PRETENDER CLAIMS SPANISH THRONE

Interesting Account of the Old Political Condition of the Kingdom

The circumstances responsible for the present curious political conditions in Spain are not generally understood. If they were, much of the mystery surrounding the present excitement would be dispelled. In view of the strong probability that much more serious outbreaks than those of recent months will occur in Spain during the next year it is worth while that these conditions be clearly and carefully stated.

By the provisions of what is known as the Selic law no woman could inherit the throne of Spain. This law, which originated in the fifth century among the Salian Franks, was introduced into Spain in 1714 by Philip V. Up to the year 1830 no one in Spain thought of questioning the integrity of this ancient law, but in that year Ferdinand VII. abolished it and substituted the Visigothic law, which provides for succession to the throne of women. This law has been operative in Spain in times long gone by, but its restoration was clearly an arbitrary exercise of kingly power, in favor of the succession of Ferdinand's daughter, Isabella.

To the impartial student of history it is clear, then, that the real historic law of Spain, which has been sucessfully and uninterruptedly in operation for over a century, the throne of Spain ought to be now occupied by a descendant of King Ferdinand's next male kin, which was his brother Don Carlos. The grandson of Don Carlos, Don Jaime De Bourbon, is the present so-called pretender to the throne of Spain. In the eyes of nearly five million Spanish people he is the rightful king.

As a result of that arbitrary return to an obsolete law civil war ensued, which lasted for four years, but the resources of the party supporting Don Carlos became exhausted, and his followers were compelled to capitulate. From that day to this there have been constant recurrences of these outbreaks in favor of the Carlist aspirant, and today the entire northern portion of the kingdom is in what amounts to open rebellion at all times. Pictures of Prince Don Jaime de Bourbon are exhibited in public, with the inscription "His Majesty the King" under them. Recently there was a public meeting of four thousand adherents in honor of the prince's birthday, and although soldiers were present there was no attempt at preventing the celebration.

The attitude of the Spanish Pretender toward the throne is of live interest at this time in view of the highly sensational despatches which have come from Spain recently. Don Jaime de Bourbon is at heart a man of peace. He is not fond of fighing, not even for those things which rightfully belong to him. I have had his personal acquaintance for years, and I feel convinced that were it not for the obligation which he feels towards his following, which is as amazing in number as it is insistent in its demands, he would renounce his title to the throne. Here is a curious and contradictory situation; a scion of a royal house, to whom nearly one-half the population of a monarchy yields enthusiastic allegiance, himself merely the figurehead in a fight for the restoration of the throne to its ancient line. For his cousin (the present king of Spain, whom, by the way, he has never met), Don Jaime has the highest personal respect and regard. But his followers, many of whom have given a lifetime to the cause, believe in the rights of their standard-bearer as they cherish few other beliefs, not even forgetting the strength of their devotion to the Church.

Religion and racial feeling enter into the situation most conspicuously. King Alfonso has recently signed a decree against the Church, and, as a result, the feeling against him and his people is tremendously on the increase. Queen Victoria has by no means increased the popularity of her husband. On the contrary she has antagonized much of his most devoted and powerful following throughout the entire kingdom. She has literally forced English customs and methods upon the court in ways which have severely offended the proud Castillian race. Immediately upon her arrival in Madrid she dismissed many of the old serving people, replacing them with English servants. Although she has been Queen for several years, she does not yet speak Spanish and her little sons are brought up more like English boys than Spanish. It is a well known and acknowledged fact throughout Spain that it is her influence and the influence of a strong Protestant nation back of her that have caused the present disturbances against the Roman Church.

Don Jaime De Bourbon is constantly urged by his followers to lead his force in actual revolt. He may be compelled by the strength of that urging to place himself in the position of an armed contestant for the throne of his fathers. The Carlists could easily put 50,000 men into the field in case an organized revolt were attempted. With such a start as this the occupant of the throne of Spain would be in serious jeopardy. The Republicans, the Anarchists, the Carlists and the discontented followers of Rome could be counted upon to unite in a movement of gigantic proportions.

Personally, the Prince of Burbon is a most democratic and unassuming man of thirty-odd years, and a more charming companion I have never known. I have known him intimately for several years, having made his acquaintance during the Manchurian campaign, where he was serving in the Russian army. He is a man of great personal force and superb bearing. He would be a standard-bearer the magic of whose presence would exercise the most potent influence over those who followed his lead. He is a linguist of rare attainments, speaking eight or ten languages with amazing accuracy. His English is perfect. He is unmarried, but it is probable that his marriage will occur within the coming year.

Upon the death of his father, Don Carlos, a couple of years ago, Don Jaime came into vast estates, with many beautiful palaces, including Castle Frohsdorf, charmingly situated in an enormous plateau about forty miles from Vienna, in Austria. This castle is one of the most beautiful in Europe and historically one of the most interesting. Here lived and died Maria Theresa; here Marie Antoinette embroidered chairs which are still shown as specimens of the wonderful handicraft of that day; here Madame du Barry lived, and many others whose history is closely allied with that of France and Austria. And here, now, lives the man whose career spells the future of Spain.—Cosmopolitan.

HOMESTEEADER SHOT

Apparent Case of Suicide On An Alberta Farm

Red Deer, Alta., Dec. 22.—A young homesteader, named Edwrad Stanton, living near Pine Lake about twenty miles east of here, was found by two neighbors who had called to see him, unconscious with a bullet hole from a 22 calibre rifle in his forehead, and another in his chest. The rifle was found nearby with the breech open. He was given attention by a doctor but has not recovered to tell how the affair happened.

GEN. BOOTH WANTS CARNEGIE'S MONEY

Army Leader Would Like to Found a Great "University of Humanity."

London, Dec. 22.—General Booth of the Salvation Army, is deeply stirred by Carnegie's gift of $10,000,000 for the promotion of peace.

"What would I give for $10,000,000 to help us win true peace?" he cried. "How would I spend it? That is no new question. We, year in and year out, have pondered it, wondering where and whence the millions will come. There are so many schemes and posibilities, but if they are to be effective all must begin with the one beginning, a university of humanity. This university for a beginning should have two centres, London and New York. It would be an institution to which the lowest and humblest and the most degraded would be brought, that they might be taught. The greatest and only abiding lesson would be forgetfulness of self.

"In these universities I would give men of healthy bodies the means of healthy work, I would see that the money was not spent on a few alone. Around each university I would have one thousand halls which by their brightness, would attract each their thousands. There are so many ways of spending money in the direction of peace and yet making it productive that I cannot recount all. I only wish Mr. Carnegie would leave me a chance."

Promotion For Geo. H. Shaw

Montreal, Dec. 22.—G.H. Shaw, Canadian Northern Traffic Manager at Winnipeg, has been appointed fourth vice-president. He was formerly in the traffic department of the C.P.R. here. Mr. Shaw's jurisdiction will extend over the lines between Port Arthur and the foothills of the Canadian Rockies.

MONTREAL COUNCIL'S DELICATE POSITION

Question of Medical Officer's Dismissal on Religious Grounds Comes Up

Montreal, Dec. 22.—The strength of the Catholic feeling in this city was shown today at the city council when a number of motions were introduced for the dismissal of City Health Officer Dr. Laberg, on the ground that he was a Free Mason. This came up when the controllers presented their annual budget. The motion to leave Dr. Laberg's name off the roll, however, lacked the necessary two-thirds vote and did not carry. Finally the whole report was returned to the controller for an amendment by leaving Dr. Laberg's name off, the vote for this standing 15 to 14. It is now up to the Board of Control to decide the question. If they dismiss Dr. Laberg the report will carry. If they decide to recommend that his services be retained it will go unless a two-thirds majority of the council can be secured to vote against it. There has been much difficulty over Dr. Laberg's Masonic connections, several schools having refused to allow his officers to inspect them on the ground that the chief of the department was not a good Catholic and the discussion in the council was at times acrimonious.

EARL GREY PLANS TRIP.

Governor General Contemplates Penetrating Northern Confines.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—The news from Toronto that His Excellency Earl Grey is planning a trip to northern confines of Canada and even to the Arctic circle was verified in Ottawa this morning, it being learned on good authority that the governor general has been making plans for just such a trip.

Another Year in Office.

In connection with Earl Grey's extension of office, it is rumered that it is possible that his term may be extended even another year. This will be on account of the Duke of Connaught's inability to absent himself from Great Britain during the King's visit to India and the colonies in the spring of 1912.

May be in Montreal.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—The police have been advised that Edward Funk, the swindler, who cleaned up a few thousand in St. Paul, Mineapolis and Omaha may be in Montreal under cover.

JAPANESE VOLCANO IS IN ERUPTION

No Loss of Life Reported So Far.—Explosions and Earthquake Shocks

Victoria, Dec. 22.—The Asama volcano has been in eruption in Japan according to advices brought today by the steamer Kamakura Maru. Three centuries ago thirty villages were buried by the volcano. As far as can be learned little loss of life was caused, but the country for miles was sprinkled with ashes. Lava flowed near Kiury.

Tremendous explosions and earthquakes were experienced at Tokio, eight miles away, causing the flight of the populace. Professors C. Omorio and Akamura, Japanese seismological experts, says that the volcano has begun a new period of activity and may be expected to erupt any time.

Post for Greenwood.

London, Dec. 22.—(C.A.P.)—It is stated in Sunderland that Homer Greenwood is about to receive a post in the government, and in that case will stand for re-election in Sunderland. In such a contingency his opponent will probably be Samuel Storey, the ex-Radical, who won a great tariff reform victory in the constituency in the January elections.

A COOL ROBBER

Walks Into Vancouver Cafe and Grabs the Receipts

Vancouver, Dec. 22.—P. Jackson, of the Milton Cafe, was behind the counter when a stranger arrived at 3 o'clock this morning. Looking up to see what the new comer wanted the owner found himesif staring into the muzzle of a large revolver while the robber who unmasked, coolly told him to keep quiet till he was through. Several guests were in the place at the time and the robber also issued the same instructions to them, passing them along as well to the cooks in the kitchen. Then he coolly went over to the cash register, rang up "no sale," and extracted from the machine seventy dollars in bills and silver. When he had stowed this away in his pockets he backed out of the place, still covering everybody inside and disappeared in the darkness.

STAGNATION CAUSES CUT IN STEEL AND IRON

Twenty-Five Thousand Men Idle In Mills of Pittsburg District Alone

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 22.—It is reported here on excellent authority that a material cut in steel and iron prices is likely within the next thirty days. In fact the prediction is made that the first week in January is likely to see the cut. The present stagnation in the industry is given as the cause for the contemplated reductions.

This is not surprising when it is conservatively estimated that of the 110,000 men employed in the mills of the Pittsburg district alone, fully 25,000 are out of work, with no immediate prospect of a change. Beyond this the statement is made, the remaining 85,000 men are working but 55 per cent. on full time on an average.

In Youngstown, Wheeling and Johnstown, all of which are great industrial centres, the conditions approximate those in the Pittsburg district. That is, thousands of men are idle—the mill owners admit that the figures are run into the tens of thousands. They do not deny today, too, that the advance orders for all kinds of iron and steel products are nearly at the lowest ebb that has been known in years.

The best indication of the situation so far as the mills are concerned, is to be found in the official statement just given out by the furnace owners in the Connellsville Coke district. When it is remembered that in the production of every ton of iron at least one ton of coke is consumed, the figures will indicate very closely the status of the iron industry. For instance, in the first week of January this year, the coke ovens of the Connellsville district turned out 449,082 tons of material. This has gradually fallen away week by week until for the first week in December of this year the product was 292,435 tons, or about two-thirds of the amount at the beginning of the year. Taking the figures for every week of the year, it is noticeable that the falling off in the output has been practically the same week after week. It is roughly estimated that 60,000 men are employed about the coke ovens. It is safe to say that fully one-third of them are now idle.

Summing up, it is safe to say conservatively, that from 25 to 30 per cent. of the nearly two hundred thousand men in the Pittsburg, Johnstown, Wheeling and Youngstown districts in the steel and iron mills alone are absolutely idle, while the others working approximately half time or slightly more. And still the merchants insist that business is normal.

Port Arthur Dock.

Port Arthur, Dec. 22.—Work of construction on the dry dock gates is now completed, and all that remains to be finished before boats can be admitted for repairs is the coffer dam in front of the dock. The Trevor will likely go in for repairs soon after the new year and when she is turned out the Dunelm will go in. It is expected that work on these two boats will keep a full gang occupied until spring.

Bellevue Disaster

Edmonton, Dec. 22. — Representatives of the Miners' Union of Bellevue reached the city tonight to confer with the Attorney General to appoint a commission of experts instead of a coroner's jury to investigate the causes of the mine disaster. The mine owners are willing this be done.

VAUDEVILLE FOR HATTIE

Girl Acquitted of Murder Charge On Visit to Her Home

St. John, Dec. 22.—Surrounded by parcels of every description which almost filled the drawing room of the Pullman in which she sat, Hattie Leblanc, recently acquitted of the murder of Clarence Glover in Waltham, Mass., passed through the city en route to her home in West Arichat, C. B. She had a great quantity of personal baggage made up of presents that were sent to her during her trial and after her acquittal.

Among these gifts were thirty handsome and costly sweaters, many articles of expensive jewelry and a large amount of money. Hattie was radiant and happy and she seemed to take pleasure in telling the reporters that she was innocent. She laughed heartily as she told of the interviews sought by the Boston reporters. Hattie aded that she did not know exactly what she would do after visiting her people, but thought she would accept a $500 offer from a vaudeville manager to appear on the stage. The girl was accompanied by her sister, father and uncle.

Fire At Tate

Tate, Sask., Dec. 22.—The general store of W. J. Kellett was destroyed by fire last night. The loss is $6,000 and the insurance $3,500. The family had a narrow escape but were all safely removed.

IDENTIFY BODY FOUND IN BARREL

Mathew Johnson of Jarvis, Ont., The Victim of a Gruesome Tragedy

old man found frozen in a barrel in the Warehousing Company's storehouse, has been postively identified at the Montreal morgue today as that of Mathew Johnson, of Jarvis, Ont. Rev. Mr. C. A. MacLennan, minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Chatesugay Bay, who for eight years had charge of the church in Jarvis where the old man attended, identified the body beyond oubt. The man McSorely is under arrest. Johnson's son is going to get the body.

A message to Superintendent Rogers, of the Provincial Police from Inspector Reburn at Jarvis this morning was as follows: "McSorely admits packing the body as described and shipping it. He maintains, however, that he secured the corpse from a man whom he never saw before and does not know." McSorely appeared before the magistrate at Jarvis this morning and at the request of Crown Attorney Murphy the case was remanded. The hearing will take place at Cayuga. The charge is that the prisoner opened the grave of Matthew Johnson and shipped the body to Montreal. The accused is known all over the country side and is not at times considered quite sane. He studied medicine for a time at Toronto University, but did not graduate.

WHY FEDERENKO HAD TO FLEE FROM RUSSIA

Revolutionist Released at Winnipeg Tells of Trouble With Police

Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—Savva Fedorenko, in discussing his escape from Russia, gives the following graphic description of his experience:

"One evening a friend and I went to the village of Levkovka in the province of Kieff to distribute revolutionary literature. We addressed a meeting of over 100 young men, who grew very enthusiastic. All of a sudden there came a loud rap on the door of the room and several policemen came flocking in. A fight started immediately. Several of the young men whom we were addressing were armed. A number of our own party joined the police and revolvers were fired on both sides. Two of our men were killed, as was one policeman and several other were wounded. I had a revolver in my pocket but did not use it.

"Dyduk, my companion, and I were advised to make our escape at once, and we reached the forest safely, where we remained all night. The next morning a rig was waiting for us at a spot agreed upon outside the forest and we were taken to Podolsk province, where after saying farewell to our friends we bid a long goodbye to Russian soil and crossed the border into Austria. In Austria we were looked after by a Russian Revolutionary Committee, which makes it its special business to look after persons in our situation. The committee sent us to Brazil where we obtained work. Later we went to the Argentine Republic. Hearing favorable reports of Canada and desiring to get one of the free homesteads that are offered by the government, I decided to leave Dyduk and come north, where my knowledge of farming would be of more use to me. I was in Winnipeg four weeks before being arrested.

"I sent money home regularly to my mother, with whom my two children are living. The money usually went in another's name, but once I sent it in my own name. The post office authorities open one's letters in Russia. That is how they found out that I was in Winnipeg."

Port Arthur Hydro Electric.

Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 21.—Permanent power is now being received in Port Arthur direct from Kakabeka Falls through the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission sub-station. It was turned on this morning and relieves the power shortage that for some time has seriously affected the railway and light systems. It was less than a year ago that the ratepayers ratified the agreement with the Hydro-Electric Commission.

DISASTER IN ENGLISH MINE

Three Hundred Miners Lose Lives In Hulton Colliery, England

Bolton, Eng., Dec. 21.—More than three hundred colliers lost their lives today in an explosion in the Little Hulton Colliery, of the Hulton Colliery Company, which is located a little distance outside this city.

At half past nine tonight all the rescuers were called out of the mine and a conference was held at which Government Inspector Girrard, the engineers and the mine manager were present. Inspector Girrard issued a report after making a descent into the pit in which he stated that it was impossible that any of the miners are still alive. His conclusion was that nothing could be done except to bring up twenty bodies found lying near the shaft.

Held Open Air Service

This report was communicated to crowds around the pit mouth after which the bishop of Manchester made a touching service in the open air and the people slowly dispersed.

No explanation is given as to the cause of the explosion which completely wrecked the mine. This is the second explosion in England this year. An explosion ocurred in Wellington Colliery at Whitehaven, Cumberland, on May 12 in which 136 miners were killed.

The explosion today resulted in the temporary disablement of the machinery whereby the cages are lowered and some time elapsed before the first rescue party could reach the bottom of the pit. Eight men in all were rescued, but the majority of these were in a serious condition from the noxious gases. Ten bodies also were removed, and twenty more were found, partly covered by heavy falls of coal.

FINANCE MINISTER RETURNS

Hon. W. S. Fielding is Greatly Improved in Health

Montreal, Dec. 22.—With his general health much improved, Hon. W. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance, was at the Windsor today enroute for Ottawa. He said although he followed the recent trend of public affairs pretty close he was not very well posted and could not discuss the questions of the day with authority.

CREATION OF NEW PEERS WOULD CAUSE REACTION

Observer Tells Unionists to Fight to End and Dares Liberals To Make 500 Peers

London, Dec. 22.—J. L. Garvin, editor of The Observer, who, it is rumored, was the author of Balfour's referendum proposal, and whom Chancellor Lloyd-George in a speech last week described as the man who supplied the Conservative party with ideas, writing in his Sunday paper today, urges the Unionists still to endeavor to obtain a constitutional settlement by consent; if the government refuses to compromise, then the Unionists must fight to the end. All depends upon the firmness of the lords, who, he says, should proceed with their own reform schemes, as though nothing had happened, and allow the ministers to create 500 peers if they dare.

Mr. Garvin admits that the King is bound by the constitution to create peers, but the responsibility for such creation rests with the ministers, and such perversion of constitutional ideas, as they are understood elsewhere, especially in the United States, as the creation of so many peers with only a bare majority, is bound to be so unpopular that a reaction in favor of the Unionists would soon set in. He is confident, moreover, that the bulk of any number of new peers would refuse to pass the home rule bill.

T. P. O'Connor, writing in a Sunday paper, rejoices that all indications reveal a determined, resolute and prompt spirit on the part of the ministers. He says that the veto question will be faced the very first night of the coming session, and will be pursued to the bitter end, without delay or hesitation. The lords possibly might insert certain amendments in the veto bill, but they must be told in the plainest language that amendments are impossible, for, he adds, it is evident that gentle measures will not influence them, nothing will teach them but the big stick.

Refining Vat Explodes

Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—At a late hour last night a steam refining vat in the packing establishment of Gordon, Ironsides and Fares, Logan Avenue West, exploded with a thunderous roar. It wrecked everything in that part of the building and shattered the walls so that part of the roof collapsed. Such was the power of the explosion that the street railway and electric wires were broken. It is estimated that at the time of the explosion some 4,000 pounds of steam were imprisoned in the vat. The damage is estimated at about $2,000.

Chamberlain in East.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—E. J. Chamberlain, general manager of the G. T. P., is in Montreal today, having just come back from a trip over the route of construction to British Columbia. He says there is now a stretch of only four hundred miles between the Pacific and eastern ends of the G. T. P.

Suspend Plumbers' Strike.

Monetrral, Dec. 21.—At a special meeting of the Plumbers' Union it was decided to spspend the strike which has been tying up the important contracts over the city during the past few months.

SOLD GRUESOME RELIC.

Block on Which Robert Emmet's Head Rested Disposed of.

Dublin, Dec. 21.—Sir Thornley Stoker's sale has gone on gayly all this week. This sale has brought nearly every Britisher dealer of note to Dublin, and between times they have visited many of the antique shops and picked up treasures. The chief treasure of the sale of silver plate went to John Noble, of Newcastle, England, who now possesses some really unique speciments of Jacobean silver—the best period.

One of the most weird lots in the whole collection of curios was put up—the block on which Robert Emmet's head rested after the decapitation. It only fetched a small sum. When one remembers it was in this very street (Ely place) that Emmet wooed and won Sarah Curran, daugnter of John Philpott Curran, it seems a curious fate that this gruesome relic should be sold so near.

Nelson Street Car Accident.

Nelson, Dec. 21.—Three men and a girl were seriously injured this morning in the first accident in Nelson on the new street car service, which has just come into operation. A car ran away backwards in spite of the brakes and sand while climbing a 12 per cent. grade. At the foot of the hill the car met a sharp curve, left the track, hit a telephone pole, overturned and was smashed to splinters.

TO DEVELOP TRADE WITH ARGENTINA

Government Appoints a Trade Commissioner With Headquarters at Buenos Ayres

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—The government has decided to make an effort to develop a larger trade with the Argentine Republic and an order in council has been passed creating a Canadian Trade Commissionership for that country with headquarters at Buenos Ayres. H. R. Pousset, trade commissioner at Durban, will become the first Canadian Commissioner in Argentina and J. H. Chesley, commissioner at Cape Town, will be given complete charge in South Africa with headquarters at Durban.

Canadian trade with Argentina at the present time amounts to over $50,000,000. Mr. Meyer, consul general for Argentina in Canada, has been urging the appointment of a trade commissioner at Buenos Ayres for some time past.

Body Identified

Montreal, Dec. 22.—The body of an old man found frozen in a barrel of the Canada Warehousing Company's storehouse was positively identified at the Montreal morgue today as that of Mathew Johnson, Jarvis, Ont. Rev. Mr. C. A. MacLennan, minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Châtaguay Bay, who was eight years in charge of the church at Jarvis, where the old man attended, identified the body beyond doubt.

Remain in Capital.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. R. L. Borden will spend their Christmas holidays in Ottawa, but Mr. Borden will go to Grand Pre to spend New Year's day with his mother. Several of the ministers will remain in the capital over the holiday.

PUBLIC FUNERAL FOR MURDERED POLICEMEN

London Officers Shot Down by Russian Terrorists Paid High Honor

London, Dec. 22.—A public funeral was given today to the three police officers who were shot down by Russian terrorists whom they had frustrated in an attempt at burglary last Saturday night. St. Paul's Cathedral, where the services were held, was crowded, the throng including representatives of King George and of the Cabinet. The Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of London attended in full state.

The esteem in which the police of London are held was indicated by the hundreds of floral displays sent by all classes of society and by the enormous crowds that thronged the route of the procession from the cathedral to the cemetery. Although hundreds of Scotland Yard men are searching for them night and day the murderers are still at large.

CHINAMEN LOSE QUEUES.

Edict Is Being Generally Observed.—Hair Market Gutted

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 22.—The date set for the removal of the queue from the heads of male Chinese was Dec. 5 and when the steamship America, which arrived today, left China the edict was being generally observed. Nearly 20,000,000 queues will be cut off. The human hair market will be glutted. The prevailing style of hairdressing in the United States calls for much artificial hair, but not nearly so much as is available.

CHINA FAMINE STRICKEN.

Over Two Million People Have Been Afflicted.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Every report to the State Department from China bearing upon the epidemic of plague indicates the rapid spread of disease and adds to the magnitude of the affliction. A cablegram received from the legation at Pekin states that two and a half million people have been stricken.

Manitoba Local Option.

Winnipeg, Dec. 21.—Returns received last night show that Carman had voted against the sale of liquor by a majority of 14. When the measure was carried last year it had a majority of 78. In Glenboro local option was defeated by 24.

AVIATOR HAS A NARROW ESCAPE

Lanser Loses Direction in Heavy Fog and Crashes Into A Chimney

Paris, Dec. 22.—"Ship wrecked in mid air or marooned in the flooded Seine," was enacted here today by the Belgian aviator Lanser, who, with a companion, left Issy early today in a bi-plane competing in the round-trip contest between Paris and Brussels, a prize of $20,000 being offered to the aviator who makes the trip in the shortest time. A heavy fog obscured Lanser after he went up and for a while he flew unable to see the ground beneath him. He lost his direction completely, flying in an opposite direction from that which he intended when disaster overtook him. At high speed Lanser crashed into a high chimney which broke down the bricks, smashing through the roof of the house and greatly frightening the residents. The tip of Lanser's aeroplane wing was broken and the machine went a short distance before falling. The aeroplane landed in a treetop, the aviators falling through the boughs and escaping serious injury. They found that they were on an island in the flooded Seine. No boats are running and the two men waved signals of distress and called and were finally seen and rescued.

BOB EMSLIE PENSIONED

Veteran Canadian Umpire To Be Retired by National League

Chicago, Dec. 22.—It's curtains for Bob Emslie, of St. Thomas, Ont., the veteran of the National League, according to Charles W. Murphy, of the Cubs.

Emslie is to be retired on a pension. The decision to retire the man who Harry Pullman once said was the best informed man on baseball in the United States, came at the National League convention recently held in New York, though no official action was taken at the time. It is expected President Lynch will give the formal notice that the old indicator wielder is through within a short time.

"Emslie will be retired," said Murphy, "but his loyalty to the National League will be rewarded with a pension." President Lynch thinks Bob's usefulness on the playing field has ended. Club owners are rapidly coming to feel that the puclic demands that only umpires who are right should be used. Of course, any umpire may make a mistake now and then, but it is only fair to the players and the public that when a man's usefulness as a baseball judge has ended that he should be replaced.

"If we have some umpires," continued Murphy, "who can't tell a lemon from a baseball at sixty feet the sooner we find it out the better. Then we can replace them with men whose decisions will not be an irritation to the players and an offence to the public."

Murphy declined to say whether he referred to Sheridan and Connolly, American league upmpires, who were bitterly denounced by the Cubs' owners after the world's series.

RACE SUICIDE CHECKS GROWTH.

Report of Episcopal Church Issued at Milwaukee.

Wilwaukee, Dec. 21.—Race suicide appears to be checking the growth of the Episcopal church, according to the official annual church directory issued here today by the King Church, the organ of the nation's Protestant Episcopians. The latest figures from the various dioceses of the country show that there has been an actual decrease during the past year in births and marriages, but while last year the editorial summary of statistics called particular attention to the threatened decimination of the church by the lack of arrival of prospective new members in the families of communicants, the comment this year avoids too detailed mention of this decrease. The report calls attention to the decrease in infant baptisms, marriages and confirmations, explaining the loss in part by saying last year was an abnormally good year, but the year 1910 is below normal.

FIGHT LANGUAGE LAW.

Railways Object to Printing in Both English and French

Montreal, Dec. 22.—The railways are preparing for a big legal battle in resistance to the enforcement of the Lavergne dual language act, which was passed by the provincial legislature of Quebec last session, and comes into operation on January 1. This act compels all railways and transportation companies to issue all railway tickets, rate books, bills of lading, accounts and other documents in both English and French.

It is pointed out that this will involve the companies in enormous printing expenditure, for which there is no necessity whatever, as all public announcements in the districts where French is spoken are published now in both languages.

This is their view on the equity of the case, but their legal position they consider even more unassailable. It is that the provincial statute cannot be enforced against corporations operating under Dominion charters and doing interprovincial business.

The Canadian Pacific, Grand Trunk, Canadian Northern, government owned Intercolonial and French controlled Dichelieu and Ontario Navigation Co. have all got their legal departments busy for this great fight, which, if necessary, will be carried to the privy council.

Archbishop's Bruchesi's Anniversary.

Montreal, Dec. 21—Today is the 32nd anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of Archbishop Bruchesi, who was ordained in Rome Dec. 21st, 1878. No special commemoration of the event was observed.

Keep Minard's Liniment in the house.