EARTH DISTURBED BY HEAVY QUAKE

Seismograph in Several Observatories Record Severe Tremors

MAY HAVE WROUGHT HAVOC

Scene Supposed to Be Near Coast of Central or South America

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 30.—Early this morning an earthquake of large proportions was recorded on the seismo-graph at the state museum station in this city. The vibrations of the needles set upon both machines were severe, those of the north-south pen-dulum measuring 21/2 inches in maxi-

Cordilleran region of Central or South America, or else out in the Pacific ocean, west of Mexico.

Laibach, Austro-Hungary, Dec. 30.— A series of earthquakes of great force were recorded at the observatory this morning, which, according to Prof. Bell, must have had their centre in the mainland between Mexico and Colombia, and produced formidable effects. The disturbance, as shown by the recording skeets, lasted four hours.

Ryde, Isle of Wight, Dec. 30.—The seismographical instruments at the Ryde Hill observatory registered an earthquake this morning. Prof. John earthquake this morning. Prof. John Milne, the well known authority on seismographical disturbances, believes that the present disturbance, if not of submarine origin, may prove to have

been most destructive.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—A fairly large earthquake disturbance was recorded at the observatory here this morning. The disturbance was greatest between 11:45 and 12:55 a.m., and the distance was 3.500 miles from Toronto.

President Returns Washington, Dec. 30.—The president arrived at 8.56 this morning.

Mayor of Hamilton Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 30.—Mayor Thomas J. Stewart was re-elected by acclamation today.

Lumbermen's Convention Vancouver, Dec. 30.—A convention of the lumbermen of the coast and mountain mills will meet in Nelson on January 10. Matters of great importance will be dealt with. Hon. Mr. Aylesworth

Toronto, Dec. 30 .- Hon. A. B. Ayles worth, minister of justice, arrived here this morning, and is registered at the King Edward. He appears to be in good health, but his hearing seems to be still affected.

C. W. Spencer Resigns

Toronto, Dec. 30.—C. W. Spencer, general manager of the Mackenzie-Mann lines east of Fort William, has resigned, and, according to his own statement, will devote himself to his private interests, which have come to assume large proportions.

Colorado Coal Land Frauds Denver, Colo., Dec. 30.—Judge R. E. ewis, of the Federal Court, today Lewis, of the Federal Court, today quashed all indictments and sustained all the demurrers in coal land frauds cases, thereby releasing about fifty prominent defendants from prosecu-

Calgary, Dec. 30 .- Several times the past have the American and the Canadian fat men of this city crossed bats on the baseball diamond, and the Canadians proved themselves the betof the American national New Year's Day, and the American heavyweights are promising to re-deem their defeats of the past.

Pettibone Very III Boise, Idaho, Dec. 30.—The illness of C. A. Pettibone today caused an adjournment until tomorrow of his trial for alleged complicity in the

through the hands of the Hon. Scott

Medicine Hat, Dec. 30.—Chairman E. H. Crandell, of the school board, has received word from the Mutual Life Insurance company of Canada offering to buy \$50,000 worth of 30-year four per cent school bonds at 95. Ottawa Mayoralty

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—Mayor D'Arcy Scott was elected by acclamation to-day for a second term. The first board of control of four will be chosen next

and Alberta a request for seed grain for a million and a half acres in those provinces. The request will be re-ferred to the provincial authorities.

Address From Viscount Midleton Ottawa, Dec. 30.—Viscount Midleton, who as Hon. St. John Brodrick was a member of the Balfour government, and who is visiting Earl Grey, will address the next meeting of the Canadian club of Ottawa at its luncheon on Jan 11 luncheon on Jan. 11.

The disturbance began at 12:33½ am, and it took an hour for it to pass through this region. The preliminary tremors lasted 8½ minutes. The earthquake appears to have occurred at about 3,500 miles from Albany, with the centre of the disturbance in the Cordilleran region of Central or South America, or else out in the Pacific ocean, west of Maria.

RUGBY AT VANCOUVER

Second Game With Stanford Most Keenly Contested

Vancouver, Dec. 30.—It can truly be aid that the Rugby match between Vancouver and Stanford University at Recreation park on Saturday after-noon will go down in history as the most dogged and grandly terrible battle ever witnessed here, and when Vanderyoort, the speedy Stanford three-quarter, got over with the only try of the match after twenty-five minutes' play, the Cardinals went wild with delight, for it meant the deciding game had been put off to New Year's Day. After Vancouver's victory by three points to nil on Christmas by three by three points to nil on Christmas Day, on a ground which was a sea of mud, the majority of the followers of the game were firmly convinced that on Saturday Vancouver would have an easier task, for the ground was much more muddy, if such a thing were possible, and the opportunities for footwork would find the British Columbians thoroughly at home. It was ranch, a mile south of the town, there umbians thoroughly at home. It was this cleverness in dribbling that pulled the game out of the fire on Christmas Day, and consequently the Vancouver men were confident of winning the second match.

the second match.

To the great surprise of every one, however, Stanford not only repeated her success in the back division, but in scrum work, loose plays, dribbling and tackling, the irresistible Cardinals played like demons. Never has such inspired work been seen here. The men were seeing red all the time, and although the Vancouver pack did wonderfully, yet the Californians thoroughly demonstrated their superiority on the day's play, and won a victory which no one can begrudge.

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victory which no one can begrudge.

In a sense it was the Christmas game over again. We had the same deplorable condition, the ground was practicably unplayable, and every man on the field was well plastered with mud. On a dry ground the Canadians were expected to win nicely, but in the wet, sticky, slippery field, Vancouver failed to come up to expectations, and the visitors put up a display which can truly be described as absolutely great.

When Evson scored, the try which

one of the mayoralty candidates, for statements which Nesbitt claims reflect upon his character. Notice was also served on the Globe, stating that an injunction will be applied for to restrain that paper from publishing any further articles.

Baseball On New Year's Day.

distinctly hard lines. After Saturday's game, won by Stanford, by the same score as that which placed the win to Vancouver's credit, it can also be said that Vancouver had hard lines. This request has been made by many citizens. The object is to said that Vancouver had hard lines adjust by legislation, if possible, the During the last ten minutes of the game Vancouver was within five yards of the Stanford line, and only once in the legislature at Carson city, Nevada game, won by Stanford, by the same score as that which placed the win to Vancouver's credit, it can also be said that Vancouver had hard lines. After Saturday's the legislature at Carson city, Nevada game, won by Stanford, by the same score as that which placed the win to Vancouver's credit, it can also be said that Vancouver had hard lines. After Saturday's the legislature at Carson city, Nevada game, won by Stanford, by the same score as that which placed the win to Vancouver's credit, it can also be said that Vancouver had hard lines. After Saturday's the legislature at Carson city, Nevada game, won by Stanford, by the same score as that which placed the win to Vancouver's credit, it can also be said that Vancouver as the fourteenth day of January, A.D. 1908. This request has been made to Vancouver as the fourteenth day of January, A.D. 1908. This request has been made to Vancouver as the fourteenth day of January, A.D. 1908. The legislature at Carson city, Nevada game, won by Stanford, by the same score as that which placed the win to Vancouver as the legislature at Carson city, Nevada game, won by Stanford, by the same score as that which placed the win to Vancouver had hard lines. the second half could Stanford work out of their own territry and invade the dark blue stronghold. Time after time the home forwards struggled with a madness born of desperation to get across the Stanford line, and time after time the thin red line hurled back the invaders I was Homeria. A game has been arranged for ed back the invaders. It was Homeric and the three thousand spectators went wild.

deem their defeats of the past.

Coal Miners' Wages

Winnipeg, Dec. 30.—The board of conciliation which dealt with the dispute of the Strathcona, Alb., coal mines, has made a report, which has been accepted by the parties interested. The finding recognizes the union, the check-off system and eight-hour day, establishes a semi-monthly system of the rote of new and fives the rate of new at the rote. check-off system and eight-hour day, establishes a semi-monthly system of pay and fixes the rate of pay at \$3.25 per ton of screened coal mined within the city limits.

The Powers Trial

Georgetown, Dec. 30.—At the trial of Caleb Powers for complicity in the Goebel assassination today, Attorney Wilson, speaking for the defense, declared that Charley Finley, who was indicted with Caleb Powers, and is now a fugitive in Indiana, would have come back to Kentucky to testify at this trial, but is dying of consumptions of the complete of the c

Reynolds and Pemberton in the for-wards, and Vandervoort and Holman in the three-quarter line, while the work of Brown at fullback was really magnificent. He was always safe and never missed a catch. Spencer, his vis-a-vis, was playing with a dislo-cated toe, and his performance suffer-

Steunenberg assassination. Last night Pettibone became very ill, and was taken to a hospital. For a time his condition was extremely critical, but today he has much improved. It is thought that Pettibone's malady is incurable. It is doubted in the property of the provided in the property of the provided in the cated toe, and his performance suffered accordingly.

For the first ten minutes it looked have things its own way. The men rushed the Stanford forwards around and never let up, but as times went on any never let up, but as times went on the provided in the provided accordingly. rable. It is doubtful whether the will run its full course.

and never let up, but as times went on the Cardinal front rankers seemed to Closing Consular Agencies.
Calgary, Dec. 30.—The United States consular office at Lethbridge, Fernie and Frank, Alberta, have been closed, and the business handled by these offices will in the future pass through the hands of the Hon. Scatt

through the hands of the Hon. Scott Hotchkiss, American consul in this city. It is claimed that over eighteen hundred cars have passed through Lethbridge and Fernic this year, and ish to the Stanford work. Their men

those cities feel that they are being slighted by the United States consular service.

Medicine Hat Bonds.

Medicine Hat, Dec. 30.—Chairman

Medicine Hat, Dec. 30.—Chairman more than neid their own in the loose, while in line-out work they won out every time. They are a truly great pack, and the only consolation Vancouver supporters can get is that their pets were up against a better team. Yet victory was within the grasp of the home combination more than once, but Dame Fortune smiled the other way. On one occasion Shearer came Ottawa, Dec. 30.—Mayor D'Arcy Scott was elected by acclamation to-day for a second term. The first board of control of four will be chosen next Monday from the eight candidates nominated today.

Much Seed Grain Wanted

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—The department of trade and commerce has received from the grain associations of Saskatchewan and Alberta a request for seed grain a player falling in front of him, alway. On one occasion Shearer came

a ball, but he was also bowled over by a player falling in front of him although at the same time if he had not kicked quite so hard he would have been enabled to drop on the leather first. On another occasion Thomas dribbled splendidly, but crossed to the left wing. There was no one there—there should have been—and the chance was lost. Had Thomas crossed to the right, Dunn was up with a chance was lost. Had Thomas crossed to the right, Dunn was up with a clear field. These miscalculations and misfortunes do not score, however, and Vancouver must take her defeat with as good a grace as possible.

On Christmas day it was almost a pity to see victory go to either side, but the same cannot be said for Saturday's game, for the fine work of Stanford certainly deserved a win. It was the fire with which they played that enabled them to get ahead, and although it was very close, yet they won.

as Wednesday's game, for on Saturday both teams played practically identical games. That is, the Stanford men learned a lesson, and used their feet nore. At the same time they indulged in quite a lot of passing, and their forwards seemed quite as fast as Van-couver's three-quarters.

Henrietta Crosman Bankrupt New York, Dec. 30.—A petition of involuntary bankruptcy was filed yesterday by Henrietta Crosman, the act-

Alberta Moral Reform

Red Deer, Alb., Dec. 30.—Rev. W. G. W. Fortune has been offered the position of field secretary of the Alberta Temperance and Moral Reform league, at a salary of \$2,000 and expenses. The offer came unsolicited from the executive of the league.

Mr. Magrath Accepts. Winnipeg, Dec. 30.-C. A. Magrath has accepted the nomination tendered to him on November 15 by the servative convention held at

Medicine Hat, Dec. 30.—At a Christmas dinner at T. W. Folie's ranch, a mile south of the town, there were present thirty-seven people, one of whom was a Canadian, two were Americans, and thirty-four were reexpatriated Canadians, who had gone from Canada to the United States, lived there for a time, and had returned to Canada to settle in Alberta.

AN EXTRA SESSION CALLED IN NEVADA

Carson, Nev. Dec. 30.—Governor Sparks this afternoon called an extra session of the legislature to convene on January 14.

tempt to secure to every citizen Nevada their just rights, freely to be

Bishop Andrews Dying New York, Dec. 30.—Bishop Edward G. Andrews, of the Methodist Episcopal church, lies at the point of death in his home in Brooklyn. Late tonight his physicians said he had only a few nours to live,

Accused of Murder Chicago, Dec. 30.—Omer Rochette and his wife, who were arrested here last week on information furnished by the Canadian secret service, were day returned to Quebec, the scene the supposed murder of Rochette's former wife.

Smallpox in Toronto School Toronto, Dec. 30.—The medical health officer this morning found six children who had been attending the Lansdowne public school to be affected by smallpox. The patients, who were taken to the Swiss Cottage hospital, were, with one exception, girls under fourteen years of age.

California Train Accident Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 30.—A special from Aruckee, Cal., says three cars of a westbound Southern Pacific passenger train left the track at Florison, Nevada county. A tramp jured. A wrecking train was sent to

st. John Man's Suicide

The great stock of currency absorbed during the period of panic is returning to the banks, and the action just taken by the Secretary of the Treasury to recall a part of the deposits of public money from the banks will tend to check the outward movement of gold, which in some quarters is expected within the next few months.

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Review of the Disturbance and back, but his wounds are not serious. the Progress Towards Recovery

Over-Speculation Brought the Crisis

New York, Dec. 30.—The year 1907 has been one in which there has been making of financial history. It will go down with 1857, 1873 and 1893, as one of the panic years in American finance, but despite the remarkable stress and strain to which the financial structure has been subjected, the year closes with conditions stronger and safer than they were when the year began.

The year opened with the feeling in conservative quarters that speculation had already been carried to an unwarranted height and prudence was imposed by the conditions upon bankers and capitalists. That this feeling operated to some extent throughout the year, and that there was a scarcity of capital for absorbing new securities.

the year, and that there was a scarcity of capital for absorbing new securities, was indicated by the diminished transactions in stocks and bonds on the New York stock exchange. The number of shares dealt in 1907 fell to 195,169,192. Bonds sales were \$561,661,500. The number of stocks dealt in in 1906 was 288,424,234, and the bonds sales for 1906 were \$670,817,333. The source of the pressure upon the money market is indicated by the large issues of securities which took place during several years prior to the

large issues of securities which took place during several years prior to the crisis. The statistics compiled by a leading financial journal in Brussels showed that the total issues throughout the world for the five years endign with 1906 were about \$3,400,000,000 annually. In the United States the issue of stocks for the first eleven months of 1907 was \$757,259,900, and of bonds and notes \$1,073,990,000, making up a total of \$1,831,849,500. The securities of all kinds issued in the United States for five years ending with 1906, have been estimated by experts at \$3,454,978,000.

The extent to which capital re-

The extent to which capital resources has been strained was not revealed in a striking manner to the general public until the "silent panic" of March 14, now almost overshadowed by leter with the strike the st ed by later events, but at the time one of the most serious and remarkable breaks which the market has ever suffered. The loss of 19 points in Amalgamated Copper in a single day, 21 points in American Smelting, 22 in Reading and 25 in Union Pacific, added to considerable previous declines. ed to considerable previous declines at a slower rate, wiped out margins, compelled the calling of loans and wrecked the fortunes of many specu-

It was not until mid-October that the storm broke in all its force, with the collapse of the corner in United Copper, the appeal of the Moore-Heinze banks to the clearing-house for help and the refusal to extend help until the old controlling interest was eliminated.

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Governor Sparks Summons
Legislature to Meet on January 14

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The suspension of cash payments by practically all the banks and the decision of Saturday, October 26, to issue clearing house certificates on the following Monday, marked the culminating stage of the culminations are not the culminations.

609,775. Since the latter part of 1899. the number of national banks has in-creased by more than three thousand, their capital has increased by about \$303,000,000. Soon after the panic

Accompanying the increase of bank notes circulation, in order to meet the States notes circulation, in order to meet the pressure for currency, was the dramatic movement of nearly \$106,000,000 of gold from Europe in a period of about six weeks. This inward movement of gold was facilitated by the sharp arrest of imports of luxuries and a combined effort by producers, railways and bankers to ship to Europe our farm bankers to ship to Europe our farm products during the autumn season. Imports of merchandise, which were \$125,806,043 in August, fell to \$110,-000,109 for November. Exports, which had been \$12,770,447 in August, advanced to \$204,444,860 in November. From the various sources, the in-crease in bank note circulation of \$75,-

000,000, the gold imports of \$106,000,000, and the public deposits of \$78,000,000,—a total fund of about \$259, 000,000,—a total fund of about \$200, 000,000 was added by the close of the year to the currency in circulation in the country during the summer. While much of this currency disappeared into hoards during the panic, its reappearance in a registed of comparative incomparative incomparative incomparative incomparative in a register of comparative incomparative incomp ance in a period of comparative inactivity, it is feared, may be reflected by speculation in the stock market and an outward movement in the spring. One of the incidents of the period of, decline in bank resources has been a fall in the market value of silver bullion. Silver has dropped down not far above the lowest point touched in its history. The price was 24 7-16 pence on December 27.

The old year ends with prices of

commodities and securities much low-er than a year ago, and with liquidathe scene from Truckee. A report that the train had gone into the Truckee river proved untrue.

A report that a year ago, and with liquidation largely advanced in the banking field, if not in the field of commodities. The great stock of currency absorbed who murdered Angus McLeod, of Napanee ten years ago, and who is in the insane ward of the penitentiary, made a murderous attack upon Valentine Shortic the Valleyfield murderer, on Saturday afternoon, as the result of an argument between them. Shortis was stabbed in the face, shoulder and back but his wounds are not serious.

Malton, Ont., Dec. 30.—The plea of John David Terrace, the farm-hand, and now in Brampton jail, charged with the murder of William Curry on

CONDITIONS MUCH BETTER

Christmas Day, that the shooting was accidental, not born out by the authorities or by the story of Jimmy Reid, the little boy who was an eyewitness of the tragedy. The boy is of the opinion that Terrace shot at the old man deliberately.

Montreal, Dec. 30.—A special London cable says: Louis Leopold, agent here for the Canadian Manufacturers' assoniation indignantly repudiates the allowing the state of the farm and they will be tried out the farm and they will be tried to the Importation of Mechanics legation made against him during the commons debate at Ottawa on Dec. 17. He says it is absolutely untrue that he sent a number of Americans to Canada for the association without having work for them. No men were sent from his office without work to go to, and without definite orders en gaging them from Canada.

BANQUET TO STANFORD California Varsity Rugby Team Feast-ed at Vancouver

Vancouver, Dec. 30.—"Rugby is all right." This was the keynote which dominated one of the most successful banquets ever tendered in Vancouver by thorough sportsmen to thorough sportsmen. When the Stanford Rugby team dined at the Strand cafe on Saturday evening as the guests of the Vancouver Rugby Union works. Jancouver Rugby Union, nearly

Vancouver Rugby Union, nearly seventy lovers of the game assembled to give them a sample of British Columbia hospitality. That they succeeded the speeches of the Stanford men testified and the dinner was a most enjoyable function.

With President J. E. Miller in the chair, supported by Colonel Dudley, United States Consul, His Worship Mayor Bethune, Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, K. C. M. G., Col. Worsnop, J. H. Senkler, J. F. Maguire, H. H. Watson, W. A. Ward, G. L. Smellie, H. D. Averill, and many other sportsmen whose love for Rugby has placed the game on its present firm footing in Vancouver, the Stanford men were accorded a reception the heartiness of which was only equalled by the spontaneous outburst of enthusiasm which greeted the presentation to President Miller of a handsome case of cutlery as a lasting recognition of the love which Miller of a handsome case of cutlery as a lasting recognition of the love which Vancouver has for him and regret at his absence—only for a few months, it is hoped—while he is in Victoria. The presentation was made by Col. Worsnop and came quite as a surprise. Need it be said that the three times three which shook the rafters was a peach? The best spirit prevailed and many were the quips and jests which sparkled and scintillated and put ever one in splendid humor. The Scotch songs of James Sclater were much ap-preciated, and the college ditties and

Twenty-Four Millions to Be Offered to the Present Shareholders

Montreal, Dec. 30.—At the special meeting of the shareholders of the Canadian Pacific Railway company hald taday a resolution was passed held today a resolution was passed authorizing the issue of \$28,320,000 ad Dr. Nesbitt Sues the Globe

Toronto, Dec. 30.—A second suit for libel has been entered against the Toronto Globe by Dr. Beattle Nesbitt, one of the mayoralty candidates, for statements which Nesbitt claims regame, won by Stanford by the same on January 14.

Dr. Nesbitt Sues the Globe

Dlay which can truly be described as absolutely great.

The call says in part. Believing the issue of \$28,320,000 additional common stock in such that an extraordinary occasion now the following Monday, marked the culmination of the restrict of the call says in part. Believing authorizing the issue of \$28,320,000 additional common stock in such that an extraordinary occasion now the call says in part. Believing authorized authorized authorized authorized authorized authorized and their authorized capital was \$910.

November 30, 1907, arter allowing for mergers and liquidations, was 6,665, bring the issue of \$28,320,000 additional common stock in such lowing Monday, marked the culmination of the extraordinary occasion now that an extraordinary occasion now that a such th

In moving the adoption of the reso-lution, the president, Sir Thomas G. Shaughnessy, expressed the confider of the directors that Canada continue to progress, and stated that the company must therefore continue about \$303,000,000. Soon after the panic broke on November 14, 1907, the total bank circulation was \$609,998,466. The measures then taken by Secretary Cortelyou to promote circulation resulted in an increase of about \$75,000,000 during the next seven weeks, so that the circulation stood on Dec. 21, 1907 at \$633,795,923.

Accompanying the increase of bank. purchase of the Boston and Mai other railway lines in the United

the purpose, in the proportion of twenty per cent of their respective hold-

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—The child of Free Dimolee, a motorman, rolled out of bed in his home at Mechanicsville last night. Its legs touched a hot stove pipe and were so badly burned death followed

Montreal's Light Contract
Montreal, Dec. 30.—The fire and light
committee today decided to award the
contract for lighting the city to F. A.
Robert and associates, rivals of the Montreal's Light Contract Robert and associates, rivals of the Montreal Light, Heat and Power com-

Nicolet Bye-Election Montreal, Dec. 30.—The bye-election in Nicolet county to fill the vacancy in the House of Commons caused by the resignation of Charles Devlin, who cacepted a portfolio in the Quebec cabinet, was held today and resulted in the election of Dr. Turcette, the Liberal candidate, who defeated J. C. Hereon, Conservative, by a majority of about 700.

RECORD OF KID SCALER. Something About Lightweight Who will Meet Newson.

out in four rounds, the only one that has ever been scored against him.

Among his most important victories, outside his nine round defeat of Billy outside his nine round defeat of Billy Snailham, are: Kid Harrison, K. O., 8 rounds: Clarence Forbes, K. O., 5 rounds; Kid Oglesby, K. O., 32 rounds; Solly Stroup, K. O., 2 rounds; Jolly Rogers, Mike Jeanette and a dozen others, all by the knockout route.

Before his Enailham battle he had seventeen knockouts to his credit. He lost a 17-round contest to Kid Fredericks several years ago by breaking his

icks several years ago by breaking his hands. He lost a decision to Bobby Johnson on a foul in three rounds. He fought a 20-round draw with Maurice Thompson and a 15-round draw with Maurice
Thompson and a 15-round draw with
Billy Lauder, the Canadian champion,
at Calgary, Alberta, last tail.

Last spring he took a trip through
the east, but could get no important

matches. Bays Will Practice Tomorrow

A full practice of all the candidates for the Island Football league team of James Bay Athletic association will be

Winnipeg Bank Clearings. Winnipeg Bank Clearings.

Winnipeg, Dec. 30.—Up to the 26th of December the total clearances of Winnipeg banks this year amounted to \$598,408,942. During the remaining four clearing days before the end of the year there will be added to the total about \$10,000,000, which places the volume of Winnipeg's bank clearings well over the \$600,000,000 mark, or an increase for the year of approximately 20 per cent. The total for last year was \$504,585,914. The increases annually for the past two years are as follows: 1906, \$504,585,914, gain, 36.5 per cent.; 1907, \$608,000,000, gain 20 per cent.

WINNIPEG CONCERN PROCEEDED AGAINST

Manager of Northwestern Supply House Brought Into Court

Winnipeg, Dec. 30.—An information was sworn out today before Magistrate, McMicken against Geo. M. Samuels, manager of the Northwestern Supply House, Winnipeg. The information states that Samuels has appropriated to his own use the sum of \$21.43, being an amount received by him from Geo. P. Barry, of Stettler, Sask, for goods from the Northwestern Supply House.

This concern has been doing a mail order business in the city for the past six months, and lately the police had received many complaints, but through the fact that no one could be secured who would swear out a warrant, they have been unable to do anything in the matter.

Matty Baldwin.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 30.—Matty Baldwin, of Charlestown, won the referee's decision over Johnny Summérs, of England, at the end of a twelve round bout before the Winniut club, Chelsea, tonight. The fight was mostly in Baldwin's favor, Summers having the advantage in only one or two rounds.

STRONG TEAM FOR NELSON.

Calgary, Dec. 30.—There is a chance that the Nelson, Be C., hockey team will play one or more of the local clubs some time in January. Manager McQuarrie, of the club, writes a fif. Fidler asking if dates can be arranged some time during the month

place:
Lately the Northwestern Supply House Company, Ltd., has changed its name, and, according to a circular, it is known as the British American Manufacturing Company, 137 Bannatru ast. The new company says it will assume all the liabilities of the old firm. A cheque sent out as a refund for goods not forwarded was today presented at the bank and turned down, there not being sufficient funds.

The attorney-general's department, the police and newspaper offices have had many complaints as to the way this man did business.

STEERING GEAR BROKE. Mexican Liner Georgia Stopped in English Bay to Repair Broken Machinery.

The steamer Georgia, of the Canadian-Mexican line, anchored in English bay yesterday to make repairs to her steering gear; the main shaft of which had broken while bound out from Vancouver Sunday night to the Fraser river. It was not considered safe to proceed up the winding channel of the Fraser to New Westminster with only the hand steering gear, so anchor was dropped till repairs could be made. An effort is being made to catch this morning's high tide which if lost will mean a wait of another day to get up New Westminster. The Ge loaded canned salmon and vegetables at Evans, Coleman & Evans' wharf yesterday, and is going to New Westminster to load box shooks. She will have a full cargo of coal, lumber and general freight..

Burn Wins Calgary Race.

The Calgary Herald Christmas Day road race was most successful. thur Burn, the acknowledged leader of distance men in the West, performed the expected and carried off first honors, although a seemingly "dark horse," named Mechlinborg made his stretch his energies to the fullest ex-

signed here for an international wrestling match for the world's championship, between George Hackenshmidt, present holder of the title, and Joe Rogers, the American heavy-weight now in this country.

The match will be under catch-as-

Russian Agent Finds Chinese Eastern Railway Nearly Frozen Out

ANOTHER ACT OF TYRANNY

China Forbidden by Japanese to Extend Hsin Min Tun Railway

Pekin, Dec. 30.—Ivan Shipoff, agent of the Russian finance ministry, has just concluded a three months' in-vestigation of the serious problems which confront the Chinese Eastern

which confront the Chinese Eastern railway, and as a result, he has recommended that expenditures be reduced in every direction possible.

This action is construed here as a reflection of the hopelessness of the Russian position in Manchuria. The railroad was isolated during the Russo-Japanese war, and the Japanese policy since then has practically strangled it. It is believed that the deficit of the Chinese Eastern railway for 1908 will amount to \$15,000,000. Traffic over the line is declining, particularly at Harbin.

It is also stated that the Japanese have forbidden China to extend the Hsin Min Tun railroad in the direction of Tsitsikhaa. This step has aroused exasperation among the Englishmen who have capital invested in the line, and it is characterized as another evidence of the monopolistic attitude of the Japanese in Manchuria.

ENGLISH FIGHTER BEATEN. Johnny Summers Loses Decision to Matty Baruwin.

the matter.

It is said that Samuels' victims are numerous, and developments of sensational character are sure to take place.

Northwestern Samuels' victims are for such games, as his team expects to traveling through the province and are desirous of getting a couple of games on here. The Nelson boys were

LEONORA FOUNDERED.

While Crew was Ashore Celebrating Christmas Day at Minstrel Island. While her crew were ashore celebrating on Christmas Eve the tug Leonora foundered in a heavy gale that was blowing in shore where she lay moored at Minstrel island. When the men returned to find their tug no trace of her could be seen on the stormy see cond. could be seen on the stormy sea, and up to the time the steamer Cassiar left no trace of her had been found, the water being very deep at that point. The Leonora has been operated by hand loggers who are at work in the vicinity of Port Harvey. The little traces

BANFIELD LIFEBOAT. Being Made Ready to Start for West Coast Station on Thursday Morning.

The Banfield creek lifeboat is being made ready for her trip to the west coast life-saving station. Capt. Gillen, coxswain, and three of the crew will make the trip to the island coast in the vessel, leaving here on Thursday morning. Capt. J. Gaudin, agent of marine, made a short trip in the boat yesterday and expresses himself as being much pleased with her. The as being much pleased with her. The lifeboat, which is lying at the wharf of the marine department, near the old customs house, is being viewed by a large number of spectato

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stretch his energies to the fullest extent. Burn broke Terway's heart in the first mile and the Claresholm man walked in from the Elbow bridge. Sixteen men faced the starter, and were sent off well together on their six-mile journey. At the outset Burn took the lead, closely followed by Mechlinborg of the Y. M. C., who kept within hailing distance of the victor right to the end of the race. Apparently the Teuton had the superior sprinting ability, for he headed the bunch at the majority of mileposts.

London, Dec. 30.—Articles were signed here for an international wrestling match for the world's championship, between George Hackenshmidt, present holder of the title. ton none

Corbett's Backer Suicides

The match will be under catch-ascatch-can rules, two out of three falls, with ten minutes rest periods allowed between the bouts. It will be for \$250 a side, plus the best purse offered for the contest. The winner will take contest. The winner will take two-thirds the entire sum and the loser the remainder. According to the articles of agreement any week day between January 18 and January 31 will be acceptable to the contestants.

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The Canadian Almanac Out
The Canadian Almanac for 1908 has been received from the publishers, the Spokane, Wash., Dec. 30.—Louis Scaler, the Spokane lightweight, who is matched to meet Battling Nelson, at Bakersfield in January, is 24 years of age and has been fighting in the Pacific northwest for the last three and a half years. His first really important battle was with Louie Long here in August, 1904, when he lost on a knock-

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