NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Winter Operations in the Kootenay District—Extension of Platinum Leases.

The Church Eviction — Vancouver Municipal Candidates—Donald Downey's Programme.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 9.—The gaol chain gang is a numerous and able-bodied band of men at present, and is materially aiding the Board of Works in keeping within their estimates.

There is some trouble at the training school for nurses, Alexander hospital. Miss Kent, in charge, and two nurses in training have resigned.

William Fraser is in the city settling up the affairs of his brother, the late Mr. Angus Fraser, C.P.R. section foreman at Cherry Creek.

V. W. Bro. Rt. Rev. A. W. Sillitoe will address the members of Cascade lodge, A. F. and A. M., No. 12, at St. Paul's church, Hornby street, on Sunday morning, at 9:30.

As far as is known the following gentlemen aspire to the Aldermanic Board of 1893:—

Ward 1.—Ald. Anderson, Messrs. Jno. Williams and W. F. Salisbury.

Ward 2.—Ald. Scouller, Collins and Mr. Flett.

Ward 3.—Ald. McGuigan.

Ward 4.—Ald. Franklin, Odlum and Mr. Wm. Brown.

Ward 5.—Ald. Gavin and Mr. William Fowler.

Ald. McCraney and Wills will retire from municipal politics.

Mayor Cope, Ald. McGuigan, Anderson and Odlum, and Mr. Wm. McCraney are mentioned as possible candidates for the Mayoralty. With the exception of Mayor Cope, they deny the insinuation.

Mr. Fairbanks, of Chicago, of the Thomson-Houston Electric Co., was in the city yesterday. He is on the Coast with a view of reporting to the firm the most desirable location for an agency in the province. From his remarks Victoria will possibly be the spot chosen.

Edward Johnson claimed $38 wages through the Maritime court yesterday, the captain of the steamer Iona being the defendant. Magistrates McLean and Schoefield ordered the money to be paid.

General Manager White, wife and two daughters, arrived here in a private car yesterday, on their way to Portland.

Christ church will defend the action brought against them by the C. P. R. Their lawyers, Messrs. Harris & McNeill will file their defence before next Tuesday. This will be the final round in the contest. In a newspaper article, written by the pastor of Christ church and appearing this morning, it is stated that money for the payment of church property had been tendered and refused (on the grounds that the date of payment was passed), but Mr. Browning tells your reporter that no payment on property was tendered, consequently no payment was refused. Again it is said there was no agreement, simply a note from Mr. Browning informing the church of the amount and terms the C.P.R. would accept for the property. There could, he says, be no time limit where there was no agreement.

Rev. Mr. Hobson is having a hard up-hill fight. He has an irresponsive congregation, irresponsive in a monetary sense, and would have been obliged to give up the fight long ago had it not been for the generous assistance of a sympathising friend of both the church and its pastor. In the News-Advertiser this morning, Mr. Hobson makes an offer publicly to pay for the lots.

Japanese Consul Kito says that an engineer engaged by the Japanese government is on his way here from New York. He will go by the next Empress to Japan for the purpose of superintending the petroleum boring operations in the northern part of the Empire.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Missionary society of Homer-street Methodist church are moving to send more missionaries among the Indians of British Columbia.

The appeal of the C. P. R. against the decision of Mr. Justice McCreight, refusing to grant an injunction to said company to restrain the city of Vancouver from opening Gore avenue to the water, which is to come up before the full bench of the Supreme court in Victoria on December 12, will be watched with the keenest interest here, as on the decision depends the ownership of streets terminated by the shore line.

R. G. Tatlow has obtained the consent of the Provincial government to the extension and consolidation of the leases owned by the several platinum mining companies in British Columbia. He goes to England next week to arrange for the development of these valuable mines.

The election of officers of the Y. W. C. T. U. resulted as follows: Miss Fraser, president; Miss Brown, vice-president; Miss Le Page, corresponding secretary; Miss Florence Morrison, recording secretary; Miss Hannah Wintemute, treasurer; Miss Smythe, Miss Playfair, Miss Annie Fraser, press reporters.

Salvini, jr., drew a small but unusually demonstrative audience last night as Don Cæsar de Bezan. At the end of each act Salvini was called before the curtain, and he received an ovation at the end of the performance. The support was very fair. Not the least noticeable feature was the exact attention to details in stage setting, costuming, and tableau effects. The company carry their own scenery.

Your reporter called on Prof. Donald Downey, the stereoptician, to-day, on general principles. Prof. Downey is a globe-trotter, and globe-trotters are always able to drop something of interest into the news-thresher of a correspondent. He talked of the subject nearest to his heart—stereoscopic views. "I am engaged," said he, "by the C. P. R. to go over their entire route with my men and instruments, photographing scenes of interest to be exhibited and advertised by lecture and lantern. When I was here some years ago," he continued, "your Premier, the late Mr. Robson, supported the possibility of the Government of British Columbia going into a scheme to advertise this Province in the same way. I go to Victoria shortly, and if the Government will take the matter up I will make overtures to the city through Victoria's Board of Trade. If, however, I could form a syndicate composed of British Columbia, Manitoba and the C.P.R., the cost of the scheme could be reduced to a minimum, and I would engage to lecture on nothing else throughout the year or longer, and display no other views, visiting all the chief towns in the English speaking countries of the world. I would ask only a guarantee of so much for every performance, or that so many seats be bought up. It is only a question of financing. The wonderful advantages of the scheme are apparent, or the C.P.R. would not attempt it single handed."

A citizens' committee met last night for the purposes of nominating candidates to oppose those at present in the field. There was no unanimity of opinion on any candidate offered, and no organization. So much talking was indulged in that it became too late to transact business, and the meeting was adjourned indefinitely.

D. L. Matthews is a passenger on the Empress of China. He will look after food supply depots.

W. J. Gallagher, manager of the late Telegram Co., is arranging to purchase the job plant of the Telegram, and personally announces the starting of a weekly family paper.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 10.—Mr. A. E. Webster announces that the board of management of the Alexander hospital found it too expensive to keep a training school, and simply abandoned the scheme. This being so, why, it is asked, did Matron Kent and her assistants resign, and why were two other nurses engaged?

Mr. Jno. Moffatt, sub-manager of the branch of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank at Shanghai, died at St. Luke's Home yesterday.

Syme, the singer, is suffering from a severe throat affection, which may ruin his magnificent voice.

Capt. Copp has opened a shipping office on Water street.

The members of the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society will attend St. Andrew's church in a body on Sunday.

Wreckers are removing the last bits of metal that mark the spot where the steamer Beaver, of immortal memory, lay stranded, before she was translated into walking canes.

The new C.O.O.F., Manchester Unity, lodge have passed their medical examination and are prospering.

Capt. Panton and Messrs. Connon and Morrow, all of Victoria, are renewing acquaintances and warming up old friendships in Vancouver.

Mr. Emil Peterson and Miss Mary Vinquist have been united in marriage.

Sin Lan, a Chinaman of Robson street, might have taken H. T. Locker's life, yesterday, if the knife he was threatening to use had not been taken away from him by a policeman.

City Solicitor Hamersley, of Vancouver, suggested conditions in the proposed new agreement between the City Solicitor of Vancouver and the City of Vancouver. His modest demands appear to have rather modified the resentment of those who were envious of him. There is a possibility that Mr. Hamersley's services may be retained under the new conditions. It was thought the interests of the C.P.R. and the Union Steamship Co., in which he was most materially concerned, might at some time conflict with the interests of the city. The proposed agreement, however, renders this impossible if lived up to. The conditions mentioned are, in brief: Salary $2,500, payable monthly; all actual disbursements, court costs, fees and travelling expenses to be refunded; the solicitor to act exclusively for the city; to take no business which will in any way conflict with the interests of the city; attend council; draw by-laws, agreements, etc.; conduct all actions at law in which the city is concerned; and, if required, to have offices at City hall, and attend there from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The case of the Consumers Cordage company against G. A. Fraser & Co. is again enlarged until Tuesday next.

The Mt. Pleasant W.C.T.U. are arranging for a gospel temperance meeting at 8:30 in the Presbyterian church. The society revoked an order for a number of books on social purity for distribution, as the books were discovered, in their opinion, to be not exactly suited to elevate public morals.

The stranding of the bark Geo. Thompson on a mud bank at Westminster is causing comment here. Pilot Jones, of Victoria, and Pilot Roberts were on board. She is 200 yards from the centre of the channel and within 300 feet of a channel deep enough for any vessel afloat. The two pilots did not agree as to the position of the channel or the course to take on rounding the island. Mr. C. G. Major, of the Pilotage board, examined the position of the bark to-day. She is directly in front of the Bon Accord cannery, and as she lies is listed to the south. The boat was taken down the river at 1 o'clock, several hours after the turn of the tide, a time that both pilots had been warned against as dangerous navigating down the river. The Thompson sailed on Friday.

Rev. Mr. Hobson, of Christ church, in his official capacity said to Messrs. Harris & McNeill, his lawyers; I must appeal for financial aid to meet the C.P.R. Land Commissioner, Browning's suit in court. Mr. Browning is a law student with Harris & McNeill; he is Mr. Browning, jr., son of Land Commissioner Browning; and so it came about that acting under the instructions of his employers, in their official capacity. Mr. Browning, jr., in his official capacity, is soliciting aid among Episcopal church people in their official capacity, to help Rev. Mr. Hobson contest the suit brought against him by Mr. Browning, sr., in his official capacity.

Some of the employes of the Telegram subscribed for stock in the company. They declined to pay their calls, however. Now the law firm who purchased the defunct paper for $3,100, propose to give them paid up stock in exchange for overdue salary, and they have asked the court to retain this money until judgment is given.

In a Sunday school quarterly published in New York is a list of those to whom subscriptions may be sent for the purpose of erecting a large Sunday school at the World's Fair. Eighteen addresses are given of parties in the States and one in this country, Miss Sarah Brown, Canada. Which Sarah Brown do they mean?

The Salvini Company are finished actors. Their scenery is superb, their attention to detail marvellous. Vancouver audiences are largely British, therefore essentially phlegmatic. At the play histrionic merit of the highest order alone moves them. On being fully aroused, however, as was the case at the Salvini performance on Friday evening, they were generous enough and abandoned enough to gratify the proud star. Salvini is in his zenith. Your reporter saw him in the nadir of his fame, some years ago, at the Metropolitan, New York. He was a member of the company of which his illustrious father was head. Salvini, senior, carried on the dialogue in Italian while the rest of the company spoke in English. The very large proportion of the vast audience, on account of the ignorance of the Italian tongue, could only admire the great master's courtly grace; his tremendous power and magnificent stage presence. These are the son's birthright, but the comments were uncomplimentary in those days to Alexander, the offspring. "He rants too much." This was the general verdict, and his one fault—a fault obliterated by time and experience. He was then in the nonage of his career, and the fire and vigor of early manhood trampled down discretion with its blind impetuosity. How different the scene in the Opera house on Friday evening on the occasion of "Three Life Guardsmen" performance! On all sides were heard the homely expressions, "Isn't it splendid?" "Oh, I think he's grand. The best star performer and the best company ever seen in Vancouver." What more fitting criticism of the play. It is better than a column of verbose review! Similar remarks, heard in the theatre, bubble up from the effervescing emotions, are spontaneous and are nearer to the true expressions of the feelings. At the end of the second act the courtly Salvini received such a storm of applause that the curtain was raised three times before its cessation. The fact is mentioned as it is the first time a similar ovation has been tendered to any performer since the opening of the Opera House. The audience was small, as Vancouver theatre goers have given up $4,000 to theatre performances in the past week; $2,000 of which went to the Duff Opera Co. At the conclusion of the tribute to genius your reporter interviewed Salvini in the flies. He smiled as he nodded towards the house, and said, "That was very nice, that appreciation in the audience makes up for the depreciation in the exchequer. Vancouver people are quick to see a good point and I like them for that."

The accident to the Zambesi will not prevent Capt. Ross going to Japan on the Empress of China.

Ald. McCraney, at the earnest solicitation of numerous friends, has decided to stand for the office of councillor.

The dry goods firm of Haley & Sutton has sold out to Messrs. Drysdale, a Nova Scotia firm, and will move back to Edmonton, Man.

Two by-laws were voted upon to-day; one by the ratepayers exclusive of those who were cut off by the Court of Revision of 1892, when that body reduced the assessment, and the other by all the ratepayers, including those cut off in the revision. By the former the Burrard Inlet and Fraser Valley $300,000 bonus by-law was carried by 361 majority, as follows: Ward 1, 83 for and 61 against; Ward 2, 76 for and 60 against; Ward 3, 118 for and 20 against; Ward 4, 180 for and 27 against; Ward 5, 18 for and 36 against. The total vote was 798; spoiled ballots, 29.

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Dec. 9.—The Rugby match with Nanaimo is off, Nanaimo not being able to get up a team.

A big meeting was held to-night by the mayoralty candidates. The race seems to be neck-and-neck between Messrs. Townsend and Curtis.

The bark Thompson, outward bound to Australia with lumber, was run aground opposite Annieville to-day, at about three-quarter tide, and lies with a heavy list to starboard. Pilot Jones was in charge, and those who have been down say the vessel is 600 feet out of the channel. It is reported she will be floated at high tide in the morning. An investigation will be held.

Justice McCreight gave a decision yesterday in the case of Towle vs. the New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, I.O.O.F., finding in favor of plaintiff in the sum of $500 and allowing costs. The suit was for the value of plans of a new building, also for attending the erection of the structure.

Another quiet wedding took place last evening at the Presbyterian manse, Rev. Thomas Scoular tying the knot which joins as one J. A. McTaggart, of Mission City, and Miss May Roland, of Brandon, Man.

Belle Meade farm, Hall's prairie, the property of Dr. I. W. Powell, Victoria, will in a few years be one of the most extensive fruit farms in the province. Dr. Powell intends going very extensively into prune growing, and has just received at his farm 10,000 Italian prune trees, which will be set out as soon as possible. Another 10,000 trees of the same variety will be set out next year, making in all about 150 acres under this fruit. There are now set out on the farm 3,000 pear and 500 crab-apple trees, and 4,000 gooseberry and currant bushes. Dr. Powell says he will have in the spring ten acres under strawberries and other small fruits. He will erect buildings for prune drying and build canning establishments. The farm was nearly wild two years ago; but to-day about 200 acres of 250 are under cultivation.

The market did a big business this morning. Nearly every butcher in the city had a stall and there was a great cut in prices. This matter will be discussed at a special meeting of the finance committee, the market commissioners and the Butchers' Association on Monday evening.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Dec. 10.—Just at the last moment the fight for Mayor has become very hot, and Monday will see the friends of Messrs. Curtis and Townsend working desperately for the victory. In the aldermanic elections there is not a ripple of excitement.

The annual inspection of No. 1 Battery, B. C. B. G. A., commenced this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the drill shed. The battery turned out nearly full strength, with Capt. Townley in command, he being the only commissioned officer on parade. The drill was held inside the building owing to the unpleasantness of the weather outside. Company drill and heavy gun drill were engaged in, and this evening the commissioned and non-commissioned officers were questioned on their knowledge of their duties. On the whole the battery did fairly well.

A stonemason fell from a scaffold on the Curtis-Burns block to-day, and was badly hurt.

Hon. C. E. Pooley is in town.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Dec. 9.—The Taraniello murder case occupied the whole day. The judge and jury went to Northfield this morning to view the scene of the murder. After their return the court re-opened. The case may possibly be finished to-night.

A mission will be preached next week in the Roman Catholic church by the Redemptorist Fathers.

One of the sailors belonging to the ship Oriental, who was in the boat which visited the bark McNeill, got slightly wounded on the head by a shot fired from her the night before last. Luckily, it is only a scalp wound.

The institution of the Mount View lodge of Canadian Odd Fellows at Northfield has been postponed until Wednesday.

A discussion took place this evening at the Good Templars' hall on the subject of "Spiritualism."

Sailed—Bark Alden Bessie and bark Sea King for San Francisco.

Duplicate samples of coal from the various mines in this district and from Union are being sent into the Government office to Mr. M. Bray, who will forward them through Mr. A. Dick, inspector of Mines, to the Imperial Institute at London, England, and to the Columbian exhibition at Chicago. From the Protection Island mine and from the Wellington colliery blocks of coal of extra large proportions will be exhibited.

NANAIMO, Dec. 10.—The boarding house at R. Grant & Co.'s mills at Union was destroyed by fire on Sunday morning; all the effects were saved, but the building was destroyed. Loss, $300; no insurance.

The first regular meeting of the Georgian Mining company was held on Thursday evening. After the transaction of minor business the report of E. Priest, surveyor, sent up to Texada island to survey the company's property, was considered. As soon as the snow clears away the company will commence prospecting, and development work will be started.

There was a double wedding at the house of J. Piercy, Comox, on Tuesday, when Neil McFadden, of Union, and R. Graham, of the Courtenay hotel were united in marriage to two of Mr. Piercy's daughters.

The teachers of the Union school are preparing for a Christmas entertainment, to be held in the schoolhouse on the evening of the 22nd inst.

The bark Richard III. is now loading at Union wharf. She carries about 1,700 tons. The San Mateo is on her way here.

NELSON.

(From the Tribune.)

Rich discoveries have been made on St. Mary's river, less than twenty miles from Kootenay lake. The Rose-Waters and other parties have made locations on the branch that heads east of Crawford's bay, while Tom Hall and his associates have made locations further south. The ore carries both silver and gold, assays running from $20 in silver to $4,000 in gold, John O'Neil being the discoverer of the claim from which the highest return in gold was obtained. Mr. Rose intends to put in the winter doing development work.

E. H. Tomlinson, treasurer of the Farrel-Hendryx smelter syndicate at Pilot Bay, has bought from E. A. Bielenberg the John W. Mackey, Jim Fair and Flood claims, adjoining the now famous Best mine. Mr. Tomlinson expects to continue work on the Bear Lake claim during winter. The ore of this claim is chloride and brittle silver in quartz, assays from which have yielded $750 and $1,400 per ton.

Wilson & Perdue, of Nelson, will supply the mines in the Slocan country with beef for the winter. They will be driven from Kaslo to the mines and slaughtered. There is about five feet of snow at some of the mines.

A mining man of Kaslo says the Blue Bird mine is worth $1,000,000 now that Cleveland is elected President. He alleges that Messrs. Garrison, Burke & Taylor have refused $350,000 for the property.

A Kaslo firm each week receives a large black jug from Nelson. When asked by a strictly temperance man in the same office what the jug contained, they stated it was ink, and that it was cheaper to get it by the jugfull. When the temperance man went to refill his inkstand, he found the stuff wasn't ink by a jugfull.

The Bonner's Ferry Herald says: "Major J. I. Barnes, customs officer at the line, found fifty pounds of opium in Mrs. O. S. McTaggert's stateroom on the Spokane. He arrested the woman and a man, a stranger."

G. N. Savage, a Spokane furniture man, is so well-pleased with the outlook that he has purchased a lot on Front street, will build at once, and put in a stock this winter, if possible.

Scott McDonald and bride, *nee* Miss Agnes Smith, have arrived at Ainsworth. Mrs. McDonald is from Le Sueur, Minn., and is a niece of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Wright, of Ainsworth.

Among the mines working in the Kaslo and Slocan districts for the winter are: Freddy Lee, 15 men; Washington, 12; Great Western, 9; Blue Bird, 15; Young Dominion, 4; Recau, 6; Best, 6; Dardanelles, 12; Northern Belle, 4; Lucky Jim, 15; Wellington, 8; Idaho, 8; Slocan Boy, 6; Mountain Chief, 6; Montezuma, 8; Four Mile creek claims, 16. Total, 150. This means a disbursement of over $25,000 a month for wages and supplies.

The Slocan country is to have a third winter outlet—a sleigh road up Slocan river. The money was subscribed in New Denver, Slocan City, Slocan Crossing and Nelson. This route will be the easiest kept open.

C. W. Busk is surveying the Nagle-Davies townsite at the head of Kootenay lake. The town will be called Lardo, and will be the landing point for parties bound to the mines on the Lardo and Duncan rivers, and will be to those districts much the same as Kaslo is to the Kaslo and Slocan districts.

The party engaged in locating the line of the Nelson & Fort Sheppard railway had to suspend work last week because of the depth of snow. Only a few miles remain to be located.

Aldous Brothers, of Nelson, are starting a bakery at Kaslo, and T. A. Garland a branch of his Nelson store.

F. W. Flint, one of the original owners of the Noble Five group of claims in Slocan district, has purchased the Richelieu saloon on Howard street, Spokane, one of the finest saloons in that city. Ed. Corning, of Nelson, will manage it for him.

A Mr. Elliott will establish a brick yard in Kaslo as soon as the frost is out of the ground in the spring, a desirable quality of clay having been found.

Over 700,000 bricks have been made at the Pilot Bay brick yard this fall. They are sold at the smelter wharf for $12 a thousand.

QUESNELLE.

QUESNELLE, Dec. 3.—On the 30th ult., Bertram Johnstone, aged 10 (eldest son of W. A. Johnstone, J.P.) died of dropsy, caused by inflammation of the kidneys. The child has been complaining for some time, but nothing serious was anticipated, till the swelling began, and as there is no resident doctor, the cause was not suspected. Fortunately Dr. Hugh Watt, M.P.P., called on a visit and did all in his power for the lad, but it was too late. This is the fourth death here this season, three being little ones, and two precious lives, at least, might have been saved if a doctor had been available. The district doctor resides sixty miles distant, and a movement is on foot to petition the Government that the doctor reside here. The community numbers at least twenty-six families and seventy-eight children in the town and neighborhood.

The cold has been very great here for nearly three weeks; the temperature has fallen as low as 17 below zero, and there is good sleighing all the way from Ashcroft.

DUNCAN'S.

DUNCAN'S, Dec. 8.—A meeting of the new executive committee of the Cowichan and Salt Spring Island Agricultural society was held at the Agricultural hall yesterday afternoon, the re-elected President, Mr. W. H. Elkington, in the chair. The main business transacted was the completion and consideration of last year's and the late show accounts.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Musgrave left for Victoria on a short visit.

The Cowichan river fell eleven inches during last night, owing to the heavy frosts, and the driving of logs has consequently been suspended.

Maple Lodge of Knights of Pythias held their regular lodge at Jaynes' hall.

Indian Agent Lomas had the following cases before him at the Indian office to-day: Johnny Page, charged with gambling, case dismissed; Elijah, a Chemainus Indian, charge of intoxication, contributed a fine of $10; Eli, a Nanaimo Indian, also charged with drunkenness, convicted and ordered to appear for judgment when called upon.

At the Agricultural Hall this evening a lively debate by the members of the Cowichan Pleasant Evenings Society took place, Mrs. W. Dwyer in the chair. For the affirmative on the question "Do Ghosts Exist?" the following spoke: Miss G. Hadwen, the chairman, W. H. Matthews, J. C. Harris and E. Musgrave; while Mr. G. Hadwen, Rev. A. J. Leakey and J. E. Norcross argued for the negative. The vote resulted in a large majority for the affirmative. During the evening nine new members were ballotted for and elected.

DUNCAN'S, Dec. 9.—Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Wicks, Mrs. Edgson, Miss Wilson, Dr. A. M. Watson and Messrs. J. S. Shopland and A. A. Brownell boarded the train for Victoria.

Constable Maitland-Dougall returned from Shawnigan lake and Victoria.

A social entertainment and subsequent dance came off very successfully at Somenos to-night.

Messrs. Longe, of Pender Island, are visiting in the neighborhood.

The near approach of Christmas seems to be enlivening the spirits of the district.

An entertainment is promised at the Duncan school by the school children in aid of the prize fund, on the 16th inst., and on the 20th the Sahtlam settlers will attract all comers with a huge Christmas tree and a dance to wind up with, and other events, of which more anon, are being discussed and planned.

DUNCAN'S, Dec. 10.—Dr. Watson, A. A. Brownell, Mr. and Mrs. Wicks and Walter F. Burton came up from Victoria on the morning train.

CABLE NEWS.

Rector Ahlwerde Sent to Jail for Libel—A Friend of His Suicides.

Explosion in Krupp's Iron Works—Severe Snow Storms in Prussia.

BERLIN, Dec. 9.—Rector Ahlwerde was to-day adjudged guilty of having libelled the Loewe firm of gunmakers and Lieut.-Colonel Kuhne, as charged by the prosecution, and was sentenced to five months' imprisonment.

VIENNA, Dec. 9.—A twelve centimetre dynamite shell exploded in Krupp's iron works, at Berndorff, to-day. No one was hurt, and but little damage was done. No arrests have been made.

BERLIN, Dec. 9 —Count Paul Von Langen, who is implicated in the Ahlwerde case, attempted to commit suicide to-day by throwing himself into the Spree canal. He was rescued by the police, nothing the worse for his bath, and care will now be taken that he does not renew the attempt.

BERLIN, Dec. 9.—News has been received of a very severe snow storm in Silesia, and the snow fall in Western Prussia has been extraordinary. The streets of Posen, Sprottau, Breslau and Thorn are impassable on account of its depth.

AT SAN DIEGO.

Arrival of the Warspite—Her Flag to be Transferred to the Melpomene.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 10.—The British flagship Warspite entered the harbor to day, en route to England for repairs. She will transfer her flag to the Melpomene in this harbor.

CANADIAN.

Graveyard Insurance Trials Begun—Murdered Mrs. Story to be Buried at Windsor.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

SHERKSTON, Dec. 10.—Gas wells with a flow of millions of feet per day have been struck in Welland county on the Weaver and Noll farms respectively.

PETERBORO, Dec. 10.—Partly it is supposed, as the result of the recent arrest of four members, and avowedly the result of bad feeling between the fire brigade and members of the police force, whom the firemen accuse of espionage, all the members of the brigade have tendered their resignations.

WINDSOR, Dec. 10.—The body of Mrs. Story, who was murdered at Seattle and who was a daughter of Rev. Canon Johnson, will be brought here for interment. Her two young sons will come with it.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 10.—The trial of the graveyard insurance charges against Rev. Sidney Welton, C. B. Welton and D. Randall, began here yesterday, and will probably last all next week. Some sensational evidence was taken yesterday.

OTTAWA, Dec. 10.—The revenue of the Dominion during November was $3,008,075. For the four preceding months it amounted to $12,654,695, a total of $15,662,770 for the first five months of the current fiscal year. The revenue for the corresponding period last year was $12,546,047. For the five months of the current fiscal year there is a surplus of $3,904,976 after all expenditures, as against a surplus of $2,492,150 for the corresponding period of last year.

THE CONFERENCE A FAILURE.

U. S. Delegate Cannon Throws the Responsibility on France and the Latin Union.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 10.—Meinheer Boissevain, the Dutch bi-metallist, and Senor Toaca, of the Spanish delegation, reported in the international monetary conference to-day, the terms expressed by M. Tirard, and the arguments with which he supported those views. Delegate Forsell, of Denmark, challenged the American delegates to pronounce a definite opinion on the issue before the Conference and formulate a plan. Senator Allison, on behalf of the American delegation, replied that the United States were ready to adopt any fair schemes adopted by a certain number of nations. American Delegate Cannon declared that even if the Conference should arrive at no immediate practical result, the world would have had the great advantage of eliciting important declarations, defining the position of the nations represented. It was well worth the trouble incurred to have obtained the important knowledge of the position of France, as shown by the declaration of M. Tirard to the effect that France and the Latin union, from which the United States had expected more than from any other quarter, on account of these countries being such large holders of silver, would not assist the United States in solving the problem; whereas, on the other hand, assistance had come from an unexpected quarter, namely, certain members of the English delegation. Mr. Cannon added that he believed that even now there was no need of despairing of some satisfactory result. The conference adjourned until Thursday. It is believed that Mr. Cannon threw the responsibility for the ultimate failure of the conference on France and the Latin union in the hope of compelling those countries to show some disposition toward conciliation.

MONTREAL MATTERS.

French Canadian Complainings—Trade Matters—The C.P.R's Proposed Fast Atlantic Service.

MONTREAL, Dec. 10.—(Special.)—The French Canadian papers are complaining that their race is being systematically ignored in the distribution of offices at Ottawa. Le Monde declares that English officials, suspended some time ago, are being reinstated, and that the French are dismissed.

Lieut.-Governor Chapleau will take a trip to New York next week.

Joseph Rogers, head of the great cutlery firm of Sheffield, England, talking of the McKinley bill and its effects here, was asked if some ease in the situation might not now be looked for with a Democratic president of the United States. "We must not expect too much from that," said Mr. Rogers. "I don't think a deal can be accomplished. You see how protection is spreading. The whole world is against England now. I have always been a free trader, but I begin to think, and a great many others are beginning to think, we should have reciprocity."

A prominent official of the Canadian Pacific said: "When we get our fast Atlantic service going we will astonish the Americans with what we can do. For instance, we will take a passenger from London and set him down in New York a day ahead of any other route. In fact, so great are our advantages that we look forward to the time when we can place a traveler in Chicago in the same number of hours that competing American lines could place him in New York."

THE CANAL SCANDAL.

M. Clemenceau Said to be Involved—Baron Reinach's Remains in the Hands of the Surgeons.

PARIS, Dec. 10. — A member of the Panama canal investigating committee said to a representative of the Associated Press: "When it is considered that we have been working in the dark, unaided by information from the hands of the Government and courts, we have done well in unearthing corrupt acts. We must now go right on and stop for nothing or nobody. We shall report on January 10. When the Panama Canal company's affairs come before the courts the judicial authorities can prosecute the guilty persons whom we will designate. The enemies of the republic wish to keep up the scandal as long as possible, in order to influence the elections for members of the Deputies next autumn. It is possible that the Socialists will gain new seats on account of the scandal.

It is rumored that M. Clemenceau is involved in the scandal. It is said he cashed Panama Canal company checks drawn in his favor. Three members of the Panama Canal committee were sent to examine the books of the firm of John & Reinach, and reported to-day that they found that during the first six months of 1888, Arton, the alleged go-between, on several occasions had drawn on account of Baron Reinach for 1,000,000 francs.

The brains, viscera and spinal cord of the late Baron Reinach have been sent to the laboratory of the Faculty of Medicine for thorough examination, with the object of ascertaining the cause of his death. Dr. Brondel, who has charge of the autopsy, declines to speak upon the subject of the rumors to the effect that evidence of suicide or murder had been discovered, and puts off all inquiry with the remark that the cause of death is a mystery.

SILVER MEN'S TROUBLES.

A "Bear" Prophecy of Disaster to Follow any Decision Against Free Coinage.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 10.—The special committee of the international monetary conference met again to-day and considered the proposition of Sir. Wm. Houndsworth for a bi-metallic union, silver to be reproduced by national mints at a rate per ounce to be agreed upon, and receipts to be given for silver which would circulate as money. The committee also considered the plans of the Danish delegate and Belgian delegate, and the final report will be prepared and be submitted.

M. Tirard, the French delegate and ex-minister of finance, endorsed the opinion of the Italian delegates. The withdrawal of the French ten franc gold pieces would not conduce to the more extended use of silver, as France would have to substitute for it an immense amount of silver already held in reserve in the Bank of France. He was quite satisfied with the present system, assuring an abundance of money. It was impossible that the Latin union could think of bimetallism while Germany, England and Australia refused to open their mints for its free coinage. Therefore, M. Tirard added, the conference must abandon any hope of reaching any radical solution of the problem and apply itself to securing some moderate measure of relief. He would himself earnestly co-operate in carrying such a measure to success. The address of M. Tirard made a profound impression and quenched any remaining hope of radical action in favor of bi-metallism. The American delegates will give a second banquet to their colleagues on Monday.

The bimetallist delegates are discussing whether they shall unite in signing a memorandum on the obstruction offered by Great Britain to the settlement of the questions before the conference.

WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 10.—The treasury yesterday purchased 400,000 ounces of silver as follows: Three hundred and fifty thousand ounces at 84.05, and 50,000 ounces at 84.10. The offers were 500,000 ounces. The silver purchased for the month is 1,724,000 ounces.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—A special from Denver says: Silver fell to 90. The mines have constantly been losing. There are 100 not being worked, many small, and the aggregate of the persons thrown out of employment is enough to exercise a material influence on trade. The belief is widespread that if the report of the Brussels conference is decidedly adverse to the free coinage there will be another heavy drop in silver and half of the mines now being worked will be closed. Under 70 cents it is not likely that there will be a dozen purely silver mines in operation. Banks and stores are preparing to meet the emergency.

A special from Carson City, Nev., gives notable evidence of depression from the low market price of the white metal. Virginia City at one time contained 20,000 people and its annual output reached millions. At present the population is 7,000. Mines formerly paying magnificent dividends are now running behind.

AMERICAN NEWS.

Cleveland at the New York Reform Banquet—Telegraph Strikers Have a Trump Card.

Citizens of Massachusetts Petition Against Chinese Prohibition—Plea of a Reformer.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—At the annual banquet of the Reform club to-night at Madison Square Garden, the president-elect was the bright particular star and most honored guest. He occupied the post of honor at the right hand of E. Ellery Anderson, president of the club. The left of Mr. Cleveland was not filled by Senator David B. Hill, in fact that gentleman was not present. He was scarcely expected. Many other well-known Democrats and Tariff Reformers, however, discussed the cheery menu at the same table that Mr. Cleveland did. There were 550 persons who partook of the banquet. The galleries were filled with a goodly number.

SEATTLE, Dec. 10.—The remains of Mrs. Marie S. Storey, who was murdered by Charles R. Monlton a few days ago, were interred yesterday. The double tragedy is still the source of much talk all over the State and sensational additions are cropping up in a social way.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 10.—Though the Presbytery resolved to give out no information in the Smith case until the whole thing was finished, it has leaked out that a vote was taken upon the first charge and the verdict was not guilty. This charge is based on articles published by Smith in which he is accused of having taught that a Presbyterian minister may abandon an essential feature of the doctrine and still rightfully retain his position as minister in the church. The other charges will be considered next week. The second asserts that he teaches that whether in an individual case the church requires continual adherence to the doctrinal standard received and adopted at ordination is only to be made known by judicial process. The remaining charges contain the gravest part of the accusation, involving his views on the inspiration of the Scriptures.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 10.—The strike situation in Colorado on the Rock Island has developed no new features of interest today. While there seems to be an opinon among some railway officials that the strikers are losing ground, the members of the order insist that a storm is brewing that will develop with force before many hours have passed. The following was sent out by the local lodge, O. R. T., this morning: "To all operators: Passenger trains all stopped and no travel. No freight trains either way since the strike was ordered. Stand firm, we have a trump card to play for you if necessary."

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 10.—In the House to-day, Mr. Andrews presented a petition signed by Bishop Phillips Brooks and 2,500 other citizens of Massachusetts, praying for the repeal of the act to prohibit the coming of Chinese persons to the United States.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 10.—Homestead appeals to the country to succor its starving people. Nearly 1,000 persons, embracing 218 families, are destitute and in immediate need of food, fire and clothing. The Citizens' Relief Association, of Homestead, has issued a formal plea for aid for the unfortunates, who are victims, directly or indirectly, of the great and stubbornly fought strike just ended. Many of these people are actually starving, while many others are without sufficient clothing to cover their bodies and protect them from the cold of winter.

ALBANY, N.Y., Dec. 10.—The sensational case of the People vs. Rev. Levi Bird has come to a sudden ending. The clergyman was under indictment for criminal libel in having in the pulpit of Trinity Methodist Episcopal church charged city officials with having gone on a Sunday excursion on a lake in a drunken debauch. Two of the officials mentioned by their titles, the city judge and chief of police, did not accompany the excursionists. They gave defendant a chance to publicly retract, but he replied that he would go to jail first. His case being called, Bird's lawyer said his client was clearly of diseased mind, an imputation which Bird did not resent. Counsel made an abject apology on behalf of his client, who agreed to drop the matter and not preach the sermon as announced for next Sunday on the same subject. The case was thereupon dismissed.

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