MADE WAR LOANS FOR JAPANESE

Jacob H. Schiff and Party Arrived Yesterday By the Empress.

TELLS OF THE SITUATION

Says Japanese Will Fulfill Obligations in Manchuria and Korea.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

JACOB H. SCHIFF, a prominent New York financier and official of the Western Union Telegraph company, the Southern Pacific railway and other concerns, arrived from Japan and Korea yesterday on board the steamer Empress of Japan, accompanied by a party of eleven, including Miss W. Takahasaki, daughter of the president of the Yokohama specie bank, with whom Mr. Schiff arranged some of the Japanese war loans. It was generally stated that Mr. Schiff's visit to Japan was to arrange for vast loans to be given the Japanese government on the security of the recently consolidated and nationalized railways of Japan, but in an interview given to a Colonist reporter yesterday the well known banker denied that he had been engaged in any financial undertaking of this kind, or in fact in any business whatever.

"My visit to Japan and Korea was purely for pleasure, not for business," he said in an interview given on board the white liner.

It is a well known fact, however, that during the war several of the Japanese loans were negotiated at New York through Mr. Schiff, and he was highly honored and entertained by the emperors of Japan and Korea and by the Japanese officials during his visit.

The Amount Loaned to Japan

was very large. A recent return issued by the Japanese financial department says that at the end of March the total amounts of the outstanding Japanese domestic and foreign loans were as follows:

Domestic loans, yen	930,056,054
Foreign loans, yen	930,410,309
Total, yen	1,860,466,363

The Japanese yen is of the value of 50 cents of the currency of this country. The above amounts do not include exchequer bills and money borrowed from the Bank of Japan; also the figures relating to the loans do not include sums not yet paid up.

Mr. Schiff said: "Japan is fast recovering from the effects of the war, although the expense was great. The war in which the people had been victorious, although it was almost unprecedented in magnitude, was now seldom referred to. The Japanese showed no boastfulness because of their successes. They seemed, on the contrary, to be endeavoring to make good sacrifices in the war by gains in commerce and industry.

"I feel satisfied that the Japanese government fully intends to carry out all its obligations entered into with regard to Japan and Korea, and that the development of these countries will proceed apace. The recovery from the consequences of the war is being rapidly carried forward.

"We found during out visit that Korea is gradually getting an effective and

Intelligent Administration

which will prove of great benefit to this entirely out of date country, which, to the south in particular, has been dormant for centuries. An intelligent administration will be productive of most beneficial results."

Before leaving Japan on May 18th, the capitalist gave a farewell banquet at the Imperial hotel at Tokio, which was an elaborate affair. The guests numbered seventy-one, the principal among whom were Marquis and Marchioness Nebeshima, Count and Countess Matsukata, Count Inouye, Baron Komura, Baron Kaneko, Mr. and Mrs. Sakatani, Baron and Baroness Shibusawa, Baron and Baroness Mitsui and Mr. and Mrs. Kato, Mr. and Mrs. Okura, Marchioness Oyama, Mr. and Mrs. Chinda, Mr. Ozaki, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Denison and foreign ladies and gentlemen.

Mr. Schiff, during the repast, made an eulogistic speech regarding Japanese progress, and spoke of the appreciation at the many favors shown him and his party. Count Matsukata replied, speaking of the ever increasing friendship of Japan and the United States.

Advices were received by the Empress that differences had arisen between the Korean court and the Japanese resident general in Korea with reference to the entertainment of Mr. Schiff. During his visit to Soul Mr. Schiff. During his visit to Seoul Mr. out the resident general being consulted or without any representative of the resident general being invited. The acting resident general then addressed an official remonstrance to the Korean court and asked for the names of those present. The court replied that the function was purely private.

Two private cars were brought to Vancouver to await the arrival of Mr. Schiff and party

From Far Korea

Other passengers of the R. M. S. Empress of Japan who have been visiting the hermit kingdom were Dr. and Mrs. Harold Brown and the Misses Brown. Dr. Harold Brown is the senior member of the well known eastern law firm of Linklater & Co.

Mr. Brown's firm are the legal advisers of all, or nearly all, of the English financial companies now seeking opportunities in Japan, Manchuria and the Orient generally, including those who have recently become associated with Mr. Juichi Soydeo and the Industrial Bank of Japan in joint financial undertakings and those whose support has been so liberally secured by Messrs. Collbran and Bostwick and their American companies in all of their operations in Korea and Manchuria.

In conversation, Mr. Brown remarked that notwithstanding the fact that the action of the Japanese government in compelling the owners of private railways in Japan to sell their property in exchange for bonds and based upon a price arbitrarily determined by the government had naturally provoked much alarm among English capitalists, he is convinced that the confidence of the investors will again be won when the determination of those responsible for the government of Japan to afford equal opportunity to all and discriminate against none becomes fully appreciated.

Other Notable Passengers

who arrived by the Empress were two heads of Methodist missions for Canada, Rev. Dr. Carman, superintendent, and Rev. Dr. Sutherland, mission secretary, both of whom have been attending recent assemblages of Japanese Methodists at Tokio. They say they found an intelligent and fervent appreciation of the various speeches on the part of the Japanese. Rev. Dr. Carman was a passenger to Japan on the outward trip of the Empress. It had been expected that the eminent divines would debark at this port and meetings had been arranged to be addressed by them. They were met here by Rev. G. K. B. Adams and Rev. Mr. Thompson, together with a number of ladies delegated by various mission societies.

Sir Robert Pullar, head of the large dyeing establishment at Perth, Scotland, is on a tour around the world. He intends to stop off at Ottawa to visit a daughter who was recently married at the Canadian capital. Sir Robert Pullar is 85 years of age, but hale and hearty; in fact he expects to continue dyeing for many years to come.

Mrs. H. Ogden Armour, wife of the well known Chicago packer, was among the passengers. She has been touring the Rising Sun land. Lieut. Col. George J. Scott, D. S. O., of the London Imperial Yeomanry, and formerly of the Seventh Dragoon Guards, with which force he took part in the Egyptian war, being present at Tel-el-Kebir and other battles of that notable campaign. Major-General J. H. S. Craigie, who recently resigned command of the troops at Karachi and served in the Chitral campaign of 1895, and wife, and Capt. T. Jackson, D. S. O., of the Royal Lancaster regiment, were also passengers. Mr. C. T. Anstey, tutor of Mr. F. Shaughnessy, son of the C. P. R. president, both of whom went from Montreal as round the world passengers of the recently arrived steamer Monteagle; Count Armin, Count Bismarck Bohlen, a noted German; Lady Francis Turner and Mr. H. G. Turner were other notable passengers included in the total complement of 138 travelers who occupied the saloon cabins of the white liner.

General Dessine, one of the Russian army generals, who was at Shanghai in charge of part of the secret service work for the Russian government during the war, was expected to arrive, despatches from the Orient having stated that he had booked his passage by the steamer. He failed to arrive, however.

Conditions in Manchuria

Marquis Saioniji, the Japanese premier, and a commission consisting of the heads of various branches of the Japanese government, have returned from an official visit to Manchuria and Korea, according to advices received by the Empress of Japan. The Japanese premier stated on his return that Talien (Dalny), would probably be the most important Manchurian port, it being more suitable than Yingkou (Newchwang.) The buildings at Talien had been repaired, but warehouses were necessary. Port Arthur, he said, had no future, except as a naval fort. The old Chinese town had recovered much of its activity, but the larger Russian buildings were unrepaired and the forts were left as they were when Stoessel abandoned them. There is a general air of destruction and desolation. Yingkou is still the great emporium of trade with central and northern Manchuria, although it has not yet recovered the degree of prosperity it had before the war. This port will rival Talien, Japanese subjects are increasing rapidly in Manchuria. There are 6,000 at Talien, 4,000 at Mukden, and many are congregating at Tiehling and other points. The Fushun mines, now being operated by Japanese, were found valuable, 400 tons being raised daily, which will be increased when shipping facilities offer, to 3,000 or 4,000 tons. Antung will probably be a shipping port for the coal. This place at the north of the Yalu which had 600 Chinese before the war has now 30,000 people and many fine buildings. There are 5,000 Japanese there. The former is being built across the Yalu to connect with the trans-Korean railway from Fusan.

Not for "Simple Life"

A Japanese deserter, Matsumori Tasaburo, has raised a force of Hunghutze Brigands, and is causing considerable trouble, having fomented a rising to the east of Mukden. This man, while on the eve of being sent back to Japan, wrote a letter to Field Marshal Oyama saying he took the liberty of borrowing his rifle and intended to form a body of brigands in Manchuria.

Steamer Chukong, was wrecked near Swatoro, on the Chinese coast on April 28th, when two days out from Hongkong, and but one of the European crew survived. Capt. W. Bright, chief officer, J. Service, and Mrs. Service, a passenger, together with the Chinese crew and the character, an Amoy merchant, were drowned.

The Yorodzu of Tokio says the imperial family of Japan has decided to despatch his highness, Prince Kan-in as special envoy to America to show imperial concern for the disastrous San Francisco earthquake. Prince Kan-in will leave for America on June 25th.

A Pekin report says Tuan Fang and Tai Hung Chi, Chinese treveling commissioners to America and England, have memorialized the Chinese government commending the American economic system and suggesting the appointment of an American economist.

A Russian resident of Tokio has received a letter from Maxim Gorky stating Gorky will shortly visit Japan.

Yamada Naokuma, a noted Japanese philosopher, pupil of Dr. Inouye, has committed suicide by jumping into the crater of Aso volcano.

The Japanese cable steamer Okinawa Maru will complete laying a cable to Guam to connect with the American Pacific cable in July.

The proposed Manchurian exhibition at Mukden which Japanese merchants were planning for next year has been opposed by the Chinese government and will probably be abandoned.

Disbursing Agent.—Fred Hawes of the Wellington Colliery Company has received notice of his appointment as disbursing agent for the Pacific Coast Navigation Company for the Nome trade in sacked coal which is to be carried on this summer from Ladysmith.

THE DAY AT THE FEDERAL CAPITAL

Canadian Theatrical Managers Meet and Organize For Self Protection.

THE BOUNDARY SURVEYS

Governor General and Sir Wilfrid Laurier to Visit the Coast This Year.

OTTAWA, May 29.— (Special) A Canadian theatre managers' association was formally organized here today, with A. G. Small of Toronto president and J. E. Turton of London secretary. They saw Hon. Mr. Paterson this morning and urged a reduction in the duty on theatrical posters printed in the States.

Mr. Foster in the House this afternoon called attention to a scandalous attack upon him in La Presse as a liar, hypocrite and coward and hater of the French people. He thought it his duty to his party and to himself that something should be done to stop that kind of political warfare, and gave notice that on the first convenient day he would present a motion with reference to this matter.

The Boundary Surveys

It is expected that the work of delimiting the international boundary between British Columbia and the states of Montana and Washington will be completed this season. Canadian surveyors are already in the field, working jointly with their United States associates. The distance from the eastern boundary of British Columbia to tide water on the Pacific, over which surveyors are working, is 410 miles. Iron pillars have been placed at a distance of about a mile and a half apart. Half of these pillars are supplied by the Dominion government and the other half by the United States authorities. Five Canadian parties are at work delimiting the boundary between Canada and Alaska. The labor is very difficult and as the summer season is so short only slow progress is made. Dr. King, Canadian astronomer, says it will be three or four years before this work is completed.

The Collapsed Laurier Tower

The report of Messrs. Curry and Hutchison, who were selected to ascertain the causes of the collapse of the Laurier tower on the morning of April 5, was presented to parliament today by Hon. Mr. Hyman. The commissioners in substance find that the contractor, Mr. Goodwin, was chiefly at fault and that he did not build according to specifications, but they are also very severe in their condemnation of the manner in which the department of public works prepared the plans and supervised—or, rather, failed to supervise—the erection of the building and detect and correct faults in construction as the work progressed.

Governor-General Coming West

The Governor-General has intimated to the officers of the Forestry Association that he intends to be present at the annual meeting to be held in Vancouver next September. Sir Wilfrid Laurier may also attend.

Exportation of Electrical Energy

The government bill to regulate the export of electrical energy was withdrawn today, Hon. Mr. Hyman stating that Hon. Mr. Whitney had asked for a delay in order that the question of jurisdiction might be discussed. Mr. Cockshutt (Brantford) warned the government against entering into a treaty with the United States which would deprive Canadians of the right to utilize one of their greatest assets in Niagara Falls.

Telephone Co.'s and Municipalities

A discussion took place on the government's amendment to the Railway Act to protect municipalities from the aggressiveness of telephone companies. The question was referred to a special committee.

MICHAEL DAVITT'S CONDITION.

Dublin, May 29.—Michael Davitt's condition is unchanged. Numerous inquiries have been received concerning him from the United States and other countries. John Dillon arrived from London last night and spent the entire day at the hospital. Mrs. Dillon has been at the hospital with Mrs. Davitt practically the whole time since May 27th, when Mr. Davitt was taken seriously ill. Mrs. Davitt is now much better. Mr. Davitt's oldest son is in constant attendance at his father's bedside.

INSURANCE ROBBERIES.

Immense Sum Stolen From Mutual Company by Fake Invoices.

New York, May 29.—The Tribune will say tomorrow:

"The April grand jury in its investigation of the Mutual Life Insurance company's affairs obtained evidence yesterday that many thousands of dollars were taken annually for twenty years from the treasury of the company by means of fake bills purporting to be for printing and supplies for the company furnished through the firm of George McKibben & Son, bookbinders, No. 35 Park street. Part of the evidence was furnished by George McKibben, head of the firm, who was a witness in the afternoon. It was said about the criminal courts building yesterday afternoon that the unearthing of such fraud would probably result in indictments against former officials of the Mutual who had had knowledge of the frauds. The entire amount of money taken from the Mutual's treasury n such fashion it is believed amounted to more than $1,000,000. An official of the Mutual said yesterday that since the change in administration a saving of $100,000 a year to the company in the expenses of the company's office building at 32 Nassau street had been provided for by ordinary methods of reform. A saving of $15,000 a year in the cost of coal burned in the building steam plant was obtained merely by changing the size of coal."

GUATEMALAN REVOLUTION.

Movement Most Widespread in the History of the Republic.

Mexico City, May 29.—General Itasello, commanding one detachment of the Guatemalan revolutionists after taking the city of Ocos was forced to retire before a superior force. He is now reported to have taken a new base and will be reinforced tonight by several hundred good fighting men from the steamer Empire City. Gen. Barillas is in the mountains making his way to Quexaltenanglo. Barillas has with him a fine body of picked men and is reported to be steadily recruiting his force. No news has been received from Salvador, but the invading force should by this time be well advanced into Guatemala. Resident Guatemalans here state that the whole country is ripe for the overthrow of Cabriera. The season of rains has set in and the roads are bad in Guatemala. Telegraphic communications are difficult, owing to the cutting of the wires on the Guatemalan side.

Messengers on horseback will be despatched from Ocos, where Major Castello held his forces, and from the flying column of Gen. Barillas, who is pushing on to Quetzalenango, a city of 40,000 inhbitants. This city is likely to be occupied by Gen. Barillas on Wednesday or Thursday.

Revolution Is Widespread

The revolution is said to be the most widely spread of any in the history of Guatemala. Foreign planters have been waiting for months for Gen. Barillas to act. Practically all foreign interests and many of the better class of natives support the revolution.

Frequent abuses of power is charged to the government. Gen. Barillas and Gen. Castello and two aides left the city by strategy May 11th. They bought tickets to Elpaso over the Mexican Central. They boarded the night train, but left it several miles out and returned here, where they boarded a Pullman car stocked with provisions and carrying their saddles and special luggage. In this car they went over the Vera Cruz and Tehuantepec railroad to Tonala, on the Pacific coast, there switching to the new Pan-American railway which now approaches the Guatemalan boundary. Their start towards the United States outwitted the Guatemalan representatives here.

LORD ROBERTS PRESIDES AT PILGRIMS' DINNER

Bishop Potter of New York Guest of Honor---American Embalmed Meat.

LONDON, May 29.—General Lord Roberts presided tonight at the Pilgrims dinner in honor of the Right Rev. Henry Codman Potter, Protestant Episcopal bishop of New York. There were 150 guests including the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sir Wm. Kennedy, David J. Hill, United States minister to The Hague, Andrew Carnegie, Alfred Sutro, Don M. Dickinson, David Bispham, G. M. Cassatt, H. C. Levis, Sir Thomas Lipton, Victor F. Lawson, Lord Roberts and John Wanamaker. The Archbishop of Canterbury toasting the guest of the evening paid a high compliment to Bishop Potter's activity for the benefit of those among whom he lived.

Bishop Potter in replying, described his recent tour of the East and complimented Great Britain on the valuable work the nation had done in Egypt. He said he did not know whether it would be any comfort to his hearers to know that the American eagle was going about the streets of Cairo with its tail between its legs. Bishop Potter added that the thing which had made Great Britain great was not force, menace or diplomacy, but justice. He believed the future destiny of the human race was in the hands of the Anglo-Saxon civilization and that it was time for them to strike the note that would give the key to draw out the melody of future happiness.

Letters of greeting were read from Earl Grey, governor general of Canada; the Earl of Aberdeen, Lord lieutenant of Ireland, and Ambassador Reid.

Lord Brassey offered the toast to "the visiting pilgrims" to which Dr. Hill responded.

American Embalmed Meats

The revelations regarding the beef packing industry in the United States have caused a sensation here. Questions will be raised in the House of Commons today, with a view to ascertaining how far it is in the government's power to protect the British public. The London newspapers this morning praise President Roosevelt for his courage in probing the matter. Inquiries at Liverpool in the American produce exchange yesterday elicited the view that local supervision was too keen to permit of bad goods reaching British importers.

Joseph Devlin's Seat

Joseph Devlin, Irish Nationalist, member of parliament, for the west division of Belfast, tonight declared that he knew nothing about the rumor published in Ottawa that he would resign his seat in the House of Commons in order to enter the cabinet.

Ellen Terry's Jubilee

King Edward and Queen Alexandra have promised to attend the Ellen Terry jubilee matinee at the Drury Lane theatre on June 12th. It will be an unique entertainment. Besides the number of leaders in the theatrical profession assisting Madame Melba and Signor Caruso will sing. W. S. Gilbert is arranging the play, "Trial by Jury," in which the jury will be composed of leading authors and the bridesmaids will be the prettiest actresses in London. A reminiscence of Lyceum days will be of various instrumental items conducted by the composers, Mackenzie, Stanford, Edgerman and others, who wrote incidental music for the Irving plays. Several boxes for the matinee already have been booked at $500.

The Suez Canal

According to a parliamentary paper issued tonight, there was a decrease last year of 476,988 tons of British shipping passing through the Suez canal as compared with 1904, while for the same period the tonnage of German vessels passing through the canal increased 143,923 tons.

NEWS NOTES OF THE DOMINION

Dr. Leacock of McGill Gives a Stirring Address on "Imperial Unity."

G. T. P. DEBENTURE STOCK

The Insurance Investigation Continues Its Probing Into Company Management.

MONTREAL, May 29.—A special meeting of the Grand Trunk railway shareholders assembled at the offices of the company in this city today to authorize the issue of $15,000,000 debenture stock.

Montreal Dog Show

Montreal, May 29.—Dogs of high degree and of almost every known breed mingled their barks in the Victoria rink today on the occasion of the opening of the annual bench show of the Montreal Canine association. All the leading kennels of Canada are represented among the exhibits. J. Pierpont Morgan, of New York, and Samuel Untermeyer, of Boston, also have entered a number of their prize dogs. The show will continue until the end of the week.

Montreal Teamsters Strike

Montreal, May 29.—Over 200 teamsters employed by the Dominion Transport Company are on strike for increased wages.

The Insurance Enquiry

Toronto, May 29.—At this morning's session of the insurance enquiry, Col. MacDonald, actuary and secretary of the Confederation Life, gave a statement of the company's profits during the last year. They amounted to $325,000, but out of this $149,000 had to be taken for losses, leaving a total net profit of $176,000. The total commissions paid out amounted to $168,000. In respect to the commission on renewals, witness stated that the expenses had been gradually decreasing, while the expenses for commissions on the first year's business had been increasing. Regarding the rebating system he said he thought this should be abolished if Canadian and American companies all acted in unison. Regarding the distributing of profits, Col. MacDonald said each year part of the profits were given to shareholders and the remainder to participating policyholders. Each policyholder was considered and paid individually.

Supreme Black Chapter

Toronto, May 29—The Supreme Black Chapter of British America opened its thirty-second session here last night, with an attendance of over 100 delegates from all over Canada. Grand Master William Chinnery of Toronto presided. The report of the grand treasurer showed the income, including last year's, to leave a balance of $2026. The grand master's address condemned the autonomy bills, advocated a satisfactory system of life membership and urged the necessity of providing suitable reforms for opening and closing and installation ceremonies. Grand Registrar E. Milam reported a membership of 4450, a gain of 752.

To Investigate Railway Tariffs

Toronto, May 29.—Judge Killam, the chairman of the Dominion railway commission, which met here today, announced that the commission had decided to hold a general investigation into the railway tariff question, as affairs in this country had reached a stage where this was warranted.

After the "Bookies"

Toronto, May 29.—Summonses charging two bookmakers at the Woodbine with gambling were issued and served by officers of the morality department yesterday.

Canada's Destiny

Toronto, May 29.—"We must become a real, integral, governing part of the British empire. If not that, we shall become something infinitely less," declared Dr. S. B. Leacock of McGill University, Montreal, in a lecture last night in Massey Hall on "Imperial Unity," delivered under the auspices of the Daughters of the Empire and in the presence of His Excellency Lord Grey and party.

His Ninety-Sixth Birthday

Toronto, May 29.—Sir William Howland, first Canadian lieutenant-governor of Ontario, celebrated today his ninety-sixth birthday. He has lately recovered from a severe illness.

Demented Man Suicides

St. Catharines, May 29.—William Elliott, an employee of Taylor & Bates' brewery, was struck and instantly killed on the railway crossing here this morning. Later a little girl stated she saw Elliott deliberately place his head on the track when he saw the train coming. He had been mentally unbalanced since he had a lawsuit over money, and his family had been keeping a close watch on him.

Municipalized Telephone

Medicine Hat, Alta., May 29.—The city council here proposes to buy out the Bell telephone system and municipalize it.

R. N. W. M. P. Attempts Suicide.

Calgary, Alta., May 29.—At nine o'clock this morning a pathetic event disturbed the serenity of life at the R. N. W. M. P. barracks, when Constable Walder, a young man who was thought much of by his comrades and superiors, being a decent and intelligent policeman, while crazed by illness placed a revolver to his heart and fired. The bullet missed his heart by a sixteenth of an inch and passed out behind but whether it pierced his lungs or passed around the ribs is not yet known. He lies now in a critical condition at the Holy Cross hospital. He was about to be sent to Regina to be invalided from the force.

THE BUCENTAUR COMING.

A cable from Honolulu states that the steamer Bucentaur of the new line between British Columbia and New Zealand arrived at the island port on Monday and left yesterday for this port and Vancouver. The steamer, which is on her maiden voyage in the new service will arrive here about June 7th or 8th. It is expected that the Bucentaur will leave here on her return voyage about June 15th.

Steamer Miowera of the Canadian-Australian line is due at Honolulu today, and is expected to reach this port about the same time as the Bucentaur.

EQUITABLE MUTUALIZATION.

New York, May 29.—Chas. Morton, president of the Mutual Life announced today that owing to an injunction against the mutualization of that society obtained by Franklyn B. Lord, the board of directors, of the Equitable cannot take formal action in approval of its amended charter at their meeting on Thursday next.

UNCLE SAM'S NAVY.

Naval Appropriation Bill Passes the Senate With Additions.

Washington, May 29.—The naval appropriation bill was reported to the senate today by Chairman Hale. The total increase made by the senate was $2,461,037 making a grand total of $103,070,670. The house provision for the powerful battleship equal to the English ship "Dreadnought" remained in the bill.

VESUVIUS CAUSES ALARM.

Portion of Crater Caves in Sending Up Smoke and Ashes.

Naples, May 29.—Another portion of the main crater of Mount Vesuvius fell in today. It caused a thick black cloud of smoke to arise to a height of several hundred feet, eclipsing the sun and spreading ashes and cinders over Torre Annunciata and surrounding villages. The incident caused considerable alarm, especially because it was accompanied with several loud detonations and many peasants evacuated their houses.

Professor Matteucci, director of the Royal observatory, who had returned to his post, ordered the workmen who were clearing the roads to stop operations. The professor telegraphed to Naples that he believes nothing serious will happen.

PANIC IN DRYGOODS SHOP.

Huge Water Tank Crashes Through Roof of New York Emporium.

New York, May 29.—By the collapse of a tank on the roof of Adams & Co.'s drygoods store on Sixth avenue, followed by a panic among customers and clerks, nearly a score of persons were more or less seriously injured this afternoon. The store was crowded with customers when the tank, owing to its supports giving way, toppled over on a dome skylight, precipitating 10,000 gallons of water and a shower of glass on the main floors. A number of clerks and customers were cut by fragments of glass and a panic ensued, in which hundreds of women made frenzied efforts to reach the street.

Firemen and ambulances were soon on hand, and the injuries of about a dozen persons were dressed by the surgeons.

SAILOR CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Hearing in Connection With Recent Shooting at Port Townsend.

Port Townsend, May 29.—(Special.)—At the preliminary examination held this afternoon before Justice Anderson, Benjamin Franzen, a sailor of the British bark Morven, was bound over without bonds to appear in the superior court to answer a charge of murder. Franzen is the man who shot Harry Stubbly, a local sailors' boardinghouse runner, during a fight in the bay a week ago tonight. The preponderance of the testimony adduced was to the effect that while there had been blows exchanged between the ship's and shore boat's crew, hostilities had been suspended for fully three minutes when Franzen pointed a revolver at Stubbly, who was then attempting to unstep the sail of his own boat. Franzen commanded him to sit down, and counted three, then turned to Boatswain Williams, who was in charge of the ship's boat, and asked, "Will I shoot?" One witness testified that Williams instructed the sailor to shoot. He then repeated the demand for Stubbly to sit down, and again counted three slowly. Stubbly either did not hear or else paid no attention, for at the conclusion of the counting Franzen fired. The bullet penetrated Stubbly's skull, entering just back of the ear.

COAL TRADE EXPANDING.

Manager Lindsey on Fuel Outlook in Crow's Nest Pass Mines.

G. G. S. Lindsey, K. C., vice president and general manager of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company, who is in Nelson in connection with some legal business at the assizes, said to a reporter of the Daily News of that city, in answer to a question as to whether the Great Northern Railway contemplated extending their line east to Michel from Fernie: "You have seen what Mr. Hill said at Winnipeg recently. That means that when he does build east of Fernie he must go to Michel, whatever the route from there may be. There is no other way of getting out of the Crow's Nest valley.

"We are increasing our output every day and by the end of the month will have a daily tonnage of 4000 tons. As our coal gets better known it displaces all others that freight hauls will permit of being replaced, when rating our coal at more than 50 per cent. better than other western fuels.

"I state this on the authority of independent tests made by the Northern Pacific and Oregon Railway & Navigation Company, as well as on our Canadian roads.

"We are pushing our mines just now at Michel, and they are quickly overtaking the Coal Creek output. We have opened three mines at this point recently.

"The coal situation in the East has played no part in the present increased demand for coal. The expansion of western business is alone responsible for this. I am satisfied that before long the coal business in the territory west of Winnipeg, including the Canadian Northern Railway trade, will be done largely from our mines. The quality of our coal will determine this. We received the gold medal at the Portland fair in competition with all exhibitors of coal and coke. It will be remembered we received the bronze medal at the St. Louis exhibition and also the bronze medal at Paris, France.

"Yes, our coke business keeps on increasing very rapidly. We recently signed a contract for the next three years for the exclusive supply of the Trail smelter. The prices in the metal markets make smelting everywhere very active now, and our foresight in providing ovens to burn the coke in enables us to meet all demands and give a steady supply.

"Our domestic trade has been recently receiving more attention, since the new tipple at Coal Creek has been running, and we find an expanding demand for our lump coal in every direction. Next winter we anticipate a very large trade of this kind."

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THE CHILLIWACK FIRE.

Particulars of the Damage Done—The Loss Will Exceed $30,000.

Particulars are at hand respecting the disastrous fire at Chilliwack on Monday morning. An entire block of stores on Wellington street was destroyed and all that is now left of the central portion of the town is a pile of smouldering ruins. Nine stores and a bakery were burned to the ground, and if it had not been for the efforts of the volunteer fire brigade under Captain T. Knight Jr. the entire town would have been destroyed. The following is a list of the places burned: W. L. Smith's butcher shop, A. C. Henderson's factory and undertaking rooms, Marriott's harness and saddle store, Hal Chadsey's barber shop, R. J. McIntosh's harness and saddle factory, Rorie Knight's gents' furnishing store, Mr. Carvoth's millinery and dressmaking parlors, Fred Gillander's cigar store and poolroom, Carl Grossman's grocery, A. Parker's bakery. The loss will amount to and probably exceed $30,000, partly covered by insurance.

The fire is supposed to have originated in either Mrs. Crvoth's or Knight's and was discovered by F. A. Cawley, who at once turned in an alarm, which brought the volunteer brigade to the scene in a hurry. Owing to the dry material it was an exceedingly hard job to fight the flames, and the firemen were handicapped by not having proper fire-fighting appliances.

Mrs. Carvoth lived over her store and always slept upstairs, but that night, for the first time in years, she slept below, and was thus able to escape when the fire broke out.

Mr. Henderson lost a valuable hearse in the fire. Mr. Henderson lately built two stores just east of the burned section, and, knowing the danger from fire, put up a solid concrete wall next to his building to protect it, and it was this wall which saved the town.

The citizens of Chilliwack in discussing the fire rather severely criticized the town council. The citizens applied for a new water service and more up-to-date fire-fighting appliances. They got the water but were refused the other request, and consequently applied to be incorporated as a city. Many were of the opinion that if the proper appliances were to be had, the fire would have been extinguished before much damage had been done.

The merchants have decided to replace the burned buildings with modern, up-to-date structures, built of brick, which will be a handsome addition to the town and will also greatly reduce insurance rates.

It is probable that the citizens of Chilliwack will again renew their application to the council for more fire-fighting appliances, and a warm debate is expected when the request is discussed.

Annual Camp.—Lieut.-Col. Hall, commanding the Fifth regiment, is calling for tenders, which will be received up to 12 o'clock today, for providing meals for the militia at the annual camp at Macaulay Point, from the 10th to 26th of June, both days inclusive. As far as known, the programme to be adopted in establishing the corps on the plains will be the same as heretofore. The march out will take place in the forenoon, and after the pitching of tents the militia will be dismissed for the afternoon. During the stay on the plains every company of the Fifth regiment will be kept exceedingly busy. There will be drills on the field guns, the six-inch guns of the fort, infantry manoeuvres, sham battles, etc., while there will be a number of entertainments. The feature of these will be the annual field sports.