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Socialists and Speakership

Nanaimo Member Declares the Party Would Not Permit Him to Take Office.

Hawthornthwaite Has Nothing to Say as to Allegations By Mr. Ogle.

Head of Lumber Firm Makes Statement of Company's Doings.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Nanaimo, B. C., Nov. 22.—Interviewed respecting a press despatch received here yesterday to the effect that it was rumored in Victoria that he was to be offered the Speakership, the government taking that method of obliging him to declare himself on one side or the other, Mr. J. H. Hawthornthwaite, M. P. P., said that he was not aware that there was any truth in the rumor, and that the statement that he could be forced to support either government or opposition by any tactics which could be employed, was absurd. In the very improbable event of the Speakership being offered him, he should certainly decline to accept it, as the workers of Nanaimo had sent him down to the House to fight in their interests and not to accept soft positions for himself. Under no circumstances would he accept a position under a capitalist government. Mr. Hawthornthwaite was further asked if he had anything to say respecting the allegations made through the local press by the ex-Socialist, Mr. Ogle, allegations to the effect that he had imported Ogle, who is a Newcastle man, like Mr. Smith, M. P., for the express purpose of attacking that gentleman. Mr. Hawthornthwaite said that he had not read the correspondence (which has occupied a large amount of space in the columns of the Free Press and has excited much local interest). Mr. Ogle was merely a disappointed office seeker, to whose lucubrations he paid no attention whatever.

The City of Nanaimo, on her way up from Victoria yesterday, delivered at Ganges Harbor a complete plant for the new creamery to be established there. The boat was, in consequence, several hours' late in reaching this port, causing some slight uneasiness.

The church lads' brigade in connection with St. Paul's church, which does excellent work among the boys of this city, has had such success that the idea in a different form is being adopted by the people of the Wallace street Methodist church, who this evening are organizing a boys' club for the purpose of teaching physical and military drill, and otherwise giving the lads a chance to improve their leisure hours. The officers are as follows: President, J. E. T. Powers; secretary, Geo. Pearson; committee on drills, W. Jones, H. J. Jackman; committee on music, G. Pearson, C. Jones; committee on literature, T. Mouat, Rev. Sanford; committee on social work, Geo. Pearson, T. Mouat.

A sale of treasury stock by the Jubilee Mining Company, of this city, has resulted in the receipt of over $2,000, and development will consequently be pushed in the spring. The shaft is already down sixty feet, and samples assayed give values in gold, silver and copper aggregating $43.65. What the company badly need is a road in to the property. Assurances have been received from the government that something will be done towards the construction of one, and the owners believe that if the promise is carried out, the mine will be shipping ore next year. The mine was discovered and worked by Nanaimo men from the start, and these have such faith in the proposition that no difficulty was experienced in disposing of treasury stock at the high rate of forty cents on the dollar.

A Rugby football team representing the garrison is expected here on Saturday to play the local fifteen. In the evening the visitors will have the opportunity of witnessing a ten-round contest between Stubbart and Stewart for the middleweight championship of the city. Slavin and Sullivan, the visiting professionals, are also booked to meet all comers.

Reports from Cumberland state that it is expected that the anthracite seam there will be struck at any time now. The miners are at present cutting through the formation which lies immediately above it. The charges against the Colliery company of employing Chinese in the mines will be heard on Friday. The inspector is doing the thing on a large scale this time, as he has laid between fifty and sixty informations.

Interviewed today respecting the various reports as to their operations which are appearing sporadically in the provincial press, Mr. Wilson, of the lumber firm which has established itself here, told the Colonist representative today that they had organized as the British Columbia Logging and Lumber Company with offices in Nanaimo; that he was the secretary; that Mr. Dortman was the treasurer, and that Mr. Thompson, who is now in charge of the camp at French creek was the superintendent. They had let a contract for logs to another firm, Messrs. Allen & South, in Comox, but the best camp would be that which, as already reported, they were going to establish at Courtenay river. The logs were all going to the Wood Milling Company, Fairhaven. Mr. R. H. F. Hickey, who ran as the Conservative candidate for Alberni at the last election, was in town. He says that the logging camp is welcomed by the farmers of French creek, as not only is the land being cleared up, but they are provided with a market at their own doors for their produce. Some of them would adapt their crops next season to the new demand which had sprung up.

A report received from Whitewater states that James Bell was burned to death November 20th, in his residence there, which was destroyed. The deceased gentleman was the father of Messrs. John and Ward Bell, both well-known here, where they resided for many years. A sister, Miss Bell, and a niece, Mrs. Andrew Haslam, are still residents of this city. The widow, Mrs. Bell, lives in Vancouver, but is at present visiting friends in California.

The exact amount of taxes received at the city hall up to Saturday, the day the rebate period expired, was $26,130, being a larger sum than that collected at the same period last year.

Mr. W. Scouse, Nanaimo's millionaire Klondiker, who has been visiting friends here for the last few days, left this morning for London, Eng., where he will spend the winter.

The trial of Frank Tropia, charged with cutting Emmanuel Coundley, occupied the whole day at the police court, Magistrate Yarwood on the bench. The room was crowded with interested spectators. The prosecutor appeared with his head bound up in a multitude of wrappings and was apparently very much the worse for wear. The evidence was in line with the facts already reported. The prisoner went into the box and swore the cutting was done in self-defence. The magistrate in summing up declined to accept this plea, but made scathing remarks upon the actions of Coundley and his companions which led up to the assault, asserting that they had got the prisoner into trouble. He took this into consideration in imposing a sentence of three years, and expressed regret that no charges having been laid he could not deal with the other members of the party whose deliberate efforts to make trouble had brought about the affray.

SMALL COMFORT.

Stratford, Ont., Nov. 24.—Creditors of the defunct Mowat Bank will receive 11 cents on the dollar.

PLOT TO BLOW UP MINES.

Prisoner Confesses to Conspiracy to Destroy Five Mines in Colorado.

Denver, Colo., Nov. 24.—Adjutant-General Sherman M. Bell returned from Cripple Creek today and reported to Governor Peabody that a plot had been formed to blow up five mines. One of the prisoners, he said, had made a confession, and he believed the conspirators would be convicted.

SEIGNEUR PAPINEAU DEAD.

Eldest Son of the Famous Canadian Rebel Died Yesterday.

Montreal, Nov. 24.—Louis J. A. Papineau, seigneur of Montebello, and eldest and only surviving son of Hon. L. J. L. Papineau, Canadian statesman, who became leader of the insurrection in Lower Canada in 1837, died at Manor house, Montebello, Quebec, last night aged 84 years.

Lord Rosebery Tries Ridicule

Addresses Vast Audience on Fiscal Policy And Guys Chamberlain.

Fears Lest Protection May Result in Anarchism and Decline.

London, Nov. 25.—(Special.)—Lord Rosebery spoke to three thousand people on the fiscal question at the Surrey theatre tonight. There were twenty thousand applicants for tickets, the issue of which had to be limited to the capacity of the theatre. Lord Rosebery afterwards addressed a large overflow meeting. At both meetings he was given an enthusiastic reception, and all through his speech he was warmly cheered. Among those present at the meeting were a number of members of the House of Commons and others prominent in public life. His lordship's remarks were, for the most part, devoted to ridiculing Joseph Chamberlain and his policy.

"After last night's meeting at Queen's hall, which was attended by seven members of Lord Salisbury's government," said the speaker, "little could be added. The fiscal question must be solved and finally settled, and unless it be settled the dissolution of parliament cannot be long delayed."

Lord Rosebery referred to Mr. Chamberlain as a "modern Jeremiah," whose assertions that the country had been desolated had been refuted by facts. Mr. Chamberlain said the country was ruined, while Mr. Balfour, on the other hand, said the country was prosperous, but soon would be ruined. The Board of Trade blue book, however, decided against both of these contentions. The speaker said that the condition of the people generally had been improved, while the workingmen were enjoying greater prosperity. If distress existed in the country it was because of the unwise expenditures of the government which during the last decade had increased 62 per cent., while during the previous ten years there had been an increase of only 7 per cent.

"Instead of encouraging this growing expenditure," said Lord Rosebery, "Mr. Chamberlain discovered a disease which had no existence, and proposed a remedy which would make the disease worse, namely, the increase in the cost of every commodity."

The real outcome of Mr. Chamberlain's policy, his lordship believed, would be a state of socialism. The cry of "dumping" applied to the large emporiums in this country which had killed the small traders. During recent years Canada "dumped" in Great Britain nearly as much iron as all the "dumping" countries together. A committee of experts, said the speaker, would have to be disguised between foreign and imperially "dumped" and "sweated" goods. "The first result of Mr. Chamberlain's policy," continued Lord Rosebery, "would be to plunge Great Britain into a fiscal warfare with our cousins, the United States, as the result of which Great Britain would lose everything and gain nothing. It would mean a practical severance far more deplorable than a fiscal severence, and would blight the fairest hopes of the two nations."

In summing up, Lord Rosebery said that Mr. Chamberlain had not proved his case, and that the evils of which he complained existed only in his imagination. A real remedy for any adverse condition could be reached by stimulating practical, technical and commercial education, reducing the national expenditure and the drink bill of the people, encouraging the growth of cotton within the Empire, and through other simple and practical steps which would be a better training for race competition than mandates for negotiation with forcing countries.

INTERNATIONAL COURTESIES.

London, Nov. 25.—Upwards of a hundred members of the House of Commons and some eighty of their wives and daughters, started for Paris this evening to return a recent visit of the French senators and deputies representing the international arbitration group to London. Part will remain in Paris until December 10th. All sorts of festivities have been arranged in their honor.

PLEASANT CURE FOR WEAK LUNGS.

The best remedy for sore, weak lungs, is the soothing vapor of Catarrhozone which traverses every air cell and passage of the breathing organs. It treats remote parts that cough mixtures and sprays can't approach, and kills thousands of germs at every breath. Catarrhozone drives away pain, congestion and inflammation; it makes breathing easy and regular, and exerts a marvelous influence on Coughs, Colds, Sore Throat, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Deafness and Lung Trouble. Catarrhozone cures at once, is delightful to inhale, and simple to use. Price $1.00; small size 25c. Druggists, or Polson & Co., Kingston, Ont.

Labor Attacks Fiscal Policy

John Burns Issues Pamphlet Opposing Chamberlain's Proposals.

Detachment of Royal Engineers Will Sail For Canada Tomorrow.

Rivalry Between Pacific Cable Companies Makes News-gathering Brisk.

London, Nov. 24.—(Special.)—The Liverpool Daily Post asks: "Are Chamberlain and Balfour in favor of retaliation against the dumping of Canadian bounty aided iron and steel?"

The first edition of 20,000 copies of the John Burns, M. P., onslaught on Mr. Chamberlain's policy were sold in two days. The pamphlets cost a penny.

The steamship Ionian, sailing on Thursday for Halifax, takes out 114 men of the Royal Engineers.

The secretary of the Free Food League has received a number of letters from Canadians announcing their sympathy with the object of the league.

As a result of rivalry between the new Pacific and Eastern Telegraph Companies, the cricket matches in Australia, which are exciting great interest all over the English-speaking world, will be announced just as soon as ended.

A circular annulling the arrangements for traffic on the Canadian Northern, the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railways for through business to Manitoba points was received in London today. Shippers when interviewed claimed it is altogether a matter for Winnipeg merchants to decide whether they will have competition or not.

ROXBURGHE HOME-COMING.

London, Nov. 24.—The Duke and Duchess of Roxburghe have gone to Paris to await the arrival of Mrs. Goelet before proceeding to Kelso, where the Dowager Duchess of Roxburghe has arrived and is preparing a home-coming for the young couple. The Duke and Duchess had a pleasant voyage and kept themselves secluded as far as possible.

A GRATEFUL EMPEROR.

Berlin, Nov. 25.—Professor Moritz Schmidt, who operated on the Emperor, has been made a privy councilor with the title of excellency, in recognition of his skill.

ALFONSO'S HOUSEHOLD.

Madrid, Nov. 25.—King Alfonso has appointed Marquis Polavieja as chief of his military household. The Marquis was Captain-General of Cuba, governor of the Philippines and minister of war.

ONTARIO CROP REPORTS.

Toronto, Nov. 24.—The crop report for Ontario for 1903 shows that the yield of wheat, oats, rye, corn, carrots and turnips were larger, but the difference is slight. Altogether herbs and roots show material advances over last year. Only one crop, that of carrots, is below the average for years.

ROSSLAND SHIPMENTS.

Rossland, B. C., Nov. 25.—Shipments of ore from the Rossland camps for the week ending November 20th were: Le Roi, 5,820; Centre Star, 1,440; War Eagle, 1,170; Le Roi II., 470; Le Roi II. (milled), 350; Jumbo, 168; Spitzee, 60; I. X. L. (milled), 30; Kootenay, 240; Giant, 2 (test). Total, 9,690; year to date, 358,880.

WILL PROCEED TO ESTABLISH ORDER

Unless Austro-Russian Reform Demands Are Carried Out Powers Interfere.

London, Nov. 24.—The correspondent of the Times at Sofia reports that while negotiations are dragging at Constantinople, there is no remission of the severity practiced upon the unfortunate population of Macedonia under the guise of search for arms. "I am informed," adds the correspondent, "that the maltreatment of the peasants is even worse than it was during the insurrection."

A Vienna despatch says it is authoritatively announced here, that if Turkey does not accept forthwith the Austro-Russian demands the two powers will proceed with their own forces to establish order in Macedonia.

Constantinople, Nov. 24.—The council of ministers deliberated for ten hours on the Macedonian reform scheme yesterday, and resumed its discussion today. It is said there are pronounced divergencies of opinion among the ministers regarding the reply which should be given to the Austro-Russian note. The ministers are so impressed with the gravity attaching to their decision that they were served with refreshments and sat till very late.

PETULANT FRENCHMAN.

Paris, Nov. 25.—The Patrie says former Premier Waldeck-Rousseau, angered at his reverse in the religious discussion in the senate, will shortly retire from public life.

CHICAGO'S "TICKER" ORDINANCE

Mayor Harrison Aims Blow at Gambling in Windy City.

Chicago, Nov. 24.—The "ticker" ordinance, by means of which Mayor Harrison hopes to prevent gambling in Chicago, was passed last night by the city council. The ordinance provides for the licensing of all tickers, the fee being $1 a year and before being granted a license each applicant must file a bond of $1,000 not to violate any city ordinance. It is further provided that the tickers so licensed shall not be used to transmit any racing news, betting orders or other information for the purpose of making bets or wagers on horse races or any other information for the purpose of gambling. It is estimated that if the ordinance be strictly enforced, two thousand tickers now used in Chicago saloons and other places will be rendered useless.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

Chicago, Nov. 24.—Mayor Harrison today declared that the city would enter the electric lighting field at once in competition with the gas and electric companies.

FLOODS IN INDIA.

London, Nov. 24.—A telegram received at the Indian Office from the Viceroy of India, Lord Curzon, says that, according to reports received at Madras, a recent flood in the Palar river destroyed half the town of Vanizambadi. Two hundred persons were drowned.

HARRIET HUBBARD AYER DEAD

New York, Nov. 25.—Harriet Hubbard Ayre, a well-known editor of the New York World, died at her residence in this city of pneumonia after a four days' illness.

SENATOR CLARK'S DAUGHTER.

Sued for Alienation of Affections of Solon J. Vlasto.

New York, Nov. 25.—Charging that Mrs. Everett Mallory Culver has alienated the affections that Solon J. Vlasto, her husband, should have for her, today began suit in the Supreme court for $500,000. The papers were served on the defendant at her residence in this city today. Mrs. Culver, a daughter of Senator W. Clark, of Montana, is already in the public eye because of her divorce suit instituted against her husband. Mr. Vlasto is a well-known Greek, and proprietor of the Greek newspaper, Atlantis. Mrs. Vlasto says her husband's friendship for the Culver family brought about her separation from him in 1901.

BOMB THROWER'S CRIME.

London, Nov. 24.—A terrible crime is reported to have been perpetrated at Arduing, near Rottermann, Styria. An attempt was made on the life of a railway contractor named Zanaardelli in revenge for his having discharged 500 workmen. During the trouble a bomb was thrown, and six persons were killed and sixteen seriously injured.

Colombia May Yet Use Force

Bogota Government Receiving Support in Money And Men From All Parties.

The Army Well Disciplined And Equipped and Ready For the Field.

Panama, Nov. 24.—Advices from Bogota show that the boasted union of all parties in Colombia is without foundation. On the contrary the Conservatives are in open rupture with the Nationalists concerning the presidential and vice presidential candidates.

Gen. Eloy Alfaro, former President of Ecuador, it is reported, is coming to Panama on a special secret mission.

Bogota, November 21, via Colon Nov. 24.—A prominent politician, close to the government, speaking to the Associated Press correspondent today, characterized the action of the United States in the Isthmus of Panama as most unjustifiable. He added: "Colombians hope that the reasonable and fair-minded people of the United States will bring such pressure to bear on the government at Washington, that the result will be the saving of the Isthmus to Colombia out of the protection of Colombia's unquestioned rights there. All Colombians protest, as would the people of other nations, against this aggression of the United States. All Colombians are resolved to sustain and defend the national integrity."

The Bogota government is receiving the support of all political parties, and generous donations of gold and jewels are made daily to meet such expenses as may become necessary.

The French colony, residents at Bogota, have unanimously offered the government their services and property, while the German and English colonies have manifested their sympathy with Colombia's cause.

American residents at Bogota express surprise at the action of the United States on the Isthmus and some hope, in view of the enormous damage that would result to commercial interests, that the United States will retrace the steps it has taken in Panama.

New York, Nov. 24.—Dr. Arosemena thought Panama could maintain her independence without aid from the United States. "If we could secure vessels sufficient to defend our coast." It is practically impossible for Colombia to reach us except by landing troops on our shores. Without the United States, however, we might not be successful. Colombia has an excellent army, which is well disciplined and equipped. I believe that we could get ships if there was any necessity for so doing. The young men of Panama are going into the army. There is a most enthusiastic feeling on the Isthmus. All parties are now united and I believe that in a case of necessity we could put 15,000 men in the field. We do not want war, what we want is peace and prosperity."

CHINESE TROOPS READY TO MARCH

General Ma Reports Army of Eighteen Thousand Prepared.

London, Nov. 24.—Private advices from Pekin are to the effect that General Yuan Shi Kai, governor of Chi-Li, has informed the Emperor that he is prepared to declare war against the Russians in Manchuria. General Ma is said to be ready to march into Shan-Hai-Kwan at the head of 18,000 men.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 24.—Port Arthur was opened today as a trading port. Ship dues and commercial duties will be levied in accordance with the governor's orders.

Yokohama, Nov. 24.—One popular Tokio newspaper has been twice officially suspended for publishing verses indirectly suggesting the assassination of ministers. It is also feared that popular feeling may manifest itself December 5th, when the Diet meets, unless some developments occur in the meantime. But the ministers remain reticent, professing confidence in their ability to control the situation.

Yokohama, Nov. 24.—No reply has yet been received from St. Petersburg on the subject of the Japanese overtures, and there are many indications that the delay in the negotiations is embarrassing Japanese foreign trade and raising impatience in Japanese popular circles, as shown by public meetings at Tokio, Yokohama and Osaki, protesting against the ministerial inactivity.

Married Seattle Couple.—Yesterday at noon Rev. J. P. Westman united in wedlock Mr. Wm. Pawson Webster and Ethel Marguerite Duncan, both of Seattle.

First Session New House

Everything In Readiness For the Imposing Function This Afternoon.

Probability of Full Attendance of Members of the Legislature.

Brilliant Spectacle Will Be Witnessed Within the Chamber.

This afternoon, at 3:00 o'clock, the first session of the tenth parliament of British Columbia will be formally opened by His Honor the Lieut.-Governor, in the presence of as brilliant and distinguished a throng of spectators as was ever gathered within the walls of the legislative buildings. The 5th Regiment will furnish the guard of honor and the splendid band of the corps will provide the necessary music. His Honor will be attended by a staff of officers from the navy, army and Canadian militia, as published some time ago in these columns.

All preparations were completed to the minutest detail, and Mr. Harry Mason, the sergeant-at-arms, had the satisfaction of knowing as he closed the doors of the Assembly hall that nothing had been forgotten. The spacious chamber was filled pretty nearly to its utmost limits with the members' desks and fauteuils, and the small army of chairs for the guests which overflowed even into the north corridor opposite the throne.

The House will sit in the following order, according to present arrangement.

On the right of Mr. Speaker, front row—Hon. Mr. Tatlow, Hon. Mr. McBride, Hon. Mr. Wilson, Messieurs Cotton, Pooley, Houston, Clifford, Bowser, Fraser, Ross, Davidson.

Second row—Hon. Mr. Green, Hon. Mr. Fulton, Messieurs Price, Ellison, Taylor, Wright, Dr. Young, Gifford, McGowan, Shatford, Grant, Macdonald and Garden.

On the left of Mr. Speaker, front row—Messieurs Henderson, Macdonald, Oliver, Paterson, Wells, Munro, Brown, Dr. King, Hawthornthwaite and Williams.

Second row—Messieurs McInnes, Drury, Hall, Cameron, McNiven, Murphy, Jones, Evans and Tanner.

The members of the legislature will be sworn in this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the clerk's office, Government building.

Granted propitious weather the spectacle of the opening should be a very brilliant and impressive one. So far as could be ascertained last evening all the members of the legislature had arrived in the city to attend the opening.

Mr. Oscar C. Bass, barrister, has been appointed law clerk to the British Columbia legislative assembly, succeeding Mr. W. B. Fisher.

The House will commence the business of the session at 2:30 o'clock on Friday afternoon, and business will be pushed forward as rapidly as possible from that date.

The new members of the legislature are as follows: Messrs. Hon. Chas. Wilson, Wright, Dr. Young, Bowser, McGowan, Fraser, Shatford, Ross, Grant, Davidson, Macdonald (Liberal leader), Henderson, Macdonald, Drury, Cameron, McNiven, Murphy, Brown, Jones, Dr. King, Evans, Tanner and Williams.

At Government House this evening His Honor the Lieut.-Governor will entertain the following guests:

Rear-Admiral A. K. Bickford, C. M. G., commander-in-chief of the Pacific squadron; His Grace Archbishop Orth, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Cridge, the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Columbia, the Hon. W. Templeman, the Hon. Chief Justice Hunter, the Hon. E. Dewdney, the Hon. Sir C. H. Tupper K. C. M. G; Lieut.-Col the Hon. E. G. Prior, the Hon. Senator Macdonald, the Hon. Mr. Justice Drake, the Hon. Mr. Justice Irving, the Hon. Mr. Justice Martin, the Hon. Mr. Justice Walkem, Mr. Thos. Earle, M. P.; Mr. Geo. Riley, M. P.; Mr. Ralph Smith, M. P.; the Hon. R. McBride, M. P. P.; the Hon. Chas. Wilson, M. P. P.; Captain the Hon. R. G. Tatlow, M. P. P.; the Hon. R. F. Green, M. P. P.; the Hon. F. J. Fulton, M. P. P.; The Hon. Mr. Speaker; Mr. J. A. Macdonald, M. P. P., Mr. W. W. B. McInnes, M. P. P.; Mr. Stuart Henderson, M. P. P; Mr. R L Drury, M. P. P.; Mr. W. G. Cameron, M. P. P.; Mr. E. Carter-Cotton, M. P. P.; the Hon. A. E. Smith, United States consul; Mr. C. Lowenberg, consul for the German Empire; the Hon. Mr. Monin, consul for the French Republic; Hon. Mr. Morikawa, Japanese consul; Mr. T. R. Smith, consul for the Kingdom of Norway and Sweden; Mr. W. A. Ward, consul for the Kingdom of Denmark; the Rev. Dr. Campbell, the Rev. E. S. Rowe, Capt. C. J. Baker, R. N.; Colonel Holmes, D. O. C.; Captain C. R. Keppel, C. B., D. S. O., R. N; Lieut.-Col. Gurdon, R. G. A.; Lieut.-Col. J. A. Hall, Lieut.-Col. Whyte, commanding Sixth Regiment, Vancouver; Commander J. F. Parry, R. N.; Commander H. G. Sandeman, R. N.; Mr. R. Clutton Baker, R. N.; Fleet Surgeon C. Pearson, R. N.; Major Bland, R. E.; Lieut.-Col. C. A. Worsnop, R. O.; Lieut.-Col. F. B. Gregory, R. O.; the Hon. Judge Harrison, His Worship the Mayor, Mr. F. G. Vernon, Mr. A. R. Milne, C. M. G.; Mr. A. W. Vowell, Lt.-Col. R. Wolfenden, I. S. O., V. D.; Mr. W. S. Gore, Mr. Thornton Fell, Mr. R. E. Gosnell, Lieut. F. O. Lewis, R. N.; Flag Lieut. G. V. Knox, R. N.; Lieut. R. M. R. West, R. N.; Captain W. H. Langley, commanding the guard of honor; Captain E. Palmer, late R. C. A.; Mr. John Nelson, Mr. D. B. Bogle, Mr. W. E. Fisher, Captain B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, A. D. C.; and R. B. Powell, private secretary.

BLOODSHED IN ARMENIA.

Confiscation of Church Property Leads to Riots and Many Deaths.

London, Nov. 24.—A Russian correspondent of the Times reports continued riots arising from the execution of the decree confiscating the Armenian church property. Eleven Armenians were killed at Baku, and four were killed and many wounded at Kari. Demonstrations resisting the decrees have been held in many places without, however, leading to bloodshed.

INSANE MOTHER'S ACT.

Toronto, Nov. 24.—Mrs. J. W. Galloway, wife of J. W. Galloway, quartermaster sergeant of the Royal Canadian Regiment, is under arrest charged with attempting to kill her fourteen-year-old son. The shooting took place last Monday, but has been kept quiet. No one knew of it outside the family. The husband was in a quandary as to what to do. The wife recently became deranged through the effect of liquor and the shooting of her son is the result. The lad was shot through the mouth, the bullet coming out of the cheek. The shot was fired at close range. The husband finally decided to have her arrested as a means of preventing her doing further harm to himself, the children or herself.

FERRYBOATS COLLIDE.

San Francisco, Nov. 25.—As the ferry boat Oakland was trying to steam into her slip at the Oakland pier at 2.30 this afternoon, she went crashing into the ferry boat Bay City, lying in the adjoining slip.

The fog was so dense that the captain of the Oakland lost his bearings and ran his boat into the wrong mooring place. When the big ferry boat struck she shivered from bow to stern. Women went into hysterics and many fainted; men rushed wildly about, and during the few intensely exciting moments that ensued an awful panic was narrowly averted.

CONCILIATION FAILS.

Lynn, Mass., Nov. 25.—The efforts of the special committee appointed by the American Federation of Labor at its recent convention to settle a controversy which has been in existence nearly a year between the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union and the Cutters' Assembly, Knights of Labor, has apparently failed. The committee will report to the executive committee of the American Federation of Labor tonight.

FLOOR GIVES AWAY.

New Canaan, Conn., Nov. 25.—By the giving way of the floor at the residence of John Waters, at Selleck's corners, several miles north of here forty-three persons attending a church social as Waters' guests last night were thrown suddenly into the cellar, ten feet below. Several were badly bruised and shaken up. Lamps overturned exploded, and set fire to the broken timbers, but the flames were extinguished.

Von Blumer—How is your new house getting on?

Witherby—First rate. We have the foundation and I'm in hopes a few planks will be laid before the men strike again.—

Victoria Ladies Win Basketball

Game at New Westminster Results in a Victory For the Capital.

The Score of Eight Points to Nil the Result of Hard Work.

From Our Own Correspondent.

New Westminster, Nov. 25.—Before a large crowd the Victoria ladies' basketball team tonight defeated the Westminster five in the first of a series for the ladies' provincial championship. The game was the first inter-city ladies' match played in British Columbia, and there were a number of supporters accompanying the team from the Capital City, while Vancouver sent over a goodly contingent.

The score tonight was eight points to nil, and everyone of the four goals made by the visitors was earned by their excellent combination. The first half was devoid of a score, and both teams played evenly. Miss Ethel Hosker proved one of the best lady shots in the province, and scored two goals, while Miss Ida and Miss M. Cotterill each contributed one. Miss Alcock was one of the best shots for Westminster, as Miss Pride was injured slightly and had to be replaced by Miss Fraser. Mr. T. J. Mahoney officiated as referee. The teams lined up as follows:

Victoria—Misses E. Hosker and M. Cotterill, forwards; Ida Cotterill, centre; P. Clay and S. Gonnason, guards.

Westminster—Misses G. Alcock and J. Campbell, forwards; E. Pride, centre; E. W. Johnson and I. Hoffard, backs.

After the game the visitors were banqueted in the armories. The next game will be played in Victoria.

BONDHOLDERS AND STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Lord Lansdowne Asks the Committee to Furnish Further Particulars.

London, Nov. 25.—Foreign Secretary Lansdowne has requested the council of the foreign bondholders to supply further details of the Colombian loan. When drawn up these will be forwarded to Ambassador Durand, and presented to Washington to urge the rights of the British bondholders in connection with Panama. The council gave out the following:

"In regard to the reported statement of the Panama commissioners that Panama declines responsibility for the Colombian debt, on the ground that when the greater part of the money was borrowed Panama was not included in Colombia, the facts appear to be as follows: Panama declared its independence of Spain, November 28th, 1821, and in the solemn declaration of the revolutionary junta, stated that the territory of the Isthmus belonged to the republican state of Colombia, to the congress whereof it would in due course send its deputy. The war with Spain continued thereafter, and in 1822 Colombia issued an external loan of $10,000,000, the greater part of which was to be devoted to prosecuting the war of independence. In 1824 Colombia issued a further loan of $23,000,000 for the same purpose. It would be surprising if Panama attempted to repudiate responsibility for the money which assisted her to become part of a free state."

The foregoing is the gist of a lengthy statement which will be forwarded to the British ambassador at Washington.

COMPANY NOT ORGANIZED.

Grand Trunk Pacific Guarantee Not Deposited Until Organization.

Montreal, Nov. 24.—Discussing the despatch from Ottawa regarding this being the last day the Grand Trunk Pacific has to put up the five million dollars deposit as a guarantee, it was stated yesterday by the management of the Grand Trunk that there was little likelihood of the deposit being made until the Grand Trunk Pacific has been finally organized. The company in question, it was stated, at the head offices of the Grand Trunk, is still in an embryonic state.

This is one of the favorite sayings of President Diaz of Mexico: "A strong personal government is necessary for a Latin race." That is what he has always aimed to give the people of Mexico. Another of his sayings is: "The strongest alliance I know of is a commercial alliance."

Dominion Divorce Suits

Three Hundred and Twenty-Three and Quebec Has The Least.

Order Issued Defining The Official Duties in Department of Militia.

New Act Will Authorize Appointment of Officers to Rank of Brigadier-General.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Nov. 25.—The appointment has been approved of Col. C. W. Drury, of the Royal Canadian Artillery, as inspector of artillery for the Dominion.

Seven divorce cases are listed for next session of parliament. Six of these are applied for by residents of Ontario and one by a resident of the Northwest Territory. Since confederation there have been 323 divorces granted in Canada. The greatest number in any province was 111 in Nova Scotia, where they have a divorce court. Next comes New Brunswick and British Columbia, where also there are divorce courts with 74 and 59 divorces respectively. In Ontario there were 53 divorces, in Quebec 19, in Manitoba 3 and in the Territories 5.

An order in council defining distribution duties in military branches of the department of militia is embodied in general orders issued this afternoon.

The general officer commanding is charged with military command and discipline of the militia, is the principal advisor of the minister on all military questions and controls the branches of the adjutant general. The director general of military intelligence and military secretary has general supervision of the military branches, which includes the quartermaster general's branch, engineer service branch, ordnance branch and medical service branch.

An amendment to the regulations stipulates the dates and occasions on which artillery salutes shall be fired at different points throughout the Dominion.

The case of Maida, the Japanese, sentenced to death at Nanaimo for the murder of two of his countrymen, was before the cabinet yesterday. The law will be allowed to take its course and Maida will be executed on December 11th. The case of the three Chinese has not yet been disposed of.

The proposed militia bill, which Sir Frederick Borden goes to England to discuss with the Imperial authorities, has got three provisions in which the war office is particularly interested. At the present time the highest officer that the Canadian government can appoint is a colonel. It is proposed in the bill that the government can appoint a brigadier-general. There is another provision which prevents an Imperial officer of lower rank passing over the heads of the Canadian officers of higher rank. When Major Lake was quartermaster-general he claimed seniority over Col. Aylmer, who was adjutant-general. The bill has also another feature, which is to permit a Canadian officer, when qualified, to fill the post of general commanding the Canadian militia. At present it must be an Imperial officer. The bill merely leaves it open to a qualified officer. Sir Frederick sails for London on Saturday.

The scattering of ministers is regarded in some quarters as indicating that no dissolution will take place before a session of parliament. In well-informed quarters, however, this is regarded as a blind and it is stated with positiveness that nominations take place January 21st and polling January 28th.

TYPICAL TREATY OF ZANZIBAR.

Washington, Nov. 25.—The Senate today ratified the treaty between the United States and Great Britain, the latter acting as the representative of the Sultan of Zanzibar, permitting the imposition of a slight tax upon American vessels entering the harbor of Zanzibar and Pemba; to be used in maintaining the harbors at those places and providing lights for them. The treaty amends the treaty of 1833, which makes no provision for harbors and lights.

FIGHTING IN GERMAN AFRICA.

Rebels Capture Town and Are Repulsed After Desperate Fight.

London, Nov. 24.—A despatch to a news agency reports desperate fighting at Warmbad, Great Manqualand, German Southwestern Africa. The rebels captured the town, killing four Germans. Subsequently the German field force of 150 men succeeded, after a severe struggle, in expelling the rebels and reoccupying the town.

SAN DOMINGO SURRENDERS.

Cape Haytien, Nov. 24.—Despatches received here from Puerto Plata say that the city of San Domingo was surrendered to the revolutionists this morning, and that President Wos Y Gil and his ministers took refuge on board a German warship. The despatches further say that great enthusiasm prevails throughout the country.

The peace negotiations have been suspended, owing to the impossibility of an understanding being arrived at between the government officials and the leaders of the rebellion. Firing on the city was resumed at eight o'clock last night resulting in further damage to the houses here and the bombardment was continued this morning. The government refuses to surrender the capitol and the situation is growing worse. A Hamburg-American steamer, with ammunition on board consigned to the government has arrived here and began discharging her cargo into lighters, whereupon the revolutionists opened fire on the lighters, and the fort here returned the fire in order to protect the lighters and facilitate the discharging of the steamer's cargo.

WAKEFUL CHILDREN.

For a long time the two-year-old child of Mr. P. L. McPherson, 59 N. Tenth street, Harrisburg, Pa., would sleep but two or three hours in the early part of the night, which made it very hard for her parents. Her mother concluded that the child had stomach trouble, and gave her half of one of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, which quieted her stomach and she slept the whole night through. Two boxes of these Tablets have effected a permanent cure and she is now well and strong. For sale by all druggists and dealers.

ARTIST RIX DEAD.

New York, Nov. 24.—Julian Walbridge Rix, the well-known painter of California scenery, died in this city this morning.