Bullet In His Head

Charles Powell of Vancouver Commits Suicide in a Bar Room.

Price of Cedar Logs Has Risen —More Saw Mills Being Erected.

Vancouver Police Court Record Shows Large Increase in Cases.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Dec. 30.—Charles Powell, a South African volunteer met with a tragic end last night. He walked into the Balmoral saloon at midnight and after having several drinks with friends, took a bull dog revolver from his pocket and pointed it towards himself. The bartender shouted at him not to fool with a gun like that. Powell replied, "Perhaps you think I am fooling." He then aimed at his head and pulled the trigger. The hammer snapped, but there was no explosion. He again pulled the trigger and again the hammer snapped harmlessly. The third time he pulled the trigger there was a loud report and Powell sank to the floor dead. It will never be known whether Powell intended to commit suicide, or whether he believed that the gun was not loaded. The police searched his rooms today, but there has yet been found no motive for the suicide. Powell has been working here for some time as bartender, and was on duty in that capacity at night at the Merchants Exchange.

The price of cedar logs have reached the high water mark. Never in the history of the lumber industry have they reached such prices. Mr. Murchison, of Whatcom, offered on Saturday $12 a thousand for export.

On Saturday Besi Mechicis, a Spaniard, and Joe Bell, were arrested for stealing clothing at the King's hotel and selling the clothing to a man they met on the street. The Spaniard speaks very little English, but made it plain to the police that he would plead guilty to the charge against him. The man the clothes were sold to cannot be located.

A very important industry has been established at Howe Sound by a new company incorporated under the name of the Canada Lumber & Trading company. The principles in the new enterprise are Mr. J. Garner Hutchinson and Mr. C. R. Drew. Fifty thousand dollars has been invested in machinery and plant. A saw mill with a capacity of 30,000 feetpe r day has just been completed, and a chute seven miles long is under construction. The timber is being cut seven miles distant from the saw mill and run down the chute as far as the latter is completed each day, and piled at the end of the chute for future handling.

Still another shingle mill is about to be erected on the borders between Hastings and Vancouver. The company has been formed and the capital subscribed. The land while not transferred is under option. The mill is to cost $12,000 and will have a capacity of 200,000 shingles daily. The mill will be a purely Canadian enterprise, the entire company being composed of Vancouver men. There is room for many shingle mills yet in Vancouver, and they expect many more would be built. The reason that the mills were running half time now was the scarcity of logs. Logs would be available if labor was available. In fact many of the mills desire to start in again at full time, but are bound by their obligation to the association to continue on half time until labor is more plentiful.

There have been 1,840 cases to date in the police court for the year 1902, and for the month 190 to date. Thus the month and the year beat all previous records. The police claim that this is a result of their increased activity as well as the rapid increase in the floating population of the city.

Mr. Leedham, the prize-fighter, who lost to Case on a foul in a boxing contest at the Savoy theatre Saturday night, does not seem to be a very desirable citizen. The police have Leedham already in their toils. The charge against him is not for being a participant in a prize fight, but for a vicious assault on several loggers on October 9 last. Leedham and Harry Sclater while carousing got into an altercation with several men and used them up very badly. Sclater was caught and bailed out for $125, subsequently forfeiting his bail. Leedham escaped, and the police, although knowing him to be hanging around Dupont street were never able to locate him. After the fight last night Leedham was arrested on the old charge of assault and battery.

Another attempt is being made to combine the retail grocers of Vancouver. It is not likely to succeed. There are 83 grocers in Vancouver, and the idea is to close half of them up and adopt the spot cash system. A score of the leading grocers are willing to consider the matter, but the impression is that without a large sum of money the financial end of the proposition cannot be engineered.

The Labor party has placed candidates in the field for the forthcoming municipal elections.

A Young Liberal club was formed last night. After the bylaws were adopted Mr. Macpherson addressed the meeting, and those present pledged him their support in the forthcoming election.

MURDERERS' WORK.

Three Men Killed by Malicious Wreck of Train.

Quincy, Ind., Dec. 30.—By the wreck of the through Chicago-Louisville freight train on the Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville railway here today, the engineer, Albert S. Barker, fireman Jos. E. Glenn and brakeman Hiram Perry, were killed and the engine and 18 cars loaded with hogs and cattle were piled up in a ditch. A switch lock had been broken, it is supposed, by tramps and the switch turned.

CARNEGIE LIBRARY.

Offer for a Branch Building in Liverpool.

Liverpool, Dec. 30.—In a letter dated December 16, Andrew Carnegie offers to give $65,000 to build a branch library at Liverpool. His offer will be submitted at the next meeting of the City Council.

MASCAGNI FREE.

Persecutors of Great Composer Foiled.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Signor Mascagni, the Italian composer, was arraigned in court today on a charge of embezzling $5,000 from his former manager, Richard Heard, of Boston. After hearing both sides, Justice Hurley immediately dismissed the charge.

NO BLAME.

Verdict on Collision on Colorado & Southern.

Trinidad, Colo., Dec. 29.—The jury that held an inquest over the bodies of eight men killed in the collision between freight trains on the Colorado & Southern railroad last Wednesday, returned a verdict today declining to attach blame to anyone.

PANAMA CANAL.

Company Hold the Annual Meeting in Paris.

Paris, Dec. 30.—The annual meeting of the Panama Canal Company was held here today. The attendance was smaller than usual and the proceedings were more orderly than last year. The time was mainly occupied with reading the report of the directors of the company in which were detailed the pending negotiations with the United States, looking to the sale of the canal. The facts set forth in this report are already known. The sanguine hope was expressed that all difficulties will be overcome and the sale completed at an early date. The reading of the report was followed by a brief discussion, in the course of which two or three of the stockholders made the customary protests against the sale, and asked what would happen if the negotiations with the United States fell through? The president replied that in this event the stockholders would again be consulted, while, if the sale took place, they would have to meet to vote ratification. The directors' report was approved, the outgoing officers of the company were re-elected, and the meeting then adjourned.

COAL CONSPIRACY.

Illinois Authorities Looking Into the Subject.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Attorney-General Hamlin, of Illinois, began today an investigation of the coal situation here, prompted by the report that thousands of carloads of soft coal are being held out of the market as the result of a conspiracy to raise the prices.

KING ALBERT ILL.

Ruler of Saxony in Serious Condition

Dresden, Saxony, Dec. 30.—Prof. Curschmann, of Leipsic, has been called here for consultation with the court physicians regarding the King's condition, which gives much concern to his family. Although diagnosed as influenza, His Majesty's condition has grown steadily worse during the last few days due to excitement over the elopement of the Crown Princess, which, in connection with his great age and weakness had a depressing effect on the King's mental condition.

Aldermanic Legislation

Weekly Meeting of Board Consider City's Needs, Present and Future.

Local Tenders Are Prepared to Handle Pin Bridge at Point Ellice.

The regular weekly meeting of the Board of Aldermen last night dealt with a number of matters of more or less importance, and among them was the Point Ellice bridge contract, a letter from the Victoria Machinery Depot being read in which that company stated that they were now in a position to build a pin bridge at the price of their first tender. Ald. McCandless' motion as to filling in a portion of the mudflats by hand was also up, and was passed on to the city engineer for a report.

Before the regular business was taken up, Ald. Grahame rose to a question of privilege. He wished to bring up the matter of the condition of First street. Some time ago a letter had been written to the Victoria Terminal Railway calling their attention to the condition in which the company had left the streets. So far nothing had been done, although the company had promised to have the matter attended to. Unless something were done immediately there would be an accident, and the city would have damages to pay. He would like to see a strong letter written to the company by the city solicitor, as the matter was a crying shame. Ald. Yates also pointed out that the company had blocked up one of the entrances to the market yard in spite of the protests of the Market Superintendent.

The Victoria Machinery Depot wrote as follows:

Having decided (at our annual meeting, which took place last week) to enlarge these works considerably, by installing new machinery, we find we will be able to do a great deal more work here on the pin-bridge than before anticipated. Under these circumstances and in view of discontent shown by other local firms, who object to the plans being altered without reopening the whole business and calling for new tenders, we trust that our original bid of six and one-half cents per pound, to be completed in ten months, will be accepted. We trust this may be arranged because it would be very unfair to us to have new tenders called for, seeing that our prices have already been published for both classes of bridge, and our competitors, who are now discontented, did not offer any tender in the first place.

Ald. Vincent wished to know if the above offer would act as a withdrawal of the company's offer for a pin bridge.

The letter was referred to the Streets and Bridges' committee.

S. Duck addressed the council on the matter of the unsanitary condition of Herald street, near Government. The city engineer will report.

The secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance asking that a clause be added to the city charter prohibiting games and sports in the public parks on Sunday. This will go to the committee having the new charter in hand.

H. F. Knott offered to deliver earth for filling in the mud flats at 50c. per cubic yard. Referred to city engineer.

T. Potter called attention to surface drains in his vicinity at the Lion's saloon. This went to the city engineer with power to act.

The Spring Ridge Methodist Epworth League asked the council not to grant the extension of time asked for by the Terminal railway so long as that company ran trains on Sundays. Laid on the table.

E. North again called attention to the sidewalk on Victoria Crescent. Received and filed and Mr. North will be informed that there are no funds available.

R. Mowat complained of the flow of water into his premises on Fort street and claiming damages. Referred to city engineer and solicitor for report.

Mrs. M. R. Smith called attention to the state of a drain on Niagara street. The city engineer will attend to the matter.

W. W. Northcott, returning officer, submitted a list of names of candidates for the position of deputies at the forthcoming municipal election. Messrs. Beaven, Maynard, Glover, Bell and Walkeley after four ballots were duly elected.

REPORTS.

The special committee appointed to look into the claim of D. McIntosh, recommended that $200 be offered him in full of all demands. This report was received and adopted.

The Finance committee reported accounts of $3,660.07 for the current month, which were ordered paid.

His Worship, at this point, stated that some time ago he had written Hon. J. H. Turner in connection with consolidating the city loans and last June a gentleman—Capt. Inman—had called on him, with a letter of introduction from Mr. Turner, for the purpose of formulating a scheme. Capt. Inman had been given all necessary particulars and had subsequently returned to England, and had now written in relation to the subject. While the consolidation of the loans would not mean any direct advantage to the city, it would give the debentures a quotation on the London Stock Exchange and would make future operations more advantageous. The letter from Capt. Inman was as follows:

RE CONSOLIDATED LOANS.

Dear Mr. Mayor,—Since I arrived in London from British Columbia I have had an opportunity of discussing a scheme for the consolidation of the loans of the city of Victoria, with one of our leading firms here. You will remember that I received the particulars of these loans from yourself and the treasurer, together with the new upon the subject, and you were good enough to say that, when I submitted a scheme, it should receive serious consideration.

My friends here called my attention to the fact that most of the loans are long dated ones, and there is always a difficulty in getting in long-dated bonds, unless, of course, exceptional conditions are offered, but they agree with me that it is probable these loans would come in in course of time and moreover that the consolidation and consequent stock quotation would be a distinct advantage to the city of Victoria.

They point out, however, that the formation of such a scheme would require some time to put into shape, and suggest that I should obtain a letter from you or the chairman of the finance committee inviting me to submit a scheme with the promise that such scheme would have favorable consideration and treatment.

I therefore ask whether you will be kind enough to do this, in order to place the business upon a formal basis, but with no intention upon my part of seeking a commission or remuneration for any scheme I may propose, and which may prove abortive.

J. INMAN.

This letter was referred to the Finance committee for a report.

The Streets, Bridges and Sewers committee's weekly summary as follows was then read:

Your streets, bridges and sewers committee having considered the undermentioned subjects, beg to recommend the following for the adoption of the Council, namely:

Re communication of Geo. E. Waite's, requesting the improvement of Gotham street. Recommended that this work be done at an early date. Estimated cost $40.

Re the extension of drain on Baronet street to Leighton road, as per communication of D. H. Bale. Recommended that the work be done. Estimated cost $12.

Re petition of Bert B. Hall et al., asking that a culvert be put in on Oak Bay avenue to connect with Amphion street. Recommended that the work be done. Estimated cost $20.

Re communication of Edward North, requesting sidewalk on the south side of Victoria Crescent. Recommended that the work be done if funds are available. Estimated cost $90.

Your committee would recommend that the following be deferred, viz:

The construction of sidewalks on the East side of Dudley avenue, between Oak Bay avenue and Leighton road; Mary street, East side, from Esquimalt road Northerly; Oak Bay avenue between Dudley avenue and Hulton street.

The laying of a surface drain on Pemberton road, as per communication of W. E. Fisher. The surfacing of Fisguard street, between Government and Douglas street, as per communication of W. H. Jones.

The laying of a surface drain, etc., on Belcher avenue, as per communication of A. McInnes. The laying of a box drain on Henry street, as per communication of E. Kermode.

The renewal of the sidewalk on the East side of Harrison street, between Pandora street and Cadboro Bay road, as per communication of H. J. Knott.

The acceptance of the offer of J. Rostein of rock from a lot on corner of Courtney and Government streets.

The following recommendations are also made by your committee, namely:

That a box drain be laid down on Government street to connect with Henry street, as per communication of P. A. Babington, if funds are available. Estimated cost $45.

That the recommendation of the City Engineer as contained in his report of the 22nd inst., in regard to the joint letter of the Marine Iron Works Co., Ltd., the Albion Iron Works Co., Ltd., and the B. C. Marine Ry. Co., Ltd., in regard to tenders for Point Ellice bridge, be adopted.

That the matter of the claim of D. McIntosh be deferred pending a report from the special committee appointed to inquire into the matter.

That the petitioners in the matters of the condition of Superior street, and the relation of the corporation to the Tramway company, be supplied with a copy of the Tramway company's letter upon the subject, and informed that the statements therein contained are endorsed by the City Engineer.

That the City Solicitor's report of the 15th day of December (in regard to applications to alter the city map by sub-divisions) addressed to the City Engineer, be kept on file in the Engineer's office for his information and guidance.

That all cheques received in connection with the tenders submitted for the construction of the steel bridge superstructure, be returned, excepting those which accompanied the two lowest tenders.

This report was adopted.

MOTION.

Ald. Yates routine motion in connection with the forthcoming municipal election was then read and passed.

Ald. McCandless' motion re filling in James Bay flats came next. The mover thought that it was very desirable that Government street should be filled in immediately in order that the road bed could be made ready for paving early in the year. There would be plenty of work for the dredge in filing in the balance of the flats.

Ald. Williams would like to know where it was proposed to get the material from.

Ald. McCandless said that the city engineer no doubt would be able to solve this question.

His Worship pointed out that while there was an unexpected balance, it should be remembered that the money obtained was on the basis of 18c. per cubic yard, and if 50c. or 75c. were now to be paid for excavated material it would not take long to use up the balance.

Ald. Kinsman thought that if the filling was to be done with carts, the money would soon be eaten up. If the dredge could not be secured to complete the work it might be cheaper to go elsewhere for a dredge rather than to try filling in by hand.

The motion was passed and will go to the city engineer for a report.

The council then adjourned.

OLD SOLDIER DEAD.

Quebec, Dec. 29.—Ex-Sergt.-Major A. Lynden, R. C. G. A., died here today after a short illness. He joined in 1871 and retired in 1900.

PLACER MINERS.

Vancouver, Dec. 27.—(Special)—On January 8 a meeting will be held in Victoria of those interested in placer mining, when an attempt will be made to form a provincial association. The association, when formed, will urge the government to change existing placer mining laws so that crown grants may be secured for placer claims.

MINING AT GREENWOOD.

The contract for sinking a shaft one hundred feet on the Gold Finch mineral claim, situate close to Greenwood and recently bonded by C. M. Fassett of Spokane, has been awarded to J. H. Griffin and P. Steffen, who have already commenced to work with four men.

At the Montreal & Boston Copper company's smelter at Boundary Falls the iron work of the new furnace is in place and the building of the brickwork is now in progress. Superintendent Goodell hopes to have the second furnace in operation early in January, but pending the arrival a few weeks later of another blower and additional boilers he will not have sufficient blast or steam power to run both furnaces to full capacity.

LE ROI'S PROFITS FOR NOVEMBER.

Cabled returns for November—"Shipped from mine to Northport during the past month 15,576 tons, containing 8,380 ozs. of gold, 9,000 ozs. of silver, 407,400 lbs. of copper. Estimated profit on this ore $75,000. Shipments from second-class dump suspended for the winter months." (October profits—First-class ore, $84,232; second-class, $959).

Householders and licence-holders are reminded that today is the last on which they can register their names as voters at the coming municipal elections.

COAL AND BEEF.

United States Free Trade League Wants Duties Abolished.

Boston, Dec. 30.—A largely attended meeting called under the auspices of the American Free Trade League, was held today in Faneuil hall. Resolutions, of which a copy will be sent to each member of the United States Senate, were adopted. They call for a repeal of duties on coal and beef, in that these duties, by assisting the extortions of monopoly or impeding relief from them, have proved a serious handicap to the United States people.

CANADA AND BRITAIN.

Dominion Becoming Larger Factor in Trade.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—The Telegram's London cable says: The Holland-American liner Rotterdam has rescued the crew of the Canadian schooner Pioneer, abandoned in the Atlantic.

The United States consul at Liverpool in his report on Anglo-American trade, says it would be unwise to dismiss the matter of Canadian competition as a bugaboo. Canada has never been so much in evidence in this country as during the current year.

RIOTS IN BELGIUM.

Disorderly Lancers Start a Serious Riot.

Namur, Belgium, Dec. 30.—There has been trouble between soldiers and civilians here recently and several clashes have occurred. Matters reached a climax tonight, when a number of Lancers began to act riotously. They broke windows in houses on several streets. The police and gendarmes appeared on the scene, but were unable to suppress the disorder. Several of them were wounded. The burgomaster has sent in a requisition for troops to control the situation. All shops are shut.

Inquest on Wanstead Wreck

Evidence Still Being Taken Regarding the Operator's Order Book.

Ontario Prohibition People Will Demand That Liquor Sales Be stopped.

Wyoming, Dec. 30.—The Wanstead inquest continued today, no evidence of a startling nature being given. James Smith, front brakeman on the freight, stated that the semaphore was not up against his train when it left Wyoming. James Troy, operator at Kingscourt, testified that it was his first night in charge at Kingscourt. Carson's order book was placed in evidence showing that orders had always been annulled in a regular way up to the night of the accident.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—Prohibitionists are to meet the Ontario government on January 25 and demand that in view of the referendum vote the sale of intoxicating liquors in Ontario be abolished.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—(Special)—It is announced that Rev. J. A. MacDonald, editor of the Westminster, will succeed J. S. Willison as editor of the Globe. He will commence his new duties as soon as he can conveniently sever his connection with the Westminster.

Quebec, Dec. 30.—Damages were rendered in the Vice-Admiralty court this morning by Judge Routhier of $18,000 against the Hamburg-American line steamship Westphalia. Last fall the steamship collided with the schooner Marie Ann in Quebec harbor, the captain and mate of the schooner being drowned. Of the damages $10,000 go to their widows.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 30.—Fire this morning damaged the McLaughlin building and contents to the extent of $40,000. Seven firms had property damaged.

PRESIDENT LOUBET

Sends Money for Relief of Earthquake Sufferers.

Paris, Dec. 30.—President Loubet has sent $2,000 for the relief of sufferers from the earthquake at Andijan, Russian Turkistan.

COLOMBIA SUBSIDING.

Army Reduced and Cable Censorship Abolished.

Panama, Colo., Dec. 30.—The Colombia army by the recent national decree, has been reduced to 50,000 men. Censorship on cable messages has been abolished.

BOER APPEAL.

General Schalkburgher Publishes an Open Letter.

Capetown, Dec. 30.—Gen. Schalkburgher, former acting president of the Orange Free State, in an open letter, published in Onsland, appeals to the government to be merciful to those who suffered as a result of their devotion to the Boer cause, and to remove the grievances which now make it impossible to live up to the motto, 'Forgive and forget." In conclusion, Gen. Schalkburgher expresses hope that the people will show that the power of rule in South Africa lies in the Afrikander, "who will remain loyal while righteousness reigns and while his rightful portion is alloted him."

STRIKE COMMISSION.

Preparing For Presentation of Operators Case.

Philadelphia, Dec. 30.—A conference of anthracite coal operators and their attorneys was held here today to arrange for the presentation of the mine owners side of the strike controversy to the commission when that body convenes here next Tuesday. Those represented were the Delaware & Hudson company, the Philadelphia & Reading, N. Y., Ontario & W., John Markle, the Independent coal operator of Hazelton, the Enterprise Coal company, the Lehigh Valley, the Erie, Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, and the non-union mine workers. After the conference a statement was given out which stated that on Tuesday when the commission sits the non-union counsel would submit further testimony which will possibly consume a day or two then the operators will open and proceed with evidence which will be presented by the coal companies. The presentation of the operators side will consume ten or twelve days or two weeks, perhaps more.

TRAIN ACCIDENT.

Engineer Killed and Fireman Badly Hurt.

San Bernardino, Cal., Dec. 29.—The Santa Fe Southbound overland, which left San Francisco at 9:30 a.m. yesterday, crashed into a light engine on a side track at Siam today, killing the engineer, Charles Hayward, and seriously injuring fireman A. Arkills. Two other trainmen were hurt.

Warships to Morocco Coast

Fears For the Christians Shut Up in Fez by Rebel Army.

Britain and Spain Are Sending Vessels Nearer to the Scene.

London, Dec. 29.—A despatch received here by the Times dated December 29, from Tangier, says a courier from Fez reports the Christians there to be safe. The missionary women are in the British consulate.

The attack upon the camp occurred at night time. It is reported that 2,000 of the Sultan's troops were killed. An absurd rumor is current, continues the correspondent, that the French are supporting the rebels. At a matter of fact the anti-Christian movement is more dangerous to the French than to anybody else, as it threatens them in Algeria.

Valetta, Island of Malta, Dec. 29.—H. M. S. Bacchante, the flagship of Admiral Walker, together with the British battleships Canopus and Victorious, and the cruiser Diana, have left here for Gibraltar, it is believed, in connection with the Moroccan situation. The battleship Implacable will follow the other warships shortly.

Madrid, Dec. 29.—King Alfonso today discussed the Moroccan crisis with General Weyler, minister of war, and the Duke of Veragua, minister of marine. In addition to the cruiser Infanta Isabel, which has already gone to Tangier, other vessels are to be held in readiness to take reinforcements to Ceuta and Melilla. The Government has asked its ambassadors at Paris and London to ascertain the views of the French and British Governments concerning the Moroccan situation. It appears to be feared in political circles here that some foreign power will intervene in Morocco. The latest news to reach Madrid confirms the previous reports that Fez has been invested by the rebels.

Madrid, Dec. 29.—Premier Silvela says the Spanish minister at Tangier telegraphed that he has had an interview with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Morocco, who while he takes a serious view of the situation, says it is not hopeless. The defeat of the Sultan's troops, the Foreign Minister adds, was due to a surprise. He claims there has been no serious battle.

Those army officers who were absent on furlough have been ordered to return to their posts. A regiment of infantry has left for Algiers, and another is being held in readiness to go. Forces of cavalry, artillery and engineers, as well as a detachment of the hospital crops are also ready to be moved.

Tangier, Morocco, Dec. 26.—On December 22 ten thousand Shereefian troops, commanded by a brother of the sultan's minister of war, received orders to concentrate and take the offensive against the pretender at Taza. Before the Shereefians moved upon him the pretender attacked them with large bodies of cavalry. The Imperial army was surrounded, completely routed and fled in disorder towards Fez, abandoning all material of war. The first fugitives arrived at Fez on the morning of December 24.

The gates of Fez at present are shut, shops there are closed and the population is greatly excited, but there has been no disorder. The European colony of Fez, numbering about 20 persons, is taking no steps to leave the town and appears to be satisfied that there is no imminent danger, although the situation is regarded as serious. It is said that the pretender's followers have received numerous additions since his successes, and he is already negotiating with the tribes of the Wednaweb valley. The population of Fez is reported to be generally hostile to the Sultan, and is ready to acclaim any pretender who will guarantee the town from pillage.

No details of the Imperial losses have yet been reported here, but it is rumored that 2,000 of the Sultan's soldiers were killed or wounded. The authorities here are trying to minimize the disaster. It is declared that a section of the Imperial troops sent as reinforcements deserted to the rebels and aided in driving the loyal troops back to Fez.

ONTARIO ELECTIONS.

Municipal Nominations in the Province.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Municipal nominations took place in Ontario today, and the only election by acclamation in any of the larger cities was that of Fred. Cook as mayor of Ottawa.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 29.—(Special)—Nominations for mayoralty were Robt. Rodehouse (Socialist); Jas. Dixon (Liberal); Wellington J. Morden (Conservative).

SEIZED THE JEWELS.

Exciting Chase After Robber by New York Crowd.

New York, Dec. 29.—In full view of the passing crowds, a large plate glass window in the pawnshop of R. Simpson & Co., in West 42nd street, was smashed with a Belgian paving block tonight and $10,000 worth of diamonds were stolen. Only three of the gems were recovered after the capture of the robber. It is believed by the police that several men were in the job and that the man who broke the window passed the jewels to confederates. After an exciting chase, which was entered into by hundreds of men, the robber, who drew a pistol, and fought desperately for his liberty, was captured. He was more dead than alive when the police rescued him from the crowd of pursuers.

He is 19 years of age, and called himself William Madison, of Boston. It was one of the most daring robberies heard of in New York for a long time. The shop was about to close when a paving stone covered with paper crashed through the window, and in an instant a tray of diamond rings and pins disappeared. One of the clerks jumped over the counter and pursued the man who broke the window. A large crowd followed, and when the man was overtaken he was buried under a score of pursuers. He yelled for mercy, but his infuriated captors were relentless, and doubtless he would have been more seriously injured had not a detective pulled him from under the pile. As it was, he was so badly battered that a physician's services were required. Madison said he came here a week ago and was prompted by cold and hunger to commit the robbery. It is said at the store that at the time the windows were broken there were on show about $150,000 worth of jewels.

STRENGTHENING BANKS.

Move to Combine Several in New York.

New York, Dec. 29.—The Times will say: Plans are being made to effect within a short time the consolidation of the National Broadway, the Seventh National and the Mercantile National banks, of this city. The combined bank will be known as the Mercantile National, and it is likely its capital and surplus will amount to $10,000,000. Charles W. Morse, who dominates the New Amsterdam National, the National Bank of North America, and the Garfield National, and other smaller banking institutions, is the leading feature in this merger. Mr. Morse already controls the National Broadway, and owns a large interest in the Mercantile National. The combined capital and surplus of the banks named is $8,104,149.

HAS LOTS OF ORE.

The Republic Has Opened up Four Feet of Mineral.

On the Republic, says the Slocan Drill, is one of the largest and best showings of high grade ore the camp has yet witnessed. It is located close to the old shaft and was made from a surface cutting a few days ago. After stoping out a carload of ore at the shaft, another opening was made 70 feet to the West, following down two streaks. These have been stripped for about 30 feet, and have been found to unite into one body, forming a paystreak four feet in width. It is all shipping ore and carries native silver, argentite and gold-bearing iron pyrites. It will assay over 200 ounces in silver and $7 in gold. There is easily four carloads of ore in sight at the new opening. As yet the ore body has not been cut in the drift run from the ravine, but may be tapped at any time.

The first car of ore to be sent out by the Republic under the new owners was shipped on Tuesday, amounting to 22 tons. It was sent to Nelson, and the returns will be available in a few days. The ore will average about 160 ounces silver and $8 in gold. Things are looking very well at the mine.

KASLO'S APPEAL.

Asks Assistance of Business Men to Improve Mining Conditions.

The Kaslo Board of Trade held an important special meeting to receive the report of the committee appointed on the silver-lead matter. The report sets out the difficulties which merchants and allied interests are suffering owing to the enforced curtailment of the lead output in Slocan and Kootenay camps. It describes the difference of duties on goods used by these camps and the goods represented by the lead industry, and desires to enlist the energies of the business men of Canada to aid in securing for the Kootenays renewed and continuous prosperity, with special reference to the lead industries being the main and almost only industry in this district. With a return of mining prosperity 5,000 men at least would at once be employed at high wages, and the Dominion at large would have a great market of large purchasing ability.

Machinery For Victori-Tuymph

Advantages Claimed For the High Speed Gravitation Stamp Mill.

Crushing Capacity of Stamps Increased From 50 to 70 Per Cent.

More than ordinary interest centres about the installation of a milling plant at the Victory-Triumph mine, as outlined by C. Williamson Milne, by reason of the fact that the plant which he suggests for crushing the ore, prior to the Willey tables stage of the concentration process, will be a "High-Speed" gravitation stamp mill, the first of its kind to be erected on this continent.

The mill in question is a new design evolved after years of investigation and experimenting by a practical mechanical engineer, and a description of of the salient points in connection with the machinery will undoubtedly be read with interest by Miner readers who follow the improvements wrought in mining equipment.

The summarized statement of advantages that may be expected to accrue from the adoption of the "High-Speed" mill are divided under three headings, as follows:

"1—Decreased capital outlay per unit of crushing capacity due to an increase of from 50 to 1,000 per cent. in the crushing capacity of each stamp, the consequent reduction of from 33 to 50 per cent. in the number of stamps with their foundations, mortar-blocks, framings, feeders, driving gears, etc., required for a given crushing capacity; the consequent reduction in the floor space required, and in the size of the battery house; the greatly reduced cost of transportation of the component parts of the mill.

"2—Decreased working expenses per ton due to decreased labor required to attend to the reduced number of stamps, decreased interest and depreciation charges, decreased maintenance and repair costs.

"3—The ability to convert existing cam stamp mill into 'High-Speed' mills utilizing the existing buildings, foundations, battery-frames, mortar-boxes, heads, shoes, dies, whilst increasing the crushing capacity by from 50 to 70 per cent., according to the particular conditions of the case in respect to weight of stamps, and number of drops per minute; the great increase in crushing capacity being obtained at a cost which is trifling as compared to the alternative of adding the required number of additional cam stamps to the existing mill."

The description of the apparatus states that in ordinary practice the best results obtained from the usual camp stamp with a drop of 7½ inches effective height is about 95 drops per minute, while the weight of each stamp rarely exceeds 1,250 pounds; in the "High-Speed" mill the velocity at which the stamp is raised by the cylinder so far exceeds the limit velocity imposed by the essential features of the cam mechanism that from 132 to 135 drops per minute, each of 7½ inches effective height, can be obtained.

The results of a series of tests are claimed to have shown that very approximately crushing capacity varies directly as the number of drops per minute and the weight of the stamp, so that if a 1,150 pound cam stamp, running at 95 drops per minute, be converted into a 1,400 pounds "High-Speed" stamp running at 132 drops per minute there will be a gain in crushing capacity of nearly 70 per cent. In the case of new mills it is proposed to use stamps of from 1,800 to 2,000 pounds weight, with the result that only about one-half the number of "High-Speed" stamps will be required to perform the work of any given number of cam stamps of the average weight now in use.

"TIS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE."

St. Andrew's Sunday School Children Follow the Charitable Precept.

The Christmas-tide entertainment of St. Andrew's Sabbath school held last evening in the lecture room of the church, was largely attended and very much enjoyed. The children in songs, choruses and instrumental music and recitations were very acceptably aided by those ever-willing entertainers, Miss Ethel Green and Mr. Wm. Allan. Instead of receiving gifts this year, the children were as ready to give to others, and a feature of the evening was the placing of their gifts in a boat—which rested on the platform—equipped for the voyage to Ahousett, whither the gifts were to be sent for the benefit and delight of the children of that mission. Prizes were awarded those of the children of the school who showed proficiency in the work of the school for the year.

Queen Arrives.—Steamer Queen, Capt. Hall, reached port last night, after an uneventful voyage from San Francisco. She had a small complement of passengers.

Tired of Mr. Ross

Hon. S. H. Blake Writes a Letter to Representative For South Toronto.

In His Own Strenuous Way He Makes His Meaning Very Clear.

True and Wise Men Wanted —Hopes Conservatives Will Win.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—Hon. S. H. Blake, who is a constituent of J. J. Foy, M. P. P., and who voted for Foy in May last, has addressed a letter to his representative in which he says: "If affords me pleasure to hear you speak of the great need there is for most strenuously endeavoring to drive out corruption in connection with our elections, our election trials and the government of our country generally. I rejoice to hear of of what you are hopefully looking forward to accomplish in this way. I will be only too glad to aid you in any manner in my power, although it may be in a small way, to the accomplishment of this end." Continuing, Mr. Blake says: "It is much to be deplored that there are those who have been educated to the low level of holding themselves out as hogs ready to be brought in the market by the highest bidder.

The country is weary of Baron Munchausen stories of what our rulers say they have done in Greater Ontario, and of statements ad nauseam of the wonders wrought by grants, concessions, subsidies of our own property for substantial quid pro quo to retain in power Duke De Braggadoccios or the Counts De Rhodomontade, whose never silent trumpets ostentatiously proclaim their mighty works."

Mr. Blake then goes on to contrast the Government of the day with the "Righteous, just and honest Government" of Sir Oliver Mowat, and to point out that there has been a surfeit of Government of "Carpetbags," "Lobbies," "Commissions," "Concessions" and "Referendum." What is wanted, he says, are true and wise men at the helm. Mr. Blake concludes by expressing an earnest wish for success of the Conservatives at the by-elections on January 7.

FATAL CHICKEN POX.

Crew of Schooner Suffer Severely.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 30.—The British schooner Grace, Capt. Strong, from Oporto, reached here today with one man dead from chicken pox. Another man is dying and a third is ill of the disease. The schooner has been quarantined.

DIAMOND BURGLAR.

McPherson Held in Five Thousand Dollars Bail.

New York, Dec. 30.—Angus McPherson, who stole $10,000 worth of diamond rings from Simpson & Co.'s pawn shop after smashing a window last night, was held in $5,000 bail today on a charge of burglary. Several of the gems he lost in his flight have been recovered.

GERMAN POLAND.

Will Be Placed Under a Special Cabinet Minister.

Berlin, Dec. 30.—Emperor William and Chancellor Von Bulow are considering the establishment of a separate cabinet position specially for the administration of the Polish provinces, thus enabling the Government to concentrate Polish affairs in a single office and secure uniformity and consistency in the administration policy.

CALGARY CATTLE MARKET.

Offer for a Monopoly of the Concern.

Winnipeg, Dec. 30.—The offer to Calgary of Telfer & Company, Montreal, to secure a monopoly of the cattle market in that city was considered by the council tonight. The company want 31 acres of land and the monopoly. The council propose that the company give the city $1,000 a year after the first four years and three per cent. gross receipts, and if so, the deal will go through.

GERMAN NAVY.

Vessels That Will Be Begun Next Year.

Berlin, Dec. 30.—Emperor William has telegraphed to Max Guileaume, of the North German sea cable works of Stettin, as follows: "I have learned with special pleasure of the launching of the first cable ship built at a German shipyard, and I express, in connection with the new German Atlantic cable, the hope that it will contribute towards strengthening more and more the good relations between Germany and the United States."

The naval budget for 1903 provides for laying down immediately two battleships, one armored cruiser, two small cruisers, and five torpedo boats. Their construction is within the permanent naval programme. Two battleships now building will be completed in the summer of 1903 and three small cruisers will be finished early in 1904. These will have a steaming radius of 5,000 knots.

During 1902 four battle ships, one armored cruiser, and one gunboat were commenced.

AUSTRO-HUNGARY.

Emperor Refuses to Accept Resignation of Premiers.

Vienna, Dec. 30.—The Austrian premier, Dr. von Koerber, was received in audience by Emperor Francis today and tendered his resignation. But His Majesty declined to accept. The Emperor subsequently presided at a conference between Dr. von Koerber and the Hungarian premier, Coloman de Szell, at which the situation was considered. Meetings have been held at Vienna during the last week between the Austrian and Hungarian premiers in an endeavor to arrive at a compromise on the question of the Ausgleich, or the proportion of the cost of the administration of common affairs to be borne by Austria and Hungary, and ended in failure. It has been stated that unless Emperor Francis Joseph shall succeed in compelling these two premiers to come to an agreement today both would resign. The latest edition of the Neue Freie Press says the Emperor, notwithstanding the collapse of the Ausgleich negotiations, emphatically refused to accept the resignations of Dr. von Koerber and Coloman de Szell.

TUNG FUH SIANG

Pekin, Dec. 29.—According to messages received from the British consul at Hankow, whose judgment is exceptionally trustworthy, the movements of Tung Fuh Siang give reason to expect trouble. Tung Fuh Siang is supposed to have 10,000 warriors under his command in Kan-su province. He can easily dominate the provinces of Kan-su and Shan-si, as the local imperial forces are very inferior.