DISTRICT NEWS.

DELBURNE

Bulletin News Service.

Robert Slinger and son, Clyde, drove to Alix on business last Tuesday.

Mr. Kent was in Delburne last Thursday.

Messrs. Wallace Mott and Ralph Duthie are spending the Christmas holidays in Red Deer and Calgary respectively.

Geo. Loveless of Castor is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Riley Slinger, at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Milion's little daughter, Edith, is very ill and at present under the doctor's care.

W. G. Glendening, townsite agent, returned on Tuesday from a two weeks' business trip to Winnipeg.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie McLean drove over to Content on Thursday eve to attend an entertainment and Christmas tree.

Riley Slinger had the misfortune to lose a two year old horse on Wednesday by having his leg broken.

On Thursday eve last a splendid concert and Christmas tree was held in Gaetz Valley school. A load of Delburnetics attended. There was a good crowd and the teacher, Miss Ratcliffe, is to be congratulated on the success of the evening. The program consisted of numerous numbers given by the children entirely and all were heartily encored.

Jim Slack, proprietor of livery barns, Nevis, met with a severe accident last Wednesday. While tending a horse, through some mishap he fell and was badly kicked about the head and chest. At present there is no extreme danger if patient continues to improve. However, the accident is an intensely painful one and it will no doubt be some time before he will be able to resume his work.

Last Thursday was a busy day for Delburne. It was the opening of Delburne citizens' stock yards. There was a large crowd in town from all parts of the surrounding country and Mr. Fuller's sale in charge of Auctioneer Hogg was a decided success.

This time of the year all the schools and Sunday schools are holding their annual Christmas entertainments. On Friday eve, December 22nd, a load of Delburne folk attended a supper and tree given at Red Wing school.

Arthur Mielkie intends putting in a furniture store in Delburne shortly.

VERMILION.

Bulletin News Service.

A baby girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dickinson, Thursday, December 21st.

B. Calvert expects to have his new photograph gallery completed ready for business by the first of the year. Mr. Calvert is a graduate of the Southern college of photography, Tennessee.

The Christmas tree and concert given by the Methodist Sunday school on Thursday evening was a thorough success, the programme being exceptionally good. Much credit is due the children also the ladies who trained them for their excellent pieces.

Another of Vermilion's young men has left the ranks of the bachelors in the person of W. Raditz, who was married last Tuesday evening to Miss Blanche Wilson. The marriage took place at the home of the bride's brother, Mr. Curtiss Wilson. Only the immediate members of the family were present. The young couple took the midnight train for Ontario, where they expect to spend a month or two. They will make their home in Vermilion on their return.

A. Watt, proprietor of the Hotel Vermilion, expects to commence work immediately after the New Year, on the erection of a three storey-addition to the hotel, the dimensions of the new part to be 36 x 40. This will add an additional twenty rooms, as well as the extra enlargement on the ground floor, besides which the general ground floor improvements will be made, all of which will cause this hotel to rank amongst the modern and up-to-date houses in the Province.

Mrs. Blatchford, who has been sick for many months, is recovering.

The Christmas rush this season far exceeded other years. The merchants have all had extra workers on their staffs.

Vermilion, December 22.

ONOWAY

Bulletin News Service.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mutter leave in the morning on a visit to Edmonton for a few days.

J. Broderick has purchased a complete blacksmith outfit from Wm. Steffler and intends to open a shop at once. Pine Ridge and Onoway are fortunate in having two first class blacksmiths, Jas. Broderick and Roy Clark.

Fred. Loeffler left here Monday for Columbia Falls, Mont., to bring back his family to Pine Ridge.

Roy Clarke has secured Mr. Lieffler's place for 1912 and with his own place will put in about 100 acres the coming season.

H. L. and Lawrence Mills, of Seattle, are visiting Fred S. Mills and intend to remain in Alberta.

L. I. D. 27-a-5 will be in better shape financially than ever before with more work performed the past season than any previous year. Pine Ridge school district, No. 966, will, at the end of the year, be out of debt, owing to a special assessment being levied. This includes money secured to build one of the finest rural schools in the province, according to the report of the inspector. The building is perfectly constructed on a stone foundation and includes a large furnace and is located on S. E. 1-4, 11-54-2-5, and is built on a four-acre piece, two acres of which are seeded to timothy of three years growth and wire fenced.

Archie and Mrs. Brown, left Tuesday for Toronto over the C. N. R. and will visit W. J. McNutt in Winnipeg for a few days.

Arthur Priestly returned from Edmonton, a few days ago with a fine heater, a present to Mrs Priestley from friends in the city.

Track laying has commenced on the main line, west of Edmonton, and is temporarily delayed near Devil's Lake on account of trestle construction.

C. N. R. engineers are locating gravel for ballast and have several pits in view.

INNISFAIL.

The town council met last Monday with Mayor W. G. West presiding, to close up the business for the year. Beyond this nothing of special importance except the ratifying of the agreement between the council and C. W. Maxwell, consulting engineer.

Christmas trees amongst the various churches has been all the go during the present week. On Wednesday at the Presbyterian church and at which most of the town assembled, was a great success. Last evening the Methodists and tonight the Baptists. The Sunday school Christmas tree of the English church will not, however, be held until Wednesday next, the 27th inst.

The annual seed fair has been fixed for an early date, viz: 16th proximo, 1912.

One of the three restaurants, the one owned by a Japanese, was sold out under a distress warrant last Monday, but there are two others, owned by Chinamen, running in good shape, so wayfarers who want sustenance for the inner man when the hotels are closed, will not suffer.

On the 9th inst., at Geo. Atkinson's house, Alfred Young, a member of the 15th Light Horse, farming for many years here, was united in matrimony to Miss E. M. Sloan, of Perbeck. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. S. Shortt.

Kenneth Kerr, of the Pioneer livery stable, is taking in more space as his already good business is increasing.

Much talk amongst the young people is going on about the dance at Lake View, which takes place tonight. Many parties have organized trips out there.

Dickson inhabitants, twenty miles west, are all satisfied, as Bailey Bros. have been out there with their threshing outfit and have done all that has been required very satisfactorily.

Henry Barkemeyer shipped quite a lot of hogs yesterday.

Mrs. M. Dodd, who has been down visiting her son, W. J. Dodd, met with an unfortunate accident by running a nail into her foot. To the relief of her numerous friends she is now progressing favorably. John Dodd and his grand-daughter, Miss Ethel De Long, come down tomorrow (Saturday) from Edmonton to spend Christmas with W. J. Dodd at his farm here.

After completing threshing at W. J. Dodd's and A. B. McGorman's, Jem Guard has gone to W. J. Bryan's. Jem seems to be very popular, and deservedly so, as he is clever and painstaking at his business.

Innisfail, Dec. 22.

ONOWAY.

Bulletin News Service.

The annual meeting of the Onoway branch of the U. F. A. took place on Saturday last. There was a re-election of officers, as follows: James Priestley, president; Albert Truckey, vice-president; and A. A. Brown, secretary-treasurer. William Parkinson is secretary pro tem. The question of a U. F. A. social was discussed. The accounts of the Onoway fair, having been audited by Messrs. Vipan and Aklett, were presented, showing a net balance of $94.55.

Several parties of men have been sent out from Edmonton to inspect the gravel on Messrs. Musselman, Wilky, Pollock and Clarkes homesteads. The gravel which is plentiful in that neighborhood is of a very good quality.

A social entertainment will be held in the Pine Ridge Methodist church on Wednesday, Dec. 27.

Chas. LeNoir has purchased a new gasoline outfit. He intends to travel around the settlement, sawing wood, as soon as there is enough snow to move his outfit around on.

Ties are now being strung out on the grade just west of the townsite.

The steel, which has been stopped for several weeks at Comeaux Lake, is now creeping this way again. Except for the bridge at the Jack Pines all is smooth sailing to Onoway. The steel will be here in a week or two.

A party was given at Mr. and Mrs. Archie Brown's on Monday, Dec. 11. A very enjoyable evening was spent in singing songs, playing cards and a little dancing. Mr. and Mrs. Brown left for the east on Tuesday. They intend to be away about three months.

Onoway, Dec. 20.

INNISFAIL.

Bulletin News Service.

Christmas has passed quietly. The bulk of business in the various stores was done earlier in the week and left by no means the usual rush on Saturday.

The various churches were well attended on Christmas morning and the decorations were very beautiful.

Mr. Staab, of this town, rented G. Johnson's opera house for Christmas night and put on a very high-class entertainment in "The Garrick Players." Some 200 people listened to the excellent renderings of songs and recitation, the amongst the performers being Mr. Frank Lloyd, whose humorous Scotch songs and duets with Miss Mary Barnette brought down the house almost every time. Miss Vera L. Scott was excellent in her readings. The lady pianist rendered valuable help, and Mr. Staab is to be congratulated on his undertaking, which was a deserved success. The house was, as usual, beautifully illuminated.

The Alberta Hotel, presided over by L. M. Stitt so successfully for the past two years, is to change hands on the first of the year. Mr. Stitt's late severe illness may have something to do with this. He is now, however, almost recovered. His successor is Mr. Holmes, who comes from the north of England.

An extensive sale at which D. Arnell, of this town, will wield the hammer, takes place at the ranch of H. T. Prowse, two miles northwest of Bowden. The sale takes place on January 15th next.

Jene Guard, after threshing at G. E. Bryan's farm, adjacent to town, went home to Lake View to spend Christmas. There is more threshing yet if he comes back again.

Innisfail, December 27.

VERMILION.

Bulletin News Service.

Nomination for the L. I. D. council will be held January 2nd from 10 a.m. till 12 noon and election day will be held Monday Jan. 8th, the poll being open from 9 a.m. till 5 p.m.

A. W. Roseborough was appointed secretary treasurer of the Vermilion Agricultural society at a meeting held here on Saturday by the directors.

Frank Brimacombe left here for Regina, where he has secured a position. Mrs. Brimacombe expects to join him this week.

D. W. Warner, of Edmonton, will speak at a meeting to be held in the Heatherbell school, Jan. 5th, by the farmers of the Cummings district for the formation of a branch of the United Farmers' association.

On Monday last a young man from one of the north districts was arrested by Constable McPhail and was given a preliminary hearing before Justice Barber. He was committed to stand trial and was taken to Fort Saskatchewan by Mr. McPhail. Lawyer Morrison, who is defending him, has made application to the court for bail.

On Jan. 2nd, 1912, the first meeting of the town council will be held.

F. G. Miller, who has been with the Stephens brothers as head grocery salesman for the last six years, leaves tomorrow on the midnight train for his home in Owen Sound, Ontario. Mr. Miller will spend a couple of years in Owen Sound to finish his preparatory education for the medical profession, after which he will complete his course at McGill university, Montreal. The people of Vermilion will miss Mr. Miller very much as he has been a general favorite, while the Church of Christ will lose an able supporters and a faithful worker. Last Friday evening at the Church of Christ Christmas tree, the staff at Stephens brothers and church, presented him with a leather suit case and club bag. Rev. Mr. Tyner, in an address, spoke highly of Mr. Miller's work in the church and the general regret felt at his going. Norman E. Morrison presented the gifts after which Mr. Miller in a feeling speech, told of his appreciation of their kindness and hopes in his holidays to return for a couple of months. Mr. Miller leaves with the hearty good wishes of the community for his future success.

BOWDEN.

Bulletin News Service.

C. Payne was a Calgary visitor on Tuesday and Wednesday.

H. Armistead and H. McKim spent their Christmas in Edmonton.

C. J. Sorenson, of Calgary, was visiting Bowden last week.

The boy scouts have rented the old printing office and are fixing it up as a club-room.

F. Payne, of Calgary, is staying with his brother, C. Payne.

C. Johnson and family left on Friday morning last for Ontario, where they will take up their residence.

Lee Leslie and family left on Tuesday for Iowa, where Mr. Leslie has purchased a grain elevator.

C. Payne has leased the store owned by J. J. Brewster, on Hammond street, and will remove his store stock from the present location on Main street to this stand.

Messrs. Brightman & Wilson, of Rocky Mountain House, have purchased a Case traction engine, which they will use this winter to supply power for their saw mill.

J. Robinson went to Edmonton Tuesday to join his wife, who is visiting friends in the capital city.

The elevator is closed this week and will not re-open till January 3rd. W. Campbell, the manager, has gone for a holiday to Gull Lake, Saskatchewan.

G. Lancaster left on Friday morning for Ontario, where he will meet his wife, who has been staying there with friends for the past six months. He was accompanied by his sister, Mrs. J. Humphries, who is making a trip east to visit relatives.

The bazaar held by the junior branch of the W. A. of St. Matthew's Church, last week, was a complete success.

Mrs. Thompson and two youngest children, of Red Lodge, have gone to Winnipeg for the winter months to visit relatives.

HARDISTY.

Bulletin News Service.

The sessions of the mock parliament continue to maintain their fascination and the debate on the "Naval Service Act" proved the undoing of the government. The government, under the hot fire of the opposition, admitted that the bill was only a preliminary, preparing the way for the full measure, and defended every clause as essential. The act provided for command-in-chief, rear admiral, naval college, for litigation, and for the use of the navy in times of emergency. The opposition objected that it contained no policy. Though clause 5 read: "The governor in council may organize and maintain a permanent naval force," yet that did not provide for the creation of a navy, and amendments were brought in providing for the gradual building of a navy temporarily placed at the service of the British Admiralty, to be manned and maintained by Britain for a period of ten years, after the expiration of which time the ships would revert to the Canadian naval service, to be manned by men trained in the college provided for in the act.

The opposition claimed that thus in ten years' time we should have a navy thoroughly up-to-date and of sufficient strength to take the place of the Atlantic squadron. The division was taken and the opposition led by a majority of 1. The government resigned and the opposition leader was called upon to form a cabinet.

The United Farmers' Association are busy discussing the problem of hail insurance. They are dealing with a motion from Mr. Turgeon and Mr. Edgar: "That a general tax of ½c per acre be levied on all lands in the province for a general insurance fund, and that all persons desiring benefits of hail insurance make ordinary application, paying at the rate of 10c per acre for $8 per acre indemnity in case of loss."

Considerable interest seems to be awakened in this motion, and lively discussions have taken place. The present provisions for the evil of being hailed out are by no means adequate, and some such forward principle should be adopted. This country owes it to the farmer to see either that he protects himself or that he is protected from total loss of crop.

STRAWBERRY.

Bulletin News Service.

Last week a very successful dance was given by Mme. Legeas at her residence. Between twenty and thirty people were present.

There is considerable talk of a fancy dress ball, to be held at Telfordville, on or about New Year's Day. The exact date has not yet been settled.

Mr. Sturn, who has been in Edmonton for some weeks, will shortly return here, where he will probably stop for the winter.

BANK TO DIVIDE PROFITS.

Governmental Privileges of Bank of France Extended Indefinitely.

Paris, Dec. 28.—The Chamber of Deputies rejected today by a vote of 433 to 89 a motion to the effect that governmental privileges of the Bank of France should terminate on December 31 of this year. The motion was made during a discussion over the ratification of a new agreement which had been drawn up between the government and the Bank of France on November 11.

The new agreement was drawn up because the law of 1897, which extended the bank's privilege to 1920, contained a clause which would enable parliament to end the convention in 1912. Owing to the existence of this clause it was thought advisable that a new agreement should be made.

The new convention raises the bank's maximum powers for the issuance of paper from 5,800 milliards of francs to 6,800 milliards of francs. The increase in the amount of issue was made because the figure named in the old agreement had almost been reached. Under the agreement the Bank of France agrees to advance the government 20,000,000 francs without interest for use as loans in encouraging popular industries. It also agrees to pay the State a higher proportion of the profits of the bank and to open additional branches.

Albert Thomas, a Socialist deputy made the motion that a State bank should replace the Bank of France at the end of the year.

M. Klotz, the minister of finance, opposed the motion and made it a question of confidence in the government. He stated that every commercial and industrial association in the country had adopted resolutions in favor of prolonging the privileges of the Bank of France. The Finance Minister denied that money had been sent from France to Germany at the end of September to support the Berlin Boerse. The rate of discount of the Bank of France, according to M. Klotz, had only varied ten times in thirteen years, as compared with sixty-nine variations by the Bank of England and fifty-four by the German Imperial Bank in the same period. The maximum rate of discount of the Bank of France during these thirteen years had been 4½ per cent., while that of the Bank of England was 7 per cent., and that of the Imperial Bank of Germany 7½ per cent.

THOUGHT IT PART OF SHOW.

Tragic Death of Actress Daughter of Late Lewis Morrison.

New York, Dec. 28—The audience at Hammerstein's Victoria theatre thought it was all a part of the show when Rosabell Morrison, who was playing Dago Ann in Paul Armstrong's sketch of the underworld, fainted on the stage as she was testifying in the court room scene. N. J. Morrissey, the detective in the play, carried the actress off the stage and summoned her husband from the Cadillac hotel. She was later taken to her home, where she died this morning.

Miss Morrison, who was the daughter of Lewis Morrison, the famous Mephistopheles, in private life was Mrs. Mitchell Lewis. Before the evening performance she and her husband had dined heartily at a down-town restaurant. At that time the actress complained that she did not feel very well, and before she went to the theatre she bought a box of cough drops. She took perhaps ten cough drops. An auotpsy will be performed.

Rosabell Morrison came naturally by her love for the stage. Her father, Lewis Morrison, was known from coast to coast as the main actor in "Morrison's Faust." Her mother, Rose Wood, was one of the original Wood children, who came to the Boston museum in the early days. Rosabell was born in New Orleans 34 years ago. She first appeared with her father as Marguerite in his interpretation of "Faust." Her first husband was E. J. Abrams, her father's manager. She secured a divorce from him and about a year ago she married Mitchell Lewis.

Post Office Administers Annuities

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 26—Hon. L. P. Pelletier and Hon. George E. Foster, have completed arrangements for the transfer of the annuity branch to the Post Office Department from Trade and Commerce, and after December 31 the annuities will be administered by the post office. Mr. Pelletier is planning an aggressive campaign for the annuities branches throughout Canada.

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—Geo. Vetie, wholesale liquor merchant, whose serious illness was reported yesterday, is able to travel, and upon the advice of his physicians, he will leave immediately for California to spend the winter months.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—The trial of Albert Gingras, returning officer for the division of Maisonneuve at the last federal election, on a charge of attempting to defraud the Dominion government by falsifying election accounts, was continued this afternoon before Judge Lanctot.

The store of the late E. Bernard, of St. Albert, has recently been purchased by J. W. Lachambre of Edmonton. Mr. Lachambre who has lived in this city for a number of years, is also very well known in the districts of St. Albert and Morinville.

PRAIRIE PROVINCES IN GRIP OF COLD WAVE

Twenty-seven Below Zero the Lowest Point Recorded in This City—Brandon Reports 33 Beolw, Winnipeg 30 Below and Prince Albert 42 Below.

Twenty-seven below ezro is the lowest point so far recorded at the meteorological station in this city in the present cold spell. The little bulb in Fahrenheit dropped to that figure at an early hour Thursday morning, and again between six and eight o'clock in the evening. Then clouds gathered and it snowed slightly, the weather moderating as a result. At 5.30 a.m. yesterday the government thermometer registered 23 below, being the lowest point up to the present.

Indications are that the cold snap will last for another day or two at the least.

The dispatches show that the three prairie provinces of Western Canada are experiencing more or less cold weather. Manitoba is in the grip of the coldest spell of the winter. At Brandon, 33 degrees was recorded last night, and a northwest gale aggravates conditions. All outside work is discontinued there. At Winnipeg, the bitter cold continues, with the thermometer around 30 below.

The thermometer dropped to 42 below at Prince Albert Thursday night.

Russia Hits Back at U. S.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 27—A supplementary legislative proposal of a frankly prohibitive character was introduced by a Nationalist in the Duma today. It is aimed directly at the United States. According to the terms of the proposed enactment American citizens of Jewish religon are to be totally excluded from Russia, and in the second place the customs duties are to be raised by 100 per cent. unless the Russian normal schedule is lower than the American. In that case duty, equalling the American duty, will be collected. The author of the bill states that the last provision is necessary to deal with the import of American agricultural machinery.

MONGOLIA TO GET ITS INDEPENDENCE

Both It and Turkestan Will Pass Under the Russian Influence and Both Will Become Practically Russian Protectorates With Annexation Possible

Peking, Dec 27—Mongolia, which almost equals China proper in size, will be proclaimed independent tomorrow with the cutting off from China of the vast dependency of Turkestan.

Both will pass under Russian influence and practically will become Russian protectorates. Russia at any time will be able to annex. A grand Khan will be named as the monarch of Mongolia.

The construction of the trans-Mongolian railway, for which Russia has long sought permission from China, will now be but a matter only of time. Europe thereby coming nearer to Peking by three or four days.

W. STOREY INJURED BY EXPLOSION OF STOVE

Kitchen Range Blew Up a Few Minutes After He Had Lighted a New Fire in It. Hot Water Front Probably Frozen Up.

William Storey, 918 Clara street, was injured by the explosion of the kitchen range in his home at 5.30 yesterday, his head and hands being severely cut by flying pieces of iron. He had started a new fire in the stove only a few minutes before.

Both windows in the kitchen were broken by the explosion and a large hole torn in the ceiling immediately above the range, which was completely wrecked.

There are two possible explanations of the cause of the explosion. The fire in the stove had been allowed to go out during the night and the hot water front had probably frozen up. Consequently when a new fire was started, steam was generated and being confined, exploded. The second explanation is that a stick of dynamite had in some way got into the coal which had just been put into the stove.

Mr. Storey would have sustained much more serious injuries from the explosion if at the time he had not been in a stooping position in front of the stove. His injuries are not considered serious.

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—The death was reported from Kenora, Ont., on Wednesday, of Miss Botta McCullum, who is engaged to be married to T. Visina, of St. Boniface, but to-day Mr. Visina not knowing of the report, went to the C. P. R. depot here and met the young lady according to appointment.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—A San Francisco report says that Sir Donald Mann, at present in California, has stated definitely that the C. N. R. proposes to inaugurate, in the near future, a steamer service between Canada, Australia and China, as well as a Western Canada grain service to Europe via Vancouver and the Panama canal.

New Desserts

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LAST OF THE HOLD-UP MEN ARE SENTENCED.

Winnipeg, Dec. 27—Liugi Graiminoto, Jose Frotino, Nick Dettorie, three young Italians who stabbed and robbed Geo. Kerchus, contractor, on Cathedral avenue, three weeks ago at 8 o'clock in evening, were sentenced this morning to 12 years in the penitentiary and 24 lashes, twelve on entering and twelve after three months.

Einarson and Norman Garfield, two young men who robbed M. Simovitch and F. Gixdisi, were given three years at the Industrial home. These are the last of twenty hold-up men secured in Winnipeg in the last month.

REVOLUTIONARIES TO MEET DECEMBER 28TH

Reported That Delegates Will Elect Dr. Sun Yat Sen As the President of the Provincial Government of the Eighteen United Provinces.

Shanghai, Dec. 27—It is reported that the delegates of the eighteen provinces of China propose to meet at Nanking on December 28 to elect Dr. Sun Yat Sen as president of the provisional government of the united provinces. An informal meeting between Wu Ting Fang and Tang Shao Yi, the leaders of the revolutionaries and the imperialists respectively, at the peace conference took place today.

The arrival of Dr. Sun Yat Sen has injected an entirely new and forceful element in the ranks and councils of the revolutionaries. There is every evidence that Dr. Sun is receiving more consideration than other leaders of the revolutionaries here. His residence is crowded from morning till evening with representatives of all the provinces, generals and governors, with whom he has continual consultations.

Canadian.

Vancouver, Dec. 27—Returns show that the total number of men employed on C.N.R. construction work between Port Mann and Kamloops is 5,400.

Winnipeg, Dec. 27—A. C. Boyce, the Fort Worth, Texas, society and club man, arrested with Mrs. J. B. Sneed, wife of the millionaire contractor of Fort Worth, are both out on bonds of $2,500 each.

Ottawa, Dec. 27—After calling upon Premier Borden, the minister of public works, and the civil service commissioners, the members of the recently appointed civil service commission held their first meeting this afternoon. Securing of quarters, etc., was discussed.

Winnipeg, Dec. 27—This afternoon the committee of the board of trade and the industrial bureau appointed to take up the question of the new phone rates started work and interviewed Chairman Patterson of the commission with a view to arranging further meetings.

Ottawa, Dec. 27—The medical health officer of Montreal in a despatch from that city claims that tuberculosis sufferers from other countries are not being properly looked after and are being allowed to enter the country. The immigration department claims that a close inspection is made upon entry.

Ottawa, Dec. 27—William Walsh, who has arrived from the north, has brought more extensive information of the discovery of mercury ore, which was made a few days ago near Porcupine district, and excited great interest among mining men. This is practically the first instance of its existence in Canada.

American

New York, Dec. 28.Application has been made by the Grand Trunk Railway for permission to put its immigrant tickets on sale at Ellis Island.

Chicago, Dec. 27—The annual report of the Union Stock Yards and Transit Company, issued today, shows that 20,000 loads more of live stock was received the past year than the year before.

Chicago, Dec. 27—Special passenger rates east of Chicago excepting the summer rates from the west to the Atlantic seaboard and the through rates connecting the east with the west will exist no more.

Washington, Dec. 27—There was an overproduction of coal this year and a consequent struggle for trade which depressed prices in the opinion expressed today by Edward W. Parker, coal statistician for the United States geological survey.

Foreign.

Berlin, Dec. 27—The imperial post office announces the establishment of a deferred cable rate to become effective on January 1 to the German African colonies, the United States, various Chinese cities and the British colonies.

London, Dec. 28.—A semi-official denial was issued at Rome to-night on the rumors that Italy was considering overtures for peace.

Count Von Aehnrahl, the Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs, made a remark which is interpreted as a hint to Italy. He said he hoped that, when peace was concluded the force and authority of Turkey should remain intact, thus constituting a fresh guarantee of peace in the Balkans.

No military news of importance was received to-day from the scene of operations in Tripoli.

Peking, Dec. 28.—In response to a direct request of the Russian government handed to the Chinese official by the Russian charge d'affaires, that China should promptly resume control of Mongola, the Chinese government declared its inability to comply at the present moment.

MOTORMAN RAN CAR AT VERY HIGH SPEED

Investigation Begun Into Fatal Toronto Street Car Accident—Motorman Told to Make Stop—Crown Attorney Shows High Rate of Speed Necessary for Schedule.

Toronto, Dec. 28—The investigation of the overturning of a King street car at the St. Lawrence street switch, the killing of two passengers and the wounding of a number of others, was begun before Coroner Graham this afternoon. It took the form of an inquest on Mrs. Jessie Deacon, wife of Captain Alfred Deacon.

Six of the two score witnesses who have been subpoenaed were examined in the crowded court room. Several swore that the car in charge of Motorman William J. Moore ran at a high rate of speed, past the stopping place in front of the King street barns, struck the open switch at St. Lawrence street and was overturned.

Alexander McDonald, superintendent of all the cars running out of the King street barns said that all the motormen were instructed that the white post in front of the barns west of the new Don bridge was a "positive stop," that cars were to be stopped at intersections and that switches were to be approached with caution at a low rate of speed.

County Crown Attorney Richard Greer pointed out that in order to make the run from three and a quarter to three and a half miles between the Scarboro Beach "Y" and the King street barns in the specified time of 18 minutes and to stop at the twenty-two indicated stops, a motorman would have to drive his car at an average rate of 15 1-2 miles an hour.

The inquest was adjourned until Friday, January 5.

NEW SHIP LIKE HER SISTERS.

White Star Liner Will Not be Much Larger Than Others.

London, Dec. 26—The statement that the White Star line is about to lay down a third ocean leviathan, bigger by far than the Olympic and the Titanic, is rather discredited by a well known shipping authority.

"Some months ago," he remarked, "the keel of a sister ship to the Olympic was laid at the yard of Harland & Wolff, but it is absurd to say that because the gantry has been extended 100 feet the new vessel will be much bigger than the Olympic and the Titanic. She may be a few feet bigger, but nothing more.

"The White Star company is building her because two vessels are not sufficient to maintain its service. It is only reasonable to assume that the White Star company is not so foolish as to injure itself by building a vessel that would be far and away bigger than the Olympic.

"Nowadays persons rush to travel by the Olympic, and such vessels as the Oceanic, the Majestic and the Celtic are not patronized as they used to be. Men of leisure all prefer to wait for the Olympic, and it is a logical assumption that if something better was put on the water travellers would prefer that to the Olympic.

"The keel of the new craft was laid some few months ago, and beyond a little bigger beam she will not differ much in construction from the two mammoth vessels now afloat."

BADEN POWELL IS TO VISIT UNITED STATES

Distinguished Soldier and Organizer of the Boy Scout Movement Will Bring Flag to St. Catharines Troop for Having Most King's Scouts.

Ottawa, Dec. 28. — General Sir Baden Powell, distinguished soldier and organizer of the boy scout movement all over the world, is going to the United States for an offeial visit and he will bring with him the British flag presented by King George to St. Catharines troop of Ottawa, for having the most Kings' scouts.

This troop had six scouts who have qualified in the twenty-four examinations which enables them to be King's scouts.

S. Frampton, scout master of the Victoria, B. C., troop, and D. Frampton, assistant scout master, of the same troop, received letters of thanks for their bravery in rescuing a young man from drowning in Cadbury Bay, Victoria, B.C.

CANADIAN.

Stonewall, Dec. 28.—Ira Stratton, postmaster and publisher, was married to-day, the bride being Miss May Louise Oughton, of this town.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—Of the 102,000 York Loan cheques sent out on Dec. 1, 16,000, have been returned owing to insufficiency or incorrectness of address.

Winnipeg, Dec. 28—W. Vernon, of Radville, Sask., is charged by the A. McDonald Co. with obtaining $1,200 goods on false pretences and by Roberts & Sons, with goods to the value of $3,000.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—Montreal will next year probably be the scene of a national fruit exhibition on the same big scale as marked the national apple show at Vancouver a couple of years ago.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—The number of trade disputes in Canada during November was fourteen, an increase of four over October and seven as compared with November, 1910. Nine have been settled.

Windsor, Dec. 28.—The recount for North Essex was completed this evening, the final figures give Hon. Dr. Reaume's official majority as 52, a loss of four votes over the figures of the returning officer.

Saskatoon, Dec. 28.—Two G. T. P. section hands, one named Wilson, and the other a Galician, are lying at St. Paul's hospital badly injured as a result of a collision of a hand-car with a freight train.