EXPERTS DECLARE THAW IS INSANE

AFFIDAVITS SUBMITTED BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Counsel For Defence Must File Replies With Judge Before Tomorrow Afternoon.

New York, March 22.—The status of the Thaw case now that District Attorney Jerome has furnished Justice Fitzgerald with the affidavits of seven alienists who substantiate his expressed opinion that the prisoner is insane and is incapable of consulting his counsel as to his defence against the charge of having murdered Stanford White is this:

By 2 o'clock to-morrow the attorneys for the defence must file affidavits answering Mr. Jerome's assertion and his affidavits. The district attorney has not formally moved for the appointment of a commission to examine into Thaw's present mental condition, but has left it to the conscience of the court, as he expressed it on Wednesday, to decide whether the case should go to the jury, so Justice Fitzgerald will consider the affidavits submitted by each side and inform all the counsel when to appear in court to hear his decision. He may do more than weigh the contents of the affidavits, for he may call for more evidence before he makes up his mind what procedure is advisable. In particular he may seek the opinion of Dr. Allen McLane Hamilton, the alienist, who, when called to the stand by the defence on Wednesday evoken District Attorney Jerome's statement as to Thaw's mental state and brought about the present condition of the case. Should Justice Fitzgerald do this, the defence, it is certain, will strive to bar Dr. Hamilton's testimony on the grounds of professional privilege.

In all this, the jury will have no part, although it was excused yesterday to appear in court this morning. This, however will be a formality and it is certain that it will again be excused until it has been decided whether Thaw must undergo an examination as to his sanity.

Notwithstanding District Attorney Jerome's belief that Thaw is a paranoiac, and that the corroborative opinions of the state's experts that he is practically incurably insane, the defence will make a determined fight to combat the appointment of a lunacy commission or his going to an insane asylum.

SERVED SIX MONTHS.

Former United States Senator Has Been Released From Prison.

Ironton, Mo., March 22.—Joseph R. Burton, who until his conviction in the federal court was United States senator from Kansas, was to-day released from the county jail here, having completed his sentence of six months' imprisonment imposed when he was found guilty of violating a federal statute by appearing before a governmental department as the paid representative of an alleged "get rich quick" concern of St. Louis. He entered the jail on October 22nd, 1906. His release to-day is due to the law which provides for a reduction from a sentence for good behavior. Burton's sentence also included a fine of $25,000. The fine which has not been paid, will be held over him as civil judgment.

ELECTRIC RAILWAY INCREASES CAPITAL

Subscription List Opened in London Required for Enlarged Capacity and Construction Work.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

It was announced some time ago that the British Columbia Electric Railway Company had decided to increase its capital. The subscription list was opened recently in London, England, inviting subscriptions for $1,500,000, four and a half per cent. perpetual consolidated debenture stock.

The present issue is required for the general purposes of the company to meet the necessities of its constantly increasing business. It is more especially required in connection with increasing the capacity of the hydraulic electric plant at Lake Buntzen, and with the construction and equipment of further railways radiating from and supplementing the company's existing lines.

The present issue of debenture stock is made up as follows: On application $25 per cent., on allotment $50, on May the 6th $125, on the 5th July $125 and on the 5th of September $165.

At the end of the last financial year, namely the 6th of June, the company had over 52 miles of fully equipped electric railway in active operation, and a further mileage is being operated under agreement with the Canadian Pacific railway. On the 31st of January 289 customers with motors of a total capacity of 5,000 horse power were connected with the company's power system. For the year ending the 30th of June, 1906, 12,395,582 passengers were carried. The company also controls the whole of the capital of the Victoria and Vancouver Gas Companies, both of which are carrying on a rapidly expanding and remunerative business.

The present share capital of the B. C. Electric Railway Company, issued and fully paid up, is $5,000,000.

The average of policemen to inhabitants in large European cities is two per thousand.

TAMPERED WITH RAILS.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 22.—A committee representing the Pensylvania railroad, which has been investigating the cause of the derailment of the Chicago Limited at Stewart, Pa., near here, after taking the testimony of the train crew and the crews which passed the point of derailment previous to the accident, authorized the following statement to-night:

"The wreck was caused by some person or persons removing the bolt and tie-plates joining two rails and turning one of them inward so as to throw the train off the tracks. The work was evidently that of some one with a knowledge of tracks and signals, as the bond wire which completes the electric signal circuit was carefully kept intact, thereby causing the signals to show safety instead of danger, as they would have done had the contact been broken."

The investigation is still in progress, and probably will be concluded to-morrow.

WORKING FOR PEACE.

Paris, March 22.—The International Medical Association for the suppression of war, now in session here, to-day adopted a resolution in favor of The Hague peace conference deciding questions by a majority; congratulating President Roosevelt on tendering arbitration to Nicaragua and Honduras; felicitating the coming American arbitration and peace conference; and inviting the universities and labor organizations to participate in the work of peace.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

Macdonald, Sask., March 22.—By the accidental discharge of a revolver in the hands of Miss Annie Moberly, daughter of H. J. Moberly, a rancher near here, Harry B. Jones, clerk in the store of E. McKenzie, was shot in the breast and died as a result.

REV. S. J. THOMPSON RETURNS FROM EAST

Pastor of the Centennial Methodist Church Attending Meetings of Committees in Toronto.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Rev. S. J. Thompson yesterday returned from Toronto, whither he went to attend a meeting of the board of the Dominion Alliance of Temperance and Moral Reform on March 6th, and the meeting of the transfer committee of the General Conference of the Methodist church later.

The chief business before the former was the appointment of a secretary to assist Rev. Dr. Chown.

The Western members were very anxious that Rev. Mr. Thompson should be chosen for this position. His intimate acquaintance with Western needs and appreciation of the difficulties of the work gave him in their eyes peculiarly suitable qualifications for the position. The Eastern members were of a different opinion, however, and Rev. H. S. MacGee, of Toronto, was chosen.

The transfer board of the General Conference, under the presidency of Rev. Dr. Carman, decided on 41 transfers among the various conferences. Rev. T. Thompson states that Dr. Carman retains his old-time vigor to a remarkable degree.

The following transfers, as already announced, were made from the British Columbia conference elsewhere: Rev. W. E. Prescott, of Vancouver, to the Manitoba conference; Rev. A. E. Marshall, to Hamilton, Ont.

The following were transferred into the B. C. conference: Rev. R. Milliken, of Manitoba; Rev. R. McElroy Thompson and Rev. J. W. Dickenson, from Saskatchewan; Rev. C. G. Reddick, from Bay of Quinte. Rev. Mr. Reddick is appointed to the control of the Kitimaat Indian mission.

Rev. Mr. Thompson secured a number of very promising young men to enter the home mission department in the province at the close of the present academic year.

On the way home Rev. Mr. Thompson stopped at Regina for a few days to view the Queen City of the Plains. As he stepped off the train a gentle wind carrying with it whirling masses of snow reminded him that he was on the far stretching plains. The people of Regina informed him that this was a mere nothing. They pointed instead to their unparalleled situation, their well paved streets and substantial public buildings, and to the large works planned or begun for the summer, as evidence of the stability of the city and of its future greatness.

The Methodists of Regina are building a fine brick church, costing $80,000. Many large public buildings are in course of erection and others are planned.

On his return to Vancouver he attended a meeting of the provincial branch of the Dominion Alliance for suppressing the liquor traffic. The meeting was largely attended and the workers very enthusiastic. It was decided to ask the provincial government to pass an act similar to the Local Option Act, which prevails in Ontario. The petitioners make one important exception to the act mentioned, viz., they ask that local option shall be enforced upon the expressed desire of a majority instead of a three-fifths vote. The former, it was contended, would be found sufficient to secure an inforcement of the act when proper officials are secured. Rev. Mr. Thompson says the East is making rapid progress, but he is glad to be back to Victoria again.

SUFFRAGISTS SENTENCED.

Must Pay Fines or Serve Term in Prison.

London, March 21.—Seventy-six suffragists who were arrested yesterday for brawling within the precincts of the House of Commons were sentenced today to from $5 or a fortnight in prison to $20 or a month's imprisonment. They were taken away in the prison vans amidst the mingled cheers and jeers of the crowd outside the police court.

SAN FRANCISCO'S TALE OF GRAFT

ATTORNEY DECLARES IT WILL APPAL COUNTRY

Sixty-Five Indictments Filed By Grand Jury--Harriman Alleged to Be Implicated.

San Francisco, March 21.—Sixty-five indictments were filed by the grand jury yesterday against Abe Ruef and 10 against T. V. Halsey, of the Pacific States Telephone Company. They all charge bribery. Assistant District Attorney Heney and Special Agent Burns assert that it is only the beginning. The total amount represented in the indictments is $218,750. When to this is added the sum which went to Ruef and Schmitz, the total will reach $1,000,000 in the five deals exposed yesterday. There are more deals of which the public has small conception. They include not only local magnates, but men who have mansions in New York, who have trafficked for special privileges in San Francisco for their corporations. It is understood that a power in Wall street who recently testified before the interstate commerce commission, will be given an opportunity to defend himself.

Last night Ruef and Schmitz were abject and forlorn. The entire board of supervisors has confessed. Schmitz is ready to do the same. Ruef is weakening rapidly. By the end of next week the indictments which will confront him will be mountain high. By that time it is expected that Ruef will offer to confess.

The case against the grafters has grown so in strength within the last twenty-four hours that the evidence at hand is considered sufficient to bring about the indictment and conviction of a galaxy of millionaires.

Ruef presented a sorry figure in his room at the St. Francis hotel last night. He tried to jest. These supposed confessions don't affect me," he said, "until it is claimed that I paid money to Gallagher. Well, then Gallagher did the bribing. That let's me out."

Ruef knows that all his allies have deserted him. Supervisor Gallagher was taken into Ruef's room with a detective, and there in the presence of the detective informed Ruef that he had confessed. The shock blanched Ruef's cheeks and he grasped the arms of his chair to steady himself, then he rallied quickly.

"Well, Jim," he said to Gallagher, "you're a great jester: did you tell them about that $10,000,000 bribe we got for burning the city last April."

The human agony in Ruef's jests was pitiful to behold and Gallagher was led from the room. Mayor Schmitz when informed of the exposures hurried to the home of William F. Herrin, chief counsel of the Southern Pacific, with whom he had an extended conference. Then he returned to his home and was closeted with his attorneys far into the night.

He refused to make a statement, speaking in a voice remarkable for its composure.

Schmitz has served notice on Harriman and Herrin, of the Southern Pacific, that he expects them to come to his assistance. At the time of the April fire Harriman came to San Francisco and offered to help the mayor, and in return demanded that Schmitz give him all the trackage privileges he desired in and about San Francisco. Schmitz consented and signed franchises for Harriman with as much speed as he could command. Now he has notified Harriman that he must extend a helping arm or be dragged down.

The last sensational testimony given before the grand jury was that of E. T. Zimmer, former auditor of the Pacific States Telephone Company, on the witness stand. He told the grand jury that he had received orders from Manager Louis Glass, of the company, to pass as correct the accounts of Theodore Halsey. It was brought out through other witnesses that Halsey had rented apartments in the Mills building in April of last year, and had taken the supervisors there one day and had given them $5,000 apiece. Ten officials were thus purchased. It was brought out also that these supervisors later rode out to the Home Telephone Company and granted the franchise which they had been paid to withhold.

District Attorney Langdon said immediately after the indictments had been filed:

"The remarkable organization of this grafting and corruption in municipal affairs in San Francisco, its amazing ramifications, involving millionaires and the better class of citizens, will appal not only this city, but the entire country when it is fully laid bare."

"This is only the beginning," declared Secret Service Agent Burns. "The evidence in the indictments filed to-day and others returned, but for the present remaining secret, is absolutely conclusive and as perfect as the evidence in any case of investigation with which I have been connected.

"Ruef acted as broker and agent between the corporations and the board of supervisors in all matters pertaining to the obtaining of privileges from the city fathers."

San Francisc'o board of supervision follows:

James L. Gallagher, attorney, chairman of finance committee.

L. A. Rea, decorator, chairman street commission.

Samuel Davis, drummer, member musicians' union, chairman light committee.

Edward I. Walsh, foreman of shoe factory before election

C. J. Harrington, saloonkeeper when elected.

Jennings J. Phillips, printer.

Patrick McGushin, piano finisher and polisher and member of union.

Thomas F. Lonergan, baker

Max Mamlock, electrician.

Chas. Barton, was a dentist.

Michael G. Coffey, hack-driver.

Daniel G. Coleman, formerly clerk in a lumber yard.

John J. Furey, was a blacksmith, is now a saloonkeeper.

J. J. O'Neil and O. A. Turitmoe are not involved in charges.

SENTENCED TO DEATH.

H. G. Rayner Convicted of the Murder of William Whiteley.

London, March 22.—After a trial lasting a single day, Horace George Rayner, the slayer of William Whiteley, the well known merchant of Westbourne Grove, whom he professed to believe to be his father and claimed to have shot under stress of brain trouble, was convicted of murder by a jury to-day, whose deliberations lasted nine minutes. Lord Chief Justice Alverstone immediately pronounced the sentence of death.

RUSSIAN FAMINE RELIEF.

St. Petersburg, March 22.—A long debate took place to-day in the Douma on the formation of the famine relief commission, in which the Social Democrats and other radicals fought the centre party, who defended constitutional control of the commission as proposed by M. Roditcheff, and would give its full assistance to the work of the commission. M. Stolypin's speech was delivered in a conciliatory manner. He admitted that the government had made many mistakes in the famine relief work. The premier's announcement of the government's agreement with the Constitutional Democrats was the first approval by the government of the policy of that party.

STREET CAR CUT IN TWO BY TRAIN

Engineer Had Skull Fractured and Will Die--Ten Other Persons Also Injured.

Detroit, Mich., March 22.—Two persons were fatally injured and nine others, all girls, were more or less seriously hurt to-day when a street car was struck at the Fourteenth avenue crossing by a Michigan Central railway train. The fatality injured are: James C. Smith, aged 55. Detroit; Miss Charlotte Martin, Mason City, Mich.

There were 22 passengers upon the car, a majority of them working girls. The car got past the gates before the train was sighted. The view was obstructed and the engineer did not see the street car until within 75 feet of it. He was unable to stop the train, and the engine struck the car in the middle. It split the car in two and hurled the wreckage a distance of 50 feet. A few of the passengers jumped and escaped injury. Others were thrown into a heap among the wreckage. Engineer Smith was taken from the wreckage with his skull fractured and other injuries. He will die. Miss Martin was injured internally. The others sustained cuts and bruises.

IMPROVING HIS ISLAND HOME

DR. FINDLAY FITTING UP HIS HOLDINGS

Activity Shown in the Way of Acquiring Fruit Lands Near Here.

(From Friday's Daily.)

There is marked activity about Victoria in the equipping of some of the new estates acquired by various investors. It is quite evident that the intention of the buyers in most of cases is to improve their holdings and make for themselves homes and not to hold the lands simply as an investment to be turned over again as soon as an opportunity presented itself. This is borne out in a marked way by the method followed by the new owner of James Island, off Sidney.

Dr. Finlay, the owner, will make his Island home a very pretty and convenient one. Already he has begun the work of altering the arrangements to suit his views. A new house has been built and also a new barn and outbuildings. The buildings are all painted white, adding to the general effect.

At the present time he has a large staff of carpenters at work on the premises, and it is reported that as high a sum as $100 a day for carpenters is being paid out by the new owner.

Dr. Findley will also have a large orchard and beautiful ground laid out on the Island. In preparation for this he has begun the work of draining, and one of the leading gardners of this city has been engaged to lay out the grounds for him. Dr. Finlay is laying out part of the island after the manner of old country game runs. A number of cabins will be erected at various points for the accommodation of hunters.

There continues to be a steady influx of settlers to the Saanich peninsula. Mr. Middleton and his son, coming originally from Hamioto, Man., are looking over the situation there. They are enthusiastic over the prospects and intend to take up their residence in some of the valleys of Saanich. After leaving Manitoba they engaged in fruit ranching in the Kootenays. They have been so taken with Victoria's environs that they will sell out in the Kootenays and move to Saanich.

E. Brunswick Shaw, who has settled upon a farm near Keating, is busy preparing for setting out an extensive orchard. The land is being fully drained as a preliminary move.

Jas. Ferguson is erecting a fine barn in McHugh's valley. It will be 60 feet by 46 feet, with cement underpinning There will be stabling provided underneath.

PEASANT RISING IN ROUMANIA

TOWN AND VILLAGE SACKED AND BURNED

Fourteen Persons Killed During a Fight With Troops--Move Is Spreading.

Vienna, March 22.—According to the news received to-day in Budapest from Moldavia, the peasant movement in Roumania is spreading. The town of Dorogner has been sacked and burned by the peasants. The inhabitants were compelled to flee for their lives.

At Cucutent, where many Hungarians live, a fight occurred between the Hungarian and Roumanian inhabitants. Four Hungarians are reported killed and thirty wounded.

Fourteen peasants were killed in a collision with troops at Belgestie, while in Fokshanu the people are in revolt against the authorities.

The village of Sulice was destroyed by peasant rioters. The fate of the inhabitants is not known.

Fights With Troops.

Bucharest, March 21.—The calling out of the army reserves at Berlad, Moldavia, led to serious rioting. The men as a rule were peasants who sympathized with those who had been raiding the country, and some 350 of them, before donning their uniforms, paraded the streets of Berlad, smashing windows and plundering several shops. The reinforcements now going to the front are largely drawn from Wallachia, so as to avoid the possibility of the soldiers fraternizing with the disorderly peasants.

Plundering recommenced to-day at Vaslui. The peasants surrounded the administration palace, intending to demolish the building. Further plundering occurred throughout the town. Troops intervened, and the major commanding and several officers were wounded. The soldiers then fired on the mob and wounded a number of the rioters. Five of them were stabbed with bayonets.

Another collision occurred at Jassy betwetn troops and 400 peasants who were trying to invade that town. Major Colori was wounded, two peasants were killed and many wounded.

Large numbers of troops from Jassy, Vaslni, Botosahni and other towns which have been terrorized by the acts of the peasantry, have arrived here seeking refuge and assistance. They assert that the Russian portion of the population largely participated with the peasants in the plundering at Botosahni. According to the latest advices received here from that town quiet has been restored there.

CANADIAN NOTES.

General Booth in Winnipeg—Improvements at Battleford—Fatal Result of Street Car Accident.

Winnipeg, March 22.—Gen. Booth arrived in the city shortly after midnight. A civic reception will be tendered him in the council chamber in the afternoon.

Arrested in Calgary.

Winnipeg, March 22.—H. H. Henshaw, the Winnipeg man arrested in Calgary at the instance of the Manitoba police, is wanted for appropriating a sum of money from the Imperial Guarantee & Accident Insurance Company. He left the city ten days ago to take a position with a Calgary firm, and after his departure a large shortage was discovered.

Bodies Found.

Winnipeg, March 22.—The bodies of two new-born infants were found buried in ice and snow to-day, one on ... street and the other near the Osborne bridge.

Slashed His Arm.

Winnipeg, March 22.—With his left arm stretched under the table in his bedroom, and a razor in his right hand, Andrew Smith found his brother, Harris John Smith, slashing his arm just above the elbow, in an endeavor to end his life by severing the arteries. He was taken to the general hospital, and late to-night was unconscious. Small hope is held out for his recovery.

Chinese Asquitted.

Hamilton, Ont., March 22.—Twenty-seven celestials arrested last Sunday in a raid on an alleged Chinese gambling place were acquitted to-day. The Chinaman who swore the fan-tan and other games of chance were played in the place, and that as a result he had lost considerable money, was flatly contradicted by about a dozen of the prisoners, and the magistrate accordingly allowed all defendants to go.

Railway Changes.

Montreal, March 22.—The work of Fourth Vice-President McGuigan, who is retiring from the Grand Trunk Pacific to accept the position of first vice-president of the Great Northern, will be taken jointly by M. S. Blaiklock, superintendent of the eastern division, and W. E. Brownlee, superintendent of the middle division. There is a general impression that the office of fourth vice-president will be left vacant.

To Improve City.

Battleford, Sask., March 22.—The by-law to raise $90,000 for municipal waterworks, sewerage and electric lighting was carried unanimously. Tenders close on April 1st, and work will be commenced at once. Assurances have been received that the judge about to be appointed will reside in Battleford, and that the vote will pass to build a courthouse and land titles office here.

Sudden Death.

Toronto, March 22.—Mrs. Charles Howe, youngest daughter of the late John Bertram, took a sudden vomiting spell at her home, and burst a blood-vessel in her head, dying in a few mo ments.

Died From Injuries.

Hamilton, March 22.—Donald Mc Isaac, aged 80, was struck by a stree car on Friday night and died in th city hospital to-day. His injuries we such that it was found necessary amputate one arm and one leg. H also suffered from a fracture of t skull.

PANAMA CANAL ZONE.

Changes in Local Government Ca Into Force on April 15th.

Washington, March 22.—Changes the local government in the canal zo which will abolish all the municip governments now in existence and sult in the harmonizing of various pa of the zone, are to become effective April 15th. President Roosevelt ha signed orders providing for wholesale changes, and Richard Rogers, general counsel for the Isthmian canal commission, will go to the isthmus with Secretary Taft and remain there for some time to assist in reorganizing the government.

The five municipal governments in the canal zone will be replaced by four administrative districts, which will be under the direction of the canal commissioners. Under the old organization the five municipal governments were in control of officers named by the commisison and not elected by the people. Consequently the abolition of the municipalities will not in any way limit the voice of the people in the government, but will make it possible for the commission to give the various administration districts ordinances and regulations which are in harmony.

The municipal government were found to be wholly unsatisfactory and all officers are convinced that the new plan will be far more satisfactory.

One of the new executive orders will authorize legal marriages to be made in the canal zone by any minister of the gospel. Another order will modify the penal code so as to remove defects found in the original code.

It is estimated that the total saving to the United States under the reorganized government in the zone will be about $100,000.

SITTING LASTED TWENTY-SEVEN HOURS

Army Bill Passed Before Commons Adjourned--Government Will Oppose Tunnel Project.

London, March 21.—2.20 p. m.—The session of the House of Commons which began yesterday afternoon is still in full swing. The House has thus sat uninterruptedly for twenty-four hours, with every prospect of continuing the sitting for some hours longer. The matter under discussion is the annual army bill. Really it is not controversial, but it is being utilized by the opposition to obstruct government business.

Premier Campbell-Bannerman who went home at his usual hour last night returned to the House at 10 o'clock this morning and informed the jaded legislators that the government "had no intention of yielding to the vindictive tactics of the opposition. The measure must be passed before the House is permitted to adjourn."

Adjourns.

London, March 21.—5.35 p. m.—The House adopted the army bill and rose. It had been in continuous session for nearly 27 hours.

The revived project of tunneling the English channel received its death blow, at least for a long time to come, by the announcement of the government's well considered decision against the enterprise in parliament to-day. Premier Campbell-Bannerman in the House of Commons and the Earl of Crewe, lord president of the council, in the House of Lords, made identical announcements to this effect, which were approved by Mr. Balfour, the opposition leader in the lower house. It is expected the bill will now be withdrawn.

GIRL WINS TYPIST RECORD THIRD TIME.

Miss Rose Fritz Writes 2,445 Words From Shorthand Notes in Championship Contest.

Chicago, Friday, March 22.—Miss Rose L. Fritz, two times winner of the national championship typewriting contest at the Coliseum, last night won the championship for the third time, winning permanently the silver cup offered, and breaking the world's record for copying dictations from shorthand notes.

The record she established last night was 2,445 words in thirty minutes. This was 200 words better than her last record, which was made a year ago at the contest held at Madison Square Garden, New York.

The above record was made on the Visible Writing Underwood Typewriter, and is one of the reasons why the agents for this machine in all parts of the world are always away behind the orders.

If you have not tried the Underwood you cannot appreciate how far ahead of all other typewriters it is. Baxter & Johnson, the agents, report an ever increasing demand for this machine in the city.

PERISHED IN PRAIRIE FIRE.

Bonesteel, S. D., March 22.—A terrible prairie fire driven by a fierce wind raged on the reservation west of Bonesteel yesterday. Mrs. C. B. Yoakum and her daughter have been burned to death. The entire population of Herrick is fighting the flames to save the town. Many farm houses have been burned.

VALUE OF A WIFE.

"If you value your wife at more than £15 this court has no jurisdiction," said the chief clerk at the Tower Bridge, London, police court to a young man who wanted a summons against his mother-in-law for unlawfully detaining his wife. The applicant was referred to the court missionary.

IDUS NOTING /HITE MAN'S WAYS

Y LEARNING TO RAISE A THIRST

ılts so Successful That Magistrate Will Have to Assess Damages.

(From Friday's Daily.)

The mild-eyed Hindu, like that other Indian of the North American continent, is beginning to partake of the blessings of the advanced civilization of the Caucasian.

In addition to participating in the high wages of this part of His Majesty's dominions he has likewise learned the questionable comforts which come from deep libations of the white man's beverage.

In short our Hindu immigrants are learning to drink strong liquor with the same aptitude as tradition says our army learned in Flanders, to blaspheme.

To-morrow at Duncans, five of them employed at the sawmills of Shawnigan lake will be hailed before the magistrate for the extremely Occidental vice of being "drunk and disorderly."

They have adhered, so far, to the original western formula of imbibing only on pay day, but doubtless will develop the habit with greater frequency as they progress in the arts of the white man. The practice at present on pay day is to procure a bottle of whiskey, and borrow sufficient cups, or glasses, for the number of men who wish to take part in the wassail. Then they squat in a circle and do not rise until the bottle is empty. If one is not sufficient to produce the desired "jag" it is supplemented by a second or third until the requisite condition of belligerency is obtained. Then they fall upon and maul one another with Christian cheerfulness, and without any regard, like the men of Marlborough's time, as to "what they killed each other for." After their fight the other day at Shawnigan lake, however, the marks of conflict were so conspicuous on some of them that the law is being invoked to teach the Sikh the processes of western law.

That the evil habit of drinking and quarreling is a new vice induced by observation of the custom of the country, and by incomes which to the Hindu must seem princely, is shown by the experience of men who are familiar with their habits in their native country. Capt. Rant, who spent about sixteen years as a cavalry officer in British India, and who is a qualified interpreter of the language of the country, states that drunkenness is unknown among them there. Occasionally when, requiring some agitator for his jaded feelings, the Hindu will partake of a drug which is called bhang, and which often accomplishes its work so swiftly and well that the victim runs amok. This is practically the extent of their vices. The tribesmen are, however, great imitators of white men, and to this trait he attributes their seeming disposition since landing in British Columbia to use strong liquor.

If they continue to do so, Attorney General Fulton may have to take into consideration, among other problems of state, whether or not the Hindu may be regarded as an "Indian" under the statute, and whether as such he may be refused the right of procuring liquor.

RESUL OF GRAND STEEPLECHASE

Liverpool, March 22.—The Grand National steeplechase, of 3,000 sovereigns, for five year olds and upward, about four miles, was won to-day by Stanley Howard's Eremon. Tom Weet was second and Patlander third. Twenty-three horses started.

Eremon made all the running and won by six lengths. The betting was 8 to 1 against Eremon, 100 to 6 against Tom West, and 50 to 1 against Patlander.

FOUR HEROES PERISH

In Attempt to Obtain Provisions For Starving Inhabitants of Yagataga.

How four men braved the open sea off Yagataga in a small dory, in what was apparently a futile, but nevertheless heroic attempt to reach Catalla and obtain provisions from the inhabitants of Yagataga, suffering from scurvy and in imminent danger of starvation, is the information which comes from Alaska.

The men who are missing are Halver Jensen, Peter Boyce, Peter Johnson and an Indian guide, named Indian Shorty.

Yagataga had been suffering from a scourage of scurvy and was forced to take drastic measures for its self-preservation. Catalla was the nearest point from which the residents might expect relief. To reach Catalla the four who had volunteered to risk their lives had the choice of two routes, one by way of the mountains, the other by the sea.

The party of four, three of whom were Scandinavians and the other an Indian, took the water route on March 2nd in a dory rigged with a small sheet of canvas. A week after they had left, fearing that their attempt would be unavailing, another man, an Indian, was dispatched by way of the mountains. The Indian reached Catalla safely, while all hope for the other four has been abandoned. Meanwhile the condition of the people of Yagataga is not known, for the return trip will be as dangerous for the party taking in provisions as it was for the Indian who reached Catalla, and they may not be so fortunate.

THE COMBI LUMBER

ARRANGEMENT RE RAISI

More Witnesses Ex Special Commit Dealer Gives

Ottawa, March 21.— retary of the Mounta ciation was before the tee inquiring into the to-day.

Mr. Wells said he co the accuracy of the to his assuming the tary in 1905. After t ganization, that is the ber Association, beca new one, although co the same men.

He accepted the se the object of instilling He did not know tha had appointed a gen maintain prices amon of the association hav knowledge of such a know of any or he wo mittee.

About this organiz became secretary he very little.

Early in 1905 there passed to organize th Co., to handle the wh Mountain mills on t Wells knew this ma foot, but it fell throu practicable. He wa then, nor was he awa tain association had an advance of price coast association to He denied that any p upon members of the

The minutes of th freshed his memory. resolution that memb be fined $10.

He admitted there ment between the tw tions as to the raisi could not account for coast association mountain prices, but bability of an under Mountain association prices.

Questioned by Mr. mitted that his asso bound to maintain pr tain association cut t men would have g ences were held betw both associations. It "what was considere

Witness did not re made by Mr. Leech, Cranbrook, that one sociation was to reg At a meeting in Vanc tember, 1906, a regul overruling the price ciations and making annual meeting was last. The existing by held the association tion and criminal ac know who told the took counsel on the after the investigati any rate it was in J tion for the parliame in December. At the the by-laws were they were not in acc tice of the association cause of the change. S. Taylor, K. C., of was not the real mo the tenor of Mr. Ta that the by-laws we criminal code.

Evidence again sho tion of the appointm combine committee Wilkinson, of Regina dealer. He expresse local lumber dealers present from $8 to $1 a profit of from 30 t man who was not a fall association cou buy lumber from th but he had no know ent dealers being r belonged to the ass was a condition of no dealer should buy mills. The retail a for the purpose of who did so.

BASEBALL

Proposal to Form Clu at Gathering on

A meeting of basel be held in the rooms Navy Cigar store on 8 o'clock. Its object is club in the city, and ing season a large num attend. It is hoped in the city who are in will also be present.

NOTICES OF

Matter Which Will Legislature on

(From Saturd

Among the notices are given on the ord day are two sets o are of interest to th W. H. Hayward g will ask the Chief Lands and Works:

1. Has the questio Indian reserve been

2. If not, why not?

John Jardine on M Hon. the Chief Com and Works:

1. What were the government for the district, viz.: Sectio and 49?

2. Have any water in connection with t them?

J. H. Hawthornth follow up the matte for members of th others from railway