INAUGURATION OF RUSSIAN PARLIAMENT

Fateful Day in History of That Nation--The Emperor Attends Ceremonies at the Capital.

St. Petersburg, May 10.—An ideal day, like a happy augury, greeted the uprising of the curtain for the new act of the great historical drama, Russia's struggle for liberty. Never did the showy northern capital of Peter the Great present a more brilliant picture than for the inauguration of the Russian parliament.

Just a suspicion of haze hung over the gulf, softening the outlines and giving the scene a touch of a fairy land. The city, spreading out over the numerous green islands in the river, seemed swimming in a flood of light. The broad, swift-flowing Neva, with arms outstretched to the sea and the interlying canals, were turned to azure by the reflecting blue of the heavens, while the golden domes of the churches, the spires of the admiralty and the St. Petersburg and St. Paul's fortresses and the shining minarets of the palace seemed to float above the masses of yellow buildings. Beside the metropolis was dressed bride-like, awaiting the coming of her lord. The yellow imperial standard with the double-headed eagle flew from the Winter Palace. Flags, by order of the police, were displayed from every house and streams of multi-colored pennants fluttered from the yachts and the shipping in the harbor. Even the tiny passenger boats which threaded the rivers and canals, the street cars and many cabs, carried the Russian colors.

The banks, stores, schools and some of the factories, were closed in honor of the occasion, but there was

No General Holiday,

the government pacifically discouraging a suspension of work in the industrial districts owing to fear that crowding the workers into the centre of the city might provoke collisions, disorders and perhaps bloodshed.

There was something distinctly awe-inspiring about the day, with visions of chain falling from another branch of the human race, and the Russian people taking up the march of modern civilization. The representatives of the Russian millions and the Russian Emperor were at last face to face, and the result was to determine the rate of the nation and country stretching from Germany to the Pacific, to the Polar seas and to the burning sands of Central Asia.

Notwithstanding the mutual distrust of the government and people, there was not lacking the hope that the foundation of a sincere undertaking between the Emperor and his subjects would be laid strong and deep to-day. It was the attitude of mutual suspicion which constituted the great, jarring note on this occasion. It could not be concealed. It was apparent everywhere.

The city might have been in a state of siege, so heavy was

The Array of Troops.

Not only were detachments of infantry, cavlry and gandarmes stationed at strategic points, but large reserves were massed in the court yards of the public buildings.

Early in the morning the palace square resembled a field camp, two regiments of guards having bivouacked there all night. At daylight battalions of policemen took possession of all the approaches to the palace for the distance of a third of a mile and all day no one was allowed to pass the lines without tickets. The draw of the Nicholas bridge from Vasili island was opened and the palace bridge, which rests on pontoons, was allowed to swing down the current so as to permit the imperial yachts bearing their majesties and the court from Peterhof, to pass up the river to the landing stage in front of the winter palace. A flotilla of police patrol boats, several torpedo boats and a number of oared galleys closed the river so far as the palace of all moving crafts.

Like all great state functions in Holy Russia, the ceremonies

Began With Religious Services.

At 1 o'clock in the morning the whole city reverberated with bells and chimes from St. Petersburg's myriad of cathedrals, churches and temples, summoning the people to the thanksgiving. Only those who have heard the booming of the bells of St. Isaac's cathedral, striking bass to the other bells can imagine the savage splendor of the wild clanging. Not only in St. Petersburg, but at the Kremlin of Moscow, bells were rung and Te Deums were celebrated, thus giving the occasion the solemn religious as well as civic significance necessary to impress the Russian masses.

While the bells were still ringing the imperial yacht Alexandra with the imperial standard at the fore moved majestically up the river, dipping her flag in answer to the salute and cheers of the Emperor's warships lying at the Baltic works. Instead of proceeding to the winter palace the yachts stopped at the landing stage of the English quay, below the Nicholas bridge, and in front of the Leuchtenberg palace, formerly the American embassy, where the Emperor, the Empress and the Dowager Empress entered a launch and attended by a launch on each flank,

Moved on Up the River.

The members of the court made the remainder of the journey to the winter palace in carriages escorted by a troop of clattering horse guards.

The Emperor's arrival was not heralded by the customary salute of 301 guns, and for that reason the passage of the river hardly attracted the notice of the thousands of spectators who were waiting along the river.

Without halting at the Winter Palace, the launches crossed the river and their majesties landed under the grim walls of the St. Peter's and St. Paul's fortress, which they entered by the imperial water terrace, driving hurriedly to the immense cathedral inside the walls, where repose the remains of the tombs of His Majesty's ancestors, the Imperial family knelt for 20 minutes, made their devotions and asked for blessing and guidance.

Their Majesties, after their devotions, returned to the terrace and reentered the launch. The faint report of a cheer swept up the river. The Imperial launch immediately crossed the river and entered the Winter Palace from the quay entrance.

For the first time since the ceremony of blessing the waters, January 19th, 1905, when the Emperor escaped death from the charge of grape fired from the battery on the opposite bank of the river, their Majesties were back in the capital. Little more than two hours later, vast crowds of civil and military dignitaries arrived at the Winter Palace to hear the Emperor's message.

Shortly before 1 o'clock, in obedience to signals, the streams of guests began slowly flowing towards the great St. George's hall, an apartment 150 feet long by 60 wide. It is given a stately appearance by a double row of graceful corinthian columns and marble walls. In the centre stood an altar on which were burning candles. At the end of the hall, on a dais, was a gilded throne, surmounted by a canopy bearing the imperial arms worked on velvet tapestry.

Emperor's Speech.

St. Petersburg, May 10. 3 p.m.—The Emperor's reception passed off without any untoward incident. The tone of the speech from the throne was conciliatory. It expressed the Emperor's wish that relief be given to the peasants in their present unfortunate conditions, and called on the members of parliament to put their hearts into their work and to co-operate with him in solving the present problems of Russia.

The Emperor and Empress on leaving the palace entered a launch, passed down the river, boarded the imperial yacht Alexandra and returned to Peterhof. The crowds on the banks of the river and islands cheered the imperial party. There was no other incident.

The members of the lower house of parliament after the ceremonies at the palace embarked on steamers and went up the river, landing at the Lauride palace, where they will assemble.

THE V., W. & Y. RAILROAD.

Ottawa, May 10.—In the Senate to-day Hon. R. W. Scott announced that the government had no policy on the Vancouver, New Westminster & Yukon railway, other than to give running rights to other roads through the Yellowhead Pass.

ANARCHISTS ARRESTED.

One Charged With High Treason—Had Explosives in Their Possession.

London, May 9.—A dispatch to the Central News from Berlin says that five anarchists charged with high treason have been arrested at Urvihe near Metz. The men had explosives in their possession and a quantity of dynamite was found near the imperial palace where Emperor William is expected to arrive to-morrow.

FLOODS IN CHINA.

Great Loss of Life and Destruction of Property Reported.

Washington, D. C., May 8.—The state department to-day received the following cablegram from the United States consul at Hankow, China:

"Immense flood in Hunan province. Great loss of life and property. All foreigners safe."

THE BEST LUNG CURE.

A guaranteed lung cure is apt to be a myth, as no infalible cure has yet been discovered.

But this do we claim, if any medicine can help the lungs it is Catarrhozone, which is a strengthener and healer that eases the cough, assists expectoration and destroys the germs.

Catarrhozone is freely prescribed by doctors, is a time-honored treatment that all sufferers of the lungs, catarrh and bronchitis can use with enormous benefit. We strongly recommend its use.

A prominent manufacturer in Vankleek Hill, Mr. G. S. Watson, says:

"I never met anyone that used Catarrhozone who didn't pronounce it a real cure. My wife was subject to bad attacks of throat irritation and bronchitis. Many remedies were tried, but few proved at all useful.

"Catarrhozone was different. It seemed to get right at the sore places, and brought relief quickly. We have found Catarrhozone an absolute cure for bronchitis and catarrh, and recommend it strongly."

Two months' treatment costs $1; sample size 25c. All dealers or by mail from N. C. Polson & Co., Hartford, Conn., U. S. A., and Kingston, Ont.

Winnipeg, May 10.—Winnipeg parks board will spend $60,000 this summer.

The city will also erect a six story police station, work to commence June 1st.

LAKE NAVIGATION.

Marks Will Be Placed in Position to Enable Captains to Obtain Proper Bearings.

Washington, D. C., May 10.—The departure of Commander Reginald Nicholsen, assistant chief of the equipment bureau, the navy department, for Cleveland, Ohio, to-day, inaugurates a new work of much importance to lake navigation. For years past there have been many complaints by lake captains of erratic behavior of their compasses upon which the safety of their ships depends in thick and bad weather. Cargoes of iron ore and metals capable of affecting the magnetic needles were undoubtedly at the bottom of some of these complaints, but it was realized by navigators that natural conditions were often causing variations of the compass and that it might be possible to reduce the evils arising from such causes. Therefore, the Lake Carriers' Association and the Pittsburg Steamship combination and other influential organizations interested in lake commerce have called upon the navy department to aid them.

Accordingly Commander Nicholson goes out to the lakes with the primary purpose of setting up prominent marks in proper places, so that the captains of passing vessels may check down any error in their courses and make the necessary adjustments. He will take with him the necessary instruments to establish "true north" at the marked sights and call upon the nearest branch of hydrographic offices for any help needed.

MURDER OR ACCIDENT?

Cause of Death of C. L. Speir Has Not Been Solved.

New York, May 9.—Following the funeral to-day of Charles L. Spier, the traction manager who was found dead at his home on Staten Island Monday morning following an larm of burglars, a second autopsy was held and one bullet extracted. The bullet was located in the back, under the left shoulder, but in its course through the body it had penetrated the heart.

The physicians and officials at the autopsy declared themselves puzzled as to how Spier could have staggered or walked the distance he did after the bullet had pierced his heart. His body was found fully 18 feet from where the first blood spots in the hallway of his home were noted. Having been shot with his own revolver, it is the theory of the family that Spier grappled with the burglar and the man turned the gun against the owner.

Strong objections were made by Mrs. Spier to-day to a second autopsy, which she declared would prove nothing; but Coroner Cahill would not give a burial permit until the bullet had been extracted. Consequently the funeral went forward and the body was placed in a vault. After a short wait it was removed and the autopsy begun in the presence of county officers and representatives of the Spier family.

No final report has yet been agreed upon by the authorities, who appear at odds as to whether the case is one of suicide, a murder or an accident.

EMPRESS OF BRITAIN BREAKS ALL RECORDS

Toronto, May 10.—The C. P. R. Atlantic liner Empress of Britain, which left Liverpool on Saturday afternoon last and reported off Cape Race, Newfoundland, at 2 p.m., will reach Quebec to-day and beat all records.

TOOK PROMPT ACTION.

German Ambassador Removed Ship From Custody of the Turks.

Constantinople, May 9.—The arbitrary detention of a German sailing ship, the Odysseus, by the Turkish authorities recently threatened friction between Turkey and another European power, but the energetic action of the German ambassador quickly solved the difficulty.

The Odysseus was discharging her cargo at Chibuklu when she was boarded by the authorities and removed to Kavak, where she was anchored beneath the batteries of the Turks, who falsely claimed the vessel had explosives on board. The ambassador protested urgently but unavailingly, whereupon he took a few sailors from the German guardship here, the Lorelei, boarded the Odysseus, hoisted the diplomatic flag and took the ship from under the guns of Kavak to her dock at Chibuklu, where guard was kept over her while she completed the discharge of her cargo. On returning to the embassy the ambassador found a state councillor awaiting with apologies and explanations.

The records available do not refer to a German sailing ship named Odysseus, but there is a German steamer of that name and she was in the Mediterranean recently.

DERELICT SCHOONER.

Unknown Wreck Sighted Off Cape Henry—A Danger to Navigation.

Norfolk, Va., May 9.—Capt. Abrahamson, of the Norwegian steamer Olebull, which arrived in port on Tuesday, has reported that he passed twenty miles south by east of Cape Henry a derelict schooner whose masts were hanging over the sides of the vessel, that her sails were patched and that there was no name by which she might be identified.

The same wreck has been reported several times and is one of the most dangerous derelicts that has been in the path of navigation for some time.

The schooner is believed by mariners to have been the victim of one of the fierce storms of last winter. The fate of the crew is unknown.

The United States attorney-general on Wednesday made public the following statement: "The department has filed in the circuit court of the United States for the district of Indiana a petition for an injunction against certain associations, corporations and individuals, comprising what is commonly known as the drug trust of the United States."

COLLECTION OF CHINESE CUSTOMS

CHANGE OF SYSTEM APPEARS PROBABLE

It Is Believed New Native Minister May Take Control From Hands of Sir R. Hart.

Washington, D. C., May 10.—Another important step toward the realization of the policy of "China for the Chinese" has been received in the promulgation of an Imperial decree at Pekin, naming Tien Tiang as "minister superintendent of customs affairs," with Tang Shao Yi as vice-minister. It is feared that this means the complete overturning of the system of foreign control of Chinese custom collections which have been in the hands of Sir Robert Hart for the past 20 years.

Tien Laing is the Manchu commanding chief of the Chinese army, dividing honors with Yuan Shi Kai, the Mongolian commanding chief, and he is said to be a man of great ability.

In 1898 an arrangement was made between England and China in consideration of which England paid 100,000,000 taels, providing that so long as British trade exceeds that of other countries the inspector-general of Chinese customs should always be an Englishman. Under that arrangement Sir Robert Hart has administered the Chinese customs service with satisfaction to all foreign nations. Now these new offices are created, and it is believed they will dominate his own, so it is expected that an immediate inquiry will be made by the great powers as to the extent to which the new Chinese decree tends to subvert the British agreement.

CALIFORNIA'S THANKS.

Lieut.-Governor of Saskatchewan Receives Letter From Governor Pardee.

Regina, May 8.—The following letter was received from the Governor of California by the Lieut.-Governor and read in the legislature to-night by the premier:

Sir:—I beg to acknowledge your favor of April 18th, in which you express the sympathy of your government with the suffering and distressed resulting from the recent catastrophe in San Francisco and other cities of this state. With your letter was enclosed a cheque for $5,000 upon the funds of the province, this being intended, as I understand, for expenditure in connection with the relief work now going on in the cities which suffered from the earthquake and resulting disastrous fires.

Permit me, speaking for the people of this state, to express my proud appreciation of the great kindness which dictate your message of sympathy and this very liberal gift for the victims of the disaster. Such generous acts as this cannot but draw closer together the hearts of the people of the two great English-speaking commonwealths upon this continent.

Referring to your expression of hope that the late reports would show that the first publications had exaggerated the seriousness of the calamity, I desire to say that it is true that the earlier reports represented the loss of life as being much larger than it proved to be. Instead of four or five thousand the death list was probably not more than as many hundred. On the other hand, the destruction of property wrought by the fire was greater than was reported on the first day, because the conflagration continued for three days and there was consumed practically the whole of the business district of the city as well as many thousand residences. Two-thirds to three-fourths of all the people in a city of 450,000 inhabitants were rendered homeless. This is one aspect of the great calamity, but there are many others almost as serious.

Through the destruction of factories and business establishments most of the remaining inhabitants whose homes were not burned were temporarily deprived of their means of living.

Another great loss and one which cannot be repaired was the burning of several great public libraries and the principal art galleries of the city.

But with this other phase of the catastrophe, I presume you have already been made aware by the later and more correct newspaper publications.

I have the honor to be,
Your obedient servant,
GEO. C. PARDEE,
Governor of California.

IRON WORKER KILLED.

Took Watch and Money From Electrician and Was Shot By Watchman.

Chicago, May 9.—Thos. Darrach, a structural iron worker, was shot and killed late last night for the alleged stealing of a watch from Clifford N. Spencer, an electrician.

The two men had spent the evening at a saloon patronized by iron workers, and left the place together. At Madison street and Fifth avenue, Darrach took the watch and $40 in money from Spencer and ran away with Spencer in pursuit. At Adams street he stopped and felled Spencer with a club. James McColdrick and E. L. Cudeback, watchmen, saw the thief beating Spencer, and also saw him throw a watch into the street. They gave chase and McGoldrick fired one shot, the bullet entering Darrach's neck. He died soon afterwards at the hospital.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

Nelson, May 9.—A special to the News from Sandon states Thomas McGuigan, manager of the American Boy mine, was killed in the mine this afternoon at 2 o'clock by falling rock.

SETTLEMENT REACHED.

Anthracite Miners Ratify the Action Taken by Committee.

Scranton, Pa., May 8.—The convention of anthracite miners re-assembled here to-day and unanimously ratified the action taken by its sub-scale committee in conference with the operators committee in New York yesterday, declaring operative the award of the coal strike commission of 1902, for a further period of three years. The convention was presided over by John Mitchell and the report of an agreement with the operators was read by Secretary Gallagher. Nearly all the delegates who were at the convention last week were present.

Notices were posted to-day by the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, Delaware & Hudson, Erie, Pennsylvania, and Scranton coal companies, announcing the resumption of work next Monday.

TRAIN WRECKED.

San Jose, May 9.—A wreck occurred at Edenvale, seven miles south of this city, at 8.20 this morning, when the Southern Pacific overland limited was ditched and a tramp killed, one Chinaman fatally injured, thirty or forty passengers more or less seriously injured, and Fireman M. Stone of this city had his right leg so badly injured that it has since been amputated. The accident was due to a truck jumping the track as the train was making 50 miles an hour.

AMERICAN ATHLETES.

Preparing Reception For Men Who Took Part in the Olympic Games at Athens.

New York, May 10.—Plans were got under way yesterday for a series of receptions and dinners in this city to Martin Sheridan, the winner of the two first prizes at Athens, and other members of the Irish-American Athletic Club, when they arrive home in a few days from the Olympic games. A committee will meet them down the bay, hundreds going down to voice a hearty welcome. A committee of forty members of the Irish-American Athletic Club has been appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the affair. A banquet in honor of the athletes will be held in the Hotel Astor and 500 guests will be seated. The date will be on or about May 25th. Sheridan's friends on the police force will give a dinner in his honor immediately after the police parade on June 2nd.

SEEDING REPORT.

Bulletin Regarding Conditions in Alberta—Farmers Breaking Ground For Fall Wheat.

Calgary, Alta., May 10.—General Superintendent Jamieson, of the C. P. R., has issued his second Alberta seeding report. The fall and spring wheat, oats, barley and flax are reported to be doing well. This is especially the case in the vicinity of Calgary and other districts in Southern Alberta. Seeding is practically completed and farmers are busy breaking more ground for more fall wheat. Rains during the week did much good near Macleod. The weather is said to be favorable throughout the province.

SHOOTING AFFRAY.

Man Wounded by an Indian on Kuper Island.

Chemainus, May 10.—Andrew Wilson was brought to the Chemainus hospital last night suffering from a gunshot wound in the leg. He went over to Kuper island yesterday afternoon, and it is supposed carried some whiskey over with him. In a drunken fracas he wounded an Indian child in the arm with a knife, and the father in return attempted his life with a rifle. The wound is serious, and it is hard to tell just what the outcome will be.

CHEMAINUS NOTES.

Chemainus, May 10.—The German ship Chile sailed yesterday with a cargo for Greenock.

The British steamship Cheswick is loading the balance of her cargo, consisting of 1,200,000 feet of lumber, for Sydney, N. S. W., and the British ship Inverness and British barque Levernbank are also loading at the V. L. & M. Co's mill.

The mills and camps are all running full time, and business is very brisk in and around Chemainus.

TO TRAIN WRITERS.

New Department Will Be Added to Hampden Sydney College.

Richmond, Va., May 10.—At a special meeting here yesterday the trustees of Hampden Sydney College accepted a proposition made by James T. McAllister, of Hot Springs, Va., to guarantee $3,500 a year towards the expenses of a special department for training writers for newspapers and magazines and of books. The new department will be put in operation at the opening of the next session in the autumn of this year, and will be a departure in college work and an experiment likely to be observed, and will be of interest to the whole world.

PRINCE ARTHUR.

Text of Telegram Received By Lord Grey From Montreal.

Ottawa, May 10.—Lord Grey received to-day the following telegram dated Montreal from Prince Arthur:

"Many thanks for your kind telegram. Have had a most pleasant visit here, and am sorry that my visit is ended.

"(Signed) ARTHUR."

ASSASSINATED.

The Nicaraguan Minister For Foreign Affairs Slain.

Washington, D. C., May 9.—Mr. Cort, the Nicaraguan minister here, to-day received a cablegram stating that Aldolfo Altamirano, the Nicaraguan minister of foreign affairs, had been assassinated.

FOUR RAILWAY LABORERS KILLED

BY EXPLOSION OF TWO BAGS OF DYNAMITE

Alberta Legislature Has Been Porogued After a Busy Session—Prince Arthur in Montreal.

Dunchurch, May 9.—Joseph Caron, his brother Anglo, and two Italians, were instantly killed on Monday night by a dynamite explosion on the James Bay railway construction here. The bodies were terribly mangled. A shot on two boxes of dynamite had missed fire and the victims were working over them and accidentally fired them. Had the accident occurred twenty minutes earlier fifteen men would probably have shared the same fate.

Want Fixed Assessment.

Peterboro, Ont., May 9.—The Canadian General Electric Company want a fixed assessment from the city. They promise to erect additional buildings, at a cost of between $300,000 and $400,000, which will practically double the number of men at present employed, who now number about 1,000.

Alberta Legislature.

Edmonton, May 9.—The legislature was formally prorogued this afternoon. The order paper was cleared last night after a very busy sitting. The pile of bills presented to Lieutenant-Governor Bulyea for assent this afternoon was about as formidable an array of legislation as has ever been passed by a provincial legislature in a single session, and when it is considered that the order paper was absolutely cleared, that every bill was tested one way or another, notwithstanding that almost all private bills were practically made over in committee, it is evident that the members of the legislature had done something to earn their indemnity. Altogether 77 bills passed, exclusive of supply.

Remanded.

Edmonton, May 9.—George McLean appeared in the police court yesterday afternoon for preliminary hearing on the charge of murdering Mary Fortier, the young woman who met her death by poisoning at Rat Creek. The prisoner was remanded for a week.

Prince Arthur.

Montreal, May 9.—In spite of the inclement weather his Royal Highness, Prince Arthur of Connaught, observed the programme which had been mapped out for him. The last day of his visit was cold and wet, but in spite of the weather he failed in none of his appointments. In the morning, under the guidance of Sir Montague Allan, Col. Hanbury Williams, and his equerry, Capt. Wyndham, he paid visits to various places of interest, and in the afternoon, after lunch at the hunt, club, the horse show claimed him. This evening, after a farewell dinner tendered by Sir Montague Allan before embarking, he again visited the horse show. To-morrow at daybreak he sails.

Fire in Montreal.

Montreal, May 9.—Fire this morning did damge to the extent of $40,000 to the dry goods store of Ether & Co., St. Catherine and Iberville streets. Gilbert Gibeau, an employee, was badly burned.

Still at Liberty.

Kingston, May 9.—Charlebran, alias Charleraud, who escaped from the penitentiary insane asylum yesterday, is still undiscovered. He cut two bars of his cell and also two bars on the window of the ward, three stories above the ground level. A steel saw used. In his cell was found a dummy made of flower pots and other articles. The makeup was sufficient to deceive any official. The warden says the guard at 5 o'clock spoke to Charltrand, or rather his form in the cell, which was quite natural in appearance.

Will Return Home.

Toronto, May 9.—Tired of Canada, two hundred English emigrants left Toronto this afternoon for Montreal, intending to take a steamer there back to the Old Country. They were mostly young men, with a few women. Conditions here did not suit them, they said.

Insurance Inquiry.

Toronto, May 9.—Shareholders of the National Agency had power to vote at annual meetings or to give proxies, but they were so bound up that every right was taken away from them. This fact came out at this morning's session of the insurance commission, together with details of the methods by which shareholders of the National Agency Company, which controlled the Union Life Insurance Company, were jockeyed out of a right to a voice in the affairs of the company.

TWO SOCIALISTS KILLED

By Candidate for Re-Election in Guadaloupe.

Fort de France, Martinique, May 7.—Advices from Bassetter, Guadaloupe, say that M. Boisenuff, a candidate for re-election to the general council, opened fire from the window of his apartments with a rifle yesterday evening upon the passersby, killed two Socialists and wounded a custom house officer. Boisenuff's residence was immediately sacked by the populace, which also looted several other houses belonging to friends of Boisenuff. The latter was arrested, and the authorities were compelled to employ troops to protect him from the fury of the people.

There are several versions of the affair. One claims that Boisenuff acted without provocation and over-excited political passion. On the other hand, it is asserted that the first two of the Socialists killed attempted to force their way into Boisenuff's house. The maintenance of order is assured by the presence of the French warships Troude and Jurien de la Griviere and the troops.

The elections in the island of Martinique passed off without any extraordinary incident.

TWO MEN MISSING.

Are Believed to Have Perished in Fire—Thirty-Three Horses Burned to Death.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 9.—The soft coal and wood yards of A. L. Thomas, Beach street and Columbia avenue, were destroyed by fire to-day. Two men who were sleeping in the stable of the coal yard are missing. Thirty-three horses were burned to death. The origin of the fire is unknown. The monetary loss is about $15,000.

BRIBERY CHARGES.

Entire Membership of Massachusetts Legislature Will Be Summoned Before Grand Jury.

Boston, May 9.—District Attorney Moran to-day announced his intention of summoning before the grand jury the entire membership of the Massachusetts legislature in connection with charges of bribery recently made over the defeat of the anti-bucket shop bill in the house of representatives. Already summonses have been issued for 75 members of the general court.

POSSES SEARCH FOR THE ROBBERS

APPARENTLY MAKING TOWARDS BOUNDARY

Camp Where Men Spent Last Night Has Been Found--Bandits Still Together.

Kamloops, May 10.—The camp of the robbers who held up the C. P. R. train east of Kamloops on Tuesday night has been found. It had been occupied some time, two tents having been used and three horses being in possession of the robbers. The camp was five miles from the railway tracks.

To-day every man who owns or can beg, borrow or hire a saddle horse, is out on the range in pursuit, looking for a share of that $11,500 reward.

While it is believed now that the robbers have escaped towards the mountains and timber lands in the south, a cordon has been drawn around the section which it will be difficult for the robbers to pierce. Through Nicola and to the south, as far as Princeton, provincial police are watching every avenue of escape, and everyone of the lonely mountain trails is being watched by officers.

From tracks traced so far it is evident that the robbers are still together, and it looks as if they were working towards the boundary line. They travelled over a road only a couple of miles and then took a range south of it.

At noon word was received from Sheriff Wood, in charge of a posse, that Wednesday night's camp had been discovered, and the men have been tracked as far as Campbell's meadows. This is a large stretch of beaver meadow which marks the extent of the open range. In the meantime a number of men are being kept under suspicion in Kamloops, for some of the police believe that the tracks followed may be a blind to lead away from the true scent.

Superintendent Hussey, of the provincial police department, left Victoria last evening for the mainland. He will proceed to Kamloops, it is expected, to take charge of the search for the train robbers if they are not in the meantime captured.

The rifling of the mails by the hold-up party has affected the registered packages for Victoria. All the registered mail from Ottawa, from Winnipeg and from Calgary, for this city is among that missing. Of that from Montreal one package out of four dispatched has been received, leaving three of the packages unaccounted for.

CRIPPLING SCIATICA

A SURE AND CERTAIN WAY TO CURE THIS TERRIBLE TORTURE.

There is just one sure, scientific cure for sciatica, rheumatism, lumbago, neuralgia, headaches—you must drive the pain from your blood and nerves with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Liniments never cure nerve and blood diseases. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills strike straight at the cause because they actually make new blood. Through the blood they conquer the painful poison, soothe the nerves, loosen the muscles and banish every ache and pain. Mr. Thos. J. Etsell, Walkerton, Ont., says: "When I began using Dr. Williams' Pink Pills I had been off work for three months. The cords of my right leg were al drawn up and I could only limp along with the aid of a stick. The pain I suffered was terrible. Only those who have been afflicted with sciatica can understand the misery I was in both day and night. I took six boxes of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills before they helped me, but after that every day saw an improvement, and by the time I had used fifteen boxes, every vestage of the pain had disappeared. I have no hesitation in pronouncing Dr. Williams' Pink Pills the best medicine in the world for sciatica."

Every dose of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills makes rich, pure, health-giving blood. That is why they cure headaches and backaches, indigestion, kidney and liver troubles, anaemia, heart palpitation, and the ills that afflict women only. But be sure you get the genuine pills with the full name, "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People," on the wrapper around each box. Imitations are worthless—often dangerous. All medicine dealers sell these pills or you can get them by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for $2.50 by writng the Dr. Willia[illegible] Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.