

LOST IN WILDS OF FAR NORTH. TWO SEARCH PARTIES ARE MYSTERIOUSLY MISSING. R. N. W. M. P. Inspector, Body of Police and Eskimos All Disappear.

(Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 7.—The party of Dominion government surveyors, R. D. Fry, Mr. Worrier and Frank Peters, all of Ottawa, who arrived to-day from Fort Churchill, Hudson Bay, brought with them the sensational report of the disappearance of the party which was sent out by Major Moody, of the N. W. Mounted Police, in search of Inspector Pelletier and his body of Eskimos, who also have apparently been lost.

KILLING NO MURDER IN UNITED STATES. Mrs. Florence Erb and Her Sister, Mrs. Beisel, Are Acquitted.

Media, Pa., Jan. 7.—Mrs. M. Florence Erb, wife of Capt. J. C. Erb, who was well known in political circles all over Pennsylvania, and her sister, Mrs. Beisel, were acquitted to-day by a jury in the sensational murder case charged against them on the night of October 6, 1908, to-day walked from the Delaware county courthouse free women.

T. J. HAINS SAYS HIS STORY WILL BE BELIEVED. One of Principals in Yacht Club Murder "Sure of Freedom."

SUICIDE BY DESPONDENCY. Man Drinks Poison on Porch of His Successful Rival in Love.

PLUMBING FACTORY DAMAGED. (Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 7.—The James Ballantyne Company's plumbing factory, one of the largest in Western Canada, was damaged to the extent of seventy thousand dollars by fire last night.

NEBRASKA'S NEW GOVERNOR. Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 7.—At the joint session of the house and senate, T. S. Heilenberger, Democrat, was today inaugurated Governor of Nebraska.

BURYING DEAD AT MESSINA. SURVIVORS SENT AWAY FROM RUINED CITY. Earthquake Shocks Are Followed by Another Outbreak of Fire.

Messina, Jan. 7.—Earthquake shocks are still continuing here at the rate of about ten per hour. Fire also has again broken out, completing the destruction of the city hall and the records stored there.

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Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 7.—Miss Nellie O'Donnell, aged 32, a former cashier and bookkeeper for the Schwarzchild & Sulzberg Beer and Provision Company, was arrested last night on a charge of embezzlement to the extent of \$40,000 while in the employ of the company.

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T. HICKS GUILTYLESS OF LENOX MURDER. Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 7.—Thos. Hicks, accused of murdering Eccles Lennox, after an eight-day trial, was declared not guilty.

LE ROI REPORT. (Special to the Times.) London, Jan. 7.—The report of the Le Roi Mining Company for the fifteen months ending Sept. 30th shows a deficit of \$24,885 due to the writing off of \$40,800 spent on exploration, development, etc.

PLOTTING TO DETHRONE PORTUGAL'S KING. His Youthful Majesty is Publicly Warned—Extra Guards Around Palace.

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VICTORIA SITE FOR UNIVERSITY. CITIZENS URGES ITS CLAIMS ON GOVERNMENT. Representative Men to Prepare the Case for Presentation.

(From Thursday's Daily.) There never has been any doubt among Victorians that the best interests of the provincial university to be established in British Columbia demand that its seat be in the Capital City, which offers sites not to be equalled elsewhere in the province.

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SIXTEEN BRITISH BLUEJACKETS DROWN. Sydney, N. S. W., Jan. 7.—The pinnacle of the British cruiser Encounter was sunk in a collision with a collier here. Sixteen sailors were drowned.

NOT WIFE MURDER. Seattle, Wash., Jan. 7.—James H. Young, who was arrested, following the mysterious death of his wife at their home, 15 Oliver street, on Tuesday night, was released from the city prison yesterday at the order of Coroner Carroll, who declared there was no evidence to connect him in any way with the death of Mrs. Young.

PROHIBITION IN ALABAMA. Mobile, Ala., Jan. 7.—The state prohibition law was upheld here to-day when a liquor license was refused in the local probate court.

U. S. NAVAL SECRETARY WANTS DREADNOUGHTS. Fleet Should Also Have More Cruisers, Destroyers, Submarines, Etc.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 7.—The authorization of an entire squadron of four monster battleships was urged on the house committee on naval affairs when Secretary Newberry appeared before that committee yesterday.

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DETAILS OF SOOKE LAKE PROPOSITION. W. J. Taylor, K.C., Meets City Council and Presents Agreement Which Canadian Agency Is Prepared to Enter Into.

(From Thursday's Daily.) At the meeting of the city council, called hurriedly yesterday afternoon to receive the report from W. J. Taylor, K. C., on the result of his negotiations in London in connection with the Sooke lake water supply, all the members were present except Ald. Pauline.

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against the revengeful faurice, people passed, one after the other through the aperture, which now was easily, and Norah found a diately at the top of a of steps. Beakbane had tch, and the steps became inated by tiny electric light was not lavishly pright ascending spiral of the staircase appeared to be to Norah. There were teps, each exactly like all owing to the central cord to her that there were and still they descended, eping close to Beakbane, ing close to her father, being spoken by any of

bans touched another Norah saw a long dark more than six feet in vo feet in width. For a this tunnel sloped down- en it became level, and of was perceptible a fat electric lamp afar of e of yellow in the long, etch. They had already such lamps, we?" Norah whispered to

ake now," he said. "This he boat-house. The moon bright." He pointed up- radance from the roof. saw that the roof here they reached the eighth Beakbane gave a gasp. "sir," he said, "but I've pstairs." He raised his arm, and inter- ed himself the man was in an agony his carelessness should he could bear. "Do you leave it?" Crampiron ordered. re. And mind, no tricks! the other exit is not in n, his steps echoing dim- the tunnel. and his daughter proceed- ed a short rising flight top of which could be d a wall. The light at the subaqueous part of v, shone distantly behind

imes back." said Cramp- ill go first, Norah, not can slip out and see if t. If you do happen to e will suppose you have he boat-house. Whereas en watching the boat- ks, father," said Norah. ne?" never caught him! Then some way of outwit- he shall teach me that a and rest, girl." tates elapsed—ten, perhaps there was no sign of Beakbane's reappearance bring him by the scuff Crampiron exclaimed at y. "Don't move." he said, quite tenderly, e me. Remember I'm ase. Don't be misled by hinking that I'm out for not. Stay here. If anything to Beakbane m, I don't want you to s all." her alone there, sitting he stone. the spiral staircase, with e of steps, at surprising he arrived at the aper- to the great chamber, he at of breath. Instead of chamber, he continued ase, which was lost in e. Immediately after- the sound of a scuffle in the gloom of the he heard a voice. He ed back, and went into From his concealment he fly in a dangerous own the staircase. A ter another figure fol- oven more rapidly, and d not identify it. Then and a recovery. The apparently not accom- had been taking them at ce. Crampiron listened, e of flight and pursuit away in the invisible staircase scores of fath- do anything to Norah, nured. "I'd better e." (Continued.)

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