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ATTITUDE OF SENATE.

Toronto "Globe" Reports a Change in Favor of the Yukon Railway Bill.

Trade Arguments Said to Have Been Convincing—Necessary for Police Purposes.

Toronto, March 22.—(Special)—The Globe's Ottawa corespondent discussing the probable action of the senate on the Yukon bill, says the majority of the senate are not so openly hostile now as a month ago, and accounts for the change by the fact that the senators see that our trade rivals in the United States really fear the projected all-Canadian route and realize that to have incurred such hostility at Washington it must be calculated to greatly benefit Canadian trade.

Another important factor in changing the opinion in the Senate, the correspondent says, is the evidence accumulating that an all-Canadian coast route is absolutely necessary to the proper policing of the district and its safety in event of a riot.

AMERICAN.

A terible blizzard prevails throughout Nebraska. The mercury has fallen forty degrees, with wind blowing 75 miles per hour. The storm is particularly hard on cattle and winter wheat. The severe weather is general throughout the west.

The Holland submarine boat made another trial at New York yesterday afternoon. At a depth of 15 feet under water she showed good speed and was handled with ease.

Panama railway laborers are striking for $2 per day currency in place of $1.50.

OLD WORLD AFFAIRS.

Returns of the Japanese parliamentary elections show that the two parties will have about equal strength, and that some fifty neutrals will probably hold the balance of power.

The mail steamship subsidy bill has passed the reichstag.

It seemed doubtful yesterday whether the amount of the Chinese loan allotted to London would be subscribed, but in Berlin the amount called for was largely oversubscribed.

Mr. Gladstone has arrived safely at Hawarden from Bournemouth.

Signor Crispi's case was discussed in the Italian chamber of deputies yesterday, the radicals demanding criminal prosecution of the former premier.

The General Transatlantic Company's mail steamer Ville de Rome has been wrecked off Port Mahon, Balearic Islands. She had on board 117 passengers, including 30 women. There was no loss of life and the mails were saved.

It is reported from Dares. Zeb miles south of Zanzibar, East Africa, that last month during a revolt of Wahebes, an expedition of German foresters was attacked and three Germans and many of the native carriers were massacred.

James Payne, the novelist and journalist, and Miss Florence St. John, the well known actress, are dying in London.

Without division the commons has pased the Irish local government bill.

NEWS OF VANCOUVER.

Timber Berths Offered by Government—Smelters for Coast Ores—The Halibut Fishery.

Vancouver, March 22.—(Special)—Representatives of Elliot's and Vivian's Swansea, Wales, smelting firms are on their way to the coast to make arrangements for the erection of smelters, or at least matteing plants on the coast for the purpose of treating coast ores.

Messrs. Laing and Ryan have commenced the expenditure of $75,000 in the development of their Fanny Bay properties.

The halibut season, which has just been closed by the arrival from the banks of the steamer Capilano with some 50,000 pounds of fish and all the men and tackle, has been a fairly satisfactory one in spite of the fact that but the one boat has been engaged in the fishing and the weather has been stormy for much of the time. The Capilano will be placed on the northern route.

The blowing out of the cylinder head at the Brunette saw mill at New Westminster has been repaired and the mill will start again this week.

The two river boats being built on False creek by the C.P.R. are rapidly progressing.

The World says: The Department of the Interior, by dodgers tacked up in the postoffice, is calling for tenders for a timber berth, in this province, of 480 acres. By the merest chance these dodgers can be seen, and certainly not by those engaged in the lumbering trade. This appears to us to savor largely of a policy of penny-wise and pound foolish."

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SETTLERS FOR THE WEST.

Eight Hundred on the Excursion Trains Yesterday—Promise of a Busy Season.

Toronto, March 22.—This will be the biggest season for settlers' excursions to the Northwest. To-day's Canadian Pacific settlers' excursion carried 800 passengers. Thirty cars of stock and settlers' effects follow to-morrow. Most of the settlers are from Ontario and are a splendid class of people. They occupied three trains.

THE WOES OF CHINA.

Russian Soldiers Pillaging at Port Arthur and Foreign Consuls Formulating Demands Elsewhere.

Pekin, March 22.—A merchant who has just returned from Port Arthur asserts that the Chinese complain that while the Russian soldiers at that place have no money this fact has not prevented them from obtaining about everything they want. They go into the shops and take commodities at will, refusing to pay anything for them. In consequence of this pillaging of the shopkeepers the general commanding the Chinese troops at Port Arthur has ordered that the small shops be closed.

E. A. MACDONALD'S LATEST.

The Toronto Agitator Fighting in a Suit for Many Millions.

Toronto, March 22.—(Special)—E. A. Macdonald has notified the council that he is bringing suit against the directors of the street railway company, charging them with having secured the franchise by means of fraud and bribery ,and suing them on behalf of the city for damages, to the extent of eight million dollars, the amount of which estimates the city has been deprived by parting with its franchise.

AMERICAN PUSH.

It is Making the United States a More Formidable Competitor Than Germany.

London, March 22.—At the banquet of the London Chamber of Commerce tonight there were several Canadian guests, including Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, Hon. R. R. Dobel and Gen. John Wimbourne Laurie, member of parliament for Pembroke. Mr. Charles T. Ritchie, president of the board of trade, in responding to the toast "Her Majesty's government," referred to foreign competition and quoted figures showing that America was destined to be more formidable than Germany as a competitor. He declared that this was due to the energy and determination displayed by both masters and men in the United States and that Great Britain would do well to imitate America in this respect.

Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal echoed Mr. Ritchie's remarks. Others present were Lord Selborne, under secretary for the colonies, Rear Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, M.P., and Mr. Asquith, M.P., and former secretary of state for the home department.

JEFFERIES DEFEATS JACKSON.

The Fight in San Francisco Lasted Only Into the Third Round.

San Francisco, March 22.—Jefferies won from Peter Jackson in the third round.

Jefferies went into last night's battle a strong favorite, chiefly because of Jackson's long absence from the ring and consequent liability to have lost generalship as well as fighting swing. The fact of odds against him in no way disheartened the black Hercules, however, for, as he himself confessed, he has always been unpopular with the speculators on the eve of his greatest victories. For example, he had 2 to 1 against him prior to his conquering of Slavin—and yet this contest undoubtedly showed him at his very best as a fighter, and was one of the hardest and fastest mills in prize-ring history. As to the argument of years against him, Jackson's answer has always been "a man's just as old as he feels—and I feel just as young as I did six years ago."

Despite the quoted odds, it is doubtful if much real betting was done, the match being one of the hardest things on earth for a sporting man to get a line on. So far as Jefferies was concerned the San Francisco sports were satisfied that they could gauge his calibre. The task should not have been a difficult one as he has fought all his battles in the Bay City, graduating from the unknown class to the first flight of championship candidates. With Jackson it was different. He had not faced an opponent in the ring since he met and vanquished Slavin in England five years ago, and such being the case, was as much a puzzle to the average sport as an absolutely untried man.

MR. GLADSTONE.

His Trip Home to Hawarden—Everywhere Regarded as His Last Journey.

London, March 22.—The morning papers in reference to Mr. Gladstone's journey from Bournemouth to Hawarden recall that in one of his latest speeches, after alluding to Liverpool as his birthplace he continued: "With Hawarden, if it please God, my last acquaintance with light and air is likely to be connected."

Along the whole route special precautions were taken to avoid demonstrations when passing stations. It was noticed that Mr. Gladstone seemed even more feeble than reported. Everywhere it was regarded as his last journey and his words on entering the train at Bournemouth are taken as an expression of his farewell to the public.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

WHAT'S IN THE WIND?

United States' Policy With Regard to Spain May Be Announced on Monday.

Intervention in Cuba Looked for Independent of Findings in "Maine" Inquiry.

Washington, March 22.—The cabinet meeting to-day lasted something over an hour and was devoted exclusively to the Spanish situation in general, and to the report of the Maine court of inquiry in particular. The tone of the discussion was very firm that there must come an end to the present state of affairs in Cuba. Secretary Long authorized the statement that the report was very voluminous, and its publication and transmission to congress would not occur until next Monday or Tuesday as the President would require that much time to give the document the mature consideration its momentous character required.

Other cabinet officers said that the general plan included the sending of a presidential message along with the report stating that Spain had been called upon to make suitable response to the case presented by the President.

While the cabinet officers maintained their usual reserve as to the exact character of the deliberations, yet it was conceded that the discussion proceeded on the theory that the coming report would show that the explosion was not the result of an accident, but was due to an external cause.

There is no doubt that substantial unanimity exists on the part of the President and all his cabinet, both as to the Maine question and the general subject of Cuba. The possibility of a recourse to intervention in case Spain declines to make suitable response to the representations the United States government will make after receiving the Maine report has been fully discussed, although necessarily it has been an abstract discussion thus far, and no conclusion has been reached or is possible until the court's findings are before the President and cabinet. At the same time there is a very evident intention to consider all eventualities, including the recourse to intervention, the recognition of independence, and other methods which appear to suitably meet the requirements of such a condition. It is believed to be the intention of the President, however, to bring about a very material and satisfactory condition in Cuba, by what shall seem to be the best and most practical method of obtaining this end. It is the hope of the administration that Spain herself will so far realize the situation as to see the necessity for such radical action on her part, with respect to Cuba, as shall command the approbation of this country and thus at once put an end to all differences.

Pending a decision of the government's final policy no overtures or intilations have been conveyed to the Spanish government and there is no official knowledge as to how Spain would regard a recognition of Cuban independence or intervention.

The Spanish minister, Senor Polo, requested to-day that a statement be made that reports attributing to him expressions on the subject of independence were unwarranted and untrue. Senor Polo says he has not discussed this or any other of the pending questions. Outside the cabinet meeting to-day was exceptionally quiet.

Key West, Fla., March 22.—Lieut.-Commander Marix, judge-advocate of the United States naval court of inquiry into the loss of the Maine, left Key West this afternoon on his way to Washington, taking with him the report reach. Washington Thursday evening. of the court. Lieut. Marix expects to

NICKEL EXPORT DUTY.

Sudbury Folk Declare Against It Anticipating Evil Effect Upon Their Mines.

Toronto, March, 22.—(Special)—The council of the bord of trade has appointed a special committee to report upon the question of the imposition of an export duty on nickel matte. A telegram was receved from he mayor of Sudbury vigorously protesting against an export duty and stating that four of the six furnaces at Sudbury have already been closed down owing to competition from New Caledonia.

CANADIAN.

Mrs. Edward Harris, only daughter of Rev. D. Egerton Ryerson, the celebrated Ontario educationalist, died at Toronto on Sunday.

A serious pitch-in occurred on the Grand Trunk near Peterboro on Saturday night. Fireman W. Loney, of Toronto, was seriously injured.

Incendiary fire has gutted the St. Thomas opera house with a loss of $7,000.

NOT PLOTTING FOR HAWAII.

Mr. Curzon Says There Is No Truth in Accusation Against Great Britain.

London, March 22.—The president of the board of trade, Mr. Chas. Ritchie, replying in the house of commons to-day to a question on the subject said he was in communication with the British consul-general at New York relative to the reported crimping of seamen at the shipping office of the consuate.

Sir James Ferguson questioned the government whether there was any truth in the accusations brought in the United States senate committee on foreign relations to the effect that Great Britain was plotting for the absorption of Hawaii. Mr. George N. Curzon in reply said he did not know whether the published statement of the accusations was authentic, but if such were the case there was no truth at all in the allegations made.

RUSSIA IN CHINA.

Concessions She Demands Will be Granted Unless Other Powers Intervene.

London, March 22.—There is considerable speculation as to the fact that after a hurriedly convened cabinet council today the French ambassador, Baron de Courcel, arrived at the foreign office and remained the unusual time of two hours, afterwards visiting the Russian embassy. There were also frequent consultations between the Duke of Devonshire, president of the council, Mr. Arthur J. Balfour, first lord of the treasury, and in the absence of Lord Salisbury, acting foreign minister, and Sir Thos. Sanderson, permanent under secretary for foreign affairs.

The Pekin correspondent of the Times says: China has not yet formally replied to the French demands. She is passively waiting further French action. Li Hung Chang and Chang Yin Huan have been appointed to represent China at the forthcoming conference with M. Povloff, the Russian charge d' affaires, who has received special powers. Both are credited with strong Russian sympathy, but there is little hope of obtaining any practical abatement of the original Russian demands. Last night (Monday) the Emperor granted an audience to all members of the Tsung Li Yamen at the summer palace.

The Times commenting editorially on the despatch of its Pekin correspondent, regards the postponement of M. Povloff's departure from Pekin as "tantamount to an approval by his government of M. Povloff's peremptory methods."

NAVAL APPROPRIATIONS.

Proposed Active Building of Fighting Craft in United States—Japan's Expenditures.

Washington, March 22.—The naval appropriation bill as reported to the house to-day carried a total of $35,693,058, an increase over last year of $30,764,432 and over current estimates of $2,514,324. For increase of navy the bill allows to be constructed by contract three sea-going coast line battleships designed to carry the heaviest armor and most powerful ordnance, with displacement of 11,000 tons and highest practicable speed for their class, to cost, exclusive of their ammament, not exceeding $3,000,000 each.

Six torpedo boats, 150 tons displacement, and six torpedo destroyers, about 350 tons displacement, to cost not exceeding $2,224,000, and one gunboat to take the place of the U.S.S. Michigan, cost exclusive of armament not over $260,000 and to be built on the great lakes, are also provided for.

Vienna, March 21.—The newspapers announce that Japan between 1895 and 1905 will have devoted 193 million yen to the building of warships. Forty-seven have already been ordered with short terms of delivery in England, France, Germany and the United States.

PREFERENCE FOR BELGIUM.

It Will Share in Canada's Tariff Favors Under a Treaty Just Concluded.

Brussels, March 22.—Le Soir learns that by the new Anglo-Belgium commercial treaty, Belgium will participate in the favored nation clause as regards Great Britain and her colonies, thus securing the benefits of the Canadian preferential tariff.

A LAWYER'S ADVENTURE.

Story of How He Exchanged Shots With a Desperate Robber and Found His House Afire.

Montreal, March 23.—(Special)—Wilfrid Pagnuelo, advocate, reports that having discovered a burglar in his dining room the robber fired, the bullet striking a tobacco pouch in Pagnuelo's pocket. Pagnuelo says he pursued the burglar, shooting at him, but missed, and returning to the house he found it in flames. He succeeded in saving his wife and children, but the fire caused a loss of $7,000.

CALIFORNIA MAIL ROBBERS.

Two Men Again Hold Up a Southern Pacific Train and Dynamite the Express Car.

Fresno Cal., March 23.—The Southern Pacific passenger train No. 18, north bound, was held up at eleven o'clock last night at Cross station, a siding seven miles this side of Goschen Junction, by two masked robbers. The express car was blown to atoms by dynamite. The robbers secured one mail pouch which was rifled.

MR. TARTE APPREHENSIVE.

After Counting Up the Senators He Has Less Hope for the Yukon Railway Contract Bill.

Montreal, March 23.—(Special)—The Laurier government organ in Quebec says: "There is no doubt the Conservative leaders have resolved to kill the Yukon bill in the senate, the only question being will they succeed. Here are calculations up to date: In favor of the bill, 29; against, 27; those who refuse to pronounce themselves, 11. Mr. Tarte has less hope than a few days ago."

WULFF JOEL'S SLAYER.

He Had Persistently Demanded Money for Use in Removal of President Kruger.

Johannesburg March 23.—The trial of Ludwig von Veldtheim for the murder o' Wulff Joel, nephew of the late Barney Barnato, on March 14th, began yesterday. Mr. Strange, Joel's manager, who was present when Joel was shot and almost instantly killed by Veldtheim, was called to the witness stand. He testified that Veldtheim had persistently sent threatening letters to Wulff Joel and his brother, S. B. Joel, and had accompanied his threats with demands for money to be used in the removal of President Kruger. His demands, Mr. Strange said, had always been refused.

CANADA'S MINISTER OF JUSTICE

Sir Oliver Mowat's Successor in the Laurier Cabinet, Hon David Mills, With Fifty Members of Parliament. Praise the Virtues of Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder.

No one suffers the inconveniences of Catarrh more than the public speaker, Hon. David Mills. The coming Minister of Justice, says over his own signature that Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder gave him immediate relief. People everywhere use it. John McInnes, Washa Bridge, N.S., says: "Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder did wonders for me." It relieves in ten minutes and permanently cures catarrh, cold in the head, sore throat and tonsilitis. Sold by Hall & Co., and Dean & Hiscocks.

YET ANOTHER TRAGEDY

Shipload of Prospectors for Copper River Believed to Have Gone to the Bottom.

Their Little Craft Found Bottom Up and No Trace of Passengers or Crew.

San Francisco, March 22.—Upon the arival of the Pacific Steamship Company's steamer Santa Rosa from San Diego, the news was received of another terrible accident indirectly attributed to the Alaskan gold excitement, which is believed to have cost the lives of forty passengers. Capt. Alexander, of the Santa Rosa, reported that early this morning, while nine miles off Point Bonita at the mouth of the Golden Gate, he sighted a derelict bottom up. The tug Seawith was immediately despatched to the point indicated and found the derelict to be the bark Helen W. Almy, Capt. Hogn, which started hence for Copper river points with 27 passengers. Her stern was low in the water, her deck houses badly wrecked and several planks of her hull washed loose by the sea which broke over her.

While there were no signs of boats among the wreckage it is not believed her passengers and crew escaped by putting off from the vessel in them as there was a heavy sea for several days past. Furthermore no word has been received from the survivors if any exist, although the derelict was sighted within ten miles of shore, and fully 68 hours have passed since the wreck was discovered.

According to the tugboat men there was a pretty stiff breeze when the Almy sailed out of the Golden Gate on Sunday last and by the afternoon it was blowing a gale. She left here under topsails and when last seen was standing out for an offing. There was a heavy sea running and it is supposed that some time during the night she was struck by a squall and capsized.

The Helen W. Almy was once a South Sea trader and was quite famous for her many adventures among the reefs.

NEWS OF VANCOUVER.

An Englishwoman's Long Chase of Her Husband—Brandon Man in Trouble—Six Trains Due.

Vancouver, March 23. —(Special)—Mrs. E. P. Lewis is in the city following her husband who was a passenger on the Ning Chow for Klondike. Mrs. Lewis has followed him from England, through South Africa to Vancouver and will go on to Klondike. His photograph is on exhibition at the wharves. The Lewises are wealthy people. Whether the flight and pursuit are due simply to his eccentricity or are caused by some special reasone does not appear.

Stewart McKay, a railway employee from Brandon, who has been in this city three weeks, was arrested to-day charged with assault on a twelve-year-old girl at Brandon.

Six trains are due to arrive here tomorrow.

FATALITY ON THE LINE.

Fireman Hepburn, of Vancouver, Loses His Life Through a C.P.R. Mudslide.

Vancouver, March 23.—(Special)—The following are the particulars officially reported of an accident which occurred one mile west of Port Haney at one o'clock this morning: Conductor E. Richardson's west bound special, engine 651, driver L. King, struck a mudslide one mile west of Port Haney at 24:55 o'clock, derailing the engine and eight cars of freight. Fireman A. Hepburn was killed; the engineer and other train hands escaped without injury. The damage to rolling stock is not serious and the line will be clear for traffic tomorrow, Thursday, morning about two o'clock, and a new track will be laid. The body of Hepburn is at Port Hammond. It is probable an inquest will be held here as the deceased was a resident of Vancouver.

CHRISTIAN TRAINED NURSES.

Presbyterian Ladies Moving to Have Them Sent to the Klondike—Many Missionary Candidates.

Toronto, March 23.—(Special)—At the half-yearly meeting of the Presbyterian home mission committee a deputation of Presbyterian ladies waited on the committee and urged that Christian trained nurses should be sent to the Klondike. A committee was appointed to consider the subject.

A session was devoted to making up a complete list of missionaries, students, etc., seeking employment in the mission field. The list numbers 312 and the vacant stations number 200.

Several appointments will be made to mission fields in the Klondike mining regions and further appointments only if sustained by contributions. There is still a deficit of $9,000 on operations, and the committee anticipate that next year the expenditure will be largely increased.

MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST.

A Great Rush of Immigrants—The Alleged Elevator Monopoly—Clever Bill Raising.

Winnipeg, March 23.—(Special)—This will be a busy week in immigration circles. On Tuesday the first train of settlers to start from Kansas, left in charge of Mr. Crawford, government agent, who has been working in that state all winter addressing land clubs and organizing parties to ra visit to the Canadian Northwest. Twenty-five delegates left on Tuesday with their stock and effects. The party will be augmented at Omaha and St. Paul and several Minnesota and Dakota farmers will join the excursion.

Three special trains of colonists from Ontario, numbering about 700 persons, left Toronto on Tuesday and will be here Thursday night. Seven trains of stock and effects follow. These settlers are bona fide farmers and are not passing through to Yukon. Over 250 settlers, farm laborers, etc., left by the Grand Trunk excursion via the States on Tuesday night and will be here Friday evening. Altogether nearly 1,500 settlers for the Canadian Northwest will arrive this week.

Albert Bell has been arrested on suspicion of being implicated in the several cases of passing raised $1 notes, which have been reported recently. The method of forgery was to take "5" stamps from cigar box revenue labels and paste over the "1" on the dollar bills. Several bills were passed on local banks, so successfully were the forgeries made.

A young man named E. H. Howey was found dead in the bush north of Nepawa on Saturday. His parents and family reside near London, Ont.

The Merchants' Bank has acquired Alloway & Champion's private bank at Portage la Prarie.

The committee on agriculture of the provincial legislature will prepare a memorial to be sent to Ottawa on the alleged elevator monopoly in Manitoba. They had invited all interested in the question to present the facts to the committee.

Dr. Moody, medical superintendent of the Winnipeg hospital, has resigned. He will be succeeded by Dr. Douglas.

A. E. Forget, Indian commissioner, is ill.

At a public concert held in the Rat Portage theatre last night Jake Gaudaur was presented with the Richard K. Fox cup, emblematic of the American single sculling championship. The theatre was crowded and Gaudaur was given a splendid reception.

Miss Eva Booth, Canadian commandant of the Salvation Army, has cancelled her Western dates owing to illness and will return to Toronto at once.

Homestead entries made at Dominion lands agency since January 1 to March 15 total up 543. Settlers who have located on land number 1,233.

STOLE ON LARGE SCALE.

United States Government Official Charged With Illegally Securing a Huge Amount.

Washington, March 23.—An order for the arrest of J. H. Southall, former chief clerk in the United States engineer's office at St. Paul, Minn., has been sent by the department of justice to the United States district attorney at St. Paul. The charge against him is that he uttered false checks against the government.

The attorney-general said to-day that the amount of money realized by Southall would reach at least $300,000. Mr. Griggs said the government was not liable for the acts of Southall and that the holders of the fradulent checks could make no claim against the federal treasury.

A PRISONER ON TRIAL ISLAND.

The Seattle Steamer "Mist" has a Close Call on the Point that Proved Fatal to the "Velos."

Hardly a day passes without some mishap being recorded with a member of the Klondike fleet as the victim. Yesterday the trouble was nearer home than usual, Trial Island, a point made famous as the scene of the Velos disaster, securing a prisoner—the Seattle steamer Mist, conveying the stern-wheeler Ramona, just arrived from Portland, coming to grief on the first stage of their voyage to Wrangel.

The Mist is to be employed as a ferry between the mouth of the river and this new city; while the Ramona is intended to run up the river to Telegraph Creek so soon as navigation opens. Being a vessel of but six-inch draught, the Ramona was obliged to accept company for the trip north, and the charge of her was given the Mist, Captain Kenny, navigator.

He is a comparative stranger to British Columbia waters, and while going at full speed struck a kelp reef and was there held for upwards of an hour. Fortunately the sea was smooth, and the tide rising, floated off without injury. The tug Sadie arriving in the locality soon after her release and gave a line, and the Mist was taken to Cadboro bay where she was beached for thorough examination. This disclosed that she was unharmed, and she will in consequence be floated at high tide to-day and proceed to Wrangel, picking up her consort at Union, where the Ramona proceeded under her own steam.

YOUTHFUL DEPRAVITY.

An Eight-Year-Old Victorian In a Pitiable Plight—Others Implicated With Him in Robbery.

The pitiable and unusual spectacle of a ten-year-old boy stupefied by strong drink and attempting to escape from a police officer who wanted to arrest him on a charge of theft was witnessed on Yates street yesterday afternoon.

The young lad, Albert Earle by name, and a couple of companions who are implicated with him, have for the past few days been spending the hours in which they were supposed to be at school around the water front. On more than one occasion a police officer has found it necessary to warn them about their behaviour, and to order them to go home.

Yesterday, during the noon hour, a customs warehouse was broken into and about three dozen bottles of Chinese liquor stolen. The theft was at once reported to the police and Constable Llewlyn was detailed to work on the case. In the meantime Customs Officer Morison was endeavoring to find some clue to the robbery and noticed young Earle staggering around, apparently drunk, on one of the streets. This had a suspicious look about it and he informed the police officer of what he had seen. The constable then started out on a hunt for the boy and found him on Yates street.

When the lad saw the officer approaching he became conscious of the fact that he was wanted and tried to escape. His legs were uncontrollable, and several times he fell on his face in his attempts to get away. The officer caught him and shook him up considerably, which somewhat revived his senses. The lad was then asked where he got the liquor which made him drunk, and he replied that he had stolen it. He then went with the officer to where he had cached the stolen goods among some hay in a storehouse near to where he had committed the theft. The larger part of the goods was still intact. Being further questioned about his act the boy said that three companions had assisted him in breaking into the warehouse and carrying away the liquor. He gave the names of the others and their arrest will likely follow.

The youthful prisoner has been in trouble with the police before. He will be given a hearing before Magistrate Macrae thi morning.

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NEWS OF THE CAPITAL.

Klondike Miners' Delegates Give Their Views on the Proposed Yukon Railway.

Manhood Suffrage and One Man One Vote Adopted as Conservative Policy.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Ottawa, March 22.—The Kettle River bill was not reached by the railway committee to-day, but will be the first order for Thursday.

Messrs. Mills, Mandeville and Livernash, the miners' delegates from Dawson, addressed a meeting of senators this morning in opposition to the Stikine route, and especially to those provisions of the bill regarding the land subsidy. Mr. Livernash claimed that prospecting would be practically killed by the facilities to be given to Mackenzie & Mann to run their base lines. The delegates have got no satisfaction from the government regarding modification of the mining regulations.

Mr. Charlton to-day made an effective protest against the San Jose scale bill in the interest of American nursery men.

An alleged scandal reported in connection with the fishery department is said to be nothing more than friction between Dr. McPhail, who investigated the discoloration of lobsters, and Bruers, his assistant.

The Senate commenced the debate on the Yukon Railway bill to-day. Messrs. Mills and Kirchhoffer were the only speakers.

Mr. Tankoughnet, late deputy superintendent of Indian affairs, died in London to-day.

At a Conservative caucus held to-day it was decided to move an amendment to the second reading of the franchise bill in favor of manhood suffrage, one man one vote, and a simple form of registration.

The franchise bill was under discussion most of the day in the commons.

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CANADIAN.

Lumbermen in convention at Toronto propose to ask the Dominion for an export duty of $2 per thousand.

Presbyterian ministers in the Northwest were yesterday voted $17,000 at the half-yearly meeting of the home mission committee in Toronto.

At the request of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific representatives, Chairman D. McNicoll, traffic manager of the C.P.R., has called another meeting of the trunk line association passenger committee.

METHODIST MISSION SACKED.

Shanghai, March 22.—Further telegrams from Chungkingfu regarding the sacking of the Methodist medical mission in the Kiankpeh country show that the Chinese militia are now there in large force and refuse to allow the execution of the death sentence passed upon the murderer of the student killed by the rioters who destroyed the mission. The foreign consuls have demanded that the taotai disperse the militia, execute the murderer, arrest the leaders of the rioters, pay 500 taels for the property destroyed, allow the mission to reoccupy its premises, and engage to protect the members of the mission.

MANITOBA AND NORTHWEST.

The New Rates for Travel Making Great Trains—A Religious Anniversary.

Winnipeg, March 22.—(Special)—The Canadian Pacific railway has made a material reduction in passenger rates from this city to Toronto and Montreal. The new rates are now in force and are as follows: First-class from Winnipeg to Montreal, $28.20; old rate, $38.90; second-class, $27.20; old rate, $36.95. First-class to Toronto, $28.20; second-class, $27.20 old rate, $35.

To-day's Canadian Pacific express from the coast was in three sections. About 200 Californians went through for New York and New England points, taking advantage of the cheap rates via this line.

High mass was celebrated in the cathedral at St. Boniface this morning in honor of the anniversary of Mgr. Langevin's consecration.

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