Frith Executed at Provincial Jail

Death Sentence Carried Out Quickly and Without Slightest Hitch.

Condemned Man Met His Fate With Unskaken Nerve and Coolness.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Alfred James Ernest Frith was hanged yesterday morning at two minutes past eight in the yard of the provincial jail for the murder of Frederick James Bailey, naval storekeeper at Esquimalt. Five months ago, early in the morning, he had asked Bailey to go to the storehouse with him, and, with a heavy bulldog revolver held within a short distance of the back of his head, he shot down the naval storekeeper from behind—and yesterday morning he paid the penalty. With the same emotionless coolness and remarkable fortitude, the same deliberate nerve and self-possession and absence of bravado which has marked his attitude since he was placed under arrest by the provincial police, he marched, without fear or discomposure, with military bearing, more upright than any man in that solemn procession from the caged gallery—the condemned cells—to the scaffold standing in the jail yard, and, erectly poised and cool as a soldier on parade, he strode along the sidewalk at the edge of the yard, and up the stairway to the platform, whence he had his last glimpse of the world. Cool, deliberate and without a sign of mental anguish, he walked on to the trap, threw back his shoulders firmer and drew himself into position. Then, stretching his neck to allow the hangman to slip the noose, he stood there, his remarkable nerve never deserting him for an instant, calmly and bravely awaiting the judgment of death demanded by the law to expiate his crime.

Frith had been a model prisoner, quiet and with few wants, making no efforts to avoid the consequences of his act of five months ago. He had continually avoided reference to the murder, and had ever been as cool as he was in the hour of the climax of the tragedy. On Saturday last, when Sheriff Richards went to the jail in the afternoon and told him that there was no reprieve for him, that the minister of justice had decided that the law must take its course, and that his life repay that he had taken, he received the intelligence with his same marked fortitude.

"Well, I'm prepared to die," he said when the sheriff told the dread news he brought. "I wish it had been tomorrow, though. It would have been better for my wife and family—but I'm prepared to die." Then, whistling, he walked along the caged gallery until, after a few pacings of the short balcony, he turned to the guard—there was a man continually with him—and invited him to play a game of cards. Then, as he played, he told the guard, "Well, no one will ever know now why I did it. I did it, and I'm prepared to die." Throughout his imprisonment he talked for the most part of commonplaces with the guards—each spent eight-hour watches with him—and did not desire reference to the tragedy.

He had a light breakfast, some eggs, toast and coffee, and as he ate, his spiritual advisor, Rev. Canon Paddon, sat with him. He asked for no favors, seeking no stimulant, no special dish for his last meal. Then after breakfast, he talked with the clergyman, who comforted him with the cheering words of promise that the Scriptures contain, until five minutes to eight, when the sheriff—the person of the law—came to claim him for the judgment of the law. Sheriff Richards entered the cage leading to his cell with the hangman, Radcliffe, and Frith met them on the gallery.

"The hour has arrived," said the sheriff.

Frith held out his hand, and as the sheriff grasped it, he said, "Good-bye, sheriff; I'm ready."

Then began the march to the scaffold. Lead by Sheriff Richards, and with Warden John and the jail surgeon, Dr. J. S. Helmcken, following, came two justices of the peace, Messrs. R. B. McMicking and Thos. Shotbolt, then came Canon Paddon. Then, with two wardens standing immediately behind him, came the pinioned prisoner.

Canon Paddon read slowly and impressively the passages from the Church of England prayers. As the white cap was drawn over the head of the unfortunate man, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death," repeated the clergyman. "I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me." As he read the prisoner stood poised as erect as ever, his body firm, his clasped hands still as those of a statue and his face betraying none of the feeling which he may have felt. Then, as the clergyman concluded with the benediction, and with his open prayerbook before him, was silent, the sheriff raised his hand. The trap fell and the loose rope became taut with a jerk. There was no convulsion, no tremor, death having been instantaneous.

The body was left hanging, as demanded by law, for an hour. Dr. J. S. Helmcken, the jail surgeon, however, made an examination immediately after the trap fell, and pronounced him dead.

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office, 18th to 24th November, 1903.

The first four days of the week were for the most part overcast and rainy, while the remaining three days were fair. The unsettled weather was due to the hovering of an important storm area on the coast, which caused easterly to southerly gales on the coasts of Vancouver Island, Washington and Oregon, until the night of Saturday, 21st. During this period the rainfall in California was exceptionally heavy, where over five inches fell in three days. During this stormy period there were no heavy winds on either the straits or Juan de Fuca or Georgia. The highest wind velocity reported on the coast was 72 miles an hour at Cape Flattery. Upon Sunday, 22nd, a high barometer area spread northward to this province, where it remained till the close of the week. This area was accompanied by an exceptionally fine and springlike day on the 22nd, and generally fair weather afterwards. With the exception of zero temperatures in Cariboo upon the first day of the week the weather has been comparatively mild throughout this province and after the first two days mild for the Territories.

Upon Friday the 20th, thunder and lightning occurred both on the Lower Mainland and from this westward to Cape Flattery.

Victoria—Amount of bright sunshine recorded was 13 hours and 48 minutes; rainfall, .56 inch; highest temperature, 53.0 on 21st; lowest, 35.8 on 19th.

New Westminster—Rainfall, 1.44 inch; highest temperature, 50 on 21st; lowest, 24 on 18th.

Kamloops—Snow, 2 inches; highest temperature, 42 on 22nd; lowest, 4 on 18th.

Barkerville—Snow, 2 inches; highest temperature, 36 on 20th and 21st; lowest, 10 below on 18th.

Dawson — Highest temperature, 4 on 22nd; lowest, 34 below on 18th and 19th.

DEMENTED FATHER'S CRIME.

Widower Throws Himself and Two Children in Front of Train.

Berlin, Nov. 26.—Thos. Markiewie, a young tailor, in the presence of hundreds of persons, threw his two children, aged three and five years upon the rails before an approaching train at a suburban station at midnight, and leaped after them. All three were killed. Markiewie's wife died on Monday, which is supposed to have led to the tragedy.

STRIKERS GROWING UGLY.

Salt Lake, Nov. 26.—A special to the Deseret News from Schofield, Utah, says that an attempt was made today by a number of striking Italian and Finn miners to roll a box car down the railroad tracks leading through a deep canon through which a party of railroad and mine officials were coming. The attempt was prevented by the military and a number of arrests were made. One of the sentries near Schofield was fired upon today from a house from which a red flag had been displayed until taken down by the militia. An ugly feeling seems to be growing among the strikers.

TIN PLATE MILLS RESUME.

Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 26.—Official notices have been posted at Demmler mill of the American Tin Plate Company to the effect that the entire plant would be started next Sunday at midnight. The notices request all employees to meet at the mill Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. The company desires to know just how many of the old employees will accept the 20 per cent reduction recently proposed. The mills of the McKeesport Tin Plate Company's plant at Port Vue will start next Monday. A reduction similar to that at the Demmler mills will be offered to the men, and it is said it will be accepted.

CONSERVATIVES NOMINATE.

Emsdale, Ont., Nov. 26.—Muskoka and Parry Sound Conservatives yesterday nominated Dr. F. Reeborn, of Magnetawan as candidate for the House of Commons at the next general elections, in place of the present member, Mr. McCormick, who declined renomination.

A PRETTY SUGGESTION.

To the Editor.

Sir.—As one of the charming features of Victoria are the beautiful wild flowers, numbering several scores in variety, a fine collection of which were on exhibition in water color at our late fair, bringing them more to the public notice. The native orchid and lilies, etc., appeal to all lovers of the beautiful, and a short description of some of the chief kinds would be very interesting to your readers.

"FLORA."

Victoria, Nov. 27, 1903.

Mayoralty Aspirants.—Yesterday afternoon Mr. C. E. Redfern informed a Colonist reporter that he had definitely decided to run for mayor at the coming municipal elections. He further stated that had Mayor McCandless decided to again stand, he had no intention of opposing him, but the present mayor having definitely announced his intention of retiring, he had now no hesitation in declaring his own intention of seeking the office of chief magistrate. Mr. Redfern served as mayor in 1883, 1897, 1898 and 1899, and claims consequently to come before the electorate as an experienced man in the municipal field. Mr. Redfern further stated that he regretted to know of Mayor McCandless' decision, as he thought a mayor ought to have at least two years in that position, inasmuch as a mayor necessarily had to leave many public works in an unfinished condition which were started in his first year's tenure of office. Whereas when a mayor stayed in office for two years he had the chance to at least see some completed. It is rumored that Alderman Grahame and Mr. H. Dallas Helmcken, K. C., will also run. If so, with Alderman Barnard, there will be four candidates in all, and there will be no lack of excitement at the forthcoming municipal elections.

Mishaps at Dawson.—Late advices from Dawson are to the effect that John Burpee, assistant postmaster at Bonanza, charged with stealing letters, has been declared insane by the jury, and will be sent to Westminster asylum. Bert Stone, the young man burned in the Yukon Sun fire, has a fair chance of recovery. Volunteers have submitted to the removal of pieces of skin to be grafted on the hands, face and portions of Stone's body. Not a vestige of skin was left on his face and front neck by the fire. George Steele, who accidentally shot himself in the stomach in the Pelly River country, has been brought down twenty days after the accident. His bowels were pierced, and how he escaped death from peritonitis is

On board one of the Forth pleasure steamers, which have to be built with exceedingly light draught in order to get over the frequent shallows of the river, a Yankee tourist remarked to the captain, a shrewd old Scotsman. "I reckon, skipper, that you think nothing of steaming across a meadow when there has been a heavy fall of dew?"

"That's so," replied the captain; "though occasionally we hae tae sen' a man ahead wi' a waterin' can!"—Men and Women

London.

DISSATISFACTION IN DANISH WEST INDIES

Report That the Desire to Come Under the American Flag is Growing

Copenhagen, Nov. 26.—Government officials deny the reports published abroad of a revolutionary movement in the Danish West Indies in consequence of dissatisfaction with the commission recommended on the subject of improvements in the islands. That dissatisfaction exists is admitted and it is recognized that the prosperity of the new Republic of Panama will considerably impress the inhabitants of the Danish Indies and strengthen the latent desire in some quarters to come under the American flag.

The departure of the new governor of St. Thomas for his post was hastened in the hopes that a fuller explanation of the commission's report might lessen the dissatisfaction so that the government might, at the earliest possible moment be in full possession of the situation. The government fully realizes the great difficulty of explanation and helping the islands to their satisfaction.

BRYAN ENTERTAINED.

American Ambassador at London Gives Luncheon in His Honor.

London, Nov. 25.—United States Ambassador Choate gave a luncheon to William Jennings Bryan today. Among the distinguished persons invited to meet Mr. Bryan were Premier Balfour, the Earl of Onslow, Charles T. Ritchie, Sir Robt. Giffen, Sir Gilbert Parker, Moreton Frewen, Lord Denbigh, Lord Mount Stephens.

The luncheon was informal and no speeches were made. Mr. Bryan's story telling delighted the English guests whether on purpose or otherwise there was a touch of grim humor in the fact that Mr. Choate placed Mr. Bryan between Mr. Balfour and Mr. Ritchie, who had not met since the cabinet split.

Dishonesty is a forsaking of permanent for temporary advantages.—Bovee.

Talkers will refrain from evil speaking when listeners refrain from evil hearing.—Hare.

Indravelli Damaged In Heavy Gales

Lifeboats Smashed and Rails Bent In Heavy Seas—Wreckage Sighted.

More Wreckage of the Lost Discovery Found on the Alaskan Coast.

POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK.

Steamer Indravelli, Capt. Craven, of the Portland & Asiatic line, reached port last night after a rough passage of 17 days, 12 hours from Yokohama. The steamer encountered heavy southerly gales four days ago when nearing this coast, and had to heave to, with heavy seas breaking over her. The big seas flooded the steamer's decks, and one great sea which pounded on her deck and splashed over her high boat deck high above the water line, smashed several of her lifeboats. Two boats on the starboard side were smashed to matchwood by the heavy sea as they hung in the davits, and two boats on the port side were broken and almost completely wrecked. The rail was badly bent and some other minor damages were sustained.

When nearing the coast officers of the steamer sighted drifting wreckage, indicating that some lumber-laden schooner has lost her deck-load, if a worse accident has not occurred. When nearing the Vancouver Island coast the steamer passed through a quantity of drifting timber, looking like piling and props. Two schooners sailed from Victoria not long since laden with cargoes of mining props, but it is hardly likely that the wreckage seen came from either vessel, as they had lost part of their cargoes after leaving the straits, the trend of current would doubtless have taken it further north than where it was sighted by the Indravelli.

The Indravelli brought a heavy cargo of general freight, nearly 7,000 tons measurement in all, of which she had nearly 200 tons of oranges, rice and Chinese and Japanese merchandise for this port, which was landed at the Ocean docks before she left for the Sound this morning. The steamer brought a large number of steerage passengers, there being 103 Chinese for Victoria and 70 Japanese for Portland, for which port she left at 8 o'clock this morning.

News was brought by the Indravelli that Prince Suh, a prominent Chinese official, has advised the Chinese government to join with Japan to oust Russia from Manchuria by force of arms. The Pekin correspondent of the Asahi wires that Prince Suh repaired to the palace on the 6th inst., and expressed to Their Majesties his views on the situation to the effect that, should Manchuria be left in the hands of the Russians, the partition of the empire would be precipitated; that the only policy which China should pursue at the present moment was to urge on the Russian evacuation of Manchuria by all means; and that, in case the Northern power refused to fulfil her pledges, China must resolve to carry her point by force of arms with the assistance of Japan, which country, in the opinion of the prince, would not remain an unmoved spectator of the scene.

A Shanghai special to the Tokyo Asahi says that the Chinese government has issued instruction to the viceroys and governors of the province that, owing to the imminence of war between Japan and Russia, preparations should be immediately made for calling out troops and for collecting a war fund. The instructions to the viceroys of Liang Kiang, Lian Kuang, Hu Kiang, and Min-che are added with special order to strengthen the defences on the coasts and rivers.

Details were received of the occupation of Mukden by Russia. On October 28th, at 9:30 a. m., 2,000 Russian soldiers led by a body of cavalry, arrived at Mukden. A thousand of them were attired in military undress uniform. It was at 11 a. m. that the whole town was seized by the invaders. The latter drove out the Chinese soldiers on guard within the walls and occupied the principal public buildings, above which they speedily hoisted the Russian flag. The post office also fell into their hands. The incident took place on the second day after Governor-General Tseng had received information of the opening of Mukden and Antung Hien by virtue of the Chino-American commercial treaty. The governor-general issued an announcement that the Russians would withdraw within three days, but nobody believed it. A report was also received at Mukden to the effect that a collision between the Russian and Chinese troops had taken place at Antung Hien. Owing to the interruption of the telegraph line the Taotai despatched a horseman to Yang-Kow to send from that place to the Pekin government a report of the incident.

MEDICO USES PISTOL ON RIVAL

Opposition Practitioner Used as a Target by Incensed Confrere.

Sherbrooke, Que., Nov. 26.—Dr. Beland, of St. Malo, was today sent to the Court of Kings Bench for trial on a charge of carrying firearms for purposes dangerous to the public peace. From the evidence it appears that a short time ago a man named Reid had a finger injured in his mill, and Dr. Beland was sent for. Word was sent that he was ill and could not come. Dr. Turcotte was then called, and immediately responded. He fixed up the injured finger, and was driving away from Reid's place when Dr. Beland appeared. Dr. Turcotte proceeded on his way home, and had not gone far when bullets began to sing around his head. He drove as fast as he could, and was soon in a place of safety. Soon after he passed Dr. Beland's house, when the door was opened and another shot was fired in his direction. None of them hit him, but he naturally objected to being made a target of by his opponent, and the arrest followed.

PROVINCIAL PRESS.

The death occurred at the Old man's House, Kamloops, on Sunday last, of Mr. Johnston Gaskin, who for some time previous to last June, was a resident of Armstrong. Being then in a feeble condition the efforts of some of our citizens were put forth and admittance gained for him to the Provincial Home, where(up to the time of his death, he has been cared for. The deceased was 74 years old, and a native of Ireland, and came to British Columbia at the time of the Cariboo excitement, and for years followed prospecting and mining. He was an old soldier, serving in the Indian Mutiny and during the Crimean war, and at Balaclava was one of the heavy brigade which supported the light brigade in their famous charge.—Armstrong Advertiser.

Freight shipments to the Lardeau country still keep up to the standard of a month ago. The sleighing on most of the mine roads is now good, and the good hauling is coming in very conveniently at this time when the winter's supplies are being put in. During the past few weeks the water in the lakes and streams has been falling very rapidly, the decrease being caused by the cold weather. This low water is giving an impetus to placer mining on many of the smaller streams in the Lardeau and Salmon river districts.—New Denver Ledge.

Wm. Piper, a young English miner, died suddenly while at work in Coal Creek mines on Saturday evening. The cause of his death was heart failure. The deceased had lived in Fernie for some years and was greatly respected by his many acquaintances. He married a young English lady only some three months ago. Just a few days prior to his death he passed an examination for life insurance and his widow will fortunately receive $1,000 from this source.—Morrissey Despatch.

On the evening of the 17th inst., two sleigh-loads of Vernonites drove out to the residence of James McQuarrie, Commonage, the occasion being the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. McQuarrie, Sr. A most enjoyable evening was spent in dance, song and attendant delights, to say nothing of the refreshments which were served toward the close of the functions. Mr. and Mrs. McQuarrie gave practical evidence that their hearts are still young by leading the cotillion and by joining most heartily in the merry-making of their guests, who are unanimous in their appreciation of the pleasures of the occasion. Before breaking up, St. Clair Mabee read a congratulatory address and presented Mr. and Mrs. McQuarrie with a pair of gold-mounted spectacles and a handsome gold brooch.—Vernon News.

In order to sift out the conflicting rumors which have been given out from unauthorized sources as to the programme to be followed out by the Iron Mask management, the Standard representative interviewed Capt. Argall, the superintendent of the mine, and can now authoritatively state that following upon the inspection of the Coal Hill properties of the company by Mr. Jones, consulting engineer for the Ashanti Lands, Limited, active development has been arranged for.—Kamloops Standard.

It is our sad duty this week to record the death of Mrs. A. MacLeod, of Sumas, who died on Saturday evening from appendicitis. It is a pitiful sight to see a mother in middle life taken away and a large family of children left without a mother. But such is the sorrowful lot of this family. The sympathy of the entire community is deeply stirred for the sorrowing husband and family. The funeral, which took place on Monday, was one of the largest that has been for some years in the valley. Mrs. MacLeod was a daughter of Wm. Chadsey, of Sumas.—Chilliwack Progress.

PERISHED FROM COLD.

Kaministiquia, Ont., Nov. 25.—William Burns and another man whose name is unknown here, left a week ago for a camp about twelve miles north They lost their way and became demented from cold and hunger. Burns went to Fort William, but the unknown man was found dead two and a half miles from here.

For the first time in the history of the United States the production of coal has reached a total of over 300,000,000 short tons, showing an actual output of 300,930,659 tons of 2,000 pounds, valued at $373,183,843.

FIXED DATE OF HOSPITAL BALL

Ladies' Auxiliary of Jubilee Hospital Arrange for the Important Annual Event.

(FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY.)

The regular meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital, took place on the 24 ult. at the City hall. Present were the president, vice-president, eight members and the secretaries. The final arrangements for the annual hospital ball were made, the date fixed being Wednesday, December 30th. The ball will be fancy dress and calico, with the alternative of Poudre and Windsor uniform. Fancy dress, however, is by no means compulsory. The tickets will be $2.50 for gentlemen and $2.00 for ladies, and will be on sale immediately. It is hoped that many friends will take advantage of this additional attraction to the Christmas festivities, and that the ball will be generously and widely patronized by Victorians. A strong committee of gentlemen will be invited to assist the ladies.

Mrs. Rocke Robertson reported upon the enquiries of the committee appointed to arrange concerning Mr. Youngheart's kind offer to give a conjuring performance in aid of the hospital. The committee visited Mr. Boscowitz, and found that the expenses of hiring the theatre would not justify the undertaking, more especially as the professional, Hermann, was billed for a date approximate to that fixed by Mr. Youngheart, and the committee felt they must reluctantly forego the kind offer, trusting, however, that it is only a postponement, and that more favorable arrangements may be made on Mr. Youngheart's next visit. Grateful thanks are tendered to the C. P. R. for consenting to bring all necessary paraphernalia for the entertainment freight free from Winnipeg.

The visiting committee, Mrs. Cardew and Mrs. C. W. Rhodes, reported favorably, and said that the matron had no requisitions this month. A sum of money was voted to provide Christmas cheer for the patients within the hospital at Christmastide, the Daughters of Pity having undertaken the Christmas trees in the wards.

Committees for the month's sewing, Mrs. Machlin, chairman, were appointed as follows: Monday, Nov. 30th, Mrs. Thomas Lee, Mrs. Soley; December 14th, Mrs. Cardew, Mrs. Dalley; and to cut out and distribute warm jackets for the women's ward, Mrs. Frank Hannington, Mrs. Stadthagen, Mrs. Dalley, Mrs. Hasell. Will any friend willing to undertake the making up of one or two of these kindly inform the secretary? Such help will be gratefully accepted, as the articles are very necessary before the cold weather. A special meeting will be called as the date for the ball approaches. The regular meeting stands adjourned until Tuesday, January 26th.

THE LOST DISCOVERY.

Further Wreckage Found Indicating the Vessel's Fate.

The sad story of the wreck of the Nome steamer Discovery needs no further confirmation. Her house and hull, broken to pieces, are strewn along the beach on either side of the mouth of Seal river, which empties into the sea about midway between Yakataga and Kayak. Many pieces of the wreckage, especially life preservers, were marked "Discovery." Off the mouth of the river, 100 yards or more, a piece of mast with canvas attached, projects slightly above the surface of the water, the broken end apparently being imbedded in the beach.

These and many other things bearing silent but convincing testimony of a death-dealing disaster of the deep, were observed by J. B. Ent and others traveling afoot along the beach from Yakataga. Ent and his companions were passengers of the Copper river steamer Excelsior, Capt. P. S. Moore, which has arrived at Seattle from the North. They are convinced that there is not a survivor of the missing vessel. No ship, large or small, Ent says, could have lived through the storm of November 7, which swept up and down the stretch of open sea from Kayak to Cross Sound, and in which, in his opinion, the Discovery went to her doom. The wind blew from sixty-five to seventy miles an hour Such a storm, Mr. Ent, who is an old man, declares he never saw. Not a body was found throughout the entire eighty-five mile stretch of beach from Yakataga to Kayak which Ent and his party tramped in order to catch the Excelsior.

The find of the tell-tale wreckage was made November 9. So the loss of the Discovery must have occurred between November 2, on which date she is known to have sailed from Yakataga, and November 9. That is certain. There can be no question that the vessel made Yakutat and left that port on her return voyage November 2.

"We were mushing along the beach from Yakataga to Kayak, where we expected to and did board the Excelsior. It was on November 9 we found at the mouth of Seal river, about half way between Yakataga and Kayak, several life-preservers, three doors, some windows, pieces of the hull and a piece of mast with a bit of canvas attached. The life-preservers and one of the doors were marked 'Discovery.' The mast projected slightly above the water.

"There can be no doubt about the loss of the vessel, and, in my opinion, of everybody on board. We found no bodies.

"If the vessel was at Yakutat I believe she was blown back and wrecked beyond that place. Still she may have gone to pieces this side of Yakutat, and the wreckage carried back by the current.

"I never saw such a storm as swept up and down that coast November 7. The wind blew sixty or seventy miles an hour, and no vessel could have lived through it."

CATCHING LIKE WILDFIRE.

Toronto Man Says Chamberlain's Policy Takes the Masses.

Toronto, Nov. 25.—George Reedy, former manager of the Crompton Corset Company in England, says that Chamberlain's tariff policy is catching the masses like wildfire.

FIRE IN ST. JOHN.

St. John, N. B., Nov. 25.—A fire which broke out at 8 o'clock tonight in G. B. Charlton & Co's departmental store was not under control at midnight. Several firms are burned out. Damage estimated at $50,000.

CORNELL SCORES VICTORY.

New York, Nov. 25.—Cornell scored an easy victory in the fifth renewal of the inter-collegiate cross-country championship, six miles over the Traverse Island course and through adjacent woods, today. Thirty-nine athletes started, and of these thirty-four finished. W. E. Schutt, the inter-collegiate two-mile champion, was first across the line, his time being 53.15. Cornell won with twelve points, the lowest score on record. Harvard was second with thirty-seven, and Yale third with forty-six.

P. O. INSPECTOR DISCHARGED.

San Francisco, Nov. 25.—Former United States Post Office Inspector James Erwin, who was indicted in Washington for alleged complicity in postal frauds with G. V. Beavers and August Machen, was today discharged from custody by United States Commissioner Peacock on the ground that there was not sufficient evidence to warrant his extradition to Washington for trial.

CHINESE MAY ESCAPE.

Ottawa, Nov. 25.—It is said all three Chinese condemned to death for the murder of Ah Chu, at Clinton, B. C., may escape the gallows.

PANAMA ASKS FOR TEN MILLIONS

On Ratification of Canal Treaty Will Demand Handsome Bonus.

Panama, Nov. 27.—The slight opposition to the ratification of the canal treaty between the Republic of Panama and the United States, which prevailed on the isthmus a day or two ago, now appears to have been overcome, if not altogether disappeared. This opposition existed only among a few government officials. The plan by which the treaty was to be signed and despatched to Washington on the day of its arrival here has been abandoned because it is feared that such rapidity of action might give the impression that the treaty had been hastily considered, and thus lay the members of the junta open to criticism. It is absolutely certain, however, that the treaty will be ratified without the slightest opposition.

In government circles here it is now said that the junta, as soon as the treaty has been ratified, will address a note to United States Secretary of State Hay asking the $2,000,000 be paid in cash to the Panama government, and that $8,000,000 shall be transferred in such manner that it can be invested, the interest being payable to the Panama government. It can be authoritatively said that the junta is still firmly opposed to undertaking the responsibility for any portion of Colombia's foreign indebtedness.

Washington, Nov. 27.—There is talk of the formation of a combination of South American republics directed against the United States. Respecting the coming of General Reyes to Washington, it is said at the United States State department that much depends on the nature of his credentials as to the reception he will receive. Respecting the statements attributed to the general in a New Orleans interview that Colombia would send 100,000 men into Panama overland, the fact is recalled that the instructions to the United States naval forces on the isthmus were such that Colombian troops would not be allowed to enter Panama at any point, either by water or land. M. Bunau Varilla, of Panama, explained the utter impossibility of an expedition overland.

NERVOUS PROSPERITY

Nervous prosperity is a disease. Merely being prosperous makes many persons nervous. Women having duties which if not fewer are less compulsory, than those of men, are peculiarly subject to this complaint. Their physical strength is less, their nervous systems are more complicated. Secretary Root regrets the decrease of country life on the ground that cities make a nervous race, different from the cool, old stock which has been the basis of our civilization. Mr. Root thinks that nearness to the soil is a necessary condition of strong nerves. The American climate in the Northern States is exciting. A person can drink more coffee or alcohol, without feeling stimulated in London and most foreign capitals than he can in New York or Chicago. Many who cannot sleep in the United States are less troubled with insomnia abroad. When cable cars, with gongs and crowds railways overhead, packed streets, automobiles, telephones, telegrams, messenger boys and the general machinery of haste are added, nervous tension becomes extreme. Sometimes it takes the form of a passion for late hours, and might be called somnophobia. The somnophobiac is so keyed up that he shrinks from the relaxation of sleep or any other quietness. The love of excitement is often as disintegrating as the love of drink. "Be not hurried away by excitement," says Epictetus, "but say, 'Semblance wait for me a little. Let me see what you are and what you represent.'" Many of our occupations would hardly stand the test of Epictetus. Emerson made the same point as Mr. Root when he said that nature's comment is, "Why so hot, little man?" As women are more responsible just now than men for increasing nervosity, one of our problems is to make natural activities attractive to them—not work enough to exhaust them, but enough to keep them from being as restless as a fly under an exhausted receiver. Pleasures, diversions are never sufficient to form a life. Responsibility is necessary to freedom. Thackeray, laughing at the strivings of Werther, had his heroine, at the end of the poem, go on cutting bread and butter. Candide, after examining all possible worlds, decided that the real thing was to cultivate a garden.—Collier's Weekly.

CONFESSION A FABRICATION.

Toronto, Nov. 25.—The police have been informed by the companion of Carey, the man who recently confessed in Manchester, England, to the murder of Glory Whalen at Collingwood last May, that the confession was a pure fabrication, that Carey was charged with a revolting crime, and, in order to escape the penalty, decided to make a confession of the murder of Glory Whalen, hoping thereby to escape punishment in England by being sent back to Canada to stand trial on a murder charge, when he might be acquitted. Carey got a fourteen years' sentence from the Manchester authorities for his crime.

Parliamentary Party In Paris

British Legislators Are Heartily Welcomed at the French Capital.

President Loubet Greets Visitors And Praises King Edward's Worth.

Paris, Nov. 26.—The members of the British parliament, who with their wives and daughters are returning the visit to London of French senators and deputies representing the internal arbitration group, had a busy day with the most prominent parliamentarians who were entertained by the leading deputies and others by the staff of the Siecle.

Visits to the senate and chamber of deputies followed and at 6 o'clock a reception was held at the Elysee. Baron D'Estournelles De Constant introduced the members and their ladies individually to President and Madame Loubet.

Replying to an address given by Lord Brassey during the reception, President Loubet expressed the greatest pleasure at the visit of the members of parliament. He said he hoped the example set by the two great nations of Western Europe, in singing an arbitration treaty would be generally followed. The proceedings of the reception were most cordial.

Tonight a great banquet was given at which MM. Berthelet and Jaures were the principal speakers M. Berthelet recalled the efforts of the two countries in the cause of freedom and strongly urged the adoption of a general system of arbitration. He said he rejoiced at the signing of the treaty between Great Britain and France, and added: "No doubt the United States will willingly join us."

Sir William Henry Auldsworth proposed the health of President Loubet, and thank the French people for the cordial welcome they had given the visitors.

Premier Combes made a great speech in praise of international arbitration. He declared that the treaty between France and Great Britain had been ratified by public opinion of the two countries and criticized those who said that the limitations of the treaty rendered unimportant the essential act. These limitations, he said, were due only to the prudent introduction of new principles, but he believed that the seed sown would grow to a mighty tree.

M. Combes said it was the duty of the government to give the treaty in its existing form the sanction of experience. He had no doubt that it would result in spreading faith in arbitration, and possibly the day was not far distant when both nations would agree to submit all differences however unimportant to arbitration.

In conclusion, the Premier said: "I propose the health of the Sovereign to whom we owe the treaty. Edward."

ACETYLENE GAS AGAIN.

Explosion Destroys Sunday School and Injures Children.

London, Nov. 25.—The Presbyterian Sunday school at Rippen was destroyed by an explosion of acetylene gas last night. A meeting of children was in progress when the explosion occurred. Nine persons were injured, mostly children, and the minister, Rev. Mr. McLennan, received injuries which may prove fatal.

Urges New Trial.—Yesterday J. P. Walls applied to Chief Justice Hunter for an order for permission to appeal to the Full court for a new trial in the case of two Chinese sentenced to death at the Cliuton assizes for the murder of a fellow countryman. The application was laid over until Monday pending the receipt of word from the federal capital. Mr. Walls feels certain that Sack Chun will not hang because of insanity. The other two are Ah Gum and Gum Tai. Mr. Walls urges as reasons for a new trial that the weight of evidence adduced did not justify the verdict returned, and that the judge wrongly directed the jury. The sentence calls for their execuion on December 4th.

LOCOMOTIVE FIREMEN.

Peoria, Ill., Nov. 26.—The grand trustees of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen today elected W. S. Carter, of Indianapolis, at present editor of the Firemen's Magazine, secretary-treasurer of the order, to succeed Frank Arnold, who has resigned. George Goding, of Chicago, was elected editor of the Magazine, to succeed Carter. He is a member of the grand trustees, and his acceptance has been asked by wire as he was not present

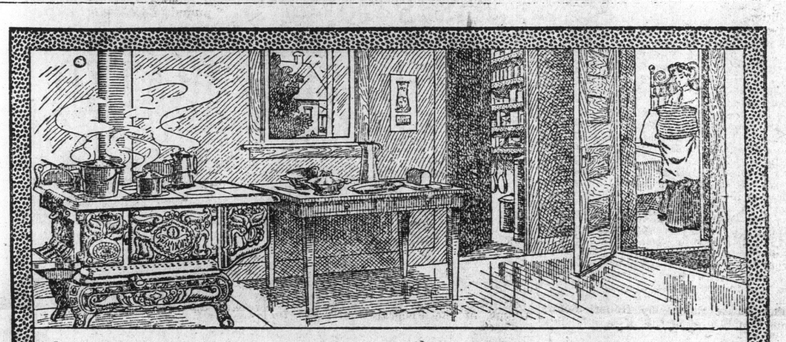
West Coast Development.—Although very little has been said of late about the activity in mining in Alberni district, considerable development work has been carried on on several properties on the Alberni canal and Uchucleset harbor. The Southern Cross mine is working twelve men and this promising property will start to ship ore on December 1st. The Venture has been chartered to carry ore. The Monitor mine has been bonded by Mr. N. P. Clarke, who will start to work on this property in a few weeks. The Constitution, a mine on Coos creek, about four miles from Alberni, and owned by Mr. E. B. Shaw, of Victoria, is working a small force of men and the property shows up well. Professor E. Haycock and Mr. A. Webster, the two gentlemen who made a preliminary examination of the west coast of Vancouver island, a few years ago for the geological survey department of Canada, pay a high tribute of this section of the coast in their report, as to the great mineral wealth of the west coast. This report of the geological survey department of Canada, 1902, is a highly interesting work, and it should be read by any one interested in Vancouver island.

ENGLISH WEAVERS STRIKE.

Object to Americanization of the Trade and Leave Work.

London, Nov. 25.—Five hundred cotton cloth weavers struck at Burnley as a protest against what they called "the Americanization of the weaving industry." The employers proposed a reduction in the weavers wages, in consideration of relieving them of certain duties, which would in future be attended to by extra hands, thus enabling the weavers to give their entire attention to their specialty. The strike is the first of the kind in the cotton districts of England.

London Ragged Children.—The following subscriptions have been received on behalf of the London Ragged Children's Dinner Fund: A friend, $1; R. Hall, $1; J. Bryce, 50c.; H. Munday, $1; W. J. Wilson, $1; Mr. Kingley, 50c.; I. Plimley, 50c.; a friend, 25c.; J. P. Buyers, 50c.; W. A. Gleason, 50c.; L. J. Seymour, $1; S. M. O'Kell, $1; G. D. Christie, 50c.; a friend, 50c.; W. G. Cameron, $1; W. Cathcart, 50c.; a friend, 25c.; Scott & Peden, 50c.; Mr. Aaronson, 25c.; L. Goodacre, $1; S. Heal, 50c.; D. H. Ross, 50c.; J. Lefevre, 50c.; W. H. Bone, $1; C. H. Graham, $2; S. Store, 50c.; Mrs. Clements, 50c.; Mrs. Watson, 25c.; J. D. Pemberton, $1; Henderson Bros., $1; Mrs. Dee, 10c.; Mrs. Tubb, $2; a friend, 50c.; Mr. St. Clair, $1; a friend, $1; a friend, $1; Mrs. G. Gillespie's children, $3; G. Bagshaw, 50c.; R. W. C., 25c.; total, $30.35. All who desire to assist must do so on or before Monday next when the cash will be forwarded to the Shaftesbury Society.



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