NEW REICHSTAG TO BE ELECTED

Campaign in Germany Prosecuted With Much Vigor-Majority May Pass to Other Political Groups

BERLIN, Jan. 2.-The Reichstag election campaign has been resumed with vigor after an almost complete interruption during the holidays.

The election will take place on January 12 The issues include the possibility of further taxation and the high cost of living

The prediction that the Socialists will carry one hundred seats is frequently heard It is generally expected that the turnover will be sufficient to dethrone the present Conservative-Centralist majority and to force the government to bid for additional allies in the next Reichstag.

MORE CHARGES OF CONSPIRACY

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tion of dynamite outrages. The federal grand jury, which indicted Olaf A. Tveltmoe, Anton Johannsen and E. A. Clancy, of San Francisco, and J. E. Munsey, of Salt Lake City, all labor leaders, is expected to adjourn on Fri-

The county grand jury, beginning to morrow, gives every indication of delving into the manner in which the defense of the McNamara brothers conducted its case. Alleged attempts at jury bribing probably will be probed order to locate the real responsibility for such attempts as already have been admitted and to learn if there were

Among the witnesses already sum moned are Mrs. Ann Hardenstin, confidential stenographer to counsel for the McNamara defense: I. H. Russell, confidential clerk; Lawrence Sullivan, former mining promoter of Goldfield, employed by the defense as an investigator; W. B. Collier and C. Fitzpatrick, detectives employed by the defense Frank Belcher, watchman in the building where the McNamara attorneys had

fred Goodrich, examined and excused by the federal grand jury last week, but recalled today, got only as far as the witness room and were not asked to appear in the presence of the inquis-Mrs. Munsey to the with as a collection grand jurors today heard A. D. Gilson. private secretary to Tveitmoe, and A. E. Yoell, secretary of the Asiatic Exclusion league. Lecompte Davis, who is one of counsel for Tveitmoe, Munsey

Mrs. J. E. Munsey and her son, Al-

and Johannsen, withdrew for that rea son as their bondsman today, his place on the bonds being taken by his wife and one or two others. Mrs. Davis swore that she had property worth more than \$75,000. Tomorrow the empannelling of a jury

to try Ira Bender, A. P. Maple and Bert H. Conners is scheduled to begin. The men are accused of conspiring to dy namite the Los Angeles county hall of

"FIGHTING BOB" DIES SUDDENLY

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Santiago on July 3, 1898, Captain Evans' ship took a notable part in the 50-mile running fight that followed. For his gallantry in this action he received the thanks of congress and

As a full-fledged admiral, Evans was called on to take the Atlantic fleet around the world, and how he was selected has already been told by former Secretary Metcalf. The first world cruise of an American fleet of that size and power (16 battleships) fully tested Admiral Evans' ability as an or ganizer and commander.

By the time he had reached San Francisco the strain had become so severe that he was unable to leave his bed, and it was necessary to relieve him from the command at that place. Active duty terminated for Admiral Evans at that point. It is true that he did not go on the retired list until a few months afterward, but never again was he called upon to direct the movement of a ship or a fleet. He retired to his quaint old fashioned home here, and, surrounded by his family, spent in happiness the few remaining

The funeral will be held on Friday, although the exact hour is not yet set, and it is expected that Admiral Evans will be buried in the national cemetery at Arlington with full naval hon-

WHAT B. C. LUMBER HAD TO FIGHT

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Mr. J. E. Annable, who is on the eve of a mayoral fight in Nelson, is a wellknown figure throughout the province. He speaks in terms of glowing enthusiasm of the conditions prevailing in and arcund Nelson. He stated that the mines in the neighboring country are turning out much better than was originally expected. Since the discoveries of Mr. French in regard to the platinum and other metals a great number of claims had been staked and results were reported all along the line to be highly profitable, although at the present time it was perhaps too early to set any definite value upon the permanent production of the mines.

Will Make Good

Everyone was confident, however, that the mines would make good, and the manner in which claims were being staked was inspiring. The specimens

of platinum that had been extracted had proved on examination to be of a high and the experiments of Mr. French with several of the other lesser-known kinds of metal had imbued the people with the thought that they were iccated in the midst of a richly endowed country. People were going into Nelson in considerable numbers, and the general reason assigned for the influx at this time is the mining prospects of In every other respect Mr. Annable

the country. was able to report that the country was in excellent condition and promising of great achievement in the near future. The lumber mills were operating steadilv. and a great advance in the production was looked for during the present year. Generally, a spirit of optimism prevailed, and if expectations were any thing like realized during the statistical year that part of the country would have made great strides in settlement and development.

IMPERIALISTS MORE CONFIDENT

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lieves the premier is willing to join the

republicans, but is afraid to leave Pe A disnatch from St. Petersburg to the Telegraph says there is danger of Mongolia splitting into three separate kingdoms. Eastern Mongolia has already

proclaimed independence at Urga. Western and Southern Mongolia are preparing to follow suit, with capitals at Kobdo and Uliassutai A recent dispatch said the princes of outhern Mongolia had unanimously decided to support the imperial government against the Chinese revolution-

claim their independence if a Chinese republic were re-established. Conference to Close

They declared they would pro-

ists.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 3 .- "I have done my best for my country and do not desire to embarrass my old chief."

This is all Tang Shao Yi would say for publication after announcing his resignation as a representative of Premier Yuan Shi Kai at the peace conference.

Tang Shao Yi appears to be much affected over the situation. Last night he thought that peace had been assured, and that there would be no further bloodshed. It is feared that the termination of the peace conference is close. as the telegraph is an unsatisfactory means of negotiating and certain reput licans will never consent to hold the conference in Pekin.

CHIEF MINE INSPECTOR

Nanaimo Citizens Show in Hearty Manner Their Esteem for Mr. Thomas Graham.

NANAIMO, B. C., Jan. 2.—A banquet was fendered on Saturday evening at the Windsor hotel to Mr. Thomas Graham, the sewir-appointed chief mine inspector for British Columbia.

There was a large attendance of friends and co-workers who, during the evening, presented him with a token of their great esteem, giving expression to their feelings. steem, giving expression to their feelings n a cheque for \$900, together with a gold chain and gold diamond and emerald pend

ant for Mrs. Graham.

Mr. Graham was visibly affected when the ssor in the office of superintendent of a local mines, Mr. Thomas McGuckie. he presentation was followed by another, o donors in this instance being the Westthe donors in this instance being the west-ern Fuel Co., and the donation made to mark the company's appreciation of his valuable services and the esteem in which his former employer held him being a gold watch, chain and locket. Regret that Mr. Graham might leave Na-

Regret that Mr. Graham might leave Nanaimo and take up his office and residence at Victoria was tempered by the announcement made by J. W. Coburn that an endeavor is to be made to have Mr. Graham retained in Nanaimo and his headquarters made permanent here. For this purpose a petition was circulated, and every guest was asked to append his signature that Premier McBride might see that the wish of the miners of the greatest mining town of the province is that his new appointee might remain a resident of the city, where

might remain a resident of the city, where his work has been and where he has so many friends.

Mr. Graham, should the government persist in its purpose of removing the inspector permanently to Victoria, intends to devote the donation presented to him last night to the furnishing of his new home in Victoria.

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Speeches were plentiful, with a long toast list. F. H. Shepherd, M. P., in responding to the toast of the B. C. Government and Hon. Richard McBride, quoted figures showing the prosperity of the province and of the city of Nanaimo, and thanked the Western Fuel company for the installation of the life-saving apparatus. He hoped the new inspector would make every other mine in the province equally satisfactory from this standpoint, and assured his hearers that any reasonable request made to the Premier would be granted.

Manager Stockett, of the Western Fuel Co., speaking of the new chief inspector, stated that the government's selection was a wise one and referred back to the initial acquaintance between himself and the guest seven years ago. Since when it had been an unbroken friendship, both in and out of business relations. "When I first met him I told you men to wait and be patient and see him make good," he said, "and this banquet tonight is proof that I knew my man when I snw him seven years ago."

Mayor Planta eulogized the Premier and the attorney-general and followed the bent of the other speakers in predicting Nanaimo's prosperity. He expressed his regret coupled with his satisfaction at Mr. Graham's departure. The satisfaction at Mr. Graham's departure. The satisfaction maturally came from the fact of the new inspector's advancement.

Other speakers followed and one and all from toastmaster to the miners, believe that the choice of Thomas Graham for Chief Inspector of Mines was the best the government could have made.

ernment could have made.

Elections and Journalists

Australia usually endeavors to act up to her motto of advance, and is in most things a very progressive country. There may, however, be two opinions en her latest bit of legislation, which many will consider somewhat reactionery. The federal parliament has been lately busy with an electoral reforms bill, which passed a second reading in the lower house on Saturday after an all-night sitting. An amendment was added to the bill rendering it compulsory on newspaper writers to sign their names to all political articles and to all political news published prior to elections. This, no doubt, is a law substantially in force in France and some other Continental countries, but it is decidedly a novelty to find it introduced into any part of the British empire.-

Irish Independent. It would be unfair to represent the German as bellicose. He is quite willing to make a bargain with England if Nadu river, has been found dead, ap-

bargain with Russia. In the eighties suspicious of Germany's growing influence in Europe, drifted towards France. In the nineties she allied herself with Germany's enemy. Today the two powers are again on excellent terms, but the supreme position in Europe is undoubtedly given to Germany There are many Germans who the Anglo-German tension may be relieved as the Pusso-German tension has been relieved, but there are just as many who hold that Germany must ask for more than England will voluntarily grant. Hence it is that the idea of a war with England has gradually become familiar to the German mind, and hence the contempt at Sir E. Grey's protest against references to its possibility. use of shirking facts?-Saturday Re-

RETURNS FROM

JAPANESE TOUR

Mr. Godfrey Booth of Morthern Crown Bank Spent Pour Months in Orient

Mr. Godfrey Booth, manager of the Northern Crown bank, returned yester day by the steamer Orteric from an extended trip to the Orient. Leaving Victoria about four months ago, Mr. Booth visited Japan, making stays at Yokohama, Tokio and many places of interest. At Yokkaichi he was entertained at a banquet served in Japanese style, and had a pleasant stay in Shimonoseki and Nagasaki before proceeding China, where he visited Shanghai and the north, and then proceeded to Macao, Hongkong, and from the British settle ment went to Canton.

It was at Canton that Mr. Booth had me interesting experiences. When he was in the midst of the native city a crowded place where two million people are hived in greatly thronged narrow streets, many of them so narrow that his sedan chair could not pass another, the ravolutionaries become extremely active and great excitement prevailed. The residents of the foreign settlement were on the qui vive all the time. Shortly after his return to Hongkong many piracles took place on the West and Pearl rivers, and navigation was practically suspended.

From Canton and Hongkong Mr. Booth went to Manila and re-embarked on the Orteric at the Phillipine Island port for the trip to Victoria.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 3.-Beause of a more or less persistent rumor that has been in circulation for the past few days to the effect that Premier Borden had in mind some eastern man for the position of commissioner of the Yukon, the British Columbia Conservative association through its president, W. M. Mckay, K.C., and its secretary, John B. Williamson, has sent a communication to the Premier asking that a western man be appointed to the position. It is contended by the Conservatives of the city that all western posts should be filled by westerners, as they are familiar with conditions and know the needs of the country.

Ottawa Civic Miection. OTTAWA, Jan. 3.—All circumstances combined to make the municipal heaviest ever polled in this city. With the keenest fight for the mayoralty that has occurred in many years, the biggest struggle for the board of control, a fight every ward for alderman and several important questions to be decided on plebiscites and bylaws, the people turned out in throngs to polling booths. The figures of the vote for the mayoralty were-Mayor Hopewell 4.156: E. J. Lakerdue, 3,937; Ross, 3,340. The vote

for controllers was close. Pire at Packing Plant

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.-Fire which broke out last night for the second time in th packing house building of Swift & Company in the heart of the Union stock vards and adjoining the scene of the isastrous stockyards fire of a year ago threatened the whole Swift plant and many adjoining structures. The first blaze did about \$25,000 damage to a warehouse. Tonight's fire, fanned by cold wind, drove the firemen back and made certain a large loss. The fire started in the smokehouse, a long five story brick building and spread to an adjoining house. Early estimates of the loss are from \$40,000 to \$45,000.

Panama Canal Preference

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The Morning Post has started a strong agitation against the reported proposal of the United States to grant a preference to American shipping in the Panama canal. I devotes a long editorial this morning to

Chilliwack realty reached a record price mark last week, when a small lot on Westminster street changed owners at \$375 a frontage foot. John McCutcheon was the seller, and A. Cupple, of Vancouver, the purchaser.

Mamaan and Itotani, Japanese, are at the general hospital in Vancouver recovering from very severe burns received through an explosion of powder A new Roman Catholic church has

just been consecrated at Sorrento, on Shuswap lake. Otto Swanson, a Swedish laborer,

ommitted suicide in a freight car at Vancouver a few days ago, by taking carbolic acid. The Baptist convention for Canada will be held next year at Vancouver.

Mills & Harris of Silverton have re-

ceived the contract for driving the new tunnel at the Slocan Star mine. A tree fell on a \$600 team of horses at New Denver a few days ago, so injuring them that the killing .. both

Benjamin Kneebone has been accidentally killed while engaged as a miner at New Denver.

T. Hodgson is a candidate for the mayoralty at Nanaimo. Andrew C. Harrison, a bookkeeper 36 years of age, is mysteriously missing

E. R. Bailey seeks to become mayor of Kelowna. So also does J. W. Jones. M. R. Bush, a well known settler of can get good enough terms, So, parently of heart disease,

POULTRY SHOW IS LARGEST EVER

Exhibition of Fowl Which Opened at Fair Grounds Yesterday is a Distinct Advance on All Previous Shows

The poultry show, which opened yeserday at the Exhibition grounds, is fulfilling anticipations. Both in numers and in the quality of birds shown it is an advance on previous years and some classes there is much more to be said. The judge, Mr. Trew, says in regard to the barred rock in coop No. 45 that it is the finest bird he has ever seen. This rooster was bred by and is the property of Messrs. Blackstock Bros., of Vancouver. His marking is everything that can be desired, the barring going right down to the base of the feather. He will be hard pressed in time to come by his son, the cockerel in coop 48. The Silver mpines are the first that have ever been shown on the coast, and the opinexpressed that they are better egg machines that the leghorns and far less nervous and high strung.

The single comb white Leghorns are, Mr. Nachtrieb says, the best class ever shown on the coast and the buff Orpingtons are here in larger numbers than ever before. The Faveroles, sable, salmon and ermine, are sure to attract much attention with the muff under their bills. The 50-lb mammoth bronze turkey from Sooke is a splen-did example of meat raising. Bantams are not so numerous this year. They are mostly kept as children's pets, but if their egg-laying capacity is in proortion to their weight and the amount of food they consume were calculated, the Sebright (which lays an egg equal size to that of the Leghorn) would found to have a claim to be includ in the class of commercially profitable birds. The "Silkies," queer lit tle white bantams with each feather frayed out at the end, are said to be the only specimens of their race in the

The speckled Sussex should be closey studied in the pens. Nos. 358 and 359. Their length and depth of frame and the amount of meat they carry are remarkable; they resemble in many respects the Jubilee Orpington, but are hardier, more vigorous and reputed better layers than Rhode Island Reds. whose popularity they are likely to challenge in the future.

The German Antlers are another novelty; the comb when well developed resembles a palmated antier with five points. Only one pen of Dorkings is on exhibition, that "best table fowl in the world," as one breeder called them. The Silver Spangled Hamburgs exhibited by Mr. J. G. Whitcomb of Ladysmith show quality that can rarely if ever been excelled. The speckling is uniform and each feather shows the black thumb mark at its extremity, which it is the aim of breeders to get. The Golden Laced Wyanuottes are often called the most beautiful of the poultry tribe, with their bronze feathers edged with black. The White Wyandottes are the largest class in the show and by far the finest ever shown

here. Pigeons, like bantams, are not so numerous this year. Among the rabbits the Flemish Giant predominates, though the Belgian Hares, Lop Ears and the non rabbit are represented. This rodent, it is a relief to hear cannot do vell on the island; he is the victim of consumption, presumably owing to the impossibility of finding a dry burrow, which is all the better for the future of the timber.

The following are the awards of yesterday's judging: White Plymouth Rocks: 1st Cock, 3rd cockerel, 3rd pul-1et-Mrs. C. Griffith; 2nd cock, 1st, 2nd and 3rd hen, 1st pullet-E. Henderson; 3rd cock-W. Walker; 1st cockerel-Standard Poultry Ranch; 2nd cockerel, 2nd pullet-E. Greenwood. Buff Plymouth Rocks: 2nd Cockerel-Blackstock Bros.; 1st pullet, 3rd pullet-A. Watt; 1st cock-A. H. Lehman; 3rd cockerel, 2nd and 3rd hen, 1st cockerel, 2nd and 3rd pullet, 2nd cock-Blackstock Pros.; 2nd cock, 1st hen-W. Walker Barred Rocks: 2nd Cock, 1st, 2nd and 4th hen, 1st, 2nd and 3rd pullet-J. Mc-Gregor; 3rd cock-B. B. Moore: 1st cock. 3rd hen, 4th and 5th pullet, 3rd cockerel, 5th hen-J. Hughes, White Wyandottes 3rd Hen, 5th cockerel-W. Walker; 3rd cock, 1st hen-Wm. Pye; 1st cock, 2nd hen, 2nd cockerel-W. H. Catterall; 1st cockerel, 5th pullet-G. Bird; 2nd and 4th cock, 3rd and 4th hen, 3rd cockerel, 1st pullet-J. Lewis; 4th cockerel-Fred Millar; 2nd pullet-A. Logan; 3rd and 4th pullet-J. Flett & Sons, S. C. Brown Leghorn: 4th Hen, 1st and 2nd cockered 1st and 5th pullet-J. D. West; 3rd hen, 2nd pullet-Blackstock Bros.; 1st and 2nd cock, 3rd cockerel, 3rd and 4th pullet, 1st and 2nd hen-F. Garland, R. C. Rhode Island Reds: 1st pullet-Wm. Jennings; 1st cock, 1st hen, 1st, 2nd and 3rd pullet-A. J. Gray; 2nd cock. 2nd and 3rd hen, 2nd pullet-O. B. Or mond. S. C. White Leghorns: 4th and 5th Hen-E. Henderson; 1st cock, 5th cockerel, 4th. pullet-Standard Poultry Ranch; 1st, 2nd and 3rd cockerel-P. W. Welch; 2nd, 3rd cock, 1st, 2nd and 3rd hen, 4th cockerel, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th pullet-J. J. Dougan. Columbian Wyandotte: All awards to P. W. Welsh, Okanagan Landing. Golden-laced Wyan--James Flett & Sons; cock, 1st. 2nd and 3rd hen, 1st, 2nd and 3rd cockerel, 2nd and 3rd, pullet 1st, 2nd and 3rd, P. W. Welsh & Co-1st pullet; silver-laced Wyandotte-W. Walker, 1st cockerel,-2nd and 3rd pullet; W. Pye-2nd Cock. 2nd and 3rd hen, 3rd cockerel, 1st pullet; L. Patterson-1st Hen, 2nd cockerel; A. M. Watt-1st Cock. Partridge Wyandottes-All awards to W. O. Car-

Muffed Tumblers A. C.: 1st cock, 1st en, A. M. Watt. Tumblers: L. F. C. H. Red, 1st cock, 1st hen, 2nd cock, 1st hen-Black: 1st cock, 1st hen-Yellow: 1st cock, 1st hen-bald; 1st cock, 1st hen-Rose Wing; 1st hen,

A. O. C., R. T. Mc-owell; 2nd cock, 2nd hen—Red; 1st cock, 2nd hen—Black; 2nd cock, 2nd hen—Yellow, A. M. Watt; 3rd cock-Red, A. H. Leh-

Show Homers-1st cock, 1st hen-Black or Blue check; 1st cock, 1st hen -Red or yellow check, R. T. McDowell 1st cock, 1st hen-Jacobins, R. T. Mc-Dowell. Dragons, any color-2nd cock, J. Jackson; 1st cock, F. P. Fatt (sil-

Homers (25 miles)-2nd cock, R. T. McDowell; 1st and 2nd hen, A. M. Watt; 1st cock, Ed Watt. (15 miles), 1st cock, R. T. McDowell; 1st hen, 2nd cock, A. M. Watt. Fantails-Red, 1st cock, 1st hen, A. M. Watt.

Flying Homer (100 miles) 2nd cock, 1st hen, R. T. McDowell; 3rd cock, J. Jackson; 1st cock, 2nd hen, A. M. Watt; (50 miles), 3rd cock, 3rd hen, R. T. McDowell; 1st cock, 1st hen, J. Jackson; 2nd cock, A. M. Watt; 2nd hen, Ed. Watt; (300 miles), 1st cock, 1st hen, R. T. McDowell; 2nd hen, A. M. Watt ;(200 miles), 1st cock, 1st hen, R. T. McDowell; 3rd hen. A. M. Watt. Bantame.

Old English Game-P. S. Lampman ist hen, 1st pullet; Red Pyle game, 1st okcrel, 1st pullet; Black Cochin ban tams, P. W. Welsh, all awards: white Cochin bantams, W. Walker, all awards; buff Cochin bantams, A. J. Guay, all awards; R. C. black bantams, E. Henderson, 3rd cock, 1st hen; 1st and 2nd cockrel, 2nd and 3rd pullet; H. W. Stimson, 1st and 2nd cock, 2nd hen, 3rd cockrel, 1st pullet; Golden Seabright bantams, John Smith, 1st cock, 1st, 2nd, 3rd hen: 1st cockrel, 3rd pullet: Lanril Smith, 1st and 2nd pullet: Black Red Game Bantams, L. O. Hillier, 1st cock; 1st, 2nd and 3rd hen; 3rd cockerel; P. S. Lampman, 2nd cock, 2nd cockerel; 3rd pullet; T. H. McCabe, 1st cockerel. Rabbits.

Angoras-Mrs. A. D. Cross, all awards; Belgian Hares, Sharles Saul, all awards Flemish Giants, F. Spencer, all awards; Lop-eared Rabbits, C. Hardie, 1st buck; 2nd doe; F. Spencer, 2nd doe.

TALENTED ACTRESS WILL LIVE HERE

Miss Constance Bromley, formerly of P. B. Benson's Company, Tells of

Miss Constance Bromley, formerly ember of F. R. Benson's company in London, has come to Victoria from India where she has been spending the past twelve months visiting friends, and her mpressions of that looms so large in the public eye just now as given to a Colonist representative last evening, were most interest-

She travelled extensively while in India, but no place interested her more than Delhi with its tragic memories of the Indian Mutiny. The battered Cashmere gate left unrepaired since the awful days of 1857 and the historic Ridge where so much of the severest fighting took place, with its monument to the fallen. Her visit to the Taj Mahal at Agra filled her with that strange feeling of awe and admiration which all visitors experience, and three visits in twenty-four hours at sunrise, noonday and sunset scarcely satisfied her. All the world knows the story of the famous monument built by the Sultan Abkar to the memory of his wife. Of purest marble, with a design of butterflies birds and flowers carred out in preciou stones, the Taj covers a vest area of land, and is probably the most wonder ful monument in the world-certainly the most wonderful ever built to the memory of a woman. Most visitors are only permitted to see the replicas of the two tombs wherein sleep the Sultan and his wife, which are in the upper chamber, Miss Bromley was accorde the privilege of being taken down to the vault which contains the actual tombs.

timent in India regarding the Durbar, she was inclined to think that the general feeling as far as "the man in the street" was concerned, was to treat it more in the light of a very impressive show than anything else, for as all the world knows, the natives of India dearly love a show. But among the higher classes classes and the men in government positions the visit of the King and Queen, with all that it signified, was appreciated at its full value. That there is a feeling of unrest in India those who have traveled there are compelled to acknowledge, however regretfully, and it is of course chiefly stirred up by the student class in Bengal, unmindful of all that the British rule has

meant for the people of India. "It is hard to say what impressed me most about India," said Miss Bromley. "My brain was so confused by mass of impressions—the wonderful color, movement and life of it all." Miss Bromley expects to spend some little time in this city, as of her mother, Mrs. Bromley Jubb, who

PRINCESS BEATRICE FROM QUEEN CHARLOTTES

is so well known in local philanthropic

Brought News of Tragedy from Pulp Mills at Ocean Palls-Sto

Steamer Princess Beatrice, Captain Locke, has returned from Queen Charlotte Island ports with 50 passengers and a large consignment of frozen fish. The steamer brought news of a tragedy at Ocean Falls. In a fit of despondency, Mr. Bert Sin

onds, storekeeper of the Ocean Falls company, Ocean Falls, committed suicide by drowning on the last day of the old year. After sleeping for some time in the room of a friend, he rushed out from the camp, it is stated, and jumped from the wharf. Simonds, a young man, had been in the employ of the Ocean Falls company for some time, and was very popular in the settlement. He is said to have relatives in Victoria and Vaucouver, and the Ocean Falls company are endeavoring to locate them. Among his effects was a receipt for a payment of \$30, signed by Mr. Bedford Gilker, 219 Georgia street, which is practically the only clue the company have with which to find the relatives. He is also said to have a

brother in Vancouver and an uncle in own permanent home.

Victoria. The address of the brother is given as Barnard street, Vancouver. His father is Mr. Simonds, market inspector of St. Heliers, Jersey, Channel Islands, England. The company are anxious to locate the man's friends in order to be able to dispose of the body.

COLLIDED WITH WAYS

Inited States Cruiser West Virginia Injures Marine Railway at Honolulu

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3 .- Reports rought by the steamer Sierra say the cruiser West Virginia, figured in a serious mishap at Honolulu a few days

While steaming into the harbor from Hilo the big warship crashed into the marine railway of the Interisland Steam Navigation company. Capt. Halstead was on the bridge at the time, and it s said that the accident was caused by heavy wind, which swung the cruiser off her course.

The damage to the war vessel and the dock amounts to several thousand dollars.

STRATHDENE ARRIVES **FROM SALINA CRUZ**

Reached William Head Last Wight and Will Come to the Outer Wharf About Daylight

The steamer Strathdene of the Cana-Head early this morning from Salina Cruz, and will come to the outer wharf about daylight. Ine Strathdene was chartered for a single voyage, and will be replaced by the Lonsdale, which has been undergoing an overhauling at Esquimalt, and is due to shift to Comox for coal on Saturday. She is scheduled to sail for Mexico on January 12th. The steamer Beckenham of this line is reported as sailing from Mazatlan for Acapulco on Monday.

Henriette Goes North With a cargo of machinery and material for construction work at the cold storage plant at Prince Rupert for the Atlin Construction company, the steamer Henriette, of the G. T. P., arrived from Seattle yesterday morning and left last night for the north.

Capt. Micholson Coming Capt. Nicholson, superintendent he G. T. P. steamship service on this coast, is due to return from a trip to the East on Friday. He has been away

GOES TO SEATTLE

several weeks.

Princess Adelaide Left Last Night to Have Oilburners Installed at the Moran Yards

The steamer Princess Adelaide, of the C. P. R., left last night for Seattle to have oil burning apparatus installed at the Moran yards. Capt. J. W. Troup, superintendent of the B. C. Coast steamship service of the C. P. R., and C. J. V. Spratt left on the Princess Adelaide eu route to southern California.

Abandons Flight

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.-Robert G. Fowler's transcontinental flight from Los Angeles to New York, was abandoned today. According to an announcement, Fowler expects to make exhibitions along the coast.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

Kamloons citizens have been urging upon Vice-President Bosworth the desirability of the establishment of a C. P. R. hotel in that city. A new drill hall is being for by the

J. H. Whittome is a candidate for the honor of being first mayor of Duncan. Cobble Hill residents are taking steps toward the eretcion of a new public hall. While engaged in blasting operations n North Salt Spring Island recently Frank Westcott received serious injury through the explosion of a box of nitroglycerine caps he was holding. It is

feared that Mr. Westcott will be per-

citizen soldiers of Kamloops.

manently blind as a result of the accident. Archie Crozier, a logger, committed suicide at Vanay last week, cutting his throat with a pocket knife, Despoi ency over the miscarriage of a real es tate deal in which he was interested is supposed to have caused his act.

Edward Crowder received infuries which, it is feared, will prove fatal in fall from the staging of a house in process of erection at Vancouver on Tuesday last.

W. M. Ogden, a Cariboo mining man, who makes Vancouver his winter home, claims to have rediscovered the old channel of Lightning Creek, which ing the '60's yielded upwards of \$12,-000,000 in placer gold. He expects to take at least \$6,000,000 from his various properties. Ald. Bryson has decided to oppose his

James H. Tibbals, night watchman at the Ocean Falls pulp-making plant, met his death last week by falling from the wharf and drowning. The Vancouver city council has re-

fused the renewal of the license for the

worship Mayor Lee for the chief magis-

tracy of New Westminster.

Orpheum theatre, which must in consequence close its doors at the end of the vear. Mr. Foley-Bennett, the present incumbent, and Capt. J. M. Stevens are rival candidates for the reeveship of Pentic ton. Mr. S. J. Kinney is also expected

to be in the field. Tom Willis slipped on an icy side walk at Prince Rupert a few days ago and fell 25 feet into the ravine. He was unconscious and apparently dead when picked up, but the doctors now believe that he will recover.

The well known Hirst wharf at Nar timo has been sold to A. R. Johnston & Co. by the original owners, the Hirst Land Co., Ltd. A new copper wire has been strung

by the C. P. R. telegraphs between Spence's Bridge and Merritt. Providing the C. P. R. can get a steelaying crew to work immediately, the Inland Coal & Coke Co., of Merritt, will

begin shipping from their mines Coal Hill next week. New Wetminster labor unionists have decided to erect a temple as their

SCENE OF FIRE

Building Containing Amusement Hall, Bakery and Kitchen Destroyed with Loss Estimated at \$75,000

LONDON, Ont., Jan. 3.-Fire broke out at 1.30 this morning in the amuse ment hall at the London asylum, short y after the close of an entertainmen given to the inmates. The building was totally destroyed, causing a \$75 000 loss. The city fire department prevented a spread of the fire, and the soldiers from Wolseley barracks as sisted the firemen in guarding the 600 patients of the asylum, all of whom were removed in safety. The asylun bakery and kitchen are located in th same building as the dance hall, and the fire is supposed to have originated

MONTREAL, Jan. 2.-Fire which or ginated in the kitchen of the Strath cona cafe destroyed Frier & Co.'s grocery store, Nelson's furnishing establishment and Wells' tailoring store, involving a loss of \$60,000

CHRISTCHURCH, N. Z., Jan. 3 ustralia has succeeded with ease retaining the Davis lawn tennis cu beating the American team in all five matches. Norman E. Brooks, the tralian player, defeated Maurice h McLaughlin, who was substituted for William A. Larned, who was suffering from strain, in the single match by 6 to 4, 3-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4,

Beals C. Wright, who was to have met Tex Heath in the other singles match, was indisposed, so that Heath was awarded the match by default. Australasia thus won the series by fivmatches to nil. The Australian tennis champions

feated the Americans in the doubles

The Australian team consisted of Norman E. Brookes and A. W. Dunlop. They won from Beals C. Wright and Maurice E. McLaughlin as follows: 6-4, 5-7 7-5, 6-4. The Strategic Point

A writer in "The Round Table" urges Canada to station warships on her Pa cific coast, ready to co-operate with the new Australian and New Zealand fleets and the British squadron in eastern waters. In that way the mother country would be largely relieved of the burden of protecting the great British Dominions in Pacific waters.-London Advertiser.

No Signs of Pailing.

British ship owners think that when the Panama canal is opened even if they have to pay tolls which are not exacted from United States citizens, they will be able to hold their own in the trade of the new waterway. There is much in their past to support this view. The British mercantile marine is one of the great examples of what men with merchants' courage can create. There is nothing like it, and the spirit behind it shows no signs of failing.

Montreal Gaette.

Provincial Premiers Are Unanimous One of the most interesting features of the annual number of the Monetary Times gives a message from the provincial premiers, who are unanimor their optimistic views of the Canadian outlook. Honorable Richard McBride premier of British Columbia, predicts activity in agriculture and fruit-raising Honorable Walter Scott, who holds the premerial reins in Saskatchewa that fellow-Canadians in other provinces may rest content that Saskatche wan will continue to confront with resolute courage any and all obstacles. Saskatchewan looks forward to 1912 with hopeful sentiments. Sir Lomer Gouin, premier of Quebec, says that, while his province does not make a great deal of noise, it is busy at work all the time, as shown by the volume of exports, its industries, bank clearings, wealth, the happiness and content of its intelligent, industrious and frugal population. The premier of New Brunswick, Honorable J. K. Flemming, gives many details of the progressive programme of that province for 1912, while the other provincial rulers also all have a pleasing opinion of the results likely to be achieved during the coming 12 months-Monetary Times

DODWELL'S CHARTER THE CAPE BRETON

lixth Vessel Fixed by This Firm to Carry Overflow Cargo From Liners to the Orient

Making the sixth extra vessel that Dodwell & company have chartered in addition to the regular Blue Funnel liners to handle the excessive amoun of freight offering in the Oriental trade, the steamship Cape Breton has been fixed to load for Yokohama and Chinese ports and is expected to arrive here towards the end of the month .

The Cape Breton has been in these waters before and is pretty well known here. She was built in 1904, is 369 fee long, has a beam of 49 feet and a cept. of 17.5 feet, with a net tonnage of 250 The vessel will load cotton and general cargo here and on the Sound, and wi probably finish up with a deck iced of lumber at this port.

The Cape Breton should have arrived at Otaru, Japan, long before this from Shanghai, but what the vessel is bringing across the Pacific is not known. She may be either taking hardwood ties to California or may be coming in balast to this coast.

The Oriental business this winter has een so heavy that all the lines engaged in that trade have been excepticnally busy. The other vessels chartered by Dodwell & company have been the Robert Dollar, the Harlsden, Henley, Skerries and Willesden.

Salmon Arm has just held an emin ently successful potato show.

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