

## ARE CHARGED WITH FORGERY

### FORMER INSURANCE OFFICIALS INDICTED

#### By Grand Jury Which Has Been Investigating Affairs of New York Life.

New York, Dec. 28.—The grand jury which has a month been investigating the affairs of the New York Life Insurance Company returned indictments to-day charging forgery in the third degree against George W. Perkins, former vice-president of the New York Life and a member of the firm of J. P. Morgan & Co., and Charles S. Fairchild, a former secretary of the company, president of the New York Security & Trust Company (now out of existence), and a member of the insurance committee of the insurance company.

Mr. Perkins was in court when the indictments were announced. He was formally arraigned, entered a plea of "Not Guilty," and gave bond in the sum of \$10,000, his sureties being J. P. Morgan, Jr., who pledged a city residence valued at \$500,000, and Cleveland H. Dodge, who pledged an improved city property valued at \$50,000. Mr. Fairchild is valued at \$50,000. The court assured Mr. Perkins that a double surety was not necessary, but he replied that he preferred it that way.

Six indictments were returned against each of the two defendants but all are based on the one transaction, known as the "Prussian Loan," the specification under the charge of forgery being the falsification of book-keeping entries. It is alleged that certain railway stocks were transferred by the insurance company to the security and trust company to comply with the Prussian law but that the transfer was not bonafide.

The grand jury accompanied the indictments with a statement to the effect that the jurors were convinced that in doing the acts charged against them.

Messrs. Perkins and Fairchild were "influenced by a desire to benefit the policyholders." The grand jury says further that indictments were returned only under a strict interpretation of the law as laid down by District Attorney Jerome. Mr. Jerome was with the jury until late yesterday evening and again early to-day.

The indictments against Messrs. Perkins and Fairchild are such that "the defendant with intent to defraud did feloniously make in a certain book of accounts called the 'old debts cash book' belonging to the insurance company the business of said corporation certain false entries."

#### THE NEW AMBASSADOR.

Mr. Bryce's Appointment Will Be Officially Gazetted on Monday.

London, Dec. 28.—The formal acceptance of the United States of James Bryce as British ambassador at Washington was received in a cable dispatch which reached the foreign office last night. Thereupon it was determined this morning that Mr. Bryce's appointment shall be officially gazetted on Monday.

This comes with an apparent official misunderstanding. President Roosevelt's announcement that Mr. Bryce was persona grata was received some days ago, but Great Britain has been waiting his formal acceptance as the successor of Sir Mortimer Durand, which has now been received.

#### STICKS TO ITS GUNS.

French Minister Declares Government Will Not Consider Proposed Reform.

Paris, Dec. 28.—The senate has concluded the general debate on the new church matter, and the principle of the bill was voted yesterday by 187 ayes. The only discussion of the details of the interior to report upon alleged details of the bill was by Mr. Briand, who said that this will be completed to-morrow.

During the debate Minister of Education Briand called for repeated assurance by assurances of the government's determination not to sacrifice reforms and not to accede to the Vatican's evident desire for persecution. The senate has ordered that Mr. Briand's speech be placed throughout France.

#### Financial Assistance.

Rome, Dec. 28.—The pope has received many important donations to help him in his difficulties with France. They include \$400,000 from Empress Francis Joseph of Austria and \$400,000 from Cardinal Vassanyi, archbishop of Hungary.

#### THE HINDUS.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 28.—E. Blake Robson, assistant immigration agent at Vancouver, returned from British Columbia yesterday with a letter from the minister of the interior to report upon alleged details of the bill was by Mr. Briand, who said that this will be completed to-morrow.

The city of London, coroner held an inquest on the death of an eighteen-year-old child of an Italian dealer, who was killed by a car on the morning of Dec. 28. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of manslaughter and awarded a fine of \$100 to the driver of the car.

#### QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES.

Number Formulated by Citizens' League Which Will Be Out During Campaign.

At the meeting of the Citizens' League held on Friday at the W. C. T. U. mission, it was resolved to ask the following questions of all candidates at the municipal election:

"Will you, if elected, be in favor of the city council exercising the powers given to it by the Municipal Clauses Act for the regulation of the liquor trade; and will you endeavor to secure the passing of by-laws for prescribing the conditions of the licenses and the days and hours upon which the sale of liquor may be exercised?"

"Will you advocate and support the enforcement of all existing laws for social and moral purity?"

"Will you favor the introduction of regulations for stopping juvenile gambling in tobacco, fruit, candy and other stores of the city?"

#### WARMING UP AT VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, Dec. 28.—Stuart Livingston, barrister, will run in Richmond against F. Carter Cotton and J. W. Weart. Robert McBride, farmer and cheap money enthusiast, may also be in the field there. Many local Conservatives would dislike to see Mr. Cotton elected, and think that in any event he is in danger from Mr. Weart. He is not in court in North Vancouver.

J. R. Seymour announced today he would not be a candidate in Vancouver in the Conservative interest. It is also pointed to the new position of assistant general passenger traffic manager, with headquarters at Winnipeg, and the Canadian-Australian Steamship Company at Sydney, becomes general passenger agent with headquarters at Montreal.

#### RAILWAY APPOINTMENTS.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—The Canadian Pacific Railway Company announced today important changes from headquarters to-day. C. E. E. Usher, general passenger agent of Eastern lines, is appointed to the new position of assistant general passenger traffic manager, with headquarters at Winnipeg, and the Canadian-Australian Steamship Company at Sydney, becomes general passenger agent with headquarters at Montreal.

#### LABOR STATISTICS.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—The annual report of the department of labor states that during the year ending June 30th last there were 29,399 disputes in Canada, involving approximately 518 firms and 18,033 work people. The loss of time was approximately 34,800 working days. There were reported 1,071 fatal industrial accidents and 2,578 serious accidents which were not fatal.

#### CARDINAL'S SUDDEN DEATH.

Rome, Dec. 28.—Cardinal Cavallari was found dead in bed this morning, having succumbed to paralysis of the heart. Cardinal Trippi was also reported to have died of paralysis during the night, but after remaining unconscious for a short time he revived.

#### STEAMER LOST.

The Heidelberg Wrecked During Storm—Several of the Crew Drowned.

Cadix, Spain, Dec. 28.—A terrific storm, consisting of the Mayor and Aid, Fullerton and Yates, came to an end yesterday after several hours had been spent in striking names from the voters' list. The immediate result of the court's work will be to reduce the number of names on the list to one hundred names. The court, during its struggles with the complications encountered in the revision of the electoral list, applied to the city barrister for his opinion on several knotty points and received the following reply:

#### GENEROUS DONATION.

H. L. Blochschewitz Gives \$200,000 to Cancer Research Fund.

London, Dec. 28.—Cancer research will receive a great assistance from a munificent donation of \$200,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Henry Louis Blochschewitz to the Imperial cancer research fund in which King Edward is greatly interested. This celebration of the Blochschewitz's golden wedding anniversary on the occasion of the donation is part of a gift of \$500,000 to wedding.

#### BARON BURDETTE-COUTTS ILL.

New York, Dec. 28.—A dispatch from London says Baroness Burdette-Coutts is suffering from acute bronchitis and Dr. Bartow says her condition is grave. She is 92 years of age.

#### TROUBLE FOR GRANT.

Loggers Putting Up a Man in Oxnook.

Vancouver, Dec. 28.—The loggers have decided to bring out a man in an independent candidate for Comox. Though Conservative in politics, he will oppose Robert Grant, the Conservative nominee.

#### GOVERNOR SLAIN.

Gen. Litvinoff Assassinated Near His Office in Omsk, Russia.

Omsk, Russia, Dec. 28.—General Litvinoff, governor of the province of Akmoinsk, was assassinated in the street near his office yesterday by two unknown men.

#### SNOW ON CONTINENT.

Paris, Dec. 28.—The continent is covered with the heaviest snow. Railroad traffic in France, Spain, Switzerland and Belgium is seriously hampered.

#### SUICIDE AT NIAGARA.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Dec. 28.—A woman believed to be Mary Hogan, of Buffalo, committed suicide this morning by going over the American falls. She entered the river 200 feet above the bridge of the falls, leaving her cape, umbrella and purse on the shore.

#### OUTLOOK IN VANCOUVER.

Candidates Spoken of for the Terminal City.

Vancouver, Dec. 28.—The story here today is that W. W. McInnes will run in Vancouver. W. B. Parris will be run by the young Liberals, and it is practically certain that B. P. McInnes will be a candidate on the Liberal ticket.

## ROUTE EXCELS ALL THE OTHERS

### EXCELLENT ROAD FOR GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC

#### C. C. Van Arsdol Speaks of the Plans of the Company for Building.

C. C. Van Arsdol, divisional engineer of the Grand Trunk Pacific, with headquarters at Edmonton, arrived in the city last evening. He will leave by the next steamer for the north, visiting Prince Rupert and the survey parties within reach on the coast.

Mr. Van Arsdol, in an interview to-day, said that the Grand Trunk Pacific had an opportunity to have the best line across the continent, and would see to it that it was so built. He said that this applied to all lines in the United States as well as to Canada.

The survey work through British Columbia, Mr. Van Arsdol says, is progressing satisfactorily. The parties which have been in the field during the summer will in practically every case be continued during the winter months, as, he says, the work must go on in winter and summer. The actual locating of the line has not been made for any very great part of the way, but lines have been run over the whole of the route intended. These surveys show the possibilities for a better route across the continent than any now in existence.

The work on the prairie sections of the road from Winnipeg to Edmonton is progressing very well. Mr. Van Arsdol says. A good deal of the grading has been done, and it is announced that the intention of the company to have the line completed into Edmonton next summer. The only thing that can interfere with these plans is the scarcity of labor, but Mr. Van Arsdol expects that surely enough men will be found to do the work.

## STRUCK OFF THE ROLL OF VOTERS

### OVER ONE HUNDRED NAMES ARE REMOVED

#### Court of Revision Completes Its Work and Delinquent Electors Are Dealt With.

#### (From Saturday's Daily.)

The labors of the court of revision, consisting of the Mayor and Aid, Fullerton and Yates, came to an end yesterday after several hours had been spent in striking names from the voters' list. The immediate result of the court's work will be to reduce the number of names on the list to one hundred names. The court, during its struggles with the complications encountered in the revision of the electoral list, applied to the city barrister for his opinion on several knotty points and received the following reply:

#### (a) A British subject of 21 years of age.

(b) Residing within the municipality on the 1st January and on which his name is on the list.

(c) That the premises used or occupied by the declarant are within the municipality.

(d) That the declarant shall have paid to the municipality all rates, taxes, rents, assessments and license fees payable by him (which are not chargeable on land).

That such fees should be paid or more than the amount of \$2 or more.

The specification of a particular heading under which the list is imposed does not mean that the essence of the declaration. No doubt, it is intended that the heading should be specified, but the essence of the declaration is not to be lost.

If no heading at all had been specified it would not be necessary to specify a heading.

If a heading were specified and the court ascertained such fact upon inquiry, but that the declaration were true in its essence, the right of the declarant to have his name placed upon the list (assuming no other reason contrary existed) should be complete.

Question 2 I should say that the declarant's name should be removed from the list for the simple reason that the declaration, based upon which his name was placed upon the list, was false in its essence when made.

A list of all the electors who will not be able to vote at the forthcoming municipal election on account of their failure to pay all taxes due from them by October 31st has been prepared.

A further list of householders disqualified for other reasons will be drawn up by the court this afternoon. All the persons who lose their vote will be notified to appear before the court during its early sittings to show cause why their names should not be struck off the list and the disqualifications are the final decisions of the court after hearing the objections raised by the various electors who appeared before it.

Mr. Wheatley, who gave evidence at the meeting of the select committee on postal grievances on behalf of the assistant head postmen of London, said that the average increase of 2s. a week in wages.

—J. D. Gillis, school inspector for the Okanagan and Kootenay territory, has returned to the city. Speaking of labor conditions there he states that there is lots of work, and that wages are good.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Langley came down from Vancouver on Sunday and remained over Monday and Tuesday.



at "Maplehurst" with Mrs. Langley's father, Mr. Justice Walkem.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Barnard spent Christmas in Seattle.

Mrs. Norton has issued invitations for a subscription dance in A. O. U. W. hall on January 4th. This is to be a ball of poudre and snow dance.

Mr. McGivley, of the Bank of Commerce, who came home from Christmas some years ago, but recently in Portland is staying with Mr. W. E. Oliver at Oak Bay.

The many friends of Mrs. Tatlow will be pleased to learn that she is far recovered from her recent illness as to leave the hospital for her home.

Chief Justice and Mrs. Hunter spent Christmas at Shawinigan lake.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Waghorne are down from Vancouver and enjoying a week's golf. They are staying at the Oak Bay hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley McB. Smith are spending the week in Seattle.

Mr. Kenneth Schofield is back from Vancouver, where he had Christmas dinner with his sister, Mrs. Innes, and was a spectator at the Stanford-Vancouver football match.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Scott are staying with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Oliver, Oak Bay.

Mrs. Lottie Bowron is back from Seattle.

Amongst the old time Victorians who came home from Christmas holidays, Mr. Willie Charles, of the land registry office staff at Kamloops. He is staying with his mother here on Fort street.

Mr. and Miss J. E. McMullen, who for a week have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Bodwell, have returned to Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Scott, of Ganges Harbor, are staying at "Mount Adelaide," the home of Mrs. Henry Croft.

Dr. Boyd, who has been in Cariboo for the summer, is back in Victoria.

Miss Winnie Davis is in Kamloops, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Nash.

Mrs. Galletley entertained a number of friends at tea on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. C. E. Dickenson, of Seattle, spent Christmas with his people here. Mr. T. E. Corson, also of Seattle, was in town for Christmas.

Mr. E. O. S. Schofield is back from a few days' stay in New Westminster and Vancouver.

A novel ball, which is to be given by Lord and Lady Aberdeen in Dublin, is thus described in a society journal: "A big function planned by Lady Aberdeen is an Irish lace ball, at which Irish lady guests will wear a dress trimmed with Irish lace or crocheted while the men will appear in court dress, with Irish lace jabots and ruffles."

A special feature of the ball will be lace quadrilles, in which lace of various descriptions will be worn by the dancers. Her Excellency has expressed Irish lace to be used in the ladies' dresses. Orders for Celtic embroidery have already been given by several of the guests.

The table was very effectively decorated with holly, ribbons, flowers and ferns. Some of the guests were Master James Watson, Master Frank Medina, Master Willie Watson, Miss Marjorie Watson, Miss Laura Ridge, Miss Gladys Watson, Miss Lillian Watson, Master Tommy Watson, Master Ernest Spence, Master Jack Lawrence, Master Jesse Klippen, Miss Edith Lawrence, Miss Edna Lawrence, Miss Thelma George, Master Albert Lawrence, Master Harold Lawrence, Mrs. Sinclair, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Watson, Mrs. Klippen and some others.

Mrs. C. F. Cross, of Foul Bay road, entertained her relatives and a number of friends at a charming evening on Tuesday. The table was decorated with carnations and ferns, and all present thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Mrs. Clarence Carter, wife of Mr. Carter, electrician, at the quarantine station, spent the holiday week in town with her friends and relatives.

Mrs. Beauchamp Tye has been in Vancouver and New Westminster spending the holiday season with her relatives there.

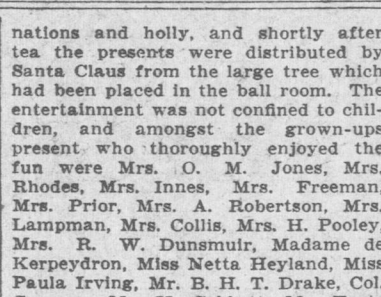
Mr. and Mrs. William Nelson, of New Westminster, spent the Christmas holidays at the capital visiting Captain and Mrs. Gould at their residence, corner of Simcoe and Clarence streets. Mr. Nelson is manual training instructor in the public schools at the Royal City. Mrs. Nelson is a niece of Mrs. Gould.

Mr. Jack Simpson, who is in the employ of the C. P. R. Company at Revelstoke, is here spending a couple of weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Simpson, of St. John's street, James Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. Cranley, of Oak Bay avenue, entertained at a most enjoyable afternoon at their residence on Thursday evening.

Mrs. J. D. Reid, of Glenora, Metochin, spent the week end and Christmas in the city, where she was joined by Mr. Reid on Christmas day. They were the guests of Mrs. Reid's father, Mr. Thomas Reid, of Lampson street. Mrs. Reid was en route home from Cowichan when she had been spending a most enjoyable holiday, the guest of Mrs. Jackson, of that place.

Mrs. and Miss Pemberton entertained



at an enjoyable dinner party at Gonsales on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Watson, with their family, returned home last Saturday from a most enjoyable and profitable concert tour. The Watson family are skilled musicians and were well received at each town they visited. They played at Duncan, Cowichan, Cumberland, Ladysmith, Nanaimo and some other places.

Mr. W. R. Dickrell, of Chemainus, spent part of the week in the city among his friends. He made the Dravid his headquarters while here.

Mr. A. L. Wilson, of Ganges Harbor, spent the holidays in Victoria. He stayed at the Balmoral while here.

A wedding of interest to a large number in Victoria, where the bride some three years ago was a favorite in society, was solemnized at Coburg, Ontario, on the 18th inst. It was that of Miss Mary Alice Hunt, niece of Mrs. W. S. Gore, of Core Mountain, this year, and Mr. F. Deuch, who was also recently identified with the Canadian Bank of Commerce here. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Norma Hunt, and given away by her cousin, Mrs. Clare Alexander. The groom was supported by Mr. Allan McKenzie. Mr. and Mrs. Deuch spent their honeymoon in Montreal. They returned to Coburg, however, for the Christmas holidays, which they spent with Mrs. Hunt, the bride's mother. They will reside in New York, where Mr. Deuch has recently received a promotion and now stands high on the staff of the Canadian Bank of Commerce. Mrs. Deuch spent five years here with her aunt, Mrs. Gore.

School inspector J. D. Gillis, of Nelson, is spending the Christmas vacation in this city.

LADY GAY.

REJECTED LOVER ENDS HIS LIFE

SHOT HIMSELF AFTER QUARREL WITH FIANCEE

Farmer Frozen to Death in Ontario—Aged Settler Accidentally Shot by Grandson.

Brantford, Ont., Dec. 27.—Arthur Butterworth, son of a well known manufacturer, succumbed to bullet wounds inflicted by himself at the home of his fiancée on Wednesday. Butterworth paid a visit on Christmas Eve to his prospective bride, at which a quarrel took place between the couple. He called again the following night, but was refused permission to make his calls, the engagement having been broken. He returned to the house later, walked in and, seized with a mad impulse, shot himself with a 22-calibre revolver in the presence of the mother of his fiancée. The young lady is very well known and highly respected and was a leading singer in the choir of a local church.

Frozen to Death.

Belleville, Ont., Dec. 27.—Stanley Camrite, of Prince Edward county, a farmer, was found frozen stiff. He had been cutting cordwood.

Died of Heart Disease.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 27.—Alexander Nicholson died here on Saturday of heart disease, and his brother Henry of Marlinton succumbed to-day to the same disease.

Carload of Silver.

Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 27.—A carload of silver, valued at \$15,000, was shipped from the Hanson Consolidated mine to Omaha to-day.

Ontario Legislature.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 27.—The Ontario legislature has been called for January 24th.

Sudbury Line.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 27.—Track-laying gangs on the P. R. S. Sudbury line gained their point when they laid steel into Bala by Christmas morning. They laid over a mile of track in just about four hours. Within a few days they will be in Parry Sound, having only 14 miles of track to lay and averaging a mile and a half a day.

Accidentally Shot.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 27.—James Camb, aged 73 years, one of the early settlers, was accidentally shot and killed by his grandson, who was shooting at a target on the homestead near Mountain Grove.

Hon. C. S. Hyman's Health.

London, Ont., Dec. 27.—The latest reports from Hon. C. S. Hyman, who is still in the south, say that he is improving in health. He has been assured that there is no organic complaint. He has been suffering from insomnia and nervous troubles of an acute character, and it is hoped that rest and change of scene will prove effective in restoring him to his full strength.

Gas For Brandon.

Brandon, Man., Dec. 27.—Messrs. Eaton and Spring, of the International Lighting & Heating Company, Beatrice, Neb., have secured a 30-year contract to supply gas to the city. They will erect a \$100,000 plant.

Citizens Fined.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—Citizens by the hundreds are being summoned by the civic authorities for the sin of omission in connection with the by-laws which call for clean sidewalks and iceless eaves. One hundred were fined yesterday, and another lot of one hundred on Christmas day. They were day in the same connection.

A Chicago dispatch says: In his annual report Brigadier General William H. Carter, commander of the department of the lakes, speaks of a noticeable feeling of unrest among the officers of the regular army stationed within his department.