FIRST GUNS IN CIVIC CAMPAIGN

TWO MEETINGS SET FOR TO-NIGHT

New Aspirants for Seats at the Aldermanic Board Appear

(From Friday's Daily.

Oratorical guns will boom in two sections of the city to-night, signalizing the opening of the annual battle for municipal honors—a mass meeting being held in the Victoria theatre to nominate a candidate for the mayoralty in opposition to the present incumbent, and a meeting also being held in the Moss street public school to afford all candidates an opportunity of addressing the electors of Ward V.

No meeting has yet been arranged for to-morrow evening, but on Monday the campaign will be renewed by another meeting in the South Park school, and one in the George Jay school. On Tuesday evening Victoria West will be heard from, a meeting having been arranged to take place at the public school in that ward. The Victoria theatre will not be available, as on previous occasions, for the closing meetings of the contest, Manager Clifford Denham announcing that on Monday the work of renovation of the interior of the playhouse will commence.

The aldermanic slate is slowly growing. At present it stands as follows:

Ward One—Alderman Ross and W. N. Mitchell.

Ward Two—Alderman Humber, ex-Alderman Meston and W. H. Parsons.

Ward Three—Alderman Bannerman and Alderman Fullerton.

Ward Four—Alderman McKeown, E. E. Greenshaw and H. E. Levy.

Ward Five—Alderman Langley, Alderman Sargison, Alex. Peden and J. Dilworth.

W. J. Hanna may be a candidate in Ward four; he has no intention of running in Ward five, as had been suggested. H. E. Levy favors the abolition of the ward system, the election of mayor by a majority of all votes cast and a more equitable assesment of city properties. Mr. Peden, who will run in Ward five, has grown up with the city and is therefore familiar with its needs. Ald. Mable has not yet decided whether he will seek re-election in Ward one.

FOUR NARROWLY ESCAPE DEATH

Mr. Justice Metcalf and Three Others Suffer From Effects of Coal Gas

(Special to The Times.)

Winnipeg, Jan. 6.—Mr. Justice Metcalf and other occupants of 317 River avenue had a narrow escape from death by asphyxiation yesterday morning from coal gas escaping from a furnace while the occupants of the house were asleep.

Mr. Justice Metcalf was awakened by a choking atmosphere and found the house-keeper unconscious, and George Powers and Rex King in a precarious condition. He succeeded in calling help, but will be laid up several days himself.

EXPLOSION AND FIRE CAUSED BY GAS

Power Plant at Minneapolis Destroyed—Loss Estimated at $500,000

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 6.—An explosion, said to have been caused by an accumulation of gas in the basement, to-day wrecked the plant of the Minneapolis General Electric company. Two persons were severely hurt and the plant, valued at half a million dollars, was totally destroyed. Flames followed the explosion and spread to adjoining buildings. Firemen stopped the fire before it reached Mill "A," of the Pillsbury Flour company, which was threatened.

The destruction of the plant shut off light and power from many factories and stores. The Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies found themselves without current and for a time were unable to handle any messages. The Western Union finally obtained power from St. Paul. The tickers in the Chamber of Commerce were stopped. The Daily News was forced to operate its linotype machines with power furnished by a number of storage batteries stationed in the street outside the building.

WOMAN DRINKS POISON.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 5.—Preferring death to separation from the year and a half old baby of her dead sister, Mrs. Florence Blake, 35, wife of a Southern Pacific employee, retired with the child cuddled in her arms, drank a large quantity of arsenic and died several hours later. Mrs. Blake took charge of the baby upon the death of her sister, Mrs. John Fink. The father of the child, it is said, notified Mrs. Blake that she must give up the tot in three days.

AFFECTS THE ENTIRE CITY

UNDERGROUND WIRES A VITAL NECESSITY

Views of Secretary of Vancouver Island Development League

(From Friday's Daily.

That the question of placing the wires underground is one which affects the whole city in a very direct way is the opinion of Ernest McGaffey, secretary of the Vancouver Island Development League, who because of long experience in municipal matters in many of the larger cities of the continent is in an exceptionally good position to offer advice on the present occasion. Mr. McGaffey makes it clear that the small property owner in the residential districts has a vital interest in seeing that the by-law, which will be voted on on Thursday of next week, passes. Speaking to a Times representative this morning, he said:

"In all of the large cities of Canada and the United States the fight to put wires underground and remove poles from the city streets has been based on the grounds of public and private safety of life and property, and of economy to all citizens.

"Perhaps to no one does the necessity of having the wires underground and the poles removed appeal more than to the poor man, and the man of small means. It is from these classes that the factory and store workers are recruited, and the presence of the wires are a constant menace to the lives and limbs of young men and girls working in these places. Nothing hampers quick and effective action in a fire so much as wire networks in front of the buildings. Nothing makes so much for escape of occupants and fire control as a clear field to work in.

"Insurance rates, reaching out to the small householder as well as to the down-town merchant, are invariably higher on account of these wire barriers, and the down-town rate affects the entire city, even though there may be no statement to that effect in the policies.

"The destruction of public buildings makes replacement out of the general fund a loss to the average citizen of money that would have been applied to the general benefit. Wires around such buildings add many-fold to the difficulty of saving them. Halls, hotels, theatres and all public edifices are all liable to fires, and the wires once underground their safety at such times is much greater than under present conditions.

"Without taking into consideration any other reasons than the added safety to human life, and the actual saving of private and public property and insurance premiums, the removal of overhead wires is an obvious and vital need."

ULSTER'S FEARS GROUNDLESS

JOHN REDMOND ON IRISH SITUATION

Declares Protestants Will Be Treated Fairly If Home Rule is Granted

London, Jan. 7.—John E. Redmond, chairman of the Irish parliamentary party, devotes a long article in the London papers to an endeavor to remove the Unionist objections to Home Rule based on the fear that the Ulster Protestants will be unfairly treated.

He assembled a great array of statistics and figures of the recent elections, showing that five of Ulster's nine counties are overwhelming Catholic, while excluding Belfast, the whole of Ulster actually voted for Home Rule by a majority of 1,298. Mr. Redmond argues that in face of the fact that the whole of Ulster includes 44 per cent. Catholics, Ulster cannot be claimed as a Protestant province.

Further, he quotes historical records and the testimony of Protestant historians like Taylor and Lecky to show that a spirit of toleration has always been exercised by Irish Catholics and to prove that Ireland's national movements for generations have been conducted by Protestants.

He declares that Ulster has nothing to fear and that if Home Rule is granted the present minority will have equal rights and liberties with the Catholics.

WORK ON THE MAINE.

Havana, Jan. 5.—The first human remains from the wreck of the old battleship Maine have been brought to the surface by a dredge. They consisted of two ribs and some small bones apparently of the hand. They were carefully placed in a special receptacle to await the recovery of other parts.

The dredge also brought up some three-inch shells, a large quantity of coal and a portion of the coal bunkers lying apart from the ship which is considered as possibly confirmatory of the theory of an external explosion under the bunkers. This, however, cannot be verified without a further examination of the wreck. The work on the hulk is continuing without interruption.

THE FARMER FEEDS THEM ALL.

GETTING READY FOR NEW BANK

EASTERN TOWNSHIP'S OFFICE IN TIMES BLOCK

One of the Oldest and Soundest Financial Institutions in the Dominion

Workmen are busy in the east half of the ground floor of the new Times building, getting it ready for occupation by the Eastern Townships Bank, a branch of which is to be opened in this city about January 16. W. H. Hargrave, manager of the bank's main office in Vancouver, has been over here superintending the arrangements and hopes that the Victoria branch will be able to open its doors on the date named.

This bank is the fifth oldest of Canadian banks and occupies a most honorable position in the financial world. Its entry into the business life of Victoria is one more of the many proofs which have been given of late of the present and future of this city. There is no doubt in the minds of anyone that the new bank will quickly make itself felt in the community and build up a big business.

The Eastern Townships Bank was incorporated in 1855 and its head office has always been situated in Sherbrooke, the thriving capital of that rich district of the province of Quebec. From a paid-up capital of $1,000,000 the bank has advanced until it now has a capital, paid-up, of $3,000,000. The reserve fund is over $2,500,000, deposits aggregating $16,000,000 are held, and over $3,000,000 worth of notes are in circulation.

The president of the bank is William Farwell, D.C.L., who has been in its service since 1860. He succeeded R. T. Heneker in 1902, after having been for many years general manager. The vice-president is S. H. C. Miner, Granby, Que., well-known in this province in connection with smelting and mining in the Boundary district. A. C. Flumerfelt, Victoria, represents British Columbia on the board of directors. It is needless to say that its management has always been marked by sound business judgment, and that it has from the first maintained its place among the best of the country's financial institutions.

In its earlier years the bank confined its operations almost wholly to its home district, taking an important part in the development of the counties which make up the Eastern Townships. Sharing naturally in the prosperity which resulted. A wise policy of expansion was adopted, and branches were established here and there until there is now a chain of them from one sea-coast of the Dominion to the other, some ninety in all. Through the suggestion of Mr. Miner the directors opened business in British Columbia at the time of the establishment of the Granby enterprises, and at Grand Forks and Phoenix the first coast branches were placed. There are now seven branches of the E. T. Bank in the province, all doing large business and carrying on the traditions of the bank as an integral part of the development of the communities where they are situated. In addition to those named there are branches in Vancouver (2), Keremeos, Princeton and Midway.

In Montreal, which is really the head office now, there are three branches and the bank is established in every city and town of the province. The middle west is receiving the attention of the directors and the branches there will be greatly increased, while it is understood that the bank's interest in the business of the interior of this province will continue to be enlarged with the growth of business.

WASHED UP BY SEA.

Fishermen Find Cap and Goggles Believed to Have Been Worn by Aviator Grace.

Brussels, Jan. 5.—An aviator's cap and goggles, washed up by the sea off Mariakerke to-day, is believed to prove conclusively that Aviator Cecil Grace was drowned. Mariakerke is twenty miles off the course followed by Grace in his attempted return flight across the English channel and is about 125 miles southeast of the Goodwin Sands, where Grace and his biplane were last sighted.

Mariakerke is in a direct line from where Grace probably would have exhausted his gasoline had he lost his way, as was supposed.

The cap and goggles were turned over to the Ostend Aviation Club by fishermen who picked them up on the sand. They bore evidence of much washing about by the waves.

JUSTICE OF PEACE SLAIN BY THUGS

Shot Down When He Tried to Arrest Two Men on the Charge of Theft

(Times Leased Wire.)

Bellingham, Wash., Jan. 6. — The sheriffs of Whatcom and Skagit counties with the deputies and a pack of bloodhounds and at least one hundred volunteers, are scouring the foothills about Acme to-day, searching for the two thugs who yesterday shot and killed Justice of the Peace A. A. Galbraith and seriously wounded Manager W. B. Stevens of the Key City Logging Company, at Acme. Every wagon road and railroad track by which the men could escape from the territory about Acme is carefully guarded, and the hounds are tracking down the fugitives through the hills. Their capture seems a foregone conclusion, and the belief of the officers is that it will be accompanied by bloodshed, as the men are armed and desperate.

Immediately upon receipt of news yesterday afternoon that Galbraith had been killed, Sheriff Van Zandt of Whatcom county, and a posse of deputies left the city and arrived at Acme a few hours later. Sheriff Stevenson of Skagit county, and his deputies, with the bloodhounds, drove from Sedro-Wooley, wearing out two relays of horses in their forced journey.

At daybreak this morning the hounds took the trail at Acme and the manhunt commenced.

The robbery that the thugs committed before the shooting is aiding the officers greatly. The men took shoes from the Saxon store near Acme. They were followed to the later town by Stevens, who called on Galbraith to arrest them, and when the justice called the thieves to halt they opened fire, dropping both their pursuers. They then dropped everything and ran, and among the articles abandoned were found their old shoes, which they had changed for new ones before reaching Acme. These cast off boots gave the hounds an excellent scent. The dogs with the pose of ten, started across the hills toward Park and it was believed early this morning that the fugitives would try to reach Bellingham.

At Park, at Wickersham and at Deming guards are posted.

A report from Wickersham states that one of the thugs is wounded and is travelling slowly.

Galbraith's body has been brought to this city. Galbraith was one of the most widely-known men in Whatcom county. He came here in the early eighties from Tennessee and took up ranching near where Acme now stands.

STEWART STATES HIS POSITION

GIVES INTERVIEW TO THE TIMES TO-DAY

Much Interest Felt in Mass Meeting at Victoria Theatre This Evening

(From Friday's Daily.

The most intense interest has been aroused in regard to the mass meeting summoned for to-night at the Victoria theatre for the purpose of allowing those favorable to placing an opponent to the present mayor in the field at the forthcoming elections, an opportunity of expressing their views, and the outcome of the convention is awaited with the keenest expectation.

It is the hope of those responsible for calling the meeting that J. A. Turner, one of the candidates for the mayoralty, will be present. There is said to be a likelihood that his name will be placed in nomination along with that of Alex. Stewart; and it is believed that the relative strength of the two will thus be so clearly disclosed that all doubt as to who ought to be named the standard bearer shall be removed.

Mr. Stewart was interviewed by the Times this morning in respect to the question of his possible candidature, and he made his position very clear. He said: "I appreciate to the fullest degree the very great honor that has been done me by the countless citizens of all classes who have taken every possible step to indicate to me that they are willing to entrust to my hands the task of presiding at the head of the civic administration for the present year. This expression of confidence has been so very overpowering that I have gone to the ultimate length open to me in acquiescing in their desires; but I am halted, as an honorable man ever must be halted, by the circumstance that some weeks ago in conversation with Mr. Turner I said in reply to his questions that I had no intention of entering the mayoralty contest. It has been demonstrated to me in the clearest possible way that there is a genuine desire that I should enter the field, but it will be seen from what I have said that the real solution of the whole problem rests in the hands of Mr. Turner."

A cordial invitation is extended to all classes to attend to-night's meeting. C. E. Redfern has very kindly offered to preside. Seats will be reserved for ladies and the doors of the theatre will be open at 7.30 o'clock.

INDICTMENT DISMISSED.

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 6.—The charge of perjury, upon which J. H. Schively, state insurance commissioner, was indicted by the grand jury in June, 1909, has been dismissed by order of Superior Judge E. H. Sullivan.

Schively was indicted on the charge of embezzling $2,597 from the funds of the Old Pacific Live Stock Association, of which he was president and trustee, from July 10 to October 8, 1906. While he was a witness before the grand jury, that body thought some of his statements were not correct and returned also an indictment for perjury.

At that time and again during the trial of Schively on impeachment charges by the state legislature, witnesses for the state swore that he had given E. R. Ward, former president of the association, notes amounting to $1,200, to induce the latter to resign in his favor, that he might secure the benefits of revenues, commission and mileage on insurance to be written. Schively maintained that he had never received any compensation for services except the flat salary of $400 per month.

PRISONERS ARE CLOSELY GUARDED

FIVE SUSPECTED ANARCHISTS ON TRIAL

Police Take Precautions to Prevent Attack While on Way to Court

(Times Leased Wire.)

London, June 6.—The intense feeling against anarchists that has been manifested since Tuesday's battle between three "reds" and the entire London police force, came to a climax to-day when five suspected anarchists were arraigned in the Guildhall police court. Hours before the time for the court to open, the crowds began to gather. By the time the court was opened, the entire police reserves had been called out, and with difficulty the crowd was driven back.

It was feared that violence would be attempted, and accordingly the suspects were placed in a closed van and taken to the court room by a round-about route. They were slipped through a side door and were in the dock before their presence in the vicinity was known.

Expressions of hatred toward the prisoners were openly made on all sides, but no violence was attempted.

The suspects were arrested in a raid on a house in Houndsditch last week. They are Orsip Federof, Surka Dubor, Sara Trassjosnky, Jacob Peters and Luba Millstein.

A repetition of Tuesday's fight between anarchists and the police, which resulted in a dozen casualties, was predicted for to-day as the result of police activity toward suspected "reds." Squads of police, backed up by members of the Scots Guards, were detailed to search the slums for suspects in the same manner that led to Tuesday's fight.

The inquest into the death of the victims of Tuesday's battle was begun to-day. Its chief feature was the introduction of a lengthy statement by the police heads to justify the use of such enormous force against "three reds."

LORD COLLINS DEAD.

London, Dec. 6.—Rt. Hon. Lord Collins, one of the members of the judicial committee of the Privy Council, died to-day.

Richard Henn Collins was born in Dublin in 1842, educated at Trinity College and Downing College, Cambridge, and was called to the English bar in 1867. He was a judge of the High court 1891-7, Lord Justice of Appeal 1897-1901, Master of Rolls and Chairman of the Historical Mss. Commission 1901-7, member of the judicial committee and a life peer since 1907. He was one of the Venezuela boundary arbitrators in 1897.

TWO LOSE LIVES IN BLIZZARD

MOTHER AND SON DIE NEAR HOME

Woman Tries to Save Boy—Bodies Found Buried in the Snow

(Special to the Times.)

North Portal, Sask., Jan. 6.—The blizzard of Tuesday night resulted in the death of Mrs. Samuel Turner and her twelve-year-old son on the prairie. From the finding of pails and a lantern it is surmised that the mother and son were returning from the stable and lost their way.

Nothing was known of the fate of Mrs. Turner and her son until the following morning, when Mrs. Turner's brother found the two remaining children in the house shivering with the cold. A large search party with Corporal Kemp, R. N. W. M. P., set out to look for the missing ones, but it was not until yesterday that the bodies were found. The mother in her effort to save her son had wrapped him in her cloak, but both had been overcome and buried in the snow only 150 yards from the house. They had apparently travelled with their backs to the gale. The stable is but a short distance from the house.

DARING ROBBERY.

Two Bandits Hold-Up Electric Car and Escape After Relieving Crew of Seventy Dollars.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 5.—Two bandits to-day held up and robbed the crew of a San Mateo suburban car at Huntington Park. Masked and carrying revolvers under their coats, the robbers boarded the car opposite the park, one ran to the front platform while the other ordered the conductor to throw up his hands. The trolley was jerked off and the crew searched by the light of a pocket lantern. The robbers secured $70. The car carried no passengers. Threatening to shoot either member of the crew who attempted to give the alarm, the highwaymen jumped from the car and ran.

EARL GREY'S TRIP TO FAR NORTH

NOT LIKELY TO ATTEND CORONATION

Will Be Travelling Down the Mackenzie When King is Crowned

(Special to the Times.

Ottawa, Jan. 6.—Earl Grey is not likely to attend the coronation in London on June 22. He will, of course, receive an invitation as a peer of the realm to attend, but not as governor-general of Canada, as it is not the custom to invite governor-generals, as such, of the self-governing colonies to coronation ceremonies. A governor-general only takes the rank of his office while he is in the colony where he is assigned to represent the king. When in Britain on a visit of any sort he takes place in the precedence on the list to which his rank as a member of the aristocracy entitles him. Lord Minto attended the coronation of King Edward, and was given a place at various functions as a lord. But he found that Sir Wilfred Laurier and other colonial prime ministers took precedence of him at all formal affairs. It is probable that when King George is being crowned Earl Grey will be in a canoe descending the Mackenzie river to the Arctic ocean.

MINISTER POPULAR.

Hon. R. Lemieux Entertained at Ports on Way From South Africa.

(Special to the Times.)

London, Jan. 6.—Hon. Rudolph Lemieux was greatly pleased with his visit to South Africa. Epery one was attentive and considerate on the route, and on the coast he had a royal time, all English houses being thrown open to him, and he was a public guest everywhere the steamer called.

WILL INCREASE CAPITAL.

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 6.—The American Smelting & Refining Company has filed an amended certificate of incorporation with the secretary of state, increasing its capital stock to $115,000,000. Its capital was previously $100,000,000.

BOY IMMIGRANTS CRUELLY TREATED

One May Lose Feet—Charges Will Be Laid Against Two Farmers

Chatham, Ont., Jan. 6.—With his feet so badly frozen that both may have to be amputated, his back covered with blue and red welts, a young immigrant boy working for a farmer of Tilbury East was brought here by Inspector Kinder. Another immigrant boy, who worked for another farmer in Tilbury and who showed signs of recent abuse was also brought in. Charges of cruelty to children will be laid against both farmers.

These seem to be the most revolting cases of cruelty to juveniles on record locally. When Inspector Kinder visited the farm in Tilbury he found the boy out in the cold doing a man's work, on a cross-cut saw. He was working with his frozen feet encased in number 10 shoes and every step he took made the big boots rub the raw flesh off his feet.

THREE INDICTED BY GRAND JURY

Result of Investigation Into Wreck of Office at Los Angeles

(Times Leased Wire.)

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 6.—Although no official confirmation can be secured it is generally understood to-day that the twenty-three indictments returned by the special grand jury investigating the Times explosion of October 1 were directed against three men.

These men are M. A. Schmidt, J. B. Bryson and David Caplin, at whose home in San Francisco the trio is known to have met frequently. Twenty-one persons were killed in the Times disaster and it is believed three men were indicted for each death.

This would account for 21 triple indictments. The remaining two are said to be against the same men for the attempted dynamiting of the home of F. J. Zeehandelaar, secretary for the Merchants' and Manufacturers' association, and of General Harrison Gray Otis, editor of the Times.

DEATH OF PIONEER.

Prince Albert, Sask., Jan. 6.—The death occurred here on Wednesday evening of James Stewart, one of the best known of western old-timers, in his 85th year. He was formerly a resident of Winnipeg, and came here four or twelve years ago. He was a pioneer in the first rebellion, and held a diary which is said to be worth thousands of dollars. Three sons survive, A. S. Stewart, of Vancouver; R. Stewart, of Selkirk, and James Stewart in the United States. His widow is critically ill here.