

### EARTHQUAKES IN NORTHERN ITALY

#### INHABITANTS ALARMED AT REPEATED SHOCKS

#### Rome, Venice, Milan and Florence All Experience Latest Tremors.

Rome, Jan. 13.—A slight quake was experienced early this morning throughout Lombardy, Venetia and Tuscany. No damage was done and no one was injured, but owing to the general uneasiness, resulting from the recent disastrous visitations, the people for a moment were thrown into a panic.

According to the records of the observatories the centre of the disturbance was near Lembach, Austria. The quake was strongest in Treviso, 16 miles north of Venice.

Several shocks in Florence. Florence, Jan. 13.—Several earth shocks were recorded here this morning at intervals of two seconds. The people rushed out from their houses in considerable trepidation fearing a repetition of the Messina and Calabria disasters. No damage was done and as the trembling soon ceased calm was restored and the work of the day resumed.

Milan Alarmed. Milan, Jan. 13.—An earth shock was felt here this morning, and caused considerable alarm, a number of people rushed from their houses and congregated in the cathedral square. There was no repetition of the shock and calm was subsequently restored. No damage was done.

Excitement in Venice. Venice, Jan. 13.—Two earth shocks were experienced this morning. The people rushed out from their houses and gathered in the piazza of St. Mark and other open squares. There was much excited comment and questioning, but calm in general was maintained. No damage is done, and this is thought to be due to the fact that the houses of Venice are built on piles. The people congratulated themselves on this system of construction.

#### SOCIALIST WINS IN NANAIMO BY ELECTION

#### I. H. Hawthornthwaite Majority of 281—Good Thing by Liberal Cause

(Special to the T.) Nanaimo, Jan. 13.—The by-election held in Nanaimo yesterday for the provincial legislature resulted in the return of I. H. Hawthornthwaite (Socialist) who defeated C. H. Barker (Liberal). The vote was as follows: Hawthornthwaite, 686; Barker, 405; spoil, 14; majority 281.

Little interest was taken in the contest and the total vote only reached some 1,100 as compared with the 1,900 votes cast in the recent federal contest. The result shows a falling off in the strength of socialism in the city, and the showing made by the liberal candidate was an extremely good one in spite of this being his first appearance in politics. The conservatives of the city did not vote, but had they been anxious to defeat the socialist it would have been possible. There was practically no excitement at the declaration of the poll, and the affair was the tamest which has taken place here in many years.

It is a noteworthy incident that in spite of the fact that Nanaimo is generally regarded as the stronghold of socialism in the province only between 70 and 100 members of the socialist party are enrolled on the voters' list. A large portion of the purely labor vote is cast for Mr. Hawthornthwaite at each election, this being drawn from the mines of the city. Nanaimotes are anxious to have the illusion that their city is the stronghold of Socialism dispelled as it is entirely untrue.

#### ROOSEVELT'S CHARGES CONSIDERED HARMLESS

#### Senator Tillman Not to Blame Even if Accusations Prove True.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 13.—Senators who have given consideration to the demand made by Senator Tillman for an investigation by the senate of the charges made by President Roosevelt in connection with the senator's attempt to procure Oregon lands, incline to the opinion that there is no question before the senate for an inquiry except as to whether Mr. Tillman was frank with his colleagues in discussing the case. The opinion is held generally, that even if the charges made by the president were true, the action of Mr. Tillman was not a violation of law.

#### BURGLAR GETS SEVEN YEARS.

#### Shot Merchant While Attempting Robbery, Crippling Him for Life.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 13.—Silas H. Pearson, of Peterboro, Ont., who confessed having shot Jacob Knowlmer, a merchant of Willock station, on the night of November 24th, when the latter surprised him in the act of robbing his store, has been sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary. Knowlmer is a cripple for life.

The regular meetings of the Ladies' Guild, of the congregation of St. John's church, have been omitted for the present week, owing to the inclemency of the weather.

#### BISHOP RICHARDSON COMING.

Will Tour B. C. in the Interest of the Anglican Church.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 12.—Bishop Richardson, of Fredericton, N. B., is expected here in a few days on his way to Victoria, B. C.

Bishop Richardson will tour British Columbia in the interests of the work of the Anglican church in the Canadian West.

#### KINGSTON'S \$30,000 FIRE.

Kingston, Ont., Jan. 13.—Fire has destroyed the Gould broom factory and damaged the street car barns. The loss is \$30,000.

#### SAYS EMPEROR WAS VICTIM OF ASSASSINS

#### Yun Shi Kai Reported to Have Instigated Death of Kwang-Su.

New York, Jan. 13.—The Chinese reformers here received a lengthy cipher cable dispatch yesterday from Hongkong confirming reports that the late Emperor of China met an unnatural death.

The dispatch states that before the late Emperor Dowager's death the question of her choosing of an heir presumptive was pending. Yun Shi Kai strongly urged the Dowager Empress to select the eldest son of Prince Ching, but the Empress denied this request. The refusal and the impending death of the Dowager Empress led Yun Shi Kai to believe that Emperor Kwang-Su would soon regain his power and deal summarily with those who had subordinated him to the Empress Dowager.

The dispatch states that a Chinese physician was therapeutically commissioned to put the Emperor out of the way. The plot was carried out, according to the dispatch, and has since been revealed by one of the participants, namely Ching Shi Kai, who has made his escape to Japan.

#### SHOCKS RECORDED IN EAST.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 13.—Three distinct earthquake shocks have been recorded by the seismograph at Cheltenham, Md., during the past 24 hours. The recorded disturbances were very small, naturally caused by distant earthquakes, but the record is not sufficient to give an estimate of the distance.

#### ANOTHER HAGUE CONFERENCE.

The Hague, Jan. 13.—Seventeen nations already have accepted the invitation extended by The Netherlands to attend an international conference with the object of formulating general laws on the subject of exchange, their validity, enforcement, etc.

#### TUG DAISY PURCHASED BY TWO LOCAL MEN

The tug Daisy has been sold by the Chemainus Lumber Company to two local men, Captain Anderson and James Dixon, who intend to use her in the general towing business. Captain Anderson was formerly mate of the steamer Iroquois, and at one time had charge of the Daisy. James Dixon superintended the building of the yacht Dolaura for the Lieutenant-Governor, and when she came out he had charge of the engine.

The Daisy has been in these waters for a number of years. A few weeks ago she was out on the ways and thoroughly overhauled. She is at present tied up in the harbor.

The Chemainus Lumber Company are buying a much larger tug than the Daisy, their business having increased to such an extent that this course has been found necessary.

#### CARRADALE CHARTERED TO LOAD LUMBER

#### Captain Smith Has Received Welcome News From Tacoma Stevedores.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) Captain Smith this morning received a communication from the Stevedores' Company at Tacoma stating that the Carradale, now lying in Esquimalt harbor, has been chartered by Balfour, Guthrie & Co. to load lumber at that port. It is not yet known where the lumber is to go, neither has the captain received official notification of the chartering of the ship.

British ship Carradale left Glasgow about fourteen months ago and has since that time been almost around the world, making quick trips from port to port. She arrived here three months ago and has been lying in the Royal Roads and later at Esquimalt, awaiting orders. While she has been here her crew have not been idle, for the ship is ready for sea at any time.

This leaves only the Halewood and the Senator in sailing craft, and negotiations are on for the chartering of the latter. Steamers Agapanthus and Et are now at Esquimalt awaiting charter or new owners.

The Young People's Society of Willing Workers of the First Congregational church held their annual business meeting on Monday night last. The reports of last year's work were bright and encouraging. A body of very capable officers and several strong committees were elected for the present year and under the presidency of Miss N. Snowcroft the society expects to do better work than has ever yet been attempted. Next Monday evening they are booked to give a social entertainment at the Old Ladies' Home, and this will doubtless be up to the standard of excellence and be much appreciated by the old ladies.

### FIENDISH CRIME OF HOMESTEADER

#### LEAVES WIFE, CLAD IN NIGHTDRESS, TO PERISH

#### Found Dying in Atmosphere 42 Below, After Being Thrown Out-of-doors.

(Special to the Times.) Creelman, Sask., Jan. 13.—After treating his wife brutally for several months past, Charles Coles, who lives five miles to the south, reached the limit on Monday night and probably he will suffer for his crime on the scaffold.

After Coles and his wife had retired for the night, a row started which ended in Coles throwing his wife out of doors, with the temperature 42 below zero. About midnight a neighbor chanced to call and finding the door of the homestead locked, demanded admittance, which was refused by Coles, who threatened to shoot unless the intruder immediately left. Starting for home this visitor heard groans coming from the direction of the wagon box and investigating found Mrs. Coles with no more protection from the icy blasts than a thin linen night dress.

Quickly he carried her to his own home, but she was so badly frozen that there is no hope for her recovery. Mrs. Coles persistently refused to make a charge against her husband and so far no arrest has been made, but Coles is being kept under a close surveillance by the mounted police, who are prepared to effect an arrest when Mrs. Coles dies. Coles is an American, who came up from the south a year ago.

#### BRICK-MAKING PLANT WILL BE INSTALLED

#### Machinery Expected Shortly at Alberni—New Trail Built.

(Special Correspondence.) Alberni, Jan. 12.—D. Macmillan and a small party of men have been engaged for the last six weeks making a small trail along the right of way towards Alberni from the terminus of the present grading contract. They finished at Cowley's ranch in Cherry Creek district on New Year's day. The trail which is quite narrow, is intended to allow easy access over the right-of-way to intending contractors for the grading and also for surveyors or inspectors while the grading is in progress, evidencing an intention on the part of the big railway management to call for tenders for grading another section towards Alberni at an early date.

The annual meeting of the congregation of St. Andrew's church was held on the 4th inst. The reports showed a membership of forty with a considerable number of adherents. The total gross collections for all purposes aggregated \$1,056. Special credit was given to the Ladies' Aid Society, which raised in various ways during the year the sum of \$482.

The retiring members of the management board were Messrs. James Hills and C. A. Cox. The former was reappointed, the latter declining. The election, his place was taken by A. Norris. It was resolved to pledge the congregation to raise sufficient funds during the coming year to take place among the congregations on the augmentation list.

A new industry has been formed for Alberni in the near future, Messrs. A. W. More and A. D. Cooper of New Alberni having invested in the plant necessary to operate an up-to-date brick-making works. They expect the machinery to arrive shortly and hope to be able to cater to the demand by the time building operations commence in earnest in the spring.

A number of new residences and stores are being erected in New Alberni. The latest is built on the lots owned by T. Rowley and will shortly be opened as a general hardware store by Messrs. C. A. McNaughton and R. F. Blandy, the latter of whom has been prominent in the various identified with the business element as clerk for A. E. Waterhouse. The Alberni creamery has been closed down after operating for two years with a good measure of success.

#### WINNIPEG MAY ACQUIRE STREET RAILWAY

#### W. Mackenzie to Meet City Council and Discuss Proposed \$20,000,000 Deal.

(Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 13.—The city council decided this morning to consider the proposition of a Winnipeg Street Railway Company to sell out their interests here in the street railway and light and power plants, estimated as worth fifteen to twenty million dollars. President Wm. Mackenzie leaves Toronto on Saturday night to meet the city council to discuss the terms of selling out. Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann, the heads of the Canadian Northern railway, are the principal owners.

Steamer Rupert City had a fine trip north last week with a number of business men from Vancouver and a few from Victoria. She went direct to Prince Rupert. The leading business men of the northern city were entertained to luncheon and in the evening dancing was enjoyed in the dining saloon of the steamer. On the way back a call was made at Port Essington.

#### TONG FACTIONS SIGN NEW YEAR TRUCE

#### 'Frisco's Warring Organizations Seek Mutual Benefit From Holiday Trade.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 13.—Merchants in the Chinese quarter, who have long been at loggerheads, have their doors open today for the first time in several weeks. The two warring organizations, the Sue Don and the On Yiek had signed a truce which is to hold until February 10th, or 20 days after the Chinese New Year.

The war has paralyzed business and caused considerable loss to the merchants. They desire to take advantage of the holiday activity of trade. The Tong stipulate that they will not be responsible for any individual outbreak by their members, but state that they will not sanction any organized warfare.

Several Chinese have lost their lives during the war, which has raged in every town on the Pacific coast where the Tong were involved are represented. The origin of the dispute has never been brought out.

The total bank clearings for the city for the week ending Tuesday amounted to \$1,303,745.

#### MONTREAL'S LIGHT CRISIS.

Montreal, Que., Jan. 13.—The city council of the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Company have reached a temporary agreement regarding the lighting of the city, and the lights will not go out on the 15th, as was threatened by the company.

#### CHANGES COURT RULES IN NATURALIZATION CASES

#### Applications of Aliens Must Be Supported by Two British Subjects.

Vancouver, Jan. 12.—"The former practice has been a careless system and one that I shall not countenance. The act calls for evidence, and I must have that evidence filed with the registrar. This, in effect, is what His Honor Judge Grant says in a lengthy judgment which entitles to a change in the former practice. The Naturalization act gives the rights and capacities of British subjects to aliens.

His honor has ruled that hereafter these will not be granted until the notary public, or others entitled to make out the naturalization certificate and take oaths of residence and services, have filed with the registrar of the supreme court the evidence of two British subjects in support of the statements made by the intending applicant.

Heretofore his unsupported statements as to his residence of three years in the Dominion, and good character has been accepted by the notary public, who thereupon granted his certificate which the court was asked to sanction. But now the court, for the first time in the history of the province, calls for evidence in support of these statements without that it will not grant naturalization.

In England the act requires such evidence from four British subjects in support of the alien's testimony, and all under oath. But Judge Grant will be satisfied with such evidence from two, as is the practice in the United States, where without supporting evidence from two American citizens the alien cannot be naturalized.

There are many applications now pending before the court, but all will have at least two months in which to file in court the necessary corroboration of their statements, and all under oath. The bar generally supports this new interpretation of the clauses of the Naturalization act, while to those who recently offered objections the court says: "They furnished me with the flimsy excuse that the former practice has hitherto been accepted."

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### BALKAN PROBLEM IS STILL VITAL

#### RUSSIA'S VIEW OF TURKISH SETTLEMENT

#### Acceptance of Indemnity is Private Matter—Cannot Affect Powers.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 13.—The settlement between Austria-Hungary and Turkey, of the Bosnian and Herzegovinian question, is considered here as a reverse for Russian diplomacy. The press is irritated. The foreign office says that the accord is purely a private one and cannot be regarded as altering the Balkan problem, which is a European question, and can only be arranged through the assent of all powers.

#### MULAI MOHAMMED DEAD.

Brother of Morocco's Sultan Said to Have Been Poisoned.

London, Jan. 13.—A dispatch from Tangier to the Daily Telegraph says that news has been received here from Fez reporting the sudden death of Muli Mohammed, brother of the Sultan, and at one time pretender to the Moorish throne. There are rumors that Muli Mohammed was poisoned.

#### CONSERVING NIAGARA FALLS.

Ottawa, Jan. 13.—Under the terms of the draft treaty between Canada and the United States for the conservation of Niagara Falls, it is agreed that no more than 35,000 cubic feet of water per second shall be directed for power purposes from the Canadian side, and not more than 20,000 cubic feet from the American.

#### NOMINATIONS IN CITIES IN INTERIOR

#### Trail Elects Council by Acclamation—Many Candidates at Nelson.

Nelson, Jan. 12.—Municipal nominations yesterday were as follows: Mayor—Harold Selous and W. G. Gillet. Aldermen: Selous ticket—Edward Kerr, G. W. Hale and G. B. Matthews. West Ward: Aldermen D. C. McMorris, Geo. Steed and J. P. Kilby. East Ward: Gillet ticket—Alderman T. G. Proctor and J. A. Irving and M. R. McQuarrie. East Ward: J. E. Annable, W. S. DREW and W. H. Jones. West Ward: School trustees—W. Irvine, A. D. Emory and R. J. Steel were re-elected by acclamation.

#### GREENWOOD.

Mayor—H. Bunting and J. B. Desrosiers. Aldermen—North Ward, F. C. Buckles, A. P. H. Meyer, H. H. Archibald, J. Wilson; South Ward, S. P. Dixon, W. B. Fleming, T. W. Guley and S. M. Johnson. School trustee—J. S. Birnie, by acclamation.

#### TRAIL.

Mayor—George F. Weir. Aldermen—Francis M. Dockrill, Martin B. Dolan, Duncan Gills, Eric Harkness, Joseph F. Robillard and Arthur N. Skill. All elected by acclamation.

#### KASLO.

Mayor—F. E. Archer. Aldermen—P. H. Walsh, J. W. Power, O. E. Desmond, W. V. Papworth, D. P. Kane, M. P. McAndrew, Otto Augustine, F. H. Latham, J. W. Cockle.

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#### PHOENIX.

Mayor—D. J. Mathewson and G. M. Rumberger. Aldermen—West Ward, George W. Rogers, A. D. McKenzie, Colin Ross, James Marshall, Theodore Elmer and Julius Carson; East Ward, R. C. Carson, L. Y. Birno, P. H. Cosgrove, P. J. Cook, Danny Deane and A. J. Hillier.

#### MAY NOT APPEAL LABOR SENTENCES

#### President Gompers Points Out That Defence Fund is Not Available.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 13.—President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, is in favor of either making an appeal to labor and its friends for the necessary funds to be used in prosecuting an appeal from the recent decision of Judge Wright in the contempt case or of abandoning it altogether.

This decision was made known by Mr. Gompers in a comprehensive report which he read at the meeting here of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor, practically the entire day being given over to the consideration of that subject. In making the appeal President Gompers declared the Federation had practically exhausted all of its available funds, that the money in the defence fund is not available and that only one of the two courses mentioned was open to them.

Steamer Cyclops left Yokohama on the 9th, and is expected to arrive here on the 22nd inst.

#### TWO NANOOSE MYSTERIES.

#### White Man and Indian Disappear While Travelling Between Logging Camps.

Nanaimo, Jan. 13.—Another mystery is agitating the residents of this district. Sometime ago it will be remembered that an Indian disappeared while travelling between logging camps in the neighborhood of Nanoose Bay. Now comes the news that a white man named Johns has been missing under exactly similar circumstances since Tuesday last. The weather has been cold and the snow is thick in parts. There is no theory to account for the strange disappearances.

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### SCORES OF DEAD IN PIT HORROR

#### RECOVERING BODIES FROM W. VIRGINIA MINE

#### Awful Nature of Explosion Precludes Possibility of Any Survivors.

Bluefield, W. Va., Jan. 13.—Rescue crews worked incessantly all night at the Little Branch coal mine, the scene of yesterday's explosion, and at 10:30 o'clock to-day 26 bodies had been recovered. There is no change in the estimate of dead, the number ranging from 85 to 100.