JUBILATION AMONG BRITISH LIBERALS

Gain Four Seats in the Third Day's Polling---Leaders Now Predict Great Triumph Over The House of Lords.

London, Dec. 7.—There is great jubilation in ministerial circles and a spirit of jubilant confidence prevails. The gains announced yesterday, especially that in Sunderland, put the Liberals in great heart. Addresses in London and elsewhere last night contained prophecies of a great triumph over the House of Lords.

The state of the parties last night was:

Liberals	106
Laborites	20
Nationalist	26
Unionists	146

Today there is keen interest in many fights. The Liberals hope to win Bow and Bromley. They have also hopes of Mile End and Radnorshire, in both of which the Unionist majority was small in the last election. The Unionists are making strenuous efforts to capture the county divisions held by small majorities.

The Liberal press comments on the "wonderful staunchness" of the electorate in voting so steady for the third time for the Government. They declare it is evidence of the fixed intentions of the majority of the nation to have nothing to do with tariff reform and not to submit to the Lords.

There are rumors of much heart burning among tariff reformers at Mr. Balfour sidetracking the great plank of the Unionist platform, and they are reported to be wondering as to how they will stand after the election, pledged as they are to the referendum. Certainly Joseph Chamberlain has been very silent, and he has sent no telegrams to Conservative candidates.

The victories in Sunderland and Woolwich are special causes for Liberal and Labor congratulations, while Bowerman's retention of Deptford is also regarded as a triumph in view of the great efforts made by S. A. Coats to win the seat.

In Sunderland the government supporters captured two seats. Hamar Greenwood, Canadian Liberal, returns to the House of Commons after an absence of less than a year, and with him is Frank Gladstone, Laborite, these two having turned out two Unionist members, S. Storey, Independent tariff reformer, and J. Knott. The result is in part at least attributed to the bitterness of the boilermakers in the Sunderland district, who were locked out several months ago.

Coalition Gain

The result of three days' voting, in which 299 seats have been filled, gives the coalition one more member than in the last parliament from the same constituencies.

Yesterday was a bad day for the Unionists. The morning opened with the announcement that the government had gained two seats in Sunderland, reducing the Unionist net gain to three. Worse was to follow. Forty constituencies which were polled yesterday returned 42 members. Of these 22 were in London. Especial interest was centred in Battersea, where John Burns, president of the local government board, had a three-cornered fight. The Unionists hoped the Socialist candidate might poll 1,000 votes which would let Sir John Harrington, their candidate, in, but Mr. Burns was re-elected with an increased majority. In January he polled 8,540 votes to the Unionists 7,895. Yesterday his vote was 7,836 to 6,544 for the Unionist candidate. The Socialist nominee obtained only 477 votes.

The 22 constituencies in the city which polled yesterday returned in January, 13 Unionists, 8 Liberals and one Laborite. Yesterday two seats were lost by the Unionists, one Laborite and one Liberal gaining them. The aggregate vote of the 22 constituencies shows the same diminution in the poll on both sides seen throughout the country. In January these 22 constituencies cast 107,460 Liberal and Laborite votes to 117,798 Unionist. Yesterday they cast 92,494 Liberal and Laborite and 104,315 Unionist votes.

The Unionists gained one seat, the Liberals four and the Laborites three, leaving a net loss of one seat by the Unionists.

Press Comments

The Daily Telegram says that Home Rule is now bound to become the dominant issue and upon the question of Home Rule the Unionist party will be able to force a referendum in face of the fact that certain members of the coalition may still affect big words, but their hearts are unmistakeably in their boots. The political result from the coalition view point is bound to be nil.

The Morning Standard says that if the Unionists return to Westminster no stronger than when they went into the general election they will not be minded to submit to ministerial dictation.

Admitting disappointment in the results the Times says the case would have been different if the Government had not so carefully suppressed all references to their after programme.

Seventy per cent. is being paid at Lloyd's to cover the risk of a government majority of one hundred. Otherwise seven to three is the stock exchange estimate of the government majority rising to one hundred.

Speeches by Leaders.

Mr. Balfour, speaking at Chester, said the election was still young and many hard battles were yet to be fought. These battles might extend further into future.

Bonar Law, who was defeated in Manchester, will be offered a safe seat.

T. P. O'Connor, speaking at Liverpool, emphatically denied making speeches in Canada different to those he was making in England. He had been denounced as traitor to the Empire for bringing American dollars from enemies of the Empire. He did not mind insults to himself, but he did mind insults to Sir Wilfrid Laurier. What man in the British Empire has done work so noble and beneficent as Sir Wilfrid Laurier who was a Frenchman and Roman Catholic.

Lord Balfour of Burleigh, speaking to Glasgow Free Trade Club pleaded for a conference for consideration of joint action, believing if the best brains of the country were brought together a true, durable and righteous solution may be found which cannot be reached by the adoption of the policy of the government.

A letter has been received from Dr. Sproule, M. P., from the House of Commons, denying that Orangemen had appeared on T. P. O'Connor's platform in Canada.

A. Birrell, speaking at Plymouth, said the terms of Home Rule as outlined in the speeches of leaders would knock on the head all nonsense now talked. There was to be no murder or treason under the new order of things.

Winston Churchill, speaking at Dundee said the results were extremely encouraging and he was entirely satisfied. If five or thirty-five seats were lost it would make no difference to the government, which was bound by its pledges, whatever the fortunes of the electoral battle might be.

Result in Cork.

William O'Brien and Maurice Healy won over William Redmond and A. Roche to-day in the Cork elections.

By Acclamation.

The following were among those returned without opposition yesterday:

Yorkshire, Sowerby—J. S. Higham, Liberal.

Donegal, North—P. O'Doherty, Nationalist.

Mayo, East—J. Dillion, Nationalist.

Louth, South—J. Dolan, Nationalist.

Leitrim, South—J. F. Smythe, Nationalist.

Wicklow, West—O'Kelly, Nationalist.

Cavan, East—S. Young, Nationalist.

Berks, East—E. Gardner, Unionist.

The following were returned by acclamation to-day:

Down, North—Thompson, Unionist.

Elgin and Nairn—Sir A. Williamson, Liberal.

Sligo, North—T. Scanlan, Nationalist.

Yorkshire, Keighley—Sir J. Brigg, Liberal.

Lincolnshire, Sleaford—E. Boyds, Unionist.

Hampshire, Farnham—A. H. Lee, Unionist.

Armagh, South—Crunley, Nationalist.

Donegal, South—J. G. S. McNeil, Nationalist.

Worcestershire, East—Austen Chamberlain, Unionist.

Inverneshire—Sir J. A. Dewar, Liberal.

Mayo, South—Fitzgibbon, Nationalist.

Monaghan, South—J. McKean, Independent Nationalist.

Meath, North—P. White, Nationalist.

To-day's Pollings.

London, Dec. 7.—The following are today's contested elections, the name of the government candidate coming first and the party majority at recent general election last:

Metropolitan Boroughs.

Paddington, North — Franklin, A. Strauss; Unionist, 386.

Paddington, South—F. H. Hennie, P. P. Faris; Unionisct, 2,184.

St. George's, Hanover Square—M. Bell, Right Hon. A. Lyttleton; Unionist, 3,914.

Tower Hamlets, St. George's East—W. W. Renn, Brown; Liberal, 434.

Tower Hamlets, Limehouse—C. Pearce, Rose-Innes; Liberal, 431.

Tower Hamlets, Mile End—B. S. Straus, Hon. H. L. Lawson; Unionist, 57.

Tower Hamlets, Whitechapel—S. M. Samuel, Brown; Liberal, 561.

Tower Hamlets, Stepheny—W. S. G. Jones, Preston; Unionist, 236.

Tower Hamlets, Bow and Bromley—G. Lansbury (Labor), A. Mellican; Unionist, 740.

Tower Hamlets, Poplar—Hon. Sydney Buxton, Ashmead-Bartlett; Liberal, 657.

Provincial Boroughs.

Wadsworth—Fairburn, Sir H. Kimber; Unionist, 4,439.

Chester—E. Paul, R. A. Yerburg; Unionist, 202.

Dudley—A. G. Hooper, Major Griffiths-Boscawen; Liberal, 187.

Hanley—E. Edwards (Labor), C. H. Rittner; Labor, 3,979.

Hull, East—E. B. Jerens, R. M. S. Montfiore; Liberal, 1,936.

Hull, West—Hon. G. C. Wilson, Ward; Liberal, 1,717.

Hull, Central—Dr. Aske, Sir H. S. King; Unionist, 26.

Pembroke District—Sir O. O. Phillips, Guest; Liberal, 705.

Penryn and Falmouth—Burt, C. S. Goldman, Unionist, 151.

Plymouth (two members)—C. E. Mellett, W. Astor; Liberal, 441; A. Williams, Benn; Liberal, 405.

Portsmouth (two seats)—Honner, Lord C. Beresford; Unionist, 4,390; Harbenden, B. O. Jaile; Unionist, 6,812.

Sheffield, Attercliffe—J. Pointer (Labor), Walker; Labor, 1,876.

Sheffield, Brightside—J. T. Walters, D. Vickers, Barton (Socialist); Liberal, 4,958.

Sheffield, Central—A. J. Bailey (Labor), J. F. Hope; Unionist, 398.

Sheffield, Hallam—A. Neal; C. B. Stuart-Wortley; Unionist, 276.

Sheffield, Ecclesall—J. Derry, S. Roberts; Unionist, 211.

Tyemouth—J. L. Craig, Percy; Liberal, 494.

Berkshire, Abingdon—Sands, Major Henderson; Unionist, 1,053.

Cheshire, Northwich—J. P. L. Brunner, Knoop; Liberal, 1,118.

Cumberland, Eskdale—G. Howard, C. Lowther; Liberal, 34.

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IS IT WORTH THE MONEY?

TAFT'S MESSAGE PROVES "RESTFUL"

CHANGE FROM METHODS OF COL. ROOSEVELT

Several New York Papers Declare Document Shows Lack of Leadership

(Times' Leased Wire.)

New York, Dec. 7.—The New York newspapers, commenting on President Taft's annual message to congress, call it restful after "the procedure practiced in the previous administration," but not a few of the commentaries contain a note of disappointment because there is no note of leadership.

The World finds the message conciliatory, but strangely unresponsive to the popular needs of the nation and towards its aspirations. It sums the document up as a "standpat" message.

The Sun is apparently most satisfied with Taft's work.

"Look before you legislate," is the substance of the message, as the Sun editorial puts it. "How different was the procedure consistently practiced in the previous administrations," the editorial continues.

The Herald finds the message one of "rest and peace."

In commenting on the message, the Press finds some cause for defending the president. "Taft's carefulness in dealing with a situation difficult of management, does not mean that at the right moment he would not act positively and forcefully," said the Press.

"The tone of the message is admirable. It is as straightforward as the character of the writer," says the American.

The Tribune finds the message a "persuasive, utterly honest document, marked throughout by patriotic intent to serve the nation's best interests."

"Of actual recommendations for new laws, there are not a few in the message," the Times says, "but none are of a disturbing nature."

The Evening Post criticizes the lack of leadership. "The message is uninspiring and gives no positive lead," says the Post. "Instead of a call to action, Taft has written a tedious, practical review."

NEGROES LYNCHED.

Monroeville, Ala., Dec. 7.—Calvin Exele and Sylvester Peyton, negroes, were found hanging to a tree at Double Branches, two miles from here. They had been arrested on a charge of robbing a barn and outhouses of Edgar Bass and confessed to the crime. A deputy sheriff of Monroe county had them in charge and was bringing them here in safe keeping when he was overpowered by unidentified men, his prisoners taken from him and strung up to a tree.

AUSTRALIAN CABLE RATES.

Melbourne, Dec. 7.—A campaign has been started for the reduction of cable rates between Australia and Great Britain to sixpence per word. It is recognized that the present tariffs are much too high, and public opinion in the Commonwealth generally favors very considerable reductions. The subject will probably be taken up in London at once, and also will be discussed at the Imperial conference in June next.

RAINBOW NOT A DISCARDED CRUISER

Warship Was on Auxiliary Naval List When Purchased by Canada

Ottawa, Dec. 6.—In the Commons this afternoon Hon. Mr. Brodeur, replying to Mr. Monk, said the Rainbow had never been scrapped by the admiralty and at the time of purchase by Canada was on the auxiliary naval list and was recognized by the admiralty as still being available for active service.

Mr. Monk criticized the action of Commander Roper in making a public statement last September defending the government's naval policy and animadverting on the foolish statements of detractors of that policy.

Hon. Mr. Brodeur said Commander Roper had made the statement entirely off his own bat and had not been asked by the government to come to the defence of the naval policy.

LARGE CARS ON BEACON HILL LINE

B. C. Electric Company Preparing to Handle Holiday Rush

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Determining to meet rapidly increasing traffic requirements to whatever extent its existing facilities may permit, and with an eye to coping with the abnormal situation due to the annual holiday rush, the B. C. Electric Railway company to-day, for the first time in the history of the local system, commenced the operation of large double-truck cars on the Beacon Hill-Spring Ridge route.

No more eloquent proof of the rapid increase in population and the growth of the city generally than this latest move on the part of the company can be cited, for until a comparatively recent period the line thus affected was one of the most poorly-patronized lines in the city, judged by traffic receipts. Now it is one of the best.

The through service on the Douglas-Outer Wharf line, which has been interrupted for several weeks owing to the work of putting down permanent trackage on the corner of Menzies and Superior streets, was resumed this afternoon. To-morrow Track Superintendent Riddell will place a gang of men at the work of putting in the line at Bay street which will connect the Douglas and Government street lines.

ASPHYXIATED IN HOTEL.

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 7.—An inquest was held yesterday to determine the cause of the death of Frank G. Farner, formerly of Seattle, whose body was found in his room at a local hotel Saturday night. The jury found that Farner came to his death "from accidental asphyxiation."

COMMISSION PLAN REJECTED.

Bellingham, Wash., Dec. 7.—Although the voters of this city yesterday rejected the proposed new charter embodying the commission form of government scheme, it is admitted everywhere to-day that Bellingham favors this new system. The charter lost by 205 votes. Its defeat is the result of the city voting dry a short time ago. The fear was felt that it would not do to overload the municipal ship with more reforms at present.

ORDERING MORE FIRE APPARATUS

DEPARTMENT BEING KEPT QUITE UP-TO-DATE

Two Large Steam Engines and Two Motor-Propelled Hose Wagons

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

It is now assured that at an early date Victoria will possess one of the most up-to-date fire departments on the continent, when the size of the city is considered. This is made possible by the generosity of the ratepayers in sanctioning the loan of $50,000, the bylaw for which was voted on a couple of weeks ago.

Already Victoria is famed among the coast cities for the efficiency of its fire brigade, and this enviable reputation will be enhanced materially when the new apparatus which Chief Davis purposes buying shall have been installed.

At Monday evening's meting of the city council an important recommendation from the fire wardens was approved. This was to the effect that tenders be called for up to 4 p.m. on December 22 for the following as per specifications prepared by the chief of the department:

One 75-foot quick-hoisting aerial truck.

Two steam fire engines with a capacity of 500 Imperial gallons.

Two motor propelled hose wagons.

Four thousand feet of 2½ inch rubber lined cotton fire hose.

DANISH WEST INDIES.

Residents Favor Sale to United States—Petition Government.

Copenhagen, Dec. 7.—The agitation for the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States has been renewed by the islanders, and yesterday the government received an address in which the petitioners ask that negotiations to that end be opened.

The cabinet, however, is not likely to take the initiative in the matter, because, although the ministers are not particularly opposed to such a sale, their opponents in the Rigsdag probably would be able to defeat the proposal, and the government is taking no chances of a rebuff.

Queen Louise, who is greatly interested in the islands, where she has inaugurated many philanthropies, is a keen opponent of any project involving their loss to the kingdom.

PASSENGER TRAIN WRECKED.

Castle Rock, Wash., Dec. 7.—Northern Pacific passenger train No. 308, northward bound from Portland to Puget Sound, was wrecked at Venness shortly before noon to-day.

Four coaches and the engine tender left the rails and plunged into an embankment. Though the passengers were badly shaken up, the first reports received said that none was seriously injured, despite the fact that the cars were badly splintered. The wreck was caused by a spread rail.

"BATH TUB TRUST."

Detroit, Dec. 7. — Indictments against members of the so-called bath tub trust were returned here yesterday by the United States grand jury. The charge alleged is violation of the Sherman law in the shape of conspiracy in restraint of trade. The presidents of 16 corporations are named as defendants.

OAK BAY REOPENS FIGHT FOR WATER PRIVILEGES

At Approaching Session of Legislature Will Again Seek Power to Connect With Esquimalt System Through City.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

At the forthcoming session of the Legislature the corporation of Oak Bay will make application for power to take water from the Esquimalt waterworks company, to enter into an agreement with other municipalities for the supply of water, and to lay and maintain water pipes through the districts of Victoria and Saanich. This action on the part of Oak Bay, not unexpected in view of the adverse vote by the ratepayers of Victoria on the bylaw for the expropriation of the holdings of the Esquimalt water works company, will re-open for discussion the whole question involved in the water problem confronting the people of this city.

Careful students of the situation fear that the legislature will not now hesitate to grant the powers asked for by Oak Bay on this occasion, and should this expectation be fulfilled the loss of the neighboring territory as a market for the supply of water by the city would be a grievous blow to the community. The Esquimalt company is likely in the near future to be in undisputed possession of the monopoly of supplying water to all the neighboring districts outside the boundaries of the city of Victoria; and thus, even if the Sooke Lake scheme be proceeded with and water brought in, the city would be compelled to confine the sale of it to the people of Victoria only.

In view of the importance of the question which has now been raised by the renewal of the application of Oak Bay, the positions of the city, and the private bills committee of the legislature on the occasion of the discussion on the application last year are here given.

Mayor Morley, in a letter forwarded to the chairman of the private bills committee, set out the grounds of the city's opposition to the application of the Oak Bay municipality as follows:

"(a) A certain territory which does not include Saanich or Oak Bay was given to the Esquimalt Water Works company by its acts of incorporation of 1883 and 1892, and to these territories the private company is confined, inasmuch as it was a territory of which the city of Victoria was deprived by the passing of the Esquimalt bill in 1885;

"(b) Victoria has by its acts of 1873 and 1892 a territory assigned to it;

"(c) It always was intended that to cover the very large expenditure the city of Victoria went to, it should recoup itself by charging a fair rate to persons outside the city who did not contribute in the form of taxation to the water works obligations, and for years past Oak Bay and Saanich have been supplied at a reasonable figure;

"(d) The city of Victoria borrowed upwards of a million dollars upon its water charges and rates, including therein its income derived from Saanich and Oak Bay, and the city's power of borrowing must, as a natural consequence, be diminished if territory with a large number of consumers is withdrawn, and existing bond holders will find their security diminished;

"(e) The city of Victoria must, for its present and growing population, incur a large money debt in the very near future, possibly this year. If territory is subtracted it cannot go into the market, as it may be contended that the number of customers and taxable consumers in the city (to which will be the only territory left) may not warrant the borrowing of the money;

"(f) It is contrary to the principles followed by the House to, without very ample and sufficient cause, diminish rights acquired by parliament, upon the faith of which burdens have been undertaken and responsibility assumed;

"(g) The city of Victoria must, within the very near future, come to a final decision, having now called in a large committee of citizens to deliberate with and determine upon a course of action, after free and unfettered consideration of the various propositions open to the city, and if the proposed legislation is enacted it ties the hands of the council and this committee, making it apparently imperative to acquire the undertaking of the Esquimalt Water Works company, although that source of supply may not be deemed the best to meet the growing needs of a rapidly increasing population."

Hon. Wm. R. Ross, minister of lands, who was then a private member, was chairman of the committee, and after many conferences with deputations from the city council, the Oak Bay municipality and legal representatives of both parties, the following decision was rendered on March 3 last:

"Some doubt exists as to the extent of the city of Victoria's rights under the act of 1873, and the committee feels that the act should be interpreted by the courts. To grant the request now made by Mr. Bodwell to give Oak Bay municipality the right to go through the municipality of Saanich with its water-pipe, and Esquimalt Waterworks company to sell water to Oak Bay, and Oak Bay to sell to any other municipality, would have the effect of deciding the question to some extent, and if the 1873 act really bears the construction which Mr. Taylor attributes to it we would be abrogating the act to that extent, and would be increasing the powers of the Esquimalt Waterworks Company to the same extent.

"The committee appreciate the necessities of the Oak Bay municipality but are led to hope that the whole waterworks problem will be settled satisfactorily to all concerned in the next twelve months. In the meantime the committee is very diffident about recommending legislation to the House which might have the effect of curtailing the rights of the city of Victoria or the security of its debenture holders."

The notice of the private bill to be applied for at the approaching session reads as follows:

"Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next session on behalf of the Corporation of the District of Oak Bay, for an Act amending the 'Oak Bay Act, 1910,' so as to enable the said corporation to exercise the following powers:

"1. To take, purchase or otherwise acquire water from the Esquimalt Waterworks company, or any other company or corporation, private or public, on such terms as may be arranged between the said Council and the Esquimalt Waterworks company or any other company or companies, and so that any agreement made between the Corporation and the Esquimalt Waterworks company or any other company or companies, shall take priority over all rights or privileges hereinbefore or hereinafter conferred by statute or otherwise, upon any person or corporation in respect of the assets of the Esquimalt Waterworks company or any other company or companies.

"2. To enter into any agreement or agreements with any other municipality, municipalities, or public authorities for the purpose of obtaining a joint water supply or supplying water to other municipalities or to individuals or corporations within the limits of such other municipality or contiguous district on such terms as may be agreed upon.

"3. To sell water to any other municipality or corporation.

"4. To pass bylaws for all or any of the purposes aforesaid.

"5. To lay and maintain water mains and pipelines in, upon, through and under the highways and roads in on, through and over the lands of any person or persons, or bodies corporate; and for such purposes to enter the Districts of Victoria, Lake and Saanich, or any of them, and in, upon, cut and dig up such highways, roads, lands and premises.

"6. To borrow moneys on the security of water, sewer, or gas or electric light rentals, rates or charges, for the purpose of purchasing, constructing and laying sewers, water mains, gas mains or electric light wires.

"7. To set aside, pay and raise the sinking fund and interest referred to in the Water Works Loan bylaw, 1909, and the Waterworks Loan bylaw, 1910, out of the water rates to be levied under any bylaw passed under sub-section one (1) of section two (2) of the Oak Bay act, 1910, instead of setting aside and paying such interest and sinking fund as mentioned in said bylaws.

"8. To assess property for local improvements up to sixty per cent. of the assessed value.

"9. To borrow moneys for purchasing fire engines and equipment and equipping a fire department; purchasing firehall site and erecting fire halls; and to amend the provisions of the said act relating to local improvements.

"Dated the 6th day of December, 1910.

"BODWELL & LAWSON,
"Solicitors for the Applicants."

LABOR LEADER SLAIN.

President of Ship Scalers' Union Slain During Fight at San Francisco.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 7.—Domingo Navarro, 36, president of the Ship Scalers' union, was shot and instantly killed early to-day near the Union Iron Works by Augustin Arevalo, a Spanlard, who was set upon by a number of men who believed that Arevalo was a strike-breaker.

According to Arevalo, he did not know that a strike of the scalers was on, and seeing that men were wanted, approached the iron works to apply for a job. He was set upon by a number of men, he claims, Navarro among them. After several blows had been struck, he says, he drew his revolver and fired. Navarro fell and the others ran.

Arevalo was found in hiding on the water-front by the police. He was taken to the city prison and held pending a police investigation.

DYNAMITE OUTRAGE.

Attempt to Kill Italian Consul and His Wife at Seattle.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 7.—The garage at the home of the Italian consul, Dr. A. J. Ghilione, 321 thirtieth avenue, was dynamited early to-day. The force of the explosion broke all the windows in Dr. Ghilione's home, which stood within a few feet of the garage, and those of other houses in the vicinity. No one was injured.

"This is not the work of any black hand," said the consul. "It is the work of a personal enemy. Only one man was involved, and I have a very good idea concerning his identity. Although I have received no threatening letters, I have made enemies recently while protecting my poor ignorant countrymen against certain men who are well known in the business circles in the Italian colony. It is to one of them that I attribute the attempt to kill me and my wife."

A squad of police were immediately sent to guard the Ghilione home, while plain clothes men were assigned to the task of apprehending the dynamiters.

The West Kent licensing committee recently awarded over £16,000 compensation for the extinction of twenty licenses.

COLD SHOULDER TO ALIEN LABOR

WORKMEN RUSH HERE FROM ACROSS LIN

City Engineer Smith Deter mined to Protect Interests of Victoria Men

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Owing to the circulation broadca of the news that Victoria is prospe ous and engaged in the prosecuti of a large amount of civic wor which will continue throughout t winter, a considerable number of l boring men from Seattle and oth points on the other side of the lin where business conditions are in very depressed state, have lately com here looking for work. A conside able percentage of them apply to t city engineer for positions, but th official is adhering strictly to the po icy which he inaugurated when he a sumed office, that is, favoring all tho who make their homes in Victor permanently.

A Times reporter happened to be the engineer's office this morni when one of those from the other si of the line appeared and asked f work. After the caller had been d posed of Mr. Smith said:

"There are too many strangers fro Seattle and other American cit coming here looking for work. I suppose they have heard that we a busy over here. If they need wo I am sorry for them, but I want far as possible to keep our own m employed; and I have issued instru tions to all foremen to be very ca ful to see that no outsiders are tak on until every available citizen of V toria has been put to work.

"I am thinking of establishing 'waiting list' in my office. T would enable me to keep in tou with the men in the city who a looking for work.

"Victoria is perhaps the one city the coast where outside work is n being done to any large extent by t corporation, and I feel that this c sirable situation should redound to t benefit of our own people rather th to outsiders. We are just now in ne of a considerable amount of labor connection with the work in progre at Foul Bay, but even if we are inconvenienced for a few days I wo rather wait for our own people th put on these men who drift in h from the neighboring Americ cities."

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Trial of John Dietz, "The Defender Cameron Dam."

Hayward, Wis., Dec. 6.—"Outlaw" Jo Dietz, who attained fame a few we ago as the "defender of Cameron Dam was put on trial here yesterday for murder of Deputy Sheriff Oscar Ha Harp's body was found near the Di cabin, where for five days Dietz and family held at bay a posse of dep sheriffs seeking to arrest him on a w rant growing out of an attachment s The trouble resulted from a dispute tween Dietz and a lumber corporat which he declared sought to use his d free of charge.

A venire of 90 jurors, farmers from surrounding country, was summoned the work of selecting a jury was beg Owing to the intense interest shown Dietz's fight, and the way the comm ity sides on his dispute, it is expected s eral days will be consumed before 12 biased men can be secured to hear evidence.

WOMAN MURDERED.

Revelstoke, Dec. 6.—Fanny St. C keeper of a disorderly house at Co plix, was found by a passer-by evide murdered and lying in her kitchen pool of blood on Sunday. On the ar of Coroner Elliott and Constable Dodd Arrowhead, a search was instituted and about her premises, resulting in dence of a terrible struggle.

The face, head and upper part of woman's body were covered with b Her throat was cut from ear to ear, there were deep gashes in her right h resulting from attempts at defence butcher knife was lying on the decea breast.

As no lights have been observed in habitation for three nights, the murd supposed to have been committed Thursday last. Robbery was likely motive for the crime. No arrests been made as yet.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

(Special to the Times.)

Souris, Man., Dec. 6.—Fred S rard, C. P. R. brakeman, was fa injured yesterday morning when slipped and fell under an east-bo train at Deleau, fifteen miles we here. One foot was cut off and other leg severed above the knee. died when placed on the opera table. Sharrard was 30 years old. father and mother live in Souris.

CENSUS RETURNS.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.— census bureau announced yeste that the population of the stat Mississippi is 1,797,114. The cens the state of Kentucky shows a po tion of 2,289,905. The populatio the state of North Carolina is 2, 387. Mississippi's increase is 15. cent, Kentucky's 6.6, and North C lina's 16.5. Each state will get additional congressman under present apportionment.

MANY TABOO CABS.

University of Oregon, Eugene, Dec. 6.—As a result of an editorial i college daily here it is predicted th co-eds of the University of Oregon taboo cabs and automobiles as adj to college dances and theatre p hereafter.

Under the caption "Cab, Lady?" th torial gives expression to a sent which has been left among the c men that the cost of vehicles is more some of the male students can and should be discarded by all.