HUNDRED DEAD IN COAL MINE

Second Deadly Explosion in a Short Time at Lick Branch Colliery

NONE OF MINERS ESCAPE

Ten Bodies Were Recovered Up to One O'clock This Morning

Bluefield, W. Va. Jan. 12.—Again the earth trembled and that unknown substance in which there is more deadly energy and destruction to the atom than in dynamite, let go its awful engine of disaster in the mines of the Lick Branch colliery and snuffed out more than a hundred lives. It was in these same mines that, two weeks ago to a day, 50 miners were killed by a similar explosion.

In the quiet of the early morning there came a mighty rumbling in the bowels of the earth, which reverberated along the miles of corridors and air passages crowded with the men who worked there. From the mine mouth shot forth a cloud of soot, smoke and flames and debris of heavy timbers, broken mine cars, and even a massive motor used to haul the mine cars.

Scarcely had the detonations died away before a throng of terrorized women and children in anxiety and dread rushed to the mine mouth and implored those there to allow them to aid in the efforts to save some of their loved ones.

Mine Foreman Bowers, who was near the entrance, was blown from his feet, but managed to crawl out safely, as did also Robert Smith, a miner. With the foreman was a miner named Holiday and he too was blown over. A rescue party organized on the moment rushed into the jaws of the smoking mine and tried to rescue him. They were driven back by the deadly fumes of the after gas and compelled to leave him to his fate.

A train was rushed from this city to the scene of the disaster some 25 miles away carrying bratticing and other materials to be used in the work of exploration and rescue. There were supposed to be from sixty to eighty men in the section of the mine affected. The debris from the explosion of two weeks ago had not been cleared away, and 20 men were engaged in this work. Nineteen contract miners, with their crews, were at work in a new entry, and it is feared that all of them were lost.

The explosion was in a different part of the mine to that of two weeks ago. Since that catastrophe the mine had been inspected by government officials and by the most experienced mine men in the region, and all expressed the opinion that it was safe.

A late estimate of the number of men entombed is more than 100. The fire in the mine and the deadly gas, to say nothing of the awful force of the explosion, preclude any chance of rescuing any of the men alive. The main entry of the mine is four miles long, running from one side of the mountain to the other. Debris was blown from both entries, which gives some idea of the tremendous force of the explosion. Some of the men must have been blown to pieces, and others incinerated. The fans which furnished the fresh air for the workings, is in the former explosion, were not disabled and are not forcing fresh air into the mines.

Two brothers named Surratt, of Speedwell, Va., who went to the mine at the time of the other explosion through curiosity, accepted positions, and both are supposed to be victims of the present accident. Bystanders at the time of the explosion say that immense quantities of soot and smoke gushed from the mine almost simultaneously with the detonation, and immediately were sucked back in enormous volumes into the mine.

In 1884, at the Southwest Virginia Improvement Company mine, 360 men were killed. Today's horror is the most disastrous that has occurred since. The mine is owned by the Pocahontas Consolidated Collieries Company.

Cobalt's Output

Toronto, Jan. 12—Cobalt ore shipments last week totalled 757,130 pounds.

Conservative Elected.

Winnipeg, Jan. 12.—The bye-election for the provincial legislature held in Virden on Saturday to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. J. H. Agnew, Provincial Treasurer, resulted in the return of Dr. Harvey Simpson, Conservative, by 206 majority. Mr. Agnew was returned at the last election by a majority of 85.

Ten Bodies

Bluefields, W. Va., Jan. 13.—At one o'clock this morning ten bodies had been taken from the mine. None were identified. An old carpenter shop has been turned into a morgue and the bodies have been placed there with the expectation that identification can be accomplished.

International Conference

The Hague, Jan. 12.—Seventeen nations already have accepted the invitation extended by Netherlands to attend an international conference with the object of formulating general laws on the subject of bills of exchange, their validity, enforcement, etc.

Smallpox in Guatemala

New Orleans, La., Jan. 12.—Passengers from Guatemala declare that a serious outbreak of smallpox has occurred there. In Guatemala city it is said that there have been one thousand cases. A quarantine against Guatemala has been established by Spanish Honduran ports.

Fined for Shooting Deer.

New Westminster, Jan. 12.—John McLeod, of Pit Meadows, came up before Capt. Pittendrigh, in the district court yesterday morning and was fined $25 for shooting deer out of season. He was caught by Game Warden Scott at the Junction with a portion of a deer in his possession.

For Deputy Speaker

Ottawa, Jan. 12.—It is generally understood that G. H. McIntyre, M.P. for South Perth, will succeed Charles Marcil, M.P. for Bonaventure as deputy speaker of the commons when the latter moves up to the speaker's chair. The names of Senators J. K. Kerr, Toronto; J. V. Ellis, St. John, and Finlay Young, Killarney, Man., are mentioned for the speakership of the senate.

Mr. Gompers' Conclusion

Washington, Jan. 12. — President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor is in favor of either making an appeal to labor and its friends for the necessary funds to be used in prosecuting an appeal from the recent decision of Judge Wright in the contempt case or of abandoning it altogether. This decision was made known by Mr. Gompers in a comprehensive report which he read at the meeting here of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor, practically the entire day being given over to a consideration of that subject. In making the appeal President Gompers declared the Federation had practically exhausted all of its available funds, that the money in the defence fund is unavailable and that only one of the two courses mentioned was open to them.

LYNCHING NEGROES

Supreme Court of United States Holds That Fourteenth Amendment Does Not Apply

Washington, Jan. 11.—The case of the United States vs. Robert Powell, involving the question whether the fourteenth amendment can be invoked in the United States courts to protect negroes against lynching, was decided by the supreme court of the United States today in favor of Powell on a writ of error bringing the case from the United States circuit court for the northern district of Alabama.

Powell is under indictment on a charge of assisting the mob in the hanging of a negro named Horace Maples, of Huntsville, Ala., the specific charge being that as a member of the lynching party, Powell had deprived Maples of the right to a trial by due process of law. The circuit court held that the fourteenth amendment was not applicable to the case, and declared that it could not be involved unless the injustice complained of was inflicted by the state or its authorities.

The supreme court decision affirmed the decision of the lower tribunal.

EMPEROR KUANG TSU DIED FROM POISON

Yuan Shi Kai Blamed in Reports to Chinese Reform Organization

New York, Jan. 12.—The Chinese reformers here received a lengthy cipher cable despatch today from Hongkong confirming reports that the late Emperor of China met an unnatural death.

The despatch states that before late Empress Dowager's death the question of his choosing of an heir presumptive was pending. Yuan Shi Kai strongly urged the Dowager Empress to select the eldest son of Prince Ching, but the Empress denied this request. The refusal and the impending death of the Dowager Empress led Yuan Shi Kai to believe that Emperor Kuang Tsu would soon regain his power and deal summarily with those who had subordinated him to the Empress Dowager.

The dispatch states that a Chinese physician was thereupon commissioned to put the Emperor out of the way. The plot was carried out, according to the dispatch, and has since been revealed by one of the participants, named Ching Ha Kai, who has made his escape to Japan.

WINNIPEG POWER PLANS

Board of Trade Deputation Urges Further Negotiations With Street Railway

Winnipeg, Jan. 12.—A deputation from the council of the board of trade appeared before the board of control at the city hall to urge that before the city power scheme is gone on with further negotiations should be had with the street railway company with regard to supplying power.

The deputation presented a letter from the company considerably modifying the position taken by it in previous communications. The company now offers to supply power in any quantity the city may desire without the city being bound to take any fixed minimum quantity. The company also expressed willingness to enter into negotiations to supply the city with power for purposes of commercial lighting if the city so desires.

The deputation urged that it be considered before the signing of the contracts awarded at the last meeting of the city council for various works in connection with the power scheme. These contracts call for over $1,000,000, and once they are signed, there will be no chance for further negotiations, as the city will be irrevocably committed to the power scheme.

NANAIMO ELECTION

Mr. Hawthornthwaite Re-Elected By Majority of 283 Over Mr. Barker, Liberal

Nanaimo, Jan. 12—The bye-election in Nanaimo constituency today passed off quietly and without incident. The poll stood: Hawthornthwaite, Socialist, 685; Barker, Liberal, 402; spoiled, 14.

President of Stock Exchange

Toronto, Jan. 13—Wm. Fox has been elected president of the Standard stock exchange.

Anti-Tuberculosis Campaign

Toronto, Jan. 13—The Ontario health department is to organize an anti-tuberculosis campaign in various centres throughout the province. It is proposed to organize at least seven health associations to fight the disease.

Newfoundland's Deadlock

St. John's, Newfoundland, Jan. 12—Owing to the prevailing unsettled conditions on the island it is understood that all election petitions will be abandoned by mutual consent. To-day's official Gazette will probably announce the meeting of the legislature for February 4th. Nothing could be done with the protests before that date, and the parties will line up in the legislature a tie.

Purity League Movement

Toronto, Jan. 13—Addressing a meeting of the Purity league last night on the subject of "Press and Purity Education," A. J. Patterson, K. C., a well-known lawyer of this city, said the league would ask the minister of justice for an extension of the meaning of the word "adultery." At present it meant unlawful union between persons, one or both of whom were married, but there was no law against unmarried persons living together. The press which will strive to bring this offence under the criminal code will do a service to society and education, he declared.

LACROSSE IN ENGLAND

Canadians Have Right to Play in Their Own Way—Some Comment

London, Eng., Jan. 12—Mr. F. B. Wilson, in refering to Canadian lacrosse in connection with suggested visit of an English team says "If Canadians prefer to play their way I do not see why anyone should stop them. It is their business entirely, but they are quite right in saying we should not like it and more right still in doing everything they can think of to stop any possibility of ill feeling creeping into the splendid relations existing between the two countries in sport."

Mr. Wilson then quotes an article in the Toronto Telegram of December 30, which, he says, is amusing but extraordinarily sound. The line taken by Canada is perfect. They simply say, "if we got to scrapping with them in their line of play, we should get beaten, which we should, and someone would be sure to growl at barbarous unsportsmanlike tactics employed by Canadians. It is not so much that our men would object to being hurt as they would object to being hurt in a way they did not understand. Just as one has heard Englishmen object when he thought he was boxing or wrestling to be ousted by a jiu-jitsu trick of which he had never heard."

The Winnipeg Telegram says that the Canadian Pacific intends to ship as much grain as possible hereafter from Vancouver, and adds that "it will undoubtedly result in a very great change at Fort William and Montreal." We doubt if shipments from the Pacific coast will materially lessen those from the Atlantic coast, for the reason that the increased wheat production will be sufficient to keep eastern transportation facilities fully occupied.

AERONAUTS PROPOSE BIG COMPETITIONS

Plans Would Call for Prizes Amounting in Value to $240,000

London, Jan. 12.—The international association of aeronauts today adopted a resolution that the federation should found prizes to the value of $240,000 for aviation and dirigible balloons.

The plan provides for a $10,000 gold cup as a special prize for flying machines and ten prizes of $20,000 each, half of this number for dirigible balloons and half for flying machines, together with a $10,000 cup in each department. These ten prizes, it is proposed, shall be competed for in ten separate competitions, one to be held every five years. The suggestion was made that the United States, Germany, Great Britain and France shall each contribute $40,000 to this fund, and Belgium, Spain, Italy and Austria $20,000 each. $200,000 is to be devoted to the construction of portable sheds for competing machines.

The conference closed after a telegram of thanks was sent to James Gordon Bennett for his gift of a neat aviation cup.

SHRUBB WON RELAY WITHOUT DIFFICULTY

Great English Runner Took Measure Three Men in a 12-Mile Race

New York, Jan. 9.—Alfred Shrubb, the English professional champion runner, won the 12-mile relay race at Madison Square Garden tonight, defeating a relay of three men, who ran four miles each.

Shrubb's time was one hour, five minutes, fifty-seven seconds. The English champion was pitted against three speedy professional runners: Frank M. Kanaley, of Cambridge, Mass.; Fred Simpson, an Ojibway Indian, and Tom Williams, of Somerville, Mass. Shrubb showed a world of speed and had little difficulty in running away with the race from the outset. Kanaley, who started with him, was outrun from the third lap on, Shrubb having obtained a lead of a quarter of a mile when Simpson, the Indian, took up the race at the end of the fourth mile. The Ojibway ran splendidly but failed to gain an inch on Shrubb, who held him on even terms all the way for the next four miles. Williams took up the last relay and pulled Shurb's lead down to half a lap. When the test came, towards the close of the race, however, he was outsprinted, Shrub showing ample reserve power and winning out by 600 yards.

The five-mile professional handicap was won by Mike Spring, with a handicap of forty-five seconds; Bob Mallen of New York, 35 seconds, second, and Sam C. Myers, Cambridge, Mass., scratch man, third. Time, 28:04 4-5.

WANT BEAVER'S BOILER

Commercial Club of Tacoma Arranging to Buy Relic From F. W. Pilkey, of Vernon

The Commercial Club of Tacoma is subscribing a fund for the purchase of the boiler of the old steamer Beaver, first steam craft to churn the waters of the North Pacific coast, from F. W. Pilkey, formerly of Vancouver, now of Vernon, who values the relic at $2,250. The intention is to have the boiler of the old steamer added to the collection of the Historical society at the Tacoma museum to exhibit it at the Alaska Yukon-Pacific exposition at Seattle.

EMPIRE DEFENCE

Regulations for General Staff Compiled and to Be Submitted to Colonial Governments

London, Jan. 13—Sir Frederick Borden sails for Canada on Friday.

It is understood that in discussions between Sir Frederick Borden, Gen. Hood, of Australia, and Mr. Haldane, secretary of state for war, the result was that immediately regulations were written for the construction of a general staff for the empire. Those regulations will be submitted to the different colonial governments.

LARGE SCHEMES FOR VANCOUVER

Report That the Railway and Power Companies Have Joined Forces

EASTERN CAPITAL READY

Scheme Involves Radial Railways and Lines Within Vancouver

Vancouver, Jan. 12.—With the pooling of interests of the Stave Lake Power company, the Vancouver, Westminster and Yukon Railway and the Burrard, Westminster, Boundary Railway and Navigation company, eastern United States capital—reported to be closely allied to the Standard Oil ring—stands prepared to expend the sum of $5,000,000 in developing the Stave Lake power scheme, build a steel bridge across the second narrows of Burrard Inlet for the V. W. & Y. Ry. and construct electric railway lines radiating from Vancouver, north and east and south to the boundary line.

Not only is it declared to be the intention of the capitalists who have been interested in the new combination of interests to build a system of radial railways with Vancouver as the hub, but it is learned on good authority that the city of Vancouver itself will be invaded with electric lines.

It is asserted that when the time comes—when the merged interests are ready to turn electric power into Vancouver—application will be made to the city of Vancouver for running rights on certain streets. Now it is a well known fact that the British Columbia Electric Railway company possesses the right under its franchise from Vancouver to thirty days in which to determine whether it will build any railway line in the city limits for which rights of construction may be sought by any other company. Should the British Columbia Electric Railway company, it is said, decide to build the line or lines for which rights may be sought by the combination, another application will be made applying to other streets, and so the game will be kept up till ultimately, so it is expected, the city will be entered. This is the plan which it is reported is to be adopted in the assault on the Vancouver stronghold of the British Columbia Electric Railway.

As regards light and power, the Stave Lake Power company already possesses a franchise authorizing it to erect poles and transmit electricity along and over certain streets throughout the city.

During the past year the Stave Lake Power company has purchased 14,000 acres of land in the watershed at Stave Lake, and when the big dam at the falls is completed it is said the company will have reservoir of water 32 miles long by an average of between five and six miles in width affording enormous waterpower even during dry periods.

GAMBLERS IN SHIPS TO BE SUPPRESSED

Shipowners and Underwriters Meet to Consider Action to Put an End to His Business

The campaign against the speculator in marine insurance is being waged apace in England, according to information received here yesterday. At the conference recently held between the president of the British Board of Trade and committees of underwriters and shipowners there was a consensus of opinion that gamblers in ships, or "spotters" as they are known, should no longer have the protection of the p.p.i. (policy proof of interest) clause in carrying out their speculations, but on the other hand it was necessary that shipowners, merchants, bankers and others who are in the habit of covering direct and indirect "interest" under the clause should not be barred of such an everyday business facility. In shore, the object aimed at is to put a stop to the operations of the speculator, and at the same time safeguard the shipowner, etc., in the regular business use of the clause. The difficulty is to attain this end. The only difference of opinion at the recent conference was as to the means of securing the end in view. Some advocated legislation, others thought an act, or new clause, was not called for under the circumstances, and that, however well drafted, it might, sooner or later, tend to corner the regular users of the p.p.i. clause. An adjournment was reached without any result being attained. Some underwriters say the extent of the gambling by outsiders has been exaggerated; others contend that it is on the increase. As far as the ports of the Pacific coast are concerned it is certainly on the decrease; it many it has practically disappeared. In Victoria, where once there was a considerable interest in overdues, there is now infrequent enquiry. The consensus of opinion at Lloyd's is against the practice, while a few underwriters stand out for liberty to deal with the gamblers in ships—at a price.

It is expected in some insurance quarters that new legislation will be brought forward to stop the practice and a clause penalizing persons placing, or seeking to place, insurance on ships or cargoes in which they have no insurable interest, will be advocated.

Open Office

A. M. Jones and C. C. Pemberton have opened a real estate and insurance office in the McGregor block, View street.

Many terrible things have no doubt been written about the earthquake in Southern Italy, but we doubt if anything more dispiriting than the following could be penned by any writer. A correspondent of the London Telegraph, describing the scenes in and about Messina wrote: "Sentries posted here and there among the ruins level their rifles and put their fingers on the triggers as soon as they see a moving shadow. Some of them ask "Who's there?" and if an answer is not forthcoming they fire. Others do not wait, but fire before challenging. There are a hundred thousand dead in the ruins, and one more or less does not count. Before this immense tomb, this continuous spectacle of death and agony, the value of human life has become a nonentity."

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ODD FELLOWS INSTALL OFFICERS FOR YEAR

Ceremony Followed By Banquet at Driard Hotel—Speeches Delivered

(From Wednesday's Daily)

The I.O.O.F. hall, Douglas street, was well filled last evening with members of the order to witness and participate in the installation of officers for the current term. The proceedings were honored with the presence of the grand master, Brother H. T. Fulton, of Ladysmith. The installing officer was Brother R. A. Anderson, D.D.G.M., who was assisted by an efficient staff of grand officers. Those installed were as follows:

Victoria Lodge, No. 1.—W. J. Gower, N.G.; G. Wilkinson, V.G.; Fred Davey, M.P.P., rec. and fin. secretary; T. M. Brayshaw, treasurer; L. Bell, War.; A. E. Mutrum, Con.; W. H. Huxtable, O.G.; H. Siddall, R.S.N.G.; J. H. McConnell, L.S.N.G.; M. Hackett, R.S. V.G.; J. A. Kerr, L.S.V.G.; R. W. Short, I.G.; E. Millington, R.S.S.; R. Livingston, L.S.S.; P. A. McLean, chaplain.

Columbia Lodge, No. 2.—Jas. Patterson, N.G.; E. Dempster, V.G.; R. W. Fawcett, rec. sec.; W. Jackson, fin. sec.; H. A. Porter, treas.; S. Thompson, war.; W. Adams, con.; Rev. G. Kinney, chaplain; W. H. Huxtable, O.G.; F. Taylor, R.S.N.G.; A. Thompson, L.S. N.G.; N. Bennock, R.S.V.G.; D. Dewar, I.G.; R. H. Lorimer, R.S.S.; A. R. Nix, L.S.S.

Dominion Lodge, No. 4.—T. Davidson, N.G.; F. A. Dillabough, V.G.; T. Bamford, rec. and fin. sec.; P. A. Babbington, treas.; R. Gonnason, war.; J. Ashland, con.; Rev. E. G. Miller, chaplain; W. H. Huxtable, O.G.; R. A. Anderson, R.S.N.G.; J. R. Phillips, L.S.N.G.; A. W. Baylis, R.S.V.G.; C. Hawkins, L.S.V.G.; Bro. Chase, R.S.S.; W. Walker, L.S.S.; T. Hawkins, I.G.

At the close of the installation, the grand master made a few remarks, expressing his pleasure at meeting so many of the brethren, and thanking them for the invitation given him to be present.

A past grand master's jewel was presented to Bro. W. J. Wrigleswort by the grand master on behalf of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. Bro. Wrigleswort fittingly and feelingly returned thanks for the jewel presented to him as senior past grand master of the jurisdiction and reminded his hearers that he had the honor of declaring the corner stone of the hall in which they then were "well and truly laid." He touched on the early history of the order in Victoria and advised the new officers to be faithful to their lodges.

Veteran jewels were also presented by the grand master, on behalf of Dominion Lodge, to Bros. W. Walker, W. Ralph and S. W. Edwards.

Bro. Thos. Bamford, secretary of Dominion Lodge, on behalf of that lodge, then presented to Bros. James Bell and R. A. Anderson watch chains and lockets which had been procured by private subscription among the members, as a slight token of the esteem in which they were held by their brethren.

The lodge then adjourned and the members marched in procession to the Driard hotel, where a banquet had been prepared.

Banquet at Driard.

This proved highly successful, 150 of the brothers being present. The dining room was specially decorated for the occasion and presented an unusually pretty sight. Over the central table was hung a large Japanese umbrella painted with bright Oriental design, whose ribs were tipped with small electric lights, while a pair of large horseshoes swathed in pink coverings and edged with colored lights hung beneath it. The umbrella was contained in a huge triangle of green festoons from which depended numerous Chinese lanterns, the whole producing an unique and charming effect.

The banquet was more than worthy of the best traditions of the famous hostelry, Harry Hemming's catering receiving general and enthusiastic encomiums. The guests sat down shortly after ten, but it was just past midnight when Chairman W. H. Cullin proposed the toast of the King, which was drunk with enthusiasm. Letters of regret were then read from the Lieutenant-Governor, the Premier and the Provincial Secretary, who were all unavoidably prevented from attending.

The second toast was that of the United States, which was responded to in eloquent fashion by U.S. Consul Smith. He took for his theme the humanitarian work done by the order, of which he gave some remarkable figures.

Our Province.

In the Premier's absence the toast of "The Province in Which We Live" was replied to by Fred Davey, M.P.P., Grand Secretary of the order. Mr. Davey said that he had been a resident of the province for 33 or 34 years and had never wished to leave it He had known several who, after amassing a competence, had left for other countries to enjoy life. They had always returned, saying that there was no place like B.C., and especially Victoria, to live in. The province had great resources, one of which was the climate, though perhaps the less said the better on that score at the particular moment. (Laughter).

After a couple of songs by H. Shandley, the mayor rose to reply to the toast of the city amid great applause. After referring to the attractions and advantages of Victoria, he said that in regard to the streets the council had as a whole done what it believed to be best, though the fact that many streets had been torn up on account of other improvements had detracted from their appearance. They had tried to build the city up and lay a foundation, and if the next council carried on the work that had been begun, next year the citizens would have even more cause to be pleased and proud of their city.

The toast of "Our Order" was answered by the Grand Master, H. Fulton, who gave an eloquent and interesting account of the origin and growth of the Oddfellows. The Rev. A. J. Brace made a humorous reply to the toast of the ladies, while Harry Hemming replied modestly to the toast of "Our Host." M. Nagel officiated as accompanist and during the dinner played a number of well chosen selections on the piano.

The proceedings, which were most harmonious and enthusiastic, terminated at an early hour in the morning.

DEALS FALLS THROUGH FOR HADDON HALL

Ice in Fraser River Results in the Arrangements for Charter Being Suspended

The deal for the charter of the British ship Haddon Hall, wanted by some milling men for the carriage of a cargo of lumber from New Westminster mills to Prince Rupert has temporarily fallen through. The idea was to load the Haddon Hall on the Fraser River and tow her to Prince Rupert and tow her south again on a time charter. Owing to the cold snap which resulted in the temporary blocking of the Fraser the arrangements were suspended. Mayor Keary of New Westminster sought to obtain the services of the Quadra to keep the river channel open and wired to Capt. Gaudin, marine agent at Victoria, asking that the Quadra be sent the agent replied that the lighthouse tender was engaged replacing buoys in Northern waters. Mayor Keary then asked that the government use the steamer Newington. Capt. Gaudin replied that he did not think the steamer capable of keeping the river open. Mayor Keary immediately telegraphed back that there was no question about the ability of the Newington as she was doing the work and he asked that the government pay the expenses of her use.

The Halifax Chronicle reads British Columbia a lecture on its treatment of the Hindus. British Columbia is not ill-treating the Hindus, and all that any part of the population of the province ever wished to do was to prevent what the Chronicle says it would itself be opposed to, that is the descent upon them of swarms of Hindus.

Births, Marriages, Deaths

BORN.

GEIGER—On Thursday, January 7th, to the wife of E. F. Geiger, a son.

MARRIED.

COSIER-ROBBINS—On the 7th inst., at St. James church, Victoria, by the Rev. J. H. S. Sweet, M.A. W. A. Cosier of Swan Lake, to Helen A. Robbins, only daughter of Major and Mrs. Robbins of Ontario street, Victoria.

BIRD-M'KITRICK—By the Rev. Jenns, Mr. H. F. Bird to Miss H. M. McKitrick.

CRANE-GREEN—On 7th January, 1909, at Trinity church, San Jose, Cal., Alfred G. Crane, of Kuala Lumpur, Selangor, F. Malay States, second son of C. E. Crane, Esq., Cheshans, Bois, Bucks, England, to Constance Raynor Green, matron of the Golden, B. C., hospital, fifth daughter of C. F. Green, Esq., of San Jose, Cal.

DIED.

PAMPHLET—At the family residence, 618 Princess avenue, on the 9th inst., Thomas Henry Pamphlet, a native of Victoria and 39 years of age.

WALES—At the family residence, 851 Broughton street, on the 9th inst., Dan. Wales, a native of Crawley, Sussex, England, aged 57 years.

BURIED UNDER RUINS FOR SIXTEEN DAYS

Strange Case of Little Girl at Reggio—Messina Talks of Revival

Rome, Jan. 12.—The government measures looking to the amelioration of conditions caused by the earthquake were approved today by the senate by a vote of 182 to 1. The king ratified the bill this evening, making it effective immediately. The Duke of Aosta was present at the sitting and occupied his post as senator.

Reggio, Jan. 12.—An extraordinary disinterment took place today, a three year old girl being taken from the ruins alive and unmjured after sixteen days' burial. The possibility of the girl having had nourishment is excluded, and it is believed that part of the time she was in a cataleptic fit.

Messina, Jan. 12.—While thousands are still buried under the ruins, any signs of the revival of the city are greeted with enthusiasm by the survivors, who are determined that Messina shall rise again. A fruit merchant who was the first to re-ship today, a hundred cases of oranges, lemons and other fruit for the far east was saluted like a hero, while the appearance of two cabs on the streets was considered an historic event. In the meantime, amid the ruins of the city, villages of huts are springing up. One of these villages includes not less than three thousand huts, spreading for a distance of two miles. Water pipes have been re-established, and at night the principal srfeets and squares are illuminated. Slight but frequent earthquake shocks continue.

A Chicago despatch says that the Chicago Milwaukee and St. Paul railway company has made an alliance with the Omaka Shosen Kaisha company of Japan, and is going out to capture the bulk of the Trans-Pacific trade. We have an impression that the Canadian Pacific will not be unable to hold its own even against such formidable competition.

Interviewed by a Manitoba Free Press reporter, a few days ago, Mr. Hugh A. Allan, of the firm of H. A. & A. Allan, general agents of the Allan line Royal Mail steamships, expressed the opinion that the volume of immigration this year would be very large. Mr. Allan is unquestionably in a position to speak with authority on this matter, and therefore his conclusions are extremely gratifying.