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ustries in South Austr-
Capital Fears of Trouble
ading

OURNE, Dec. 15.—The car-
ike in Adelaide has taken on
aspect. Almost all the in-
are at a standstill in conse-
of a sympathetic strike, and
of food is rising rapidly. The
onists are intimidating the
ers, and there are frequent
with the police, who are al-
pleas to restore order. The
outlook is ominous, as it is
the agitation will spread
whole of Australia. The car-
mand higher wages and
pours of work, and to these
the employers are not in the
acquiesce.

David, of the University of
New South Wales, has brought
the Antarctic a quantity of
which investigation has
ated to belong to the earliest
world. The discovery is of
great interest to geologists,
and has gone to London, where
he is publishing his scientific

mograph at Perth records a
quake, which appears to be
located in the Indian Ocean.
so was violent that the
swung right across the re-

lied the test match with the
cricket team, who were
one lining.

GEORGE RETURNS

Run From Prince Rupert—
Running in the Skeena
River

ner Prince George, Capt.
of the G. R. P. returned
from Prince Rupert, after
with 70 salmon and many
passengers. Northbound
made the run from Van-
Prince Rupert in 30 hours.
Darcy Tate, solicitor
P. went north on the
confer with the Rupert
garding the assessment
railway company. Cold
set in and ice was run-
sne. News was brought
line, an old time engineer,
died on Wednesday.

Ledingham, who is so-
tant, Mrs. R. Leding-
ford, entertained a few
at home on Friday even-

CALL TENDERS FOR FIRST SECTION

Canadian Northern Pacific
Railway Makes Announce-
ment Regarding First 20
Miles of Island Road

TO AWARD CONTRACT
BY JANUARY FIRST

Expected That Entire Island
Section Will be Under Con-
tract by Close of Next
Year

Official announcement is made by the
Canadian Northern Pacific Railway
that tenders are now receivable for the
clearing of right-of-way and subse-
quent construction of the first section
of that transcontinental line on Van-
couver Island, consisting of the twenty
miles for which plans and profiles have
been filed with the government, carry-
ing the new road from the outskirts
of Victoria City to Cooper Cove, Sooke
Harbor.

Although no official announcement is
made in this phase of the subject, it is
understood to be the intention of the
railway authorities to open tenders and
award the contract for construction of
this section about New Year's.

It is further both hoped and expected
that, despite the fact that the com-
pany's agreement with the government
does not necessitate such expedition in
procedure, the entire Island section of
the new transcontinental road—from
Victoria to Alberni—will be under con-
tract before the close of 1911, and
construction of that division, giving ac-
cess to the Pacific seaboard, will be
completed within three years from date.

Surveys are already well advanced
from the Cowichan river to the West
Coast terminal, and the company's en-
gineers are busily engaged in working
up their data for the location of that
part of the line extending from Sooke
Harbor, via Sooke river and lake and
Shawnigan lake, to the Cowichan.

To Northern Extremity.
Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann are espe-
cially desirous that the section of the
very best authority that the building
of their Vancouver Island road should
be pushed forward with exceptional rap-
idity, and there is every reason to be-
lieve that even before the first link in
the Canadian Northern Pacific system
on Vancouver Island is completed, an
extension of powers will have been ob-
tained and steps will have been taken
for the further extension of the route
northward, by way of Campbell river
to an ultimate north end of the Island
terminus and probably at Qualicum
Sound.

Those most closely in touch with the
local working of railway project expect,
indeed, to see such a rapid extension
building on this Island, between the
C. N. P. and the C. N. P. as few sections
of Western Canada as yet have wit-
nessed, the goal and ambition of each
being to first reach the north end of the
Island.

In connection with construction of
the first section of the C. N. P. out of
Victoria, it has already been men-
tioned that keen competition for the
work by railway contractors from all
parts of the United States and Canada
is assured by the fact that the line
from the owners of large disengaged
plants at present paying demurrage in
consequence of the almost total cessa-
tion of railway business along the
western states. The same conditions
which have produced the idleness of
these plants render available for ser-
vice in the building of the Island rail-
way any number of men that may be
required—and these men of long prac-
tical experience and developed profici-
ency in the specialty of railway con-
struction work.

It is hoped that the contract for con-
struction of the first Island section will
no sooner be awarded than it will be
under it will begin, and it is not too
much to prophesy that even before the
legislature meets on the 12th proximo
ground will have been broken.

The specially advantageous climatic
conditions in this part of the Province
will make it possible for construction
to proceed almost continuously through-
out the winter months, especially as
there is very considerable heavy rock
quarried in the building of this
first section, from Mile 17 to Cooper
Cove, and this is work which can with-
out disadvantage be successfully pro-
ceeded during the winter months.

Aged Father's Crime.
GODERICH, Ont., Dec. 16.—Geo. Van-
stone, 61 years old, best his little son,
aged six, to death with a broomstick
last night. The child refused to repeat
a lesson and the father, in a fit of rage,
beat him to death.

Captured by Bandits.
EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 16.—It was
reported here today that Enrique Gor-
onson, son of a wealthy Chihuahua fam-
ily, and graduate of Cornell University,
and an American friend named L. R.
Wohlman, were captured by bandits
while on an automobile trip to Santa
Clara, Wednesday. It is asserted that
the men are being held for a ransom
of \$25,000.

Chinese Stabbed.
WINNIPEG, Dec. 16.—A Chinese
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Tonight the gale increased to a bur-
ricane. In the English channel the wind
reached a velocity of seventy miles an
hour. Cross-channel traffic between
France and Dover was suspended. At
Dover, where the full force of the gale
was felt, widespread damage was done
to shipping and property along the coast.
At sea has been reported. A large force
of soldiers is engaged at Dover in pro-
tecting several aeroplanes awaiting an
opportunity to make the cross-channel
flight. Two of these were badly dam-
aged.

Off Ardie, on the Irish coast, six
fishermen were drowned, and at Leice-
ster, a man was blown from the roof of
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Angrily Contends That Nation-
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Government—Differences in
Regard to Veto Bill

LONDON, Dec. 16.—With only 28
seats in the new House of Commons
yet to be heard from, the general elec-
tions are practically ended, and the ex-
cessive political orators have begun
a much needed rest. Of the twenty-
eight vacant seats, twenty already have
been polled for, though the results will
not be known until tomorrow. The
position of the contending parties to-
night is as follows:
Government coalition, 377.
Unionist, 266.

In yesterday's polling the Unionists
captured the High Peak division of
Derbyshire, while the Liberals gained
Leek, Staffordshire. The Unionists
took the South Cork seat from the
regular Nationalists.

Members of the House of Lords
are agreed to call the result of the
balloting a draw, but there is no
unanimity among them as how best to
meet the new situation when parlia-
ment meets. Some of them want the
Lords immediately reject the govern-
ment's veto bill, while others favor
a policy of delay by discussing the bill
and eventually inserting wholesale
amendments in it. The Unionist
Saturday Review says that King
George was badly advised in consent-
ing to the dissolution of parliament,
but it cannot see how His Majesty can
now avoid coming to a decision in
favor of one party or the other.

Premier Nettled

Speaking at Nottingham last night
Mr. Asquith gave another hint of his
astonishingly kaleidoscopic - election
The political world wonders what is
going on in the mind of the premier
who has been so long in coming to a
decision on the Irish veto bill.

Irritated by Mr. Balfour's forecast of
the demoralization of the Liberal party
under Mr. Redmond's disloyalty, Mr.
Asquith said: "Mr. Balfour is a terri-
fied man and full of pity for us. He
says it is shocking to think that we
will be at the mercy of the Irish party."
Well, gentlemen, it is a time for plain
speaking. The Irish party will be a
majority about to be returned.

Liberal party will constitute by far
the largest portion of that majority.
Suggesting that this being our two re-
lative positions, we are going to be
coerced by this relatively small fac-
tion into policies of which we do not
approve, is absurd. Why should we?
The only answer can be, because we prefer
office to principle. Retention of office
at the sacrifice of real power is, in
thing no honorable statesman should
do. The country would be guilty of it.

This is Mr. Asquith's last word in
the elections, and it leads the Union-
ist journals to recall Gladstone's warn-
ing of 1895 that not only the Liberal
party but the empire itself might be in
danger if Liberal ministers attempted
to deal with the question of the gov-
ernment of Ireland when dependent
upon Irish votes. Mr. Asquith, him-
self, has uttered similar warnings, and
it is assumed that these considerations
led him to rush this contest in the
hope of securing an independent ma-
jority.

Duke of Marlborough's View

The Duke of Marlborough is per-
suaded that the veto bill is doomed,
and he is supposed to be a good deal
in Lord Lansdowne's confidence. The
Duke said at Banbury last night: "To
hear the ministers talk one would think
that the veto bill was already on the sta-
tute-book. Was there ever greater
madness than to suppose that the
whole equipment of the constitution
could be upset against the wishes of
one-half the nation? The first de-
fences are hardly yet stormed, and the
resources are still available for the de-
fence of the constitution, amid which
the followers of Patrick Ford will meet
their political doom. With far more
confidence than we could have felt a
month ago, it can be asserted that the
veto bill will never become law. There
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