Dominion News Notes

Little Interest Taken in Polling in the Quebec Elections Yesterday.

Newfoundland Arbitrators Return Home and Will Give Award Later.

The Conservative Convention at Toronto Re-Affirms Government Ownership.

Montreal, Nov. 25.—Polling is taking place in thirty-seven constituencies in the province of Quebec today for members of the legislative assembly. The weather conditions are favorable to a heavy vote, but little or no interest is displayed in the majority of the constituencies.

The Hon. Edward Blake, K. C.; Donald Macmaster, K. C., and P. S. Archibald, arbitrators between the Reid Company of Newfoundland and the Newfoundland government, have returned to Canada and will give their decision at Toronto on January 9th next. The arbitrators have been sitting for the last month at St. John's and, after hearing the evidence and arguments of counsel on both sides, adjourned to deliberate upon the amount of compensation equitable. Mr. Blake represents the government of Newfoundland; Mr. Macmaster the Reid Company, and Mr. Archibald, formerly chief engineer of the Intercolonial railway, was appointed the third arbitrator by the courts.

DEFAULTER CAUGHT.

Detectives Charbonneau and Vincent arrested a young man who answered the description recently received from Reading, England, of Albert Edward Pocock, who suddenly left Reading with £300 in cash, some title deeds to property and other valuable documents. The young man soon acknowledged his identity and said that when he left England he went to Holland, thence to Scotland, thence to Liverpool and thence to Montreal. The authorities were advised by cable that extradition proceedings were under way and an officer would be sent over for him. Judge Lafontaine remanded Pocock for a week.

CONSERVATIVE CONVENTION.

Toronto, Nov. 25.—At the Conservative convention this morning a resolution was passed in which J. P. Whitney, leader of the Ontario opposition, was given the highest approval for his work in fighting everything that tended to lower Ontario's politics and which would result in the rescue of the province from a situation both intolerable and dangerous. A resolution was passed favoring public ownership and endorsing R. L. Borden, Dominion Conservative leader, and expressing sympathy with all directed efforts to promote temperance and moral reform. Mr. Whitney closed the convention with a stirring speech.

BOYS' FATAL QUARREL.

Dover, N. H., Nov. 24.—During a boys' quarrel today, Geo. Work, aged ten, was struck on the head with a club in the hands of Morris Dion, aged eleven, causing a fracture of the skull, which the physicians say may prove fatal. Dion was arrested.

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COULDN'T CLOSE HER MOUTH.

Miss Nellie Stover, of St. Paul, Dislocates Jaw Laughing at Story.

St. Paul, Nov. 25.—Miss Nellie Stover, daughter of Mrs. Kate B. Stover, laughed so heartily at a story told by one of a party of freinds at her home that she dislocated her jaw. While the merriment was at its height Miss Stover suddenly ceased laughing and sat with her mouth wide open and a pained expression on her face. She could not close her mouth until a surgeon was called who reset the jaw.

DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Port Townsend, Nov. 25.—A donkey scow belonging to Klocker, Lewis & Co., of this port, was set afire and adrift this morning at Port Blakeley. This is the third donkey scow belonging to this firm to be either burned or dynamited this year.

PASSING THROUGH CANAL.

Suez, Nov. 25.—Two Russian battleships, three cruisers, seven torpede boat destroyers and nine transports, from Port Said, have arrived safely at the Bitter Lakes, in the canal, where they anchored for the night.

Arrival Of The Steamer Moana

The Canadian - Australian Liner Reaches Outer Wharf Yesterday Morning.

Accident to Cableship Burnside in Seymour Narrows Fully Explained.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Early yesterday morning R. M. S. Moana, 4,000 tons, Captain John Gibb, came up from quarantine to where she had been lying since the previous evening, and tied up at the outer wharf after her run from the antipodean ports, having left Sydney, N. S. W., October 31st. The officers reported a pleasant and uneventful voyage all the way until off Cape Flattery, where a bit of a breeze made things a little liveller. On this trip the Moana called at Fanning island, which is fully 200 miles out of the Canada-Australian course. Every year from this time on the steamers of this line will make six calls at Fanning, on the northbound trip only. Fanning island was prominently before the public some time ago as the cable station in that part of the broad Pacific for the British Pacific cable.

The officers of the Moana had an interesting story to tell of the detention of the Japanese reserve men from Honolulu while the Moana was in port. The reservists to the number of 200 fell in on the main street and with colors flying, bands playing and a superfluidance of banzai they paraded the city to testify their pride and joy at having received the summons of the Mikado to come away home and stop some bullets for him. Nearly all the Japanese on the islands have by this time obeyed the summons of their country and departed.

One of the passengers said that their departure was a serious matter for the various industries on the islands, as the Japanese had proved themselves ideal workmen.

The Moana did not remain long at the outer wharf although she took upwards of 150 tons of cargo for Victoria, but as it was buried deep under a big consignment of sugar she took it on to Vancouver for transshipment, after landing her mails and Victoria passengers. One of the Victoria passengers was Mrs. George Nares, wife of an officer of H. M. S. Egeria. The passengers by the Moana were as follows:

Col. R. Holbicke, T. M. Douglas, Brown, H. J. Bass, E. B. Annear, G. Young, Miss Walch, Mrs. Byrne, Mrs. George Nares, Mrs. Walch, Mrs. Andrew Brown, Miss Mabel Phillips, Mr. Delling, Miss C. Smith, Miss K. M. Pearse, J. Hindson, wife and two children, T. Allison, Mr. Jenner, wife and two children, M. Hazen and wife, Geo. Williams and wife, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Meston, Mrs. A. Butler, Miss Butler, Mrs. Wilkinson, J. H. Swendell, Chas. Smart, W. T. McLaughlan, T. K. Bowden and wife, M. Cohen, Miss Strachan, Miss Dunn, Miss Williams, J. A. Dixon, G. Dunn, Mrs. Dunn, J. McIntyre, S. P. Dixon and wife, Miss F. M. Bradbury, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Pelsom, J. W. Rice, Miss and Master Beckett, S. A. Deane, Louis Hazeline, Leon Bizy.

The Moana's cargo consisted of 1,300 bags oil cake, 42 cases pineapples, 1,785 pieces hardwood lumber, 11 cases honey, 128 bales of hay, 18 cases jam, 5,118 bars sugar, 12 bags cement, 10 bags lime, 187 bales skins, 100 barrels cocoanut oil, 669 bales greasy wool, 234 bales New Zealand flax and sundries.

DOG SALMON FOR JAPAN.

Big Consignment Going From British Columbia to the Orient.

Large quantities of salted dog salmon are arriving daily at the outer wharf from the Fraser river, for shipment in one big consignment to Japan about the end of the present month by one of the outgoing Blue Funnel liners. Yesterday the steamer Unican brought over as much of the salmon as she could carry. She was followed later by the steamer Belfast and the steamer Trader, each loaded with the commodity which is so highly esteemed by the Japanese.

A prominent Japanese gentleman who was asked what the Japanese wanted with all this salted dog salmon, said that what the turkey is to the North American in his thanksgiving, the salted dog salmon is to the Japanese. It is thanksgiving fare in the Mikado's sunny land, and is held in far higher regard than the best brands of sockeye or spring salmon, which the Japanese will not touch if they can break in anywhere on the beloved dog brand.

The Japanese can prepare some appetizing dishes with rice and dog salmon; so nice, indeed, that the white man who cannot read a Japanese bill of fare and gets the stuff unawares cannot believe it when told that he has eaten what British Columbia Siwashes will only devour when they are actually in danger of halo muck-a-muck.

This consignment of dog salmon now being collected at Victoria is the largest ever sent away to Japan. It is said the demand is now in excess of the supply.

WILL COAL AT LADYSMITH.

Yesterday the big steamer Viking, which has just completed her grain cargo at Portland, Oregon, was expected to pass in to Ladysmith wharves, where she is to fill her bunkers for her voyage to Hakodate, Japan. The Viking is one of the big freight carriers of the Pacific. She will probably come along this morning.

UMATILLA SOUTH.

Last evening the steamer Umatilla called at the outer wharf to pick up Victoria passengers for San Francisco. She sailed for the Golden Gate during the evening, well loaded with freight and with a large number of passengers. Those who took passage from Victoria were: Mrs. B. Taylor, Mrs. J. Conroy, F. J. Crofton, Mrs. E. N. McPherson, Miss R. McPherson, Mrs. Jell, Mrs. S. Anderson, F. J. Scott, S. Pharet, Mrs. M. B. Beckett, Mrs. W. Beckett, Mrs. M. Wolff, R. J. Peterson and wife, K. Peterson and wife and F. D. Devines and family.

THREE HUGE CARGOES.

Giant Freighters Leave Yesterday Bound for the Orient Fully Loaded.

With products of America amounting in the aggregate to close up to fifty thousand tons, deadweight, the steamers Shawmut, Tremont and Deucalion sailed forth from the Strait of Fuca yesterday headed for the ports of the Orient. The Shawmut and Tremont take between them nearly thirty thousand tons of assorted merchandise, and the Deucalion has a full cargo, which means something like twelve thousand tons.

The Deucalion started on her voyage about eight hours after the two American steamers, but being a fourteen-day boat, she will not take long to gather them in and leave them far behind her. The departure of those vast steamers makes another link in the chain of cargo conveyers that are pouring goods of all kinds from this side of the Pacific into Asia. There is still in the wharf warehouses of Tacoma and Seattle an immense accumulation of merchandise of every conceivable sort awaiting transport to the Asiatic side.

ACCIDENT TO BURNSIDE.

Post-Intelligencer Victimized by Sea Captain Who Tells it Stories.

Yesterday's Seattle Post-Intelligencer contained the following account of the accident to the United States cable ship Burnside in Seymour Narrows, and the preposterous statements of Captain Z. S. Moore, who has succeeded in deceiving the Seattle paper with a vengeance. The report is as follows:

At quarter speed, with a jagged hole on her port side beneath the water line, the United States cableship Burnside steamed into port yesterday afternoon. In Seymour narrows, near Maud island, at 8 o'clock on the morning of November 21st, the big vessel went upon a rock, and had it not been for good seamanship and the fact that the hole was punched in a water-tight compartment the ship might have gone down, a total wreck.

The fact that the ship was steaming northward through the narrows at less than half speed and was caught in the strong current was the cause of the accident. The water runs as through a mill race in the channel, and the government vessel, proceeding slowly, was helpless when the current caught it and swung it around. Before complete control of the ship could be secured by the pilot, who was on the bridge, the Burnside had been dashed on the rock. She was got off without loss of time, but not before the water-tight compartment had been punctured.

It is impossible to ascertain at this time the size of the hole in the ship. Her officers state that she struck hard, and it is thought probable that the hole is a large one. The shock of the ship striking was sufficiently severe to throw several sailors who were on deck off their feet. It is considered remarkable by the officers of the vessel that she got out of the predicament with as little damage as she did.

The vessel is now at the Arlington dock. It was stated last night that she would be put in dry dock today. The hole is in No. 3 compartment. When the accident occurred the vessel was on her way to Sitka to repair the cable, which is broken thirty miles north of that port. She left Seattle Sunday morning.

The fact that the Burnside is now disabled and that the cable repairing will be delayed perhaps for a couple of weeks is a matter of deep regret to the signal corps office. The rate war that is now on between the Dominion Telegraph Company and the cable system renders it imperative that the cable be put in working order to Valdez as soon as possible.

At the signal office, however, but little if any blame attaches to Capt. O. H. Johansen, the navigating officer of the Burnside. From all accounts the disaster was unavoidable, and was brought about almost solely by weather conditions. At this season of the year, it is stated, the tide does not agree with the tide tables, and after a series of gales the water banks up on shore by means of a rope from the bows made fast by the officers when Pilot George put the ship ashore after she struck.

No British gun vessel was ever lost or damaged on the rock, and that part of Capt. Z. S. Moore's yarn is absolutely false. Also his story about a dozen ships have struck the rock since it became known to navigators, namely, the Saranac, the Wachusetts, and the Alaki. The first two were badly damaged, the third received injuries the extent of which are at present unknown, as she went on her way north.

BONDS DECLINING.

Increasing Floating Debt Affecting Well Known Company's Stock.

Oceanic Steamship Company bonds are again on the toboggan, says the San Francisco Examiner. Since last month they have slumped in value from $69 down to $55, yesterday. There are $2,400,000 of these bonds outstanding and they bear 5 per cent. interest. Their value is going down, because the floating debt of the company is constantly on the increase. This floating debt is about $1,500,000 now, and represents advances made the company by its agents, John D. Spreckels Bros. & Co. These agents cannot fall back on stock assessments any more, the par value of the stock having been paid up with the last two assessments of $10 each and one of $7.50. The assessments in the aggregate raised about $700,000 and went to pay off a lot of debts. But in spite of that fact, the floating debt has gone skyward again. The stock now ranges in value between $2.75 and $3.50 a share. There are 25,000 shares, and within less than three years they have gone down to practically nothing.

These same causes have dragged down the bonds. Three years ago they were at a premium, selling for $107. When they began to decline, the downward movement never stopped for any length of time, until the $55 of Saturday was reached.

The original purchasers of the bonds bought them at par. So these people, if, for any reason, they are forced to sell their investment, would lose heavily. In case they can hold on to them, their interest seems pretty secure as long as there is a floating debt due the agents. The agents cannot afford to allow the interest to go delinquent and permit a receivership for the bondholders. In that case, the floating debt as representing advances to the company by the agents would be placed in peril.

How much longer the floating debt will continue to increase cannot be predicted. How soon and in what way it is to be decreased is another puzzling question. Stock and bondholders outside the charmed circle of the agents are told when they ask such questions:

"Things will be all right soon, as business in Australia is picking up."

WILL TEST VALIDITY.

California Shipping Tax Law to Be Fought by Owners.

Here is a big suit that has grown out of the recent election defeat of the proposed constitutional amendment exempting all California shipping from taxation, the object of the suit being to break down the existing law that permits the taxing of the ships, says the San Francisco Examiner of Monday.

The California Shipping Company, for itself and on behalf of a number of other corporate and individual shipowners, Friday filed a suit in the Superior Court for the purpose of testing the present law under which shipping is taxed here. The action is directed against the city and county and demands the return of an aggregate amount of $16,850.54, representing the taxes paid under protest to the assessor during the present year, at the time when the usual collections on unsecured personal property levies were made.

This was the total amount charged on seagoing vessels, owned and registered here, of which the California Shipping Company itself owns 16, Hind, Rolph & Co. 18, Swayne & Hoyt 9, Albert Meyer 1, Andrew Anderson 7, California and Oregon Steamship Company 7, E. K. Wood Lumber Company 9, Louis Schmidt 1, Robert J. Tyson 4, George H. Collins 4, J. Fessenden Clark 1, R. G. Byxbee 2, and the Continental Shipping Company 4.

The complaint holds that in any case the present shipping tax law is invalid, and as a further special reason why the vessels named should not be taxed, it is averred that not one of them was within the jurisdiction of the city and county of San Francisco on the first Monday of last March, as being either on the high seas or in other ports.

Appreciation Of Lord Minto

A Belated Despatch Reaches Rideau Hall From Colonial Secretary.

Mr. Lyttleton Felicitates Returning Governor-General on His Administration.

Woolen Manufacturer Unable to Operate a Plant in Canada.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Nov. 25.—The following despatch from the colonial secretary was received at Rideau hall today addressed to His Excellency the Earl of Minto:

"Downing Street, Nov. 12, 1904.

"My Lord: I take the opportunity of the approach of your Excellency's departure to convey to you my thanks and the thanks of His Majesty's government for the zeal and devotion with which you have discharged the duties of your high office.

"The six years during which you have represented the Sovereign in Canada has been marked by events of great importance to the Dominion and to the Empire at large, including a war in which the military forces of the United Kingdom and Canada acted together in an imperial cause. These years have at once been marked by a splendid development in the prosperity and greatness of Canada, and His Majesty's government has been glad to recognize that during this period the highest office in the Dominion has been held by one upon whose discretion, ability and courageous sense of duty they could confidently rely on all occasions.

"I learn with satisfaction from the address presented to you by the Canadian parliament and the expressions of good will and esteem which you are receiving from all quarters, that the qualities to which I have referred have been fully appreciated by the people of the Dominion.

"I also note with pleasure the appreciation of the admirable qualities and services of the Countess of Minto shown by the Canadian parliament and people. I have, etc.

(Signed) "ALFRED LYTTLETON."

J. E. Brown, a woollen manufacturer of Kingsville, Essex county, said the Canadian woollen industry is still suffering very much from need of protection. "I am intending to move my manufactory to the United States," he said. "I think you can buy the stock of any Canadian woollen concern at the rate of 25 cents on the dollar. What is killing us is the preferential tariff which enables British manufacturers to flood the market with their products and shut out those of the home industry. To be successful we should have a protection of at least 35 per cent. We have gone on our hands and knees to the government and begged for protection, but so far have got little or nothing. While the country generally is prosperous, one thing sure is that the woollen industry does not share in it."

REPORT ON LANDS.

Western Fuel Company Secure Information for Intending Settlers.

Mr. Herbert Macklin of Ladner, who, for the past few months has been making an examination of all the outlying lands belonging to the Western Fuel Company of Nanaimo, has just completed the work, and his report dealing with these lands has been received by the company. The report deals with some 20,000 acres of land situated on the Gulf islands, including Galiano, Valdez Thetis, Salt Spring, Parker and Narrow islands; also land in Cedar district, and good agricultural properties are to be acquired on the extensive sea frontage owned by the company, making these properties desirable homes for all classes. Island-grown fruit cannot be excelled in quality, and the land is well adapted for this favorite branch of industry. Sheep raising, which will become a profitable source of revenue in the near future, can be carried on extensively and successfully on these islands, the hilly nature of the country and the dryness of the soil being suitable for this purpose, and large tracts of this land can be secured en bloc at a reasonable price per acre. These aforesaid islands being situated on the mail route between Victoria, Nanaimo and Vancouver, are bound to attract attention, judging by the large influx of homeseekers during the past few years, and already numerous applications have been made to the fuel company for the purchase of some of this island property.

General News Of The Province

Independent Opinion Respecting the Yale - Cariboo Election.

Chilliwack Is Prosperous—Germ of Mining Boom at Granite Creek.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Duncan Ross was elected over Martin Burrell to represent this constituency in the Dominion house, and W. A. Galliher led Governor McIntosh by a large majority in the Kootenay district. Thus British Columbia sends a solid Liberal following for Sir Wilfrid Laurier. There was much surprise expressed at the close run Mr. Burrell gave Mr. Ross in Yale-Cariboo. There is not the least doubt that had the election been held in this district on the 3rd inst. Mr. Burrell would have been elected, with all the influences of party success in his favor. Mr. Ross' majority was very slight. The Okanagan valley gave Mr. Burrell splendid support. Enderby, a recognized Liberal stronghold, gave him six over Mr. Ross. Armstrong gave him 28, and at Vernon Mr. Ross' majority was held down to 13.—The Edenograph.

CHILLIWACK PROSPEROUS.

Mr. M. H. Nelems, of Chilliwack, manager of the Chilliwack creamery, was in the city today, says the Columbian. Mr. Nelems says that business in the garden of the Fraser is most satisfactory and that real estate is most certainly increasing in value. With in the last four months especially land has been making itself felt on the market, and off-hand he could not recall one man in the Chilliwack valley who had disposed of his property and left the country. When questioned concerning the new light and power scheme which is being promoted by Mr. Burt Morgan, Mr. Nelems seemed decidedly of the opinion that the tramway line would be about what are needed to bring Chilliwack and the other municipalities closer to the trade centres. Many of the farmers have contracted for light and power and with the plant necessary to supply the demand in this direction, there will be more than enough left over in the valley ready for the proposed tramway. The proposition is meeting with good one and many who were at first opposed to it are now hearty advocates of Mr. Morgan's plan of action.

CHILLIWACK WEDDING.

The home of Mr. William Chadsey, Majuba Hill, was on Wednesday, 16th, the centre of interest to a number of relatives and friends who assembled there to witness the marriage of that very popular young lady, Miss Laura Chadsey, fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Chadsey, to Captain Robert Patterson, of New Westminster and Dawson City, eldest son of Mr. John Patterson, of Fairbanks, Alaska. The bride entered the drawing room with, and was given away by, her father. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Joseph Hall, of Coqualeetza Institute, Sardis.—Chilliwack Progress.

GRANITE CREEK.

Travelers and prospectors are convinced that the old Granite creek mining section still contains the germs of another great boom. The recent find of $100 nugget of gold by some placermen in that district will again remind the public of the great rush of goldhunters there some twenty years ago. That there is some good placer ground there yet no one doubts. But the chief attraction this this section at present is the remarkable showing of quartz-dirite about twenty feet in width. The hanging and foot walls are of porphyry and slate respectively. The lead shows considerable slate. One assay gave $20 in gold while another only gave $6. A number of claims have been staked adjoining the discovery, the whole forming what is known as the Granite Creek Gold group, owned and controlled by local capitalists and experts. A tunnel is now being run in and crosscuts will be made at intervals. Assays by reliable men will be made and the public kept fully informed as to their value, the intention being to issue a prospectus at a due time and invite the people to invest in collateral and capital stock, if it is not sooner sold for a large lump sum.—Boundary Creek Times.

CRESTON A GATEWAY.

George Winters, who has been at Creston for the past four months, has returned to the city for a few days for the purpose of looking after his interests and realty interests. Creston, he says, is the main gateway into Canada for farmers from Oregon, Washington and Idaho, who are en route for the wheat areas and stock ranges of the Northwest. Many of them drive as far as Creston and there take the train for their point of destination. The Canadian Pacific railroad grants them a special rate of $53 apiece for cars in which to transport their farming implements and stock and household goods. One party came in a few days ago from Oregon. They had been twenty-nine days on the road. They had sixty-nine head of stock, including horses and cattle, and it took four cars to hold all their effects. Hundreds come in this way, and there seems to be no end to their coming. At first they come in parties of one, two or three. In a few weeks they return, stating that they have secured from 160 to 1,000 acres of land and that they have come back for the purpose of taking their stock, implements, household furniture and families back with them to the northwest. They are full of enthusiasm, concerning the northwest and say it is a wonderful country and that land is very cheap there to what it will be in a few years from now. They say with plenty of land and the abundant crops which can be grown in the northwest it will take only a few years for an energetic farmer to acquire a competence. Mr. Winters says he wonders where so many of the farmers come from.—Nelson News.

NEW YEAR'S GIFTS.

Every Japanese Soldier in the Field To Be Remembered.

Tokio, Nov. 24.—Several charitable organizations, headed by the ladies of the patriotic societies, are arranging to send New Year's presents to every soldier in the field. The contributions already assured indicate that there will be enough to give each soldier two presents. The people of Tokio are contributing thousands of packages, each containing useful articles.

DISTRESSING ACCIDENT.

Rifleman Kills Inquisitive Boy Who Ran Across Range.

New York, Nov. 24.—Wm. Berdino, 14 years old, was killed at Midland Park, Grant City, today during a rifle match. David Donnelly, of this city, was shooting, when the boy ran up to see where the bullet had struck. Donnelly did not see him and pulled the trigger a second time. The boy fell with a cry. The bullet had hit him in the right temple and penetrated the brain. He died within five minutes without having regained consciousness. Donnelly was arrested, charged with homicide, and was later paroled by the coroner.

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CRASHES INTO CAR.

Cleveland, O., Nov. 25.—Fifteen people were injured, three and possibly more of whom will die, as a result of a collision between a fast southbound train on the Cleveland & Pittsburg road and a trolley on the Northern Ohio traction line today near Bradford, a few miles east of this city. The trolley car was struck by the passenger train while the latter was running fully fifty miles an hour. The accident occurred at the crossing of the two roads, a freight train had just cleared the crossing and hid from view the approaching passenger train.

JAPS CAPTURE SUPPLIES.

Former British Ship, Laden With Meat for Port Arthur, Caught by Togo.

Chefoo, Nov. 24.—The report that the steamer Tungchow, laden with thirty thousand tons of meat, was captured by the Japanese yesterday while trying to enter Port Arthur, appears to be correct. The Tungchow was a British vessel and belonged to Butterfield & Swire, of Shanghai. Last Monday, when leaving Shanghai, she was transferred at the last moment to a man believed to be acting for the Russian government.

PASSENGER DISPUTE SETTLED.

Liverpool, Nov. 25.—At a conference between representatives of the Cunard, White Star and other steamship lines today, the dispute over passenger rates was virtually settled. Circulars announcing a general advance in the rates for passengers westward bound probably will be issued forthwith.

COURT DISMISSES FISHERIES SUIT

Bellingham Corporation Pays Licence Fees, Claiming Trickery by Plaintiffs.

Bellingham, Nov. 23.—Prosecuting Attorney T. D. J. Healey this afternoon applied for an order, which was granted dismissing the suits filed a few days ago against the eighteen fish trap companies owned and operated by the Pacific Packing and Navigation Company, against whom the proceedings were in reality directed. The object of the order, it is claimed, is to by this means get the matter into the federal court and have that body declare the operations of the companies to be in violation of the trust law. Mr. Healey's action will, it is believed, prove a solar plexus blow to the plans of the men who are interested in having the case prosecuted in the state instead of here.

Mr. Healey tonight made a statement setting forth the state's interest in bringing the suit which was today dismissed. He says that there has been a general misapprehension in relation to the case. The basis for the action, so far as the state was concerned, was that the eighteen companies had failed to comply with the law requiring corporations to pay an annual license tax, and also file the names of the officers with the county auditor.

When the records showed these companies had not done for two years past, and accordingly Mr. Healey filed the action. While this was, according to Mr. Healey, the only interest the state had in the proceedings, it is alleged that this was the vehicle by which those who had furnished Mr. Healey with the information hoped to get their case before the federal court with reference to the relation of the companies to the anti-trust law.

The action of the prosecuting attorney in dismissing the case defeats that end so far as this method is concerned. The dismissal was made because the defendant companies today satisfied the demands of the state by paying $450, the amount of their license fees for two years, with penalty added.

"This," said Mr. Healey tonight, "I take as a final settlement of the matter."

MEMORY OF A SQUARE MEAL.

Monuments on San Juan Island Mark the Site of Famous Banquet.

Chicago Post.

In the presence of representatives of the United States and Great Britain granite monuments were unveiled Saturday on San Juan Island, in Puget Sound, to mark the spot where for many years garrisons were maintained by both nations while the ownership of the territory was in dispute.

To every veteran of the regular service in this country the sight of these monuments will revive not the memories of a dispute of nations, but of the glorious record-breaking "feed" which one Lieut. Michael Fitzgerald, United States army, spread in the view of his redcoat brethren with the hearty invitation to fall to. One or two of the participants in that banquet are still in arms, and there is probably not a command of either service who does not know the story of how Michael Fitzgerald, lieutenant, United States Army, "set 'em up" for the Britishers and made straight a strained situation. All of which goes to show that a banquet may be better than a bullet.

Michael Fitzgerald was the commanding officer and the only officer of the American garrison on San Juan. Gen. McDowell at San Francisco was afraid because of Fitzgerald's name that he would have hereditary feelings against the British and might involve the country in trouble. "Above all things, Lieutenant Fitzgerald," said the general, "observe the rules of international courtesy."

"I'll do that same, General," answered Fitzgerald, promptly.

The English officers, for there were several of them at the British garrison, asked Fitzgerald over to dine. They didn't have much to offer him, for there wasn't much in the country.

Fitzgerald waited two months before he invited the Britishers over to mess. In the meantime a boat had gone to San Francisco and had returned. Fitzgerald had only one company of soldiers, but he improvised a band to play at the banquet. He had a man behind every officer's chair. The table was covered with cut glass and silver. There were delicacies and substantials of all kinds and the wine was like unto that of which Horace sang.

Veracious history hath it that the "feed" cost $75 a plate. The bill for the thing was $1,400. A month after the banquet on San Juan a formidable looking document went to army headquarters at San Francisco. Gen. McDowell opened it. It was a bill for Michael Fitzgerald's banquet and it was thus indorsed: "Excerpt from all things, Lieut. Fitzgerald, observe the rules of international courtesy."

Tradition hath it that McDowell swore a little, but the bill was paid out of the contingent fund.

That banquet kept American and Briton good tempered. There was no clash and the boundary matter was settled.

The memorials unveiled Saturday were monuments to a square meal in a hungry land.

A BIG EMBEZZLEMENT.

Arnold Bauthien, Who Stole $100,000, Is in Custody.

Chicago, Nov. 24.—After eluding the officers of the law for several weeks, Arnold Bauthien, cashier of the New Liberty and Dixon, Iowa, Savings Bank, and wanted on a charge of embezzling $100,000 of funds of the bank, was arrested in a saloon at Ogden avenue and Randolph street today. He denied his identity and was locked up at the central station, where he refused to talk. It is said he invested $86,000 in a Cleveland amusement company for Chicago, $26,000 of the sum being his own money and the balance being, it is said, funds taken from the two banks. It is said that some time ago Bauthien's young wife found a letter in her husband's pocket from a woman in Chicago, which revealed the cause of his numerous visits to this city. Mrs. Bauthien died a short time later of a broken heart.

Dawn Of A New Era

Russian Emperor Is Deeply Impressed by the Zemstvo Memorial.

Requests a Personal Interview With Delegation of the Workers.

Czar May Now Turn on the Reactionaries and Grant Constitution.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 26.—(2:50 a. m.)—The unexpected may happen after all. The meeting of the Zemstvos—"the First Russian Congress" as it is now called—may indeed work the inauguration of a new era for Russia. Emperor Nicholas, the initiator of the plan for universal disarmament, may turn back upon the reactionaries and crown his reign by granting to his subjects the constitution which his grandfather had already prepared when he fell by the hand of an assassin.

The basis of such a possibility is the significant fact that late this afternoon the Emperor received in the palace at Tsarskoe-Selo, M. Shipoff, of Moscow; M. Patrunkeivitch, of Tever; M. Rodzianko, of Ekaterinoslav, and Count Heiden, four prominent members of the Zemstvo congress, and listened to their views. It developed that when Minister of the Interior Sviatopolk-Mirsky presented the Zemstvo memorial and resolutions of November 24, the Emperor was so deeply impressed, as well by the contents of the documents as by the character of the signers, that he immediately expressed the desire to personally receive a deputation of the Zemstvoists, therefore, went to Tsarskoe-Selo by imperial command. At their conference, it is understood, they explained fully their position and the views expressed by the memorial that the salvation of the empire from ruin by revolution lay in the adoption of the general ideas expressed in the memorial. The Emperor was greatly impressed by what he heard and asked many questions. While it is understood that he gave no indication of his purposes, except the sympathy, it is explained the deputation when it returned to St. Petersburg was in high spirits.

They all declined to say anything for publication regarding the visit. The news that the delegation had been given an audience by the Emperor spread like wildfire through the city tonight and created a tremendous sensation, rejoicing among liberals and amazement among the supporters of the old regime. Earlier in the day the report was that an immediate effort of the Zemstvo meeting would likely be the realization of the plan for giving elected Zemstvo representatives seats in the council of the empire. One of the prominent liberals, who participated in the congress, declined tonight to share in the jubilation and expressed the opinion that victory was yet a long way off, although he said he believed it was certain. He pointed out that the declaration in the memorial in favor of the speaking privileges and for the equality for all classes before the law, when it became known throughout Russia, was bound to appeal strongly to the peasantry.

"All the members of the congress," said he, "are large lauded proprietors. A levelling process which would make the mujik on an equality with them must be prejudicial to their personal interest. In no other country in the world except Russia can you find men anxious to make sacrifices for an altruistic ideal. The same thing, however, happened with the emancipation of the serfs in the time of Alexander II, when many nobles advocated the measure, though it meant practically ruin for them personally."

A SENSATIONAL SHOOTING IN N. Y.

Sport Fatally Shot in Midst of Crowd on Broadway New York.

New York, Nov. 24.—Guy Roche, a sporting man who killed "Sheeny George" Levy nine years ago, was shot and probably fatally wounded today on Broadway, between Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth streets, while the avenue was thronged with holiday promenaders. Stewart Felton, another sporting man, was arrested charged with having fired the shot. He denies the charge. Although he was told that he could go Roche refused to say Felton shot him.

The shooting occurred in the midst of a crowd that filled the sidewalks. Felton turned and dashed through the crowd, followed by hundreds of men and women, who shouted for the police. Running to Seventh avenue, Felton ran into a saloon and was there arrested. He was taken back to where Roche lay and an effort was made to have the wounded man identify him. Roche was hurried to a hospital, where it was said his condition is desperate.

There are two witnesses who say they saw Felton fire two shots the instant before Roche fell. "I don't care what they say, I don't know anything about this affair," Felton says. Roche refuses to identify Felton. Felton came from Chicago several years ago.

ANGLO-AMERICAN ARBITRATION

Washington, Nov. 25.—At the state department today the announcement was made that the United States government hopes soon to conclude with Great Britain an arbitration treaty identical with those recently signed with France, Germany and other powers. The treaty will be signed by Secretary Hay and Sir Mortimer Durand.

MRS. WILKES DEAD.

Philadelphia, Nov. 25.—Mrs. Maria B. Wilkes, the oldest actress in the country, died here today aged 88 years. She retired from the stage many years ago and had since resided in this city. Mrs. Wilkes was the original "Widow Melnotte" with Edwin Forrest, and was a member of the companies of the most famous actors of her time.

ATTACK ON OUTPOSTS.

Tokio, Nov. 25.—The Manchuria headquarters telegraphing at 1 o'clock at night November 23rd, says the enemy's infantry made a series of attacks against our outposts at Lamutan (Lamuting), but retreated northward before our fire. Simultaneously the enemy's artillery bombarded the neighborhood of the Shakhe railroad bridge, firing thirty rounds with no damage to us."

THE CRAWFORD MILLIONS.

Theresa Humbert About to Be Declared Insane Owing to Hallucination.

Paris, Nov. 25.—Theresa Humbert, who is confined in the prison at Rennes, has developed such a mania for writing abusive, incoherent letters to officials concerning the supposed dissipation of the Crawford millions that the authorities are considering her transference to an asylum for the insane.

The Leelanaw's Record Cargo

Interesting Details of Largest and Most Valuable Concentrate Shipment.

Steamer City of Seattle Is Again Afloat After Her Unfortunate Stranding.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Yesterday morning's Tacoma Ledger gave the following interesting particulars regarding the steamer Leelanaw's record cargo of Treadwell concentrates:

The steamer Leelanaw, Captain W. Meyer, arrived at the Tacoma smelter from the Treadwell mines, Douglas island, at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. She brought 2,050 tons of concentrates, valued at $110,000, this being the most valuable and largest cargo of concentrates ever received from Alaska in this port.

The Leelanaw had an uneventful trip down from the mines, the weather being good with no heavy gales or rough seas. Conditions were so favorable that for a portion of the trip, north of Vancouver island, the Leelanaw took the outside passage. She left the mines Monday. She was twenty-four days out on the round trip, having taken north from Ladysmith 600 tons of coal to the Treadwell mines.

The Pacific Freighting Company is at present operating the Leelanaw, having her under a three-year charter. The Pacific Freighting Company has the contract for supplying the Treadwell mines with 40,000 tons of coal annually, which is taken from the Dunsmuir mines at Ladysmith. The fuel is taken as return cargo, while on the trips from the mines the Leelanaw has about 30,000 tons of concentrates to bring to the Tacoma smelter from the mines. Mr. Dunsmuir came from the north on the steamer.

Captain Meyer is well known in Tacoma and on Puget Sound. He has been in the employ of the Canadian Pacific Steamship Company for years as master of the Danube and other vessels. For some time past he has been in command of the barge Oregon, but lately succeeded Captain Munroe as master of the Leelanaw. Captain P. McCarty succeeded Captain Meyer on the Oregon, Captain McCarty having previously been on the barge Richard III.

It is expected that the hulks, which formerly freighted the output of the Treadwell mines, will be idle until next March. A new smelter is to be started then at Hadley, north of Ketchikan. Copper ore from the Niblak mines will be brought to Tacoma by the hulks and on the return it is expected the ships will carry coke and lime to the smelter.

As soon as the cargo of the Leelanaw is discharged she will proceed to Ladysmith for her return cargo of coal. It is expected that the steamer will get away the first of the week.

The Leelanaw is well known in Tacoma, having been for a long time engaged in the coal-carrying trade between Tacoma and San Francisco. During the past summer she loaded several miscellaneous cargoes here for San Francisco.

HUMILIATING FIGURES.

Shrinkage of American Shipping Engaged in Foreign Trade.

Editor Jayne, of the Pacific Marine Review, Seattle, prints the following reproach to the people of "Usona" on the front page of the wrapper of the current number of his paper:

To every good citizen of the United States, whether directly interested in shipping or not, we say: "My son, forsake not the mainstay of thy country; bind these figures continually upon thy heart, and tie them about thy neck. When thou goest to the polls let them lead thee; when thou sleepest they shall disturb thee; and when thou risest they shall talk with thee."