

PORT SIMPSON IS TERMINUS OF G. T. P. ON WEST COAST

Land Wanted Belongs to Indians and Is Held in Trust by the Dominion Government.

LAKE TERMINALS, PORT ARTHUR AND FORT WILLIAM

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 17. — It is now definitely settled that the terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway will be at Port Simpson on the Pacific Ocean. The chief engineer of the Grand Trunk Pacific has filed plans with the railway department providing for the terminus at Port Simpson. The land which the company will require for terminals at Port Simpson belongs to the Indians, and the company will have to negotiate with the Indian Government department to get possession, since the Dominion holds the lands in trust for the Indians. Plans have also been filed by the G. T. P. for terminals on the great lakes at Port Arthur and Port Arthur. At Port William the land required lies west of the Kamistiquia, and at Port Arthur east of the town.

KUROKI ALIVE; FULL OF FIGHT

United States Army Attache Was With Him on Day He Was Reported Killed.

San Francisco, Dec. 17. — Captain P. C. March, of the general staff of the United States army, one of the officers selected by the department to accompany the Japanese army in the field for the purpose of taking military observations, has returned on the liner Mongolia. Captain March brings absolute refutation of the report that General Kuroki was killed by a Russian shell.

"General Kuroki is said to have been killed on Oct. 5. All the reports agreed as to the date, and I am glad to say that I was with him on that day and every day until I left the front. Oct. 30, when I started for home. Although exposed on numerous occasions he sustained no hurt, and is one of the healthiest men I ever saw. Gen. Kuroki is particularly keen and energetic. He inspires his officers and men with his own enthusiasm and his death would be a serious loss." Captain March adds the Japanese in fantry and has brought away with him a wholesome respect for them. "Any nation on earth," he declares, "that undertook to whip Japan would have its hands full."

Hospital Ships in Peril.
Mojito, Japan, Dec. 17. — The Japanese transport Manchu and the hospital ship Koshima were both damaged. The Koshima was beached and the sick and wounded soldiers were safely landed.

To Protect Hospitals.
Tokyo, Dec. 17. 4 p.m. — General Stoessel has opened negotiations with the Japanese forces surrounding Port Arthur providing for the protection of the hospitals of the city. He wished General Nogi with a map showing the positions of the different hospitals.

STOESSEL AGAIN WOUNDED
Hit by a Rifle Bullet, But Injury Is Not Serious.

London, Dec. 17. — General Stoessel, the Russian military commander at Port Arthur, according to a dispatch from the Daily Telegraph, has again been wounded. He was hit by a rifle bullet. The correspondent adds that the wound is not serious. Early in November General Stoessel was wounded in the head by a splinter from a shell while he was personally directing the repulse of a Japanese attack.

New Construction Company.
Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 17. — Joseph Hobson, chief engineer, G. T. P. R., H. Wilkes, general auditor, Frank Scott, cashier, H. Phillips, secretary, and others have given in a charter of incorporation of a construction company to build railways, docks, etc., with a capital of \$250,000.

After Our Appearances
Ottawa, Dec. 17. — In a further report to the trade and commerce department, Mr. C. E. Sontum, writing on trade conditions in the Scandinavian countries, says there is a marked deterioration in the Scandinavian market. Canadian applies in Norway, Sweden and Denmark. If the exporters send the best fruit, Baldwin apples, being the most acceptable apples, are worth \$10 a barrel when the \$2 duty is paid. The Scandinavians use apples for decorations as well as for consumption.

A FINE OF \$250 IS IMPOSED ON HOTELKEEPER OBERNESSER

For Assaulting Mr. Best—Judge Macbeth at First Intended to Imprison Him.

When the final sitting of the general sessions of the court opened this morning, the sentence of the court was passed upon Mr. Jacob Obernesser, proprietor of the Albion Hotel, for an assault upon the person of Mr. W. E. A. Best. Obernesser was fined \$250 and bound over to keep the peace for one year in the sum of \$4,000. The latter consisted of bonds by Mr. Obernesser to the extent of \$2,000, and two sureties of \$1,000 each by J. W. Scandrett and A. H. Brenner. The option of six months' imprisonment was given with the sentence, but the money was paid on the spot.

When the crown attorney moved that sentence be passed, Mr. E. T. Essey, counsel for the accused, presented a petition signed by several well-known citizens on behalf of Mr. Obernesser, asking that sentence be suspended or a light fine given, alleging that the accused had never before been convicted of any offense during his four years' residence in this city. Mr. Essey also offered \$400 to Mr. Best, complainant, in settlement (without prejudice) of the civil suit pending. This offer had already been rejected by Mr. Best, who is suing for \$2,000 damages for the injuries he sustained, and no further response was made this morning.

Before imposing sentence, Judge Macbeth told Mr. Obernesser that he had had a long and careful trial, and had been fully satisfied. The offense was a serious one, and he was especially in view of the position occupied by Mr. Obernesser.

"You are one of the 55 men," said the judge, "who enjoy the monopoly of the sale of alcoholic beverages by the glass in this city. It is especially necessary that a man in this capacity should be well-behaved. Instead of being a man of that description, you have broken the peace by assaulting in your own hotel. You are to be otherwise than a disorderly person."

The court said he was taking into consideration that the assault was committed by hand. If a weapon had been used the accused would have lost his liberty for several months. The judge said that he was not going to send Obernesser to prison, as he had at first intended, but would impose a heavy fine.

TO CONSOLIDATE DEBT

Petrolia Will Also Ask for Renewal of Certain Debentures.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 17. — The town of Petrolia has given notice that at the next session of the Legislature it will apply for a consolidation of its floating debt of \$10,000, and to renew certain debentures which fall due in 1906.

PIO CENTRA DEAD

Faithful Attendant of Pope Leo Follows Reverend Master.

Rome, Dec. 17. — Pio Centra, the faithful attendant of the late Pope Leo XIII., died here today of apoplexy, thus fulfilling his own prediction that he would soon follow his master. Centra, who was one of the most picturesque figures of the pontificate, lived constantly by the side of the pope, sleeping practically in the same room, and enjoying the entire confidence of the late pope.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

The Premier Is Anxious to Spend Holidays at the Capital.

Ottawa, Dec. 17. — A telegram from Pasadena, Cal., represents Sir Wilfrid Laurier as leaving for his home in the United States for the Christmas holidays. He is expected to spend Christmas in Pasadena, where he has a large estate. He is accompanied by his wife and children. He is expected to return to Ottawa in early January.

PANNED OUT WELL

A Carload of Silver From Ontario Fetches a Good Price.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 17. — Mr. W. T. Gibson, director of the bureau of mines, said today that the owners of the silver mines near Haileybury were beginning to get returns from their works. They recently shipped four carloads of ore to New York, and the prices realized were satisfactory. One carload of silver cobalt shipped to J. W. Tretheway at \$100 a ton, and 200 tons, realized \$37,500, or about \$1 a pound.

CAPT. CLADO RELEASED

Czar Orders That He Be No Longer Detained.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 17. — Capt. Clado, who was sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment for writing newspaper articles criticizing the administration of the Russian navy, has been released. The czar has ordered that he be no longer detained. He is expected to return to his home in the Crimea.

TO CLOSE UP ESQUIMALT

Dockyard on Pacific Coast Given the Same Fate as Halifax.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 17. — The determination of the British admiralty to reduce or eliminate Esquimalt as well as Halifax naval station in carrying out the new concentration and economy programme was evidenced yesterday by the receipt of notice to all ships to leave the dockyard by the end of March. Up to date it had been hoped that the dockyard would be kept open for the rising prominence of the Pacific as a scene of world action, this station would escape the fate of Halifax. A contrary verdict appears to have been returned.

HOOLEY NOT GUILTY

Cleared of Charge of Obtaining Money Under False Pretences.

London, Dec. 17. — After three weeks' trial, a jury in the central criminal court today found Ernest Terah Hooley not guilty, and Henry J. Lawson, formerly of Montreal, was sentenced to a year's imprisonment at hard labor. Execution of the sentence of Lawson was permitted until the end of the year. Hooley, whose colossal bankruptcy and the prosecution of the same were the sensation of 1895, was arrested in London, May 10 last, on the charge of conspiracy to defraud. Lawson was also arrested on the same day.

A BIG CONTRACT

G. T. P. Orders Fifteen Cars a Day for Next Five Years.

Montreal, Dec. 17. — A big contract has been concluded between the Canadian Car Company and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company. It specifies the delivery of fifteen cars a day for five years. The contract is for the plant is completed. That means a total of 23,475 cars. The company's plant is to be erected at the western end of the Grand Trunk Pacific. The capital stock of the company is three millions. The organization of this contract was brought about by the efforts of the president, Mr. W. E. Coleman, a practical man, having been formerly connected with the Pressed Car Company, one of the big concerns of the kind across the continent.

Gaynor-Oreane Case

London, Dec. 17. — The Privy Council, which yesterday began hearing the appeal of the United States against the decision of the justice of the crown at Quebec in the case of Oreane and Gaynor, adjourned at the conclusion of the arguments today. Judgment will be rendered Dec. 19.

Bulgarians in Revenge Wipe Out a Greek Band

Constantinople, Dec. 17. — The massacre by Greeks of the wedding party near Monastir, Nov. 29, thirteen persons being killed and five wounded, has led to a number of sanguinary conflicts between Bulgarian and Greek bands, which culminated Thursday last in a stubborn battle lasting five hours. A Greek band of 28 men, and a body of Bulgarians met near the village of Sarakievo, and the Greeks lost 24 men killed. Many assassinations by Bulgarians in Albanian have been reported in the Uskub district. The local authorities as usual have taken no action in the matter.

THOMAS W. LAWSON INDICTED BY AMAL. COPPER STOCKHOLDER

Showing of Company's Books Also Demanded—Complainant Out \$21,000.

New York, Dec. 17. — An application for the indictment of Thomas W. Lawson and for the showing of the books of the Amalgamated Copper Company was made at the district attorney's office yesterday by William J. Wells, who lives most of the time in London. Mr. Wells is a member of the National Bar Association of this country and is a resident of New York. He is accompanied by his lawyer, Charles M. Beattie. Mr. Wells called at the office of District Attorney Jerome and left there his formal application that Mr. Lawson be indicted. Mr. Wells says that he owns outright 1,000 shares of Amalgamated and that it was worth when he came here a few weeks ago \$31,750. As a result of Mr. Lawson's acts, Mr. Wells asserts, his stock fell to \$9, and he suffered a loss of approximately \$21,000. Mr. Wells asks that a demand be made on the Amalgamated Company for its books, to ascertain just what its stock is worth, and if Lawson's declaration proves false, he wants him indicted under chapter 435 of the code, third sub-division, which provides that any person who knowingly circulates a false statement, or who knowingly issues a stock is punishable by a fine or not more than \$5,000 or by imprisonment for not more than three years or both.

FIRE DESTROYS CHURCH EDIFICE

St. Michael's Roman Catholic Cathedral at Belleville Burned.

Belleville, Ont., Dec. 17. — St. Michael's Church, the only Roman Catholic Church in this city, was destroyed by fire early this morning. How the fire originated is unknown, but it is supposed to have caught in the basement.

The building, which was of massive stone, was undoubtedly the best in this city, and the fire was one of the finest in Ontario. The church was built about sixteen years ago and some of the interior decorations were almost priceless.

The total loss will be in the neighborhood of \$50,000. There was an insurance of \$20,000 on the building.

CANADA AND MEXICO

Sir Wm. Mulock and Diaz Discuss Expansion of Trade.

City of Mexico, Dec. 17. — A conference took place yesterday between President Diaz and a large body of Canadian delegates in Mexico. The Canadians, who were introduced by Sir William Mulock, P. M. C. of Canada, presented to President Diaz the Canadian address on his re-election to the Presidency, and also impressed upon him the importance of extended trade relations between Mexico and Canada. President Diaz, responding to the address, expressed his gratitude for the kind Canadian feeling, which, he said, he believed that the Canadian Government had been very much impressed by the importance of the subject, and hoped for the establishment of the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans. He also stated that negotiations were proceeding satisfactorily, and he hoped for a favorable result.

Sir William Mulock has had several interviews with the Mexican authorities, and it is understood that, subject to the approval of the Canadian Government, satisfactory arrangements have been reached for an early inauguration of the service. Mexico offers a good field for Canadian trade, and Mexicans are desirous of trading with Canadians.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Cold.
Sun rises 7:45 a.m., sets 4:42 p.m.
Moon rises 1:50 p.m., sets 2:17 a.m.
Toronto, Dec. 18. — 8 p.m. The weather has been fair today in all portions of Canada, and everywhere, except in Southern Alberta and Western Assiniboia, where it has been quite mild. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 40-44; Calgary, 8-26; Winnipeg, 16-22; Winnipeg, 12-18; Port Arthur, 12-26; Port Arthur, 20-24; Toronto, 15-25; Ottawa, 4 below-12; Montreal, 2 below-12; Quebec, 4 below-10; Halifax, 10-26; St. John, 10-18.

Local temperatures: The highest and lowest of the thermometer at the observatory for the 24 hours ending 8 p.m., Friday, Dec. 17, were: Highest 23 above, lowest 5 above.

Forecasts—Cloudy, not much change in temperature; light snowfalls. Sunday—High southwesterly winds and cold.

TEMPERATURES.
Stations. S. a.m. M. a.m. Weather.
Calgary 20 16 Clear
Winnipeg 12 12 Cloudy
Port Arthur 20 16 Cloudy
Toronto 18 12 Cloudy
Ottawa 15 10 Cloudy
Montreal 4 0 Cloudy
Quebec 4 0 Cloudy
St. John 10 18 Fair
The sign — indicates below zero.

The temperature this morning is about the same as it was yesterday in all districts. The lowest reading reported being 8 below at Ottawa; zero at Montreal, and 2 below at Kingston. A very pronounced disturbance now over the Northwest Territories, and probably move to Ontario.

SHIP BURNS OFF NEW YORK AND NINE PERSONS PERISH

The Steamer Glen Island Burned to the Water's Edge in Long Island Sound.

SEVEN OF CREW AND TWO PASSENGERS AMONG DEAD

New York, Dec. 17. — Nine persons, including two passengers lost their lives early today in the burning of the steamer Glen Island, bound from New York to New Haven. The steamer drifted around on Captain Island in Long Island Sound, and was burned to the water's edge.

The vessel left her pier in North River at 9 o'clock last night, with ten or twelve passengers and a heavy cargo. The fire was discovered before midnight off Execution Point in the Sound. How it started is not known, but suddenly the whole vessel seemed to become filled with smoke, and the electric lights were extinguished. Boats were hurriedly lowered, and all but two passengers and seven members of the crew escaped.

One of the lost passengers was a man and the other a woman, residents of New York, whose names have not yet been learned. A tug, which sighted the Glen Island afloat, dashed to the scene and picked up the passengers and crew from the small boats. They were aboard the steamer Erastus Corning and brought back to New York. The Glen Island belonged to the Starin Transportation Line.

A list of the dead follows:
Unknown woman passenger, resident of New York.
Unknown man passenger, from New York.
Robert Hanley, deckhand.
O. Bird, deckhand.
Frank Bush, fireman.
Lansman Miller, fireman.
Wm. Burke, fireman.
Otto —, fireman.
Wm. Hendrickson, assistant engineer.

The Glen Island was running up the Sound at her usual speed when the fire was discovered. It is believed to have started in a dynamo located below and near the center of the vessel. The passengers were nearly all in their berths, when the vessel suddenly became filled with stifling smoke and the lights went out.

Capt. McAllister sent men through the cabin and the passengers were quickly aroused. Owing to the fact that considerable ice was banked along shore, it was not possible to reach safely in that direction, and the vessel drifted towards Captain's Island. Efforts to check the spread of the flames were without avail, and the lifeboats were prepared. With life-belts about them the passengers were quickly transferred to small boats. Eight persons got into one and fifteen into another. Ice smashed some of the boats, and to this loss of life is supposed to have been due. So heavily laden was the second boat that it threatened every moment to capsize.

The lifeboats hung about the burning steamer in the hope of picking up some of the missing, and in a few minutes the tug Bully, towing some barges, appeared. The tow line was instantly severed and the Bully ran up to the scene. The tug ran in as close as possible, but nothing could be seen of the nine missing persons, and all hope for saving them was given up. Those in the lifeboats were taken aboard, and after the burning wreckage drifted ashore on the island, the tug headed for New York. On the way she met the steamer Erastus Corning, also of the Starin Line, and the rescued were transferred to that vessel. They reached the city shortly before 7 o'clock this morning. Beyond their having suffered severely from the cold and nervous shock none was injured.

The Glen Island, which was commanded by Capt. McAllister, who was the last person to leave the wreck, was constructed from the ruins of the city of Richmond. The vessel, however, was also burned, after having been rebuilt. The steamer was christened William C. Egerton, and later renamed Glen Island.

COULDN'T WRESTLE, BITES

Buzayell, the Algerian, Loses to the English Champion on a Foul.

San Francisco, Dec. 17. — Tom Jenkins was given the decision on a foul in a wrestling match with Buzayell, the Algerian. The men wrestled for over two hours without a fall. Then Jenkins got a hammer lock hold, and while the men were on the carpet Buzayell bit Jenkins in the abdomen, making a wound the size of a half dollar. There also were teeth prints in his arm where he had been bitten by Buzayell. Before the fight, the police placed Buzayell under arrest. A charge of maiming was preferred against Buzayell, and he was taken to jail. Jenkins was not seriously injured.

The New N. C. R. Steamers.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 17. — The management of the N. C. R. confirms the cable news that the company is constructing three new steamships. The vessels are intended for the Atlantic service, but the plans have yet to be submitted to the government for approval. They are to be 18-knot steamers, with ample provision for cargo.

Engine Runs Wild.

Council Bluffs, Dec. 16. — A Rock Island locomotive was turned wild in the yards here by some unknown man and ran three miles through intricate switches and crowded thoroughfares without accident. It barely missed crossing the bridge into the crowded Omaha yards, where serious damage would have resulted. Just as the engine approached the bridge the steam gave out and it stopped. Had it crossed the bridge into the more crowded yards in Omaha an accident would have been inevitable. An employee saw the engine as it stopped and got it out of the road.

The Evil of Intemperance As a Breeder of Crime

Emphasized by the Grand Jury — A Suggestion to License Commissioners.

The presentation delivered by the grand jury at the close of the sessions this morning was of an interesting nature. It first of all expressed a great appreciation of Judge Macbeth's exposition of the law and facts involved in the cases that came before them, which the jury declared had been of essential advantage in the course of their duties. The following paragraph is of special importance, and it is your honor that there is urgent necessity for active work on the part of those interested in the spread of intemperance sentiments and particularly habits of total abstinence, by personal efforts with the individuals. They also desire to draw the attention of the license commissioners of London to the evidence adduced in the serious case of assault which came before them (that of Jacob Obernesser), and they hope that the commissioners will seriously consider whether it is necessary and proper to re-license a place in which the scenes so described are enacted.

The jury also gave an account of their visits to the lunatic asylum, St. Joseph's and Victoria Hospitals, and the county jail. Nothing but praise was given for the efficiency of the staffs of each, and the excellence of each institution's working order. "The jail is neat and clean," declared the jury.

The jury were pleased to find that the recommendations of the September jury in regard to repairs in the jail had been acted upon by the county council, and they believed that it would be in good condition when once these repairs were complete.

"We congratulate the county council on your first appearance on the county court bench," concluded the presentation, which was signed by Henry H. H. H.

In speaking afterwards of the clause regarding the evils of intemperance as a cause of crime, one of the grand jurors said that this part of the presentation had been agreed upon unanimously.

His honor thanked the jurors for their kind words towards him personally, and the court adjourned until Dec. 21, when his honor will hear the several appeals that have been made from the decisions of county magistrates.