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CAPITAL NOTES.

Government Captures Two More Seats in Ontario—The Grits Shaking in Their Shoes.

Mercier to Issue Another Manifesto—G.T.R.R. Employes to Vote as They Please.

Greenway Will Appeal the School Act to England—Prairie Province School Lands.

(From Our Own Correspondent).

OTTAWA, Feb. 4.—A splendid victory, won in Prince Edward by a majority of 213, and the capture of Lennox with a majority of 31, comprises the Government day's work in Ontario, and it is but the prelude of the general result in this province.

Hon. J. C. Patterson's nomination in West Huron has quite demoralized the Grits in that constituency, and his election on the 23rd instant is fully conceded by all who know the Riding. Even James Trowe is shaking at the prospect in his constituency.

Two Customs officials of the United States, stationed at Montreal for the convenience of Canadian travellers, have been arrested at the instance of a party in Montreal for alleged conspiracy to ruin his business. The authorities at Washington have expressed the desire that their officers should be protected, and the Government here have accordingly instructed counsel to watch the case on behalf of the American officials.

Mr. Murray, Pontiac, was unseated, today, and has no hope of being re-elected. He will probably appeal in order to secure this session's indemnity.

Mr. Mercier says he will issue a manifesto as soon as Judge Jette's report has been forwarded to the Lieut.-Governor.

Mr. Sarjeant, general manager of the G. T. R., has issued a circular in which he intimates a desire that no employee of the Grand Trunk Railway company take any other part than that of voting as he may think fit in the coming Ontario and Quebec elections.

Thirteen railway claims against the crown from British Columbia were filed in the Exchequer Court to-day.

Premier Greenway has notified the Department of Justice to-day that he will appeal the Manitoba School Act to England.

Continued good reports are being received at the Interior Department of sales of Manitoba school lands.

OTTAWA, Feb. 5.—The Supreme Court of New Brunswick, yesterday, annulled the election of Mr. King, the Liberal member for Queens county, for bribery, admitted in part by the agent himself, and Mr. King's father, has given the seat to his opponent. The case is a peculiar one, and is believed to be the first of the kind recorded. Mr. King's majority on the count of ballots was 29. So many of these, however, were acknowledged to have been cast by purchased votes that striking them off left Mr. Baird with a majority. Mr. Baird's skirts are not clean either, but the Court held that Mr. King had not regularly attacked his opponent and could not therefore dispute the counter charge raised. As a consequence the Opposition loses one of the three members it had in New Brunswick, making the gain of two Conservative votes on division.

British Columbia lacrosse players will be interested to know that the Ottawas will take sides with the Montrealers and Torontos, this season, if the Shamrocks and Cornwalls again support the admission of the capitals to the League, contrary to the wishes of the Montreal and Toronto clubs The Ottawas will resign from the league and join the two old organizations.

Messrs. McRae, Brophy, Watts and Allan, Ottawa capitalists are seeking incorporation as the Kootenay and Columbia Prospecting and Mining Co., Limited. Ottawa will be the place of business. Capital stock, $40,000.

A direct parcel post service between Canada and the Leeward islands will be inaugurated April 1st.

A fatal explosion of dynamite on the line of the Gatineau Railway took place, this afternoon. A man named Louden was killed and two others were injured.

Tenders for the purchase of the Sir James Douglas will be received by the Minister of Marine up to April 5th.

The Vaudreuil election takes place on the 29th inst.

The Canadian Pacific-Conmee case was terminated to-day.

The Government has made a change in the regulations under which the yearly licenses to cut timber on the railway belt of British Columbia will hereafter be issued. It will not be necessary to build a mill until after a year's notice has been given by the Department.

The surplus at the end of the seven months of the fiscal year was $848,126. The debt was increased $2,230,000 last month, owing to the payment of provincial subsidies.

Mrs. Stephen, mother of Lord Mount-Stephen, died in Montreal, yesterday, of pneumonia, aged 90 years.

John H. Girouard, notary, St. Benoit, has been chosen as the Conservative candidate for the county of Two Mountains. The Liberal candidate is F. X. Matthieu, barrister, St. Eustache. The election is on the 27th inst.

Dominion Analyst McFarlane, is now engaged on a series of analyses of milk gathered in the various sections of the Dominion.

Hon. Mr. Haggert returned to the city, this morning. Hon. Messrs. Thompson, Bowell, Foster and Costigan will return to-morrow. A cabinet meeting will be held on Monday, prior to the ministers' departure for Washington.

Montreal has two more new judges of the Court of Appeals. The judges are appointed by the Federal Government, but the number is fixed by the Provincial Legislature. Last session Mr. Mercier passed an Act authorizing an increase, but the Act only takes effect on the proclamation of the Lieut.-Governor in council. The order in council was passed at Quebec yesterday.

The Nova Scotia legislature meets on March 3d.

Special sessions of the Exchequer Court will be held in Victoria, commencing Thursday, September 1st, and at Vancouver commencing September 6th.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Foster Castigates Cartwright.

BRAMPTON, Feb. 5.—Sir Richard Cartwright and Hon. George Foster, the Finance Minister, met at the nomination here, yesterday, and had a hot time. Sir Richard asserted that the Finance Minister held his seat by an intrigue of the Bench of New Brunswick. Hon. Mr. Foster protested against the attack, in the name of decency. Sir Richard said he would bring the matter up in Parliament.

Mercier Taking a Rest.

MONTREAL, Feb. 5.—Ex-Premier Mercier is still in the city, and, following the advice of his physician, he will not take part in any more political meetings at present. As soon as the complete report of the Royal Commission, on the Baie des Chaleurs transaction, is published, Mr. Mercier will send an address to the electors regarding the recent revelations.

Sir John Thompson in London.

LONDON, Ont., Feb. 5.—Sir John Thompson put up at the Queen's last night, on his way to East Bruce. He speaks in Walkerton to-night. On Monday he and two of his colleagues, Hon. Messrs. Bowell and Foster, start on a mission to Washington. "Some of the papers say you go to Washington uninvited, others say as supplicants," said the reporter to Sir John in the course of a short interview, last night. "I cannot say anything as to the circumstances under which we go," said Sir John, "we have to put up with misrepresentations in this respect." The minister was well satisfied with the result of the Lennox and Prince Edward elections, and spoke hopefully of the prospects of his party in the bye elections yet to come off.

Death of a Prominent Nova Scotian.

HALIFAX, Feb. 5.—Otto S. Weeks, the well-known lawyer, died, to-day, after a short illness He was Attorney-General of Nova Scotia for a few years, and member of the Provincial Legislature. He was a man of great ability, but led a most eccentric life.

"INSULTING THE BRITISH FLAG."

The Collector at Bridgeport Declares the Story to be a Gross Fabrication.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5. — Collector Edmunds, of Bridgeport, Conn., in a letter to the Secretary of the Treasury, says that the report of the assault by the Bridgeport populace upon the British schooner Glendon, on Sunday last, for entering that port without flying the American flag, was all a hoax. After referring to the incident as published in the papers, he says: "I immediately sent an officer to the wharf where she landed, with orders to report if there was any trouble. I also asked the captain (Grady) if any one had threatened to go on his vessel and take down the flag. His answer was a most emphatic denial, also that he knew nothing about any disturbance until he read it in the papers. There were a few young men, perhaps ten or twelve, who guyed him about his flag, but he took no notice of it. The officer came back and reported to me that there was no row at the dock where the vessel lay, and that it was all a hoax. Therefore, after this investigation, I am satisfied that the report of great excitement among our citizens existed only in the imagination of a young and over zealous newspaper reporter seeking notoriety, as well as a large sale of the paper which he represents. In my opinion there should be some punishment, and that a severe one, for a person on a newspaper that will send over the country such reports, utterly void of truth, and which might cause, for a while at least, very unpleasant and disturbing relations between nationalities as well as citizens. As this officer understands it, the captain of the vessel had no thought or desire to insult our citizens by flying the British flag when entering this port, but he supposed, and, as I believe, he had a right so to do, that the custom officers might see as to what nationality his vessel belonged.

RELIEF FOR RUSSIA.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—A full and enthusiastic meeting of the New York Chamber of Commerce was held, to-day. All other matter was put to one side till action was taken on the question of the famine in Russia. Hon. Abraham S. Hewitt, in presenting a resolution providing for the appointment of a committee of fifty, with power to add to its numbers, and to appeal to the citizens of the United States for contributions to a Russian relief fund, stated that now the Red Cross had undertaken to be the medium of transportation and distribution, the way was open for quick and effective action comprising the appointment of a committee of fifty to appeal to the citizens of New York and the people of the United States for contributions to a Russian relief fund. Among the members of the committee appointed are Chas. S. Smith, Abram S. Hewitt, Wm. M. Evarts, Cornelius Vanderbilt, J. Pierpont Morgan, Wm. K. Dodge, Andrew Carnegie, John Claflin, Wm. Steinway, Augustus B. Juilliard, and John D. Rockfeller. The committee will meet, to-morrow. Telegrams from Iowa alone, to Miss Clara Barton, say that 100 cars of corn are now ready for shipment, and that a hundred carloads per week will follow. The trunk lines of railroads have volunteered for transportation to the seaboard, and, from present appearances, the $78,000 asked for by the Red Cross to transport supplies to Russia will be speedily contributed.

THE INFLUENZA.

Special Inquiry Ordered by the British Government.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—The Government has decided to order a special inquiry into the cause of the spread of influenza, instead of appointing a Royal Commission for that purpose. The inquiry to be made will be full and critical.

The great iron beam pool in New York has collapsed.

CABLE NOTES.

More Suffering by Famine in Eastern Europe—Emin Pasha Tells a Terrible Tale.

S. S. Elder a Total Wreck—Arrest of Counterfeiters in Saxony With Their Outfit.

Vernon Harcourt Again Dons His War Paint—La Grippe Drives Sufferers to Insanity.

Emin Pasha in Trouble Again.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—A letter just received here from Emin Pasha, dated at Oswa, on the west coast of the Albert Nyanza, in August last, tells a terrible tale of the doings of the African slave traders. He says that there are many of them between James Gordon Bennett mountain and the Ruwonzovi. While following the Omar Bychalid for six days he found 51 emaciated corpses and 39 bodies with broken skulls. Emin Pasha estimates that 1,200 persons have been carried away from that district into slavery. In a postcript to this letter, dated at Kibiro, on the eastern coast of the Albert Nyanza, Emin Pasha vividly describes an earthquake which occurred there on August 11th. He says that the lake, which up to the moment the earthquake was felt had been quite calm, was turned into a cauldron at the fury of the subterraneous agitation. Many people on the mountain slopes, he adds, were killed by falling rocks. Emin Pasha also says that the situation of affairs at Uganda and at Unyord is menacing. A rumor, it will be recalled, reached Europe recently to the effect that Emin Pasha was once more in serious difficulties in Central Africa. He was said to have been engaged in a series of sanguinary conflicts in the lake districts and his force was said to be in danger of annihilation. It was then said that people were very sorry for poor Emin, that there was little prospect of another expedition being sent to his relief as was done when the news was received that Gordon's lieutenant was no longer the Governor of Equatoria, but the prisoner of a host of rebellious natives.

The Elder a Total Wreck.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—The Elder is now regarded as a total wreck, and is entirely in the hands of the salvage people.

Famine in Galicia.

VIENNA, Feb. 5.—The western districts of Galicia are famine stricken like the adjacent provinces of Russia, and the Austro-Hungarian government, is, through relief bureaus, supplying food to the suffering inhabitants.

An Important Domestic Arrangement.

BERLIN, Feb. 5.—The Princess Frederick Leopold of Prussia having declared her desire to rear her infant son without the aid of the bottle, the Emperor has paused amid the grave duties of state to announce his formal consent to this important domestic arrangement, which involves the renunciation by the Princess of all court festivities.

Counterfeiters Arrested.

BERLIN, Feb. 5.—The Saxon police have succeeded in making an important arrest of counterfeiters at Zittau. Six of the coiners and an outfit for the carrying on of their nefarious work have been captured.

The World's Wrestling Championship.

LONDON, Feb 5.—Stedman, the English mixed wrestling champion, signed articles at Bradford last evening to wrestle best three out of five falls with Duncan C. Ross, the champion of America. The match will be for the championship of the world and £200, and will take place at Bradford on the 11th instant.

S. S. Elder Cannot be Saved.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—The divers who went to work, this morning, examining the Elder from the German salvage steamer Nevas, made a thorough survey of the bottom of the stranded steamer, to-day. They found that the outside shell of the ship was so torn up by the rocks upon which she had grounded, that to attempt to float her is a hopeless undertaking. The lifeboats which have kept up constant communication between the Elder and the shore, landed much of the baggage of the passengers of the ill-fated ship, some of whom landed at Bremen to-day, from the steamer Havel.

Religion to Combat Socialism.

BERLIN, Feb. 5.—The Kreuze Zeitung says that when, at Chancellor Caprivi's, on Wednesday evening, the Kaiser argued that Socialism was becoming more and more militant, and could only be combatted by a religious creed, impressed on the young with their school education.

Death of Captain Sarsfield.

DUBLIN, Feb. 4.—Capt. Sarsfield, who contested Cork in the Conservative interest in the recent election, when the Parnellites were defeated, is dead.

Fearful Accident by Flood.

BERLIN, Feb. 4.—A fearful accident is reported from near Breslau, owing to floods and drifting ice. The river Oder has been running high, and, in the rush of waters yesterday, 30 barges were unmoored and carried down the stream, and not less than 40 persons were drowned.

A Bank's Right to Deal in Stocks.

PARIS, Feb. 4.—The Temps, says that the public prosecutor has been informed that a bank had been operating in stocks on its own account, against clients, and had bought and sold stock itself. An inquiry was pending as to whether the conduct of the bank was fraudulent.

PARIS, Feb. 4.—The excitement on the Bourse subsided in the afternoon, on it being ascertained that no important institution was involved in the financial trouble It appears that certain parties took advantage of comparatively unimportant embarrassments to arouse a panicky feeling, but this soon disappeared on the facts becoming known.

More Influenza.

PARIS, Feb. 5.—M. Rouvier, Minister of Finance, is sick with influenza.

ROYAL LABOR COMMISSION.

American Boot and Shoe Manufactures Contrasted.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—The members of the Royal Labor Commission expressed great surprise, to-day, at the evidence given by Mr. Single, a boot and shoe manufacturer, of Leeds, on the subject of imported and domestic boots and shoes. Mr. Single testified that the art of boot and shoe making in America is fifty years ahead of that in England owing to the use of improved machinery, which cannot be taken advantage of by English manufacturers on account of the determined opposition of Trades Unions to any innovations in the line of labor saving devices. American made shoes and boots, the witness declared, are fully equal in quality, while being much cheaper, as compared with those of English production. The imports from America, already large, are rapidly growing. The prices are such as to leave the American manufacturer a good profit. Mr. Single naturally thought that if the commission could do something to convince the unions that it was to their interests to admit improved machinery in the factories and thus prevent the trade going to America, it would be a good thing for everybody concerned. The members of the commission stared at the witness, and then clearly indicated that what they had heard was a revelation.

THE ABANDONED FLORIDA.

Her Crew Safe on Board the SS. Victoria.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—The steamship Britannic, of the White Star line, from New York January 27 for Liverpool, which arrived here to-day, reports signalling, on Feb. 2, the British steamer Victoria, from Philadelphia for Hamburg. The Victoria signalled that she had on board the crew of the abandoned Norwegian bark Florida.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—The Florida was sighted in an abandoned condition in lat. 44 50, long. 43.40, by the steamship Rugia, which arrived here yesterday. Much anxiety had been felt for the safety of the crew.

HON. ALEX. MACKENZIE.

The Ex-Premier of Canada Seriously Injured by a Fall—His Condition Critical.

TORONTO, Ont. Feb. 5.—Hon. Alexander Mackenzie, ex-Premier of Canada, sustained a fall last Tuesday, from the effects of which he became delirious, and now his condition is believed to be critical.

ANARCHIST ARRESTED.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—Another Anarchist has been arrested in Birmingham in consequence of police work in following up the discoveries at Walsall. The prisoner's name is Cavagna. He is said to be an Italian, and to have had a bad record abroad in connection with dynamite plots and conspiracies. Several bombs were found in his house, and the police have ample evidence to shut him up in prison for a long term. The greatest interest is shown by the foreign authorities in the prosecution of the Walsall dynamiters, and representatives are here from the police of St. Petersburg, Rome and Berlin, watching every movement and discovery of the London police in regard to the cases. The Russian agents claim to have evidence that the Nihilists have moved their base of preparation from Switzerland to England, that some of the bombs manufactured at Walsall were intended for use against the Czar. The prevalent opinion of the London authorities is that the bombs were meant for use on the occasion of the labor celebrations in May, and that the Anarchists were planning to perpetrate the outrages with the view of creating disorder and bringing on a struggle of the masses against the classes.

IT MADE THEM INSANE.

VIENNA, Feb. 5.—An exciting occurrence is reported from the prison at Agram, the capital of Slavonia. About twenty women prisoners suffering from influenza seemed to be seized with an insane impulse all at the same time to destroy everything they could lay hands on. Shrieking hysterically, they began to smash the furniture and throw beds and tables out of the windows. After clearing out the rooms they threw themselves upon the floor howling in an unearthly manner and indulging in the most grotesque contortions. When the Sisters of Charity, in whose charge they were, attempted to quiet them, they attacked the gentle guards and maltreated them in a shameful manner. Police officers were finally called in and assisted in placing the turbulent women in separate cells. Seclusion had the effect of subduing the spirit of violence, and soon the institution was restored to its normal condition of quiet.

HARCOURT CRITICIZES SALISBURY

LONDON, Feb. 5.—Sir William Vernon Harcourt, speaking at Southampton, this evening, to a large audience of Liberals, severely criticized the address delivered by Lord Salisbury, at Exeter. Sir William said that Lord Salisbury's language regarding Ireland and Home Rule, was mischievous and unpatriotic, and like that of a furious Orangeman. Lord Salisbury spat in the face of the people whom he claimed that he had pacified.

THE MAFIAS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 4.—Antonio Lalla, a Sicilian, seriously, but not fatally, cut the throat of Mrs. Rose Campagna, this afternoon, and would have killed her but for the interference of an officer. The cutting was the result of a quarrel between the woman's husband and Domenico Parenti, Lalla's brother-in-law, who was lying in wait for Campagna. Lalla came here from New Orleans about the time of the murder of Chief of Police Hennessy by the Mafia. He has often boasted to Campagna that he was a member of the Mafia, and that he was compelled to leave New Orleans because he had killed a "big man." He never stated who the man was, and it was always believed by those who knew him that he was concerned in the murder of Chief Hennessey. The police will investigate Lalla's record very closely. He has been arrested.

THE JEWELRY ROBBERY.

Arrest of Mrs. (Major) Osborne on Her Return From the Continent—Will She be Tried?

Every Effort Put Forth to Stop Proceedings—A Prosecution Hardly Likely.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—Mrs. Florence Ethel Osborne, connected with the famous jewelry robbery, was arrested, to-day, at Dover, on the arrival of the steamer from Calais. The lady took her arrest calmly. Upon arrival at Calais, she gave her proper name, and made no attempt to conceal her identity. During the voyage across the channel she remained secluded, but was an object of much curiosity when she entered the steamboat. When she landed, Mrs. Osborne was in travelling attire. She looked pale, but, on the whole, seemed rather better, physically, for her journey abroad, and a bystander at Dover, who evidently had seen her before, was heard to remark that she was prettier than ever. The police treated her with courtesy, and she was under no apparent restraint. She was at once escorted to the Dover train and brought to London, arriving here at 11 o'clock to-night. As the fact of her arrest was not generally known, there was not an unusual crowd at the station. Capt. Osborne accompanied his wife as far as London Bridge, where he parted from her with evidence of deep sorrow and affection. As he walked away he looked back repeatedly for a last glimpse of her. She was dressed in black and presented a good appearance. Mrs. Osborne spoke with the detectives and did not seem fearful as to the result. She was taken to the police station at Cloak Lane for the night. She stated that she had been at Gisoers, in Normandy. Capt. Osborne is reported to have said that his wife is full of courage and would endure such punishment as the courts might inflict without flinching or shirking. She would be content if the penalty imposed did not exceed one year. Since the fact became known that Mrs. Osborne intended to surrender to save her husband from the loss of his prospects in the army, the current of public opinion has set somewhat in her favor. It is stated that he will plead guilty to the charge of obtaining on false pretences from the jewelers, Messrs. Spink & Sons, the five hundred and fifty pounds which he paid to her for the jewelry which she stole from Mrs. Hargreaves. This charge is being pushed against her by the authorities of the city of London, Whether additional prosecutions will be instituted for perjury and theft, does not rest with the city police, as those alleged crimes were not committed within the city limits. It is known that neither Major nor Mrs. Hargreaves have any desire to bring further misery upon their former intimates, and it is said that Mrs. Hargreaves is plunged in grief about Mrs. Osborne and is pining for her society. Whatever may be the fact as to this, it is known that both Major and Mrs. Hargreaves, when approached on the subject of a prosecution for the robbery, said with emphasis that they would sooner spend a year abroad than have anything to do with such a step. A prosecution for perjury is, however, probable on the ground that the interests of public justice require it; but it is not believed that any movement in that direction has been made. Mr. Keno Elliott, grandfather of Mrs. Osborne, has been sparing no effort, financially, or otherwise, to secure his granddaughter's release from the maze of trouble in which she has been involved. He has, it is stated, offered to reimburse all parties who have been put to loss by her conduct. Mrs. Osborne will be arraigned to-morrow for examination and held for trial at the Old Bailey. An attempt will probably be made to secure her release on bail, and in view of her voluntary surrender, it is thought that it will be successful.

AMERICAN NEWS.

The Slayers of Dr. Cronin.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 4.—A special to the Post from Ottawa, Ills., says the rumors printed in Chicago, this morning, to the effect that a new trial had been granted to the slayers of Dr. Cronin, are utterly without foundation. As well as can be learned, the Supreme Court has not as yet prepared an opinion on the appeal from the lower court.

The U. S. Mexican Matter Exaggerated.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Further information, received at the State Department, shows that no good ground exists for protest on account of the action of the Mexican authorities, who searched the residence of the agent of the United States, at Nier, the other day, for arms. It seems that Don Enrico Vizzaya, the official in question, is not a citizen of the United States, and has not been at his post, at Nier, for several months. He has been living at Metamoras, and it was his house there, and not the official building, at Nier, that was searched. He is, moreover, only a commercial agent, and not a consul. No action is likely to be taken by this Government, in view of these facts.

Russian Famine Supplies.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 4.—At a meeting of the general committee of the Russian famine fund, held at the Mayor's office, today, it was decided that Libao would be the most available port in Russia at which to land supplies. A telegram was sent to Secretary Tracy, asking at what rate the steamship Ohio can be granted from the Government to carry immediately a cargo of provisions from this port for Russian relief.

Restored to Change.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—The stock exchange this afternoon reinstated S. V. White and T. W. Hopkins, representing the firm of S. V. White & Co., as members in good standing. When the announcement was made it was received with cheers, and Mr. White, on making his appearance, was warmly congratulated by his hosts of friends who were present.

Cable to the Bahamas.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—The new cable to the Bahamas from Jupiter, Fla., was opened for business to-day. The Western Union Telegraph Co. built its land line from Kissimee to meet it. The new enterprise is in a great measure due to the energetic pushing of Sir Ambrose Shea, the popular Governor of the Bahamas.

Divorced from an Opium Fiend.

BROOKINGS, S.D., Feb. 4.—Judge Andrews, to-day, granted a divorce to Mrs. Olia da Silva Young, who belongs to the well-known da Silva family, for years prominent in Gotham society circles. The father of the defendant, Jesse Young, is the late Lord Mayor and High Sheriff of London. The defendant is now thought to be in Mexico. They were married at St. Thomas' church, Fifth Avenue, New York city, June 2nd, 1890. During the ceremony, the groom began to act strangely, and from that time exhibited signs of insanity. He treated his bride shamefully, and their honeymoon lasted but a week; then she returned to her mother, with the cry: "I have married a madman." It is thought Young is an opium fiend.

A Murderer Suicide's Last Statement.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 4.—F. G. Fitzsimmons, the Pittsburg murderer, made a desperate attempt to end his life, this morning, in the parish prison, by cutting his throat. Fitzsimmons was identified, yesterday, and knowing that he would have to go back to the scene of his crime, determined to seek liberty through death. The doctors said the man would probably die. Fitzsimmons left a letter, in which he says that, preferring death to imprisonment, he made up his mind to kill himself, which would prevent further mental worry and relieve his parents from further disgrace. He says his wife was improperly convicted in the Alleghany court house of murder in the second degree through the perjury of a detective and the prejudice of the judge and jury. He swears, before hurling himself into eternity, that his wife is innocent of the crime she was convicted of, and says he made his escape from the Alleghany county jail because he knew beforehand that he would be convicted.

Refrigerator Car Mileage.

CHICAGO, Feb. 4.—The long-agitated question of refrigerator car mileage was practically settled by the Central Traffic Association, yesterday. All doubts were removed that the Canadian Pacific had contracts at the present rate of one cent a mile, to run for three years yet, and, after a thorough discussion, it was conceded to be impracticable for the other lines to attempt a reduction to the former rate of three-quarters of a cent a mile. A resolution was adopted, to the effect that present mileage rates on dressed beef, and articles taking dressed beef rates, be continued until changed by agreement. This probably disposes of the question for three years.

Shot By One of His Men.

CHIHUAHUA, Mexico, Feb. 4.—Advices have reached here of the murder of Capt. Enrique Hernandez, of the Fifth Regiment of Cavalry, at Ojinaga, in this State. Captain Hernandez is a brother of Col. Neives Hernandez, the Mexican Army officer who was recently sentenced to be shot. Captain Hernandez was greatly disturbed on hearing the news of his brother's disgrace, and while in a surly mood severely reprimanded Juan Gomez, a private in his troop. That evening he was attacked by Gomez and shot dead. The murderer escaped to the mountains, and has not been captured.

Ruled Out For Fouling.

NEWBURG, N.Y., Feb. 4.—A fight of eleven rounds occurred here last night in a barn near Wappingers Falls, Duchess Co., between George Wright, the Canadian light-weight champion, and George Strong, of California. Wright frequently disregarded the Queensbury rules under which the battle was to be fought, by fouling Strong, and after repeated warnings referee George A. Bunnell, of the Pastime Athletic Club, awarded the fight to Strong in the eleventh round on a foul. Considerable money changed hands on the result, as Wright had been a favorite in the betting, which was 100 to 60.

An Attachment Granted.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Judge Beach, in this city, to-day, granted an attachment against the property of Arndt & Gomberts, hat manufacturers, of California, for $1,077.95, in favor of Jacobs & Levi, for supplies furnished.

Testing Tyndall.

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Feb. 5.—Tyndall, the mind reader, gave an exhibition of his powers at noon to-day. A leading citizen hid a pin under a can of paint in the rear of a paint shop, two blocks away from the hotel where Tyndall was stopping. He then appeared before Tyndall, who immediately went blindfolded from his room in the hotel and promptly located the pin. The test was under the supervision of several of our leading citizens and fraud was an impossibility.

The Identity of a Dead Criminal.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 5.—Fred. G. Fitzsimmon, the Pittsburg murderer and burglar, who cut his throat in the Parish Prison yesterday, died this morning. No one except the nurse, Fouchler, was with him when he breathed his last. A rumor is in circulation that Fitzsimmons was Tascott, the notorious Chicago murderer, for since his arrest he remarked that he never wanted to go to Chicago, as he had committed a dreadful crime there. The matter is being investigated.

BEHRING SEA MATTERS.

The U. S. and British Commissioners to meet in a few Days.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—The American Behring's Sea Commissioners, Prof. Hall and Merriam, called at the state department to-day and had a conference with General John W. Foster, preliminary to their meetings with the British Commissioners. The joint sessions will possibly begin in a few days.

Several coal claims are located on the Quilt-too-chin creek, six miles from Wenatchee, Wash. The coal burns freely and promises to make good steam coal.

A ROUSING RECEPTION.

Commissioner Rees is Royally Welcomed by the Local Salvationists.

Marching to the Pacific Coast Through Enthusiastic Ranks.

Not for a long time have the soldiers of the Salvation Army here had such a rousing, cheering, enthusiastic meeting as the one held, last night, to give the initial welcome shout to Commissioner Rees, the commander of the S.A. forces in Canada. The full band of the Victoria corps turned out with all the local soldiers, and marched down to meet the Commissioner, who came over on the Islander from Vancouver, accompanied by District Captain Banks and some other of the British Columbia officers. From the boat, the Army marched to the barracks where, for a short time, the Commissioner addressed the meeting, but, owing to his being very tired indeed, he left to get some rest as soon as he had concluded his remarks. As an evidence of the kind of work he has been doing it need only be said that during the past 10 days he has addressed something like 37 meetings, at all of which he has, of course, been the prominent figure. Those who heard him speak, last night, were much struck with his earnestness, vigor and deliberation, and there is no doubt that during his short stay here, the successive meetings will be more than crowded. Thursday night, at Vancouver, the crush at the market hall was so great that it became necessary for the officers to cease selling tickets. To-day at noon the full band of the Nanaimo corps will be down, and these, assisting the local corps, will do much to make a good parade. There will be one meeting to-night, which will be addressed by the commissioner, but on Sunday the great gathering will take place. Meetings are announced at 11 o'clock in the morning, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and at 7 o'clock again in the evening. Great preparations have been made for this event by the local staff, and more especially on Sunday will the services be rousing and enthusiastic. The barracks are not decorated as profusely for the occasion as one might expect, for that is not the Salvation Army way of doing things. There is, however, one large motto conspicuously placed across what was once the chancel of the church, but is now the band stand of the barracks. It reads, "God Bless Our Commissioner," and in those four words are voiced the earnest wishes and prayers of the whole staff and corps in British Columbia, who are daily and in spite of all opposition, striving in their own way to carry to the homes of the meek and lowly the gospel of Christ.

THE LATEST ELECTIONS.

The "Globe" Acknowledges the Corn—The "Empire" Says "It is the Voice of Ontario."

TORONTO, Feb. 5.—Commenting on yesterday's election, the Empire says: "The voice of Ontario was never better able to express itself upon the political issues of the day than through the elections in Lennox and Prince Edward counties, and if there has been, up till now, any doubt as to the real sentiment of this great province, we have it unmistakeably in these two counties."

The "Globe says: "The Liberals had better acknowledge defeat frankly, without seeking excuses for it, and go into the remaining contests with increased energy and determination."

THE SEAL FISHERY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Behring Sea matters were again the principal subject of discussion at the meeting of the Cabinet to-day. The proposed treaty under which the arbitration of the question at issue between the United States and Great Britain, is to proceed, has been sent to London for Lord Salisbury's inspection and approval. Until this had been received, Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British minister who negotiated the treaty with Secretary Blaine, was unwilling to sign the document. Lord Salisbury's views will be made known by cable, so that, if they are favorable, the treaty goes to the Senate for its action within the next two weeks. The agents of the United States and Great Britain, who have investigated the seal fishery question, will begin their sessions at the State Department next week. It is believed that they will complete their labors in a few weeks.

ROYAL RUSSIAN BETROTHAL.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 5.—The Grand Duchess Xenia, daughter of the Czar, is betrothed to the Grand Duke Alexander, son of the Grand Duke Michael, uncle of the Czar. The Grand Duke Alexander is about 26 years of age, and Xenia is about 17. Alexander is a brother of the young Grand Duke Michael, who incurred the grave displeasure of the Czar, last April, by his marriage without the Czar's consent to Sophia, the beautiful Countess of Merchberg, the daughter of Nicolai, Prince of Nassau and of Natalie, the divorced wife of Doubelt, and Morgantic wife of Prince Nicolas. Natalie was a descendant of the poet Pushkin, and therefore had negro blood in her veins. The Czar was so bitter against Prince Michael for his marriage that he divested him of all his honors and refused to listen to the intercession of Grand Duchess Olga, mother of Michael. This broke Olga's heart, and, while on her homeward journey, she died suddenly in a way station. It was rumored that she committed suicide, but this is not possible. Her death is believed to have had some influence in softening the Czar's feelings toward Michael, who has been partly restored to favor, but not yet reinvested with his former dignities. The betrothal of the Czar's daughter to Michael's brother will, it is believed, result in a complete reconciliation of the Czar to Michael. The latter remains completely devoted to his young wife.