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Sensational Smuggling Case in Which One of the Criminals Was Principal.

Dawson, Jan. 20 .- Edward Labelle Dawson, Jan. 20.—Edward Labelle and Pete Fournier were hanged at the jail here this morning. Labelle was very quiet and subdued, but Fournier until the last was excited and fierce. The thermometer was 60 below zero, and the cold was felt very severely by those present. Both murderers confessed to their crime.

Peter Fournier and Edward Labelle on June 23, a hundred miles above Dawson, on the Yukon, murdered three men, Beaudoin, Bouthilette and Constantine.

Fournier maintained that Labelle killed all three of the victims, and Labelle maintained that Fournier did the murderous work. Fournier claimed in addition that Labelle killed Guilbault, a fourth man, below Eagle on the United States side.

The story of the various witnesses proved the men had been with the three victims on the way down the river; that they afterward were in Dawson, and had some of the goods and money of the victims there. The three victims were shot while they were in camp with the murderers, and Labelle and Fournier each tried to throw the guilt of the actual shooting

n the other Ed. Labelle, the Yukon murderer Ed. Labelle, the Yukon murderer, who, in company with Fournier, his partner in crime, paid the penalty at Dawson, Y. T., yesterday, is said to have been the "king" of a gang of opium smugglers who operated from Victoria in 1886. "Gus" Labelle, as he was then known had many massages was then known, had many passages with the officers of United States law—in fact, too many to be recorded. His quick wit and cool nerve helped him out of a multitude of ugly scrapes, one of the most interesting of which is worthy of narration at this stage.

In June, 1886, Labelle and his associates determined on risking a larger consignment of opium than usual, in the anticipation of reaping a richer harvest, and \$50,000 worth was shipped from Victoria to Cortwright, a little village a few miles from Sarnia on the anks of the river St. Clair, Here Labelle was shadowed by the great Chicago officer, McKale, as well as Hussey and

and, knowing that Labelle been shadowed, saw him safe in his cabin, and, having arrived at the conclusion that he would not dare risk running his goods across while he knew that their eyes were on him, returned their hotel and peaceably slept. The night was as dark as pitch, and the wind tossed the waters of the rushing river high in the air in feathery flakes of foam. As the hours rolled on flakes of foam. As the mours folice the storm increased until 10 o'clock, when a veritable tempest raged and the lights of Port Huron could not be seen on the Canadian shore, across the dark on the Canadian shore, across the dark Denied.

NO TRUST.

Report of Anthracite Combine in Wales Denied. and angry waters of the swift St. Clair. When the United States officers confidently decided that no attempt would

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stunned and bleeding, heard the sharp whistle of bullets—for the train had stopped and the officers were coming in pursuit. He fell again from weakness, but staggered up and saw what he did not before—that a horse and carriage had stopped at the crossing to avoid the train, which was now backing toward him. The only occupant was a little boy, and to spring and push him out and start at a mad gallop for the river, helding the rems bound together by the steel bracelets, was the work of a minute.

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A terrible drive of seven miles, and Marysville, on the river bank, was reached. It was yet early, and a ferry boy who had just come in from the river, was hauling his boat up on the bank. Springing from the buggy and threatening the unfortunately for him made a very satisfactory substitute for a revolver, Labelle compelled him to land him on the Canadian shore. At the reservation a friend relieved him of the handcuffs, and after writing from Sarnia to thank his former guardians for their kindness and advise them of his safe arrival in the Dominion, he bade his adieu to Sarnia and returned to Victoria, where he remained for some time and then returned to the province of Quebec, from which the French-Canadian came to this province. When the rush to the Yukon set in he drifted North, with the result of which all readers are aware—he robbed and murdered, and paid the penalty of the law on a Dawson scaffold yesterday. That he has not lost his coolness is shown by the fact that he spent his last hours in reading "David Harum."

Specifically the Cochrane Rouses Lady's Anger.

And Fair Visitor in Gallery Gives Lie Direct to Missourian.

She Hits Straight From the Shoulder Without Regard to Consequences.

Washington, Jan. 20.—The members of the Lower House of Congress were interrupted today by a most unusual incident. It was while a general debate on the district of Columbia appropriation was being discussed, and the subject, Mr. Shepperd, of Texas, used exceedingly strong language in his do nunciation of the existing condition of affairs. He ridiculed President Roosevell's anti-trust campaign, declaring that in view of his performance his

Nominations For Burrard

Three Candidates Entered the Race For Vacant Ottawa

Election of Hon. Raymond Prefontaine Is to Be Protested.

Vancouver, Jan. 20.—Nominations for the Burrard by-election took place today and, as anticipated, Dr. McInnes, Christopher Foley and R. G. Macpherson were nominated to contest the seat vacated by the late G, R. Maxwell.

Montreal, Jan. 20.—(Special)—The election of Hon. R. Prefontaine, M. P. for Maisoneuve and minister of marine for Maisoneuve, and minister of marine and fisheries, has been contested. The Conservatives claim extensive corrup-

officer, Mckafe, as well as trussey and Ling, who watched him from a hotel window while he took the first compared the railway station, and, placing it in his wagon, drove rapidly off towards the Indian reservation. Detectives followed by the Indian reservation. Detectives followed by the Indian reservation.

Salt Lake, Utah, Jan. 20.—Reed Smoot was this afternoon elected United States senator from Utah to succeed Senator Rawlins. The election will be ratified tomorrow in joint session.

London, Jan. 20.—The report circulated in the United States that a "gigan-

A Scene In Congress Toronto, Jan. 21.—J. F. Ellis yesterday, was elected president of the Board of trade by acclamation.

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At this point Mr. Cochrane (Missouri) took the floor, and his remarks referred to the Alaska matter, criticizing severally the "surrender' to Britain, which he termed "cowardly and pusilanimous." Mr. Cochrane continued speaking of "the truckling policy of the United States to Great Britain." "When that truckling ceased," he declared, "the people of Canada, now intensely loyal, would change their attitude."

Then came the interruption, and it burst from the ladies' gallery.

"You lie!" came in the clear, ringing

the Dominion Last

TORONTO BOARD OF TRADE. J. F. Ellis Is Elected President.

CANADIAN PRESS. Aspersion on Canadian Loyalty Association Meeting to Be Held at Three German Warships Bom-

Toronto, Jan. 21.—(Special)—The annual meeting of the Canadian Press Association will be held on the 6. Addresses will be made by Messrs. Ross, Whitney and other prominent public men.

bard Defences at San Carlos

Venezuela.

Action Started in the Morning and Was in Progression.

MASOAGNI. Italian Government Honors the Great

Rome, Jan. 20.—The Minister of Public Instruction, Senor Nasi, has officially confirmed the nomination of Pietro Mascagni, the composer, to the directorship of the Rossini Lyceum, the musical conservatory at Pesaro. Signor Mascagni was deprived of the directorship of the Rossini Lyceum last summer in consequence of his having undertaken a concert tour in the United States. The position in question is the highest in the Italian musical world. The salary connected with it is \$2,400 a year.

Considering The Estimates

Meeting of Dominion Cabinet-Opening of Parliament Not Fixed.

Steamship Men Trying to Get the Quarantine Regulations

cure proper memorials. The Customs Department has extended the time until April 15 under which IMMIGRANTS nursery stock may be imported into Canada at British Columbia from countries to which the San Jose Scale

Shelling The Forts

Through Day.

Venezuelan Shore Guns Reply and the Battle Rages Briskly.

Maraicho, Venezuela, Jan. 21.-Three German warships, supposed to be the Panther, Vineta and Falke, began shell-Panther, Vineta and Falke, began snelling the forts of San Carlos at half past ten o'clock this morning. The forts returned the fire. The engagement was in progress at 1 o'clock this afternoon. The correspondent of the Associated Press, in a row boat, approached to within three miles of the forts at noon. The report of the guns was terrific. The Panther appeared to be not more than The report of the guns was terrific. The Panther appeared to be not more than 500 yards from the forts. Her guns were fired every minute. The torts could not be seen for the clouds of smoke, but it was plain the Venezuelan gunners were answering the German fire splendidly, and with great rapidity. At 1 o'clock in the afternoon an explosion occurred, apparently in the fort, and a denser cloud of smoke tovered part of the ramparts. A number of Indian fishermen were intercepted fleeing from the direction of the forts in their dugout canoes. They reported that the smoke seen was from the burning village of San Carlos, which had been shelled by the German ships, and was in flames.

The shelling of San Carlos has created much excitement among the German residents of this port, who have protest.

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Mr. Sulzer (New York) also participated in the debate concerning the Alasist and boundary line, maintaining that there was no doubt of the title of the United in three weeks' time.

Writs for existing federal vacancies was no doubt of the title of the United States to the disputed territory.

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Sault Ste. Marie, Jan. 20.—(Special)—Argument was concluded yesterday in the Soo election case, and judgment was reserved in twenty-eight charges.

SHIPOWNERS PROTEST.

The Department of Inland Revenue is sending out circulars to 185 firms in Canada which manufacture tobacco and cigars, apologizing for a circular issued by one of the clerks in the department asking for contributions to a church asking for contributions to achurch asking for contributions to achurch asking for contr

LYNCH ON TRIAL. He Pleaded Not Guilty to Charge of

Canada at British Columbia from countries to which the San Jose Scale Act applies.

PLAGUE IN MEXICO.

Authorities Trying to Stamp Out the Disease.

London, Jan. 21.—The trial at the bar, before a quorum of judges, of Col. Arthur Lynch, member of parliament for Galway and the late Queen's enemy during the war in South Africa, commenced today before the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Alverstone, and two other justices. The prisoner pleaded not

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MORE TROUBLE Question of Sovereignty Over Isle Pines.

SON ARRESTED.

POWER SCHEME

United States residents on the island say they own and occupy more than two-thirds of the land there. They assert that the Cuban government is levying oppressive and unlawful taxes in the Isle of Pines and spending the proceeds in the Island of Cuba. Administration of justice in the Isle of Pines is said to be unrelable. The protesting Americans say, they have settled in the island with their families and mean to stay. Before investing their money

taxes,

Immense Works Started to Secure Electricity For Prairie

Provincial **Assemblies**

Manitoba and Quebec Legislatures Are Summoned For Next Month.

Chief Business of Prairie Province Will Be Redistribution

an open rupture is likely to occur if the approaching general provincial electrosident Palma's rural guards go to the tions.

Isle of Pines to enforce collection of Quebec, Jan. 21.—(Special.)—The leg-Quebec, Jan. 21.-(Special.)-The legislature is summoned to meet February

Charged With Being Responsible for Father's Death.

Quebec, Jan. 20. (Special)—Alfred Cote, son of the late Ald. Cote, who died suddenly yesterday, was incarcerated in jail this evening, after the coroner's inquest, as being criminally responsible for the death of his father. sponsible for the death of his father, which occurred after a quarrel with the prisoner.

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with which they contemplated affairs in the dull days of opposition. Now in the dull days of opposition. Now they vie with Conservatives in the strength of Canadian feeling which actuates them. Continuing, Mr. Foster said it was well when one party had been in power for a long time to make a change. He predicted that the Conservatives could not remain out of power for more than four years longer. He advocated reciprocity of tariffs FOR WINNIPEG

He advocated reciprocity of tariffs with the United States, and made a special appeal for support of those electors who participated in the patron