

IMMENSE VALUE IN SILK GOODS

EMPRESS OF INDIA WEALTH OF ORIENT

Commercial Man Tells of Increasing Trade Prospects in China.

About a Thursday night the steamer Empress of India arrived from Hong Kong, Yokohama and other ports bringing seven saloon passengers and 240 steerage.

Prominent among the passengers was J. P. Montague, manager for the lumber department of the firm of Arnold & Karberg, of Tientsin and Pekin.

Mr. Montague reports business improving. The China Import & Export Lumber Co. is being formed at Tientsin, and the firm he represents are the shipping agents for this big syndicate.

Mr. Montague was in Pekin at the time of the assassination of the Emperor and the Empress Dowager, and following that event business was very slack for a long time.

Other passengers on the steamer were Mark Baggeally, a tea merchant; Rev. E. B. Madson, of Ohio, who has been engaged in missionary work in Japan at Sendai; S. Yamada and Wm. Thompson, bound through to England.

The Empress brought five hundred sacks of American coal, an immense quantity of overland going by C.P.R., and eleven sacks of local. After discharging this she left for Vancouver.

JEALOUS MINER'S CRIMES

Kills Three and Then Turns Revolver on Himself.

London, Ky., Dec. 24.—A triple murder and suicide occurred at Pittsburg, a mining village in the county, when William Murray, a miner, 35 years old, shot and killed Elbert Cole, Mrs. Murray, wife of the slayer; Mrs. Murray's mother, and then killed himself.

Murray's objections to the alleged attention of Cole toward Mrs. Murray are given as the motive.

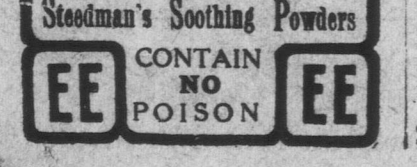
Murray entered a store where Cole was manager and opened fire, killing him almost instantly. He then went to his home and shot his mother-in-law as she was leaving the house, and then opened fire on his wife, who was returning from a neighbor's. His wife fell just outside the yard, and he pulled her inside for preservation of her life through her heart. Murray lived an hour after he shot himself. He refused to make any statement.

BY-ELECTION.

Halifax, Dec. 24.—The bye-election for the House of Commons for Lunenburg to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of A. K. Maclean, who became attorney-general of Nova Scotia, has resulted in the election of J. D. Sperry, Liberal, with a majority of 266 over Dr. C. S. Marshall.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Attempting to hop on the pilot of a freight train so that he could get to the bush and cut a Christmas tree, Percy Codrins, an 11-year-old boy, fell under the wheels yesterday and was instantly killed.



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APPOINTMENTS ARE GAZETTED

Deputy Registrars of County Court—School Districts—New Companies.

(From Friday's Daily.) The current issue of the British Columbia Gazette contains the appointments of the following appointments:

Deputy registrar of the county court for Nanaimo district—Nathaniel A. Morrison, Ladysmith.

Deputy registrar of the county court for Esquimalt district—Frederick Mummery, Trout Lake.

To be notaries public in and for the province—H. W. Wightman, J. A. Murray, A. W. Goodrich, W. H. MacInnes, H. T. Harries and Jason L. Walworth, Vancouver; John Lottel, North Vancouver.

The Prince Rupert Power & Light Company will ask for a private act at the coming session to confirm their incorporation and the powers they already possess.

The owners of some valuable dredging leases on Willow creek, or tributary of the Fraser, will apply for an act consolidating their leases. Wilson & Bloomfield are representing them.

A new assisted school district to be known as Oyama has been formed, with boundaries defined, and the bounds of Mirror Lake assisted school district are also defined.

A great many new companies have been granted letters of incorporation, as follows: B. C. Lumber Manufacturers' Agency, Ltd., Bitter Creek Mining Co., Ltd., Marmichael & Moorhead, Ltd., Decker Lake Land Co., Ltd., East & West Lumber Co., Ltd., Fraser River Sand & Gravel Co., Ltd., Graham Lumber and Land Improvement Co., Ltd., J. Z. Hall & Co., Ltd., Maple Leaf Lodge, K. P. Mushroom & Produce Co., Ltd., Port Alberni Syndicate, Ltd., Port Alberni Contracting Co., Ltd., Sidney Mfg. Co., Ltd., and United Service Club, Ltd. Licenses have been issued to these extra-provincial concerns: The British Canadian Securities, Ltd., Dodswell & Co., Ltd., Henry Denson & Sons, Ltd., and the Ogilvie Flour Mills Co.

The Gazette contains notice of Dominion orders-in-council, granting a reserve of lands surrounding Coquitlam, and the preservation of New Westminster's water supply and authorizing the Burrard Power Co. to build a dam at the lower end of Lillooet lake.

ALBERTA LAND SALES.

Over Twenty-Six Thousand Acres in Irrigation—Block Sold—Farmers Going From Washington.

Calgary, Dec. 24.—Two of the largest land sales of the year in the Canadian Pacific irrigation block, southern Alberta, have just been closed by the Canadian Pacific Irrigation & Colonization Company.

The first was a sale of 14,000 acres to a syndicate of farmers from the state of Washington, who intend first thing in the spring putting an extensive plant in the way of steam ploughs, at work breaking up large areas for wheat culture. They are very optimistic regarding the future of land values in the Bow River valley, and speak of a large movement of people from their state to this valley, which they confidently look for next year.

The second sale comprises an area of 12,000 acres south of Basano, in the central section of the irrigation block. The sale was made to George Lane, a well known stockman, who has been grazing some 12,000 cattle in that district, and finds it necessary, owing to the rapidly extending settlement, to acquire land to enable him to carry on his ranching and farming operations. Mr. Lane carried off all prizes at the Seattle exhibition with his Percheron horses.

—Robert E. Cravens, aged 18 years, of Seattle, who was married here recently, under license obtained from the sheriff in the usual way, to Florence Simpson, also of Seattle, has applied under writ of habeas corpus for the custody of his wife, from whom he was separated by the girl's parents directly they returned to Seattle. Appearing before Judge Mitchell Gilliam, Cravens said he was earning \$2.50 a day, and was well able to maintain a wife. The hearing was not completed.

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WILL ADD TO ROLLING STOCK

SIX CARS ORDERED FOR THE B. C. ELECTRIC

Are of Pay-as-You-Enter Type—Three Delivered in May.

Six large new, handsome double-track street cars are to be placed on the Victoria system of the B. C. Electric railway early next summer, according to an announcement this morning by A. T. Goward, the local manager, who has just returned from a conference with the heads of the company at Vancouver. Three of the cars will be delivered in May and the others later.

The cars will be of handsome type than those now in use on the local system. They will be constructed on the pay-as-you-enter principle, though it is improbable that this method of collecting fares will be adopted here for some time. It is the popularity of this class of cars in Montreal and other cities where they have been tried, the company thought it well to provide for the inauguration of that system when constructing them. The new cars will have windows which can be dropped during hot weather. In the large cars at present in use the windows have to be taken out entirely when warm weather sets in. This is a disadvantage, inasmuch as on chilly days the windows sit in a draft, and the passengers sit in a draft. On the new type the windows can be manipulated to suit all sorts of weather.

Mr. Goward says the car shops of the company are being worked to their fullest capacity in order to cope with the tremendous demand for new rolling stock, this demand coming from mainland points served by the company rather than from Victoria where development, though none the less sure, is slower.

The car-building programme decided upon at the recent conference at Vancouver will mean an expenditure of over half a million dollars. There will be 100 freight cars and more than that number of trams. The programme is outlined to be submitted at once to the London board and provided a favorable answer is received, as is expected, the work of construction will begin immediately, as well as the placing of orders for those cars to be secured from eastern firms.

EXCITING CHASE AFTER BURGLAR

Man Caught Hiding in Woodshed—Two Accidents at Duncan.

Duncan, Dec. 23.—Elias Castley, manager of the local telephone exchange, the victim of a serious accident on Tuesday. A pole about 20 feet high was being placed near the municipal fire station, and Mr. Castley was at the top when the guy ropes gave way and the pole fell, carrying him with it.

The previous day a Japanese met with a nasty accident and was sent yesterday to the Chemainus hospital. At a point about a mile south of Duncan the roadway crosses below the railway track. The Japanese was driving a load of wood under and failed to reckon on the small amount of head room. He leaned forward to get under the track, and his body was crushed between the timber and his wood.

On Tuesday evening Wm. Dobson, while passing Colvin's butcher shop, saw a man crawling along the floor and raise his hand to the cash register. Mr. Dobson gave the alarm and the townpeople took up the hunt across back lots and around houses. Finally Constable Morten found the fugitive in the wood.

The entertainment given to the pupils of "The Cliffe" school was most enjoyable. The play, "Our Toys," was very good. The musical part of the entertainment was followed by supper and a dance.

The remains of Carol Livingston were interred in St. Peter's churchyard, Quismichan, on Tuesday, by Rev. J. A. Leakey. Mr. Livingston was the son of the late Clermont Livingston. He leaves to mourn his loss two sisters, Mrs. Whitman and one sister in England, and one brother, Douglas Livingston, living in Mexico. The deceased was well known in Cowichan, having lived here all his life until the past few years, and his loss is keenly felt by his many friends.

RELATIVE APPEARS AFTER YEAR AND HALF

Harry Blake Claims to Be Brother of Man Washed From Schooner.

Over a year and a half ago two men were washed from the deck of the sealing schooner Thomas F. Bayard and an original inquiry was made, but without avail, and the small sums of money coming to them were handed over to the Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries to be placed in the consolidated fund.

Friday, however, the shipping master received a telegram from Harry Blake at Vancouver. This man claims to be a brother of the deceased Walter Blake, and wants information. This man is to be the nearest relative the sum of about \$35 will eventually be paid over to him.

WILLIAM KANE HAS NO FAITH IN POLICE

One Young Thief Goes to Jail and the Other to Reformatory.

(From Friday's Daily.) William Kane, with no belief in the police and three months in jail ahead of him, exploded another bomb in the police court this morning by accusing Detective Carlow of kicking and beating him up yesterday morning while taking him to the cells from the police court where his case had been remanded.

Kane was charged with vagrancy and remanded yesterday so that he could have an opportunity to obtain witnesses. This morning, he said, while on the way to the reformatory, he pulled Kane out of his head and made him bleed and had kicked him in the face. He produced his tie which was torn in three places and pointed to a damnable lie, inasmuch as the detective had pulled Kane out of his head and made him bleed and had kicked him in the face.

Detective Carlow said, in answer to the magistrate, that Kane, while on the way to the police photographer had refused to go, and made a break for liberty. He had taken hold of him and later had been compelled to bundle Kane up the steps as he refused to follow him to the photographer.

The chief of police said Detective Carlow had reported to him yesterday that Kane refused to have his photograph taken. Detective Carlow said he had a kick at him on the sidewalk and had a tussle with him. Kane was taken to the reformatory, complaining he had been unable to get out of jail to find them and couldn't trust the police to get them. He received three months.

The two youths, against whom were five charges, at the recent conference were dealt with. The younger lad, who was two years ago allowed out on suspended sentence for three convictions on theft charges, was sent this morning to the reformatory for two years. His father was in court and concurred that the magistrate's action was about the best thing for the lad.

The elder boy received a month's imprisonment, he being over sixteen years of age and not qualified for detention at the reformatory. When the charge of stealing \$11 from the store of D. C. Chungar was read, the younger lad said: "Excuse me, sir, it was only \$10.30." The magistrate, "I want you divided up." The lads both elected to be tried by the magistrate, and the mother of the elder boy thanked the magistrate for the leniency extended.

H. W. R. Moore, city prosecutor, at the opening of the court, extended the compliments of the Christmas season to the bench, and Magistrate Jay fittingly replied, saying the prisoners in the dock looked hopeful just for the moment.

DISCUSSED HOSPITAL IN SECRET SESSION

At the close of Thursday's meeting of the streets, sewers and bridges committee of the city council some of the aldermen were preparing to leave the room when they were stopped by Mayor Haggart, who said: "I want to see you all privately just as soon as the room is cleared." As there were no strangers present save the reporters, the latter took the hint and retired. The mayor made no report of the meeting is available.

It is ascertained, however, that the question which engaged the attention of the board at its secret meeting was the abolition hospital and its affairs. A number of the aldermen expressed themselves as favorable to asking for the resignations of both the matron and the medical health officer, in view of the inability of the two officials to work harmoniously, but that decision was not reached, in fact, no decision was made, though the matter was pretty thoroughly threshed out. It is believed that the question will receive further consideration at another meeting of the board to be held on Monday evening.

The claim of Mrs. Augur, who recently fell into a trench on Hillside avenue, sustaining injuries for \$250 compensation, was left over for further consideration.

CHRISTMAS TREE CELEBRATION AT SOOKE

Santa Claus Makes Little Ones Happy by Distributing Presents.

Sooke, Dec. 21.—The annual gathering for the Christmas tree celebration was held in Charter's hall, and was the 17th time, and was a most enjoyable affair. Mr. French directed the programme, which included recitations and an original reading by Mr. Bonycastle. The children were dressed by Santa Claus in an Aero plane in the Year 1928. Amusements followed, into which old and young entered with the utmost zest and glee. Santa Claus, in fitting costume, article and distributed the presents from the decorated tree to the unbounded delight of the juveniles and attendant tots. The children fittingly voiced their appreciation to Mr. French for his very efficient services as teacher. Refreshments were served, followed by dancing.

Mr. French, leaving on a well-earned holiday to his home in California. He is a member of R. F. Rucker's company.

UNION OFFERS OLIVE BRANCH

HANDS A "DIGNIFIED" SOLUTION TO LEAGUE

Vancouver Football Men Have Officially Refused to Affiliate.

The Victoria branch of the B.C.A.A.U. held a meeting at the Y.M.C.A. on Thursday to take action on soccer men whom the secretary had announced last Saturday night were suspended. The action taken was the passing of a resolution as follows:

"Resolved, that the B.C.A.A.U. suspend taking any action regarding the suspensions that were declared against the soccer players who played in last Saturday's match, and that the secretary call after a meeting to be held in Vancouver next month between the B.C.A.A.U. and the football association."

This carried, so as no action can be taken on the suspensions, the men are therefore suspended. The meaning of the resolution, however, was that all the soccer men could have the permission of the union to play in the league series without fear of trouble occurring.

Mr. O'Sullivan's contention was that the football men of the Mainland and the Vancouver branch of the B.C.A.A.U. had no right to discuss the question. The Vancouver District Association Football League, however, met Wednesday night at Vancouver, and the following on Thursday's News-Advertiser is the result:

"The Vancouver District Football Association has definitely turned down the B.C.A.A.U. Last night, after considerable discussion, the tenor of which was unanimously along the line that the association need not pay any attention whatever at the present time to the dictates of the union, a resolution was passed instructing the secretary to write to the latter body to the effect that all players in the association and affiliated bodies are amateurs in the true sense of the word, and we do not see that there is any necessity for present affiliation with the B.C.A.A.U."

In the face of this there does not appear to be any possibility of peace between the parties in Vancouver.

There are seventeen organizations affiliated with the Victoria branch of the B.C.A.A.U., and but six of these were represented at last night's meeting at the Y.M.C.A. The meeting soon resolved itself into a discussion between the secretary and president on one side and the representatives who were there appearing for soccer clubs on the other side. D. S. Tait took up the gauntlet and told the B.C.A.A.U. officials that the way they conducted or proposed to conduct, the sports of the city was immoral, unbusiness-like and irregular. If the same tactics were used in business he said the business would get a bad name, in fact he said there are laws to provide for the handling of men who conducted their business in the manner the B.C.A.A.U. is conducting sporting affairs. Victoria said Mr. Tait, who was being used as a stick to whip Nanaimo and Ladysmith into line and force them to go into the union. He held the soccer clubs were affiliated with their own ruling bodies, and if the B.C.A.A.U. wanted them it would have to get the parent organization affiliated, when the affiliation of its affiliated bodies would necessarily follow. After the amateur definition had been discussed and the question "Why should Frank Baylis be forbidden to play across next summer?" as he is, under the B.C.A.A.U. ruling, because he has become a professional runner, the secretary put the motion which ended the meeting. He thought the motion could be put without the union taking back water, that it would be a dignified way to settle the matter for the present. The resolution was carried, with audible smiles for the soccer men present were aware, before they went to the meeting, that the B.C.A.A.U. officials intended taking such action, as the word had gone round yesterday morning "that the men would be allowed to play without interference."

The basketball protest, which concerns the five I.B.A. players, it was announced, would not fall through. The meeting then disbanded.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

The Sand Heads Lightship, having been dragged into a dangerous position by tug with a boom of logs will be temporarily withdrawn, pending re-mooring in its proper place.

CALGARY'S NEW PAPER.

Calgary, Dec. 24.—A fourth daily paper is promised for Calgary, and it is expected that the first issue will appear on March 1st. Sums ranging from \$35,000 to \$50,000 are mentioned as being subscribed for the purpose of installing plant, etc.

The corporate name of the congregation of what was formerly known as the Calgary Baptist church has been altered by order-in-council to First Baptist church of Victoria.

PHOENIX MINES RECORD

MONTH FOR MINES

Phoenix, Dec. 23.—The shipments of Granby mines for the month of November made a new record, totalling 112,783 tons, and there are good indications for this month exceeding the November tonnage. The only month which approached this tonnage was March, 1908, when about 110,000 tons were shipped.

Granby's total shipments for the year have now passed the million mark and before the year closes will exceed the record output of 1908.

The ore receipts at the smelter for the month of November amounted to 115,261 tons, 112,783 tons from Phoenix and 2,498 tons from foreign properties, as follows: Snowstorm, Idaho, 1,261 tons; Belcher, Republic, 568 tons; Bon Hur, Republic, 322 tons; Lone Pine, Republic, 23 tons; Arlington, Slocan, 64 tons.

MAYORALTY CANDIDATES.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Mayorality candidates nominated yesterday were: H. C. Focken, journalist; G. R. Geary, C. E. Focken, accountant; R. B. Noble, Thomas Davies, gentlemen, and J. M. Briggs, broker.

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AMBS-HOLDEN BLOCK SOLD

ALEXANDER McDERMOTT BUYS BUSINESS PROPERTY

Other Deals of Interest for Various Sections of the City.

The fact that the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company will commence the work of erecting their docks at the foot of Courtney street almost immediately, has had the effect of stimulating an interest in property values in that vicinity, and there have been a number of deals in consequence. The latest sale of note in that section of the city involves the transfer of the Ames-Holden block, situated at the corner of Langley and Broughton streets, from Miss Musgrave, to a syndicate represented by Alex. McDermott. The consideration is said to have been in the neighborhood of \$40,000.

The Ames-Holden block, which was erected about twelve years ago, is three stories in height, and a fine commodious building with but small alteration, could be made into modern business premises. It lies closely adjacent to the heart of the business centre of the city, and is in every way a desirable property. It has rapidly increased in value during the past couple of years, when W. L. Challoner purchased it for about \$15,000. Since then it changed hands at \$22,000 and again at \$27,000, and now at close to \$40,000 it is said.

Another real estate deal of more than ordinary interest is the transfer to new owners of the Todd warehouse block and what on Wharf street. The property is one of the most desirable in the wholesale district. The names of the purchasers are not made known. The price is said to have been about \$38,000.

Mrs. Carne is reported to have sold the Angel hotel property on Langley street to a local syndicate, H. Ross and associates, the Colonel's hotel on Johnson street to outside capitalists.

D. W. Hanbury's handsome residence on Rockwood avenue has been sold to an English syndicate through the agency of P. R. Brown & Co.

Stephen Georgan, the Turkish priest who was deported from Victoria after being held for some time by the police, is serving a sentence in jail in Turkey for impersonating a priest. After his deportation considerable correspondence passed between Turkey and Canada and the United States of America, the copies of which have been sent to Dr. Fennell, local immigration officer, Georgan here was exposed leading E. David Acres, of the post office, who laid a charge against him.

To accord with the Christmas season, the programme last Tuesday evening of the Men's Own Club of the First Congregational church was of a Christmas character, and consisted of a series of readings from Dickens' famous "The Christmas Carol." The power of Dickens to inspire his readers with the thought of how to spend Christmas and how to help others, while having a good time themselves, was fully brought out, and one and all of those present went away with the idea of spending as far as possible a real good old-fashioned Christmas, such as Dickens tells about. Mr. Finlay was in the chair.

POST 1268 NEAR YOUR TELEPHONE

New Number for Fire Alarm Calls Only Has Been Installed.

Any person wishing a hurry fire alarm call by telephone can get the quickest attention by ringing up 1268, which will put them in direct communication with the fire station immediately. Fire Chief Thomas Davis said on Friday a new telephone had been installed at the station for the express use of people wanting to send in alarms of fire. The department's business telephone is 538, while the chief's office is 472. These phones, however, are often in use, but 1268 will be used only for sending in fire alarms, and callers will never be compelled to wait except when there is another fire alarm being sent in at the same time. The chief advises that all telephone users should have the number 1268 posted by their phones.

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Granby Shipments Greatly Increased—Year's Figures Nearly Million.

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