CELEBRATION BY MASONS

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDER IN B. C.

Here To-morrow—Dedicate New Hall.

(From Monday's Daily.)

Fifty years ago, when Victoria was section of the Pacific Northwest, and to-morrow, in celebration or that anthe province, from Washington and Oregon, and from Saskatchewan and Alberta, will assemble to do honor to that memorable occasion. The function will be of a dual nature, inasmuch as the handsome new home of the order in Victoria—the finest in the province will be formally dedicated.

In December, 1859, a charter was issued to the first Masonic lodge to be in British Columbia, a odge being formed in Victoria. The hall in which this historic ceremony occurred occupied the site of the building now known as the Bank Exchange, on the corner of Yates and Langley streets; and from such modest beginning Freemasonry has grown and flour-ished in British Columbia until to-day there is no province in the Dominion day. where the order is more solidly en-

Preparations for the celebration of he anniversary to-morrow have been in progress for weeks past, and every detail looking to the success of the function has now been arranged by E. B. Paul, deputy grand master, chairman of the committee. Assisting him were J. S. Salloway, master of No. 1 work. lodge; J. S. Willis, senior warden of No. 2 lodge; W. J. Warden, master of Esquimalt lodge, No. 24; and T. A. Fox, master of lodge No. 49, Victoria. At 4 o.m. the ceremony of formerly dedicat-ng the new hall will be performed. The old building, which was erected in old building, which was 1870, has been improved by the addition of a large wing, and altered and renovated to an extent which transforms it into the finest Masonic prem-

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toria, British Columbia, day of October, A.D. 1309. R. C. LOWE,

for the Applicants, Box 1, Victoria, B. C.

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ure. Varicocele,

es in British Columbia. The work of effecting the alterations an expenditure of \$17,000, and work was ed quickly. started in July last. The new wing, which is three stories in height, in conformity with the old building, has a

ter work was very extensive in character, the original lodge room being entirely remodelled. The ante rooms were all abolished, and the entire area made available by this alteration was thrown into one apartment, which gives a strikingly handsome and spacous lodge room 63 feet by 45 feet in

sentative over the premises. The main of this city, at the age of 83 years. He sentative over the premises. The main is survived by one son, John W. Laird, and these may starve to death, as they miss Mary Corrigan and Miss Mary rickson, aged 17; Anna Hendrickson, and these may starve to death, as they miss Mary Corrigan and Miss Mary rickson, aged 17; Anna Hendrickson, aged 17; Anna Hendrickson, aged 18; Anna Hendrickson former position, on the corner, to the of Thornedale, and one daughter. centre of the block, facing on Fisguard street. This entrance is flanked by two massive Corinthian columns carved in olid granite, twenty feet in height, the columns being capped with rich carvings emblematic of Masonry, a design of lotus leaves being surmounted by a

Entering the building, the visitor is Two Men Sustain Injuries struck with the excellence of the design of the interior arrangements, as very inch of space has been utilized to the best advantage. On the ground floor are two spacious stores, which are to be let as business premises. Specia attention has been paid to the lighting of the premises, and they are wide and spacious to an extent which will make them very desirable.

STEEL PASSENGER CARS FOR UNION PACIFIC

(Concluded on page 4.)

Road Has Decided to Do away Entirely With Wooden Coaches.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 13.-Announcement is made to-day by the Union Pager equipment will be for steel cars. Recently these cars have been given a to do away entirely with wooden cars.

THREATENS TO **EXTEND STRIKE**

SWITCHMEN'S PRESIDENT ISSUES ULTIMATUM

Great Gathering of Members Will Call Out More Men if Railways Refuse to Grant Concessions.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 13.-Presi but a small Hudson's Bay post, Free- dent Hawley, of the Switchmen's masonry was first introduced into this Union of North America, delivered ar ultimatum to the railroads to-day, in the shape of a public announcement iversary, Masons from many points in his organization were back at work he province, from Washington and before Christmas, under conditions satisfactory to them, every switchman west of Buffalo would strike before

Hawley refused to make public what passed between him and President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, at their recent conference. The results of their de-liberations, he said, will be given out within three days. Before the proper time arrives, he declared, he would not discuss the matter.

Fail to Agree. Butte, Mont., Dec. 13.-The situation resulting from the strike of the switchmen on all roads penetrating the Pa-

At a meeting last night the strikers trenched, and in respect to Victoria failed to agree upon a tentative propo-there is no city in British. Columbia sition advanced that provided for their which to-day possesses such a hand-some and complete lodge building. return to their positions until an amic-able settlement of the differences with able settlement of the differences with their employers could be reached. The attitude of other bodies of or-

ganized labor here, it was stated, has had much to do with their failure to accede to the wishes of their members who advocated a temporary return to

Telegraphers' Dispute. Chicago, Dec. 13.-Charles P. Neill, commissioner of labor, arrived here today and went into conference with the Isliway Telegraphers and the Illinois Central railroad. He is acting. mediator. The railroad has agreed to improve working conditions, but has refused a demand for a 10 per cent. in

crease in wages. and improvements was entrusted to
Messrs. Dinsdale & Malcolm, the contractors, and they are receiving congratulations for having made an exellent job. The undertaking involved strike unless their demands are grant-

Filling Vacancies. Spokane, Wash., Dec. 13.—The Northand is 50 feet in depth.

The contract, besides the erection of the new wing, called for the installation of a heating system and the remodelling of the old building. This latter work was your effective in the strike is not controlled to the strike is not controlled to the strike is not controlled.

R. Dinsdale, of the contracting firm, this morning showed a Times repre-

ACCIDENTS MAR

AUTOMOBILE RACE

When Records Are Broken at Los Angeles.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 13.-In the into Corinto. six-hour automobile race at Ascot smaller lodge room, an office for the numerous accidents to cars and se- Zelaya's troops was attempting to grand secretary, ante rooms, prepara- rious injuries to two participants, the make a detour of Rama to seize an ory rooms and lavatories.

The third floor contains the main distance made being 293 miles. This unpuralled river point and descend unguarded lodge room, banquetting hall and establishes a new coast record for six visional government have been acting kitchen. The dimensions of the lodge hours, the former record of 267 miles hours, the former record of 267 miles with great energy. Rama has been room have already been mentioned. It having been made at Ascot park last May. The Pullman, driven by George river landings have been strongly and the Buick, third, with 249 miles. The Buick led until the sixth hour, and any point that may be threatened. then withdrew on account of a break-

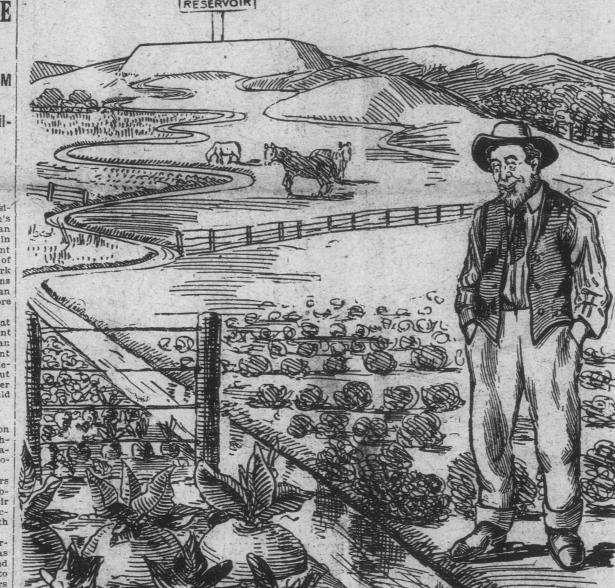
In the 52nd mile the Apperson Jack Rabbit, with Harris Hanshue at the wheel, turned over three times on a sharp turn, smashing the motor, but neither Hanshue nor his mechanic was injured. The Cadillac overturned at the same spot a few minutes later. The mechanic was slightly injured. The Sunset was the next to go over. and in this spill the collar-bone Driver Leonard McLarty was broken and Mechanic Bodin suffered a broken

AUSTRALIA'S WARSHIPS.

is in a critical condition.

Extensive orders for new steel cars al- cabinet has cabled the admiralty asking that it immediately commence the the insurgents win. In adopting this policy officials of the | construction of the battleship cruiser with the general policy to do away with equipment which is susceptible to easy destruction in wrecks or fires. The with the construction of the remaining





ONLY A QUALIFIED FAILURE.

Saanich Farmer-"The reservoir a failure! Well, not as an irrigating scheme!"

HUNDREDS ARE HELD IN CHAINS

REIGN OF TERROR IN NICARAGUAN CAPITAL

rmity with the old building, has a ern Pacific railway is rapidly filling its ontage of 53 feet on Fisquard street, yards with non-union men to take the Zelaya Ready to Block Entrance of U.S. Marines Into Corinto.

> (Times Leased Wire.) Bluefields, Nicaragua, Dec. 13.-It is earned from an authoritative source that a reign of terror is maintained in Managua, and that not less than 500

chains in the prisons.

to cease sending food to the prisoners, are allowed only two cents a day for McCafferty. Corporal punishment is meted out daily to various alleged offenders. Zelaya, to create an impression that he sentiment of the people of Managua is hostile towards America and mediately began for the exits, Americans, and recently ordered Amebrother of the revolutionist chief, to organize a demonstration against the

Further authoritative dispatches state that 500 of Zelaya's forces have THREE AXPHYXIATED been entrenched to prevent American marines from passing over the bridge

Since last Thursday, when Genera Estrada became certain that General upon Bluefields, forces of the pro occupied and other less important Kussman, was second with 251 miles, guarded. Preparations have been held in reserve to rush re-inforcements to

> Revolutionists Confident. Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.-Senor Castrillo, representative of the Nicaraguan insurrectionists in this city, has received a cablegram from General Esment, which declares that the revolutionists are strongly entrenched at Rama and that the forces of President Zelava are two days' march from the

The cablegram asserts that a revoluleg and probably internal injuries. He

Melbourne, Dec. 13.—The federal to any decision that may be made in by the members of the Calgary grain

CRY OF "FIRE"

THREE WOMEN CRUSHED TO DEATH IN THEATRE

Number of Children Sustain Injuries.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 13.—Three women were crushed to death and many other persons were drowned and three others women and a number of children sus- narrowly escaped death in the icy handled by the elements. Portions of six on Lake Superior-totals 58. Toronto, Dec. 13.—One of the plo- Managua, and that not less than 300 tained injuries last night in a panic waters of the Columbia river on Sunthat occurred in the Majestic theatre day when a launch in which they were A Catholic society has been ordered following a cry of "Fire." The dead: Mrs. William Richter, landing. The dead: Miss Selma Hend-

The panic began when a woman fell Barber, aged 20.

one cried "Fire," and a wild rush im- Frank Kasper, aged 20, and Amos Card, lio Estrand, a prominent Liberal and and trampled upon and others were of ten or twelve young people from

crushed in the terrified crowd. United States, but this he refused to squads from nearly all fire and police do, and Zelaya held him on a fictitious stations to stop the struggling mob.

IN THEIR HOME

The second floor is utilized to provide park yesterday, which was marred by Vasquez, in command of a portion of Thief Enters House and Rifles Pockets of One of the Victims.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Topeka, Kans., Dac. 13.-John Richards, his wife and son are dead here ards, his wife and son are dead here are arrows. ards, his wife and son are the three to-day of asphyxiation. The three bodies were found by the two younger Richards, the fumes from a gas heating Richards, the fumes from a gas heating worse to-day for their terrifying ex-

Indications are that some other perthe bodies and rifled the pockets of Man Drawn Into Cog Wheels of Machin the older Richards.

tionary victory is certain but that fol- Dominion government has decided to lowing it, the revolutionists will take no definite steps until their programme spection of grain passing through here. This is presumed to refer especially ed by the government and the balance late. the case of President Zelaya should exchange. This new board will greatly facilitate the handling of grain here, especially that being shipped

FOUR PERSONS CAUSES PANIC LOSE THEIR LIVES

DROWN BY CAPSIZING OF GASOLINE LAUNCH up by a tug.

to Overturned Boat For Seven Hours.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Rainier, Ore., Dec. 13.-Four young riding turned turtle at the Thurston's aged 19; Grace Waud, aged 16, and Lee

downstairs from the balcony. Some- The rescued: Pearl Proctor, aged 20; aged 19.

Many persons were knocked down | Late on Saturday a party consisting Maygers, Ore., came here to spend the It required the efforts of several evening at the skating rink. When the rink closed at 10 p.m. seven of the party decided to return to Maygers in gasoline launch. When they were opposite Burton's landing the laun turned turtle, precipitating the party of seven into the icy cold water

For awhile all seven clung desperate ly to the overturned boat. The first to elease his hold was Lee Barber, "I'm awfully sleepy," he said, "and I'm going to sleep." With that he slipped eack into the chilly water and did not

Hendrickson, who held on, perhaps, for free speech movement, is to-day one of two hours. Soon after her sister Anna | the most popular women in the city gave up and disappeared into the The young woman who recently

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

INSPECTION OF GRAIN.

South Bend, Wash., Dec. 13.—Joseph Sietofi, an employee of the Globe mill here, was drawn to a horrible death when come such a grain centre that the Dominion government has decided to Dominion government has decided to core helps a survey heard for inlowing it, the revolutionists will take no definite steps until their programme is approved by the American state department.

The new board will probably consist partment.

The new board will probably consist of twelve members, six being appoints and his cries were not heard until too a part of results the inaction of results the inaction

risal adopting this policy officials of the construction of the battleship cruiser which is to be the chief vessel of the which is declare that it is merely in line which is to be the chief vessel of the institutions of the which is susceptible to grade given by local government proposes to proceed with equipment which is susceptible to easy destruction in wrecks or fires. The new steef cars, it is claimed, will afford greater comfort to passengers.

SLEET STORMS.

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TUG PICKS UP

BENECIA WAS HELPLESS SOUTH OF FLATTERY

Nine Feet of Water in

(From Monday's Daily.) A wireless message to the Times re-

The wreckage includes a mast and middle of Lake Eric. rigging, the former being painted red.

Lost Deck Load.

tug Pioneer are to-day searching for the barquentine Benecia, which was re-

storms have prevalled and she pro-bably has been driven several hundred miles from her position at that time. The bodies to the dock. With sails gone and rigging demoralized, the advance guard of the incoming fleet of sailing vessels are beginning to arrive, after having been tempest tossed for the past ten days by the figure gales that have proveited only man to wear an expension of the dock.

Conneaut, Ohio, where most of the men lived, was notified by telephone, and a hundred residents of that city arrived in two hours.

The cook of the car ferry was the only man to wear arrived only man to wear arrived.

many years.

Schooner David Evans was towed here with 150 feet of her deck load gone and in a leaking condition. The Evans sailed from Grays Harbor. When size crossed the bar she encountered a severe storm, which carried away a portion of her sails, causing the sails of the condition of the sails, causing the sails of the condition of the sails, causing the sails of the condition of the sails, causing the sails of the condition of the sails, causing the sails of the condition of the sails, causing the sails of the condition of the sails of the s ray a portion of her sails, causing senger on the ill-fated boat. His sary to jettison a portion of the deck-load. In her crippled condition she headed for Cape Flattery, and suc-

frey report having had a fierce battle the wrecked craft. with the elements. Both vessels had portion of their sails carried away geness when they were becalmed and and Bessemer car ferry No.

Schooners Oceana Vance and Ruth E. the sails were carried away and the

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT

(Special to the Times.) Belleville, Ont., Dec. 13.-Roy Bal lard, of Chandos, was instantly killed while out hunting. He fell and the rifle was discharged, sending the charge into his body.

INDUSTRIALISTS TO

Supporters and Contributions Coming From the East to Spokane.

(Times Leased Wire.) Spokane, Wash., Dec. 13.-Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, who in Spokane is re ferred to as the Joan of Arc of the water. She was soon followed to a convicted of conspiracy and sentenced watery grave by Grace Waud.

convicted of conspiracy and sentenced to serve three months in the county Diet Will Also Deal With Tariff The survivors clung to the boat until jail, is out on a bond of \$5,000 pending

> Workers of the World movement, Speaking of the movement she said "The free speech fight will be taken up with vigor this week with an inflow of supporters from the East and tributions from the same sources." All Industrial Workers have been released from Fort Wright, having served their terms. They are too weak from the lack of food, according to being leaders of the free speech movement, hinery to resume the fight at present.

Attorney Sent to Jail. The first arrest to be made in over a cial laws under which business Bruce Rogers, one of the attorneys in St. Thomas, Ont., Dec. 13.—Thomas | the employ of the Industrial Workers, usual part in the deliberations of the

NINE MEN FOUND BARKENTINE FROZEN TO DEATH

WERE MEMBERS OF CREW OF LAKE ERIE FERRY

Vessel Lost Deck Load and Had Yawl Containing Bodies Picked up by Fisheries Boat and Towed to Erie.

(Times Leased Wire.) Erie, Pa., Dec. 13.-With her flag at ports that the tug Tyee picked up the half mast the state fisheries boat Combarkentine Benecia at 10.30 this morn- modore Perry, Capt. Gerry Driscoll, ing and is now towing the vessel to commanding, brought to this port last night the bodies of nine of the crew The Tyee reports sighting a mass of wreckage 43 miles southwest of Cape

of the Bessemer and Marquette ferry No. 2, which left Conneaut, Ohio, on Tuesday morning carrying 32 men. The ferry has probably foundered in the

For forty-eight hours the Commodore Perry has been scouring Lake Erie for traces of the car ferry, but until a tiny yawl was sighted, fifteen miles Port Townsend, Wash., Dec. 13.— off this point, at 11 o'clock yesterday, the life-saving tug Snohomish and the

ported by the schooner Ethel Zane, arriving at Clallam bay at noon yesterday, to be in distress 170 miles south had arrived too late. The nine occu According to the Ethel Zane, the pants of the boat, which was marked "Bessemer and Marquette No. 2," were deck load of the Benecia had gone and there was nine feet of water in her deck load of the Benecia had gone and there was nine feet of water in her deck load of the Benecia had gone and frozen stiff. Taking the yawl in tow the Perry made all steam or this port. hold. Shipping men have little hope of the tugs finding the barquentine, because since she was reported severe persons swarmed the wharves. As soon

by the fierce gales that have prevailed only man to wear an overcoat. The off Cape Flattery and the Oregon coast. Masters of vessels reaching here to-day report the recent storms as the fiercest experienced about this coast in many years.

eams to open and it was found neces- tives and friends had not given up hope

ceeded in sailing up the straits as far as Dungeness, when she was picked gave up all hope Saturday, and since by a tug.

Thursday every available tug has been searching the lake for some news of

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 13.-With the and rigging more or less damaged. practical certainty that the crews of These vessels sailed in as far as Dun- the steamer Clarion and the Marquette were drifting toward the beach, when gone to their doom, the toll of death the life-saving tug Snohomish came to taken by wind and wave since the offitheir rescue and towed them to an an- cial close of navigation on the Great Lakes falls but five short of the official season's total. Sixty-three men was the Godfrey have also arrived here. Both count up to last Saturday week. Last els bear evidence of being roughly | week's death list-52 on Lake Erie and

is not far from four times the total of last year, when 33 men found watery graves as the result of storm and

asters, President Livingstone, of the Lake Carriers' Association, said that this had been one of the most disastrous years in the freight carrying trade on the Great Lakes. "I think it would be better," he said, "for all interests concerned, if the season of navigation were closed every year on De-RESUME FIGHT the carriers would be men and money

ahead." Losses on Lake Erie. Cleveland, O., Dec. 13.—The terrible storm which passed over Lake Erie on Wednesday night and Thursday, reap ed a harvest of human lives and more than \$1,000,000 worth of shipi perty. Late reports show that 59 lives were lost, that four boats were destroyed and that one is aground and badly damaged.

PROPOSED REDUCTION OF LAND TAX IN JAPAN

at · Coming Session.

sion of the Japanese diet will be one of the most important in the history among those conversant with the tional policies and problems. That the session will be stormy and marked by much debate, is considered a certainty before the law makers for the Mikado's empire are the proposed reduction of new labor law. The proposed readjustweek was brought about to-day when transacted here, also may be effected. Reform also promises to play an un-