Mrs. Chadwick Not Fearful

Counsel for the Accused Woman Says Client Is Entirely Innocent.

Ruined Banker Relates Story of His Undoing to the Grand Jury.

Husband of Remarkable Female Interviewed at His Retreat in Paris.

New York, Dec. 12.—Mrs. Chadwick was overwhelmed by the developments of her case in Cleveland today and the statement was made by one close friend that she would probably give up the fight here and return to Cleveland tomorrow night in the custody of United States officers. She did not anticipate the double indictment which was found against her by the Cuyahoga county grand jury after the failure of the Lorain county grand jury to find a probable cause of action. Mrs. Chadwick is of the opinion that if she must face the charges she will be far better off in her home city of Cleveland than in New York. Philip Carpenter, her counsel, when questioned tonight on the matter, said: "I think it possible that Mrs. Chadwick may go to Cleveland tomorrow or Wednesday."

He refused to discuss the indictments found against his client in Cuyahoga county. He simply said: "Mrs. Chadwick is not fearful of the result. She is entirely innocent of any crime."

Mr. Carpenter was shown the interview of the Associated Press with Dr. Chadwick today in Paris, and was asked several questions concerning the interview, but declined to discuss the matter in any of its phases.

It was said at the residence of Andrew Carnegie tonight, that he would be unable to go to Cleveland and testify in the Chadwick case owing to illness. His physicians advised him not to take the trip.

One of Mr. Carnegie's secretaries said tonight that satisfactory arrangements have been made to that end with the United States District Attorney H. L. Birnet.

Mrs. Chadwick spent most of today in conference with her attorney. She saw her own counsel, Messrs. Carpenter and Powers several times. She appears to be enjoying the best of health now, and says she will be in good condition to meet the legal complications in Cleveland.

From present indications it is extremely unlikely that any attempt will be made to obtain bail for Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick, who has been in the Tombs since last Thursday night on a charge of abetting and aiding bank officials in the embezzlement of $12,500. She was held under $15,000 bail. A person who is in the position to know the various moves in the Chadwick case, in an interview with a representative of the Associated Press, said today: "Despite all reports to the contrary, no active efforts have been made to obtain bail for Mrs. Chadwick in this city. There are plenty of people here who would sign her bond if asked, but the fact is, it is not deemed advisable for Mrs. Chadwick to leave the city prison at present. If she were released on bail, the government could demand twenty-four hours in which to examine her surety. Meanwhile the government's attorney could telegraph the Cleveland authorities and before the twenty-four hours had expired, could have additional charges sent here so that it would be necessary to procure new bail. This procedure could be carried out as long as the government officials thought they had charges. Again, there might come a conflict of authority. A county grand jury might find an indictment against Mrs. Chadwick, and the matter of extradition would come up in a different light from any yet suggested.

"I am of the opinion that Mrs. Chadwick will remain quietly in the Tombs for the present. Her examination is set for next Saturday before United States Commissioner Shields. If further continuance should not be asked by counsel on her side, the commissioner would listen to the evidence with a view to determine whether or not Mrs. Chadwick should be held for the federal grand jury.

"It is not believed that a decision will be reached that day. Indeed, it is very possible that it will be some time before the matter is definitely decided. In case Mrs Chadwick is held for the federal grand jury, it is not at all unlikely that one of the greatest legal battles ever fought in New York will follow."

For several days it has been rumored that Dr. Leroy Shinven Chadwick was either in Paris, Berlin, or Brussels, but an investigation by the Associated Press representatives in these places failed to reveal his presence, although many letters are awaiting the physician at the Hotel Metropole, Brussels, where he is a regular patron.

Philip Carpenter, Mrs. Chadwick's counsel, was asked tonight concerning the whereabouts of the husband of his client, but he declined to say. Mr. Carpenter also asked to be excused from discussing his future action in relation to Mrs. Chadwick's troubles. "It would not be good policy," he said, "to anticipate in any way our line of action."

Cleveland, Dec. 12.—Trouble for Mrs. Chadwick increased at a rapid rate today. She was twice indicted by the grand jury of Cuyahuga county, and her old-time friend, Ira Reynolds, took the stand in court and made evident his intention to shield and protect her no longer. The aged man presented a pathetic picture as he answered question after question, which brought out his own implicit faith in the woman. He gave evidence, too, that he still believes his trust justified. Only one query he attempted to evade. This was when he was first asked how much of his personal estate had passed into the possession of Mrs. Chadwick. His eyes filled with tears and he requested that he be excused from answering. The question was not pushed.

The formal indictments voted against Mrs. Chadwick were based on the Carnegie note for $250,000, which was made payable at the office of Andrew Carnegie in New York city, and the other upon the Carnegie note for $500,000 which was payable at the National Bank of Commerce in New York. Under each indictment are two counts, one charging forgery, the other uttering forged papers. Information of the indictments was at once wired to New York by County Prosecutor Keeler, who requested that Mrs. Chadwick be immediately rearrested if she secured bail on the other charges.

The examination of Ira Reynolds, treasurer and secretary of the Wade Park Bank, before Referee Remington, of the Bankruptcy court, today, failed to disclose any assets that might be secured by the receiver appointed by the Federal court, but brought from Mr. Reynolds, in reply to questions, the statement: "She told me she was the illegitimate daughter of Andrew Carnegie."

Later Mr. Reynolds, in detailing his transactions with Mrs. Chadwick, said: "In all my transactions with Mrs. Chadwick I believed from what she told me that Andrew Carnegie was backing her and all her indebtedness would be paid. She fooled me and many smarter than I. She has pulled the wool over everybody's eyes. Once she wrote to me to ask me if I needed help because of the run on the bank."

"When Mrs. Chadwick was in Europe," he continued, "she wrote that Dr. Chadwick was in the hospital seriously ill; the daughter was also ill and she was in sore distress. Emil came home to save expenses and he was taken with diphtheretic fever. She cabled me that she had no money and I sent her $15,000. The shock of Emil's illness made her ill, and when she arrived here she was thought to be dying. She told me where, if anything happened to her, I would find a letter to Mr. Carnegie and he would settle all her indebtedness."

Witness had seen no other notes, but had seen a check which was sent to his house when he was ill. It was for $60,000 and had Andrew Carnegie's name signed to it. Whether any money was procured on it he did not know.

He thought Mrs. Chadwick's household fittings might be worth about $200,000. He said he took a chattel mortgage about two years ago but had never recorded it.

The hearing was put over until Saturday for the presence of further witnesses. These, it is understood, are Mrs. Chadwick and her son, Emil. If they are not here then, the examination will be deferred still further.

The grand jury of Cuyahuga county has returned two indictments against Mrs. Chadwick, each indictment contains two counts, one of forgery and one of uttering forged papers. The indictments relate to the Carnegie note of $500,000 and to a note for $250,000.

County Prosecutor Keeler has issued a subpoena for Ira Reynolds, secretary of the Wade Park Bank, calling him before the grand jury tomorrow. Mr. Keeler announces that he intends to investigate the affairs of the Wade Park Banking Company.

Paris, Dec. 12.—Dr. Leroy S. Chadwick of Cleveland, O., whose wife, Cassie Chadwick, is held a prisoner in New York charged with frauds of a financial nature, has been staying here quietly for some time, occupying quarters in a hotel in the centre of Paris, but owing to the notoriety of his wife's affairs, he has observed the greatest seclusion. Dr. Chadwick was interviewed today and consented to talk regarding the troubles of his wife, but requested that the name of the hotel at which he is staying be not disclosed owing to the mortification it would occasion him. He is somewhat beyond middle age, of slender build, and his face is pale, giving him the appearance of an invalid, which he explains is the result of a recent serious attack of Roman fever, from which he is now slowly recovering.

He has not the appearance of a person accustomed to affluent surroundings. He has a keen visage and alert and rather nervous manner. He frequently reiterates his desire to avoid attracting attention, mainly on account of his daughter, a prepossessing girl of 19 by his former wife and who is accompanying him.

To the Associated Press correspondent he talked for an hour, going over the most important features of Mrs. Chadwick's affairs, and particularly the principal points in the case. His answers were given slowly and with evidence of great caution.

"It is most unpleasant to me," Dr. Chadwick said, "to be interviewed under the present circumstances. It was an extreme shock to me when I saw the newspaper reports concerning the case. I learn every day new features about the affair which I never knew before. I do not think it desirable to enter into details until I return to America, as there have been so many misstatements that I do not know just what are facts and what is fiction. There is no truth in the report that Mrs. Chadwick settled a large sum on me. Do I look like a man of millions? Any one would be able to see that I am not a man that received millions from his wife."

Asked concerning reports that Mrs. Chadwick is in reality Lydia Devere, he answered: "The first time that I ever heard the name of Madame Devere in this connection was when I saw it recently in the papers. Only once before had I ever heard the name of Devere. That was twenty years ago at a post mortem examination at which I assisted, on a woman of that name, who was said to have been a fortune teller. I only recall this from a peculiar surgical feature which the post mortem disclosed."

Dr. Chadwick mentioned this as clearly showing his lack of knowledge that his wife was Lydia Devere, but he declined to discuss further the circumstances of his marriage, saying it was purely personal.

Fined $30 Each For Assault

The Trial of Jaspar, Wirth and Streck Was Concluded Yesterday.

His Honor Comments on Serious Nature of Offence—The Defence.

The trial of Chas. Jaspar, Victor Streck and William Wirth on the charge of having assaulted and inflicted grievous bodily harm on J. A. McLeod, a street car conductor, on the night of November 12, was held before His Honor Judge Harrison yesterday. The deputy attorney-general, Mr. McLean, conducted the prosecution, and Mr. A. L. Belyea, K. C., defended the accused.

The evidence for the prosecution was given at the preliminary proceedings in the Police court and has been already published in the Colonist. No evidence for the defence was given.

J. A. McLeod then told his story of the assault made on him, and was cross-examined by Mr. Belyea.

Chief Petty Officer Boyce, of H. M. S. Shearwater, who was on the car, said that he saw Jaspar striking at the conductor. At the Canteen grounds Wirth struck the conductor and knocked him off the car. Then Jaspar and another man attacked the conductor and the motoneer went to his assistance and both got away and boarded the car again.

Mr. Belyea, in opening the case for the defence, said that he proposed to show that if it had not been for the pigheadedness of McLeod, there would have been no trouble that night. The company had just issued some new tickets which were good for the whole trip to Esquimalt. He would show that the trouble was due to the fact that the conductor demanded two tickets for each of the accused instead of one, which was all that was necessary. Jaspar had not rung the bell, this having been done by Wirth. The behavior of the conductor had been such as to exasperate the men. At the Canteen grounds Streck and Wirth had got on the car the second time in order to get Jaspar's cap, and Jaspar had gone home. Then again the conductor had behaved exasperatingly.

Robert Barnby, warrant officers' steward at the Canteen, testified that he was at the Canteen ground gate on the night of the 12th. He saw the three accused waiting on the track. When the car approached, he heard one of them say they would get Jaspar's cap. One of them asked the conductor for the cap, and the latter said: "If you get on this car, you Esquimalt ——, I'll kill you." Two of the accused then jumped on the car; Jaspar went to his home.

Cross-examined by Mr. McLean, witness said he had volunteered his evidence to Mr. Belyea and had told Wirth he would give this evidence is still at large.

Wirth and Streck would not let Jaspar go to the car and told him to go home.

His Honor said that attacks on men running the street cars could not be overlooked, as the lives and limbs of other passengers might be endangered. The last part of the trouble looked bad; it looked as if the accused were determined to get even with the conductor.

Mr. Belyea said the three accused were young and hardworking men, who had already been locked up for a week and practically had been in custody for a month. He asked that they should be allowed out on suspended sentence.

After adjourning the court for a few minutes to consider the matter, his Honor imposed a fine of $30 on each of the accused, in default, one month's imprisonment, remarking he would not treat a second case of the kind so leniently.

MINER INJURED.

While Drilling Hole at Alberni Worker Receives Dreadful Injuries.

Alberni, B. C., Dec. 12.—(Special)—While a miner named McElvray was at work alone this afternoon drilling over a missed hole at the Nahmint mine, an explosion occurred, smashing him badly. His left eye was blown out and his left arm broken in two or three places.

ROOSEVELT'S BIG VOTE.

New York, Dec. 12.—The Times says: A canvass by the Times of the popular vote of the last presidential election complete except as to one county in Tennessee, and four counties in Michigan, for which estimates are given, shows that President Roosevelt defeated Judge Parker by 2,546,169. He polled the largest vote ever given a president of the United States, 7,640,560. This is more than 400,000 in excess of the vote cast for McKinley in 1900.

A NEW PENSION LIST.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Senator Stewart today introduced a bill to fix presidential and congressional salaries, beginning March 4, 1909. It proposes to raise the salary of the President to $100,000 a year; the vice president and Speaker of the House of Representatives to $20,000 each, and each Senator, representative and delegate to $10,000.

Disorders In Russia

Students Join Riot at St. Petersburg as Demonstration Against War.

Many Wounded in a Charge of Mounted Gendarmes Into the Crowd.

Moscow Pupils March Through the Streets Singing the Marseillaise.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 12.—St. Petersburg has resumed its wonted quiet after the excitement of yesterday. The papers without comment print only a brief official account of the demonstration in front of Kazan Cathedral. Nevertheless, they are full of articles breathing dmeands for reforms, the Russ especially declaring that there can be no retreat and openly advocates a parliamentary system in which the upper house shall consist of members of the senate, council of the empire and council of ministers, and the lower house of elected representatives of the Zemstvos. Proclamations have been issued calling for a demonstration outside of the law courts tomorrow at the opening of the trial of Sasoneoff, the assassin of Minister of the Interior Von Plehve. The demonstrators have been instructed to come armed.

Stembok Fermor, the only Zemstvo president who refused to sign the reform memorial, has resigned owing to criticisms of his colleagues.

A popular anti-government demonstration, the participants in which included large numbers of students of both sexes, began at midday yesterday in the Nevsky prospect and lasted about two hours. Hundreds of police and mounted gendarmes, who were hidden in the courtyard of the public buildings, emerged suddenly and charged the crowd at a full gallop, driving the demonstrators in headlong confusion and screaming with terror upon the sidewalks and into adjacent streets. This led to serious encounters, fifty persons being more or less severely wounded. Large numbers were arrested.

Not since the riots of 1901, when Cossacks stretched across the Nevsky Prospect from building to building charged down the boulevard from the Moscow station to the Neva, has the Russian capital lived through such a day of excitement as this.

The authorities got wind of the big anti-government demonstration planned by the Socialist Labor party to demand an immediate end of the war and the convocation of a national assembly, and leading every paper this morning in black-faced type was an explicit warning to the people at their peril to desist from congregating in the Nevsky Prospect, near the Kazan cathedral.

At the same time extensive preparations were made to quell any disturbances. The police on the Nevsky Prospect were sextupled, and the dvorniks, or house porters, were marshaled in front of their respective buildings. Half a dozen squadrons of mounted gendarmerie were massed in the rear of the Kazan cathedral and battalions of reserve police were stationed in several court yards, out of sight. Minister of the Interior Sviatopolk-Mirsky gave strict orders, however, that no Cossacks should be used, and Fullon, chief of police, issued special orders to avoid harsh measures unless it should become absolutely necessary.

The newspapers' warnings, however, by giving notice to those not apprised of the prospect of a demonstration, defeated the very object for which they were designed, attracting seemingly the whole population of this vast city to the broad thoroughfare, and long before the hour fixed, despite the pleading of the police, who literally lined the sidewalks, the throngs on the pavement were so dense that movement was almost impossible, while the snow-covered boulevard was black with a tangled mass of sleighs filled mostly with the curious.

In the throngs on the sidewalks were practically the whole student body of the capital, including many young women, who have always been prominent in Russia in liberal revolutionary movements and also thousands of workmen belonging to the Social Labor party.

Toward 1 o'clock the workmen and students seemed to swarm toward the corner of the Hote Europe, opposite the Kazan cathedral. The police, recognizing that the critical moment was approaching, tried in vain to keep back the human tide.

Then, when there was not a single mounted policeman in sight, on the stroke of 1, from the heart of the thickly wedged crowd a blood-red flag, like a jet of flame, suddenly shot up. It was the signal. Other flags appeared in the crowd, waving frantically overhead, and they were greeted with a hoarse roar, "Down with autocracy!" The students surged into the street, singing the "Marseillaise," while innocent spectators, seeking to extricate themselves, crowded into doorways and hugged the wall.

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The ferment continued all day and far into the night. Tonight the students of the Polytechnique and other institutions held meetings, at which fiery speeches were made in favor of reform and the convocation of a national assembly.

The following is the text of the proclamation of the Social Democratic Labor party calling today's demonstration:

"We have raised our voices calling for better things, but the government has turned a deaf ear to our cry. We from day to day draw a laborious existence, a condition worse than convicts, while they convert millions into smoke and sacrifice thousands of workmen's lives under incompetent generals. We are shedding our blood for our tortures while they are entering into a shameless bargain with wealthy landlords and semstvoists. Enough! We cannot endure it longer. We must arise and boldly proclaim that we want an end of war and a government by representatives of the people.

"Long live the Social-Democracy! Down with the war! Down with autocracy!

"All who are ready to fight for our demands assemble in front of the Kazan cathedral at 1 o'clock."

An official statement issued tonight with reference to the rioting today, says: "During the confusion and jostling the demonstrators freely used cudgels and the police were compelled to beat back the rioters with the flat of their swords. The rioting naturally was not suppressed without casualties, but none was serious."

The police have forbidden the assemblage of crowds on Tuesday, when another demonstration is threatened on the occasion of the opening of the trial of Sasoneff for the murder of M. von Plehve.

DISTURBANCES ELSEWHERE.

Riga, Russia, Dec. 12.—Incendiary proclamations were distributed yesterday to the congregations leaving the churches. The culprits were arrested. No disturbances occurred.

Ikaterinoslav, Russia, Dec. 12.—A group of workmen entered the town hall during a session of the municipal council, and attempted to address the councillors on the present condition of the country and the aims of the working classes. Much excitement followed and the president adjourned the meeting, but the spokesman of the group continued his words being cheered by his comrades. A number of arrests were made.

Moscow, Dec. 12.—The students assembled today in front of the residence of Prof. Timiriazeff and cheered him for an article "Academ Freedom," recently published by the professor. The latter, who is an invalid, came to his window and bowed his acknowledgments. The students then marched in procession through the principal streets singing the "Marseillaise." The police did not interfere. The prefect of the police has forbidden the police to forcibly expel Jew merchants who are not entitled to come to Moscow, but instead to report such cases to him.

DOWIE MAKES GOOD.

Fulfills Promise to Pay Off Zion's Debts in One Year.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Zion has paid the first installment on its big debt. Checks were sent out today in payment of the final 40 per cent., approximately $140,000, of the original indebtedness of more than $400,000. One year ago a number of creditors of Zion City petitioned Judge Kohlsaat for the appointment of receivers for Zion, whose affairs then were gloomy. Mrs. Dowie was in Europe and reports had it that she had carried away with her vast sums of money. John Alexander Dowie was preparing for departure on January 1st for Australia and the continent. The creditors numbered 1,100 and the aggregate amount of their claims footed up $455,000. Judge Kohlsaat appointed receivers, who took charge of Zion. Dowie protested that he could pay the debt in a year if the receivers were removed. Then came the appointment of a committee of creditors, who concluded that Dr. Dowie was better fitted to conduct Zion than any other person. It was arranged he was to pay 10 per cent. in three months; 25 per cent. in six months; another 25 per cent. in nine months, and the balance of 40 per cent. in a year. The receivers were discharged. Dowie has paid one hundred cents on the dollar on every claim involved.

THE STONES OF VENICE.

Engineers Report That the Basilica Is in Most Alarming Condition.

Venice, Dec. 12.—Engineers Mandredi and Marenzi, who have been entrusted with the care of the Basilica of St. Mark's since the fall of the Campanile, have presented their official report. It sets forth that the conditions of the Basilica is most alarming. The whole building shows weakness. The foundations are bending and cracking the walls are sinking and the ceiling of two of the vaults threaten to give way. If they fall it may cause most of the Basilica to give way. The engineers recommend the immediate erection of scaffolding and propose a thorough restoration of the whole building, including restoration of the foundations.

THE FROZEN EAST.

Hoosiac Falls, Dec. 12.—Traffic is greatly impeded by today's snow storm. The mercury has ranged from 5 to 15 degrees below zero.

Baltimore, Dec. 12.—Nine and a half inches of snow fell here between midnight and 8 o'clock tonight. At a late hour tonight the weather bureau officials report the mean velocity of the wind to be 20 miles an hour. Reports from the towns in the state say from six to nine inches of snow fell during the day.

New York, Dec. 12.—A snowstorm accompanied by a high wind descended upon New York early today and still continues. Nearly two inches has fallen. Traffic in the city has not been seriously impeded, but craft of all kinds have been delayed.

Notoriety For Vancouver City

Terminal City Lawyer Relates Episode in Mrs. Chadwick's Early Career.

Customs Officials Investigate an Alleged Case of Smuggling.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Dec. 12.—Interesting sidelights on the earlier career of Mrs. Chadwick are provided by Howard J. Duncan, barrister of this city. In 1879 Mr. Duncan says he professionally defended Elizabeth Bigley, a girl of 18, living in a small settlement called Eastwood, in Oxford county, Ontario. Miss Bigley was the daughter of a section hand on the Great Western Railway. She went to a barber's shop in Brantford, Ont., and had the barber cut off her hair. She then insisted upon his making a curly mustache for her. The barber thought her crazy and sent for the police. Her effects were examined and in her possession was found evidence that she had forged a farmer's name to a note. At the trial she continued to play the part of a crazy girl, and the judge told her father that if he would look after her he would let her go. In the course of a couple of years she appeared at Toledo, calling herself Madame Devere, a French clairvoyant. Here she forged and swindled a bank president out of a large sum of money and went to prison for four years. On being pardoned by Governor McKinley she removed to Cleveland posing as a widow and calling herself Mrs. Hoover, the name of a boardinghouse keeper with whom she had formerly roomed. Subsequently, in the same city she married a well known doctor, named Chadwick. As a girl, Mrs. Chadwick, who was of lowly origin, was illiterate, but handsome. She was a consummate actress and of pleasing manner.

The suspicion that stock has been smuggled over the line and may be among the goods in Lowe's jewelry store, is so strong with the customs officials that the head of the department in the province, Mr. Clute, has been sent for and this afternoon, the officials are examing the invoices in Mr. Lowe's store. The store had been sealed by the customs on Saturday.

CHICAGO PAPER CUTS LOOSE.

Examiner Will Run Independent of American.

San Francisco, Dec. 12.—With the incorporation at Springfield of the Illinois Publishing & Printing Company, a step has been taken which soon will result in the Chicago Examiner severing connection with the Chicago American and becoming a newspaper publication distinct from W. R. Hearst's other newspaper properties.

STEEL COMPANY ASSIGNS.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 12.—James P. Winchester and Howard Wallace were today appointed receivers of the Diamond State Steel Company.

Dominion News Notes

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Is Expected Next Week—Earl Grey's Reception.

Cross Petition Filed in Connection With Election in Wentworth.

Sensational Evidence Given in Police Investigation in Montreal.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Sir Wilfrid and Lady Laurier are expected to reach Ottawa about the 22nd of the month. It is likely, as is his custom, that the premier will spend Christmas at his old home at Arthabaskaville, Quebec.

Hon. Mr. Scott, secretary of state, returned this morning from Halifax, where, as acting prime minister, he formerly welcomed the new Governor-General, Earl Grey. He was accompanied by Brigadier General Lake. Mr. Scott says the proceedings at Halifax were carried out most successfully. He was especially delighted with the appointments of the legislative building.

A special train, conveying the vice-regal party to Ottawa, will arrive tomorrow at 11 o'clock.

ELECTION PETITION.

Toronto, Dec. 12.—A cross petition was filed this morning at Osgoode Hall on behalf of E. D. Smith, M. P. for Wentworth, against W. O. Sealey, Liberal, who has protested Smith's election on a scrutiny. Besides a number of charges of bribery, treating, personating and undue influence against Sealey and his agents, it is claimed that a number of ballots were marked so that they could be identified and that these ballot papers were marked for Sealey before being given to the voters.

SENSATIONAL EVIDENCE.

Montreal, Dec. 12.—Sensational evidence was given at the police investigation before Judge Taschereau today. Madame Brazere, accused Aid. St. Denis, chairman of the police commission, of being a frequenter of her house. "What can you expect of a police force under the direction of a man like that?" she asked in conclusion.

CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH.

Quebec, Dec. 12.—A despatch from St. Jean Port Joli, L'Islet county, says fire on Saturday destroyed the dwelling of Alfred Duval. Two children, a girl and boy, aged respectively five and two years, who were the only occupants of the house at the time, were burned to death.

WINNIPEG WIRINGS.

Winnipeg, Dec. 12.—The old premises of the Ancient Bank in the Suckling block, Main street, were gutted by fire this morning.

Pockets of natural gas have been struck at Edmonton, 700 feet deep, of profitable size.

Mr. McLellan was on the stand at the enquiry into the Bartlett charges all yesterday afternoon, denying equivocally everything against his character as an official perferred by the defaulting clerk.

Conservatives have filed protests against Liberals in six Manitoba seats carried by the latter at the November elections.

Following up the protests entered by Conservatives, the Liberal filed protests against all Conservative members-elect in Manitoba. Disqualification is asked in each case.

Halstead's dye works and two small stores adjoining, on Logan avenue, were burned on Saturday afternoon. The loss is about $6,000.

PASSENGERS' FEARFUL PERIL.

Scramble Ashore on Ice Floes From Sinking Ferryboat.

Bellaire, O., Dec. 12.—The ferryboat Amelia A., while crossing to Benwood with forty passengers was crushed by floating ice and sank in the middle of the Ohio river. The passengers crawled out on the ice and were nearly dead from exposure when rescued.

SENSATIONAL ROBBERY.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 12. — The Peoria National Bank was robbed of $5,000 this afternoon by three men, two of whom drew pistols on Teller Baker, while the third robber seized the money. The men then dashed out of the bank after warning everybody not to make a move. They were followed by a large crowd in buggies and several automobiles.

GOING SOUTHWARD.

Ogdensburg, Dec. 12.—Nearly eight hundred Italians are endeavoring to enter the United States from Canada after having spent the summer in Canada. The majority are said to be ignoring the immigration requirements of the United States examination Board at Montreal by crossing the border without certificates. Several are turned back each day for examination. Three who were refused admission recrossed the river in a skiff. They were arrested and permanently debarred from entering the United States.

BOLD ROBBERY.

Bandits Secure Goodly Sum of Post Office in Iowa.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 12.—Three robbers entered the post office at Reinbeck, Ia., early today and made off with $2,500. A posse of citizens pursued the robbers upon a handcar for six miles and after a number of shots had been fired one of the robbers surrendered. Thirteen hundred dollars were recovered from him. He gave his name as James Rossi and claimed to be a railroad man. Another one of the robbers was captured two miles further on by the town marshal. All traces of the third robber have been lost.

U. S. IMMIGRATION.

Washington, Dec. 12.—At a conference with officials, representing the passenger department of the southern railways, Frank P. Sargent, United States commissioner general of immigration today outlined to his callers his views regarding the distribution of immigrants throughout the country. He is to establish at Ellis island a bureau where arriving immigrants may obtain authentic information regarding the possibilities of employment in the different sections. Information also will be obtainable concerning the best of land where it is located and what its products are. It is Commissioner Sargent's idea that states desiring immigration to be made should have details of its produce and advantages in the bureau, and if desirable, to have a general supply of such detailed data as may be needed.

THREATENED COMBINE.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Steps are to be taken for the convention of the interstate independent telephone association, which begins here tomorrow to defeat what is described in rumors as a combination which is said to be seeking to control the telephone appliance factories of the country. President Barnhart said tonight that should the factories "surrender to the Bell Company the independents will turn out their own instruments."

INTERIOR VIEW OF VICTORIA'S BIG CASH GROCERY.

As may be seen by the above cut, the establishment which it is intended to represent is one of no mean proportions, and highly merits the name which it is best known by, "Victoria's Big Cash Store." The scene about Dixi H. Ross & Co.'s store is a busy one at all times during business hours, but for the past ten days it surpasses anything yet seen in the city. Hundreds of purchasers are to be seen daily making their Christmas purchases, fully satisfied that they are getting the very best that the markets of the world can produce, and at the most reasonable rates that can be obtained in the city.

Dixi H. Ross & Co. import direct and are thus in touch with the best producers. They are enabled to supply the very best at the lowest rates.

The display of Xmas fruits is the finest ever seen in the city and reflects credit in the way it is laid out.

The above gives a front view of the biz store, and from a point of excellence the windows of Dixi H. Ross & Co.'s store will compare with the best in the Dominion. In one of the windows may be seen one of the largest and choicest selections of wines and liquors alike suitable to set before prince or peasant, and at prices to suit the circumstances of all. The artistic and tasty manner in which the arrangement of this window has been carried out has not gone unnoticed. Here are shown ports, sherries, brandies, Scotches, London's Dry, Old Tom, and not forgetting John Jamieson's and Burke's.

INNOCENT VICTIMS.

Failure of Oberlin Bank Embarrassed Many Students at College.

Oberlin, O., Dec. 12.—So many students have been embarrassed by the failure of the Citizens' National Bank of this city that the faculty of Oberlin college has sent a request to Receiver Lyons of the bank to do all in his power to relieve them. The receiver has promised to do all he can to enable the students to remain in college. About 75 students had an aggregate of $25,000 in the bank at the time it closed.

MORTON WILL REMAIN.

Washington, Dec. 12. — President Roosevelt announced today that Secretary Morton, at his earnest request had consented to remain in the cabinet after March 4th as secretary of the United States navy.

AN ITALIAN QUARREL.

Schenectady, Dec. 12.—On Saturday night Dominico Delconto stabbed Andre Mangano in a quarrel in the Italian quarter of this city, and although advised by his friends, Mangano refused to have his assailant arrested, saying he would be revenged. Tonight they met and after talking and smoking together, Mangano arose and was about to leave the room when he turned and fired two shots into Delconto's back. Delconto is in a hospital, while his assailant

Some Of The Shop Windows

A Cursory Glance By a Colonist Reporter at Government Street Displays.

Storekeepers Now Placing On View Their Choicest Holiday Wares.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Though the shop windows can hardly be said to present their ultimate holiday appearance, they already present a very pretty spectacle, in view of the approaching festive season, and pedestrians along the principal thoughfares have ample to attract their attention. Going north along Government street from the James Bay embankment, the first of the shop windows to attract the eye of the passer by are those of the Windsor Grocery. A portion of the front is utilized by a florist, and in this the Windsor firm is fortunate, as ample opportunity is afforded for decorative achievement. Christmas trees and evergreens are now being placed in position along the front of the store, and when this feature of the holiday adornment is complete the establishment is bound to present a particularly attractive appearance. The Windsor company are noted for always carrying a choice line of grocer's delicacies, and the bill show windows which the store possesses permits of a fine display being made of these goods and ample scope for an exhibition of the window dresser's art.

White's drug store, a little farther up the street on the opposite side, is the next place of business to attract the attention of the stroller for its display of holiday goods. Druggist's goods and the fancy articles carried by such concerns during the Christmas season lend themselves in a peculiarly happy way to pretty window adornment, and Mr. J. L. White has taken full advantage of this circumstance with the result that his store, with its brilliant vari-colored lights, presents an exceptionally attractive appearance particularly in the evenings.

Shakespeare's jewelry store, just across the street, is the next point which calls for attention from the pedestrian who is on the lookout for pretty window effects. Mr. Shakespeare has a very fine stock this year, particularly in the silverware line, and as his show windows are wide and of plate glass ample opportunity is afforded for the display of wares which always attract the eye of the passer-by.

Perhaps no firm in the city have the same opportunities for a rich and striking display as Messrs. Hinton & Co., the electricians. The scope which electrical devices give for unique spectacular effects is almost unlimited, and Messrs. Hinton & Co. carry a full line of the very latest novelties, and as their window space is large, a very special opportunity is presented for the arrangement of an exhibit which draws visitors for blocks, particularly when the "juice" is turned on in the evening. It is quite safe to say that Messrs. Hinton's establishment will be one of the prettiest in town during the continuance of the holiday season.

Of course, it goes without saying, that one of the beauty spots on Government street during the festive season will be the show windows of Messrs. Weiler Bros. Here the art of the window dresser has ample scope for a display of particular magnificence. Four very large windows of great dimensions fronting on two blocks, are invariably so artistically filled with a stock of household requirements as to attract and hold the attention of the pedestrian; but with the approach of the holidays, they are taking on a more than usually resplendent appearance, with the result that during the busy hours of the day a throng of interested spectators can always be seen viewing the rich tapestries, curtains, carpets and rugs; the splendid china and glassware, which, even when viewed from across the street, irresistibly attracts one by the reflected light from the brilliant and sparkling polished surfaces; the magnificent furniture display in the northern windows and other household garniture which, for quality and special variety, cannot be excelled in any part of Western America. It is a matter of common comment, particularly with visitors from distant points, that the stock which Messrs. Weiler Bros. carry is far and away superior to anything seen in towns of similar size in Western America. This is probably due to the circumstance that a large proportion of the resident population of Victoria is made up of a very wealthy class, representing a type of English life which is to be found nowhere else in Canada—or, for that matter, in America—in towns of similar size.

Yesterday the West End Grocery concern, whose splendid show windows, with their fine dressing, have always been a feature of Government street shop adornment, had not completed the display for this week. Notice will be given later of this company's showing, as also of the numerous other prominent stores along Government street and the leading thoroughfares of the city.

Property Owners Association Meet

Annual General Meeting of the Organization Held Yesterday Afternoon.

Some Very Important Public Questions Considered by the Members.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

In the City hall yesterday afternoon the annual general meeting of the Victoria Property Owners' Association was held, when a considerable amount of business was transacted. There was a good attendance of influential property owners. Mr. F. B. Pemberton was in the chair, and the secretary-treasurer, Mr. Thomas C. Sorby, submitted the report of the board of management for consideration.

The election of the office-bearers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows: Chairman, Mr. Pemberton; secretary-treasurer, Mr. T. C. Sorby; new members of board of management, Messrs. James Forman, Charles Hayward and James Douglas.

A discussion took place as to the new sidewalks now being laid by the corporation, especially as to their cost. This matter will be dealt with at subsequent meetings of the association.

The following report of the board of management was duly considered, and, with slight amendments, was passed:

Gentlemen—Your board of management beg to report a subscribing membership of fifty, including bankers, lawyers, manufacturers, merchants, transportation companies, and others interested in real estate in Victoria.

2. We have secured the representation on the voters' list of a number of corporations, who were not previously represented, as a means of strengthening our hands at the polls.

3. One of our first proceedings was an endeavor to interest the cities of New