

PEKING, Dec. 8 .- The first direct and uncensored news received from Sian Fu since the recent outbreak there was brought here today by messengers It consisted of letters to the British and American legations and the director of posts.

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The letter says that 8,000 Manchu were slain by Chinese, and that there was much looting. Several mission houses in the province were destroyed, and eight foreigners, some of them children, were killed. Four of the dead were Americans.

According to the letters, foreigners in the province of Shen Si, of which San Fu is the capital, numbered 75, including 17 Americans. A majority of these are now in Sian Fu, but others fled to the provnce of Kan Su.

"We are apparently safe now," says one of the letters, "but the lawlessness is worse than ever before. The Kan

Su missionaries may have a hard time. Twenty-two of them, including children, are Americans. Money cannot be sent them, as the mails have stopped and the banks here have been robbed and burned."

This letter is signed by V. J. Playmire, of the Christian and Missionary Alliance of Tao Chow, province of Kan Su It is dated November 26.

#### Terms Offered by Yuan

The terms that the imperial delegates will take to Shanghai or Nanking in an endeavor to settle the questions in dispute between the government and the revolutionists are believed to provide: First, that the emperor shall be retained, though he will be entirely with out power.

Second, that a president and cabinet shall be elected by the nation, and the president shall possess the same authority as the president of a republic. Third, if the foregoing conditions are

accepted, the government will grant provincial autonomy. These terms are considered enough. Yuan Shi Kai controls à substantial

army, but is unable to pay. the soldiers, and, desiring to save the nation, must accept the results. There are slight differences between

the terms of Yuan and those demanded several days ago by the revolution. ary leaders, who offer to leave the emperor titular sovereign.

Most of the legations are ready to harbor the emperor in case of his abdication, but it is believed the court will select either that of the United States or Japan. A fire late tonight, near the for-

bidden city, is believed to have been of incendiary origin.

Unknown French Bark supplemental telephone service. WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 .- all differ Considerable mystery exists regarding nces of opinion in the house the collision of the schooner Albert Meyof inquiry into the steel corporaer with an unknown bark in 45.N., 125. W., on November 25th. The bark sheered off immediately after striking the schooner and Capt. Holmes thought the vessel a French bark. The Cornil Bart which has arrived at Seattle, and Buffon, which has arrived at Astoria, were

considered to be the only French veson Morday. sels likely to be in the vicinity at the time and neither reported having been in collision. Some shipping men are speculating whether the unknown bark was the long overdue Gudf Stream, now

over 220 days out for Victoria from CABLE REDUCTIONS

#### General Manager of Commercial Company States Its Position on the Matter

Glasgow.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 .- Geo. C. Ward vice-president and general manager of the Commercial Cable Co., being asked in regard to the cut in cable rates in Canada by the Western Union Telegraph the matter in hand earlier in the year.' & Cable Co., said:

"There are four reductions involved. as follows: For week-end letters, to be received Saturday and delivered the following Tuesday. This will involve Sunday work. We prefer to give our cable operators a rest on Sunday. We confine our Sunday business to public necessity, like Sunday railway trains. We

shall not adopt it. There is no demand for a service of this kind. "Second-A newspaper, rate, of five cents a word. This shows a cut of fifty

per cent. The purpose is obvious. We think the spectre at Washington is responsible for it. We shall make the same cut.

"Third-A deferred cable letter-This is to be delivered two days after it is attention of the government, but he handed in. We shall not adopt it, so long as it remains in the deferred class. Ours is not a deferred company. Ninety- in question came within the jurisdiction nine per cent. of cablegrams call for of the department of Hon. Thos. Taylor.



tion were settled today and it was decided unanimously to continue the inquiry, in spite of the government suit against the steel corporation. The purpose of the investigation will be to enable the committee to legislation. Hearings will be resumed

WILL BURN SHACKS **ON OLD RESERVE** 

Attorney General Bowser States that Government Will Make a Clean Up on Deserted Indian Village.

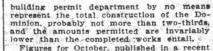
"It is likely also that the provincial The area of land within the heart of the city formerly occupied by the Songhees tribe of Indians as a reserve; and recently transferred to the provincial government, by arrangement with the surviving members of the tribe, is to structions issued yesterday by Hoh. W. undergo a cleaning up process under in-

said Mr. Bowser yesterday, "but the chief of the fire department felt that the season was inopportune to set a fire on the reserve. We shall, however, at once see to it that the old unsanitary shacks are destroyed, as also refuse, and debris which may be lying about to the dis-

figurement of the landscape." police will be instructed to exercise larger measure of direct supervision over the old reserve. Recently a number of Indians who have no right there have taken up quarters, and it is believed also that the place is made a rendezvous by

undesirable characters." Mr. Bowser added that he understood that the question of the final disposition of the reserve was receiving the earnest

could not speak with authority on that point, as the administration of the land



Figures for October, published in a recent issue of the Financial Post, showed net gain of 15.7 per cent, over the pre-ious October, and the following statistics, vious October, and the following statistics, covering 29 dites, show a gain of 29.06 per cent, for the year to date, compared with 1910. The aggregate population of these cities, according to the recent Dominion census is 1.703,638, or 24 per cent. of the total population of Canada, and therefore

ing Statistics Proof of City's Rapid Progress of Recent the aggregate permits for 1911 equal \$63.44 per head. Individually, of course, the per capita figure varies tremendously, low in the east and high in the west as expected, the aggregate permits of the second permits of the second

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ments throughout the country must LOS ANGELES, Dec. 8 .- The scope be considered together, and they must f the investigation taken by the fedconsidered in the light /of the reeral grand jury here and the one in port of the Transportation Commis-Indianapolis, Indiana, so far as could slon. We must consider St. John and be learned tonight, had not been the other ports, and it would be far sharply defined. Government officials, better that we should see the necessity it is thought, will be able to determine of immediate development on the lines only after the testimony of witnesses laid down by the Transportation Comhas proceeded further whether to remission everywhere and simultaneousturn indictments here or in Indiana ly rather than to act only in some against those persons alleged to have places. The improvement of our ocea been implicated in a conspiracy unand inland ports will entail an expendilawfully to transport explosives from ture of nearly \$100,000,000, if they are one state to another. to be equipped as similar ports are in

Both James B, and John J. Mcother countries, and if we are to put Namara remained in their cells today, up proper rival facilities of transepeating that they would tell nothtation to those possessed by our powing if called on by the jury.

Oscar Lawlor, the government's for the port of St. John commend pecial agent received little satisfacthemselves to the approval of the ion. It was suggested that perhaps house, it will not be in my department f the McNamaras had a taste of pristhat objection will be raised. Referon life and were visited by labor leadence has been made to Montreal. In ers who are anxious to cleanse organ-Montreal a very small amount comized labor of the alleged charges of paratively speaking has been spent by lawlessness, they might be prevailed the government. There was granted a loan to the harbor and we have carupon to give the desired information. Ortie E. McManigal, confessed dyried out improvements there. In Quenamiter, continued to tell the grand bec, there are great improvements to e made. Very large demands, even in jury his experiences as a dynamiter and he was followed by William Kaithe short time since I have assumed office, have been made to me regarding ser, of Munice, Ind., a nitro-glycerine manufacturer, who says he sold explosives to J. B. and John J. Mc Namara, as well as to Ortie McMani-Though the proceedings before the

grand jury are kept secret, it is assumed that Kaiser, who identified J. B. McNamara in the court room rethat necessity." cently, told of the people to whom he sold explosives. Earlier in the day

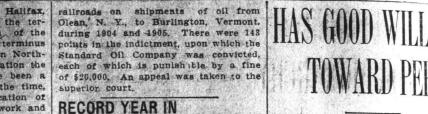
John Cruikshank, a railroad man, testified. Though it is believed that the government has not reached a definite decision as to the limit which the examination here and its parallel in Indianapolis will take, it is a fact that nost of the evidence in the alleged onspiracy is in the office of District Attorney John D. Fredericks of Los Angeles county.

Numerous witnesses are present here who are expected to testify to important points in the chain of circumstances showing that J. B. McNamara and Ortie McManigal brought explosives to California.

Conspiracy to violate federal laws s punishable by a fine of not less than \$10,000, or imprisonment of not more than two years, or both. These two charges are considered to be the possible ones for indictment both here and at Indianapolis.

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Whether Indianapolis or Los Angeles cess of the tonnage now plying reguwill be made the center of the battle larly in established lines to this port has not been settled. ithout considering the additions being The state has practically turned over made to the tonnage of the coastwise to the federal authorities all the infleet. The two new C.P.R. liners, the formation in its possession, including Empress of Asia and Empress of Rusall that it knows of J. B. McNamara's sta, turbine-driven steamers, which will alleged connection with explosions in be added about twelve months hence to Oakland and Seattle. By tracing the the transpacific service of this comsignature of J. B. Brice, admittedly pany are of approximately 15,000 tons the fictitious name of J. B. McNamara register, the new Canadian-Australian it is believed that an attempt will be liner now being built for the Union made to show that labor leaders on Steamship company, a vessel which will the coast with whom J. B. associated nave combination reciprocating and turare involved in the conspiracy to bine engines, driving four screws, will transport explosives out of the state. be a steamer of 13,500 tons, the Talthy-It is probable that the investigation bius launched on November 9th for the here will be directed toward coast la-Blue Funnel line is a vessel of over 14,bor leaders and the probe in Indian-000 tons and a second steamer of the apolis toward eastern officials. same type is shortly to be added. New steamers are under construction at Kobe and Nagasaki for the Nippon Yusen VICTORIA A kaisha, two being on the building slip and four more are contemplated, vessels of about 2,500 tons larger than the liners now serving the Japanese com-NATIONAL POR pany. In the transpacific trade plying to Victoria alone over 45.000 additional tons is to be added. The Harrison Direct line, which inaugurated a service to Victoria a few months ago to be first | rassment suffered by the Emperor of in the field to secure traffic which will Expected that Dominion Govdevelop via the Panama canal is building three large steamers, the Actor, from the manoeuvres in South Japan ernment Will Provide for Sculptor, and another vessel, the Kos-Construction of Breakwaters mos line has four steamers of 12,000 tons register with good passenger ac- switch, Shojire Shimidzu, the railway in the Near Future commodation under construction and on order, the Swedish-Johnson line, a Christiana firm which has announced der a train. A letter was found on its intention of entering the service as When Mr. Louis Coste, the noted soon as the Panama canal is completed, engineer appointed by the Dominion has ordered four steamers of 8,000 tons government to investigate the required register from British firms, the Holharbor works and facilities for Victor land-Amerika line of Rotterdam, which ia who leaves Ottawa on Monday for will also come into this trade, has orthis city, has completed his work, it dered two additional steamers for its is expected that not long will elapse fleet, each of 10,000 tons register, and before the government authorizes and many other lines are reported to be provides for the construction of suitcontemplating providing vessels of large able breakwaters to make a spacious onnage for this service. The steamer modern outer harbor. Hon. Mr. Monk, Inkula, of the Gulf Transport line, is Minister of Public Works, is fully conbeing sent to this port by J. H. Welsversant with the necessity of providing ford, the first of service steamers to be facilities for the great trade of the Pacific which Victoria will enjoy in sent for the Canadian-Mexican line with the stated intention of continuing ncreasing measure before long. He the service through the Panama canal, and intimated that the government is considering making Victoria, with other there are many reports of other vessels. to come here. The Leyland, Royal Mail ports of Canada, a national port. Speak-Steam Packet, and other lines now trading regarding harbor improvements in the House a few days ago, he said: ing to the Gulf of Mexico are reported to have plans for sending vessels I have been in the House for some through the canal to the North Pacific years since we received the report of the Transportation Commission, and I



## POSTAL OPERATIONS Sums Taken for Money Orders and Other Purposes Greatly in Excess

Never since there was such a thing n Victoria as a post office-and that goes back a very long time-has there been such extraordinary activity dis-PARIS, Dec. 8 .- The Temps tod played in all departments of this much prints an interview with Russian anused public utility, than is taking eign minister, M. Seasoneff, place at the present time, which activity finds its ready relection in the fact visit here is taken by the French that never before in the history of Vic- as a kindly reaffirmation of the R toria was there a greater demand made

situation, in his opinion, was no at hand requires no explanation to the lous, that Russia's demonstration good will toward Persia had not reciprocated, and that Russia been obliged to ask for complete faction, he declared that it was the intention of the Russian

was taken over the counter in exchange for money orders and stamps, and the day before the figure taken in for simerful neighbors. If the plans laid out ilar purposes was well over \$6,000. As today is the last day on which a mail (parcel mail) is guaranteed to arrive in England for delivery on Christmas morning, it is expected that the figures quoted will be exceeded and another record set.

Needless to say this great excess business has made tremendous demands upon the energies of the staff, and as it is likely that from now until after the holidays the conditions will vary only in degrees of still greater congestion. arrangements are being made by Mr. Shakespeare, the postmaster, to have the staff augmented sufficiently to cope with the traffic efficiently and expeditiously. Already it has been found expedient to place an extra man on duty in the registry office. When it is stated that in past years such additional help was never required until the 20th of the month, it may be guessed in what proportion this year's traffic exceeds that of all others. In a day or two several other additions to the staff will be made, as it is perfectly obvious that with the present complement of workers the task of overtaking the business that must be accumulating over their heads would be impossible, that is, consistent with the hasty dispatch and delivery which the public has been taught to expect and now insists upon having.

BIDS FOR BIG WORK Tenders for Sooke Lake Development

Work Will Be in Next Friday-Competition Expected

Prospective bidders on the Sooke Lake development work are at present busy preparing their data and figures to be submitted to the water commissioner before 12 o'clock noon on Friday next. Considerable competition is expected, as a number of representatives of large outside firms as well as of local contractors have been making a thorough

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Tuesday, December 12, 1911

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in regard to matters occurring in sia's ultimatum. Persia is, unable to agree with the Russian mand that future appointments of eign advisers 12 Persia be referred Great Britain and Russia

Mr. Shuster's Statement

PARIS, Dec. 8 .- in an intervie eived here from a special corresp ent in Teheran, W. Morgan Shuster Persian treasurer general, is said have declared that if the national sembly should indicate its belief, or powers demanding his dismissal show that any substantial advanta will accrue to Persia by his depart he is ready to go. The correspon says the general belief in Teheran that if he goes, public sympathy w. go with him.

#### Appeal to Washington

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 .- Asking for something more tangible than sympath the Persian nationalist committee Saadat, with headquarters in Consta tinople, Turkey, sent a cablegram day to the Persian committee here, u ing that efforts be made to have United States use its diplomatic offi n the crisis.

# HOUSES FOR OPERATORS

enders Invited for Construction Buildings at Prince Bupert, Point Grey and Cape Lazo

Tenders have been invited and will be eccived by the department of the naval rvice until noon on December 31 for the construction of three two-storey frame dwellings for the wireless telegraph stations at Prince Rupert, Cape Lazo and Point Grey. The new buildings, which are intended for the use of the second operators at these stations are in addition to buildings now use by the chief operators, and each will have six rooms, kitchen, halls, etc. The plans provide for a spacious livinroom, dining room and kitchen on the ground floor and three bedrooms an hall on the upper floor.



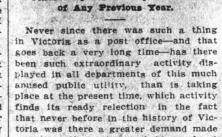
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or her daily call at the post box. Yesterday alone no less than \$7,000 ment to permit the national dign commercial interests of the cou Russia, Great Britain and

Revolutionist Band Annihilated SHANGHAI, Dec. 8 .- A telegram from Nanking says that General Chang Hsu, commander of the imperial troops, who escaped from the city with a considerable number of troops when the revolutionists captured it, annihilated a band of revolutionists who attempted to bar his retreat one hundred miles up the Tien Tsin-Pukow railroad. North of the scene of this fight the revolutionists are reported to be blowing up bridges with dynamite.

Queues May Be Cut Off PEKING, Dec. 8 .- An imperial edict was issued yesterday sanctioning the cutting off of queues. Shih Hsu, the Manchu prince, who

was offered the grand guardianship of the emperor on the resignation of the regent, has accepted the post. Hsu Shih Chang, the Chinese vice-president of the council, who was offered the office of co-grand guardian, declined, but the throne insists on his acceptance. A telegram from Wu Chang says the

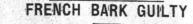
rebels there are hopeful that the extension of the armistice will result in peace. The leaders are willing to concede full power to the premier, Yuan Shi Kai, provided that he agrees to the entire elimination of Manchu control of the central government.

#### Yukon Commissioner

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 8 .- Mr. George Black, a well known lawyer of Vancouver, who lived in Dawson for many years following the great gold rush of 1897, will become the next commissioner of Yukon territory. Mr. Black left Vancouver last week for Ottawa.

Blown to Pieces

SEATTLE, Dec. 8-Henry Thompson aged 40, a rancher living at Pacific City, stumbled and fell in his front door yard while carrying a bottle of sticks of dynamite with cap and fuse attached and was blown to pieces today. Thompson, who was single, came from Walla Walla four years ago.



#### Cornil Bark Ran down Schooner Meyer Of Columbia River-Made No Report of Collision

SEATTLE, Dec. 8 .- Admissions by Montreal the sailors on the French barque Cornil Winnipeg Bart, which this afternoon arrived in Vancou Seattle from Newcastle, Eng., have Ottawa cleared up the deep sea mystery sur-Hamilton London rounding the collision of the American Halifax schooner Albert Meyer, November 25, 9 Calgary 0 St. John when abreast of the Columbia river, Victoria Edmontor with a vessel which did not wait to ascertain whether the schooner was go-Kingston ing to the bottom or not. 6 Winser 16 Sydney 17 Fort William 18 Berlin 19 Guelph Westmount According to the sailors it was the Cornil Bart which ran down the Meyer, and several lifeboats smashed as well as damage to her starooard bow showed mute evidence of the collision. The result of the Meyer being run down by the Bart was that the Meyer yesterday was just able to creep into Say Francisco with ten feet of water in her hold, and with a crew in the

Years-Ranks Eleventh and as it will continue to be until the vestern cities have more nearly approached the meridan of their growth. For better analytical results, the tables

here are given in two sections, western and The record of building in Canada for the ten months ending with October has subeastern, with Port Arthur and Fort Wil-liam as the dividing points, included in stantially confirmed earlier expectations of banner year. Those cities operating a the west.

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On referring to the totals for the whole year of 1910, it was found that 11 at least of the 29 cities have already exceeded that the western table. Fort William must show permits in the next two months and 1911. In the western table, Fort William must show permits in the next two months amounting to \$559,665, Port Arthur, \$484,956, and Leth-bridge \$102,266 if they would keep up the pace of 1910. In the east, Montreal is likewise short \$2,736,694, St. Thomas \$35,-935, Lonont 394,759, Ottawa \$453,000, Hali-fax \$85,687. Toronto \$321,086, and Brant-ford \$125,370. The figures for 1910 are not at hand to enable a showing for Guejph the 5th, rank in percentage, and the 6th, the order of the cities in building per not at hand to enable a showing for Guelph capita for 1911. In this table, particularly, Medicine Hat, Nelson, Windsor, Berlin, stratford, St. John or Westmount, but it is Victoria shows up well.

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#### Fighting with Moros MANILA, Dec. 7 .- Running battles

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#### Standard Oil Bebates

tions of the Transportation Commission BUFFALO, N.Y., Dec. 7 .- A jury in One of the first of those recommenda tions was the establishment of free the United States court tonight returned national ports. That report was made a verdict of guilty in the case of the Rational port as 1903. These ports are Fort William, Port Arthur, Depot Har-bor, Midland, Port Colberne, Kingston,

investigation of the proposed route since the announement that bids would be called for was made.

As soon as the bids are in they will b: opened in the council chamber at the city hall and then referred to the water commissioner, who will report to the council. Mr. Wynn Meredith, the city's consulting engineer, who is at present absent from the city, will bc back in time to go over the bids. The contract will be let provision ally pending the ratification or rejec tion by the ratepayers of the bylaw which must be submitted to the electors at the forthoming civic eletcion to approve the contract.

AN ATONEMENT Japanese Trainman. True to Old Spirit of Bushido, Suicides Because of Embarrassment to Emperor

GAVE LIFE AS

Considering it his bounden duty to sacrifice his life to atone for embar-Japan because the Imperial train on which the Emperor was returning was delayed "an hour owing to some carriages being derailed by a misplaced official in charge of the train, committed suicide. He threw himself unthe body saying he had sacrificed his follows: life according to the spirit of bushido to atone for the delay which forced the Emperor to spend an hour in the

common waiting room at Moji. Japanese newspapers say his action was due to the old custom that embarrassment to the Emperor, however slight, should be punished by death. The Jiji Shimpo reports that the Em-

peror was greatly distressed, and the Tokyo paper after recalling how a the Imperial portrait was burned in a fire says the authorities should promptly discourage such notions as mpel officials to take their lives under these circumstances. The army manoeuvres in Japan were onducted on a very extensive scale

this year, being attended by the Emperor and princes and elder statesmen, General Terauchi being recalled from Korea to be present. The climax was a great sham battle in which about

50,000 men with 120 guns were engaged. Bylaws for the borrowing of nearly

half a million dollars to be spent on improvements at Point Grey, were introduced at last 'ruesday evening's meeting of the Vancouver city coun-Revelstoke has been chosen as the

next meeting place of the British Coumbia Conservative association. The new Imperial bank building at

Chase is nearing completion and will ulations. be occupied in a couple of weeks or so. Plans are being prepared, by the architect of the Bank of Montreal for government against the Standard Oil a two-storey brick and stone bank Company for accepting rebates from bailding to be erected at Merrits, B.C., pulsory education bill at the comins to cost about \$50,000.

MORE FIRE PROTECTION

New Hall and Equipment for Eastern Section If Batepayers Approve

A bylaw to authorize the expenditu of \$35.000 on fire protection in the east ern section of the city by the erection of a fire hall and the installation apparatus, which addition will also utilized by Oak Bay, and also for parchase of motor apparatus for t two pieces of apparatus at the her quarters hall, will be submitted to ratepayers at the forthcoming elect A report setting forth the amount quired was submitted at last nigh meeting of the city council and proyed. The fire hall will be erecte the vicinity of Foul Bay road, on Bay avenue, will be manned by

firemen, the cost being estimated Station and site .....\$ 6 Motor combination hose and

chemical ...... 1.000 feet of hose ..... Furniture ..... Discount on debentures .....

\$15.0 The cost of maintenance will \$6,600 annually, Oak Bay agreeing schoolmaster suicided recently because | pay \$150 per month or approximate. one-third of the cost to the city of the

erection of the station and yearly main tenance. In addition, the bylaw will call for the purchase of a double eighty-gallor gas chemical engine, a chassis for the city service truck and a chassis for the

> also be made on the fire department: \$350 for furnishings for the new halls on Fernwood road and Fairfield road. \$150 each for five Gamewell fire alarm boxes for the outside districts; \$270 for

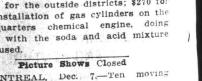
the installation of gas cylinders on the headquarters chemical engine, doing away with the soda and acid mixture now used.

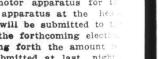
## MONTREAL, Dec. 7 .- Ten moving

picture shows have been closed owing to failure to comply with the fire reg-

For Compulsory Education MONTREAL, Dec. 7 .- The provincial legislature is expected to pass a comBoth Reached Port Northern Coast-When Landing Two steamers arri

Yesterday, the Prin ocke, of the C. P. F island and nor is way ports and t





turns. On the above basis toria possesses a r seventy-five person

LIFEBOAT

French Bark Cornil B Reporting Event Cape 1

The French bark reached Seattle after from Newcastle-this master reported off tered heavy weather Horn. A heavy gale and two staysails, a crushed and one car seas which broke September 14 until decks were awash, crew had great di

from being carried /On her voyage up favored by good Cape Flattery,

# other gale of hurri the height of the was lost overboard.

## **PRINCESS MAR** AND

## steam fire engine at headquarters. On the recommendation of the committee the following expenditures will