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FATALITIES IN EASTERN CANADA

ENGINEER AND FIREMAN SCALDED TO DEATH

Mayor Urquhart Returned by Acclamation for Toronto—Bonus for Railway Employees.

Montreal, Dec. 24.—The directors of the Dominion Cotton Company at a meeting held yesterday discussed a cut of ten per cent. in the wages of employees. It was finally decided not to make it at least for the present, as in the Montreal mills the employees were on short time during a portion of the summer months owing to loss of power, and their earnings were consequently not as large as usual. At the present time they are only working something like eight hours per day. It was recognized that a cut will have to be made eventually. On account of the high price of cotton economy in the production has been made imperative.

C. P. R. Officials.

It is said that W. Leonard, who has been assistant to the general manager of the Canadian Pacific lines in the West, is likely to be assigned to other duties in consequence of the appointment of Wm. Whyte as second vice-president and assistant to the president at Winnipeg. Mr. McNicholl declines to say any more than was contained in the official circular that the idea of the arrangement was to relieve Mr. McNicoll of some of his heavy burdens.

Farmer Took Paris Green.

Quebec, Dec. 24.—A furrier named Lapointe committed suicide by taking paris green this morning.

Toronto's Mayor.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Mayor Urquhart was declared elected by acclamation, the papers by Mr. Howland having been filed too late.

For Centre York.

Conservative convention in the new riding of Centre York to contest it against Archibald Campbell.

Another Candidate.

Auburn, Ont., Dec. 24.—The Huron Conservatives have nominated Mayor Lewis, of Goderich, as a candidate for the House of Commons at the next general election.

Crushed to Death.

Hamilton, Dec. 24.—Samuel Stevenson, night foreman of the Hamilton Iron & Steel Company, a native of Youngstown, O., arriving only come to Hamilton from that city three days ago, was crushed to death by the roll yesterday.

Fatally Scalded.

Barrie, Ont., Dec. 24.—John Glassford, engineer, and James Patton, fireman, are dead as the result of a terrible scalding received from escaping steam from their engine, which had been turned over on them at Colwell by a snow plough running off the track and pulling the engine with it.

Partially Eaten by Pigs.

Brantford, Dec. 24.—The body of an Indian named Carpenter has been found five miles from London badly eaten by pigs. Carpenter had been to Brantford to dispose of pigs and failing to make a sale was on the way home when the rig is supposed to have upset and pinned him beneath.

Perished While Alone.

Chatham, Dec. 24.—Mrs. John Jacques, of Fargo, about seven miles from here was burned to death while alone in the house. It is supposed she fell with a lamp in her hand, which set fire to her clothing.

Winnipeg's Police Magistrate.

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—Hon. T. M. Daly, K. C., formerly Dominion minister of the interior, has been appointed police magistrate for Winnipeg, succeeding C. W. Baker, who has been dismissed.

Suicide in Asylum.

T. J. Trescott committed suicide by hanging to-day in the asylum for insane at Selkirk. He was married man and formerly resided in Winnipeg.

Christmas Gift.

The Winnipeg Electric Street Railway Company to-day presented all its employees with a five per cent. bonus on the moneys received by each employee during the year.

Fire During Wedding Party.

At a wedding party last night at M. McKay's, nine miles north of Brandon, dancing caused a lamp to fall off a piano and explode, setting fire to the room, which was completely burned, including the piano and three violins. The damage was about $400. One man was slightly burned about the hands and face.

Clearings.

Winnipeg clearing house returns for the week ending December 24th, 1903, were $5,839,721; corresponding week, 1902, $3,907,107; corresponding week, 1901, $3,425,474.

EXTRADITION GRANTED.

City of Mexico, Dec. 26.—President Diaz, acting upon the request of the American ambassador, and upon hearing the evidence submitted in the case, has conceded to the United States authorities the extradition of Charles Kratz, a former member of the St. Louis city council, wanted in that city on a charge of bribery in connection with street car franchise legislation.

FAR EASTERN CRISIS.

Great Britain Able to Exert Strong Influence For Peace.

London, Dec. 24.—A dispatch to Reuter's Telegraph Company from Tokio says Premier Katsura and War Minister Terauchi visited the Marquis Ito, president of the Privy Council, and the Marquis Yamagata, chief of the council of field marshals, at their villas, two hours' distant by rail from Tokio, this evening. The Japanese press is urging the immediate dispatch of troops to Korea, where, it is asserted, Japanese interests are menaced by Russian military pressure in the north, and Russian intrigues at Seoul. The impression is growing in the best informed circles that the adoption of such a policy is now inevitable.

Concerning the supposition that Great Britain, as a last resort, might threaten to forcibly interfere, the United States naval attache, Capt. Chas. H. Stockton, pointed out to a press representative today that Great Britain's extraordinary developed naval mobilization at the present moment was a great factor towards peace. "The Mediterranean fleet," said Capt. Stockton, "hovering toward Japan, is powerful. It is around Suez, half way. The British fleet now in the Far East could be quickly reinforced by part or possibly even the whole of the Mediterranean fleet, whose duties would then be taken up by the Channel squadron leaving the home squadron in British waters. Great Britain never had so many ships in commission or men afloat as she has to-day." The United States military attache, Major John H. Beacon, further pointed out that if Great Britain insisted on peace, she has "behind any such demand more men of campaigning age who have been under fire than any nation on earth, a military advantage which doubtless is not overlooked by any European power."

Troops and Ships Ready.

London, Dec. 25.—The Nagasaki correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says that the Japanese railways have been ordered to be prepared to transport seventy thousand troops from the north to the south. It is understood that only those troops which are inured to cold climates would be chosen. The correspondent says there are now forty warships in the southern waters of Japan, the majority being fully coaled and ready for any emergency. These warships are continually moving about for practice. Officials everywhere, according to the correspondent, are ready to summon the reserves at a moment's notice.

The drafting of Japanese troops to Korea continues. They go in small numbers on various pretexts, but nevertheless a fairly large force is now there.

NELSON NEWS NOTES.

Arrivals From Poplar Tell of Progress in the New Camp—Fire at Smelter.

L. P. Osgood, jr., D. A. Murdock, N. S. Sherrard, J. A. Whitehead and J. P. Morton, of Poplar, paid a visit to Nelson the other day. They all say that further work on the new discoveries on the Swede group is showing up some splendid ore. In two hours' work on Saturday one man took out $900 worth of ore. Several new business buildings are in course of erection at Poplar, and the recent discoveries have caused a number of miners who had intended going out for the winter to continue work on their claims.

A fire occurred on Wednesday in the Hall mines smelter, originating from an overheated stove in the drying shed. The fire spread to the bunking house and an empty ore car, but was stopped there. The damage done amounted to $1,800, and is fully covered by insurance. It will not interfere with treating ores.

A dispatch to the News from Ymir says: "The report of the sale of the Dundee mine here is confirmed. A syndicate headed by A. E. Rand, of New Westminster, has taken over the property from the Royal Bank of Canada, which institution, since the foreclosure of its mortgage in September last, has been in sole possession of the property. The sum of $5,000 has already been paid over to bind the deal, and the balance will shortly be put up. Until the snow is off the ground next spring, however, it is impossible to commence the projected scheme of development by means of a tunnel, as no site for the commencement of such work has ever been surveyed or planned. In the meantime, however, the shaft is to be pumped out and retimbered completely. The Dundee mine was the first property to be opened on a large scale in the Ymir camp, and it has a firm reputation amongst the old-timers here of being worthy a prominent place in the front rank of productive mines, when worked under competent hands."

VICTIMS OF DISASTER.

Sixty-Four People Killed and Nine Injured—Investigation Opened.

Connellsville, Dec. 24.—The summing up of the results of last night's wreck of the Duquesne Limited, on the Baltimore & Ohio, eight miles west of here, shows a total of 64 persons dead and 9 injured. Nine bodies are still unidentified.

The jury is now taking evidence as to the cause of the disaster. It has been learned that the car that dropped the timbers which wrecked the Limited was gondola No. 3,087, of the Nickelplate road. It was loaded with huge ties three days ago at Friendship, Md., and billed for Newcastle, Pa.

Supt. J. F. Irwin, of the Baltimore & Ohio, declared the blame must be fastened on the parties loading the timbers on the car. His theory is that the stakes at the sides of the gondola were weak and gave way under the tension of the car when it rounded the curve. Supt. Irwin has addressed inquiries to the starting point and the destination of the car, and will make a thorough investigation.

TWO PEOPLE KILLED.

Cincinnati, Dec. 26.—Two persons were killed and six injured in a rear end collision at Williamstown, Ky., on the Cincinnati Southern to-day. A wrecking train that was coming from Mason was met by a relief train. The relief car and two cars on the wrecking train were wrecked.

JAP MURDERED IN TERMINAL CITY

BODY WAS FOUND ON THE RAILWAY TRACK

Had Been Stabbed in Several Places—Was a Ticket-of-Leave Man.

Vancouver, Dec. 26.—M. Kawazau, a Japanese ticket-of-leave man, was found murdered yesterday, lying on the C.P.R. tracks within a block of Chinatown. He had been stabbed several times with a long knife, one wound being through the right lung. The man had a fifty cent piece still clutched in his fingers, and in his pockets were six dollars more of silver.

It is believed he became embroiled in a row in an adjacent Japanese gambling resort, and was either followed and killed at the spot where found, or the body was carried there and laid on the railway track.

The victim was a ticket-of-leave man, having been sentenced at Nanaimo on February 21st, 1901, for assault, with intent to murder, on a fellow countrymen. He was allowed out in February this year on good conduct.

Tracing the Murderer.

Later.—By noon the police had traced the case and the arrest of the alleged murderer, and material witnesses will be made this afternoon. The trouble started in a gambling house row. Deceased entered the house early in the evening with $25 and lost at playing black jack. About midnight he had a row with another Jap, who chased him out of the room. A third man followed and claims to have seen a small man with an uplifted knife attacking the murdered man. The police have the name of the alleged murderer, who is supposed to be in hiding.

THE DREYFUS CASE.

Revision Recommended and Court of Appeal Will Assemble Next Month.

Paris, Dec. 24.—The Dreyfus Commission to-day unanimously recommended a revision of the case by the Criminal Branch of the Court of Cassation. The court will assemble next month to hear the case.

The former captain, as a result of this new trial, expects to obtain a full and complete vindication, followed by restoration to his rank in the army. He will have full opportunity to make an exposition of the wrongs he has suffered.

There was absolute unanimity among the members of the commission. One member asserted that, upon the facts presented, as the result of the investigation made by Captain Targe, an officer on the staff of War Minister Andre, another revision of the case was made possible.

The submission of the question of a revision to a commission, is considered in France as a tactful move on the part of the government to obtain judicial support for its favorable attitude towards Dreyfus.

Immediately upon the receipt of the report of the commission, the government will transmit all the documents in the case to the Procureur-General of the Court of Cassation.

The Criminal Branch of the Court of Cassation is composed of sixteen members, presided over by M. Loew, who has participated in many of the most prominent trials of recent years. Many people are in doubt as to whether this court can definitely decide the question of Dreyfus's restoration to the army, but a prominent official said to-night that he expected the decision of the court would be accepted as final.

Dreyfus did not desire a civil trial, being anxious to again go before a court-martial. His counsel will again demand a military judgment of the case.

GRUESOME FIND.

Head of an Unknown Man Found in Woman's Trunk.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 25.—The arrest of Miguel Antonio and Trinidad Figuero at Bakersfield on the charge of murdering Lee Gar, a Chinese, at Needles last Sunday, may develop other tragedies. In the woman's trunk has been found the head of an unknown man. The woman, who is a Mexican, and Antonio, her companion in flight, a Cuban, are now in the county jail.

Lee Gar, the murdered Chinaman, was collector for a laundry, and went to the house in response to a summons. The officers found his body with his throat cut with a razor, which was subsequently found, together with blood soaked matting from the floor. When the woman's trunk was opened the head of a man, which had been severed from the body and wrapped in the woman's clothing, was found.

Owing to the decomposed condition of the head, it is doubtful if identification is possible. The woman claimed to have bought the head from an Indian at the Needles.

NAVAL MILITIA.

Bill Will Be Introduced Providing for Force Under Marine Department.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—Sir Frederick Borden, who has just returned from England, says that a bill for a naval militia, to be placed under the marine department, will be introduced next session. While in England he made arrangements for an exchange of militia officers with the war office. The report that Canada would send a regiment to India is not correct.

SNOWSTORM IN EAST.

Heavy Fall in New York—Ferry Boats Had Difficulty in Making Piers.

New York, Dec. 26.—A heavy fall of snow, accompanied by a high wind, began early to-day. So thick were the snowflakes during the morning that darkness, almost like that of night, prevailed in the down town streets for nearly an hour. During this period many ferry boats went astray, their captains having lost their bearings, and the harbor resounded with the whistles of tugs and other steam craft that had become enveloped in the darkness and blinding snow. Several liners on their way from quarantine to their piers had to lay to until the darkness lifted. The snow, wet and heavy at first, melted as fast as it fell, but later the temperature fell and the storm took on the resemblance of a blizzard. Before noon the storm lessened considerable in severity, although the snow continued to fall.

A heavy snowstorm accompanied at many places by a high wind prevailed throughout the state.

Cold Snap.

Lafayette, Ind., Dec. 26.—From 35 degrees above at yesterday noon, the temperature dropped to-day to eight degrees below zero, the coldest in two years. The Wabash river is frozen over, and much damage has resulted from the high winds.

Poor Seek Coal.

Lacrosse, Wis., Dec. 26.—A drop in temperature of 30 degrees in 24 hours occurred here, and to-day the government thermometer registered 15 degrees below zero. A penetrating northwest wind made it the most disagreeable of the winter, and charitable organizations were besieged by pleas for fuel for the poor.

Trains Are Late.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—The crest of a cold wave, eastbound, reached Chicago today. The minimum temperature here was 8 below zero. The trains, as a result of the cold, were generally unable to maintain schedule time.

FIGHT WITH DERVISHES.

Surprised By British Force, They Lost Eighty Killed and One Hundred Wounded.

London, Dec. 24.—The war office today received a dispatch from Major-General Charles Egerton, dated Kerrit, Somaliland, December 21st, saying that 700 British and native troops had surprised 2,000 Dervishes at Jidballi, 38 miles east of Babwet. The engagement lasted three hours. The Dervishes' casualties were 80 killed and 100 wounded. The British loss was two killed and four wounded and one missing.

Major Joly de Lotbiniere, son of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, is serving with the Somaliland expedition.

BOUNDARY SHIPMENTS.

There Was a Slight Falling Off During the Past Month.

Phoenix, Dec. 26.—Christmas week has made a falling off in the ore shipments from the Boundary mines, the total being somewhat less than last week. The several shipping mines sent out as follows: Granby mine, to Granby smelter, 12,506 tons; Mother Lode mine, to Greenwood smelter, 1,856 tons; Emma mine, to various smelters, 750 tons; Oro Denoro, to Greenwood and Granby smelters, 428 tons; Senator, to Granby smelter, 99 tons; Athelstan, Jack Pot, to Granby smelter, 300 tons. Total for the week, 15,933 tons; total for the year to date 609,594 tons.

CHINAMAN KILLED.

Crushed to Death By Wheels of Cars in New Slope at Cumberland.

Nanaimo, Dec. 26.—An accident with fatal results occurred in the new slope at Cumberland on Thursday. A truck heavily loaded with coal was being drawn from the mine when the cable parted. The load immediately started back with terrible force, striking a Chinaman named Wong Gong, who was crushed to death under the wheels. The cars jumped the track going around a curve and was broken up.

NANAIMO PIONEER DEAD.

Joseph Ganner, Who Was Alderman for Ten Years Passed Away This Morning.

Nanaimo, Dec. 26.—The death occurred this morning of Jos. Ganner, a pioneer of this city, who arrived at Nanaimo 52 years ago on the Princess Royal. Deceased had been in poor health for some years. Mr. Ganner was actively engaged in mining in Cariboo during the gold excitement and later settled at Nanaimo, where he was a member of the aldermanic board for 10 years. He was also a charter member of Black Diamond lodge, I. O. O. F. Deceased leave a widow and seven children: Mrs. McKim, Mrs. W. R. Brown, Mrs. J. Lewis and W. H. Ganner, who reside at Vancouver; Mrs. A. McKenzie and Miss Jessie Ganner, of Nanaimo; and Christopher Ganner, of Cumberland. Deceased was 62 years of age.

BUSINESS BLOCK BURNED.

Fire Followed an Explosion of Gas—Loss Over One Hundred Thousand Dollars.

Marietta, O., Dec. 26.—The finest business block in Marietta, that of the East National Bank, was to-day destroyed by fire, which started from a gas explosion. It was occupied by the bank, the office of the Standard Oil Company, Dawes's Lumberber Company, Sarber Oil Company and others. The loss is $115,000.

BAKERS ON STRIKE.

Military Bread Makers Will Take Their Places in Case of Any Shortage.

Paris, Dec. 26.—A band of 50 striking bakers seized a co-operative bakery during the night. There were several minor strike demonstrations. The minister for war has ordered the military bread makers to be in readiness to take the places of strikers in case of a shortage in the public bread supply.

NEGOTIATING FOR ADDITIONAL SHIPS

JAPAN IS ANXIOUS TO INCREASE FLEET

Strong Force of Soldiers Will Maintain Order in Korea—The Reply to Russia.

London, Dec. 26.—Japan is negotiating for the purchase of two Chilian warships, the armored cruiser Esmeralda and another, probably the battleship Captain Pratt, which are for sale. It is now only a matter of price. Negotiations with other South American governments for the purchase of warships are also in progress.

Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister to Great Britain, said to a representative of the Associated Press to-day relative to these negotiations:

"We want more ships. Of course, this is only a precautionary measure, and it may be a lot of expense all for nothing. I have no indication of the nature of the Russian reply. Personally I scarcely expect it will be delivered for some little time.

"There is no truth whatever in the report that Japan's last note stipulated a time limit."

Asked anent the dispatch from Berlin of December 24th, saying the British government reported to the Czar that Great Britain "deemed Japan's demand just, and earnestly expected that Russia would grant them," Baron Hayashi, while he was not aware of the precise action taken by Great Britain and St. Petersburg, said: "The British government is well aware that Japan will be obliged to go to war unless Russia modifies the position she has taken in her last note."

At the foreign office here nothing is yet known of the probable nature of the Russian reply.

Troops For Korea.

Paris, Dec. 26.—It was learned in authoritative quarters to-day that Japan is about to send a large military force to Korea for the purpose of restoring and maintaining order at the disturbed ports. The departure of this force is imminent. It will probably consist of a division of 15,000 men. Japan has been assured that Russia will not regard this sending of troops to Korea to be an unfriendly act or a casus belli.

It is anticipated that the departure of the troops will revive the war rumors, which, however, it is pointed out in authoritative quarters, will be unjustified, in view of Russia's acquiescence.

During the recent exchanges of communications between Russia and Japan the former fully recognized the need of the presence of a strong military authority in Korea, and conceded that Japan was in the best position to promptly send troops to the disturbed points. The sending of the troops, nevertheless, is construed as having an important bearing on the pending negotiations as it will be the first conspicuous evidence of Japan's actual exercise of a paramount authority over Korea.

It is further said in the same quarters that the preparations for this expedition were the cause of the recent great activity at the Japanese arsenals and dock yards, which, it is asserted, has been erroneously ascribed to preparations against Russia.

Information has also been received here that Foreign Minister Lamsdorff has personally received Japan's reply, and that in view of its terms he is said to have expressed a surprise at the reports of Japan's belligerent attitude. This, it is added, is regarded as clearly showing the amicable spirit in which the negotiations are proceeding.

Pressure on China.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The situation in the East has caused the officials of the American state department to renew their efforts to secure for the United States from China and Korea the trade advantages embodied in the Chinese commercial treaty and in Minister Allen's demands on the Korean government before the crisis becomes more acute. It is realized that should hostilities break out between Russia and Japan, the resulting peace treaty probably would leave the United States and other neutral nations entirely outside of the pale of advantage in Korea and Manchuria, no matter which way the tide of victory turned. Therefore the American state department is bringing pressure to bear upon the Chinese court to insure the speedy ratification of the trade treaty.

To Protect Americans.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Rear-Admiral Sterling, temporarily in command of the Asiatic station, cables to the navy department announcing the departure of the gunboat Vicksburg to-day from Shanghai for Chemulpo, Korea, where she has been ordered at the instance of Mr. Allen, the American minister at Seoul. The local riots at Chemulpo recently endangered American life and property, and the dispatch of a warship was thought necessary.

SUICIDE IN SEATTLE.

Member of Commission Company Shot Himself Through the Head.

Seattle, Dec. 25.—George R. Grace, senior member of the Grace-Weisl Commission Company, of 806 Western avenue, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head in his room at 1605 Eighth avenue at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. He was in financial difficulties and had been threatening to kill himself. A short time ago he attempted to poison himself while in a fit of despondency.

Grace's divorced wife is in Mexico, and a letter found in his room this morning is addressed to her. It was written just before the fatal shot was fired.

CANADIAN NOTES.

Ex-Judge Masson Dead—Planing Mill Burned—Atlantic Liner's Rough Passage.

Toronto, Dec. 26.—Ex-Judge Masson, and a former M. P., for one of the Huron seats, is dead, aged 57. He had been ill during the last two or three years, retiring from the bench on sick account.

Out Twenty-Three Days.

Halifax, Dec. 26.—After a terrible passage of 23 days from London, the Furness liner Florence has arrived in port. She encountered terrific gales and ran 200 miles out of the course, but sustained no damage.

Hamilton Fire.

Hamilton, Dec. 26.—Atchison's planing mill here was destroyed by fire last night. The intense cold made the work of the firemen very difficult. The loss is placed at $20,000.

THE FAIR ESTATE.

Brother of Late Mrs. C. Fair Is Not Considering Any Proposal Regarding Settlement.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 26.—A special to the Republican from Boulder, Colo., says:

"William S. Smith, of Newmarket, N. J., brother of the late Mrs. Chas. Fair, has just arrived in this city to visit his brother, Chas. J. Smith. When asked if it were true that he came here for the purpose of considering with his brother any proposition to compromise by accepting $125,000 each in settlement of their claim to the Fair estate, he answered in the negative and said that he had come merely to visit his brother for a few days."

ANARCHY IN SAN DOMINGO.

Whole Country Stirred by Revolution—No Travel Between Ports.

New York, Dec. 26.—The Clyde line steamer New York arrived to-day from San Domingo, having been subjected to considerable delay in loading and discharging cargo at ports of the revolution swept island. Cabin passengers on board said that the whole country was in a turmoil of riot, anarchy and revolution within revolution. Communication between ports, they said, was suspended, and all telegraph wires were down.

SULTAN'S BAN ON SOAP.

Use of All Toilet Articles Containing Lard Is Forbidden.

The Sultan of Turkey recently instituted a reform which was not prompted by the Austro-Russian scheme. It carried dismay to the hearts of the beauty experts of Constantinople. Abdul Hamid, on learning that a great majority of cosmetics and pomades were mixed with pork and lard, immediately put the royal prohibition upon the sale of such impurity, and invoked the command of the Koran, bidding the faithful to abjure all things appertaining to the pig. The manufacturers of soap and other toilet articles were notified that only such as were exempt from all suspicion would be acceptable.

Small merchants trading with other countries are buying up all the existing stocks in Turkey at cheap prices.

BRIGANDS AT GENDARMES.

Notorious Criminals in the Employ of Turkish Government.

As illustrating the necessity for the reorganization of the Turkish gendarmerie in Macedonia the Politische Correspondenz, Vienna, states that in certain parts of the three vilayets, over 30 per cent. of the officers and men of the constabulary are former brigands or criminals. The notorious robber chief Karadscho, who for six years operated in the Sanjak of Serfidsche, in the vilayet of Monastir, was recently pardoned, says the paper, and given a post in the gendarmerie. Another recruit to the Turkish service is the Macedonian leader, Lieut. Stoikoff, who took a prominent part in the recent revolution. He has been appointed a lieutenant of gendarmerie.

HEARTLESS MAN!

Pretty Girl—"I wish 25 cents' worth of rat poison."

Drug Clerk—"Should I send it home?"

Pretty Girl—"No; I'll take it."

Drug Clerk—"Well, I don't object, if you'll give me 5 cents extra to telephone for the undertaker.

UNINVITED GUESTS.

Burglars Helped Themselves to Christmas Dinner and Stole Cash and Jewellery.

Vancouver, Dec. 26.—The residence of C. Inkster, Eveleigh street, was entered last night by burglars while the family was out at dinner. The thieves got $200 in cash and several hundred dollars' worth of jewellery. They recooked the remnants of a Christmas dinner and had a big spread. They ransacked the house, smashed the doors and threw the furniture around. They must have been in the house more than an hour.

PARK FOR NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 26.—The announcement is made to-day of the purpose of James Gordon Bennett to lay out and adorn a large park to be dedicated to the public use and pleasure in memory of his father, the founder of the Herald. It will lie between the Boulevarde, Lafayette and Broadway.

THREE MEN DROWNED.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 26.—The dredge Geo Poe sank in the harbor to-day, and three men were drowned. Twelve others were rescued.

ALL ENJOYED A CHRISTMAS DINNER

THE DAY FITTINGLY OBSERVED IN CITY

Inmates of Hospitals, Homes and Other Institutions Provided for in Fitting Way.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

In a fitting manner Christmas was observed in most of the city churches yesterday forenoon. Music appropriate to the occasion was rendered. The churches were decorated in most cases with distinctly Christmas embellishments.

The inmates of the Jubilee hospital were not allowed to forget the occasion. The staff, board of management, auxiliary societies and friends of the institution took pains to see that the patients joined in the festival of Christmastide. In the morning at 6.30 the staff and the nurses gathered together and sang carols, passing from ward to ward. Alex. Wilson, representing the board of management, was present in the forenoon. At 12 o'clock at noon a real Christmas dinner was served, with all that that implies.

Again in the afternoon the staff, nurses and visitors, including the president of the board, R. S. Day, gathered together in the central corridor and sang carols. The music could easily be enjoyed in all the wards.

In every ward Christmas trees were intended of a lavish display of gifts provided by the Ladies' Aid and the Daughters of Pity. The presentation of these remembrances was made by Dr. and Mrs. Hasell.

At the Old Men's Home the day was likewise honored. A distinctly Christmas dinner was served, with turkey, plum pudding, and other accompaniments.

At the Home for the Aged and Infirm Women there was likewise a substantial Christmas dinner served, and everything was done to give the home a distinct holiday appearance.

At the Protestant Orphans' Home Christmas was enjoyed to the fullest extent. The place had been decorated for the occasion in the most fitting manner. Christmas eve saw the children hung up their stockings and Santa Claus forgot none of them. Well filled stockings yesterday morning afforded the means for a genuine day's enjoyment. Friends of the institution were not forgetful of the occasion and donated a great many toys for the children. On Tuesday night a Christmas tree entertainment will be given at the home and presents distributed among the inmates. Yesterday's dinner was a real Christmas one at the home. The children were lavishly supplied with all which goes to make up what is understood by that.

Christmas day was celebrated in a most enjoyable manner out on board the warships in Esquimalt harbor yesterday, when the time-worn custom of the navy in such matters was strictly adhered to. In some respects the discipline enforced was relaxed. Anything in the shape of a fence was removed from the decks and visitors were allowed on or off at will. General leave was given and the meeting of the ship's company was followed by many interesting features. After the dinner the commanders of the vessels went around among the tables, passing usually some comments on the decorations seen. Music was furnished and fun was made by a couple of fellows dressed in burlesque who sported about providing amusement for all. Aboard the Flora in dry dock Capt. Baker took occasion in making a speech to warmly thank the crew for their efforts in assisting to float the Flora. He was most grateful for the good work done, and felt gratified that the ship was comparatively out of all danger.

In addition to the Flora there are in port the flagship and the Egeria.

The Soldiers and Sailors' Home at Esquimalt was beautifully decorated yesterday through the courtesy of the naval authorities with flags, etc., from H. M. S. Grafton. An "at home" was held in the afternoon, commencing at 2 o'clock. In the evening an old-fashioned English dinner was served, with a programme of music and literary numbers in the evening.

Extra rations were served at the barracks at Work Point in honor of the Christmas holiday. The day was observed in the usual way with a bountiful dinner.

At the provincial jail a Christmas dinner was served, including turkey, plum pudding, and all the other essentials. In the forenoon the Salvation Army attended the jail and held a service, and in the afternoon the W. C. T. U. did likewise.

The W. C. T. U. Refuge Home had its Christmas celebration yesterday. The ladies acknowledge with thanks the receipt of $25 from the city council and $5 from Santa Claus.

TALLEST ON EARTH.

Proposal to Erect Building in New York Which Will Be 615 Feet High.

New York, Dec. 26.—The tallest building on earth is to be erected on lower Broadway, if present plans are carried out. With five stories below the street level, forty stories higher from the entrance to the top door, and surmounted by a sixty foot tower, the gigantic new building will have a total of 615 feet, making it over twice as high as the flat-iron building, and almost as tall again as the Park Row building, which at present holds the record. This building is to extend one full block on Broadway and its cost, including the site, will reach $10,000,000.