Misses B. and L. Ward, Rev. W. A. and Mrs. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Winter, Misses J. A. and A. J. Winter, Masters G. T. and J. F. Winter, and Lieut. Wood.

The setamer brought 181 tons of general merchandise for this port, which was landed at the outer wharf this morning. The remainder of her cargo was consigned to Vancouver, for which port she sailed this afternoon.

WORLD'S COMMERCE.

Imports and Exports Are Valued at Over Twenty-Six Billion Dollars.

Washington, April 19.—The international commerce of the world, imports and exports, now exceeds $26,000,000,000, according to a statement issued by the bureau of statistics of the department of commerce and labor to-day. Of the imports of countries other than the United States, fourteen and one-third per cent. are sent here. These figures of exports include only the domestic products exported, but do not include the foreign or colonial merchandise brought into the country and reexported. The total imports of the countries other than the United States are given as $12,513,000,000, and the share of these imports drawn from the United States is $1,798,338,000, or 14.37 per cent. of the total. The total exports of the countries other than the United States are placed at $1,031,113,000, or 9.57 per cent. of the total.

ANOTHER DELAY.

Illness of Attorney Causes Adjournment of the Ruef Trial.

San Francisco, April 18.—The serious illness of Attorney Henry Ach necessitated an adjournment of the Ruef trial this morning.

After preliminaries, examinations, adjournments and other delays, occupying in all twenty-two days, a trial jury panel, subject to the exercise of fifteen peremptory challenges—ten by the defence and five by the prosecution—was yesterday completed in the Ruef case.

The time has now arrived for the peremptory challenging of the jurors, and much speculation is indulged in as to whether the entire panel will be set aside in the exercise of this privilege, or whether as many as half of the twelve will survive the final and silent scrutiny of Ruef's prosecutors and defenders.

It is thought likely that at least another week will be required for the permanent filling of the panel after the peremptories have been exercised.

THE WAYS OF RUSSIAN OFFICIAL

INVENTED "CONSPIRACY" AND WAS PROMOTED

Chief of Detectives May Be Dismissed--His Reports Caused Friction.

St. Petersburg, April 19.—M. Ponomarieff, chief of the government detectives attached to the lower house of parliament, is threatened with dismissal owing to revelations made at Vilna, during the trial of military officers and others charged with conspiring to import arms from Germany, the discovery of which caused M. Ponomarieff's promotion.

The court acquitted the accused on the grounds that the "conspiracy" was really an invention of Ponomarieff.

Evidence taken showed that Ponomarieff planned the hiding of arms, ammunition, and bombs purchased abroad in privileged spots, notably in the stable of M. Miasoyedoff, one of the accused officers.

Ponomarieff's main work in connection with parliament was to furnish his confidential reports of the doings of the deputies and it is understood that his highly colored accounts caused much of the friction between Premier Stolypin and the lower house.

METAL WORKERS.

Proposal to Have All Contracts Begin and Terminate About Same Time.

Chicago, April 19.—A plan by which the metal trades of the United States may act as a unit and may call vast sympathetic strikes extending over the whole country, is suggested by President Gompers, of the American Confederation of Labor, who yesterday issued a call to John Fitzpatrick, president of the Chicago Federation of Labor, who in turn called a conference of the officials of the metal works unions of Chicago.

The object of the plan is to have all the contracts made with the employers begin and treminate at about the same time all over the country, so that in making new arrangements, the unions in this branch of industry can have the full power of their entire national strength to enforce their demands.

WILL TAX RESOURCES OF VICTORIA

Rooms and Hotel Accommodation Will Be at a Premium Says Mr. Cuthbert.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Never in the history of Victoria has there been the prospect of such a large influx of tourists and visitors as there is this season.

From the wealth of inquiry which has been received by the Tourist Society, it is apparent that by a month from to-day the hotels and boarding houses in the city will not be able to accommodate the rush. Several first class apartment houses are needed badly, as much of the trade will be something more than merely transient says H. Cuthbert, secretary of the Tourist Association. The demand, therefore, will continue over the present tourist season well into the winter.

Mr. Cuthbert states that people who have not yet considered the advisability of letting one or two rooms this summer should at once consider its practicability. The demand both for rooms and board will be great. One thing, he states, however. The rooms must be first class. The day when the tourist is satisfied with any accommodation, is over. Rooms in good houses will be at a premium.

Mr. Cuthbert states that he has received a number of applications for furnished houses. He trusts that any people who purpose leaving the city for a couple of months in the summer will decide to let their houses as it will work not only to their own profit, but to that of the city.

TERRORIZED TOWN.

Peoria, Ill., April 19.—Safe blowers wrecked the Bank of Weston at Weston, Ill., fifty miles east of this city, early to-day, with three separate charges of dynamite. About $2,000 was secured and the robbers escaped after holding the entire town in a state of terror for more than a hour.

CHILIAN VOLCANO IN ERUPTION

PEOPLE ARE FLEEING IN ALL DIRECTIONS

Earthquake Shocks Also Reported--Enormous Losses in the Province of Valdivia.

New York, April 18.—A dispatch from Lima, Peru, says: "The volcano Huyehu, in the province of Valdivia, Chili, is still in active eruption and new craters have opened.

"The losses in the neighboring country are enormuos and the inhabitants are panic-stricken.

"Shawers of red-hot ashes are falling and there are continued earthquake shocks, accompanied by underground explosions. Absolute darkness would prevail, but for the light from several fires over an extent of six miles. A great number of cattle have been killed near Lake Ranco.

"Several brooks which had furnished drinking water for the people have dried up.

"The inhabitants are fleeing in all directions.

"The government has sent assistance."

TRIED TO KILL PASTOR.

Recently Received a Letter From the "Black Hand" Threatening Him With Death.

Hazelton, P., April 19.—An attempt was made yesterday to kill Rev. Matthew Yankola, pastor of St. Joseph's Slavonic church in this city, a heavy charge of dynamite being exploded under the entrance to the parsonage. A portion of the porch was torn out and the windows were shattered.

There have been factional troubles in the church, whose membership is made up of miners. One faction asked for the removal of the pastor, but without success and recently Father Yankola received a letter from the "black hand" threatening him with death unless he left the city.

PROSPECTS OF NEW MEXICAN LINE

Enquiries Flowing Into Local Offices With Regard to Trade Demands.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Owing to a delay in coaling, the steamer Georgia, the first vessel to arrive in these waters belonging to the Canadian-Mexican Pacific Steamship line, will not get away from Comox, where she is at present, until to-morrow. She will then proceed to New Westminster and commence to load her cargo for the initial voyage on the new steamship route. It is unlikely that she will make the first sailing from Victoria until the 27th or 29th inst.

An interesting feature in connection with the new enterprise is embodied in a statement made by Captain Worsnop, the general manager for the Pacific coast.

"It is," he said, "an experiment of a reflex nature which is being tried for the ensuing twelve months. Should the trade warrant it during that time, new types of fast and commodious vessels will be placed on the run and the service be improved in all respects."

There is every reason to believe that the new enterprise will meet with success. Day by day the enquiries flowing into the Victoria and Vancouver offices are increasing in number and the most prominent merchants and shippers in both cities are taking a deep interest in the future of the undertaking. Commercial agents who are being carried free on the first voyages have already secured passages and intend touring the coast ports of Mexico, and also going as far as Mexico City for the purpose of securing orders and also of purchasing commodities.

Local shippers are interested in the question whether in the course of time the new steamship line will include San Francisco as a port of call. Trade between the Golden Gate and Victoria and Vancouver is increasing rapidly since the break-down of the vessels of the Oceanic Steamship company. Freight which is now bound from American ports to Australia and New Zealand is shipped to Vancouver and from that port transhipped to the Canadian-Australian liners to be carried by them to the Antipodes. Thus the traffic of the new company need not necessarily be restricted to Canada and Mexico, but a further sphere of activity is opened by entering into the carrying trade between San Francisco and British Columbia ports.

Negotiations are proceeding fast for the linking up of the Old Country with the eastern seaboard of Mexico and within a very few months the new line will be so far extended that freight can be carried through to British Columbia from England, both quicker, and under a much reduced freight tariff, than that now in vogue. The traffic across the Atlantic is insured of success, but, as Captain Worsnop says, the line along the Pacific seaboard is of an experimental character.

TRANS-ATLANTIC MAILS.

The Allan and Canadian Pacific Companies Will Perform a Joint Service.

Ottawa, April 19.—The House in supply last night took up steamship subventions on the vote of $500,000 for the trans-Atlantic service between Great Britain and Canada.

Hon. W. S. Fielding announced that in the early part of the season when the vessels ran south of Newfoundland, they would call inwards and outwards at North Sydney, but as soon as Belle Isle Straits opened the port of call would be Rimouski as usual. This arrangement will apply during the coming season. The contract was with the Allans from July, 1896, to May 1st, 1912. They were obliged to put on two other vessels equal to the Victorian and Virginian, but inasmuch as the C. P. R. had built two splendid vessels for the route, the latter company had made arrangements to perform a joint service, and in this the government heartily concurred. Payments were made to the Allans, and the latter settled with the C. P. R.

LYNCHED BY MOB.

New Orleans, La., April 19.—A long distance telephone message from Clinton, La., early this morning said that a negro accused of attempting to assault a woman had been lynched about eight miles from town.

LIKELY TO SPEND SUMMER IN JAIL

NO ATTEMPT MADE TO SECURE THAW'S RELEASE

Lawyers Say No Immediate Steps Will Be Taken Regarding Bail for Prisoner.

New York, April 19.—No movement to attempt to secure the release of Harry K. Thaw on bail has been made, and none is likely for some time.

Dan O'Reilly and Clifford W. Hartridge, the two lawyers still in his employ, said yesterday that no immediate steps would be taken regarding bail.

That Thaw and the members of his family are resigned to the fact that Thaw must spend another summer in the Tombs is apparently indicated by the departure from the city of nearly every member of the family. Mrs. Wm. Thaw, the mother, and the Countess of Yarmouth, are now in Pittsburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Thaw have sailed for Europe.

Of all the devoted family that gathered about the slayer of Stanford White during his fight for freedom recently, only his wife Evelyn remains at the Hotel Touraine. She visits the prisoner daily and declares she will continue to do so as long as he is in jail.

ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION.

Persian Engineer Shot From Ambush—Is in Critical Condition.

Baku, Russian Trans-Caucasus, April 18.—Mirz Abbes Khan, chief engineer of the Persian ministry of war and communications, was shot and seriously wounded in the street last night.

Four shots from cover were fired at him, and two of them were effective in his abdomen and side.

The Khan bears a close resemblance to the ex-Persian Grand Vizier Amin Sultan, whom the Shah summoned from Paris to assist in combatting the revolutionary movement in Persia, and it is thought that his assailants were revolutionary emissaries. Three passersby were wounded during the fusillade.

TWO LIVES LOST IN MONTREAL FIRE

Several Persons Also Injured--Business Section of New Ontario Town Destroyed.

Montreal, April 18.—Two were burned to death and several were badly injured this afternoon by fire in the Calumet steam laundry, St. Justin street.

The seriously injured are: Mrs. P. Giroux, 46 years of age. She jumped from an upper window, and besides injuries received in the fall, was frightfully burned from head to foot. It is expected that she will not survive; Mrs. Albertine Peradis, 38 years of age, jumped and missed the life net. Her face was burned and her right arm fractured; Mrs. Victoria Daigle, 39 years of age, compound fracture of the right ankle; Mrs. Jeanette Bennett, 39 years, severe burns on face and back; Miss A. Prouix, 64 years, hands and face burned and several ribs broken.

The fire itself was a comparatively trivial affair, the most liberal estimate of the damage not exceeding $4,000, but the flames spread with such tremendous rapidity that none of the 20 odd people in the laundry building had a moment to think before they were either saved or cut off. The building was used by the Canada Steam Laundry and Dyeing company, and in their cleaning operations they usel large quantities of benzine. It was in the cleaning room that the fire originated. Mr. Deschaux, the proprietor, with an assistant, was operating the rotary machine used to clean clothes. He noticed that the machine was leaking, the benzine running on to the cement floor. As the room was very hot, Mr. Deschaux at once realized the danger and stopped the machine to try and locate the leak. Before he could do anything the voliate fluid had burst into flames, apparently from spontaneous combustion.

WILL MEET THE MIKADO.

General Booth Will Be Received By the Emperor of Japan.

Tokio, April 19.—The Emperor of Japan has joined in the popular welcome of Gen. Booth, of the Salvation Army, and will receive the general in special audience to-morrow.

TEARING TOWER DOWN DIFFICULT

DEMOLISHING WALLS OF SACRED EDIFICE

Great Care to Have Pinnacle Fall Clear of Surrounding Buildings.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Steeples and steeple work have a fascination for everyone, as all who have watched a curious crowd following the work of a steeple-jack can testify.

It is very infrequently, however, that the demolition of a steeple is witnessed and the uncommon sight was awaited by a large group of citizens on Broad street yesterday and to-day.

The one in question is one of the oldest and handsomest in the city, namely that of the old Methodist church on Pandora and Broad streets. Contractor Moore had succeeded in removing most of the structure, but the lofty spire still stood as if reluctant to forfeit the conspicuous place it has occupied for upward of half a century. To destroy it the contractor sawed through its graceful lines about thirty-five feet from the top, and at an angle which assisted in throwing it inward into the body of the religious temple, of which it has long been the chief ornament.

In addition to the ordinary crowd the attempt to pull it inward by means of ropes was closely followed by the city building inspector, Mr. Northcott, the contractor, Mr. Moore, the new owner, Mr. Ker, and F. M. Rattenbury. The first three were chiefly concerned in seeing that by no mischance the framework fell in any direction but that desired, thus imperilling surrounding property. The first named was particularly solicitous about the matter being of the opinion that if it swerved out of its proper course it would wreck any building on which it fell. Mr. Rattenbury, on the other hand, lamented the destruction of an artistic and beautiful landmark.

"The church and its spire," he said, "was designed by Wright & Saunders, of San Francisco, a firm who did some notable work in this city, most of which is unfortunately passing away. They were the designers, as well, of the Lick Observatory and other famous buildings in the state of California."

Building Inspector Northcott's practical eye was even more pleased by the magnificent main truss of the building, which the workmen in stripping the sides and roof disclosed to view. It was of particular beauty and strength.

All day to-day the preliminary work has been continued. A cable from a point toward the apex of the tower to the former rear wall of the church further acts as a guy.

The tower will be demolished before nightfall it is expected.

PERISHED IN FLAMES.

Man Lost His Life in Hotel Fire—Many of Guests Had Narrow Escapes.

Elmira, N. Y., April 19.—The Hotel Campbell, in Athens, Pa., was completely destroyed by fire this morning. Elium Kendall, a cripple, was unable to get out and lost his life.

The fire started near the stairway and cut off all means of escape and the guests were forced to jump from windows. Several were injured. The origin of the fire is not known.

ENTERS SERVICE OF C. P. R.

P. L. Fleming, who for some time past has been the agent of the Union Steamship Company in Victoria, has been appointed to a position in the C. P. R. coast steamship service. In that company he will continue to follow his customary vocation in handling the freight and passenger traffic of the C. P. R. coasting vessels. His place as agent in the Union Steamship Company has been taken by R. H. Bryce, of Vancouver, who is also well known in this city.

RAILROAD MUST GIVE ADEQUATE SERVICE

Western Members Object to Granting More Charters Until Conditions Are Improved.

Ottawa, April 19.—The Canadian Northern railway bill asking for power to build an additional thousand miles of railway in Alberta and Saskatchewan was held over at the railway committee to-day at the request of the company.

This is due to the determined stand taken by the western members not to allow charters for more mileage until such time as the roads already built have given the people an adequate service. As it is the whole system of the Canadian Northern is paralyzed.

DOCTORS OF DIVINITY.

Prominent Methodist Clergymen Receive Honorary Degree From Victoria College.

Toronto, April 19.—Three prominent clergymen of the Methodist church had the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity conferred on them by the Senate of Victoria college last evening. The divines are: Rev. Thomas Crosby, the well-known missionary of British Columbia; Rev. Jas. A. Rankin, pastor of Carlton street church in this city, and Rev. Wm. McDonough, of Stratford.