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Spoiled By a Foul

Cadillac Ran Into the Canadian Yacht at the Beginning of Race.

Captain Jarvis Declined to Protest But Judges Saw and Acted.

The Milwaukee Sailed Against Invader But Was Badly Beaten.

Chicago, Aug. 13.—Wm. Hale Thompson's Cadillac's skipper, presented Invader with the third race of the international yachting match for the Canada's cup by fouling the Canadian boat at the start, in full view of the judges and most of the spectators. Captain Jarvis, of Invader, declined to fly his flag, but the judges started after Cadillac and notified the captain that they had disqualified his boat, whereupon Cadillac was gibed around and left the race.

Invader sailed the course, and was raced by the Milwaukee, the Oshkosh boat that so hotly contested with the Cadillac, the honor of defending the cup. Invader beat the Oshkosh boat handsomely at all points of sailing in a light wind.

Capt. Jarvis said after he got ashore that he felt no satisfaction in getting a cup race in this way, but that he was pleased that his boat had had an opportunity to beat Cadillac's rival, the Milwaukee. Capt. Thompson declined to say anything except that the judges had disqualified his boat. To impartial spectators it appeared as though the Canadian skipper had outwitted Thompson and that the latter, when he found he was caught in a trap with the buoy at one end of the starting line close under his lee, and his rival with the right of way bearing down upon him, tried to force his way through instead of coming about the Invader's stern. Capt. Thompson came down towards the buoy on the port tack, meeting Invader on the opposite tack just before they got to the line and close to the buoy. Cadillac of course was trapped unless Capt. Thompson brought his boat about under Invader's stern. If he tried to come about on the starboard tack under Invader's lee, he ran the risk of fouling either the boat or the buoy as he bore around.

To be forced to come about and close under Invader's stern, no doubt was a bitter pill for a racing skipper to have to swallow, so Thompson elected to squeeze through where he had no chance and the consequence was he plainly fouled his rival. Captain Jarvis promptly luffed his boat to save her as much as possible and one of Cadillac's men tried all he could to force Invader off with his hands. The judge's boat soon weighed anchor and the officials lost no time in notifying Thompson that his boat was disqualified. At this juncture, alone, it was unfavorably commented upon on every hand as a most unusual performance. However, Captain Jarvis the Milwaukee, which was in the attend- not thought anything of at first, but when it became apparent that the Oshkosh boat's purpose was to cut into an international cup race, even though the challenger was sailing over the course ance fleet to leeward of the racers went about and stood after Invader. It was soon saw the intention of his would-be opponent. He went in and beat the Milwaukee with ease, many of the spectators not knowing until the close of the race, that the Milwaukee had not been substituted.

Official time: Second mark, Invader, 12:25:15. Third mark, Invader 1:36:05. Finish, Invader, 2:49:01. Milwaukee, 2:54:30.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

Case Before the Magistrate at Duncan Station.

At the court house, Duncan, before James Maitland-Dougall, under instructions issued to the provincial police by the S. P. C. A., of Victoria, Joseph Tarlton, of Kokosilah, was charged with unlawfully, wantonly and cruelly beating and ill-treating a horse, the property of defendant, who pleaded not guilty.

James Mearns, sworn, said he went down to Tarlton creek to get water and saw defendant beating his horse. He pulled out the horse's tongue and took a stick about three feet long and one a half inches thick, and beat the horse over the head. He was striking the horse with all his might and afterwards beat the horse with a hoe cud. Witness called to him to stop, and he threatened to beat him in the same manner as the horse.

Constable Lomas said he examined the horse and found it was badly swollen about the head. The skin had been knocked off round the mouth and the horse's lips were cut. The horse seemed badly bruised, and was in a bad way.

The magistrate fined the defendant $15 and costs or one month's hard labor.

SWIFT JUSTICE.

Eagle-Eyed Magistrate Who Foiled a Jail-Breaker.

Vancouver, Aug. 13.—(Special)—While Magistrate F. R. McD. Russell was holding hourt today, he suddenly remarked, "Excuse me, but there is some one climbing over the jail fence; I see his legs disappearing from where I am sitting." A policeman rushed to the rear of the jail and captured the man, who was just bracing himself to run for it. He was taken into court at once and given six months longer sentence for attempted escape. He was a vagrant and had five months to go. When asked why he attempted to escape, he said he hated to stay in jail this fine weather.

A man named W. Nicholls, employed in the Vancouver Hardware Company's store, was carelessly handling a revolver on the street last night, when the weapon was accidentally discharged, the bullet entering Mr. Nicholl's head. The bullet has not yet been found and the injured man is in a precarious condition.

HIS BODY FOUND.

Charles Clark of Fort Steele Was Drowned.

Vancouver, Aug. 13.—A telegram from Fort Steele to Mr. J. S. Clute, inspector of customs at New Westminster, states that Charles Clark, collector of customs, who disappeared on July 17 from Fort Steele, had been drowned, his body being found in the Kootenay river.

Another Train Is Held Up

Missouri, Kansas & Texas Express Robbed at Coney, Indian Territory.

Five Men With Six Shooters Relieve Passengers of Valuables With Impunity.

Denison, Tex., Aug. 13.—Missouri, Kansas & Texas passenger train No. 3, southbound, was held up at Coney Switch, I. T., at 1:30 a.m. today, by five men.

Two miles north of Coney two men crawled over the tender with pistols in hand, covering the engineer and fireman, and commanded them to stop at Coney water tank. The men were joined by three others and a fusilade of shots fired alongside the train thoroughly arousing the crew and passengers.

Postal Clerk Tulley was compelled to go through the train carrying the sack in which the valuables were thrown. Every passenger was robbed, and then the robbers turned their attention to the express cars. Both safes were blown open with dynamite and the contents secured. The baggage car was practically wrecked.

The amount stolen is not yet known. Although the robbers got some valuable jewelry, they gave a diamond ring and a shirt stud to Engineer Tanham. After the work was done the robbers, who seemed to enjoy the situation, sat around and laughed over the matter. The whole affair was carried out without a hitch, and it is believed that the bandits were old hands at the business.

After holding the train two hours the robbers left, going east into the dense bottoms. The trainmen cut out the wrecked car and ran on to Coney station, where they notified the officers in both directions.

Within two hours posses of United States marshals with bloodhounds were on the trail, and it is rumored two of the robbers have been captured, but the rumors lack verification.

The express company claims its loss is not known, and Conductor Dolan and the passengers' loss is estimated at less than $1,000.

The country around Coney is gridironed with telephone wires, and if the robbers leave the bottoms they undoubtedly will be arrested or killed.

The following men have been arrested on the charge of committing the robbery: C. Richmond, Bob. Alford, George Brown, John Gibson, Tom Edwards and Jack Barr." These men were arrested at Coney and taken to Atoka today.

BRANCH AT VANCOUVER

Albion Iron Works Purchases Plant of the B. C. Iron Works.

Vancouver, Aug. 13.—The Colonist correspondent inquired at the B. C. Iron Works this evening if there was any truth in the report that the Albion Iron Works of Victoria were negotiating for the purchase of the B. C. Iron Works. The information was given that the report was quite correct; that negotiations had been going on for some time; that stock had been taken and all was in readiness for the transfer of the property, which would likely take place tomorrow, when full details would be given. Until the transfer has been closed, however, there would be no details given out for publication. The statement was made, however, that if the sale took place the iron works would be started up and run by the Albion Iron Works Company.

Mr. Seabrook, who is in Vancouver, bringing to a head the negotiations, pending for several months, was in Steveston this evening, so could not be seen. It is a well known fact that the firm of Hardy and Thompson have also been negotiating for the B. C. Iron Works, but from the statement made at the B. C. Iron Works office today, it would appear certain that the deal was practically through and the Vancouver industry, which has been lying idle for years, would resume and prosper under the energy and ownership of the Victoria company. It was learned from another source that it was the intention of the Albion Iron Works to instal new machinery of modern pattern and otherwise improve the plant.

DEATH OF NORDENSKIOLD

The Famous Arctic Traveler And Scientist Dies at Stockholm.

Stockholm, Aug. 13.—Baron Adolf Erick Nordenskiold, the Arctic explorer and naturalist, died yesterday evening.

Adolf Erick Nordenskiold was born in Helsingfors, the capital of Finland, in 1832. Descended from a family long famous in scientific pursuits, his inherent tastes developed early and on entering the University of Hesingfors, in 1849, he devoted himself almost entirely to scientific studies, spending his vacations in excursions to the rich mineral localities of Finland. He soon became eminent in this branch of science, but fell under displeasure of the Russian government and was obliged to leave the country. He then settled in Sweden and in 1858 entered on his first Arctic travels to Spitzbergen. In 1868 he made his most famous voyage in the steamer Sofia, reaching latitude 81 degrees 42 minutes. He also made several later Arctic expeditions and explored the interior of Greenland, gaining a great deal of valuable scientific information for the world. In 1878 he successfully started on the first northwest passage in the Vega, reaching Japan in September of the following year. As a traveler and authority on Arctic navigation he held a very high place, and was honored by several governments. He published several works on his voyages and scientific subjects.

JUDGE ROULEAU.

Montreal, Aug. 13.—(Special)—Judge Rouleau, of Calgary, who is in a private hospital here for treatment, was last night reported out of danger.

Marketing The Salmon

Opinion of London Member of the Fraser River Canners' Association.

Without Traps British Columbia Cannot Hope to Compete With Puget Sound.

To Save the Situation This Year Packs Must be Handled Carefully.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, B. C., August 14.—Mr. Severn, a member of the London, England committee of the Fraser River Canners' Association, is in the city. In an interview with the Colonist correspondent today, Mr. Severn said that the firm he represented placed a large quantity of Fraser river fish on the English market, and he was interested in the British Columbia salmon fishing not only for this reason, but because he was a member of an association in England that handled practically all the product of the Fraser river industry. This association consisted of six firms, who were interested in protecting the salmon market against panics in England. In answer to a series of questions, Mr. Severn said that under the circumstances he considered the price paid by the canners to the fishermen too high.

On the Sound they had six hundred thousand cases up, and would probably pack a million. The situation was the same as on the Fraser. On the Sound these fish cost 2, 3 and 4 cents each, while on the Fraser 12½ cents a fish was paid for a quarter of the pack, and 10 cents for the balance.

Therefore the Puget Sound canners could afford to sell cheaper than British Columbia canners.

It is the custom of the Puget Sound people to dump their surplus stock in England, and now that the combine has been formed on the Sound this was more likely to be the case than ever. This surplus stock is likely to be large this season. Besides this they would get in England a large number of cases from Alaska.

If the Fraser river canners throw their whole pack at them, and the Puget Sound people force their surplus stock on the English market, it would be bad for the canners.

If on the contrary, the Fraser river trust sent them three quarters of their pack, and stored a quarter of their pack in their canneries, and the Puget Sound people refrain from offering England everything they have left over from domestic consumption, the correspondents in England may get fair prices for the British Columbia salmon, and the canners may come out all right. To save the market this season, however, the pack on the Fraser must be handled very carefully. The quarter of the pack held over would be sold at better prices next year, when the pack was sure to be much smaller.

Mr. Severn in speaking of the Fraser river committee in London, said that the syndicate had saved the market from partial collapse in 1897, when they forced the price up several shillings per case, and that now a trust had been formed in British Columbia, matters were still further simplified and it was to the advantage of all concerned.

Mr. Severn said he believed in traps for British Columbia. It was evident to him, and had been demonstrated particularly this season, that the Fraser river canners had all the fish they wanted in spite of the traps. But traps meant cheaper salmon and he thought perhaps there was less waste, as the fish could be kept alive for some time under the trap system.

Mr. Severn is accompanied by his wife, and has been studying the salmon situation on the coast for some time, both on the United States side and in British Columbia.

The salmon run was somewhat lighter last night, the average scarcely being 200 to the boat.

Almost two-thirds of the pack is up on the Fraser. Canneries limited to 25,000 cases had 15,000 up last night and the total pack is considerably over half a million cases already.

From Anacortes this morning came word that the traps were all full again, so that a continuation of the run may be looked for. Notices have been posted warning fishermen not to drift across the line into United States waters, as the United States officials were on the watch and one boat and net had already been seized.

CANADIAN FLOUR.

Opening For it in China Caused by Tariff Revision.

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 14.—(Special.)—It is learned here, unofficially, that the long pending controversy over the revision of the Chinese tariff has been finally settled and that the Chinese free list will include wheat and flour. While in the past China has not been a large importer of breadstuffs with the exception of rice, it is regarded as quite possible that the removal of the duty and probable cheapening of flour owing to the large. Canadian harvest of the present season will stimulate consumption and result in considerable imports into China from Canada by way of the Pacific Coast.

W. G. Parmlee, deputy minister of trade and commerce was married today Miss Christie, a clerk in the customs department.

The meeting of the Dominion Educational Association opened in the Normal school this morning with delegates in attendance from nearly every province in the Dominion. The morning was taken up with meetings of sections and tonight there was a gathering of a public nature, the mayor welcoming the visitors.

PACIFIC CABLE BILL.

London, Aug. 13.—The Pacific cable bill passed its third reading in the House of Commons today.

TIRED MOTHERS.

It is hard to take care of children and to cook, sweep, wash, sew and mend besides.

It makes a shop of the home—a shop, too, where sixteen hours make a day, and yet there is much working overtime.

mothers in many ways—it refreshes the blood, improves the appetite, and assures restful sleep.

Epworth League In Convention

Opening Meeting in Vancouver Well Attended From the Coast Cities.

Government to Build Bridge Over Fraser in Cariboo—Dawson Telegraph.

Vancouver, Aug. 14.—The tenth annual convention of the Epworth League and Sunday School Association opened in Vancouver this morning. Rev. John Robinson, Vancouver, delivered the opening address and the Rev. Mr. Bolderston, Victoria, made a happy reply. Victoria, New Westminster and Nanaimo are well represented.

C. E. Robson read a paper on league finances this afternoon. Wm. Jones also read a paper on "Social to Save." A paper entitled "My Idea of Consecration services," was discussed by the James Bay League, and the Rev. Mr. Wittington, D. D., delivered an address on the decipline of the Methodist church.

The Hon. W. S. Wells stated in Vancouver today that the government were to build a second bridge across the Fraser river up country for the benefit of the settlers in Cariboo. Mr. Waddell and Mr. Gamble will go up country and select a suitable site for it.

An important application is being made before Justice Irving, for an interim injunction and the appointment of a receiver to take charge of a business now being carried on by Wallace Miller & Co., defendant. The plaintiff alleges that he was induced to buy into this company two years ago by the defendants representing their assets to be larger than they really were.

J. B. Charleson, superintendent of the Canadian telegraph line to Dawson arrived today from Ashcroft after driving over the route 450 miles in a buggy.

Mr. Charleson said the gap between the two ends was now but 15 miles, and it was a question of days only to join the ends, in fact they had been telegraphing through from Dawson for some time with the short relay.

The dismantled steamers McConnell, Dawson and Ogilvie which have been running on the Yukon arrived in tow of the steamer Pilot from Skagway today, 10 days out. The craft shipped water badly that they were beached at Bella Bella and emptied. Adair brothers, the purchasers will load them here and send them to Dawson via St. Michaels in tow.

FUNERAL OF SIGNOR CRISPI

All Classes of People Gather to Do Honor to the Dead.

Naples, Aug. 14.—The funeral of Signor Crispi today was an imposing event. Cordons of troops lined the route, which was through the principal streets, and presented arms as the funeral car passed. The car was drawn by eight black horses with sable trappings. The cords of the pall were held by the mayors of Rome, Naples, Palermo and Ribera, Sicily, Crispi's birthplace, the vice-president of the chamber of deputies and other state officials. A caisson draped with flags was followed by cars piled high with floral tributes. The procession included King Victor Emmanuel's aide de camp, representing the King, the German consul, representing Emperor William, senators, deputies, ministers, generals, admirals, Garibaldi veterans and military and naval detachments. Immense crowds occupied the streets, balconies and windows. All present uncovered as the coffin passed.

At the arsenal the remains were taken on board the cruiser Varese, where there was a short service, minute guns being fired in the meanwhile. The Varese sails at midnight escorted by the armored cruiser Marco Polo and the Elettorie, conveying the family of Signor Crispi and the government representatives.

EDISON IN CANADA.

Taking a Look at Mineral Deposits Near Sudbury.

Toronto, Aug. 14.—(Special)—T. A. Edison, the famous inventor, is making a personal examination of mineral deposits about Sudbury, paying special attention to nickel deposits.

MANITOBA PREMIER.

Visits Ottawa to Discuss Control of School Lands Fund.

Ottawa, Aug. 14.—(Special)—Premier Roblin arrived today from Winnipeg to meet Sir Wilfrid Laurier and discuss Manitoba's demand for control of the school lands fund.

ARRANGEMENTS PROCEEDING.

Tramway Company at Work on Extension to Exhibition Grounds.

Victorians can rest assured that everything will be ready by the first of October to make the fall exhibition here, which is being revived this year, one of the best ever held in the province. The secretary and the committees are hard at work, and when the board of management meets this evening they will be able to report progress in every line. The painters have about completed their work and the buildings now look as they should do, being bright and clean. The secretary's office, too, has been completed, and, in fact, all the work at the grounds is well advanced. New halyards have been placed on each of the twenty-eight poles which adorn the building. Plans have been prepared for the new grand stand at the driving park and will be presented to the general committee this evening.

The street railway company have a large force of men at work relaying their tracks from the Jubilee hospital to the entrance of the buildings.

DAIRYING IN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

There are 44 cheese factories and 7 creameries now in operation in P. E. I. The output, it is thought, will be 20 per cent larger this year than last.

Canada Is Its Home

Invader Handily Beats Yankee Yacht in Third Race of Series.

And the Trophy Will Once More Grace The Toronto Club House.

Half a Dozen Challenges Have Been Handed to Commodore Gooderham.

Chicago, Aug. 14.—The Canadian yacht Invader won again today in a grand race, and the Canadian goes back across the border, but accompanied by five challenges.

Chicago yachtsmen are not dismayed and both Chicago and Columbia yacht clubs challenged immediately for the cup. Each club sent a challenge direct to Toronto immediately after the race, at the same time handing Commodore Gooderham, of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, a duplicate.

The Rochester Yacht Club also challenged at once, and two Detroit clubs.

The Canadian commodore says he cannot tell which of the five will be given the preference.

THE TIME.

Invader—Start, 11:30; turning, 1:57:40; finish, 3:07:30; elapsed time, 3:37:38.

Cadillic—Start, 11:30:00; turning, 1:59:35; finish, 3:09:58; elapsed time 3:39:58.

Newport, R.I., Aug. 14.—After a drifting match of three hours and forty minutes today, the Columbia and Constitution gave up the race and were towed back to the city. At that time the wind had fallen to a flat calm, neither boat had steerage way, and the outer mark was still over four miles away. The race will be repeated tomorrow. When the race was given up there was nothing to choose between the two yachts. So far as could be judged, the distances to the turning buoy were about equal.

New York, Aug. 14.—The regatta committee of the Larchmont Yacht Club announced positively today that the Constitution and Columbia will sail the first race of the series on Friday, August 16.

FIGHTING IN VENEZUELA.

President Castro's Official Bulletins of Late Battles.

San Juan de Porto Rico, Aug. 14.—Mail advices received here today from Caracas, Venezuela, under date of August 10, give account of numerous engagements in the state of Tachira, between President Castro's forces and the revolutionists.

In Gen. Castro's official bulletins he mentions the Colombian affair. He reported engagements since the battle of San Cristobal on July 29, at Pirinos, Las Felipas, Laparad, Lagrita, Encontrados, Colon and Las Cumbres, all in Tachira. The Venezuelan casualties, according to Castro's official bulletins, were Gen. Rosedo Madina and four Colons killed and three hundred men killed and wounded. Madina was a prominent man. He was formerly a governor and senator. August 8 there was an encounter at Las Cumbres with a second force of revolutionists. The News Caracas correspondent, writing August 10, says another army has invaded Venezuela. This second force is reported to number 5,000 men. Friday these troops attacked Las Cumbres and were repulsed. The main divisions of the armies have not yet met.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION.

Boston Delegate Tries to Prohibit Members from Joining the Militia.

Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 14.—At today's session of the annual convention of the International Typographical Union, the consideration of the report of the laws committee was continued. An amendment offered by President Lynch relative to the manner of appeal from the decision of a subordinate union was adopted. The appeal is first to be submitted to the president, except where allied crafts are organized as district unions. The aggrieved party can appeal from the president's decision to the executive council and finally to the international body.

It was decided to pay the president and secretary-treasurer $1,800 each annually, with traveling expenses added.

Delegate Cutting of Boston proposed a resolution prohibiting any member of the union from becoming a member of the National Guard or other military organizations. This gave rise to an animated debate. Finally the whole proposition was tabled. Cincinnati was unanimously chosen for the convention of 1902.

BUSH FIRES.

Extension Has a Narrow Escape from Bad Scorching.

Nanaimo, Aug. 14.—(Special)—A bush fire is threatening Extension. Mrs. Barnes' house has been burned and the Extension hotel, owned by Mr. Morrison, had a narrow escape, the outbuildings being destroyed, though the hotel was saved by vigorous work. Andrew Bryden's house is reported threatened tonight and volunteers are working to save it.

Mike Quinn, killed in the mine explosion, was buried today, a special train being run from Nanaimo for the funeral.

CHILD AND GUN.

Carelessness with Firearms Causes the Usual Death.

Tweed, Ont., Aug. 14.—(Special)—At 10 o'clock yesterday two little girls, daughters of W. F. Graham, living five miles west of this place, aged respectively 13 and 14 years, were playing with their brother's little rifle. The eldest, not knowing it was loaded, pointed it at her little sister, and said, "Look how brother fires his gun," and pulled the trigger, shooting the child through the neck. She expired last night.

ROUMANIAN CROPS.

Wheat Is Expected to Be Better Than Last Year.

Bucharest, Aug. 14.—According to statistics published by the minister of agriculture, the Roumanian wheat crop for the present year is 40 per cent. above that of last year. The maize crop is expected to exceed all previous records.

Four Years For Looting

Trio of Americans Tried at Tientsin for Robbing a Pawnbroker's Shop

TheyFired Revolvers, Tied up the Chinese and Ransacked the Premises.

News was brought by the steamer Olympia as stated yesterday morning of the trial of three Americans at Tien Tsin before United States Consul Ragsdale on the charge of looting with violence. Details of the crime for which the trio, Richard Leslie Butler, Alfred Plant and James Winn, were each sentenced to four years imprisonment, are given by the New Press of Shanghai. The case was in the first instance brought to the notice of the United States Charge d'Affairs in Pekin, by the Viceroy Li Hung Chang, who forwarded to Mr. Squires a copy of a report by Brigadier-General Li-an-Tung, in charge of the district of T'ung chao and Yung-p'ing-fu. The accused Americans were brought up on the petition of Chang Yuen Feng, a Chinese pawnbroker of Chan-koe-Chuang, a village 30 miles northeast of Pekin, and the complainant stated that these citizens of the United States in company with Andy Horn, a Dane, and H. F. Piper, formerly a correspondent of the North China Daily News, a British subject, and a Chinese interpreter, did on June 25th, 1901, force their way into his pawnshop, and fire off their guns, declaring that the Christians had made accusation against him that he was formerly a Boxer leader, and that he had fire-arms hidden on the premises and that they had come to make search for the same. They seized the petitioner and his employees, strung one up and bound three. They made harsh threats and demanded 5,000 tls., afterwards reducing the demand to 3,000 tls., but that amount not being forthcoming 500 tls. were taken, together with small change. Not being satisfied, they ransacked the premises, broke open boxes and chests, helping themselves to many other articles of value and while doing this kept up a constant gunfire, during which time one Chinese was severely wounded. The petitioner therefore prayed that the defendants be tried and punished according to the law of the United States. The petition was dated July 8.

The defendants having been brought in, together with a Chinese whose shirt was blood-stained, and his feet shackled, and the assessors having been sworn, Chang Yung-feng, pawnbroker of Sanhe-hsie, was called, and said that about 8 o'clock on the night of June 25, five foreigners and six Chinese, and four carters with four carts, appeared in front of his shop and shouted out for the door to be opened. The people in the pawnshop, supposing that there was no hostile intention, opened the door and received the foreigners as visitors. The foreigners, with arms in their hands, then drove all the occupants of the shop into the office. As the foreigners could not speak Chinese, the native who was acting as their interpreter asked them which man was the proprietor, and demanded 5,000 tls. The proprietor replied he could not raise 5,000 tls. One of the foreigners then pointed out one of the pawnshop people who was the accountant of the shop, and demanded money from him. Four of the shop's staff were then bound. The foreigners' interpreter next led the way with a lighted candle and searched the place for money, breaking open the wooden safe and took therefrom a few taels in silver and 84 taels-worth of jewelry. They also broke open the brick-work of two kangs and finding nothing there, again demanded money. They raised the sum of 500 tls., but being dissatisfied they still went on rifling the place. At this point a Chinese military patrol, noticing four carts standing outside the gate, had their curiosity aroused. The carters became frightened, and fled. The Chinese soldiers pursued them firing after them. Out of the four carters, only one was captured. The foreigners in the shop, hearing the firing, fired two shots inside the shop and one out of the door. The foreigners stopped in the pawnshop all night, and about 4 o'clock the next morning they came out with the looted silver and jewelry. The foreigners seized the brother of the pawnbroker and made him walk with them as a sort of hostage, to prevent the Chinese soldiers from opening fire on the party. They forced the man to accompany them for a distance of over two li, out of the village, the Chinese soldiers pursuing them from behind.

LATE THOMAS MITTEN.

His Funeral Attended by Many of His Old Comrades.

With the solemn services of the Anglican church, the ceremonies of the Canadian Order of Oddfellows and the dignity added by the attendance of the entire police force, the remains of the late Thomas Mitten, for thirteen years a member of the police force of the city, and for twice that length of time connected with the Imperial army, were laid in their last resting place at Ross Bay cemetery yesterday afternoon. The cortege left his late residence, 146 Fernwood road, at 2 o'clock, and proceeded to St. Barnabas' church, where services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Miller, the rector. From the church it proceeded to Ross Bay cemetery, and at the graveside P. T. James, P. G. M., of Fernwood Lodge C. O. O. F., assisted by W. F. Fullerton, conducted the services of the Order. The members of the police force, headed by Chief Langley, and the lodge members, marched to the cemetery. The pall-bearers, all members of the police force, were: Constables W. G. Carson, G. B. Munroe, T. Conlin, W. H. Clayards, J. M. Abbott and E. Carter. Many beautiful floral pieces covered the casket.

WITH THE DUKE.

Five Members of Fourth Estate Accompany Royal Party.

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 13.—(Special.)—A private cablegram received today from Durban, South Africa, states that there are five correspondents of English newspapers accompanying the Royal party on the Ophir.

Sometimes the lower round o' the ladder's the safest, but nobody seems to want to stay there.

As soon as some folks git in the band wagon they commence to fight fer a front seat.

Isthmus Disturbed

Colombian Government Seems Helpless to Prevent Raiding By Rebels.

And Venezuelan President Is Reported to Be Aiding Insurrection.

General Uprising and Attack On Panama Is Now to Be Feared.

Colon, Colombia, Aug. 6.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—The political situation on the Isthmus has by no means improved and there is a consequent feeling of uneasiness apparent on all sides.

The government has taken no adequate steps to prevent the rebels raiding the stations along the railroads and as a result the raids continue. Immunity from attack has emboldened the rebels, small bodies of whom have been seen at drill in the daytime along the line and gunpowder and dynamite belonging to the railroads have been their late acquisitions.

In view of the above, the United States consul here, Mr. Maimros, has cabled to Washington pointing out the necessity for the immediate presence of a warship to protect American interests, in accordance with treaty obligations.

A British man-of-war is likely to arrive here shortly. By far the greater volume of trade transacted on the Isthmus is in the hands of either the British or Americans, the Chinese coming next. In the matter of population, so far as Colon is concerned, certainly more than half are Americans. In Panama there is a much larger proportion of Colombians, but even there the bulk of trade is in the hands of foreigners.

The converted yacht Namouna having been practically deserted by the captain and crew that brought her over from Italy, was eventually manned as follows: The chief mate of a Norwegian steamer, the Fri, who had been confined in the calaboose several weeks precious on the charge of misconduct, was released and given command of the vessel. The services of an engineer were obtained, and an altogether mixed crew was placed on board. Manned as above, the Namouna steamed out of the harbor on August 4, bound for Carthagena, it is said, in search of reinforcements. Gen. Alban, governor of Panama, sailed on her, and with him is Gen. Jeffries, an American, who negotiated the purchase of the Namouna, now called the Gen. Penzion. The government is trying to purchase two or three other steamers.

As may be imagined, the Colombian government is in great want of men at this moment. On this account, it is not surprising that the ministers are availing themselves of every means of raising money. The lighthouse duties have been increased, forced loans have been raised and passenger passports at 50 cents must now be obtained by passengers before crossing the Isthmus.

With reference to the Venezuelan complications, absolutely nothing is known here of a definite nature beyond the broad statement believed on all sides, that President Castro of Venezuela is giving the rebels moral support and even more substantial aid. There are also rumors of declaration of war between the two republics, and of pitched battles near the frontier, in which Gen. Uribe has been defeated, and also victorious, according to the various versions. The next arrivals from the coast will doubtless bring news on the subject. Messages are tendered and are often refused by the censor, who is either the prefect or the alcalde. To sum up, there is evidence on all sides that the government considers the situation to be a critical one, and the absence of Gen. Alban at the present moment tends to intensify the feeling of unrest and uneasiness.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 13.—Consul-General Gudger writing to the state department under date of July 29, reports that on July 26 and 27, about 25 revolutionists entered the towns of Gatun, Behol and San Pablo, on the line of the Panama railroad, midway between Panama and Colon, made prisoners of the Alcalde and several policemen, and retired to the mountains taking with them what arms and provisions they could find. He says reports were current of revolutionary gatherings at other points and an attack on Panama was feared. A general uprising seemed imminent and the government was becoming alarmed at the situation.

THE SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

Abbreviated Sitting Last Evening After Which a Confidential Talk Behind Closed Doors.

There was a short session of the school board last evening, after which the trustees went into committee of the whole to discuss the stationing of the teachers for the opening of the term, and also to receive the report of the scrutineers of the submitted plans for the new High school.

Miss Johnston, Miss Tingley and Miss Noble wrote accepting their appointments to the teaching staff, and at the same time thanking the board.

The health officer's report, which was read, showed that the amount of sickness amongst pupils at the schools at the end of July was less than at the beginning of the same month.

The finance committee reported accounts amounting to $549.25, which were ordered paid.

The buildings and grounds committee having made arrangements for the purchase of a slate blackboard, instead of a wooden one, asked that the step should be approved. This was accorded.

The secretary reported that having made a partial estimate of the probable outgoing of the board during the balance of this year, there would likely be a balance of about $890, over which would be available for unforeseen contingencies.

A statement of the proposed changes to be made in the location of the various teachers was read by Superintendent Eaton, and on motion of Trustee Drury, the matter was laid over to be taken up in committee of the whole.

Trustee Brown again brought up the matter of kalsomining of the room used as a school in Victoria West. Nothing had yet been done although the owners had promised to have the work attended to.

The board then went into committee with closed doors, to arrange the matter of stations for the next term and to discuss the report of their adviser on the plans for the new High school building.