A Foolish Conspiracy

Some Grounds For Belief of Plot Existing to Seize Yukon.

Was Hatched in Skagway and Papers Have Been Seized There.

Idea Was to Rob Banks and Steal Gold in Dawson City.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Nov. 21.—An official of the Dominion government in the Yukon, who arrived on the Amur, is on his way to Ottawa to place before the government facts regarding the alleged Fenian conspiracy in the Yukon.

The Colonist correspondent secured the following statement: The Canadian government are in possession of the names of the ringleaders of the conspiracy. They have not been arrested, but can be at any time. It would be unwise to disclose these names to the newspapers. The conspirators were American Fenians, and pro-Boer sympathizers. The Canadian government have been watching developments for some time, having a knowledge of every move made by the conspirators through their secret service officers, when it was thought that matters had gone far enough, and it was learned that an attempt was made to get in 2,000 Fenians and pro-Boers from Seattle.

Papers of the gang were seized at Skagway at the instigation of the Canadian officials. The United States authorities, however, refused to give them up, as they were seized in United States territory, but the safe containing the papers has been sealed and is retained in possession of the United States officials until the matter can be adjusted between the two governments. These papers disclose the whole plot.

Details will only be disclosed to the government, but generally speaking, the idea was to seize the banks, secure the money and gold on deposit and take possession of Dawson and the mines. It was not intended to try and hold the Yukon more than three weeks. It was believed that for that time, owing to British troops having to pass through United States territory to get to the Yukon, that the conspirators would not be interrupted. There seems to have been a hazy idea that at the end of three weeks the conspirators would disband and escape to the United States and send the money stolen from the Yukon to the Boers to help on the war in South Africa.

Owing to the intense hatred among a certain class of United States citizens for anything British in the Yukon, it is believed that trouble will crop up again of a similar nature, and some means are being devised to endeavor to stamp out Fenianism in the Yukon for all time.

APPEAL DISMISSED.

Full Court Decision in Centre Star v. B. C. Southern.

Vancouver, Nov. 21.—(Special)—The Full court today dismissed with costs the appeal in the case of the Centre Star Mining company, plaintiffs (appellants), v. British Columbia Southern Railway company, defendants (respondents). The Centre Star company and the War Eagle company joined in an application for water, to be taken from Murphy creek. The B. C. Southern railway made a subsequent application for water from Murphy creek and opposed the application of the mining companies on the ground that the law did not contemplate a joint application by two independent companies whose properties were not near each other, and the application did not state where the water was to be used. The judge who heard the appeal from Water Commissioner Kirkup, who refused to grant the rights asked for, referred the matter back to Mr. Kirkup.

Justice Drake said it was not disputed that necessary notices were duly given, and an applicant might ask for more than the law allowed, and specify things in his notice not mentioned in the act. These things will not render his application void. The commissioner acts as a judicial officer; he considers all surrounding circumstances. He has to exercise his discretion. If more is asked in the application than the law provides for, or if some of the uses to which the water is to be put are not, in his opinion, correct, he has power to make the record omitting these matters. The intention of the act is that any number of mine owners may apply, or owners of a group of mines under control of one company or partnership may join in an application, but not several owners of separate and distinct mines with no proprietary connections.

The applicants in the present case should be allowed to elect for which mine or group of mines under one management they desire the water, and the place where the water is to be used should be defined.

CONCESSION REFUSED.

Chinese Court Declines to Allow Grant to Foreign Nations.

Hongkong, Nov. 21.—The rumored death of Tao Mu, viceroy of Kwang Tung and Kwang, is denied. It is now said the viceroy has resigned owing to the Empress of China having refused to allow him to grant a concession for Honamian island, opposite Canton, to certain foreigners, presumably on application made by the United States, German, French and Japanese consuls.

The court telegraphing the viceroy a reply to his request to grant this concession, said: "Defend the boundaries; these are your orders."

ARCHBISHOPS MEET.

Conclave of Heads of Roman Catholic Church in United States.

Washington, Nov. 21.—The archbishops of the Catholic church in this country began their annual meeting here today, in Macmahon hall, at the Catholic university. The proceedings were secret. The meeting, which is the highest council in the church in the United States, considers matters affecting the work of the church in the new insular possession of the United States, and the matter of federation of the Catholic societies, which it has proposed to effect, but Archbishop Keane, of Dobuque, Iowa, and others, stated that there was nothing to be made public at this time.

MAY ESCAPE LYNCHING.

Mississippi Negro Probably Will Be Legally Executed.

Oxford, Miss, Nov. 21.—Will Mathis, charged with murdering two deputy marshals and burning their bodies, and who surrendered himself to the authorities yesterday, was a witness before the coroner's jury today. When asked if he was sorry he had killed the two men, he replied: "I am only sorry that I burned them." It is believed Mathis will be dealt with according to law.

THIRD CONTINGENT.

Colonel Evans Mentioned as Likely to Be Given Command.

Ottawa, Nov. 21—(Special)—There was no meeting of the cabinet today, and consequently no developments in connection with the contingent matter. Major Hamilton Merritt was in the city and had interviews with the Premier and Hon. Dr. Borden. Although the name of Col. Evans, of Winnipeg, is mentioned for command of the contingent, in the event of one being sent, it is simply newspaper talk so far.

Trooper Tozer is dangerously ill from enteric fever at Sydenham. His next of kin resides in Toronto.

TWENTY-FIVE DEAD.

Estimate of Number of Miners Killed in Colorado Mine.

Denver, Nov. 21.—At a late hour today 23 bodies all told have been recovered from the Smuggler Union mine. An attempt was made today to enter the ninth level north, but on account of the density of smoke it was impossible to do so. It is stated by one of the officers of the company that only three or four men are missing, and that the total number of dead will not exceed 25.

Preparing For The Insurgents

Breastworks Being Thrown Up at Panama in Readiness For Attack.

Government Says Railway Conductors Should Have Refused to Carry Liberals.

Colon, Nov. 21.—The government at Panama is still busy erecting breastworks in the vicinity of the railroad property, in the direction of which the Liberal attack is expected.

The Mayor of Panama started in a launch belonging to the Canal company yesterday morning to report the state of affairs to General Alban. Since the Mayor's return to Panama, it has been rumored that he found the General at Chorrera, and that it was decided to take the forces back to Panama by land and reinforce the garrison there. Certain sources of information have it that the Canal company's largest launch was loaned to the government last Sunday to convey General Alban and troops toward Chorrera and was sunk on Tuesday near Taboga.

The political prisoners at Panama have been removed from their usual prison to a safer place of confinement at the farther end of Panama. United States Consul General Hezekiah Gudger, Captain Perry of the United States battleship Iowa, and the secretaries of the government held a conference at Panama yesterday. The last named averred that the conductors of the train should not have allowed armed Liberals to embark on the train at Las Casadas. Captain Perry replied that the government should protect free transit on the Isthmus and ought to have prevented the embarkation of the Liberals.

Subsequently a letter was sent to the Colombian authorities by United States officials with reference to future action. It is not improbable that the Iowa will shortly land a force to protect transit.

Paris, Nov. 21.—The Journal des Debats, commenting on the contrast between Secretary Hay's assurance that the United States does not covet territory of other American republics, and the landing of the marines from the Machias, says: The events on the Isthmus of Panama furnish the United States government with an opportunity of proving practically to what extent its action is disinterested."

The Francais says: "France will give President Roosevelt's government the legitimate confidence it asks for and deserves."

The Liberte on the other hand, accuses Washington of seeking a pretext to seize the Isthmus, and declares that the Americans will now strive their utmost not to release their prey.

Kingston, Jamaica, Nov. 21.—The British cruiser Tribune left here today for Colon.

New York, Nov. 21.—Gen. de Castro, of Colombia, who arrived here two days ago on the steamship Allegheny from Savanilla, held a long conference today with Amand de Brigard, consul-general of Colombia. Neither would discuss the situation at Colon for publication. Gen. de Castro is here to secure ammunition, arms and other munitions of war for his government, and to prevent if possible the shipment of munitions of war to the insurgents.

TO OUTFIT A CONTINGENT

Militia Department Ready to Equip Six Hundred Men For South Africa.

Ottawa, Nov. 21.—It is generally the accepted opinion here that a contingent will be sent to South Africa with Col. T. B. D. Evans in command. The militia department is preparing to outfit 600 men. Most of them will come from the West, and those who have already seen service will get the preference. Major Merritt, who made the offer to recruit the force some time ago, is here today, and it is likely he may receive a subordinate command.

The stores branch of the militia department is ready to equip the new contingent inside of three weeks or a month. The reply from the Imperial authorities to Lord Minto's message regarding the contingent is not expected before Saturday.

ANTI-ANARCHISTIC.

Germany and Russia Proposing a Conference on the Subject.

Berlin, Nov. 21.—The Lokal Zanziger today prints a special despatch from St. Petersburg asserting that Germany and Russia are together preparing a common circular note proposing an anti-Anarchist conference.

GERMAN SLAVES.

Berlin, Nov. 21.—The colonial council, in session today, decided while the emancipation of the children of slaves might be practical in Togoland and the Cameroons, the time had not arrived to declare them free in German East Africa.

REBELLION CRUSHED.

Peace Said Once More to Reign in Venezuela.

New York, Nov. 21.—Gonzales Esteves, consul-general of Venezuela at New York, received the following cablegram today from Torres, Cardenas, general secretary of the republic:

"The revolution headed by Gen. Matos, which was ready to break out, has been crushed and its leaders are now in jail. The country enjoys peace." The cablegram was sent from Caracas.

Leyland Liners For the Orient

Two Recently Acquired steamers For the Northern Pacific Fleet.

Victoria Sails This Morning—Kinshiu Maru Is Due—Boscowitz Arrives.

More liners are to be added to the fleet of large steamers which ply to the Orient from Victoria and other ports on this side of the Pacific. The additions to the 17 liners now engaged in service between British Columbia and Puget Sound, and Japan and China—all of which make Victoria their last port when outbound and first port of call inbound—will be two of the large steamers of the Leyland line, the British fleet recently acquired by the Morgan-Hill interests. There are 27 vessels in the line purchased by the United States railway magnates from F. Leyland & Co., of Liverpool, ranging in size from 480 tons to 5,754 tons the majority being nearer the larger tonnage, and all are to be given United States register, and the majority operated on the Atlantic. Two at least are, it is stated on good authority, to be added to the fleet running from this coast in conjunction with the Northern Pacific railway. This fleet now includes the steamer Victoria, which sailed this morning for Yokohama, after loading considerable freight here; Olympia, Tacoma, Queen Adelaide, Braemar and Duke of Fife, and other vessels have been chartered from time to time. With the addition of the two Leyland liners the Northern Pacific fleet will have the largest number of vessels of any line sailing from this coast to China and Japan, and, not including the tramps which come and go from time to time, there will be then 19 steamers plying from here to the Orient, of which six are operated by the N.-Y.-K. company and five by the C. P. R.

The vessels purchased by the Morgan-Hill combination from the Leylands were the Algerian, 1,131 tons; Almerian, 1,910; Alsatian, 1,136; Andalusian, 1,142; Arabian, 1,338; Armenian 5,754; Assyrian, 1,841; Athenian, 1,035; Cestrian, 5 721; Columbian, 3,323; Egyptian 1,336; Fabian, 1,445; Falernian, 1,508; Favonian, 1 468; Flaminian, 1,508; Favonian, 1,468; Flaminian, 1,416; Flavian, 1,387; Lancastrian 3,321; Lesbian, 1,010; Lisbon, 408; Minho, 910; Oporto, 460; Persian 1,396; Philadelphian, 3,322; Tagus, Victorian, 5,753; Virgianian, 2 636; Winnifreda, 4,433. Since the sale of these steamers to the American syndicate the Leylands have acquired the 15 steamers of the City line, two of which are the City of London, and City of Dublin, which a couple of years ago made several trips to this port under charter to Dodwell & Co. and an Italian line has also been purchased by the Liverpool firm, making a total of about 30 vessels.

VICTORIA SAILS.

Northern Pacific Liner Carries Large Freight to the Orient.

The steamer Victoria, Capt. Panton, arrived from Tacoma yesterday afternoon and spent 14 hours at the Outer wharf loading freight from this port in addition to the large cargo of through freight she had stowed beneath her hatches. From Victoria she carried 500 cases of salt salmon brought from Cowichan by the steamers City of Nanaimo and Thistle and consigned to Japan. She also loaded 50 tons of nitre brought from South America by the German steamer Sesostris, and a fair amount of general freight.

She had few saloon passengers. There were Mr. and Mrs. Cheneweth and Miss Mackenzie, missionaries bound to China, and Mrs. Thos. Skinner, wife of the Marine Superintendent of the N. P. S. S. company at Hongkong. There were about 180 Chinese over half of whom embarked here. The baggage taken on board the liner by these outgoing Chinese makes up a peculiar collection. They had everything from old umbrellas rolled up in brown paper, Chinese fiddles and bamboo sticks, to broken cane bottom chairs, and four-bit lamps and nickel alarm clocks. Everything they possessed they carted on board, whether of value or not. At the gang plank several creditors of some the departing stood to "look see, can catchee money"—and thus it is on every outbound Oriental liner.

The Victorian shipped a new purser here in the person of Mr. W. Hardie, a popular young Victorian, who was formerly connected with the local office of the company in this city and last summer was engaged in the lighterage business at Cape Nome. He was yesterday shipped on the liner as purser. Purser Marrington went out on the steamer to Yokohama, where he will rejoin the steamer Tacoma, and Dr. Freeman who went out this morning on the Victoria will also join the Tacoma again at the Japanese port.

S. F. LINERS.

Umatilla Had a Rough Passage From Here to Bay City.

The steamer Walla Walla arrived from San Francisco yesterday morning after a rough passage. She brought up 68 passengers of whom 11 were landed here. The steamer landed an average amount of freight at the Outer wharf. The steamer City of Puebla, which is to be painted on her arrival at San Francisco, sailed last night, carrying a fair complement of passengers. Thos who embarked here were: J. H. Doolittle, wife and child; John C. Taitt and wife; Mrs. W. H. Brown, Mrs. C. Miller; A. H. Hartley and wife; Miss G. Hadwen and Miss S. Hadwen; A. H. Fysh and wife Mrs. B. Thomas, Miss Eva Dean, W. H. Brown, N. L. Paddon, Robt. Scott, J. B. Kelly and wife, J. W. Burke.

The steamer Umatilla, which arrived at San Francisco on Tuesday, 12 hours late, reports the delay was caused by heavy seas. Once or twice the steamer was under a great wave but no damage was done. The steamer John S. Kimball, Capt. Thwing, also felt the effect of the heavy seas and high winds on her trip down from Seattle. For 19 hours off the mouth of the Columbia river the Kimball was hove to. In that vicinity the steamer San Mateo, towing the disabled steamer Victoria, was sighted.

FOR CAPE SCOTT.

Steamer Queen City Leaves for Various Ports on Island Coast.

Steamer Queen City sailed for Cape Scott, Quatsino, Kyuquot, Hesquiot, Nootka, Clayoquot and other ports of call on the island coast last night carrying a fair cargo composed for the most part of merchandise for the various settlements and supplies for the various coast mines now being developed. She also carried a quantity of lumber consigned to several points, and including supplies for the telegraph construction party which under Mr. Lockwood went to Bamfield creek to commence work on the wharf and dwellings for the station of the Pacific Cable. Col. Hayes and T. P. Pearson were passengers to Alberni.

BOSCOWITZ RETURNS.

Gray in Charge of Kitamaat Survey Among Her Passengers.

Steamer Boscowitz arrived from Naas and Northern British Columbia ports this morning with a large consignment of salmon, part of which was landed on the Mainland. Among her passengers was J. H. Gray C. E., in charge of the survey work for the Kitamaat and Omineca railway. The country was surveyed according to Mr. Gray, for 70 miles inland from Kitamaat arm, which is also the proposed terminus of the projected transcontinental line to be built by Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann to cross the North West Territories to the north of the C. P. R., and running parallel to the C. P. R. and reaching the coast through the Yellow Head pass. The route surveyed by Mr. Gray was found feasible. There was remarkable freedom from engineering difficulties and, good agricultural land was found throughout the whole Skeena valley. The Boscowitz had a rough voyage.

UP-TO-DATE STYLES AT WEILER BROS.

Our First Consignment

Of Fall Goods in the Upholstering, Drapery and Curtain line are now on sale, and we can only say that for coloring, artistic effect and value we have surpassed ourselves in these last purchasings.

Latest Novelties Fro PARIS, BERLIN, LONDON.

WEILER BROS
VICTORIA B. C.

FOUR COUPLES MADE HAPPY

As Many Weddings Yesterday As on a Day In June.

Yesterday vied with any day in June for marriages, for, it saw four brides. Miss Jeanette Kearton Gabriel became Mrs. Christopher Gabriel Hitt; Miss Matilda Elizabeth Hall united her fortunes with those of Allan Edward McDonald; Miss Nellie Phinette Squires became the wife of Mr. Walter John Wriglesworth, and Miss Mamie Ledgerwood Leonard of Seattle was the bride of C. D. Newton of Atlin. Truly it was a field day for Cupid.

HITT-GABRIEL.

The marriage of Mr. Christopher Gabriel Hitt bookkeeper of the Albion Iron Works to Miss Jeanette Kearton Gabriel was solemnized by Rev. Canon Beanlands at Christ Church cathedral at 8 o'clock yesterday evening. Mr. Thos. Hitt, a brother of the groom, acted as best man, and the bride was attended by Miss Kittie Hitt, sister of the groom, and Misses Kate Lovell and Elsie and Margaret Redding. A reception was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. T. Redding on Craigflower road, where the many friends of the happy couple were present to proffer congratulations. They were the recipients of many valuable presents, the handsome wedding cake being the gift of Mrs. M. R. Smith. They left for Vancouver this morning to spend their honeymoon in that city and in Seattle.

McDONALD-HALL.

Rev. Mr. Barraclough officiated at the marriage of Mr. Allan Edward McDonald steward of the river steamer Hazelton, which plied on the Skeena river this season for R. Cunningham & Sons, to Miss Matilda Elizabeth Hall, daughter of Mrs. Phillip Hall, sr., of 99 John street, at whose residence the brilliant event took place. The groom was attended by Mr. Alfred H. Hall, a brother of the bride and Miss Cora Heal supported the bride. A number of the friends of the contracting parties were present, and a beautiful array of presents evidenced the popularity of the young couple. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald left last night by the steamer Majestic en route to New York by the Northern Pacific railway to spend their honeymoon in the cities of the Atlantic coast.

WRIGLESWORTH-SQUIRES.

At the residence of the bride's parents, No. 3 Avalon road, last evening a very pretty wedding was solemnized, by the Rev. J. H. Vichert, who then united for life, Mr. Walter John Wriglesworth, the local baseball player, and Miss Nellie Phinette Squires. The bride who was given away by her father, wore a beautiful white silk dress, trimmed with applique and chiffon. She was attended by Miss Bessie Walker, who wore a cashmere dress, trimmed with silk and cream lace. The groom was supported by his brother, Mr. Wm. J. Wriglesworth. The presents were numerous and valuable, one being a beautiful silver tea set from the Calvary Baptist church choir of which both the contracting parties were members. The happy couple will leave in a few days for Seattle, where they will take up their residence.

NEWTON-LEONARD.

Another of last night's weddings united the fortunes of Mr. C. D. Newton, a member of the Board of Trade, and a prominent merchant of Atlin, and Miss Mamie Ledgerwood Leonard, of Seattle, who arrived from the Sound city yesterday to meet her intended husband. The wedding was solemnized by Rev. Percival Jenns. Mr. and Mrs. Newton left for San Francisco by the steamer City of Puebla last night to spend their honeymoon in the southern State.

THE COWBOY AND THE LADY.

A Wild and Woolley Western Play Presented at the Victoria.

A rather small audience assembled at the theatre last night to witness Mr. Clyde Fitch's drama of Western life, "The Cowboy and the Lady." The play is startlingly realistic, and so rich in "local coloring" that it might be called glaring—the scene being laid in Colorado—indeed it might easily be taken for a dramatization of the dimiest kind of a dime novel. Cow boys, sheriffs, bad men, lovely ladies and Harvard graduates (whose alma mater would never recognize them), struggle with the plot, which discloses a delightful disregard for the conventionalities. It purports to picture conditions of life which may exist on the untramelled Western cattle ranches in the neighboring republic, but, for the sake of the good name of humanity, one finds oneself hoping that it is only a travesty, the result of a lively but rather depraved imagination.

The company presenting the play were quite at home in their parts, and did full justice to the play. S. Miller Kent would no doubt show to much better advantage in a more congenial character, as it was, he acquitted himself so well as to receive two curtain calls. Miss Ethelyn Palmer also showed strength and art far above the character she was called upon to sustain. Rapley Holmes, as "Joe," a cowboy, was perfectly natural, and if he and the other knights of the lariat continually fretted the ears of the audience with expressions more forcible than polite, it was that they had to carry out the author's strict attention to the realistic.

The play is not bad of its kind, which happily is rare, but it is not the kind which appeals to a Canadian audience.

Tonight Thomas Jefferson, son of Joseph Jefferson, the original "Rip Van Winkle," will appear in his father's version of Washington Irving's beautiful story of Catskills.

MINING HORROR.

Thirty Lives Believed Lost in Fire at Telluride, Colorado.

Telluride, Col., Nov. 20.—By a fire in the Bullion tunnel belonging to the Smuggler Union Mining Co. probably 30 lives were lost today. Seventeen bodies have been recovered. The fire was known to have accidentally started early this morning in the mouth of the tunnel. At this point is located the upper terminal of the tramway to the company's new mill and it was in the bunk house attached that the fire started. From this it spread to terminal station, which with the ore bins, machinery and supplies is a mass of ruins. The day shift of 200 men had entered the mine and reached their stations when the fire broke out. The tunnel acted as a flue and a great volume of smoke poured in and filled the stopes. About 175 of the men succeeded in reaching safety by another exit. The fire rapidly burned itself out, but the mine was filled with smoke so that it was six hours before the rescuing party could penetrate. Seventeen bodies were removed from the mine tonight. The engineer, Hugh J. O. Neill was found alive, but is not expected to recover.

WHEEL OF INDUSTRY.

Winnipeg Men Move to Stop the Press—Smallpox.

Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 20.—(Special.)—Before the courts today Newton and Davidson moved for an order that the Telegram Printing Co. be restrained by an order of injunction from so operating their machinery and printing presses in the Bulman block as to cause noise and disturbance to the complainants. Hearing was postponed till Friday.

John W. Causley, his wife and three small children were removed to the quarantine today suffering from smallpox. They came here two weeks ago from Council Bluffs, Iowa.

There is talk of an electric road from Lac Du Bonnett to Winnipeg.

The funeral of the late W. Garland at Portage La Prairie today was attended by members of the Manitoba government. Premier Roblin was one of the pall bearers.

Two foreigners, names unknown were blown to atoms by an accidental explosion of dynamite while working on a rock cut on the Canadian Northern near Mine Centre, Ont.

IRISH AGITATORS.

Address a Meeting at Montreal—Resolutions Favoring Home Rule.

Montreal, Nov. 20.—Messrs. Redmond, O'Donnell and M'Hugh the Irish delegates, addressed an audience of 1,500 Irishmen in the Windsor hall tonight. The meeting was most enthusiastic, O'Donnell's speech in Gaelic arousing great applause. The speeches followed the trend of those already delivered. Mr. Redmond said that the Irish intended remaining disloyal and rebellious until England wanted peace and had consented to pay the same price it had paid in Canada—independent government. Resolutions were adopted congratulating Ireland on its remitted party and pledging the support of Montreal Irishmen in the fight for Home Rule.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

Successful Experiments to Overcome Differences in Altitude.

From Public Opinion.

Unsuccessful attempts were made last year to establish a connection by wireless telegraphy between the Meteorological Observatory on the Zugspitze, the highest summit in Germany, and the postal station at Eibsee, at its base, the difference in altitude being 2,000 metres. Last month (Sept.), however, the Berlin General Electricity company, which was commissioned by the Bavarian postmaster-general to undertake the work, succeeded in solving the problem, in spite of numerous difficulties.

The Meteorological Observatory is situated at an altitude of 3,000 metres above sea level, and is permanently occupied by a meteorologist, who, as the roads are impassible during the winter, is necessarily isolated from the whole world. The telephonic communication could not be depended upon, as the cable was exposed to danger from the sharp edges of the rocks. On the other hand, former attempts elsewhere to establish wireless connection between mountains and valleys had proved futile, largely owing to the deflections caused by the rocky slopes. On the Zugspitze, however, it has been found possible to apply the Slaby-Arco system in such a way that the deflection due to the nature of the slopes acted favorably instead of unfavorably. A second difficulty which had to be overcome was the absence of any electric generator. Dry elements, which furnish comparatively little electricity, had, therefore, to be used both on the Zugspitze and at Eibsee. This, again, had the advantage, thanks to the system used, that a minimum of electricity proved sufficient. Scarcely half the amount of energy required to feed a common incandescent lamp will suffice to give clear signs at both stations.

The instalment of the transmitter and receiver on the Zugspitz also proved very difficult. The wire net used elsewhere had to be dispensed with, owing to the frequent storms and frosts, and steel wire was used. Since it was impossible to set up poles, the wire was fastened to the rock, with insulators. The whole construction has satisfied all requirements, and has been declared workable by the Bavarian postmaster-general, who next years hopes to connect the Zurspitze with Partenkirchen, a place about three times as far away as Eibsee.

NO MORE OFFERS.

Mr. Dickinson Has Ceased Bartering With Brigands.

Sofia, Nov. 21.—Mr. Dickinson, the diplomatic agent here of the United States, will leave on Friday or Saturday of next week for Constantinople. There is positively no prospect of a settlement with Miss Stone's abductors. The departure of Mr. Dickinson will probably have a good effect on the brigands who have Miss Stone in their possession, as they may fear to lose everything by not accepting Mr. Dickinson's proposals.

PUBLIC MEETING.

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 20.—(Special.)—Arrangements are being made for a mass meeting on Friday night to discuss the provincial political situation.

THOSE REPUBLICS.

Chili and Argentine Reported on the Verge of War.

Santiago de Chili Nov. 20.—It was said here that forces of the Argentine republic have crossed the line of demarkation between Chili and the Argentine.

ON A WIRE FENCE.

North West Mounted Policeman Badly Hurt.

Calgary, N. W. T., Nov. 20.—Constable Macdonell, N. W. M. P., while patrolling northeast of Calgary, was thrown from his horse and when first seen by a companion was hanging on a wire fence. He is still unconscious and his physician reports his condition as critical.

LIBERAL'S DIVIDED.

Attempt to Depose Mr. Tarte as President of Club Letellier.

Montreal, Nov. 20.—(Special.)—At a meeting of Club Letellier, a leading Liberal organization tonight, a motion was made to depose Mr. Tarte as honorary president on account of his trouble with Mayor Prefontaine. The president ruled the motion out of order and after a stormy debate he was sustained.

SILVER LEAD MINE OWNERS

Anxious to Have the Question of Erection of Refinery Settled Soon.

A meeting is to be held by the silver-lead mine owners of Kootenay to consider the question of getting the industry on a better basis than at present. The following circular has been sent out:

Nelson, B.C., Nov. 14, 1901.

As you are aware, the Dominion government last spring granted a bounty for the production of pig lead, smelted and refined in Canada.

It was expected that this would have resulted in the establishment of a refinery and consequently in better prices to the silver-lead mine owners, by reason of lower treatment charges and an assured market for their product.

Unfortunately such results have not been attained, although strenuous efforts have been made.

It is deemed advisable, therefore, to call a meeting of representatives of all silver-lead mines in British Columbia for the purpose of fully considering the whole question and taking such action as will further and protect the interests of all concerned.

A definite plan of action will be laid before such meeting.

You are requested to attend a meeting of representatives of silver-lead mines in British Columbia to be held at the office of the London and B. C. Goldfields in Nelson, B.C., on Wednesday, the 4th day of December, 1901, at 8 o'clock p.m. (Signed)

J. RODERICK ROBERTSON,
J. C. DREWRY.

In connection with this subject the following interview with Mr. J. Roderick Robertson appears in the Nelson Tribune:

"In discussing the refinery project, which during the past couple of weeks has received considerable attention from the Canadian Pacific Railway company and the chief producers of lead ores in the district, Mr. Robertson said that the prospects for securing the refinery had very much improved within the past few days and there was now every reason to believe that an early start would be made in the erection of the refinery.

"On being questioned as to the truth of the report that a meeting of the lead producers was to be called for the purpose of taking independent action with respect to the erection of a smelter and refinery, Mr. Robertson said that a movement was on foot for the calling of a meeting of the lead producers for the purpose of discussing the situation, but that a better understanding had been brought about within the past two days with the promoters of the C. P. R. project, and as a result of this it was not likely that a meeting of the lead producers would be held, and in any event it would not be held on the date originally decided upon, which was December 4.

"On the outlook for home smelting and refining of British Columbia ores, Mr. Redmond said that the Irish intended remaining disloyal and rebellious until England wanted peace and had consented to pay the same price it had paid in Canada—independent government. Resolutions were adopted congratulating Ireland on its remitted party and pledging the support of Montreal Irishmen in the fight for Home Rule.

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Unsuccessful attempts were made last year to establish a connection by wireless telegraphy between the Meteorological Observatory on the Zugspitze, the highest summit in Germany, and the postal station at Eibsee, at its base, the difference in altitude being 2,000 metres. Last month (Sept.), however, the Berlin General Electricity company, which was commissioned by the Bavarian postmaster-general to undertake the work, succeeded in solving the problem, in spite of numerous difficulties.

The Meteorological Observatory is situated at an altitude of 3,000 metres above sea level, and is permanently occupied by a meteorologist, who, as the roads are impassible during the winter, is necessarily isolated from the whole world. The telephonic communication could not be depended upon, as the cable was exposed to danger from the sharp edges of the rocks. On the other hand, former attempts elsewhere to establish wireless connection between mountains and valleys had proved futile, largely owing to the deflections caused by the rocky slopes. On the Zugspitze, however, it has been found possible to apply the Slaby-Arco system in such a way that the deflection due to the nature of the slopes acted favorably instead of unfavorably. A second difficulty which had to be overcome was the absence of any electric generator. Dry elements, which furnish comparatively little electricity, had, therefore, to be used both on the Zugspitze and at Eibsee. This, again, had the advantage, thanks to the system used, that a minimum of electricity proved sufficient. Scarcely half the amount of energy required to feed a common incandescent lamp will suffice to give clear signs at both stations.

The instalment of the transmitter and receiver on the Zugspitz also proved very difficult. The wire net used elsewhere had to be dispensed with, owing to the frequent storms and frosts, and steel wire was used. Since it was impossible to set up poles, the wire was fastened to the rock, with insulators. The whole construction has satisfied all requirements, and has been declared workable by the Bavarian postmaster-general, who next years hopes to connect the Zurspitze with Partenkirchen, a place about three times as far away as Eibsee.

GRAND FORKS.

Building Operations in Smelter City Very Active.

Grand Forks, B. C. Nov. 18.—(Special.)—Owing to the condition of the roads, rendering haulage by wagons very expensive, the El Caliph is the only Republic mine shipping ore at present to the Granby smelter.

J. S. Carter, district passenger agent of the C. P. R., is here on one of his regular trips through the Boundary. In an interview Mr. Carter stated that there was more building operations in progress in Grand Forks than all the towns of the Kootenays combined, excepting the coal towns on the line of the Crow's Nest railway.

John Rogers, president of the Pathfinder Mining company states that the first assessment at the rate of $1 per thousand shares is being very promptly responded to, and that the amount of delinquent stock promises to be small. Development work will be resumed as soon as the obligations of the company are discharged.

The new skating rink will be located midway between Grand Forks and Columbia. Its dimensions will be 140x50, and the cost $1,300. A hockey team is being organized.

C. M. Turner, P. T. McCallum, J. B. Henderson and K. M. Stephen have been inducted as elders of Knox Presbyterian church.

REFRIGERATOR CARS.

New Service to be Inaugurated by Canadian Pacific.

Toronto, Nov. 20.—(Special.)—The new special refrigerator service to Manitoba, the Territories and British Columbia points is being inaugurated by the Canadian Pacific railway, and will be put into effect this month. Shippers of fruit and other perishable stuff are notified that a train from North Bay every Wednesday about noon will take all cars loaded with perishable traffic for the main line points west of Sudbury Junction to the coast. The train is to be accompanied by an attendant, who will watch the heating apparatus in the refrigerator cars.

Athens In A Ferment

Twenty Thousand Greeks Riot Over Proposed Translation of the Gospel.

Several Revolver Shots Fired at the Premier Who However Escapes.

Many People Killed and Wounded in Encounters With the Troops.

Athens, Nov. 21.—The agitation against the proposal to translate the Gospels into modern Greek was continued today. Twenty thousand persons assembled around the ruins of the Temples of Jupiter and Olympus, and took part in the demonstration organized by students. A resolution was passed calling on the Holy Synod to excommunicate any person who translated the Gospels into Greek as now spoken. Eight hundred marines were landed to patrol the city. Several collisions occurred and occasional shots were fired. The students still hold the university building.

During the demonstration following the assemblage several shots were fired at M. Thotokis, the Greek premier, but without effect.

During the encounters between the military and the crowd, seven persons were killed, thirty were severely wounded and many others were slightly wounded.

Great excitement prevails tonight. Strong military detachments guard the palace and the residence of the Premier. Everywhere anxious groups are discussing the situation. Heartrending scenes occurred when the bodies of the dead were handed over to their relatives. It is reported that armed men have arrived at the university, but the building is still guarded by the students, who are adopting military discipline.

Opposition deputies appeared on the streets during the day, exciting the rioters by violent language.

There were no further disturbances during the evening, but it is feared that there will be a renewal of disorder tomorrow. Among those slightly injured are the prefect of police of Athens and the prefect of Attica.

AT TIEN TSIN.

Military Commanders Decline to Hand City Over to Chinese.

Pekin, Nov. 21.—The military government established over the native city of Tien Tsin continues in effect, the military commanders refusing to yield the collection of taxes to the Chinese. They also decline to submit the question of the control of the native city to the ministers of foreign powers here, holding that a continuance of the military government there is vital to the maintenance of communication between Pekin and Taku.

The ministers apparently regard the question as within their jurisdiction, and some of them are of the opinion that it is impossible, under the terms of the protocol, for foreigners to continue to govern Tien Tsin.

Korea has secured the premises in Pekin long occupied by the United States legation, and will take possession at the expiration of the United States lease next spring.

ENDS FATALLY.

Accident to Little Berentson Girl Causes Her Death.

Vancouver, Nov. 21.—(Special)—The 4-year-old daughter of Mr. John Berentson, who was accidentally shot yesterday by a rifle, in the hands of 10-year old Jesse Dipton, died at 2:30 o'clock this morning. The accident happened in Mr. James Dipton's house. The children were romping from room to room. On entering a bed-room they spied a small rifle, and at once pulled it down and started playing soldier. The rifle was accidentally discharged, the bullet entering the little girl's back and coming out of the abdomen. When the terrified parents entered the chamber poor little Nellie was lying senseless on the floor. She was removed to the hospital, and although three doctors were in attendance, she gradually sank until she died.

LOCKJAW.

St. John, N. B., Nov. 21.—The 6-year-old daughter of Oscar Causton, a letter-carrier, died last night from lockjaw following vaccination.

FRENCH MINERS.

Situation in Mining Centre Again Approaches Climax.

Paris, Nov. 21.—The situation in the mining centres of France is again approaching a climax. The next day or two will see a definite decision upon the question of a general strike.

The result of the recent referendum which while it gave a majority in favor on the actual number who voted, actually indicated that a very considerable number of the miners were either opposed to a strike or not enthusiastic, impelled the federation officials to put off a strike declaration on the plea that it was advisable to await the decisions of the commission of the Chamber of Deputies engaged in studying the demands of the miners. It now appears unlikely that the commission will satisfy these demands and the extreme party are endeavoring to force the hand of the federation officials in favor of a strike.

Already a partial strike has broken out in a coal field in the Department of Nord, where a general meeting of miners voted yesterday in favor of the strike, and sent a despatch to M. Cott, secretary of the federation calling upon him to declare a strike immediately. M. Cott declines to assume the responsibility and announces the holding of a final consultation of delegates of the various mining centres and the publication of the decision in the course of a day or so. In the meantime the committee of the important Pasde Calais district published a manifesto against a declaration of a strike until the commission of the Chamber of Deputies shall have concluded its labors, and a similar feeling is evidenced in other districts. Indications therefore go to show that the strike even if declared will be partial, and not general, and that it is doomed in advance to failure.

The Belgian and British miners who have been consulted, have refused to consent to reduce the output, although they have promised to give financial aid. Consequently the opponents of the strike predict that the object of the French strikers will be defeated by the invasion of foreign coal. The situation at present is that 1,430 out of 315,000 miners in the department of the Nord have struck and that about 1,000 are on strike in the adjacent pits of the Pas de Calais district. The movement is spreading in the department of the Nord and it is asserted that all miners there will cease work tomorrow.

There has complete order prevails, but any imposing force of gendarmes, infantry and cavalry has been billeted in every coal field to cope with any disorder.