

OFFICER TESTIFIES AT CAMORRISTS' TRIAL

Witness Tells How Suspect Proved His Skill as a Thief

Victoria, July 15.—Capt. Fabroni told the jury trying the Camorristi here yesterday of the investigation made by Marshal Farris at the home of Maria Stordardo, where the witness said a meeting was held for the purpose of learning the murderer of Genaro Cuccolo and his wife, Maria Stordardo, the common law wife of Nicola Morra, who is accused of being one of the assassins. She is the only woman among the prisoners, with whom she is alleged to have had intimate relations. It is alleged that her home was the rendezvous for criminals. The witness said that following the murder of the Cuccolos, the woman returned to her home carrying stolen goods. Capt. Fabroni described an episode in connection with the arrest of Antonio Parlati, who was later released. Parlati, wishing to prove that by profession he was a thief, rather than a murderer, offered to show his skill which made it unnecessary for him to take human life in his operations. He held a water pistol in his hand, and could not resist the temptation to use it. Parlati, who was laughing at the boast, but ten minutes later, although his trunk was clogged, he discovered the pocketbook and cigarette case had disappeared.

DAUGHTERS OF THE EMPIRE

Silver Shield Presented by Citizens in Recognition of Good Work Done

In recognition of the devoted efforts of the Daughters of the Empire in organizing through the recent coronation festival and parade, the society was presented Friday afternoon at the Alexandra club with a beautiful silver shield, subscribed by many of Victoria's most prominent citizens. The shield was presented by William Blakemore, chairman of the citizens' committee, and was received on behalf of the Daughters of the Empire by Mrs. Henry C. Hanington, who acted for Mrs. Henry C. Croft, the regent. The shield is of solid silver and is mounted on a mahogany base. The following is inscribed on it: "June 22, 1911. God Save the King. Presented to the Daughters of the Empire by the citizens of Victoria, B. C. in recognition of their splendid work in organizing and carrying out the celebration of the coronation of King George V. The memorial will be exhibited at Chalmers & Mitchell's, who by the way, manufactured it, and may be seen there for the next few days. The idea of making the presentation originated with Alderman H. E. Bishop. William Blakemore, in well-chosen words, expressed the deep gratitude felt by the people of this city for the way in which the celebration had been carried out. It had been a fitting ceremony for the occasion, and would long be remembered with pride, not only here, but throughout the whole province. Mrs. Hanington thanked the committee and the citizens for the very high honor they bestowed on the society, an honor as great as it was unexpected. She regretted that owing to the short notice given only a small number of members could attend. The beautiful memorial would adorn the clubroom of the society to serve as a permanent reminder of the loyalty and thankfulness of the people of Victoria.

DROPPED DEAD IN CAMP

Death of Frenchman Supposed to Have Been Caused by Heat

(From Saturday's Daily.) The remains of a Frenchman named Achille Lefevre, whose home is in Seattle, as far as can be gathered from letters he carried in his bundle, were found in Rajotte's camp, Sooke River road, on Thursday afternoon about 4 o'clock. The provincial police were notified and the remains removed to the B. C. Funeral Furnishing parlors yesterday afternoon. Deceased did not work in the camp, but had evidently slept in the stable, his bundle being found there, and was walking to the eating-house when he dropped dead. His age is judged to be between 40 and 50 years. Death is supposed to have been brought about by the effect of the heat on a weak heart. An inquest was held at 4 o'clock this afternoon and the funeral will take place immediately afterwards from the B. C. Funeral Furnishing parlors.

NEW WATER RATE DATE

Payment Due on the Day Account is Rendered—Fifteen Days Allowed With Discount

(From Saturday's Daily.) Among the innovations which are being introduced into the business department of the city hall is one concerning the payment of the water rate which should be of considerable public interest. Notice is given that on and after Monday next all water accounts will be due and payable on the day they are rendered, subject to a discount of 10 per cent, if paid on or before the fifteenth day thereafter. The old rule, whereby the accounts were payable on the last day of the month, has been repealed. This innovation will have the effect of spreading the payments over the whole month instead of confining them to a few days and causing congestion at the paying counter. In some cantons of Switzerland all the dead, rich as well as poor, are buried at the public expense.

PROPOSED FARM FOR THE AGED AND INFIRM

Mayor Morley Has Idea for Getting Something Out of the Indigents for Keep

The aged and infirm of the city of Victoria may take heart of grace from the "mercy-laden" words of Mayor Morley expressed in the city council Friday evening in regard to the condition of the home for the aged and infirm. Alderman Peden explained that by means of the choker system an applicant had been admitted. Then his worship stated that he had been giving the matter consideration and as a result of his cogitations he had come to the conclusion that a labor farm, situated somewhere in the country, might be a good way of solving the congestion at the city institution, and as a place as he proposed it would be possible to suitably employ the old men and in that way get some return for the keeping them. The matter will be further reported upon before any definite action is taken by the council. The Victoria Laborers' Protective Association alleged to the council that the laborers employed by the city did not receive their pay regularly and suggested, in view of the inconveniences thus occasioned, that something be done to remedy the difficulty. City Comptroller Rayner, to whom the matter had been referred, reported that the particular case in question was an isolated one due to the last holiday which had thrown the department out for a day. He indicated that the irregularity need not happen again. In regard to the proposed salt water mains for Government street, it was reported by the city engineer that they should be of cast-iron pipe. If the mains were to be installed before the street was paved he pointed out that no time should be lost in getting quotations and delivery. It was decided to get quotations as soon as possible. Concerning the request of the cement workers for an increase in wages to 32 per day, the city engineer reported that the men were well organized, and did good hard work all the time, and he therefore recommended that the request be granted. The recommendation was adopted. It was reported that work has commenced on the construction of the new incinerator for garbage which is to be installed at the foot of Herald street. The plant will have a capacity of 120 tons of garbage per day, which is of course greatly in excess of the capacity of the present plant.

SUSPECTED MURDERER

Man in Custody Believed to Have Killed Two Persons in Washington and Four in Oregon

Tacoma, Wash., July 15.—Swan Peterson, a tramp laborer, was arrested yesterday at Meeker Junction, ten miles from Tacoma, by Sheriff Robert Longmire, on suspicion of being the murderer of Archie Coble, a store clerk, and his girl wife, at Rainier Monday night. Bloodstains and finger prints made by bloody hands according to Dr. J. S. Cathey and Ric. Cathey, of Portland, point to him as the murderer, not only of Coble and his wife, but also of the four members of the Hill family, who were killed in Ardenwald, Ore., June 9. The circumstances surrounding the two crimes are said to be identical, while the finger prints in each case are alleged to correspond with his hand found in the room in the Rainier hotel, which was occupied by Peterson before he left the village the day of the tragedy. The finger print system was used in tracing the Coble crime toward Peterson, as well as fixing the connection with the terrible deaths of the four members of the Hill family. —Mrs. T. W. Peterson has received a letter from Countess Grey, enclosing a letter from her Majesty the Queen, thanking the Marys of the Empire for their coronation gift. —Friends of the Protestant Orphanage are reminded of the annual party to be held in aid of that institution at the home on Wednesday afternoon next. A reception will be held from 3 to 6 o'clock and a cordial welcome extended to all who come. —Provincial police activity at the Gorge car terminus Friday resulted in the arrest of William Allen, who was abusive and drunk in the presence of a crowd of persons boarding the cars. He was brought to the city and obtained bail in \$10 cash. On Saturday in the provincial police court his bond was extracted when he failed to appear. The arrest was effected by Provincial Constables Isip and Dunwoody. —The next regular meeting of St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society will take place on Tuesday, August 15, in Foresters' hall, Pandora street. During the winter season the society will meet twice during each month from October to March, inclusive. Fortunately the damage caused to the society's property by the recent fire in the Elliott block is being practically untouched. —Efforts are being made by representatives of the Trades and Labor Council to bring about friendly relations between the Teamsters' Union and the team owners. The latter have formed themselves into an organization known as the Employers' Fair Wage Association. A committee from the Trades Council met the team owners on Wednesday night and presented the case of the men. Their only request was that union teamsters should not be discriminated against. London has the largest bank in the world.

CANADA WINS NIKINNON CUP

LEADS THE ENGLISH TEAM BY TWELVE POINTS

Superiority of Ross Rifle for Long Distance Shooting Is Demonstrated

Blaisy Camp, July 15.—By phenomenal shooting on Monday, the Canadian team won the Mackinnon Cup, leading England by a total of 12 points. The superiority of Ross Rifle for long range work manifested itself. Scotland was third, followed by the English team. Staff Sgt. Richardson, Victoria, acted as coach. The Canadian team had an aggregate of 1531 points, out of a possible 1800. The English team scored 1519. The teams representing Scotland, New Zealand, Guernsey, and South Africa followed in the order named. Maurice Blood of the Irish Rifle Association to-day lifted the Houston Hopton cup, a sweepstake prize for the highest aggregate in six other competitions. Blood used a Ross rifle. In the competition for the Clements cup, Sgt. Smyth of the Provincial horse came through a winner. In the Schumaker competition, opened to all comers at 900 and 1000 yards, Corporal Jeffrey of the B. M. L. I. came first, winning 25; Lieut. Morris Bowmanville, came eighth; Major McHarg, Vancouver, twelfth; Lt. Morris Winnipeg, sixteenth; Lt. Clark Winnipeg, seventeenth; Staff Sgt. Hall Ottawa, twenty-fifth; Staff Sgt. Richardson, Victoria, forty-third. Each of these won 21. Sgt. A. T. Carmichael, Calgary, came twelfth and Lt. Morris Winnipeg, thirteenth, each winning 11.

ENGINEER KILLED

Fireman Sustains Injuries When Passenger Train Collides With Switch Engine

Rochester, N. Y., July 15.—West-bound passenger train No. 6, on the Erie railroad, running from New York

AUTOS COLLIDE

Wife of New Westminster Businessman Injured in Accident

Centralia, Wash., July 15.—Mrs. Thomas Freeman, wife of a businessman of New Westminster, B. C., was seriously hurt yesterday morning when their touring car, driven by Mr. Freeman, crashed head-on into the machine of A. G. Polk, of Tacoma, at a point on the Pacific highway one mile west of Centralia. Nothing was mentioned in regard to the Jordan River power plant. The conference lasted about three-quarters of an hour.

WILL BUILD WHEN ST. JOHN'S LEASE EXPIRES

Herbert E. Burbidge Tells of Hudson's Bay Stores Through B. C.

(From Saturday's Daily.) Herbert E. Burbidge, stores commissioner for the Hudson's Bay Company, arrived in Victoria yesterday afternoon on business in connection with the erection of the Hudson's Bay department store on the site now occupied by St. John's church, Douglas street, recently purchased by the company. He says a forward policy will be adopted here and throughout the Dominion in the new department store business of the company. At Vancouver a \$1,500,000 departmental store is to be erected, at Vernon a store building of \$50,000 is decided upon and a million dollar property on Portage avenue, Winnipeg, has been secured for a store there. Other stores to supply the country districts are being arranged for in many parts of British Columbia, and the company is preparing for a store at Calgary. Mr. Burbidge said that the building on Douglas street will be commenced immediately the lease of the St. John's church expires. He is here to consider and formulate the plans for the new store but will not be in a position for some time to make any statement on the matter.

THE ONTARIO FIRES

Toronto, July 15.—The fire at Golden City is out. A message from Matchless this morning reports all safe. The death list at Porcupine is now stated to be 82. Hope is expressed that the total may not exceed a hundred. At Coburne only two lives were lost. Ten square miles of country around Porcupine were burned over. Half of Golden City was destroyed.

PARLIAMENTARIANS VISIT BIRMINGHAM

Visitors From Canada Guests of Lord Mayor—A Chamberlain's Speech

Birmingham, July 15.—Representatives of the Dominion parliament were dined in Council House last night by the Lord Mayor, George H. Foster, M. P., uttered a warm and eloquent eulogy on Joseph Chamberlain and appealed to Austen Chamberlain and his fellow members in parliament not to run away with the idea that they were only legislating for 45,000,000 in Great Britain. There were vast articulate dominions overseas just as British, whose interests were bound up in most legislation that passed in London. As his legislators climbed from municipal and provincial matters into the Empire arena, they were legislating for the colonies. The colonies also, their legislation must bear in mind the ambitions of the Mother Country. Austen Chamberlain said that his father charged him to tell them how much he regretted his inability to take part in a welcome, the proceedings of which appealed to a closer union of the dominions and the Mother Country. He hoped Birmingham had been a pioneer for the movement for Empire building and it was a pride to think so. The city pledged its faith to overseas kinsmen. As long as they extended the offer for closer commercial union, it would be loyal to the idea, and would not rest until it was an accomplished fact.

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B. C. ELECTRIC MEETS WITH CIVIC FATHERS

Better Understanding Arranged for In Future to Facilitate City's Development Works

The city council of Victoria had a conference with the three leading representatives of the directors of the B. C. Electric Railway Company on Saturday, as a result of which it is believed that a better understanding will in the future prevail between the city and the local representatives of the company in regard to the development of the street railway. Mayor Morley and about half a dozen of the aldermen met with G. P. Norton, M. G. Brown, and E. M. Harvey, who are spending the day here on a trip of inspection, and discussed the company in regard to the development of the street railway. Mayor Morley and about half a dozen of the aldermen met with G. P. Norton, M. G. Brown, and E. M. Harvey, who are spending the day here on a trip of inspection, and discussed the company in regard to the development of the street railway. Hitherto the city officials have experienced considerable difficulty in their negotiations with the company on account of the fact that no plan of construction or extension has ever been submitted to them to consider in connection with paving arrangements. In the future, however, R. H. Spurling, the western manager of the B. C. Electric, will be requested to see that the city of Victoria is kept posted with regard to the development plans of the company. The three directors named have been on the present system, including the proposed extensions, and these were discussed at the meeting with a view to ascertaining when their completion, or rather, their inauguration, was likely to be expected. In reply to this the directors pointed out that the matter could not be rushed. Seen after the meeting, which was of course held in private, Mayor Morley stated that what he was particularly concerned about at this time was the better understanding between the city and the company, so that the city would know in which direction to turn their paving and other operations. He was pleased to state that the directors had given their assurance that the matter would be looked into with a view to complying with the request of the city officials. Nothing was mentioned in regard to the Jordan River power plant. The conference lasted about three-quarters of an hour.

TO PREVENT FLOODS IN CHINA

Streams of Country Will Be Studied and Plans Formulated

Washington, D. C., July 15.—The people of Shanghai have added \$10,000 to a similar amount appropriated by the American Red Cross for a study of the rivers of China to prevent disastrous floods which periodically destroy crops and produce indescribable famine conditions. C. D. Jamieson, the American engineer, who was sent to China to undertake the task, was expected to arrive in Peking to-day. He will complete the examination of streams in about six months. A copy of his report to the Red Cross will be sent to the Chinese government, which will then formulate plans for handling the case.

CLASH IN MEXICO

El Paso, Texas, July 15.—A fight between a force of Maderistas and liberals at Rancho Torreon, about 30 miles north of that city, was reported yesterday from the city of Chihuahua. One insurgent was injured and four of the Liberals captured after three of them were wounded. The fight lasted about an hour, the Liberals fighting from under cover. The wounded Liberals are now in the Chihuahua jail and are expected to recover.

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The first of the tides for the re- in its present nated to cost \$2.2 sum a considerable refunded in the ments. The scheme quarters of a mill city hall. The other civic square and the of the north side avenue, between Quadra, calls for \$2,233,000.

Both schemes were the committee, s- cided to have, showing as nearly expeditures to be prations and the received through frontages and b- These will be cons on Monday aftern realizes that need if the best results. Incidental to both forward is a great ment which is es the value of the as well as the Fre- estimated that the half a million dol-

Under the prov scheme the width to nearly three h- Douglas street. A tive plaza his wor all the public bu- together with the les- as well as the Fre- scheme of fountai convenience (and rookery and shrub here and there to thetic taste." (Conclud-

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Cape Haytien, 3 at the mercy of the being pillaged opposed to his re- refuge in the for French consul wh while offering pro- authorities. Since the enemy occ- tuesday afternoon, p- tically decia- cists. Since the grown steadily m- Port au Prince. The revolutionis- Haytien last night at the head of Ft. Simon and his tr- The last of the tallions embarked lead