CHILDREN'S AID IS DOING NOBLE WORK

Gratifying Reports Presented at a Meeting Held in City Council Chamber

The Children's Aid Society met on Wednesday afternoon at the city hall, the president, Charles Hayward, in the chair. The cases of several children and their environments were discussed, and action determined.

The secretary reported that in many instances the home conditions were greatly improved by an occasional visit, when sympathy, kindness and suggestion, remedied the careless, unwholesome atmosphere of the surroundings of both the children and the parents.

Several cases were cited where husbands and wives were reconciled, after suitable changes in the home, when children who had been given to the care of the society were restored to the parents.

The improvement in all the children under the care of the children's Aid Home was marvelous, the matron being a specialist in appealing to the best instincts and impulses in the individual child. One lad of 13 who was turned over to the society as incorrigible, and whom the police found difficult to take to the Home, is proving to be a splendid lad, and has asked for permission to remain in the Home for some time. Two smaller lads who were hardened truants and constantly getting into trouble of all sorts, are now most trustworthy, and developing into very manly boys.

The work of the society is far reaching in its helpfulness, and while the city partly supports this worthy institution, the amount given does not nearly cover the expenses entailed, the treasurer not having sufficient funds to cover the expenditure for the year. A cash donation of $10 from Mrs. Henry Croft was also reported by the secretary, and the hope was expressed that at this season of the year a number of others would kindly remember those less fortunate than themselves, and assist in helping some of the boys and girls of the city to become good citizens.

A cordial invitation to visit the Detention Home, at the corner of Fern and Pandora streets, was extended.

BASEBALL PLAYERS FOR NORTHWESTERN

Murray's Position Causing a Lot of Speculation in Portland

Portland, Ore., Dec. 23.—Will Tommy Murray be the change catcher of the Portland Pacific Coast League Club or the regular catcher of the Northwestern League Club? This question is causing a lot of talk around the sporting circles here to-day.

With Waring and Bradley coming from the Cleveland club, the Beavers will have the first class backstops, and one of them will have to be shipped to the Northwestern League Club, provided waivers can be secured.

Waring and Bradley are both first class catchers and are harder hitters than the Pittsburg boy, and it looks as if he would be the one that would go to the northwestern aggregation.

McCredie asked for waivers on Murray not long ago, and several of the coast league teams refused to let the promising young catcher go. McCredie will try to secure waivers on him when the annual meeting is held next month.

If Murray goes to the Northwestern League Club, it will give that team a good catching staff. Burch, a youngster from the Texas league, comes highly recommended, and possibly will secure a birth with that club.

WILL EXTEND WATER SYSTEM.

Chilliwack, Dec. 22.—The directors of the Elk Creek Waterworks Company, Limited, of New Westminster, are preparing to expend about $40,000 towards improving and extending the waterworks system in the valley. It is the intention of the company to put in another main, ten inches in diameter, from the intake and carry it down from Elk Creek to the reservoir on Shannon Mountain. This new main will not parallel the eight-inch main already in service, but will be brought down by way of Rosedale, which will share in the advantages of a waterworks system, as well as other parts of the valley. From Rosedale the water will be brought along the Yale road to Shannon mountain and help supply the needs of this city.

With the new extension of a ten-inch main the supply from the fountain head will be more than doubled and a plentiful quantity of water for some time to come supplied. The bringing of the new main along by way of Rosedale and the trunk road will be a great boon to the farmers living along it.

The work will be commenced on the new extensions as soon as the days begin to lengthen and as shortly after the new year as the weather conditions will allow.

OXFORD COUNTY INQUIRY.

(Special to the Times.)

Woodstock, Ont., Dec. 23.—At the graft investigation yesterday two witnesses, R. E. Butler and Sheriff Brady, swore that John Young offered large sums to secure his appointment as jailer, a job worth $1,200. Butler said that he was offered $1,000 cash, which he refused. Young went into the box himself and stoutly denied the allegations.

According to a specialist on the subject, the skin patterns on the finger tips are not only unchangeable throughout life, but the chance of the finger-prints of two persons being alike is less than one in 64,000,000,000.

PREPARATIONS FOR DECENNIAL CENSUS

Just One Hundred Years Since First Count Was Made In England

To count London's millions for the purpose of sorting them out into groups of males and females, fathers, mothers, children, deaf, dumb, blind, mad or otherwise, on Sunday, April 2, 1911, the large staff at the census office is working overtime.

Behind the Tate gallery, in a temporary building of wood and iron, the officials sit at large tables, gloating over ordnance survey maps, fixing the boundaries of registration districts, and sending out millions of blue paper forms, by which the great numbering of the people will be made.

These schedules go to the registrars, who are onumerators in the various districts, and London, the wealthiest and most populous of all, will have quite an army of officials pressed into the civil service of the census week.

This is the first census of the twentieth century. The first English census was taken exactly 100 years ago. The growth of the population in a hundred years will be an interesting feature shown in the return.

When Thomas Potter, a son of the Archbishop of Canterbury, first promised in parliament that a "numbering of the people, of the marriages, births and deaths, and of the people receiving alms," should be taken, the country became alarmed. One opponent of the bill (a. Mr. Thornton, the member for York) said:

"I did not believe that there was any set of men, or indeed, any individual of the human species, so presumptuous or so abandoned as to make the proposal we have just heard—I hold this object to be totally submersive of the last remains of English liberty—

"Moreover, a registry of our people will acquaint our enemies abroad with our weakness."

Opposed generally, the bill was thrown out, and the proposal was not renewed until half a century later.

BALANCE ON HAND.

Kamloops Agricultural Association Elects Officers For Year.

Kamloops, Dec. 22.—The annual meeting of the Kamloops Agricultural Association was held in the city council room, with President J. Milton in the chair.

The financial report showed that the income from all sources was $5,542.88, and the expenditure $4,523.43, of which $700 was for debts unpaid from 1908 and 1909; prizes and attractions $2,150, improvements to the grounds and repairs to fences and buildings $550, general management, purchase of exhibts, etc., $1,260, leaving a cash balance of $918 on hand.

Mayor Robinson, in moving the adoption of the report, congratulated the association upon the excellent financial showing as presented by the statement. The amount due for interest on debentures is only small, he said, and the grounds are an asset whose value is unquestioned. The interest should be paid off and then the association would be in a creditable position. This year's work showed that the exhibition can be made to pay, and he urged that the good work be kept up with undimished energy.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Hon. presidents, Messrs. W. J. Roper, Cherry Creek; J. P. Shaw, Shuswap; Senator Bostock, Ducks; C. T. Cooney, Tranquille; J. B. Greaves, Douglas Lake; J. R. Hull, Kamloops. President, John Milton; vice-presidents, Mesrs. W. T. Slavin and J. McConnell; treasurer, Capt. J. R. Vicars; directors, Messrs. F. Rushton, C. E. Lawrence, Dr. M. S. Wade, J. F. Smith, E. S. Wood, F. E. Simpson, J. L. Brown, G. D. Brown, S. Armour, J. T. Robinson, W. F. Palmer, Kamloops; J. Redman, Nicola Road; W. O. Brett, Rosehill; J. W. D. MacKay, Louis Creek; H. G. Ross, North Thompson; C. E. Barnes, Walhachin; R. M. Palmer, Fruitlands; J. Bennett, Long Lake; W. S. Mitchell, Notch Hill.

It was decided on motion that the exhibition be held for two instead of three days as heretofore, and that it be held in the second or third week in September.

PLUNGED INTO CANYON.

Lytton, Dec. 22.—Under the superintendence of John Milton Swartz, the old dock cantilever bridge at Cisco, six miles below Lytton, has been converted into one of three through truss spans. He has had an average of 40 men working all summer.

A serious accident happened to one of the bridge workers the other day. Just as final bolts were being thrown D. McNoah took a false step between two cars and plunged into the canyon below, a depth of a hundred feet or so. A telegram brought down Dr. Sanson, of Ashcroft, who had the patient brought to Lytton hospital, and found the man severely cut and bruised all over his body and with two ribs fractured.

Word came in of an Indian being thrown from his horse while descending a steep incline, but he is so badly hurt that he cannot be moved down to Lytton hospital, and the doctor went up to do what he could for him.

FUEL DEPOTS FOR U. S. NAVY.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Fuel depots at Bremerton, San Francisco and San Diego will be established soon, if a recommendation made by Secretary of the Navy Meyer meets with the approval of congress. Olongapo, Pearl Harbor, New York and Boston also are mentioned as likely locations for coaling stations.

"An ample stock of coal is as essential as powder and shells in preparing a fleet," said the secretary. "Plenty of stations with plenty of coal is the first thing to be considered. More vessels and better guns can follow."

Meyer is urging the appropriona of $1,000,000 to establish the proposed base.

SET OUT LOGGED LAND TO ORCHARDS

Canyon City Lumber Company Has Far Reaching Scheme

Nelson, Dec. 22.—If the present plans of the Canyon City Lumber company are carried out, their present large limits will eventually all be converted into orchard, or all that portion that is adapted for the purpose. C. O. Rodgers, secretary-treasurer and managing director of the company, when in Nelson unfolded his plans to W. R. Haldane, general freight agent of the C. P. R.

The company's mill, which is winter running, and has a cut of 7,000,000 feet, is situated at Canyon City, three miles east of Creston, and the company's limits are 12,500 acres in extent. The greater part of this great tract is the common soil of the famous Creston fruit district, and in fact, Mr. Rodgers plans to bring something over 8000 acres under his scheme. His proposal is to take the land as fast as it is logged off, clear it, prepare it, and set it out to orchard. In pursuance of this idea, the land logged off and cleared in 1909 was planted to fruit the past season. From now on, Mr. Rodgers expects to log from 300 to 400 acres per year, and as fast as this proceeds, the clearing outfit will follow. As 900 acres, set out at 100 trees per acre, each tree at seven years producing four boxes, will produce, at 630 boxes per car, some 6000 carloads, it can be seen that there will be something doing in the future on this particular tract of land. Mr. Rodgers' idea is to prepare the land most carefully, set it out to approved varieties and take care of the young orchard till it is coming into bearing, not placing it on the market until that stage is reached. This will eliminate the case of the rancher who, through eagerness not to lose time, rushes his trees into the ground with insufficient preparation.

Including the men working for the company, and including 60 heads of families who are settlers, there are 400 people now living in the Canyon City community. Some 2000 trees were set out the past year. Mr. Rodgers the past season employed a stumping machine which cost $4000, and which has four times the power of the ordinary donkey engine.

The Canyon City Lumber company has solved the fire problem, as the clearing of land immediately after logging disposes of the food on which fires feed. D. W. Briggs, of Saginaw, Mich., of the well known firm of Briggs & Cooper, is president of the company, and his partner, James Cooper is vice-president.

WOULD BUY ELK LAKE WATER SYSTEM

Proposal Made at Meeting of Victoria Farmers' Institute—Officers Elected

Gordon Head, Dec. 22.—A meeting of the Victoria Farmers' Institute was held at the Royal Oak schoolhouse on Saturday with President F. T. Quick in the chair. The reports of officers were received and read and then the election of officers for the ensuing year was held. F. T. Quick was re-elected president, C. E. King re-elected secretary-treasurer; directors, E. M. Hutchison, James Grant, R. Carmichael, S. McCullough, D. Smith, J. J. Clark, W. J. Quick, J. Pym, J. Nicholson and W. J. Deval; delegate to Central Institute, President F. T. Quick; auditors, W. J. Loveland and William Jackson. It was decided to organize a company of Boy Scouts in the district and a committee composed of P. Goepel and C. E. King was appointed to make preliminary arrangements. It was also decided that an annual picnic should be held on Labor day, when athletic sports will be the chief feature, and that a banquet and dance be held in the new Royal Oak hall early in the new year. James Grant warmly advocated the Saanich municipality acquiring the Elk Lake water system for irrigating purposes, as he contended that three acres properly irrigated would yield as much as ten acres with the present state of irrigation.

P. A. Y. E. CUT OUT.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—On five hundred cars of the Toronto Street Railway Co. the pay-as-you-enter system was abolished and signs taken down yesterday. Many conductors attempted to receive payment at the door, but the public was aware of the decision of the Ontario Railway board and brushed by into the cars. The company has still sixty cars with payboxes on which the system is enforced. Among these are two old converted single truck cars, to the use of which A. F. Ingram, vice-chairman of the railway board, objected at the hearing.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

Ashcroft, Dec. 22.—A Chilcoten Indian named Johnny was sent up for trial on the serious charge of horse stealing and theft by Judges Leighton and Macartney. The accused had been hired by Frank Allen, of Summit ranch, and during the latter's absence for a few hours is alleged to have coolly appropriated his best suit of clothes, hat and boots. He then annexed a horse, saddle and outfit and after arming himself with a rifle started off for Savona. On his return home Allen quickly sized up matters and started in pursuit in his buggy. He tracked him for eight or nine miles and then found he had turned back home. Enlisting two Indians, Antoine and Willie, to help him, he returned to the ranch and started them off after Johnny. The following day the Indians proudly rode into Savona with their man, having found him in Allen's meadow. The accused simply stated that he did not intend to steal the horse, but was committed to the assizes.

PRINCE RUPERT BOARD OF TRADE

A. J. Morris Unanimously Re-Elected President—Annual Reports Submitted

Prince Rupert, Dec. 22.—A. J. Morris was unanimously re-elected president of the board of trade a few days ago. His report showed that from January 1 to November 30, the duties collected amounted to $91,992.26. The vessels inward from the sea totalled in number 307, while vessels outward to sea totalled 296. Coastwise inward, there were 1,190 vessels. The increase in tonnage was very large indeed. In the year 1909 the tonnage was 12,640, while in the year 1910 it jumped to 29,508.

The report of the secretary, M. M. Stephens, showed $160.50 on hand, with liabilities of $169.95. There was an asset of $448.85, being dues from suspended members.

J. A. Kirkpatrick was elected vice-president, and M. M. Stevens was re-elected secretary, this honor being unanimous.

The following council of the board of trade was elected: W. P. Lynch, W. W. Law, Fred Stork, D. G. Stewart, E. H. Mobley, F. G. Dawson, D. H. Morrison, J. F. Brandt, J. G. Scott, R. A. White, George Nickerson, J. H. Thompson and H. B. Wilson.

NATIONAL MUSEUM AT FEDERAL CAPITAL

Hon. William Templeman Outlines Scope of Work to Be Done There

Hon. William Templeman, minister of mines, has issued the following statement in regard to the controversy over the Victoria Memorial museum, which the Dominion government is establishing at Ottawa:

"Judging from remarks published in the press, there seems to be some misunderstanding regarding the nature and purpose of the Victoria Memorial museum. It is of course a national museum and will be devoted only to the purpose for which it was constructed. A part of the building will house the art collections, but the major portion of it is assigned to anthropology, biology and geology. The National museum at Washington, which I examined last spring, is also confined to anthropology, biology and geology. Museum knowledge has advanced and become technical in recent years, and a modern national museum is no longer simply a group of exhibition halls. It is not merely a place of public entertainment and rational amusement, but an institution of research and education. As a consequence, in addition to exhibition halls it must have office accommodation for scientific workers, and rooms for scientific collections where the real wealth of the museum can be housed like books and manuscripts in a library so as to be accessible to scientific students. This is the distinctive feature of a true national museum. In the United States National museum before the completion of the additional new building, there were devoted to exhibition halls 112,697 square feet, to storage, rooms for scientists and scientific collections 75,468, and general offices, etc., 59,524 square feet. The present requirements of that institution are approximately 235,000 square feet for public exhibition halls, 237,000 square feet for scientific collections, rooms for the scientists connected with the institution, etc., and 80,000 square feet for administrative offices, workshops, storage, library, photographic laboratory, etc.

"In the proposed distribution of space in our new museum a somewhat larger proportion is reserved for public exhibition. Provision has been made for the growth of the museum, which enables the geological survey to be housed there for the present. When expansion makes it necessary, provision will have to be made near by for officials whose work is not so closely connected with the museum that they must be housed under its roof, and for scientific collections, thus giving extra room in the present building for exhibition halls. But a large part of the survey staff have to deal directly with the museum, and to have rapid and easy access to the library for which provision is made in the building. The work of the museum and the survey is by nature so interwoven that an organic connection is most economical.

"In countries where the connection does not exist, the reason is usually that the museum antedates the scientific bureau, and is forced to a separate existence by conditions attached to bequests accepted in the past, as is the case with the United States National museum. In Canada, however, the scientific bureau antedated the museum, created it, and is the most essential part of it. But as I stated above, while the geological survey naturally goes into the building along with its extremely valuable anthropological, biological and geological museum material, the space it occupies is not more than that usually devoted in a modern museum for the scientific side of its work.

"The fear that the museum would be devoted to purposes other than as explained is groundless. A severance of the geological survey from the museum would be disastrous to both, and would involve a duplication of the staff of scientific men, which would entail heavy and unnecessary expense, and would serve no good purpose."

MAY BE AUTHOR OF QUAKER CITY FIRE

Workman Says He Wished Revenge—Police Think He is Unbalanced

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 23.—John Cornegia, a Pole, surrendered to the police this afternoon, stating that he started the fire in the Friedling Leather company's factory in which 23 lives were sacrificed. He said the firm refused him employment and he desired revenge. The police are holding him pending an investigation. They state he may be mentally [illegible]

KESTREL MET HEAVY WEATHER IN NORTH

Fishery Protection Cruiser Returned to Port Yesterday After Rough Trip

After spending a month cruising off Banks Island, Hecate Straits, which was uneventful, except for dirty weather, the fishery protection cruiser Kestrel, Captain Newcomb, returned to port yesterday. This morning she moved from the inner harbor to Esquimalt to receive orders from the naval department, under which the vessel is now operated. It is expected that she will leave to-night for Vancouver where Christmas Day will be spent and a few days later the vessel will proceed north again.

Captain Newcomb stated that during the whole time they were in Hecate Straits, where last year it was claimed there was a great deal of poaching by American vessels, not one poacher was seen. He attributes this partly to the fact that the heavy weather which has been prevailing there for some time past has prevented the fishing vessels from making an appearance. On several occasions the Kestrel had to seek shelter, the strong gales and big seas buffetting the little cruiser badly. At times heavy snow storms were encountered, and when the vessel left the north the winter had practically set in, ice forming on the rivers and snow falling frequently.

COLWOOD SCHOOL.

The Colwood school closing exercises were carried out with much success, an enjoyable programme and a Christmas tree being provided. The presents on the tree were sent by Santa Claus (on the subscription basis, over $50 being collected), and there was something for every child. H. D. Helmcken, K. C., addressed the school, regretting the loss of the teacher, Miss Knapsett, who is leaving to attend the Normal school. The teacher was complimented on the excellent programme she and the scholars had provided for the afternoon. The programme was as follows:

Chorus—Good King Wenceslas .....
..... By the School
Recitation—The First Speech .....
.... Margery Clarke and Doug. Gosse
Piano Solo ..... Eunice Campbell
Song—If You're Good ..... By the Juniors
Recitation ..... H. Parker
Dialogue—The Great Sale ..... The School
Recitation ..... Charlie Porter
Motion Song ..... By the Juniors
Piano Solo ..... Marie Goodall
Recitation ..... Aletha Shields
Solo—Rainbow ..... Eunice Campbell
Recitation ..... Lillian Regan
Song—The Holidays ..... By Four Girls
Recitation—Merry Xmas..By the Juniors
Flag Drill ..... By the Girls
Recitation ..... Evelyn Gosse
Chorus—John Peel ..... By the School
God Save the King.

SUPERSTITIONS OF OLD SEAFARING MEN

Many Signs and Tokens Which Sailors Believe—Passengers Also Affected

There is a general idea that the sailor labors under more than the one pet superstition popular tradition assigns to each individual. Competent authority contends, however, that tars are no more superstitious than any of their equals in training and opportunities. However that may be, the following may be cited as instances of the signs and tokens in which "those who go down to sea in ships" put their faith.

In the past superstition was a part of every ship; it entered into its keel, climbed to its flags, ran at its launching, controlled its crew and cargo, evoked portents and governed its ventures and arrivals.

A bit of stolen wood was always mortised into the keel to make a ship sail fast. A silver coin was placed in the mainmast step to insure lucky ventures. The modern christening by the wine bottle arose from the ancient libations poured on the deck by priests.

On a sailing ship lawyers, women and the clergy are looked upon with disfavor, as they are supposed to bring ill luck. Every black cat that comes on board "carries a gale in her tail." Whistling is much against the proprieties of sea life. If one whistles for a breeze he is only too apt to bring a tornado.

Ship bells are blessed, and to this day if a mistake is made in striking one it is immediately struck backward to break the spell. The belief in the desertion of a sinking ship by rats is founded on a reason, for rats like to be dry footed, and when a vessel is unsafe it becomes leaky under deck and too wet for the creatures' comfort.

Figureheads were first images of gods, then of saints and sea heroes. Chinese junks bear two glaring eyes on their bows, for "No have two eyes, how can see? No see, how can go?"

Another superstition which is not losing ground amongst shipping men, is that when a company's vessel meets with an accident it must necessarily follow that the company is destined to experience two more accidents. Ship owners, when one of their steamers or sailing ships run aground or are wrecked, always look forward for the second and then for the third, and when it has passed they feel that the spell has broken.

Most of the passenger vessels built to-day are minus stateroom number "13," because people refuse to entertain the idea of making a passage with the superstitious number. Another number which is gaining great notriety amongst passengers is the skidoo number "23," which many persons when booking their passage always keep clear of.

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HINDU SAILORS HAVE BERI-BERI

Crew of Beachy in Tacoma—No Danger of Disease Spreading

(Times Leased Wire.)

Seattle, Dec. 23.—Six of the Hindu crew of the steamer Beachy, of the Dollar line, are afflicted with the dread scourge of the Orient, beri-beri, according to the local health authorities, and the vessel, now loading at Tacoma, will be put in quarantine today. One of the stricken men died on Tuesday, and the other five are in a hospital. One is dying to-day.

The Beachy arrived in Puget Sound early in the week, coming from Oriental ports and Panama. A big cargo of iron was landed at Irondale, and the steamer came to Seattle. The cases were reported here as soon as the Beachy arrived.

The health authorities in Tacoma believe there is no danger of the disease spreading.

GERMANY'S LATEST FIGHTING MACHINE

Is Similar to England's Funnelless Warships—Has Heavy Guns and High Speed

Germany, like Great Britain, is constructing a new type of warship, driven by gas motors, which will be an entirely new factor in the future of naval conflicts. When the first reports of Great Britain's new warship were recently published, no uneasiness was betrayed in this county, because it was generally known that Germany already was building a new type of ship which, so far as can be judged from the description of the British vessel, is remarkably similar to the latter. That almost simultaneously two powers like Great Britain and Germany should construct an almost identical and yet entirely new type of warship is curious, and suggests that the plans of the one country became prematurely known to the naval authorities of the other.

The Vorwarts, which possesses excellent sources of information, and has frequently, by its far-reaching connections, given official secrets to the world, publishes the following details of Germany's new warship. The length is 284 ft., breadth 45 ft., draught 22 ft. The deck, which only projects 5 ft. above the surface of the water, is protected by armor of such a thickness and arranged in such a way that it appears impossible for any projectile now in existence to pierce it. The ship will have one single turret, which will revolve, and will be situated exactly amidships. It will be armed with two huge guns, which will be capable of firing shells so quickly in succession that all existing guns will be entirely eclipsed by its marvellous performance.

The new gun has a calibre of 43 centimetres (16.7in.), and, says the Vorwarts, the shell will be of the extraordinary weight of 2,700 kilogrammes, or two tons thitreen cwt. Notwithstanding their size, it will be possible to handle these guns easily and promptly by hydraulic machinery. The revolving turret's axle will be a short mast, on which the captain's conning tower will be placed. This, also, will be protected by thick armor. This curious system of construction is rendered possible, as in the new British type, by the absence of funnels and the substitution of gas motors, each of eight cylinders, and developing 6,000-horse power. Each motor works quite independently of the others, and drives a separate screw, giving a speed of 27 knots.

After giving the above details the Vorwarts' informant adds the following additional particulars, which reveal the significance of the new type. According to the expectations of the German naval authorities the new ship will be capable of delivering an attack on the largest existing battleships, including super-Dreadnoughts. More than that, it is probable that no existing battleship could withstand its onslaught, so that its appearance is likely to produce a revolution in naval shipbuilding. Apart from its capabilities of dealing with the biggest existing battleships, the new ship will be invulnerable against attacks from future aeroplanes or airships which may drop explosives from the clouds, owing to the peculiar construction of its deck and its unusually thick armor.

One or two interesting technical details concerning the new ship are also mentioned. Ventilators driven by electricity will purify the air of the engine rooms from any escaped gases. In case of rough weather the ship is provided with a new kind of miniature breakwater, which could be affixed to the deck before the revolving turret. This contrivance is necessary owing to the low decks, which would be swept by the heavy seas.

The revelations of the Vorwarts are discussed to-day with animation in political circles where their importance is fully realized.

ROYAL TOMB.

Italian Government Securing Copies of Art Marble From Westminster Abbey.

It is not often that Italy goes to England in search of art treasures, but the Italian government has for some time desired to obtain copies of certain marble work in Westminster Abbey.

Cavaliere C. Formilli recently placed on exhibition, at the Royal Institute of Architects, in London, a complete set of copies of the Shrine of Edward the Confessor, as modified in the thirteenth century. When a tomb was needed (for King Henry III.) the famous Cosmati marble workers of Rome were invited to build the present shrine, and to lay down the pavement which surrounds it. The copies of this work, which have been made under the direction of Cavaliere Formilli, are to be placed eventually in the new museum of marble workers in Rome, for which they have been ordered by the Italian government.

When exhibiting his work Cavaliere Formilli showed a series of lantern slides, demonstrating the remarkable work carried out by the Cosmati in Italy. Afterwards the Italian ambassador expressed his thanks to the Dean of Westminster for allowing the important work of reproduction to be carried out in the Abbey.

COOK AND CABIN BOY FIGHT.

Lively Scene on the Steamship Queen Alexandra Wednesday—Cook Uses Knife, Boy a Poker.

With the Japanese cook waving a knife in a most drastic manner and a German cabin boy swingng a poker upon his head, and both attempting to reach the other and administer a knockout on Wednesday last, a battle royal was waged on the deck of the steamship Queen Alexandra, of the Queen line, which docked here last week and which is at present lying at Vancouver. Each of the combatants sent in telling blows, and after defending and attacking alternatively, the altercations came to an end, when several of the officers jumped in and separated the irate seamen. It was discovered that the Japanese had got the best of the battle, as he bore but few marks of the fray, while his sturdy opponent was bleeding badly from a wound inflicted by the knife which the Jap brandished so savagely. The two fighters became enraged through the German boy teasing the cook, who resented such treatment by showing the lad his place.

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Just across the river a small ... of federalists were gathered. ... endeavored to stop the march, but ... a short skirmish in which a nu... of the federal soldiers are report... have been wounded, the federal... back and the advance of the rebe... gan.

Christmas and Bonilla have pl... a campaign of attack on Tegucig... They will march as straight ... from the Atlantic to the capital ... can. Plans for furnishing their so... with stores have been made an... whole campaign has been car... mapped out. If it can be avoid... battle will be fought. Tegucig... is reached, the revolutionists ... next to form the city.

It is predicted here that little ... resistance will be met by the rev... tionists and in this section of the c... try there is strong revolutionary ... pathy. This, it is believed is la... due to the success of the Nicara... revolution headed by Estrada. Est... and Bonilla are friendly, althous... is understood that Estrada will ... serve strict neutrality.

It is believed here that the sym... thies of the United States governm... are really with Bonilla, as Pres... Davilla, the present executive, is ... lieved to be a close friend of Ze... the deposed president of Nicaragu...

Federal Troops Routed.

New York, Dec. 29.—Confirmatio... the reports of a battle between rev... tionists and government troops in ... duras just across the Segovia ... from Nicaragua and near Cape ... Gracias-a-Dios, has been receive... private cable dispatches here. ... federal forces are reported to ... been routed.

President Davilla, it is reported ... transferred $55,000 in silver from ... erto Cortez to Criba, an Atlantic ... port further down the coast.

AN IMPROBABLE STORY.

London, Dec. 29.—A plot to assas... ate King George has been unearthe... connection with the discovery ... bomb factory in the east end of ... don, according to secret operatives ... officials of Scotland Yard.

INCREASED WAGES FOR TRAINM...

Employees of Western Railw... Will Probably Receive Ad... vance 12½ Per Cent

(Times Leased Wire.)

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Although ... care is being exercised in guardin... communications between the ... trainmen and the officials of the s... one western railroads, it is gene... rumored here to-day that the t... men's demands for a 15 per cent. ... increase will be settled on a bas... out 10½ per cent.

Rapid progress toward a final s... ment is being made. It is under... that the managers have already o... an increase of something over ... cent.

The secrecy which features the ... ceedings was brought about by ... sire of both managers and trainm... prevent strike talk such as marke... negotiations with the engineers ... week and which caused undue e... ment.

Both sides are anxious to hav... the scale adjusted before the ... year. It is believed that the new ... will be signed not later than Sat...

COME TO COAST.

... Dec. 29.—Two hu... ...ants arrived Tu... ...gh to the coast.