The North Sea Outrage

The International Commission Opens Public Sessions at Paris.

Several Members of Japanese Legation Present at the Sitting.

British Agent Reads Charges and Russia Puts In Reply.

PARIS, Jan. 19.—The international commission appointed to enquire into the North Sea incident began its public sessions this afternoon. The meeting of the commission was held in the state dining hall of the D'Orsay palace (foreign office), which was crowded with high officials, diplomats and representatives of the navy of the principal maritime powers. Several members of the staff of the Japanese legation were among the diplomats present. Admiral Fournier (French) presided with Rear Admiral Beaumont (Great Britain) and Admiral Von Spaun (Austria), at his right, and Vice Admiral Doubalsoff (Russia), and Rear Admiral Davis (United States), on his left. A large force of British counsel and advisers was at the right of the court. Baron Taube, the Russian judicial adviser, and other Russians were in the left part of the hall.

Hugh O'Bierne, of the British embassy, agent of Great Britain before the international commission, read the charges, which consist of 17 specifications minutely setting forth the attack on the Hull fishing fleet. It was specifically declared that no Japanese torpedo boats and no Japanese whatever were among the fishing fleet, and that no Japanese warships were anywhere in the North Sea.

Baron Taube read the Russian reply, which specifically declared that two strange boats appeared near the Russian squadron, which the searchlights disclosed to be torpedo boats. Thereupon fire was opened, the torpedo boats moving off and later disappearing. The Russian statement further asserted that Admiral Rojestvensky was absolutely compelled to act as he had done in order to destroy the torepdo boats which had attacked his squadron.

The principal charges of the British statement follows:

"On the night in question there was not any warships whatever in the neighborhood of the fishing fleet except those of the Russian navy.

"No warships had been seen by the fishing boats since a long time previous.

"None of the boats making up the fishing fleet carried any kind of material of war.

"No Japanese warships of any kind whatever were at that moment in the North Sea.

"There were not any Japanese on the fishing boats.

"The Russian fire continued after their searchlights clearly showed the vessels were peaceful fishing boats.

"None of the Russian ships gave, or even offered, assistance.

"The fire killed two men, wounded six, sank one boat and damaged five others."

The statement concludes that the attack was without any provocation upon pacific boats pursuing their usual and rightful avocation.

The following are principal points of the Russian reply:

"At about midnight the flagship Kniaz Noutoff saw the outlines of two small boats, which approached with great speed, with all lights extinguished, directly toward the battleships.

"When the two suspicious boats came within range of the Russian searchlights they were recognized as torpedo boats. Thereupon the battleships fired.

"Thereafter a number of small fishing boats showing the required lights were observed. Precautionary measures were adopted nevertheless. There was a strong feeling of danger upon the battleships and the imperious duty of protecting themselves against the attack of torpedo boats obliged a continuance of the fire despite the evident risks of hitting not only the fishing boats but also the ships of the squadron itself which had arrived within the zone of fire.

"In the meantime the two torpedo boats drew off and shortly after disappeared. Fearing that some of the fishing boats were damaged, yet being certain that all danger from the two torpedo boats, or possibly others, was not completely removed, Admiral Rojestvensky deemed it indispensable for the squadron to continue its route without stopping.

"Admiral Rojestvtensky, while taking into account the damage caused to inoffensive fishermen, subjects of a neutral power, was nevertheless compelled to use all the means in his power to destroy the torpedo boats which attacked his squadron."

CANNERY AT ESQUIMALT

Local Company to Prosecute Salmon Fishing — R. Hall Goes to Ottawa.

A company has been organized locally to exploit the salmon fisheries on the Vancouver Island coast. A large and thoroughly equipped cannery will be built at Esquimalt for handling the fish. A prospectus is now being prepared and will be published in a few days, when stock will be issued to the public.

In regard to the salmon fishing industry it is interesting to note that a conference respecting the proposed close season has been arranged to take place at Ottawa on Friday, the 27th inst., at which Mr. Richard Hall, M. P. P., will represent the interests of Vancouver Island. Mr. Hall's mission was determined at a meeting of the board of trade yesterday afternoon, when he was appointed to lay before the government the views of the board and the people of Victoria concerning this subject. Mr. Hall will probably leave for the east tonight. The date of his interview with the government was arranged through the local member, who persuaded the minister of marine to delay giving a decision as to the close seasons until Mr. Hall had had the opportunity of discussing the question.

RUSSIANS BOUND HOME.

Shanghai, Jan. 19.—The French steamer Australian arrived here today from Nagasaki with General and Madame Stoessel, Generals Gorbatowsky and Reiz, Admirals Gregorievitch and Lochinsky and 560 other Russians from Port Arthur. About half of the Russians will continue the voyage on the Australian, while the other half will await here for another steamer.

TRUST REORGANIZED.

New York, Jan. 19.—The directors of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, which succeeds the United States Shipbuilding Company, organized today by electing these officers: Chairman and president, Chas. M. Schwab; first vice-president, E. M. McIlvain; second vice-president, A. E. Borie; treasurer, B. S Snyder.

BRITISH STEAMER CONDEMNED.

Tokio, Jan. 20.—(11 a. m.)—The British steamer Rosely, which was captured by the Japanese cruiser Tokiwa in the Sea of Japan on Jan. 11 when bound for Vladivostock with a cargo of coal, has been condemned by the prize court at Sasebo.

GAZETTE NOTICES.

Companies and Societies Seeking Incorporation from Legislature.

The time for receiving tenders for leases of foreshore for salmon fishing purposes has been extended to Wednesday, February 1.

The Alexandra Society of this city has been incorporated under the Benevolent Societies Act. The trustees or managing officers of the society are: Jennie B. Powell, president; Margaret Bruce Rocke Robertson and Susan Sibbald Beaven, vice-presidents; Josephine Crease, secretary-treasurer.

Notice of incorporation is given of the Capital City Canning & Packing Company, Limited, with a capital of $150,000, divided into 6,000 preference shares of $10 each and 9,000 ordinary shares of $10 each.

A company of Vancouver celestials, Ho Chung, Chan Ling, Soon Ching, Fung Wong, and Cheu Hang, are incorporated as the Vancouver Chinese Club, for benevolent and fraternal purposes.

Application will be made at the next session of the provincial House for an act to revive, ratify and confirm the Kootenay-Cariboo and Pacific Railway Company's charter.

A company will seek incorporation at the next session of the legislature to build a railway from Vancouver to the mouth of the Stave river, and thence in a northwesterly direction to Lillooet lake.

An act will be introduced at the next session of the legislature to incorporate The Institute of Accountants of British Columbia.

Mine Workers Against Socialists

United American Order in the Conference Condemns Socialism.

President Mitchell In Anger Defends Leaders of Civic Federation.

Indianapolis, Jan. 19.—The united mine workers of America in convention have again refused to allow the organization to be committed to socialism. The anti-socialist faction was led by Patrick Dolan of Pittsburg, John Walker of Illinois, who has been the floor leader of the socialists, also took the position that the miners should not engage in politics as an organization. President Mitchell took the floor and defended the leaders of the civic federation when a delegate named Randall, from Wyoming, shouted that the leaders were Grover Cleveland, whom every laboring man detests; Frank Robins, of Pittsburg, who has made millions by beating down his miners, and Andrew Carnegie, whose hands are red with the blood of Homestead strikers.

President Mitchell showed his anger, and, taking the floor, he said: "I have heard of this man Randall before. He is a delegate who in the local union at Dietz, Utah, got up and said that John Mitchell had sold out to the operators in the Colorado strike. I had intended to call him to account in this convention for that statement, and I do intend to make him prove his assertions."

Mitchell was interrupted by cries of "He's a liar," referring to Randall.

Continuing, Mr. Mitchell said: "I do not stand here to defend Andrew Carnegie, Frank Robbins or Grover Clevelands. But who in America ever made a speech so favorable to organization of labor as Andrew Carnegie when, at that banquet, he said that if his men were out on strike he would shut down his plant and wait for them to come back, but would not employ a scab. It was a business proposition he said because the old men, the strikers, were the best. It was a favorable statement. As for Grover Cleveland, I don't like him.

"He is not a leading light in the federation. He never looked in on a meeting. The leading lights of the federation—if you don't know who they are, I can tell you. They are men like Frank L. Robbins, who employ only union men, and the leaders of the union movement in this country."

LEARNING NEW METHODS.

Nanaimo, B. C., Jan. 19.—(Special.)—There arrived at Victoria by the last Empress a wealthy Chinese merchant who hails from Canton, and who has just been located at Ladysmith. He is here representing a Chinese syndicate with a capital of $400,000, for the purpose of purchasing machinery in British Columbia for the erection of a steam sawmill at Canton, to take the place of hand-sawing now in vogue in that country. The new mill, which will be constructed as soon as possible, will be under the management of a Ladysmith Chinaman named Sing, who has had some sixteen years' experience in sawmills throughout the province, and will be up to date in every respect. Sing says there are vast tracts around Canton embracing many kinds of timber. The demand is fifty times in excess of the production on account of hand-sawing, with consequent high prices. He says the present mill will be up to date and will be shipped by the next outgoing Empress. The opening of the new mill will, in all probability, be the opening up of a large field in China for timber cut in that country.

Lung Kee, the leading merchant of Chinatown, Nanaimo, has purchased a lot in Vancouver for $24,000, on which he intends to erect a four-storey brick block.

Doric Lodge, A. F. and A. M., was visited last night by M. W. W. J. Bowser, provincial grand master, who was accompanied by R W. D. Stephenson, D. D. G. M., and M. W. F. McB. Young, P. G. M.

On New Year's eve the wife of a well-known Ladysmith storekeeper attempted to commit suicide by taking a dose of carbolic acid, but was prevented just in the nick of time. Her husband allegedly had accused her of infidelity. Yesterday a number of employees of the shingle mill at Ladysmith saw the same woman wandering down to the water's edge, acting most suspiciously, and, fearing that she was going to leap into the bay, they interfered, and to them she confessed that, owing to family difficulties, she was intending to end her life. She was immediately handed over to Constable Stephenson, who locked her up for safekeeping. Her husband is now suing for divorce. The affair has caused a mild sensation at Ladysmith.

U. S. COURT MARTIAL.

Washington, Jan. 19.—Court-martial proceedings against certain officers of the United States supply ship Culgoa, now cruising in the southern West Indies, are to be instigated by the navy department, it is said, as a result of an investigation by a commission into the collision between the supply ship and a schooner in November. The collision resulted in the total loss of the schooner and the drowning of the captain and his wife and two members of the crew.

ATTEMPT CZAR'S LIFE

Emperor Nicholas and Entire Imperial Family Have a Most Miraculous Escape During Ceremony of Blessing the Neva.

A CANNON LOADED WITH GRAPE

Fired Point Blank Into the Crowded Chapel on the River's Brink But Fortunately With But Little Damage—Authorities Claim Incident Was Accidental.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 19.—The ceremony of "blessing the waters" this morning was accompanied by an event more mysterious, unprecedented and extraordinary than any afforded by the annals of Russian history. For a Russian sovereign to fall by the hands of an assassin is no new thing, but that the Emperor should narrowly escape death by a shot from his own artillery while he was engaged in a solemn religious rite, surrounded by priests of his church, is so difficult to realize as to be almost incredible, yet this is what happened today and the Russian public is left wondering and mystified.

By the merest chance the imperial family escaped unhurt, but the possibilities of the affair have created a profound impression.

Performing the annually recurring blessing of the waters of the Neva, with all the accustomed brilliant ceremonial, Emperor Nicholas today wore the uniform of the famous Probvajensky regiment. He looked in excellent health and walked with an elastic step and smart military bearing, and greeted each regiment with the salutation, "Good morning, my children," to which the soldiers and sailors replied, in stentorian tones, "Good health to Your Majesty," while the band played the national anthem.

In the state procession of the imperial chapel, an imposing train of court officials, the Emperor escorted the Dowager Empress, and Grand Duke Alexis escorted the Empress, other members of the imperial family following in order of rank, the ladies of honor wearing picturesque national costumes.

At 1 o'clock, the divine service being concluded, the procession reformed and returned to the Winter palace. The ladies took places at the windows, while the Emperor, Grand Dukes and gorgeously robed clergy descended for the open-air ceremony. The entire length of the palace was guarded by soldiers. Behind these the populace was massed in enormous numbers on the ice and every point affording a view of the quays, bridges, monuments, etc. In a few minutes the picture was filled in as an imposing procession of priests, choristers, standard-bearers, members of the imperial family and the generals slowly took their places on the pavilion and platform, from the Emperor downwards, all bareheaded.

At the conclusion of the solemn ceremony, the metropolitan having dipped the cross in the water, the Saints Peter and Paul fortress boomed a salute. Then came a crash of bullets through the windows, but no panic occurred and the metropolitan quickly proceeded to bless the Emperor and his entourage and consecrate the standards anew from the sanctified waters of the Neva.

It is now stated in official circles that the grape was fired from one of the guns of the 17th battery of the First Horse Artillery of the Guard, the most aristocratic corps in the Russian army. It seems that at gun practice Tuesday a loaded shell was inadvertently left in the gun.

The Associated Press obtained the following statement from the police at 5 o'clock this afternoon:

"With the second and third shot from the Bourse battery on Basil Island a very large number of grape bullets struck the chapel of the palace. Two entered the interior, where the Emperor was standing. The bullets had a very low velocity.

"The two which entered the chapel fell harmlessly to the floor.

"With the exception of one man named Romanoff, who was severely wounded, they all escaped with contusions. An enquiry is being conducted by Grand Duke Sergius Michaelovitch, inspector-general of artillery. It has not yet been established whether it was an accident or was due to premeditation."

From an authoritative source it appears that doubt of the existence of a plot arises from the fact that grape was distributed to the battery in anticipation of possible trouble with rioters, the most alarming reports having reached the authorities last night of a proposed attempt on the Emperor's life today. Upon this fact rests the theory of a possible mistake made by a gunner.

"If this was a deliberate plot," said an officer especially charged with safeguarding the person of His Majesty, "it was very ingenious. We have been prepared for an anarchist attempt in any form we could conceive, but an attempt to kill the Emperor with one of his own guns under the guise of firing a salute was never dreamed of. It is a new departure, against a repetition of which we must take precautions. If gunners of the Emperor's picked guard can be enlisted in such a dastardly conspiracy, serious possibilities are presented."

Everything on the surface seems to indicate the existence of a deadly and deep-laid plot against the Emperor, in which artillerymen were enlisted. It is understood that all the men and the officers of the battery referred to were immediately placed under arrest for examination.

The police took charge of the spot where the battery still stands, and drew a double cordon across the river, searching out everything in the line of fire.

An old barge, frozen in the ice, was thoroughly examined to ascertain whether the bullets could possibly have come from her, but no evidence was disclosed tending to substantiate such a theory.

It develops that one of the bullets which entered the Nicholas hall, where the diplomats were located, struck down a golden plate from the wall. Many of the diplomats, however, did not suspect the cause of the fall of the plate until afterwards, although they noticed that something unusual had happened, especially as the reception did not take place in the hall where it generally occurs, but was hastily adjourned to the marshal's hall, on the other side of the palace.

The official account of the affair follows: "During the ceremony of the blessing of the waters of the Neva today, in the presence of the Emperor, as the usual salute was being fired, an accident happened. A charge of grape, instead of a saluting charge, was fired from a gun belonging to one of the batteries stationed near the Bourse. Some bullets struck the facade of the Winter palace near the quay gardens, breaking four windows. A policeman belonging to the St. Petersburg force was wounded. According to the information to hand at present, no other accident occurred. Enquiry continues."

Scene in St. Petersburg Where the Shooting Took Place.

Victoria Via Bute Inlet

A press despatch from Calgary says: "A number of members of the Grand Trunk Pacific exploration party that were busy surveying in the Peace river country say that the report of Prof. Macoun, which met with so much disfavor, was not exaggerated. They predict the Grand Trunk Pacific will not go west by the Peace river, but will turn south from Edmonton to go by Yellowhead, reaching the coast at Bute Inlet."

U. S. FOREIGN TRADE.

Washington, Jan. 19.—President Roosevelt today sent a message to the Senate recommending favorable action on a suggestion made by Assistant Secretary of State Loomis for co-operation by the departments of state and commerce and labor in collection of information concerning trade conditions in foreign countries. The President recommends that application for the appointment of six special agents, to be called commercial attaches, who shall visit the different countries and make a study of industrial conditions, with a view of suggesting modifications and changes in the existing plans of our foreign commerce.

CHINESE INTEGRITY.

Washington, Jan. 19.—Secretary of State Hay has secured positive assurances from the powers that there shall be no attempt made upon the integrity of Chinese territory. Recently it was reported that some of the powers contemplated extending the territorial possessions they already had in China at the conclusion of the war in order to maintain what he called the balance of power in the East, asserted that the outcome of the war would be a readjustment of China's territorial boundaries. A note was despatched by the secretary to the powers based on this information, with the result that they have now all positively disclaimed any such intention.

AMICABLY ARRANGING DISPUTE

Philadelphia, Jan. 19.—Though both sides are firm, developments today in the controversy between the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen indicated that an amicable settlement of the dispute may soon be affected without resort to extreme measures. The chance of a break was temporarily removed by a decision of Grand Master Lee and his associates to send for Grand Master P. S. Morrisey for a consultation. Upon the latter's attitude and the result of a conference which Mr. Morrisey and the Brotherhood committee will have with General Manager Atterbury tomorrow the strike is dependent.

MINE MANAGER'S NARROW ESCAPE

Bullet From Would Be Assassin's Rifle Just Grazes His Cheek.

Nelson, B. C., Jan. 19.—A special to the Daily News tonight announces that Jack Roberts, president of the Silverton miners' union, has been committed for trial on the charge of attempting to murder Montague Davys, mine manager of this city, at Silverton on the evening of the 17th by shooting at him with a rifle.

The chief of provincial police, Mr. Bullock-Webster, went to Silverton on Wednesday to investigate the shooting and arrested Roberts on suspicion. At the preliminary hearing before the magistrates, a local tailor deposed that he saw Roberts fire the shot. Constable Black testified that he traced footmarks from the point of firing to the cabin door of the accused, and Mr. Davys said that Roberts had threatened to "fix him" openly on the wharf at Silverton some days ago. The foundation of the trouble was the hiring of Chinese mine cooks by Mr. Davys, he being unabie to get satisfactorily white help. According to the evidence, Davys and six others, including Roberts, were in the Victoria hotel bar. Roberts left the party, who were taking a drink, when suddenly the report of a gun was heard and a rifle bullet crashed through the window, burying itself behind the bar and passing so close to Davys that he felt the sting of it on his cheek.

The accused declined to be represented by counsel and asked the witnesses no questions. He was brought here tonight and lodged in the provincial jail, where he will remain until his trial at the assizes here in May. He is a middle-aged Englishman, hailing from Lancashire, and is of prepossessing personal appearance.

WOMEN AND CANTEEN.

Washington, Jan. 19.—On behalf of the woman's army and navy league, Mrs. Josephine Kellon, widow of the late Adjutant-General J. C. Kellon, today presented a petition to the Senate committee of military affairs in the interest of re-establishment of so much of the canteen as permits the sale of beer at United States army posts. The petition was signed by 300 ladies, most of whom are related to officers of the army and navy, including Mrs. Chaffee, Mrs. Schley and Mrs. Sampson. Mrs. Kellon said the ladies spoke from personal experience as to the beneficial effects of the canteen. "As women we admire the Women's Christian Temperance Union," she said, "and we think they are doing a wonderful work in the country at large, but we believe that they do not understand the case in the army, and, therefore, not capable of advising in this matter as they might in others." She said that desertions of the army fell of 90 per cent. after the establishment of the canteen. Chairman Hull remarked, after she concluded, that there would be no legislation on that subject at this session.

SILVERWARE COMBINE.

Chicago Firm Institute Suit Against An Alleged Trust.

Chicago, Jan. 19.—Alleging violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, Simon Lyons, a dealer in silverware, has begun suit in the United States circuit court here for $100,000 damages against the International Silverware Co. of New Jersey. Lyons alleges that the company and its officers, together with other silverware concerns controlling 40 per cent. of the silverware output in the United States and Canada, have entered into an agreement resulting in the control of prices. Purchasers, it is alleged, were compelled to sign contracts not to sell articles lower than the price stipulated by the alleged combination. Lyons said he cut the price of articles, and the combination refused to sell him stock, thus entailing loss to him of $100,000.

ARTIST'S SUDDEN DEATH.

London, Jan. 19.—C. H. Boughton, the artist, was found dead in his studio, Camden Hill, today where he had been working alone on a picture commenced a few days ago. A servant, who went to call him to lunch, found him lying on the couch covered up with a rug. His body was already cold. He had been under treatment for several months for heart disease. It is supposed he felt a seizure coming on and lay down. Mr. Boughton's boyhood was spent in Albany, New York, but he resided in London since 1862.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 19.—George H. Boughton, the artist, who died today in London, was born in England in 1834, but came to this city when only three years old. During his boyhood he studied art without masters and opened his first studio here in 1850. He sold one of his earliest works to the American Art Union in 1853 and on the proceeds went to London for further study, where he rapidly achieved a reputation. He returned to Albany for a few months but in 1862 removed to London, where he since resided. His pictures are found in some of the most noted galleries of England and America. He always retained his interest in this city and a few weeks ago donated some color sketches to an exhibition held at the Albany Academy.

WHOLESALE REDUCTION.

Major Wood Said to Be Making Things Lively in Yukon.

Seattle, Jan. 19.—A despatch from Dawson says that a wholesale reduction in the government force is being made in the Yukon Territory through Acting Governor Major Wood. The preventive officer's department, mining inspector's department and territorial secretary's office have been abolished and have been consolidated under other offices. The police will do all recording and inspecting in outlying districts and will receive applications and forward them to Dawson. Thirty employees are being dismissed, among them all the mining inspectors and recorders.

Street Arabs For The Northwest

A London Clergyman Advocates Compulsory "Parochial" Imperialism.

Miss Miles Refutes Calumny as to Treatment of Emigrant Children.

Canadian Associated Press Cable.

London, Jan. 19.—Rev. Sommerville, rector of St. George the Martyr, Southwark, one of the poorest parishes in London, writes to the Standard in support of "parochial imperialism." He says, though doubts if the state would tolerate it, some element of compulsion would seem necessary to emigrate the swarm of youths who now perambulate the streets, picking up a living as best they can, to the country west of Winnipeg. He thinks there should be a system of state-aided emigration.

Miss Miles, of the Fulham board of guardians, gave an illustrated lecture of her visit to the homes of the children sent out to Canada. She gave a glowing description of their condition and greatly regretted that false reports should have been sent to papers regarding bad treatment by farmers.

The following is an extract from a letter from Mr. Chamberlain to Joseph Deeley, the tariff reform candidate for Sealing: "I do not myself recognize any difference in principle between Mr. Balfour and myself. If we differ at all it is only on the question of methods and tactics. But Mr. Balfour has advocated the objects which I have in view as strongly as any tariff reformer could desire."

The postmaster-general has denied that letters going to Canada are overstamped by foreign mail, as has been recently imputed.

Whilst reading a novel and smoking a cigarette, C. W. Haves, who is said to have been a well-to-do Canadian, suddenly expired at the Nursing Home, Portland Place.

The Pope, acknowledging the growing importance of the Archdiocese of Montreal, has granted the request of Archbishop Bruchesi for an auxiliary bishop. Such appointment does not require "urgent" so the position has been given to Zotique Racicot, vicar-general of Montreal.

LADYSMITH HAPPENINGS.

Thos. Cowan Appointed C. P. R. Agent —That Burglary Mystery.

Ladysmith, Jan. 19.—(Special.)—As a result of the visit of Mr. E. J. Coyle, assistant general passenger agent, and Mr. H. H. Abbot, of the C. P. R., Mr. Thos Cowan, local postmaster, was appointed agent for the road in Ladysmith.

No further discoveries have been made regarding the stealing of the cash register and its contents from the Pretoria hotel on Sunday last, although the local police are doing everything in their power to solve the mystery.

The Eagles have spent many a rousing time, but the affair last night and this morning eclipsed all previous efforts. In fact, there could be no comparison between the "quiet and social little evenings" which were spent in song and story, and the uproarious five hours of last night and this morning, during not one minute of which the fun lagged. The Eagles are nothing unless original. They may be at any time depended upon to find something new, and it was the Victoria contingent's turn. When the evening train from Victoria stopped such a noise as is seldom heard around this quiet, peace-abiding city, came through the car windows, and a moment later a large flight of Eagles swooped down the steps arrayed in every imaginable article of head-gear known to hatter or milliner. It is needless to say they were arrayed in something more than hats, as the weather was not particularly warm. To the tune of "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight," the noble birds, accompanied by large crowds of locals, wended their way to the city. The proceedings opened at 8 o'clock, and from that hour on until 3 o'clock this morning a glorious time was spent.

EMPEROR WILLIAM BUSY.

His Majesty's Active Interest in Coal Strike Has Good Results.

Berlin, Jan. 19.—Emperor William's active interest in the coal strike and his personal exertions to settle it have produced a good effect on the Bourse. Today His Majesty received a member of the firm of Hanel, one of the powerful mining families of the lower Rhine, and sent for Privy Councillor Tueg, of Oberhausen, who successfully managed the Duesseldorf exhibition of 1903. Herr Tueg is both a coal mine owner and a steel manufacturer of great wealth and great influence among industrial leaders. The attitude of the mine owners annoys the government as much as the hasty action of the strikers in quitting work without giving the legal fortnight's notice. Among the petty requirements of some of the mines is a rule that miners must click their heels together and stand at attention when the overseers approach.

Lifebuoy Soap—disinfectant—is strongly recommended by the medical profession as a safeguard against infectious diseases.

Steamship Line To Mexico

Temporary Hitch In Closing Contract Probably Is Adjusted.

Carleton County Placed at Disposal of Mr. R. L. Borden.

British Columbian May Take Judge Killam's Place In Supreme Court.

Correspondence Associated Press.

OTTAWA, Jan 19.—Sir William Mulock, answering Hon. Mr. Foster, explained the hitch regarding the proposed Mexican steamship service. He said last December the Mexican government had informed him that the amount of money demanded for the Pacific service was disappointing to them and suggested that the contract should stand over for a month until they could consult an eminent engineer at that time absent from the country. They proposed a second subsidy at $50,000 each, making a total subsidy of $200,000. So far as he could see now, there was nothing in the way of an arrangement being made for the Atlantic services, and the Mexican government believed they would be able to complete arrangements for the Pacific service.

The roof of the new fat stock show collapsed this morning under the weight of snow. The loss to the city will be $30,000.

The Senate committee chairmen are: Senator Watson, international economy; Senator Drummond, banking; Senator Casgrain, railway; Senator Cloran, private bills; Senator Gowan, divorce; Senator Young, standing orders.

Gacconi, the Italian murderer of Montreal, has been reprieved for a week.

Edward Kidd resigned his seat as the member for Carleton today. It was handed to the speaker about noon. The writ for the new election will be issued Saturday.

It has been decided to make two provinces in the Northwest in the autonomy bill. The dividing line will run north and south.

It is reported that an effort will be made to get a British Columbian to take the place of Mr. Justice Killam on the Supreme court bench when the latter goes to the railway commission. Chief Justice Hunter or Mr. Justice Duff are mentioned in this connection.

The minister of marine has decided to delay giving his decision on the sockeye close seasons until Richard Hall arrives here to attend a conference on Friday the 27th.

NEW YORK FROM ABOVE.

Take an airship any fine day and make a trip over the New York Sky Line, if you would have a journey as full of variety and interest as any transcontinental one.

The Battery will do for a starting point, and the route leads directly away from the bay into the mountain ranges of brick and stone. On either side the skyscrapers rise, sheer and ragged, slashed by deep gorges and canyons in which, a thousand feet below, are the every-hurrying, living streams with their up-and-down-and-cross-town currents. There is no tunneling of these mountain ranges, for an airship sails around or over them, skirting the highest peaks, diving into valleys at will.

The tops of the highest mountains are barren of life, as are miles and miles of the low-lying roof desert beyond. The great Colorado desert, stretching away toward the setting sun, is not more dreary than this desert of dull red roofs that reaches from the Hudson to East river and far to the north, in almost unbroken monotony. Instead of the clumps of greasewood and mesquite, of cactus and sagebrush of that other desert, here there are chimneys and dumb-waiter shafts and reservoirs, rising stiff and all alike, casting their black shadows on the red roofs. There is the same sameness to New York roofs as there is to New York house fronts.—Four-Track News.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

City Marshal and Editor Quarrel Over Boy and Tragedy Results.

Ellis, Kas., Jan. 20.—At Wilson, Kas., this morning City Marshal Tilman shot and killed Postmaster Samuel Hutchison, who is also editor of a paper and then committed suicide. Tilman several days ago whipped Hutchison's boy and Hutchison scored the marshal in his paper. Today they met and quarreled and the double tragedy occurred.

NAVAL HOSPITAL SOON TO CLOSE

Will Be Abandoned February 1—Desirable New Home for Aged and Infirm.

At a special meeting of the city council, held yesterday morning, the question of the new Home for the Aged and Infirm was discussed in an informal fashion, and it is understood that a suggestion was offered that overtures be made to the imperial government looking to the acquirement of the naval hospital property. It was assumed that in the event of the abandonment of that property absolutely it would be available for another purpose apart from any connection with the navy, and though situated outside the city limits could easily be made a desirable home for the old men. Through the passing of the bylaw which was voted on at the recent municipal elections, the council has at its disposal the sum of $12,000 for the purpose of acquiring a new home. A site which is prominently mentioned in connection with the proposed change is that of the Jackson homestead on Hillside avenue.

The conclusion that the naval hospital property would shortly be available for such use as suggested is shown to have been justified by the following letter just received by His Honor the Lieut.-Governor from the Commodore, which explains the situation in no uncertain terms:

H. M. S. Bonaventure at Esquimalt,
18th January, 1905.

Your Honor: I have the honor to inform you that the royal naval hospital here will be vacated by 1st February next, and that should any of the local or provincial authorities desire the use of the buildings and land, the Admiralty would probably be willing to lease them on payment of a very moderate rental. I have the honor to be, Your Honor's obedient servant,

(Sgd.) JAMES C. GOODRICH,
Commodore.

Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere, K.C.M.G.,
Lieut.-Governor of British Columbia.

AMBASSADOR TO BE HONORED.

London, Jan. 19.—United States Ambassador and Mrs. Choate will be entertained at Windsor Castle as the guests of King Edward and Queen Alexandra for two days next week. The King returns to London tomorrow from Sandringham.

A Notable Rural Ban

Representative Men of Co Dine Together a Duncans.

Annual Festival of Flock Association of Vanco Island.

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A considerable number of the settlers of the Cowicha found it expedient to league for defence against the dogs beasts which threatened their Meetings were held, and fina ganization was formed, know Vancouver Island Flockmast ciation.

Wednesday evening the so brated the occasion of its an ing at Duncans, where, fo twelve years, its yearly gathe taken place. After a prelimi ing for the discussion of bu the election of officers, the m paired to the Quamichan ho a sumptuous banquet was pr their regalement. The dining prettily decorated and the ta fully dressed. The viands we an epicure could desire, and pany was one of the happiest ever assembled at the annu of the association.

The chair was occupied by Hayward, ex-M. P. P., presid flockmasters' society, while o and left respectively sat Pr Bride and Hon. A. E. Smi States consul at Victoria. over sixty covers were laid, a present being: W. R. Robert P. P., H. Williams, R. Ven Gidley, J. Lamont, R. S. Mark Green, Thomas Pitt Meade, Harry Smith, David D. Drummond, Walter Fo Dickie, ex-M. P. P., Jame James Norcross, R. E. Gosne Evans, M. P. P., Hon Ab Smith, Horace Davie, R. M G. H. Hadwen, A. C. Aith Evans, Louis C. Springett, J Athelstan Day, H. Keast, Ja land-Dougall, J. H. Whittob Jaynes, J. W. Edgson, A Swanson, A. R. Wilson, J. bell, H. E. Evans, Willia R. M. Colvin, P. Parker, J lace, A. E. Banister, F. E T. Haycroft, E. M. Skinner son, Robert E. Barkley, Ha Jack Middleton, James Lai Gillington, William Hoop West, T. Kitchen, H. Bons Kinnon, J. McLeod and R. den.

After the good things the tables were abundantly been amply discussed, the co called to order, and the cha posed a health to "His M King," which was acknowled fashion.

The next toast offered, States," was coupled with t Hon. Mr. Smith, the United sul, who was recognized by dent as a good friend of t tion, whose presence was al ing, in their midst, and the tive of the country, which, Britain, stood for the adva humanity's cause.

Hon. Mr. Smith in respo that he felt he was in the friends when he sat among honored the name of King E English-speaking peoples sentiment and in social aspi eulogized the character and of President Roosevelt, of w gallery of men who had President's chair, he spoke "the greatest Roman of th man who, born in affluence in luxury, stood for the inte common people against the influences of trusts and othe tions. The speaker graceful edged the presence of Premi whom he described as the British Columbia. He t Flockmasters' Association fo the opportunity of being p in humorous vein conveyed tion that there was a great ful accomplishment in the creasing and improving flock open to the organization.

In proposing "The Army Auxiliary Forces," the chair ed to the local situation in military matters, and expres viction that, while the wi the fleet might be viewed the defence of this coast sight of in the new distri also suggested that the loss in a material sense, would sated by an increase in branch of the military es He coupled with the toas of Mr. James Norcross.

Mr. Norcross made some references to the past histo ent efficiency of our defen responding. The navy was and a very expensive one, bu all Britishers were agreed worth every cent that it had the navy been called anything, when properly le had not accomplished, and t confidence of the people shaken in Tommy Atkins,

Can Eat Anythin

How many Dyspep say that? Or perhaps you are and don't know

Have you any of symptoms

Variable appetite, a faint ng at the pit of the stomac hunger, a loathing of foo curing of food, a painful t of the stomach, constip you gloomy and miserable are a dyspeptic. The cure is avoid stimulants and narc drink at meals, keep regula regulate the stomach and bo

BURDOCK BLOOD

Nature's specific for Dy Miss Laura Chicoine, Bell ys of its wonderful curat "Last winter I was very t st losing flesh owing to t ate of my system. I s dyspepsia, loss of appetite a I tried everything I could no purpose; then finally s Burdock Blood Bitters. F day I felt the good effect of and am now feeling strong a I can eat anything now wi after-effects. It gives me g to recommend Burdock Bloo feel it saved my life."