

GOOD PROGRESS ON RESERVOIR PREPARATIONS FOR NEXT SEASON'S WATER SUPPLY

Good progress is being made on the work looking to the supplementing of the water supply in the city next year.

At Smith's Hill reservoir the gangs under the command of T. Donovan are steadily getting out the rock which will give capacity for about 15,000,000 gallons of water.

There yet remains a lot of rockwork to be done in the southern half of the reservoir, but when completed the wall will be practically formed, as it will be cut out of the solid rock.

Within the city, off Rockland avenue, the great reservoir which is to ensure a supply of water in the highest levels of the municipality, has been going forward at a satisfactory rate.

COAL OIL VICTIMS

Manitoba Government Offers \$1,000 Reward For Information Respecting Guilty Parties.

Winnipeg, Dec. 6.—Following the verdict by the coroner's jury on the deaths caused by coal oil explosion, the attorney-general's department yesterday announced that a reward of \$1,000 would be paid to any person giving information that would lead to the conviction of the guilty parties.

SCOTCH MECHANICS DEPORTED

Men Who Came to Fill Places of C. P. R. Strikers Could Find no Work.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 5.—Twenty Scotch mechanics who came out to fill the places of strikers in the C. P. R. shops were sent home to-night by the company. Orders came from the government at Ottawa that the men had to be returned home. They have been out of work since the strike ended.

BIG FIRE IN CENTRALIA

Four Squares Wiped Out and 55 Families Rendered Homeless.

Centralia, Pa., Dec. 4.—Sixty-five families are homeless in this city as the result of a fire which, during the night, wiped out three squares in the heart of the town.

DEAD AND ROBBED

Mystery of Portland Man Whose Body is Found in Deserted Cabin.

DELTA PLOUGHING MATCHES.

New Westminster, Dec. 3.—The annual Delta ploughing matches will be held on Thursday, December 17th, according to arrangements made at a meeting held at Ladner.

VERNON METHODISTS CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

More Than Half of Debt on Church Has Been Wiped Out.

Vernon, Dec. 4.—This week has witnessed a most successful series of ploughing matches in connection with the Methodist church in Vernon, which has now been in existence fifteen years.

AMIRAL OLY PASSED IN TO VANCOUVER

French Liner Has Fifty Tons of Freight for This Port.

The Chargers Retinis round the world liner, Admiral Oly called at quarantine on Saturday and passed in to Vancouver without leaving her freight here.

BANKERS FORESEE HOPEFUL FUTURE

Sir Geo. Drummond and Sir E. Clouston on Business Outlook.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 7.—The financial and commercial depression which swept over Canada and the United States and extended to the continent during the past year was the key note of speeches made by Sir George Drummond, president, and Sir Edward Clouston, vice-president of the Bank of Montreal, at the annual meeting of the shareholders to-day.

YOUTHFUL SAFE-CRACKER

Galt, Ont., Dec. 7.—Earl Licht, 18-years old, was sentenced to two years and a half in the Kingston penitentiary to-day for robbing a safe of the Bell Telephone Company here.

TORONTO GIRL'S SUICIDE

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 7.—Norma Searles, 22 years old, the daughter of a retired hotel keeper of Wellington, Ont., took carbolic acid in a boarding house on Macleod street yesterday afternoon, and died an hour and a half later.

DURHAM STEVENS' MURDER

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 7.—I. Whan Chang's trial actually began to-day after varied postponements and promises to be speedy. Venetremen were examined this forenoon. Chang killed Durham White Stevens, the American adviser to the Korean government.

SEVEN DIE THROUGH TREACHEROUS ICE

Skating Fatality in Wisconsin--Two Drown in Potomac.

WRECKAGE IS COMING ASHORE

STEAMER SOO CITY MAY BE TOTAL LOSS

Life Preservers Found Near Cape Race--Carried Crew of 28.

North Sydney, C. B., Dec. 4.—A report has reached here that a large amount of wreckage, including a steamer's cabin and furniture, and 60 life-preservers, bearing the name "Soo City," have been found near Cape Race.

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CHARMER REACHES ESQUIMALT HARBOR

Steamer Came Slowly Under Her Own Steam--Is Being Hauled Out.

(From Saturday's Daily). The steamer Charmer reached Esquimalt at a quarter to two this afternoon, and is now being hauled out on the marine railway for repairs.

SIMON SURE OF HAYTIEN PRESIDENCY

General Fouchard, Another Aspirant, Withdraws--Situation is Clearing.

Port au Prince, Dec. 7.—The political situation is clearing. During the recent interview here between General Simon, the leader of the revolutionary movement, that resulted in the flight of Nord Aloxchard, the capital, and General Fouchard, an aspirant, to the presidency who arrived yesterday at the head of a band of followers, the latter said that as "God had blessed the arms of General Simon" he withdrew his candidacy in order that the possibility of civil war be averted.

ASPHYXIATION ENDS SELF SACRIFICE

Sad Death of Young Jewish Girls in New York Tenement.

New York, Dec. 7.—The strict economy which two young Jewish girls had imposed upon themselves to enable them to educate themselves and their young sister, and to the same time save money enough to bring their mother to this country, cost them their lives to-day. They were found dead from inhaling illuminating gas in a little room which they occupied together in an east-side tenement.

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Jamesville, Wis., Dec. 7.—Earl Cooper, Harvey Richardson, Violet Blivens and Fannie Blivens were drowned yesterday while skating on Lake Koshkonong.

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NO MORE HEADACHES

Suffered from Constant Headaches--Cured by "Fruit-a-tives" When Doctors Failed.



"I was a sufferer from fearful headaches for over two years, sometimes they were so bad that I was unable to work for days at a time. I took all kinds of medicines, was treated by physicians, and yet the headaches persisted; I was rarely free from headache. A short time ago I was advised to try 'Fruit-a-tives' and I did so with I must confess, very little faith, but after I had taken them for three days my headaches were easier and in a week they left me. After I had taken a box of the tablets my headaches were quite cured. My appetite was always poor and my stomach bad, and now my appetite is splendid and my digestion is excellent. I had become thin and weak from the constant headaches, but now not only have I been cured of these awful headaches, but my strength is growing up once more, and I feel like a new man. I have taken in all three boxes of 'Fruit-a-tives'. I am exceedingly grateful to 'Fruit-a-tives' for curing me, and I give this unsolicited testimonial with great pleasure, as I hope thereby some other sufferer of headaches will be induced to try 'Fruit-a-tives' and will be cured."

(Sgd.) E. CORNELL Taylorville, Ont.

"Fruit-a-tives" is now put up in the new 50c tin, and is the regular 50c boxes. Write Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa, if your dealer will not supply you.

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HENRY BARNATO DIES IN LONDON

"Penny Wise and Pound Foolish" Multi-millionaire Leaves \$75,000,000.

London, Dec. 5.—In the death of Henry Barnato London has lost a remarkable multi-millionaire. He was born in the White Chapel district, and known there as Harry Isaacs, and was a brother of the late Barney Barnato, the famous multi-millionaire performer to the diamond fields of South Africa. Harry has left a fortune of \$75,000,000 or more. Harry was an eccentric as his famous brother. He carried cheques for \$300,000 and \$400,000 in his pocket, and allowed his \$10 a week clerks to buy him drinks without receipt. He was always covered with diamonds like an opera star.

He spent thousands of pounds buying thoroughbreds, but if the weekly fee exceeded his estimate by a few pence he was miserable. He fought his tailor for months over 25 cents, yet spent thousands of pounds for a spectacular dinner at the Gaiety hotel at the end of the Russian war. He would not tip the waiters.

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GREENHOUSE CHANGES HANDS.

Wilkinson and Brown Have Bought Out E. Laing's Quarters.

Wilkinson and Brown, the well-known florists, have purchased the greenhouse of E. Laing at the corner of Fort and Cook streets. This was formerly owned by J. T. Higgins, but for some months past has been in the hands of Mr. Laing.

The property is admirably situated for the florist's business, and will make it the headquarters for the handling of the city trade, keeping a stock of cut flowers from their large Spanish road greenhouses on hand there all the time, thus supplementing the stock which can be grown in the smaller greenhouse at Fort and Cook.

Mr. Laing is going to give his attention to landscape gardening, spraying, etc., and will continue to use the premises as his office in conjunction with Wilkinson and Brown, who will control the rest of the business.

For the Christmas trade, Mr. Wilkinson says his firm has a fine showing. The chrysanthemum display, as well as carnations and other stock, is magnificent so that the firm is in first-class shape to meet all demands.

CHARGE IS LAID OF ASSAULTING CONSTABLE

Evidence Produced in Case--Adjournment Taken Until Tuesday.

Harry Lalune, bartender, was charged in police court this morning with having assaulted Constable John Ireland while the latter was in discharge of his duty. The affair took place on Pandora street, just off Government street, at half past twelve on Thursday morning.

In his evidence in court this morning Lalune made the accusation that the constable was intoxicated, and this is declared by other witnesses not to have been so. Further evidence is to be produced on Tuesday as to Ireland's sobriety.

J. A. Alkman is defending Lalune. The constable had been attending a lodge meeting on Wednesday evening and was on his way home with a friend, being in plain clothes, when he was attracted by a noise up Pandora street. There appeared to have been a row, he said, and another was evidently about to break out when he went up to Lalune, told him he was a constable and showed his badge and ordered him to move on. Lalune replied that he did not care who he was, he was sworn he would kick his head off and then they came together and went to the ground. There was a crowd of about twenty people present.

Magistrate Jay considered that the evidence so far had disclosed that the constable heard loud talking following a row and went down to disperse the crowd, in doing which he was acting quite within his duty. Accused admitted to Detective O'Leary that he had held Ireland down, and this certainly was an interference with him.

Lalune's story was that on his way home he found some fellows he knew fighting in a group of seven or eight and got them separated, and while advising them to go quietly he was struck along and pushed him down the street. He grappled with the man and put him down, when he saw his badge for the first time, upon which he caught him by the two hands and after holding him for half a minute pulled him up. Lalune said "He would not like to have the jag that Ireland had on, from the way he was acting."

City Prosecutor Moore pointed out the serious nature of this statement and advised the accused to think it over, as it would now be necessary to produce evidence in rebuttal to prove the constable's story. Lalune replied that he would not swear to it but the constable acted "awful funny."

"You must take it back or stick to it. Was the constable's action the result of excitement or do you swear that he was the worse for liquor or not?" came the question of the prosecutor.

"I stick to it," was the reply. George Andrews, a bartender, said he and Lalune were advising one of the fighters to go home when Ireland came along and told Lalune he had better go home. The two clinched and went down, and witness advised Lalune not to fight. When Ireland got up he displayed his badge and said he was an officer. This was the first they knew of that.

W. R. Cadman and Leonard Bailey did not throw much light on the matter. The latter said there were about twenty-five in the crowd. An adjournment was granted until Tuesday, but for convenience Harrison's evidence was taken in rebuttal. He said he and Ireland left the lodge-room at 11:30, had one drink of whiskey and then had supper before starting home. Ireland was perfectly sober.

POLICE CHIEF'S SUICIDE

Body Washed Ashore at Eureka Not Thought to Be Bigg's.

NEW AGENTS FOR CANADIAN-MEXICAN LINE

Shallcross & Macaulay to Handle Business for Shippers in This City.

Shallcross & Macaulay, of this city, have been appointed local agents for the Canadian-Mexican line and also for the Tehuantepec railway. The new agents have offices both in Vancouver and Calgary.

The Calgary office has been opened only recently. E. G. Shallcross, a member of the firm, having just returned from inaugurating the new branch. He is of opinion that a good deal of wheat may be shipped to Mexico and other coast points by this route and he even has hopes of sending freight from Calgary to Europe by the Tehuantepec line.

CATTLE QUARANTINE

Ottawa, Dec. 7.—The deputy minister of agriculture was waited upon on Saturday by representatives of the Canadian steamship companies interested in the new cattle quarantine regulations. As a result some minor modifications will be made in regard to the transportation of skins. This, however, does not in any way involve a relaxation of the precaution designed to prevent the importation of live cattle or hides from infected states.

RUEF BRIBERY CASE

Defence of Grafter Consists of Practically Nothing.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 7.—Arguments in the Ruef Parkside railway bribery trial began at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Judge Lawler has limited the defence till to-morrow to present its side and the case will be in the hands of the jury on Wednesday. Ruef's defence concluded its testimony before noon. It was practically nothing except documents and technical matter.

ESCAPEE IN NIGHT ROBES

Portland, Ore., Dec. 7.—Fire from causes not determined did \$1,000 damage to the Hotel Oregon, one of the principal hostleries of this city yesterday. No one was injured, but many of the guests who had slept late suffered great discomfort through escaping from the building in their night robes. Two firemen were overcome by smoke, but were quickly revived.

COAST DISTRICT, RANGE 4

Take notice that Arthur Howard Harman of Victoria, B. C., accountant, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described land: Commencing at a post planted 4 miles south and 4 miles west of the intersection of Section 22, Township 8, Range 4, Coast District, thence north 1/4 mile, thence east 30 chains, thence south 30 chains, thence west 30 chains to point of commencement, and containing 540 acres more or less.

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"LAND REGISTRY ACT"

In the Matter of an Application for a Duplicate Certificate of Title to Lot 4 of Suburban Lot 8, Victoria City. Notice is hereby given that it is my intention, as the expiration of one month from the date of the first publication hereof, to issue a Duplicate Certificate of Title to said land, which is more fully described in the schedule of the Act, and numbered 11460.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada, at the next session thereof, for an Act to incorporate a Company to build and operate a railway, with all powers, rights and privileges necessary and expedient for the construction, equipment and operation of a line of railway from Victoria, by way of Otter Point and San Juan, to point on Barclay Street near Sarsia River, such railway to be declared to be for the general advantage of Canada. Victoria, B. C., 15th November, 1908.

STEEDMAN'S aim.

Advertisement for 'STEEDMAN'S SOOTHING POWDERS' with a logo and text describing its benefits for children and adults.

DOCKS ABLAZE AT PORTLAND,

HEAVY DAMAGE TO G. T. R. PRO

Steamers Moored to Wharves Endangered--Large Amount of Freight Destroyed

Portland, Maine, Dec. 4.—A fire broke out in the freight shed of the Grand Trunk railroad, and gained head half an hour later had spread to the wharves, and threatened to sweep the eight docks owned by the G. T. R. company. Help was asked from the fire department, and the fire was extinguished.

At 1:45 a.m. the freight shed and No. 2 docks were burnt out and the entire fire fighting the city seemed powerless to a much greater destruction. Three steamships—the G. T. R. Dominion line, and a tramp—were tied at the wharves, and it was thought that they would be damaged. The G. T. R. which was in dock four, and the elevators were top preparations were made to other vessels from the docks. The fire spread dangerously to the elevators and runways, and the flames from the structures. The elevators are upwards of \$100,000.

The flames spread from No. 2 dock, but at this point steamship under control. The steamer man caught fire at one time, but was extinguished with damage. The loss in freight was estimated to be worth \$100,000. The entire property of the G. T. R. here is valued at \$5,000,000.

VENEZUELAN SIN BRITISH

Strange Action Followed by Crew Imprisoned

St. Vincent, B. W. I., Dec. 7.—The British trawler Lady Kensington, arrived Wednesday from Caracas, and was detained at the wharves of Margarita, an island in the Caribbean sea, belonging to Venezuela, and the crew were detained as prisoners. The vessel yesterday morning sent the passengers home by steamboat, and the crew were detained as prisoners. The vessel yesterday morning sent the passengers home by steamboat, and the crew were detained as prisoners.

RAILWAYS PROPOSED

Montreal, Dec. 4.—Traffic on the C. P. R. for the period ending Dec. 31st increased by \$7,000,000.

NAVAL DEMONSTRATION AGAINST VICTORIA

Dutch Warships Showed Coast Close to Shore.

Wilhelmstadt, Dec. 6.—The Dutch warships, the battleship De Ruyter, the cruiser De Goeje, and the gunboat De Goeje, demonstrated against Victoria, B. C., on the 6th inst. The Jacob Van Heemstra, a Dutch cruiser, was going to a distance of 3,000 yards from the city. The Dutch warships showed the coast close to shore.

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