

New Name For Collector

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Most Recent Development in a Local Political Fight of Much Interest.

Latest Nominations Would Give Sat- isfaction to the Business Community.

It is reported on good authority that the appointment to the vacant office of collector of customs for the port of Victoria, in the stead of the late A. R. Milne, will be made by Mr. R. L. Drury, but that gentleman is said to have declined the post on account of ill-health, and the next choice seems to have fallen on the ex-Mayor, Mr. A. G. McCandless.

There were quite a number of aspirants for the vacant collectorship, among the applicants being J. Newbury, formerly chief clerk and now acting collector of customs, Rev. Elliott S. Rowe, G. H. Lugin, Dr. G. L. Milne and W. Marchant.

A. G. McCandless, whose name is mentioned for the vacant collectorship, is too well known to Victorians for anything to be said regarding his fitness for this important position. He would bring to the office a quiet dignity and an ability from his long business experience, which would serve him well in the discharge of his duties in that capacity.

He has had a long experience in public affairs, having been for one year mayor of the city and had long term as the aldermanic board, where he gained an experience specially fitting him for a position of this sort.

He was formerly a partner of the well known Johnson street firm of Gilmour & McCandless, later McCandless Bros., and he disposed of his interests in this business to give all his time to his duties as mayor. At the close of his occupancy of the mayoralty he became a partner in the firm of Carter & McCandless, from which he recently retired.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN.

New York, Jan. 14.—A committee composed of Rev. Nevell Dwight Hillis, of Plymouth Church, Washington; Gladstone Francis Clark, of the United States Society of Christian Endeavor, and Frank W. Gausman, of Chicago, has perfected arrangements for the evangelistic campaign to be carried on in the United States under the auspices of the evangelistic commission of the national convention of churches. Rev. Wm. Jas. Dawson, of Seattle, has been named to arrive in this country about February to engage in this work.

VIGILANT JAPANESE.

U. S. Officer Relates Instance of Cautious Work of Top's Surgeon.

San Francisco, Jan. 14.—Surgeon Von Weckling, of the United States cruiser Cincinnati, arrived here today and gives evidence of the vigilance of the Japanese naval officers. He says that on one occasion a Japanese torpedo boat destroyer steamed rapidly after the Cincinnati and did not stop until she fired her name. A five-inch gun was trained on the destroyer, but it soon became evident that its officers only wanted to make sure of the cruiser's identity.

URGING NOW A MINISTER OF MINES

Interior Associated Boards Take Action on a Federal Matter.

Roseland, Jan. 14.—The organization of a department of mines, with a minister from British Columbia, will be urged on the federal government by the Associated Boards of Trade of Eastern British Columbia, whose delegates are to meet in Nelson either late this month or early in February. The delegates will also discuss the imposition of a duty on United States rough lumber, the best methods to encourage the production of zinc in this province, the preservation of the remains of the forest from fire, the cancellation of the numerous reserves on valuable land and the need of the provincial government paying better attention to surveys of land, and especially to guard against the issue of duplicate titles. The boards of trade will also discuss the railway needs of the province of British Columbia, and giving of assistance to the Coast-Kootenay line and to the Kootenay Central railway. Roseland, Nelson, Kootenay, Cascade, Cranbrook, Fernie, Fort Steele, Grand Forks, Greenwood, Moyie, Phoenix and Trail have been notified of the intended holding of the convention and asked to send delegates.

CYCLIST BADLY INJURED.

Havana, Jan. 14.—Dr. Clark, known as Diavolo, a bicyclist, during a performance at Cienfuegos today was probably fatally injured. While alighting after a leap his bicycle broke, smashing his face and fracturing his skull.

LAKE SAILORS ASK ADVANCE.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 14.—At a meeting of the seamen's union here today a wage scale was prepared which will be presented to the vessel owners for the coming season of navigation. An advance of ten per cent. over last year's wage scale will be asked.

TELEPHONE GIRLS' HOTEL.

Paris, Jan. 14.—A project for a hotel for telephone girls has been completed. Extensive grounds have already been purchased. The hotel will have one hundred apartments, a restaurant and library.

TEXTILE UNIONS STRIKE.

Fall River, Mass., Jan. 13.—The five textile unions involved in the cotton mill strike voted tonight to confer on the strike council full power to settle the strike on such other negotiations with the mill owners without being obliged to refer any action back to the industrial unions for endorsement.

GUNNERY.

A new law to improve the Admiral's new post practice, it will be applied to the fleet in a period of six months and Terrell of all gunnery.

Borneo, Jan. 14.—Two were rescued from a boat.

GENEROUS MILLIONAIRE.

New York, Jan. 13.—It is announced today that Mr. Phipps, the former Pittsburg steel magnate, has donated \$1,000,000 for the erection in New York city of a model tenement house for the working class. The earnings are to accumulate and be used in building more houses. Mr. Phipps desires to build and succeed in moving his children to a better life.

INDUS HARD AND FAST.

New York, Jan. 13.—At 1:30 this morning Indus was still pulling on the stranded steamer Indus on Fire Island, and had succeeded in moving her slightly astern, although the prospects for getting clear before the tide fell were not good.

UNFORTUNATE WOUNDED.

Chefoo, Jan. 14.—(10 p. m.)—Japanese who visited Port Arthur January 10 said that the Russian wounded were in a terrible state, owing to the neglect which could not be added, when the Japanese entered Port Arthur. Everything possible, they say, is now being done for their relief.

EXTENSIVE FIRE AT MONTREAL.

Great Excitement Over Outbreak at the Royal Victoria Hospital.

Montreal, Jan. 14.—Great excitement prevailed in the city this morning when a fire broke out at the Royal Victoria Hospital, situated on the bow of Mount Royal, was a fire. Fortunately the firemen were able to confine the flames to the kitchen and the building was not damaged. The fire broke out in the kitchen, but the flames were not under control until about one o'clock this morning and had been done. There was no necessity for removing the patients.

A sensation was caused here by the declaration of the Eastern Provinces that they would not acquiesce in the acquisition of additional territory, even though the territory acquired is of the nature of a gift. We do not, of course, know exactly how the Eastern Provinces regard the matter, whether favorably or unfavorably. They have not yet made their position clear.

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THE STORMY DEBATE REVEALED Treachery in Government Ranks.

Paris, Jan. 15.—(10:30 a. m.)—Premier Combes yesterday another storm at a session of the Chamber of Deputies lasting until one o'clock this morning and with a majority of 10 supporting the declaration of the ministers and approving the policy of the government. The debate was a very interesting one, in which there were frequent violent interruptions. The majority, although not large, is considered sufficient to insure the retention of the ministry.

NO TIDINGS OF LOST CHILDREN

Searching Parties Fail to Find Trace of the Missing at Nanaimo.

Nanaimo, Jan. 14.—Another day has passed and still no trace can be found of the children who were missing from the search party yesterday and today covered every inch of ground between Nanaimo and the harbor without success, and the disappearance of the children is as much a mystery as ever. A heavy snowfall has made search almost impossible. The police are looking for the Japanese who were seen with the children on the afternoon of their disappearance.

BOLO ROBBERY BY BROAD DAYLIGHT

Wealthy New Yorker's House Is Raided by Quick Action Thief.

New York, Jan. 14.—It developed today that for nearly a week the police have been searching without success for a man who forced his way into the residence of Ernest G. W. Woerz, a wealthy brewer in Fifth avenue, held up three servants, Mr. Woerz's marking daughter, and forced the brewer himself to pay tribute in the sum of \$100 before he would consent to leave. The robber then rushed from the residence, although the police were immediately notified, they have been unable to find a trace of the man.

USING DUMDUM BULLETS.

American Surgeon Who Was in Red Cross Service Tells of Cruelty.

San Francisco, Jan. 14.—Dr. W. D. Eastlake, who has recently been in the Japanese Red Cross service, arrived today and says that the Japanese are using dumdum bullets and that he had extracted a number of such missiles from wounds of Japanese soldiers. Dr. Eastlake expressed great admiration for the hospital work of the Japanese surgeons and said that the poisoning is rare, nearly all of the wounds being treated so aseptically that they heal by first intention. Dr. Eastlake said four cases of maltreatment of Japanese by Russians came under his observations. In one case the eyes of a Japanese were gouged out before his death. He declared that the Russian prisoners said they had been told they would be tortured if captured. Dr. Eastlake says he was once in the hands of a wounded Russian who was about to pick up. The Russian stabbed him in the abdomen with a bayonet. Dr. Eastlake is returning to New York, former home. He has been in Tokyo seven weeks.

LOGGERS AND THEIR 'LOADS.'

A great many loads passed here during the night for the lumber camp on Constance, and although the roads are bare of snow, some very heavy loads went up.—Ottawa Free Press.

COLORADO ELECTION FRAUDS.

Pueblo, Colo., Jan. 14.—The grand jury that has been investigating the alleged election frauds in Pueblo county late tonight returned forty-one indictments.



NEW OAK BAY HOTEL. Contractor—F. J. Mesher.

CONTRACTOR F. J. MESHER is receiving the congratulations of his many friends on an achievement in connection with the Oak Bay hotel which entitles him to especial praise. To put up a hotel building costing approximately \$300,000 in the short space of nineteen working days is a record of which any contractor may well be proud. Yet this is exactly what Mr. Mesher has done.

The carpenter work on the new Oak Bay hotel—a cut of which is shown above—was commenced on the 14th of December last, and tomorrow the lathers will go to work on their job of preparing for the plasterer, the entire exterior of the structure having been completed, even to the roof being closed in.

This is believed to be a record in the history of speedy building operations on the Canadian Pacific coast, and the architect, Mr. F. M. Rattenbury, and the owner, Mr. J. A. Virtue, are especially pleased at the progress made. It is expected that by the beginning of March the building will be ready to be turned over to the upholsterers.

A special feature which requires mention in connection with the new Oak Bay hotel is the pains which have been taken to make the structure practically fireproof. All the floors are independent of each other, and the staircases are so solidly constructed as to permit of the exit of the guests should a fire break out in any portion of the building. There is a separate system of shrinkage throughout, so as to make an even settlement over the entire building.

Messrs. Lemon, Goussard & Co. supplied the lumber for the structure, and are now busy getting out the mill work.

PALACE OF PEACE.

Site for Carnegie's Gift to the Nations Has Been Selected.

The Hague, Jan. 14.—The government of the Netherlands has finally selected the military parade grounds near the Bosch for Andrew Carnegie's "Palace of Peace." The selection must be approved by the states-general. The Bosch (or woods) is a park nearly two miles long and situated on the edge of The Hague. It abounds in forest trees. At the end of the park is the palace known as the Huis Ten Bosch (the house in the woods), built in 1847. It contains many old and valuable paintings.

THE SMOOT INVESTIGATION.

Witness States Polyanym is Now Almost a Thing of the Past.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Eleven witnesses testified today before the Senate committee on privileges and elections in the prosecution of Senator Smoot. All except two of the witnesses testified that they had seen Senator Smoot in the company of a woman known as Polyanym, who is alleged to have been a mistress of Senator Smoot. Several witnesses said that they had seen Senator Smoot in the company of Polyanym at the time of the election. The witnesses also testified that they had seen Senator Smoot in the company of Polyanym at the time of the election.

RUSSIA'S BLUFF To The Powers

Wily Muscovites Attempt to Forest- all Complaints of Aggres- sion.

London, Jan. 14.—The Russian government's circular regarding Chinese neutrality has not reached the British foreign office, where today it was expected that the delay was doubtless due to the absence of Ambassador Ivensen. Several communications being usually submitted by him to the British government, the foreign office declined to give any expression of opinion concerning the matter.

In diplomatic circles the circular is regarded as a move to forestall complaints of Russian transgression of Chinese neutrality coming from the Japanese, but not as indicating any immediate or serious action on Russia's part in the near future. The very fact that there has been haste in presenting the circular to Great Britain might indicate that this is the correct view. Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister, who has not received official notification of the circular, visited Foreign Secretary Lansdowne today, and discussed the circular informally.

Minister Hayashi, prior to his visit to Lord Lansdowne, said to the Associated Press: "The Japanese have not replied to innumerable allegations of breaches of neutrality and international law charged by Russia since the beginning of the war, but the Japanese government, probably will reply to this country."

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CARD SHARPS' TROUBLES.

New York, Jan. 13.—Frightened by the activity of District Attorney Jerome, who has announced that he intends to suppress gambling here, hundreds of "card sharps" are preparing to seek winter resorts of the south and west.

Mr. Jerome today summoned many to appear before him to tell what they know about the business. The police commissioner, Mr. Wood, later sent his secretary with police officials to raid an alleged poolroom and gambling house in lower Sixth Avenue. The police took five prisoners and took the name of nearly 500 persons in the place. The police say in addition to betting on the races, various games of chance were played there.

PRaise FOR GENERAL EVANS.

London, Jan. 13.—Commenting on the reported retirement of Consul-General Evans, Standard today says: "The reported return to America of the Hon. H. Clay Evans, American consul-general in London, has been received with general regret. 'General Evans,' as he is generally termed by his many English and American friends, since his appointment in June 1902, has achieved more for the country he represents than has been accomplished by many an ambassador. What a valuable asset to the nation being accepted by President Roosevelt will prove premature."

GERM HERE FOR A PRETTY ROW

U. S. Government Objects to Hevil Imprisoning an Ameri- can Citizen.

Port St. Prince, Hayti, Jan. 13.—Mr. Powell, the American minister, has informed the government of Hayti that the United States government refuses to recognize the validity of the sentence in contumacy to fifteen years at hard labor pronounced by the Haytian court against Jaeger Huber, an American citizen, for alleged complicity in bond frauds charged against the administration of former President Samson, and of the case of the Bank of Hayti.

The United States demands the annulment of the sentence and the payment of energetic intervention. The demand has caused much excitement here.

RUSSIA'S FINANCES.

A Statement Showing the Imperial Budget for the Present Year.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 13.—In the imperial budget for 1905 the revenue is estimated at \$32,810,000, the extraordinary revenue at \$3,794,319. The ordinary expenditure is estimated at \$36,652,788, and the extraordinary expenditure at \$3,284,900.

The finance minister's statement puts out that in accordance with the budget, the deficit in 1905 is estimated at \$3,842,788. The minister calculates the money required. In any event the remainder can be raised without difficulty. It is estimated that 1904 will produce \$310,500,000, the extraordinary war credit opened by all branches of the administration, and that this will cover a portion of the expenditure for 1905. The ready cash in the imperial treasury on January 1, 1904, amounted to \$176,000,000, which was utilized for war expenditure in 1904, although it is eleven months since the war began. The minister says the monetary system of the Russian empire is steady. The effect of the war has made itself principally felt in a decreased production of articles of luxury.

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Day's Doings At Ottawa

Cabinet Puts Finishing Touches to Estimates for Presentation This Week.

Vice Regal Drawing Room the Most Brilliant of Recent Functions.

Conference on Subject of Sai- mon Fishing Postpones Action.

From Our Own Correspondent.
OTTAWA, Jan. 14.—The cabinet today put the finishing touches to the estimates. They will be brought down next week.

A convention of Canadian Conservatives will be held here next week. Mr. Kidd's resignation and select Mr. Borden as the candidate.

The Kettle River Railway Co. will ask authority to build a branch from Qud'chena to the boundary line and from Fire Valley westerly.

The vice-regal drawing room held in the senate chamber today was the most brilliant event in the social life of Ottawa. Fourteen hundred people from all parts of Canada passed the throng. It took exactly two hours to make presentations. His Excellency was in full court costume. Lady Grey was attended in a magnificent creation of blue silk with a train of black and white. Over one hundred officers in uniform led color to the gathering. The band of the Foot Guards played several selections in the lobby during the evening.

J. Doig, J. Roach and A. C. Garvey have been appointed to customs clerks in Victoria, asking for a delay until a petition is received opposed to the close season. It was decided to postpone consideration of the matter until Tuesday to give the opposing parties time to have their reasons wired to Ottawa.

TRANS-ATLANTIC RATES.

All Differences Between Companies Settled and New Schedule Issued.

Liverpool, Jan. 14.—As a result of meetings held yesterday and today between Lord Inverclyde, chairman of the Cunard Steamship Company, and J. Stewart, president of the British International Mercantile Marine, all differences have been reconciled and the lines will increase rates generally, commencing January 16. A circular has been issued to agents of both companies regarding rates in rates which will bring them in line with the rates of the other lines. The revised rates for Liverpool to New York will be \$50 for first class and \$28.50 for second class. The Boston rate will be \$26.40. The second class rate will be \$45.75, with extra for fast service and an equal reduction for the slowest vessels.

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