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PROVINCE'S DEBT AGAIN REDUCED

Another Payment is Made on the Million Dollar Loan

SMALL AMOUNT REMAINS

Twenty-four Thousand Dollars All That is Now Unprovided for

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

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The West hotel in Winnipeg. Deceased was connected with the Masonic order for years.

Another Member Dead Ottawa, Dec. 9.—N. B. Gunn, Conservative member for South Huron, died at St. Luke's hospital today after an operation for stomach trouble.

Contest in Ottawa Ottawa, Dec. 9.—An election is probable after all in Ottawa. W. D. Morris threatens to oppose the government candidate, J. E. T. Carson. He will run as an independent, and hope to split the French vote among the Liberals.

Votes For Married Women Toronto, Dec. 9.—Application has been made by the city council to the legislature for an amendment to the municipal act to give married women the right to vote at municipal elections.

Noted German Doctor Dead Frankfurt-On-the-Main, Dec. 9.—The death is announced of Professor Moritz Schmidt, the well known lawyer, who removed a growth from the throat of Emperor William several years ago, and for this service the Emperor conferred on him the title of "Excellency."

Moorish Tribesmen Humbled Oran, Algeria, Dec. 9.—It is reported here that the Bennis Nasset tribesmen, who have been attacking French forces, have sent in emissaries asking for pardon. They took this step upon learning that the preparations to advance against them were being made.

Disappeared in Winnipeg Winnipeg, Dec. 9.—Napoleon Coumeau, a merchant of St. Jean, left home last Monday and has not been seen in the city Tuesday afternoon. Since that time nothing is known of his movements, and he has disappeared completely as though the earth opened and swallowed him up.

H. B. Company's Taxes Edmonton, Dec. 9.—The Hudson's Bay company are paying over one-eighth of the total taxes now paid in Edmonton. At the assessor's office last week a check was received for \$40,241, being the amount of the year's taxes paid by the company.

Went Through the Ice Indian Head, Sask., Dec. 9.—A search party to the number of about fifty men, who were hunting for a man named Osment, but without success. The marks of skis were seen near holes in the ice. A dog that accompanied Osment in the morning returned home through the day, and this is taken as additional proof that his remains are on so sound water.

King Oscar Dead KING GUSTAV REIGNS

Venerable Swedish Monarch Passes Away and His Son Succeeds

Stockholm, Dec. 9.—King Oscar died at 9:15 o'clock Sunday morning. He was 86 years of age. His son, King Gustav, will be known as King Gustav.

King Gustav at noon today received the homage of the troops who were drawn up in a semi-circle around the palace. The King addressed them briefly.

The funeral of the late King Oscar is expected to be held December 13. The body is being embalmed, and the other preparations necessary necessitate delay of the funeral.

Queen Victoria, wife of King Gustav, arrived here this morning.

Chinese Pirates Washington, Dec. 9.—Fraternal depredations on the Whango river are giving the Chinese government considerable trouble. It is difficult in controlling the lawless element of a fleet of 14 vessels in Chinese waters which patrol the river.

Steamer on the Rocks St. John, N. B., Dec. 9.—The D. A. R. company's steamer, the "Farmington," running between St. John and Digby, N. S., went ashore at Block point this afternoon, eight miles from the shore. The steamer is on the rocks in a bad position. The passengers were removed.

Snow in Germany Breslau, Dec. 9.—It has been snowing here continuously for two days, and in upper Silesia the snow is three feet deep. Communication by railway, telegraph and telephone is practically impossible in several of the branch lines are snowbound.

Work for Unemployed Toronto, Dec. 9.—The city council this afternoon voted \$2,000 for work in order to afford employment to men who have lost their jobs through reduction in the staffs of various manufacturing plants.

Fog Causes Train Wreck Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Dec. 9.—Owing to the obscuring of signals because of a dense fog along the Hudson river, a slight wreck between two passenger trains on the New York Central railroad occurred this morning at Highlands, a few miles south of this city.

May Be Deported Halifax, Dec. 9.—A hundred Bulgarians who arrived by the Allan liner Sardinian were held up here under orders from Ottawa. Their money is limited to an average of about \$10 each, and their deportation is being considered on the ground that they are likely to become charges on the public.

United States Crops Washington, Dec. 9.—The crop reporting board of the bureau of statistics today issued the following bulletin: The newly-seeded area of winter wheat is estimated as being 3,000,000 acres, or 1,000,000 acres less than the area sown in Dec. 1, 1906, as compared with 3,000,000 acres in Dec. 1, 1906, 841 at the corresponding date in the ten-year average of 90. The newly seeded

GOLDFIELD MINES TO BE RE-OPENED

Mine Owners Decide to Exclude All Members of Western Federation

WILL REDUCE WAGE SCALE

Trouble at Mines Expected When Association Makes Announcement

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 9.—The mines of Goldfield are to reopen on Thursday next. The wage scale is to be reduced. No members of the Western Federation of Miners will be given employment, and meanwhile men will be brought here to the number of 600 to take the places of strikers.

Such was the decision of the executive committee of the Mine Owners' association, meeting today. The change from Wednesday to Thursday was to get men from other points to replace the strikers.

The men who are to take the places of the men who are out are not to be housed at the mines, but are to be housed inside, and provision for each individual will be guaranteed by the Mine Owners' association.

Two propositions were being positively decided upon, the making of an open camp for all time and the early lowering of wages. At the same time the mine owners' association is going to begin a vigorous crusade to lower the cost of living in Goldfield.

The announcement of the determination to open the mines is to be made at noon tomorrow by the Goldfield Mine Owners' association, and it is expected that some trouble may ensue.

ONTARIO MUST PAY

Exchequer Court Gives Judgment in Case Referred to Expenditure on Indians

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—The exchequer court has handed out judgment in the case of the Dominion of Canada and the province of Ontario relating to Indians in the disputed territory. Justice Burbridge holds that the administration of Indian affairs devolves upon the Dominion government and Ontario ought not to be held responsible for the expenses of the Indian treaties in Ontario.

The expense of negotiation of the treaty is held to be reasonably incurred and should be allowed to the Dominion and charged to the province of Ontario. The province ought to be held liable for the expenses of the Dominion for the expenditures made to pay each Indian inhabiting the tract.

The sum of \$1,500 yearly for the purchase of ammunition and twine for nets for the use of Indians is also provided for in the treaty and is to be paid by the Dominion.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 9.—David W. Walker, president of the California Safe Deposit & Trust Company, which closed its doors in November, was found dead in his room at the Southern Pacific train last night when he was supposed to be at his San Mateo home.

Shortly after the arrest of Bankers of the bank, a night detective was sent to the bank to see if the money was safe. The money was found to be safe.

The investigation was continued yesterday and today. The investigation was continued yesterday and today.

At the police station, where President Walker was taken, he made the following statement: "I am not sure of any wrong-doing in any manner, and I am a stockholder in the institution."

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Washington Wants to Enter Berkeley, Dec. 9.—Manager John Tysowski, of the university boat club, has received a letter from the coach and manager of the university of Washington crew asking permission for the northerners to enter the triangular regatta with Stanford and California under the same conditions as last year.

The Washington men have requested that the winners of the California-Stanford race come north next May to enter the race with Washington and Seattle. Should the crew of the university of Washington win the meet, northern merchants would pay the expenses of the trip.

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Lethbridge Buildings Lethbridge, Dec. 9.—Building permits issued today in the city this afternoon amount to \$27,605. This is exclusive of the C. P. R. building round-house extensions and the new bridge.

Present For Judge Winter Calgary, Dec. 9.—On leaving the land titles office as registrar to accept the district court judgeship at Lethbridge, W. Roland Winter was given a handsome gold-headed cane by the members of the staff. The business of the office has increased from \$4,000 to \$70,000.

San Francisco, Dec. 9.—Battling Nelson and Jim May, the Red man who is backing the Dane, have arrived in Nevada. The Battler seeking a fight with one of the lightweight Joe Gans preferred to stay ready to back him up. May states that he is ready to accept Tex Rickard's offer to bet \$10,000 that Gans can stop Nelson in twenty rounds.

Affairs in Portugal Lisbon, Dec. 9.—The opposition and the republicans are making a strenuous effort to prevent the election of Premier Franco. The failure of these two parties to effect a coalition will fight before the club offering the best inducements. Gans said he didn't want to fight before a club with which he had anything to do, and we don't care where the fight takes place.

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