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. P. R.'s New Atlantic ers Shortly to Be Launched.

Commercial Interests Exception to B. C. Taxation.

t the Last Big Fire at e Was Result of ncendiarism.

EAL, Oct. 5.—A special gram from London says: gements are being made e launching on November rst of the new Canadian atic liners for which new uthorized. A second boat ched four weeks later, and on the St. Lawrence next will have eight decks, new American has only

ct. 5.—The Leyland line ch went ashore at Crane Is- month ago, floated at high ht and arrived in port at of the steamer Lord Strath- will go into drydock for re-

ct. 5.—The decision of the ustice not to interfere with Columbia tax on commer- s is strongly condemned ness community, and es- the commercial travelers. as published a number of ith prominent business nto and various sections nion, all of whom are tax.

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s, Oct. 5.—Crown authori- estigating the fight which n the Baptist church near , during a business meet- ose of the regular service ening, September 24th, a s been laid against those to have participated. Ac- eports received, the fight disgraceful affair. The attacked each other with at the church where the ace looked, it is said, like hop.

Oct. 5.—Arthur J. Heath, the central station, was death under a street car He was riding his bicycle home when he was struck He leaves a wife and sev-

nnipeg Wirings

Oct. 5.—Great preparation y to receive Earl Grey on ght. Thousands of mem- nized societies and school be in line, and the city tifully illuminated. The arty is at Poplar Point at is sending in supplies of chickens to the hospitals. Earl Grey will open the speaks to the Canadian sday afternoon, and opens Manitoba Club that night. as decided to spend at once d to the wells for the city

clearings for the week were $8,850,564. In the last year they were $5,699,- 1893, $5,573,618.

Roi No. 2 Dividend

Oct. 5.—A despatch from s that the Le Roi No. 2 on declared an interim divi- share, or $30,000.

t. 5.—An enquiry into the of Fernie's big fires which weeks ago is in progress enquiry arose out of a made upon different occa- the fire is one of the the McDonald boarding stood close to the vacant the fire originated. This Evans stated that he had $100 to set the fire, $50 in upon doing the job.

G FORGER'S BAIL.

Oct. 5.—A reduction of bail Leonard, the young man 59,000 worth of securities ional City bank last week, to $10,000 was made by owell today.

RD FOR CAPTURE.

ls Money to Capturers of Kidnapper.

eb., Oct. 5.—Chief of Police ay sent a check for $200 to er the reward offered for of Pat Crowe. The check Capt. Dunn of the detective urned over to the officers at laced Crowe under arrest. ue expressed gratification ng taken in charge and said tions would be taken to attempt Crowe might make

N-AMERICAN LINES.

hat Two Separate Fleets ill Be Operated.

, Oct. 5.—Despatches from rg to the Associated Press the department of merchant stablish steamship lines be- sian ports and the United t much attention in shipping e it is understood that two s are contemplated. One established between St. Pe- New York, making stops at Stockholm, while the other te from Odessa to this port, Constantinople, Piereus. Shipping men point out e would immediately find usiness in the transportation s. As understood here, be composed of the mercan- llect and the Russian gov- guarantee the interest on

North.—The water on in the Fifty-Mile river op- Horse stood at fifty inches, ill dropping at the rate of day. The weather in the ving much colder. On Sep- was snowing hard at Daw- temperature was 28 above At White Horse the same ometer registered 30 above. er 28 the temperature at stood at 44 ab

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Mulock to Quit Politics

Reported Retirement o. Post Master General is Now Confirmed.

Imperative Order of Sir William's Physician Must Be Obeyed.

Minister's Deep Regret at Departure Before Completion of Life Work.

From Our Own Correspondent.

OTTAWA, Oct. 11—Sir William Mulock acknowledged to your correspondent the truth of the rumors which have been current in Toronto and Ottawa for some days of his immediate intention to retire from the cabinet. Indeed, the formal document is in the hands of the first minister and only requires to be submitted to His Excellency on his return from Winnipeg on Monday to become effective.

"I am retiring," Sir William remarked, "on the imperative orders of my physician. I have never fully recovered from an attack of neuritis which I had some months ago, and I am told I cannot recover my wonted good health unless I have a complete change of scene and occupation."

"I am to assume, then, that you are quitting politics for good?" the postmaster-general was asked.

"You are," Sir William replied. "It will be a great wrench for me to leave the halls of parliament, where I have spent so many years—happy years, I may say—but there is no help for it. It would be a burden for me to retire from the cabinet and remain in parliament as matters now are. Possibly my labors as an ordinary member of the house could be much lighter than as a minister, but the temptation to work would still be there, and I am therefore getting away from political life for all time."

His Greatest Regret

Sir William had be[illegible]g up and down the room [illegible], restless [illegible]way while he [illegible] but when [illegible] editor asked [illegible]come of [illegible] when he (Sir William) is out of the Commons, he stopped short and ejaculated:

"Ah, that is one of the regrets which I have in leaving parliament. I am hopeful, however, that my successor will continue the work which we commenced last session, until we get some legislation on the statute books."

A. B. Aylesw[illegible] is to succeed Sir William, [illegible] postmaster-general and member for North York.

The retiring postmaster-general may eventually become high commissioner, but it cannot be within two years, according to the principle laid down in the bill introduced in parliament in 1895 which provided that no member of parliament could be appointed to a public office within two years of his leaving parliament.

Mr. Aylesworth will be postmaster-general for a few months only, as it is said to be Sir Taschereau's intention to shortly retire from the position of chief justice of the supreme court of Canada, which position would be taken by Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick, thus leaving the way for Mr. Aylesworth to become minister of justice.

Assessment Announced

The assessment was announced today. The total is $48,121,950, an increase of $5,119,410. The chief cause of the great increase has been the enforcing of the business and income tax under the new Ontario assessment act. The various increases are: On business and real property, $2,053,310; business assessment, $2,029,250; income, $1,036,850. The population of the city is 65,108.

It is said the government is seriously contemplating assuming control of the port of Montreal, which will mean an additional debt of $10,000,000 to the country. The idea is to make Montreal a free port.

The Geological Society of America is to meet here in December.

The barque Antilope, a Canadian vessel seized by the Japanese, has been treated by the Japanese procurator as a prize. The colonial office cables to this effect, and the owners were asked to file their claims before the trial comes on.

Prof. Sanders, of the experimental farm, leaves today for Japan.

Major Moodie has reported to Comptroller White the result of his work with the Arctic in Hudson Bay. Trips were made to Chesterfield inlet and Churchill. From Chesterfield inlet an inland journey to Lake Baker, nearly 400 miles, was conducted. On July 8th the Arctic got out of the ice and started her summer cruise. Major Moodie supplied dogs to the Norwegian North Star Polar expedition. The police patrol will leave Winnipeg this winter for Fort Churchill overland, and from there go on the ice to Fullerton.

OFFERS $100,000 REWARD.

New York Millionaire Determined to Find Authors of an Outrage.

New York, Oct. 11.—Isidore Wormser, the millionaire banker, offered $100,000 reward today for the conviction of a gang of men who recently assaulted Annie Thornton, a domestic employed in his household.

SPAIN AND GERMANY.

Madrid, Oct. 11.—The palace authorities have been ordered to prepare for the departure of King Alfonso to Germany November 2. The King will remain in Berlin from November 6 to November 12, attending elaborate festivities, a military review and a hunt. The premier, General Montero Rios, will probably follow. The president's visit to Madrid attracts comment, as it is indicated that questions of state will be considered in Germany. However, the King's visit to Germany was arranged long ago, and is generally believed to be connected with the matrimonial projects of the Spanish royal family.

MANY PRINTERS ARRESTED.

St. Petersburg Police Discover Source of Revolutionary Proclamations.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 11.—The police today discovered in the outskirts of St. Petersburg a number of secret printing establishments which have been engaged in issuing revolutionary proclamations. As a result of the discovery forty arrests have been made.

RUNAWAY CABLE CAR.

Brakes Refuse to Work on Steep Grade in Brooklyn.

New York, Oct. 11.—The brakes on a cable car of the Montague street line in Brooklyn failed to operate at the top of a steep hill near the Wall street ferry to Manhattan today, and the car, with 15 passengers on board, ran down the grade for two blocks and into the ferry house. Frank Wall, the motorman, stuck to his post and is believed to be fatally injured. Five passengers were badly hurt, including two women who were cut by flying glass.

A DIRIGIBLE BALLOON.

Lebaudy Perfects Flying Machine That Proves of Some Use.

Toul, France, Oct. 12.—The huge Lebaudy dirigible baloon constructed under the patronage of the war office made its first successful ascent today with some chief engineers and a party of officers, who made an extensive reconnaissance of the military defences from Toul to Nancy on the German frontier. The balloon ascended about 650 yards, passing over Fort Vendreville and the defensive works in the Haye forest. On reaching the barracks at Blauda the balloon turned back and went directly to Toul, where it descended in the midst of an enthusiastic crowd of officers and soldiers. The distance covered was about 30 miles at the rate of 28 miles an hour. The officers made inspections of the forts and took photographs of them, thus establishing the merits of dirigible balloons for war purposes.

Archbishop Orth Back From Rome

His Grace Reports Having Had a Special Audience With His Holiness.

An Interesting Resume of Impressions Gleaned on an Extensive Tour.

MOST Rev. Archbishop Orth returned Wednesday evening from an extensive visit to Rome and other points in Europe. During the course of an interview His Grace stated that his journey had been primarily one of duty and for business purposes in connection with his diocese, but had been agreeably combined with many enjoyable and interesting events.

"Of course, the principal object of my journey," His Grace said, "was to pay the canonical visit, requisite every ten years, to the Pope. I had the good fortune to assist at two public functions at which His Holiness officiated, and the great honor was accorded th me to hold converse with His Holiness twice, at a public audience given to cardinals, archbishops and bishops in Rome, and in a private audience."

His Grace said that the official part of his audience was transacted in Latin, which Pius X. speaks with fluency and classical elegance; but its social part was conducted in French, which he speaks with some hesitancy.

When referring to the present Pope's democratic methods, the Archbishop confirmed all that has been time and again reported in newspapers regarding his charming simplicity and his suave urbanity and affability, with which he receives all his visitors.

When speaking of the Pope's health, His Grace pronounced it excellent and to all appearances in a promising condition to continue so for many years. Though nearly 70 years old, he takes a keen interest in the advancement of arts and sciences, and particularly in the instruction of Christian doctrine to the people.

The Archbishop found the Pope well informed on Canadian history, and remarkably well acquainted with the Dominion's numerous resources of wealth and the present status of her social and religious life.

As to the alleged rapprochement between the Vatican and the Quirinal, His Grace remarked that there was undoubtedly a more friendly feeling existing than at any time since the spoliations of 1870.

"But it must be borne in mind that there can be no question of a final settlement prevailing. Circumstances are such as tend to suggest a modus vivendi convenient and expedient to both parties. Pius X. having always been a persona grata with the Italian government, may bring about such a desirable agreement without compromising his official dignity and the rights of the church."

PRINCE TROUBETSKOY DEAD.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 12.—Prince Sergius Troubetskoy was stricken with apoplexy tonight while attending a conference with M. Glasoff, minister of education, and the university directors. He died in two hours. Prince Troubetskoy was regarded as the foremost Liberal in Russia. At one time he was president of the zemstvo committee of the government of Moscow, and headed the delegation which in June last presented the petition of the all-Russian congress of zemstvos and municipalities to Emperor Nicholas. In September last he was elected rector of the University of Moscow. The election of the prince removed him from the list of candidates for the national assembly, in which it was hoped he would be one of the prominent leaders and perhaps its president.

Prince Troubetskoy was a marshal of the nobility.

Welcome to The British

Japanese Show Their Admiration of Ally in Reception to Her Fleet.

Admiral Noel and His Squadron Receive an Enthusiastic Entertainment.

Sailors and Marines Treated With Greatest Attention by the Populace.

TOKIO, Oct. 12.—Vice-Admiral Sir Gerard Henry Noel, commanding the British squadron now at Yokohama and a numerous suite arrived here today by special train from Yokohama and was received at the railroad station by officials. After an exchange of greetings, the British admiral and his party rode in imperial carriages and were driven through the streets lined by thousands to Hibiya park, where the mayor of Tokio gave a garden party in honor of the distinguished visitors.

The streets were decorated with flags and flowers to an extent which recalled the rejoicings over the Japanese victories in the Russian war, the difference today being that the British Union Jack was everywhere in evidence.

The feeling of depression of the past week has completely disappeared and has been replaced by one of buoyant good humor.

A Magnificent Reception

Admiral Noel was met by distinguished officers of the navy and army and also by Marquis Ito, president of the privy council, and cabinet ministers. At Hibiya park a magnificent triumphal arch with the word "Welcome" had been erected. The park was crowded with guests, who had been invited to attend the mayor's garden party.

Among the high officers present was Prince Tokugawa, president of the house of peers, who studied in England years ago.

The programme today included fireworks, fencing, jiu jitsu and wrestling. Many bands played continuously during commencement of the programme the commencement of th eprogramme the mayor delivered a speech of welcome. He said he was delighted to receive an admiral of a navy with such a brilliant history and belonging to a country which Japan was proud to call

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of the Orient. He regretted that Tokio was unable more adequately to express the sincerity of Japan's welcome. Admiral Noel replied briefly. Both speeches were enthusiastically applauded. This ceremony was followed by a luncheon and the regular programme of athletic sports.

During the day about 1,000 British sailors and marines arrived here and were treated everywhere with the greatest friendliness.

The whole population of Tokio, irrespective of age or sex, turned out to greet the visitors. Such a welcome to foreign visitors and such happy crowds on the streets had never been seen before in Tokio.

A dinner attended by 100 British officers was given at the Maple club tonight. It was served by Japanese girls daintily costumed and was followed by an informal dance. The town tonight is brilliantly illuminated.

HUMANE ASSOCIATION.

Cattle Transport and Child Labor Discussed by Convention.

Philadelphia, Oct. 11.—The transportation of cattle was discussed at today's meeting of the American Humane association in annual session here. The subject was brought before the convention in a paper read by James M. Brown, president of the Toledo Humane society. Mr. Brown declared that cattle dealers rarely consider the comfort of the stock during transportation to market and asserted that the animals suffered cruelly from neglect. Child labor formed the subject of a paper read by Dr. S. M. Lindsay, of this city, secretary of the national child labor committee.

SENT TO POORHOUSE.

Former Wealthy New Yorker Becomes Financially Embarrassed.

New York, Oct. 11.—Jefferson P. Raplee, once a wealthy New York banker and business associate of Jay Gould, commodore Vanderbilt and John P. Blair, went to the poorhouse here yesterday.

Raplee was one of the best known men along Broadway in his day. His father, who was Judge Raplee of Yates county, New York, left him a large fortune. In 1856 he opened a banking house at 137 Broadway, which was capitalized at $200,000 and did a yearly business of $500,000, which was a large sum at that time. Since 1867, when this bank assigned after some unfortunate speculation, Mr. Raplee's fortune, although invested in a banking venture, steadily diminished. Three years ago he closed his last offices at 136 Flaherty street and began to live on remnants of his former wealth. He was unmarried.

YELLOW FEVER REPORT.

New Orleans, Oct. 11.—The yellow fever report to 6 p. m. is as follows: New cases, 16, total, 3,246; deaths, 2, total, 417; new foci, 5; cases under treatment, 179; cases discharged, 2,650.

Today's record would have been still lower but for the discovery of five cases of sickness in one house on St. Bernard avenue is the result of the death of the father of the family without medical attention. He is Leo. S. Barrington and it was found that his wife and four children were all sick. The survivors were taken to the emergency hospital, where two were pronounced positive cases and the other held for observation. Dr. Krauss, the marine hospital service officer at Lake Providence, tells of armed resistance to his efforts to remove patients to the hospital car. This incident occurred at the trans-Sylvania station, where he found the young woman stricken in an old cabin.

CHESS CHALLENGE ACCEPTED.

Berlin Club Unanimously Decide on Match by Cable.

Berlin, Oct. 11.—Amid cheers and a scene of great enthusiasm the members of the Berlin Chess Club, at a special meeting last night, unanimously decided to accept the challenge of the Manhattan Chess Club of New York for a cable match on six boards, to take place during two days at the end of November.

GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE.

Alleged Disclosures of Paris Paper Causes Irritation in London.

London, Oct. 13.—Revelations of the Paris Matin of alleged reasons for the resignation of M. Delcasse from the foreign ministry, and the allegation that Great Britain offered military assistance in the event of war with Germany, while they are scouted as preposterous, are causing much irritable discussion in the English press as placing Great Britain in a false position in the minds of other European nations.

It is quite unlikely that Foreign Secretary Lansdowne will take any notice of the demands of many Continental newspapers for a formal denial of this alleged offer of military aid. The utmost that will be done will be a conveyance of the required assurance to the German government through diplomatic channels. It is believed, however, that this assurance has already been given.

Pacific Coast Happenings

Japanese Stowaways Alleged to Have Performed a Record Feat.

Confessed Murderer Surrenders Himself to the Portland Police.

Mrs. Hearst Adds Half a Million to Former Gifts to the University.

PORT TOWNSEND, Oct. 11.—When Captain Paulson of the bark Reaper today opened the lazarette of his vessel, loading at Port Ludlow, he was thunderstruck to discover a Japanese stowed away in the tangled mass of rope and sails. The man, begrimed to inky blackness, was alive and well, though the lazarette had not been opened since about August 20. The vessel sailed from Kobe on the 27th and arrived here September 30, proceeding next day to Ludlow. Further search of the vessel brought forth two more stowaways, who were perched up like owls in separate corners of the lower hold. How the venturesome sons of Mikadoland subsisted, or even existed, for 54 days in their dark, foul-smelling quarters is a mystery, as the crew disclaims all knowledge of their presence aboard. The trio were turned over to the United States immigration officers at this port, and will be deported, probable at the expense of the ship.

Took Poison by Mistake

Walla Walla, Oct. 11.—Mrs J. A. Taylor, wife of Judge Taylor, died today from carbolic acid given her by a daughter who mistook it for a tonic which was in a similar bottle. The deceased was a pioneer here and 80 years old. She lived seven hours after taking the poison.

Battle With Greeks

Riddles, Ore., Oct. 11.—In a pitched battle here last night between four score Greek railroad laborers on one hand, and their foreman and a train crew on the other, Mrs. Peterstein, wife of the foreman, was killed by one of the shots fired. The origin of the trouble is not established, but the laborers had become enraged and the battle began when the train crew arrived. A special train with fifty armed deputy sheriffs was sent from Roseburg. The Greeks were finally arrested and taken back to Roseburg, the county seat. There the militia has been called out to guard the jail. The feeling against the men is intense.

Confesses to Murder

Portland, Ore., Oct. 11.—John D. Hogan of Chicago has given himself up to the police, confessing that he delivered the blow that killed Mrs. Louise Jenkins in a disorderly house Saturday. He says he was intoxicated and did not know he had harmed her until yesterday.

Mrs. Hearst's Philanthropy

San Francisco, Oct. 11.—Valuable gifts were received today by the board of regents of the University of California. These are from Mrs. Phoebe Hearst and include archaeological and anthropological collections from all parts of the world and $60,000 in money. The value of the gifts amounts to nearly half a million dollars.

John I. Sabin, president of the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Co., died at his home last night.

Alexander F. Hilton, a cabin passenger on the steamer Coptic, from Yokohama, has been ordered deported. Hilton is an Englishman and a consumptive. He will be returned to Yokohama on the Coptic.

Smuggling Japanese

Seattle, Oct. 11.—The immigration officers have discovered and put a stop to the practice of bringing Japanese to the Sound as cooks on American vessels from the Orient, thus evading the immigration laws. Three escaped from the steamer Tremont yesterday, but were returned.

Bureka, Cal., Oct. 11.—A valuable horse has been safely landed from the wreck of the St. Paul, and a vessel will be sent out to save everything possible.

Dominion News Notes

Relief of Halifax Garrison Still Puzzles the Department of Militia.

Peterborough Man Gets Three Months for Coldblooded Killing of a Boy.

Wheat Shipments From Winnipeg Double in Amount Those of Last Year.

OTTAWA, Oct. 12.—Officials of the militia department are still in a quandary over the date of assumption of control of the Halifax garrison. The imperial authorities have not yet indicated when the regulars will leave. They have asked the department here to pay all imperial pensions hereafter.

Capt. Bernier will get a wigging for his criticisms of Major Moody.

G. H. Ryley, chief clerk of the land and mines branch of the interior department has secured a good position on the Grand Trunk Pacific.

The increased civic assesment will give over $100,000 additional revenue next year. The mayor, who is looking for a third time, is out in favor of a reduction of taxes.

The latest report is that Sir Wm. Mulock will become chief justice of the exchequer division of the Ontario high court, but many Grits admit he can hardly stultify himself by accepting office for a couple of years.

Only six of the original Laurier cabinet are left, viz., the first minister, Messrs. Cartwright, Scott, Fisher, Fielding and Borden.

The Georgian bay fisheries commission is now sitting. When the investigation is concluded Professor Prince will return to British Columbia to resume his inquiry into the fisheries of the province.

Application was made to the justice department today in regard to the case of Collins, who is held for extradition in Victoria. The department refuses to be a party to any consent proceedings. The act provides that a fugitive can only be surrendered 15 days after committal. If the fugitive wishes to leave of his own accord the department has nothing to say. A consent order is no more binding than the consent of the fugitive to leave. Officers acting under such orders do so at their own peril.

Ogilvie Milling Company

Montreal, Oct. 12.—The fourth annual meeting of the Ogilvie Flour Mills Company was held here today. The results for the past year submitted to the shareholders were considered very satisfactory, and the following officers were elected: C.R. Hosmer, president; E. W. Thompson, vice-president, and managing director; Sir Geo. A. Drummond, K. C. M. G., E. S. Clouston, Sir H. Montague Allan, H. S. Holt, Hon. Senator Fulford; George Creak, auditor; Shirley Ogilvie, secretary; S. A. McMurtry, treasurer; W. A. Black, western manager; F. H. Anson, general superintendent; Thomas Williamson, assistant to the vice-president and managing director. The directors reported that the elevator at Fort William was in successful operation and that the construction of the new flour mill at that place was being pushed forward and will be ready early in the coming year.

Edward George Cunliffe, charged with the theft of $100,000 from the Adams Express Company at Pittsburg, is supposed to be in Montreal according to local detectives. A score of Pinkerton detectives have arrived to investigate.

A Plea of Insanity

Barrie, Oct. 12.—Alex. Bosgoache, of Petang, is on trial here charged with the brutal murder of his wife and daughter on April 12th last. The victims were murdered with an axe. Their bodies were stripped and hidden with their blood-stained clothes in their house. The defence will not try to dispute the facts of the murder but will attempt to prove insanity

Blacksmith's Wife Suicides

Prescott, Oct. 12.—Mrs. W. Gladstone, wife of a well-to-do blacksmith of Domville, four miles north of here, committed suicide this morning by cutting her throat from ear to ear with a razor. Deceased was about 55 years old and had been in good health until recently, when she was greatly worried that her husband had to drop out of an assessment society because of increased rates.

A Miscarriage of Justice

Peterboro, Ont., Oct. 12.—Gow, the man convicted of murdering the Hill boy, was sentenced this afternoon to three months in the common jail.

The jury yesterday afternoon found Chas. Gow guilty of having shot and killed Thomas Edward Hill, the 7-year-old dummy, on the night of August 24th. There had been a feud for a long time between the family of the deceased boy and the members of two other families named Dewart and Murphy, and about midnight on August 24th Gow, in company with one of the Dewarts, was passing the Hill residence. Two of the Murphys and a lad named Gallagher were on ahead, and as they passed the Hill's house they shouted. The noise woke the inhabitants of the house and the deceased boy and his sister Mabel went to the window of the room in which they had been sleeping to ascertain the cause of the noise. Gow says he heard a shot come from the Hill verandah and he fired three shots to show that he also was armed. The deceased boy was found shot through the breast and his little sister wounded in the hand. The coroner's jury exonerated him from blame, regarding it as an accident, but the crown subsequently preferred a charge against him, with yesterday's result.

A Grandmother's Fatal Mistake

Niagara Falls, Ont., Oct. 12.—John Holliday and his wife are dead, and their grandson, Harry Holliday, is expected to die before morning from arsenic poisoning. Mrs. Holliday used arsenic in biscuits, mistaking it for baking powder. The grandson had used the arsenic to kill cats, and had told his grandmother to be careful of the can, which was on a shelf in the pantry. In the dark this morning she mistook it for the baking powder can. She used enough of the stuff in the biscuits to kill 20 people. There is no hope for the grandson. Other members of the family, who were late in arising, escaped the poisoned biscuits.

Liberal Nominations

Halifax, N. S., Oct. 12.—Antigonish Liberals have nominated W. Chisholm for the House of Commons in place of Colin McIsaac, appointed member of the national transcontinental railway commission.

Dr. Stephen Lett Dead

Guelph, Oct. 12.—Dr. Stephen Lett, superintendent of Homewood sanitarium, is dead. Deceased held appointments in asylums for the insane at London, Hamilton and Toronto before coming to Guelph, and wrote and published various articles on mental and nervous maladies, alcoholism and the opium habit.

McGill Professor Dead

Montreal, Oct. 11.—Dr. Frank Butler, the leading oculist of Canada, and professor of ophthalmology and analogy at McGill University medical school, died tonight.

Capt. Spain, wreck commissioner, this morning delivered judgment in the case of the steamer Empire and tug Hosanna, the latter being sunk by the former in the river here on September 12th. The judgment holds the captain and crew of the Empire entirely to blame for the collision and cancels the certificate of Capt. Gillespie, the owner of the Empire.

Fiendish Crime at Hamilton

Hamilton, Oct. 11.—The body of an unknown woman about 27 or 28 years of age was found in a clump of trees on the limestone ridge farm by James Marshall that two and a half miles over the mountain yesterday. Everything points to a case of attempted assault and murder.

GREAT BRITAIN AND FRANCE. STATE OF SIEGE ENDS.

Vladivostok, Oct. 12.—The state of siege here has been abolished and the schools have reopened.

Gains a Point In Will Case

Supreme Court of California Reverses Order of Judge Coffey in Hopper Suit.

Unanimously Approves Petition of Defendant Prohibiting Administrator to Act.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 12.—(Special.)—The supreme court yesterday decided that the order issued by Superior Judge J. V. Coffey, appointing a special administrator of the petition of Edna Wallace Hopper was wrong and approved the petition of Jas. Dunsmuir, distributor of the estate, to prohibit the administrator from taking the property out of his hands.

By this decision Edna Wallace Hopper loses an important point, by which she hoped eventually to have the dead millionaire's will broken on the ground of fraud and undue influence.

The decision of the supreme court was signed by all except Chief Justice Beatty, who concurred orally. It was written by Justice Lorigan. In commenting upon the case the court says: "In our opinion there can be no doubt of the correctness of the petitioner's position, and that it devolves on this court to determine whether or not the order annulling the order admitting the will of Alex. Dunsmuir to probate was or was not void. This brings us to

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in the case, which is whether the order admitting the will of A. Dunsmuir to probate by the superior court of the city and county of San Francisco was void on its face. We are satisfied this inquiry must be answered in the negative. The order admitting the will to probate is in no sense void. Even if it were erroneous, it was still valid, until reversed upon direct proceedings upon appeal. The order annulling the admission of the will of Alex. Dunsmuir to probate, made at the time and under the circumstances disclosed, is, in its nature, an attempt to declare void a decree in no sense void—that the attempt to do so is beyond the jurisdiction of the court, and is itself void.

"It follows, then, that as the order vacating the order admitting the will to probate is void, the order appointing the special administrator and directing him to take charge of the estate, which is equally void, and that the writ of prohibition should issue as prayed for, and it is so ordered."

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY.

Annual Meeting of Stockholders Reelects Retiring Directors.

New York, Oct. 12.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Great Northern Railway Company was held here today. Out of a total of 1,250,000 shares, 849,000 were voted. These directors whose terms expired were re-elected for three years: James J. Hill, Frederick Weyerhaueser and Louis W. Hill. The board will meet to organize in a few days. No changes are looked for.

In his annual report, President Hill devotes considerable comment to the subject of rate legislation. He publishes an extensive table, showing how, during the last 25 years, the road has systematically reduced its rates, thus saving to shippers many hundreds of millions. It is shown that the Great Northern's average revenue per ton per mile in 1881 was 2.88 cents, and that at the present time the average rate is .792 cent. The revenue collected during the 25-year period was $354,530,519, while it would have amounted to $1,031,564,339 had the revenue been maintained on the basis of the average rate received in 1881. The table shows that during the last 25 years shippers have saved $676,983,820.

Bellingham Offers Bonus

Ambitious Sound City Is Out for a New Railroad to Spokane.

Police Unable to Find Trace of Perpetrators of Berkley Outrage.

Fourteen Miles of the V. V. & E. Ready for Traffic at Midway.

BELLINGHAM, Oct. 12.—A movement is on foot here to raise a million-dollar land subsidy as a bonus for building a railroad across the Cascade mountains through Northern Washington from Bellingham Bay to Spokane. Many heavy property owners have endorsed the scheme.

Eureka, Cal., Oct. 12.—Five persons have been arrested, accused of looting the steamer St. Paul. Captain Randal has given up trying to save his ship, which shows signs of breaking. Mrs. John Henschel of Denver, a passenger on the vessel, will not recover from the effects of the shock and subsequent exposure.

Stockton, Cal., Oct. 12—Three miners, George McHose, D. Harrison and G. Matale, were suffocated in a copper mine last night. They broke through an old shaft filled with poisonous gas.

Attempted Murder and Robbery

Berkeley, Cal., Oct. 12.—Thus far the efforts of the police all over California have proven fruitless to locate William Curtis, alias Brush, and wife, who yesterday robbed William C. Elles, the Australian horseman, after almost murdering him by crushing his skull. They are suspected of being connected with a gang of outlaws implicated in numerous crimes. The daring plot to lure the Australian sporting man, William E. Elles, to a quiet place in Berkeley and there murder and rob him of $1,000 in English currency, which he had on his person, was partially carried out yesterday afternoon by a man and woman whom the police believe to be desperate crooks. They had persuaded Elles to come with them to American race horses here. They brought Elles from a hotel in Oakland to a cottage on Ellsworth street, a stone's throw from the University of California, bade him sit down to lunch, then crushed his skull in with a hammer. The woman fired two shots at him as he lay prostrate. The crooks rifled his pockets of an amount equal nearly to $5,000 in American money; then, leaving their victim for dead, they hurriedly left the house and made their escape. Elles regained consciousness and staggered to the California stables, two blocks away on Allston way, and from there was carried to Roosevelt hospital, where the doctors found he had a fractured skull. He is in a precarious condition.

Unknown Vessel Arrives

Astoria, Ore., Oct. 12.—Last night a three-masted schooner, believed to be the Guide, which was thought to have been lost in the storm off Tillamook, appeared off the mouth of the Columbia River.

Seattle, Oct. 12.—The freight bureau of the Northern Pacific Oriental steamship liner has raised the rate on flour from $4 to $4.50 per ton. To Shanghai it will be $5.

The steamship Olympia, now in the North, has been chartered to carry freight from the Sound to San Francisco this winter.

The Japanese consul here, on behalf of the Emperor, has presented Captain Conrad R. Larson of the American bark Eclipse with a medal for bravery in recognition of his services in rescuing two Japanese fishermen a year ago, ten days after their sloop was wrecked off the Asiatic coast.

V. V. & E. Ready for Traffic

Spokane, Oct. 12.—Fourteen miles of the Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern railway will be opened for freight business today. The section in question extends from Curlew, Wash., to Ferry, Wash., the latter point being across the Kettle river from Midway, B. C. The event is of more than usual interest as marking the first substantial step in the utilization of the road that promises to be a prominent factor in the development of southern British Columbia and northern Washington. Passenger business will not be accepted for a few days, until betterments to the roadbed now under way are completed. The date for the commencement of passenger trains is not set.

AMERICAN HUMANE SOCIETY.

Convention at Philadelphia Deals With Transportation of Cattle.

Philadelphia, Oct. 12.—At today's session of the convention of the American Humane Society a resolution was adopted opposing any change in the present 28-hour limitation for cattle transportation. This action was taken in an effort to prevent, if possible, any extension of the time limitation, which it is claimed the Western cattle dealers are endeavoring to accomplish through a change of laws. William O. Stillman of Albany was elected president. Secretary of War Taft, Cardinal Gibbons and Archbishop Ryan were chosen as honorary vice presidents.

AN INDEPENDENT NORWAY.

Premier Opens Regular Session of First New Parliament.

Christiana, Norway, Oct. 12.—Premier Michelson opened the regular session of the Norwegian parliament today. He said parliament would try to create and consolidate the new Norway, which now officially enters the ranks of the absolutely independent states. A bill would be submitted regulating the control of foreign relations and consular system. The most important duty of parliament would be the promotion of the intellectual and material development of the country. Among the bills which will be submitted are a taxation bill, a trade bill and a measure providing for the organization of the army.