EIGHTEEN VICTIMS IN EACH THOUSAND

Canadian Anti-Tuberculosis Association in Session in Hamilton—Three Quarters of a Million Victims of Disease in Canada.

Hamilton, Ont., May 19.—The ninth annual meeting of the members of the Canadian Anti-Tuberculosis Association opened this morning at the conservatory of music hall. Dr. J. D. Lafferty, secretary of the provincial board of health, Calgary, presided in the temporary absence of President H. H. Miller, M.P. Secretary Rev. Wm. Moore, D.D., of Ottawa, said an institution for incipient cases would be built next fall in Manitoba. Application was to be made soon to the Manitoba government for permission to erect a sanitarium for advanced cases near Winnipeg. A branch association had been formed recently at Winnipeg; while in Quebec a public grant of 130 acres of land had been made for such purpose and $60,000 voted for the erection of a suitable building. The financial statement showed that with a balance last year of $895.68 and the Dominion Government grant of $5,000 the total receipts had reached $5,902.38 and expenditures $4,189.13.

Mayor McLaren delivered an address of welcome in the afternoon. There is a good attendance of delegates from all over Canada. The speakers were Dr. White, Pittsburg, Dr. J. T. Adams, of McGill university. Mr. Adams said the 1901 census showed that 18 per thousand of the population are doomed. There has been a steady decrease in the death rate in seven years. The treatment of so many cases could not be met by governments or municipalities. The only way open was a campaign of education.

MENNONITES TREK.

Going Into Country North of Swift Current From the Regina District.

Regina, May 17.—Owing to the rapid settlement of the country north of Saskatoon, the Mennonite settlements in that district are becoming crowded, hence new colonies are being opened up north of Swift Current, and many families are leaving almost daily for their new homes.

These people reside in villages situated for the most part along the line of the Canadian Northern Railway, between Warman and Hague, and still practice many of the ancient customs of their sect. The Mennonites in good standing in the community are very reluctant about giving information of their mode of government or practices; however, your correspondent has been able to elicit considerable information from members of the sect who had been excommunicated.

Although living in villages, the Mennonites, unlike the Doukhobors, are not communists, but, while exchanging labor and assisting each other in many ways, each family owns its land, houses, cattle, etc. These villages were first established in this province about eight years ago, by the surplus of Mennonites which were crowded out of the Manitoba settlements at Gretna, and many of them bear similar names to those used in Manitoba, such as Osterwick, Blumendahl, and a number of others. Each village is composed of from eight to twelve homes, built in a row, and invariably facing south. The houses and barns, which are uniform in construction, are built together, the house being a little smaller than the barn, and the back door of the living room opens into the barn. All the barns are painted red and the houses white. The reason advanced for building the two in one is that during the cold winter the heat from the cattle helps to keep the house warm. However economical this system of heating may be, it does not in any way promote health.

Each village has an overseer, a council of three, a priest and a school teacher, while some villages also have a bishop. All these officers are elected by the people of the village, the overseer and his advisory council being elected yearly from among the residents as is also the school teacher. The priests, after being elected, hold office till removed for some cause, and it is from among the priests in good standing that the bishops are elected. No qualification is required to hold any office, not even that of school teacher, but if anyone cares to have the job he can have it.

Priest the Chief.

The priest is the chief authority in the village, and his ruling can only be vetued by the bishop, if there happens to be one in the village; if not, then the priest reigns supreme, the people, as a general rule, bowing humbly to his decision, under pain of excommunication.

The Mennonites are, generally speaking, very honest and law-abiding among themselves, but should a dispute arise, the plaintiff lays his case before the village council, which sets a date for the hearing, the defendant receiving due notice. After hearing the case, the council publishes its decision, which can only be appealed from to the priest. Should the council order one of the litigants to make certain restitution and he fails to do so, he is summoned before the priest, who orders him to obey the rulings of the council. If he still refuses he is excommunicated, which among Mennonites is a very severe punishment.

According to the rites of their religion, any person excommunicated is practically boycotted. He is allowed to live unmolested in the village, but no person, not even his own children, wife or parents, are allowed to speak to him, assist him in any way, or eat at the same table with him, under penalty of sharing a like fate. The result has invariably been that the person excommunicated has either been forced to obey or leave the village and his home.

SENATORS SAY CUTTING THINGS

While Debating the Duty on Razors—Aldrich Would go "To the Limit."

Washington, D.C., May 17.—Senator Hale in a somewhat sensational speech this afternoon in defense of the Aldrich bill, declared that Germany was watching the pending tariff bill with more interest than any other nation. "We are increasing the tariff on goods usually bought in that country," he said, "Because we are threatened with an invasion of her products that our laws permit to come in at low duty. It is high time" he said "That we recognize the fact that our most dangerous commercial competitor is Germany. Her labor is cheaper. We must soon come face to face with her manufacturers in a bitter competitive war. Few of the people of Germany are leaving her shores. They are staying home, building new factories, extending trade, grasping at the very heart of the commerce of the United States. Let this tariff go through as the Democrats would have it and the happiest manufacturers in all the world will be those people of that empire."

Senator Bailey asked senator Aldrich how far he would go in making a tariff bill in the interest of the American manufacturer.

"To the limit," was the answer.

"If in your opinion" asked Senator Bailey, "the American manufacturer would be better off with a 300 per cent duty would you favor such a rate?"

"I would", answered Aldrich, "and if necessary to go beyond that figure I would be in favor of that."

"It seems utterly futile to hope to get away from Washington before last in August," said Senator Siole, the politician of the Democratic side of the senate after the body had adjourned late this afternoon.

"I can't tell," was the answer to a query put to Senator Aldrich chairman of the finance committee. "It is true," he continued, "That we are not moving along as rapidly as I would like to see the Senate proceed, but my trust is that we will be able to go home before August."

These expressions and prognostications came after the Senate had debated all day on razors, whether the duty should be decreased or if, to satisfy five lone American manufacturers, it would be increased over the Dingley act. There was no decision. Again the razor blades come up for more stropping tomorrow. It is predicted that a vote may be had by Wednesday. The Senate adjourned Saturday after a day's debate on this same item. Meantime the other group concerning cutlery had been agreed to. Thus three days will have been devoted to razors. Mr. LaFollette disputed the claim made by Mr. Smith that there were five manufacturers of razors only in this country. Mr. La Follette said he knew of the existence of more than eighteen razor manufacturers, ten of whom made safety razors.

"It hope" replied Mr. Lodge, "that the senator does not confound the razor item we are now considering with the safety implement."

"Not at all," was the answer, "I have daily contact with razors (the Wisconsin being smooth of face) while I doubt if the distinguished Massachusett's gentleman (he being of hirsute adornment) knows personally anything about them."

"I am glad" (with that queer Bostonese sneer) said Mr. Lodge "that the gentleman knows something about something."

Senator Depew made a three hour speech favoring the Aldrich bill and opposing the proposed income tax. In no other body and before no other kind of an audience could he have spoken for that length of time with a single man or woman in front of him. Owen of Oklahoma followed. He is going to vote for a duty on oil.

HOLD-UP IN NOVA SCOTIA.

Armed Men Hold Up Express Agent and Get Away With Cash and Valuables.

Truro, N.S., May 19—A daring holdup in the offices of the Canadian Express company at 1 o'clock this afternoon, by two unknown men resulted in the capture by highwaymen of $1,500 in cash and a package that is described as valuable, but the real contents of which the agent of the Express company says he does not know.

Of the money, $1,000 was the property of the Royal bank. The robbery was well planned and admirably timed. The agent is P. W. Linton, a strong, courageous man, he had just gone to lunch and the man in charge was P. W. Burgess, his assistant. Linton had only got around the corner when two men entered the office. The leading man came up to Burgess and putting a revolver to his head told him if he said a word he would shoot. The gun was placed so close to Burgess that his head was forced back and a chew of tobacco he had in his mouth fell back in his throat and was swallowed. Burgess proved helpless and he was held completely under cover while a pal went through the money packages, bagged the $1,500 and then made off.

Prisoner Dead.

Kingston, May 18.—Edward Shofeet, convicted of burglarly in Winnipeg is dead in the insane ward of the penitentiary here. He was transferred here from Stoney Mountain prison in 1903. Death was caused by internal troubles.

No Break in Stocks.

New York, N.Y., May 19.—The death of Rogers had no immediate effect on the stock market. Stocks in which Rogers was heavily interested, among them Union Pacific, Amalgamated Copper, St. Paul Steel, dropped a point but recovered on support orders.

Strikers and Police Clash.

Paris, May 19.—Violent disturbances followed a meeting of strikers at St. Denis this evening. Thirteen policemen were injured and four strikers were arrested.

DEFENCE CONFERENCE MAY BE POSTPONED

Premier Lays Correspondence Between Imperial and Dominion Governments on the Table of the House—Conference May Be Delayed Until July.

Ottawa, Ont., May 19.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier this morning laid on the table of the House the correspondence which has passed between Earl Grey and the Imperial authorities subsequent to the adoption by the Commons of the Naval defence resolution of March 23. The correspondence shows that the particulars of the debate were forwarded to Lord Crewe by Lord Gray on March 30th. On April 28th Lord Crewe in a despatch said the Imperial authorities noted with satisfaction the action of the Canadian House and on April 30th telegraphed a message from Premier Asquith to Premier Laurier. In this message Mr. Asquith said that the object of the July conference would be to discuss the general questions of naval and military defense of the Empire with special reference to the Canadian resolution and to the proposals from Australia and New Zealand. He added that the conference would be of a purely consultative character and would be assisted by the presence of members of the Committee of Imperial defense.

Mr. Asquith's message continued. "I am addressing a similar message to the other members of the Imperial conference. I am intimating to the other prime ministers that I assume that as the consultation will be generally technical or quasi-technical military the other Dominions might elect to be represented as in the case of Canada by their ministers of defense, or failing them by some other members of the Government assisted by expert advisers."

In transmitting this message Lord Crewe added, "I am strongly of the opinion that an early confidential exchange of views between H. M. Government and Governments of H. M. self-governing Dominions beyond seas would be of great mutual advantage and I therefore trust that your Prime Minister and colleagues will see their way to adopt the proposal."

On May 3rd, Earl Grey replied, "My ministers secretary; Lords Cromer and Esher, the King's confident and ex-Colonial Secretary Lyttleton participating. Luncheon at Sutton Place, as the guests of Lord Northcliffe, proprietor of the Times and Daily Mail, will be followed by a reception by Sir Melville Beachcroft, chairman of the London County Council.

Wednesday's conference will discuss the "Press and the Empire," Mr. Balfour presiding and Mr. Haldane, minister of war, and Lord Roberts participating. Then there will be a luncheon and reception at the Lord Mayor in the historic Mansion House. Afterwards the delegates will meet the members of the Labor party at the House of Commons and enjoy entertainment at the famous sporting centre, Ranelagh Club, and dinner by C. Arthur Pearson, proprietor of the Standard and Express.

Thursday's discussion concerns "Literature and journalism," Lord Morley presiding and Messrs. Birrell, Churchill and Lord Milner participating. There will be luncheon at the Constitutional Club, Mr. Balfour presiding and Lord Curzon speaking and a garden party by the Duchess of Wellington at Apsley House, the former home of the Duke of Wellington. Later a reception will be held at Stafford House by the Duchess of Sutherland.

Friday will be devoted to army manoeuvres at Aldershot, where the delegates will be the guests of the War Office. This will be followed by an official government banquet, the Earl of Crewe presiding.

Saturday is set aside for a visit to the fleet at Portsmouth, as the guests of the Admiralty, under the personal conduct of Admiral Sir John Fisher.

For the next twelve days following a provincial tour has been arranged:

June 14—Coventry, inspection of motor works, luncheon at Warwick Castle, the guests of the Earl and Countess Warwick, tea at Stratford-on-Avon.

June 15—Oxford, reception and luncheon as guests of honor by Lord Curzon in the library of All Souls.

June 16—Sheffield, inspection of the Vickers-Maxim works, dinner by the Lord Mayor of Sheffield, followed by a ball by the Master Cutlers.

June 17—Manchester, guests of the directors of the Ship Canal.

June 18—Mancheater, inspection of the Exchange, canal and cotton mills, guests of the Lord Mayor.

June 19—London and Windsor, when the Royal palace will be visited.

June 21—Glasgow, guests of the Lord Provost, visit to the Clyde and other leading industrial establishments, followed by a municipal banquet.

June 22—Tour of Loch Lomond and the Trossachs, guests of the City of Glasgow.

June 23—Edinburgh, guests of the Lord Provost at luncheon.

June 24—Return to London, the tour closes.

ADAM WANTS TO TALK.

Will Address the Jury at His Trial in Kansas City.

Kansas City, Mo., May 19—"Adam God," the religious fanatic, will address the jury that is to try him in the criminal court. He asked Judge Latshaw today if he would be permitted to speak. The judge assured him that he would. The law gives him that privilege and he says that his accusers must face him in open court. "Adam God" wrote the following note and had a deputy marshal deliver it to the judge: "Judge,—Your Honor, I pray you when it comes my time to testify for myself; I pray you please bear my humble testimony with patience, amen."

At 5.30 o'clock the last of the forty-seven jurors was qualified. The judge instructed them to return at 1.30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. He said the taking of testimony might begin at that time.

The Immigration Rush.

Montreal, Que., May 20.—The annual immigration spring rush is in full force at present. An average of 500 westbound settlers are passing through the city daily. They are usually of a good class and have moderate sums of money. The majority give their destination as Alberta or Saskatchewan. There seems to be about the usual influx.

Standard in Scotland.

London, May 20.—The Scottish Oil companies are discussing almagamation to fight the Standard Oil Company, which has lowered prices. It is propsed to establish a central agency whence the output of all the Scotch companies will be distributed. The promoters of the scheme believe this will enable them to meet American competition.

Australians En Route.

Montreal, May 19—The Australian delegates to the Imperial Press conference will reach here tomorrow morning. The ywill be met at the Windsor station by Sir Thomas Shaughnessey and other C.P.R. officials. Several functions have been arranged in their honor.

Ottawa, May 19—The Imperial Press conference delegates arrived here today. They will be met at the Windsor station lunched by Hon. Frank Oliver. They will attend a dinner at Rideau Hall tonight.

WAY OF TRANSGRESSOR.

Must Return to Calgary for Forgery and False Pretences.

Calgary, May 19.—Instructions were received last night from the department of justice to send an officer over to Liverpool, England, to bring back to Calgary George McKay, the young man who is charged with obtaining $1,500 by forgery and false pretences.

McKay is a young Scotchman, and was engaged in the real estate business in Calgary for some time. About two months ago he obtained the above sum from a man named Brown in Crossfield, and immediately left for England.

Chief English was notified and was soon on the trail of the delinquent. A delay in transmitting a telegram to Boston gave McKay a chance to skip on a steamer from New York to Liverpool, but he was arrested before the steamer rocked at the latter place.

McKay has been traveling under an assumed name since leaving Calgary, and Constable Hugh Davidson, who knows the accused man well, will leave for Liverpool tonight to identify him and bring him back.

McKay has been held by the Liverpool authorities for over four weeks.

NOT IN THE ABBEY.

Authorities Decline to Allow Ashes of Meredith to be Buried in Westminster.

London, May 20.—The Westminster authorities have declined permission to place the ashes of George Meredith in the Abbey. An appeal to the Dean was strongly supported by the Society of Authors representing all the leading writers, by Premier Asquith, Lord Morley, Rudyard Kipling and James. M. Barne Mr. Barrie made a personal appeal to the Dean but in vain. It is announced officially by the Dean that a Memorial Service will be held in the Abbey Saturday. The funeral therefore will be at Dorking as previously arranged. The action of the Westminster authorities has caused much disappointment, as it is known that the family of the late novelists had no objection to the placing of his ashes in the Abbey and the question of space was not involved by the depositing of the urn therein.

AURORA CAUSES TROUBLE.

Havoc Among East and West Telegraphic Wires.

Winnipeg, May 18.—One of the most spectacular auroras ever seen in this city flamed and flickered across the whole northern horizon from early evening until midnight, working unusual havoc with the east and west wires, though wires following the magnetic poles, north and south, were not affected, as was the case during the "earth currents" visitation a few days ago.

Term Shortened; Health Impaired.

St. Petersburg, May 18.—Lieut.-General Anatole M. Stoessel and Rear Admiral Nebogatoff, who have been released from confinement, were lodged in the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul. The health of both men has been gravely affected by their confinement. General Stoessel was found guilty by court martial of surrendering Port Arthur to the Japanese and was serving a sentence of ten years' imprisonment. Nebogatoff was sentenced to be interned in a fortress for the same length of time for surrending to the enemy at the battle of the Sea of Japan. Stoessel began his sence March 20, 1908, while Nebogatoff took up his quarters in the fortress April 15, 1907. Rear Admiral Gregorieff and Lieut. Smirnoff, subordinate officers under Nebogatoff in the Russo-Japanese war, were pardoned a month ago.

The Girls Object.

Toronto, May 13.—The resolution passed by the Toronto University Senate in favor of a separate college for women is opposed by the undergraduates. Of two hundred and thirty-eight, two hundred and thirty were signatories to a petition that "we, the women students of the university college, have heard with much regret of the vote in the Senate to give us a separate college. We feel that such a step would be very much to the disadvantage of the university and especially to the women."

March the Better Month.

London, May 19—A suggestion comes from Canada that two regiments of Canadian infantry militia will visit Aldershot in August to undergo a few weeks' training with the regulars there. The Canadian Associated Press hears the suggestion is not received favorably at military headquarters. However, should any formal proposal for the visit be made to the war office the month of March will be suggested as the best time, as training of troops at Aldershot begins for the year then.

West Buys Ontario Eggs.

Toronto, May 19.—Ontario's biggest egg shippers stated today, after a careful survey of the situation, that there will be no cheap eggs in Canada this year, owing to the immense demand from the western markets. Prices in the country are 17 and 18 cents per dozen and are the highest on record. London is the centre of the largest egg shipping industry in Canada and recently several million dozens have been sent west. Large orders are still unfilled.

Killed by Fall.

Toronto, Ont., May 19.—Charles Bell, a plumber, was picked up dead at 12.45 this morning at 55 Tecumseh street. He had fallen from the first floor to a hall downstairs and his neck was broken. He was injured some time ago by a similar fall.

Body Found.

Quebec, May 19.—With the feet tangled in weeds and minus the coat and cap, the body of Xavier Laflamme was found in a large pond near the Hospice St. Louis yesterday.

Caucasian Robbers.

Gori, Transcaucasia, May 19.—A band of armed men attacked the estate of Prince Dshavakoff, killed him and his wife, mother, daughter and servant.

GREAT RECEPTION TO THE PRESSMEN

Newspapermen at Imperial Conference in London Will Be Feted and Banquetted and Toured for a Fortnight.

London, May 19. — The official agenda to the imperial press conference is just issued. It shows a quite unique national welcome. Delegates and proprietors, editors and directors of 57 representative journals throughout the Empire will be present. Sixteen Canadian journals published in Montreal, Toronto, Quebec, Ottawa, Winnipeg, Halifax, St. John, Vancouver and Victoria will be represented. Delegates will also be present from eight Indian, one West Indian, sixteen Australian, six New Zealand and eleven South African papers.

Following is the official programme: Saturday, June 5th, banquet and welcome by the British press; Lord Burnham, proprietor of the London Telegraph, presides; Lord Rosebery will propose the toast of the evening, a Canadian delegate responding for the whole Empire.

The conference opens on Monday, June 7, at the Foreign Office, when Lord Crewe gives a presidential welcome on behalf of the British cabinet and people.

The speakers' first subject is "Cable news services and intercommunication." Sydney Buxton, postmaster-general for the government, and Austin Chamberlain, on behalf of the Opposition, will speak.

At noon the delegates will proceed to the House of Commons, where the Speaker of the Commons will preside at a luncheon given by the literary and journalistic members of the Lords and Commons, including Lords Morley, Rosebery and Milner, Mr. Winston Churchill and Sir Gilbert Parker. The afternoon is to be occupied by the Prince and Princess of Wales' garden party at Marlborough House. The evening will be devoted to small private dinners by Mr. Balfour, Austin Chamberlain and others, followed by a reception by the Marchioness of Salisbury.

Tuesday's conference will deal with the subject "The Press and the Empire." Reginald McKenna, first Lord of the Admiralty; Sir Edward Grey, foreign secretary; Lords Cromer and

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BATTLEFORD TO ATHABASCA

North Battleford, Sask., May 20—Inormation received by the Battleford News on Wednesday night, places beyond doubt the fact that the North Battleford-Athabasca branch of the C. N. R. will be commenced within thirty days.

CALGARY COAL SHORTAGE.

Scarcity Inconveniencing Industrial Concerns in the City.

Calgary, May 19—For the first time since the commencement of the present coal strike the shortage of coal and the effects of a continuence of the trouble were brought prominently to the notice of the city council at their special meeting last night.

The first intimation of the effect of the trouble was brought to their notice by a communication from Mr. C. Marker, government dairy commissioner, asking the city to construct a lean-to to the present coal shed at the creamery for the purpose of storing coal, at a cost of $50. Mr. Marker pointed out that the present outlook made this step a necessity, as if the creamery was unable to keep sufficient coal on hand they would have to discontinue operations. As the property is owned by the city, he asked them to construct the lean-to. The letter was referred to the commissioners with power to act.

Following close on this letter were two more from the Western Canada Cement and Coal Co., and the Alberta Portland Cement Co., saying that the present coal shortage was making the cost of producing cement exorbitant and that a continuance of the same would prevent manufacturing and filling orders

Canada-Australia Service.

Vancouver, May 19—The Canadian and Australian steamship service between Vancouver and Sydney via Honolulu, Suva and Brisbane, will be continued for another year from July 1, according to a cable from the United Steamship company of New Zealand, operating the line. The service will be continued on the same terms as to subsidy and service as is at present in effect. There is a probability, however, that despite the fact that the increase subsidies asked for by the company have not been granted, the service will be improved by the retirement of the steamer Aorangi and the replacing of her with a more modern and larger vessel.

Fire at Melfort Hospital.

Melfort, Sask., May 19.—The Melfort Hospital caught fire today at noon from a kitchen stove. The fire brigade and two chemicals were promptly on the scene and the blaze extinguished before much damage was done. No patients were injured.

Chief Quits.

Prince Albert, May 19.—Chief of Police Alex. Forsythe has resigned and leaves at the end of May. He alleges interference and undermining his authority by Mayor McDonald as his reason.

TRIED TO SUICIDE.

H. W. Vaughan, of Montreal, Now in Hands of Nelson Police.

Nelson, B.C., May 18.—Sunday H. W. Vaughan, of Montreal, placed the muzzle of a revolver to his temple and pulled the trigger, but by a miracle the shell failed to explode. Vaughan went to Judge Crease yesterday complaining that detectives were following him. Vaughan's story was investigated by Chief of Police Young and the hotel manager. A revolver was found, but it had not been fired. In the afternoon Vaughan was taken in charge by the police. He was well dressed, clean shaven and showed no sign of aberration or trouble of any kind.

H. H. Rogers Dead.

New York, N.Y., May 19.—Henry H. Rogers, vice-president and one of the founders of the Standard Oil Company, and right-hand man to Rockefeller, died suddenly at his residence of apoplexy this morning. He was born at Fairhaven, Mass., in 1840.

RUSHING WORK ON THE PACIFIC SECTION

Over One Thousand Men Put On G. T.P. Construction at the Coast End in Past Few Weeks—To Complete Hundred Miles this Summer.

Vancouver, B.C., May 19.—With the opening of navigation on the Skeena River, permitting the landing of laborers at various camps almost shut off from communication with the outside world during the winter months, impetus has been given to construction along the Grand Trunk Pacific railway. Over one thousand new hands have been added to the payroll of the contractors during the past six weeks. The early fall will see the first hundred mile section completed and in operation. J. W. Stewart, managing director of Foley Welch and Stewart, railway contractors, who are carrying out this contract has gone east. Rumor has it that this firm will secure the next contract for the extension of the line 125 miles beyond the mouth of the Copper River. Work has been suspended on Kitamaat Branch to connect the Main Line at Kitsalas Canyon with Kitamaat.

GOES AFTER SOCIETY

Women Dressed Like Men and Men Dressed Like Women at Sunday Dinner Party.

London, May 21—Bishop Thicknesse, archdeacon of Northampton, roundly denounced what he terms "The Degredation of the Sabbath by people in society." In an address to the clergy on "What we have to deal with now," he said, "It is the open disregard of the worship of Almighty God by persons in the higher walks of life, of their selfish profanities of the day of public worship by needless journeys, motor expeditions, dinner parties and games, to the utter deprivation of the needed Sunday rest and quiet to their ill-used servants and dependants. I know as a fact of a large fancy dress dinner party held on the first Sunday of Lent at a country house in a neighboring county, where so-called ladies shamelessly appeared dressed as men and so-called gentlemen dressed as women. I mention this with profound shame, sorrow and indignation. I am almost ready to disown the term gentleman for any manly man, for men, with more money than manners and with more pretense than pedigree, have brought it to this and dragged it in the mire of their own corrupt habits."

WILL NOT MARRY.

Foreign Residents of Port Arthur Decline to Comply With Law.

Port Arthur, May 21.—The refusal of many foreign residents in the two cities to make legal marriages is, in the opinion of the grand jury at the District Court, serious, enough to demand the attention of the provincial authorities. The jury, in their address to the judge, say: "A great number of the foreigners living in this part refuse to be married by clergy or to be legally married by a magistrate or justice of the peace. They contract together among themselves and live as man and wife. This leaves the children, according to our present laws, illegitimate. We recommend the proper authorities to take the matter up."

Posse Surrounds Highwayman.

Eugene, Or., May 20.—An unknown highwayman held up Mrs. William Renshaw last Saturday afternoon at Bushnell bridge, a mile north of Eugene, shooting her horse in the breast and firing a number of shots at Mrs. Renshaw, one of which grazed her head. The highwayman is now surrounded by a large posse in the Dorris flats next to the Willamette river, a mile above Springfield. Mrs. Renshaw telephoned from a blacksmith shop and Deputy Sheriff Hammond and a posse of about forty men began the search. The robber was seen at several places in the neighborhood but was not recognized because of a faulty description. He was definitely located about supper time at a farm house where he asked for a meal.