

SLAIN BY MEN HE WAS PURSUING NEW YORK DETECTIVE MEETS DEATH AT PALERMO

Assassination Believed to Have Been Work of "Black Hand."

New York, March 13.—Lieutenant Jos. Petrosino, head of the Italian Bureau of the New York Police Department, yesterday was assassinated in Palermo, Sicily, according to a special cable dispatch to the Herald today.

Lieutenant Petrosino went to Italy on a special mission to investigate the so-called "Black Hand" with a view to bringing about better protection for peace-abiding Italians in this country.

Petrosino was the "Black Hand" expert of the New York police department and the terror of Italian criminals. It is said that he had more convictions for murder by his credit than any five policemen connected with the detective bureau.

A native of Italy, and a man of great experience on the local police force, Petrosino was the best all round man to accomplish the mission.

Petrosino's young wife was seen at her home, No. 233 Lafayette street, but she says that she had heard nothing from her husband since the letter she received on Thursday last.

Rome, March 13.—A dispatch has been received here from the American consul in Palermo, Sicily, confirming the report that Lieut. Joseph Petrosino, of the New York police department, had been assassinated in that city.

To Round Up Suspects. New York, March 13.—When official news of the assassination in Palermo, of the New York chief of Italian detective bureau was received here, Chief of Detectives McCafferty immediately sent telegrams to all the chiefs of police in all the country's large cities asking them to round up "Black Hand" suspect in their locality.

HOMESTEADERS FOR WEST.

Winnipeg, Man., March 13.—The land offices were closed yesterday by the settlers and homesteaders who were making inquiries regarding homesteads and the best places to settle.

"SHEER BOREDOM" CLAIMS LIFE AT MONTE CARLO

Riotous Supper as Prelude to Rash Act of Wealthy Parisian.

Paris, March 13.—Ferdinand Ravenez, wealthy young Parisian, committed suicide at Monte Carlo last night under remarkable and sensational circumstances.

At dawn, when the party was separating, Ravenez shouted: "Now for the great surprise." At the same time he arose abruptly and walked toward the gypsy orchestra which was playing a Hungarian tune.

The only reason for this act is described as "sheer boredom." Ravenez was only 20 years old and he had been a familiar figure on the Paris boulevards, where his liking for vivid clothing attracted attention.

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LUMBER COMBINE ON GREAT LAKES

SYNDICATE TO ACQUIRE NUMBER OF VESSELS

Detroit Free Press Announces Important Project in Inland Waterways.

Detroit, Mich., March 13.—The Free Press to-day says that the owners and managers of fifty of the largest lumber-carrying vessels on the Great Lakes have agreed to sell their boats to a corporation now in process of formation, which will own and operate fifty to sixty per cent. of the lumber carriers of the lakes.

Many prominent members of the Lumber Carriers' Association have been in Detroit, for two weeks, and preliminary arrangements for the organization of the corporation were completed at a two days' conference, which ended here yesterday.

The new corporation will probably be capitalized at \$1,000,000, but the name of the new concern, its capitalization and the selection of directors will be matters to be brought up at a meeting to be held next week, probably in Detroit.

Winnipeg, Man., March 13.—The Canadian Pacific railway will erect car building shops at the New Westminster Junction near Vancouver to turn out cars and locomotives made of British Columbia iron and steel.

BOILER EXPLOSION.

Verdict of Coroner's Jury Which Investigated Accident at Farron.

Nelson, March 13.—The coroner's jury which has been enquiring into the fatal boiler explosion at Farron on Monday night last, brought in the following verdict late last night after several sittings during the week, when many witnesses were re-examined.

IS THIS REASON WOMEN GO TO CHURCH?

Millinery in Hats is Alleged to Prove Considerable Attraction.

New York, N. Y., March 13.—A Boston dispatch to the Times says: "The First Baptist church of Somerville officially barred from public worship all women who refuse to remove their hats before entering the church auditorium. The church is one of the important ones of New England."

INSANE MURDERER.

Orangeville, Ont., March 13.—George Ensign, the maniac murderer of John and James Spanhouse, has been taken to the Hamilton insane asylum.

MISSIONARIES WANTED FOR NEW TOWNS IN WEST

Toronto, Ont., March 13.—One of the most important questions to be discussed at the coming annual meeting of the home missions committee of the Presbyterian church next Tuesday will be the appointment of missionaries to Alberta and Saskatchewan to push forward the work of the church.



OFF FOR THE VACATION. The Schoolmaster—"Laws ha' mercy! That bunch from the Rossland Cross Roads and the Delta Concession had me almost crazy."

MINERS AND OPERATORS ARE "STANDING PAT" Unlikely to Be Shut-down of Anthracite Properties in Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 13.—The full membership of the executive board of the three anthracite districts of the United Mine Workers of America went into session to-day to receive and act upon the report of the sub-committee, which had been in conference with the operators for two days, trying to arrange a working agreement to go into effect on April 1st.

The board will fix a time and a place for a convention of miners to take up any matters that national President Lewis, of the Miners' Union, may propose. The proposition of the operators to continue the existing wage agreement will be laid before that convention, the delegates to which will be elected by the local unions next week.

Despite the "stand pat" attitude of both sides, there is still a feeling that there will be no serious interruption in the mining of anthracite coal.

SOCIAL REUNION HELD AT SOOKE Annual Meeting of Presbyterian Church—Welcome to Fishermen.

Sooke, March 12.—A pleasant social reunion combining the annual meeting and welcome to the fishermen who have come to resume operations for the season, was recently given by Knox Presbyterian church. After devotional exercises, E. Milne, the treasurer, and J. A. Murray, secretary, gave gratifying reports of the past year's work.

A very material advance was shown over the previous year. Mrs. J. A. Murray presided at the organ, and Mrs. Anderson, Otter Point, Miss Arden, Miss Murray, the Misses Alice Gordon and Daisy Ross, and Messrs. Way and Sanderson, constituted numbers to the programme.

The boat crew and fishermen were out in full force. Mr. Kane spoke on their behalf, reciprocating the spirit of kindly interest in them.

Sooke and the immediate neighborhood has on several occasions received the aid and opportune service in cases of emergency and deepest need from Captain Rucker, who put his own steamer in commission for men who lie to bed with accidents.

The missionary in charge sincerely appreciates the sympathy and assistance rendered by his people in the different charges, and also the general public.

CHICAGO TO SEATTLE WALK.

Chicago, March 12.—John Schuman, long distance walker, left the city hall Wednesday and will attempt to reach Seattle by June 1st. He will walk the distance, and has wagered \$1,000 against \$2,000 that he can make it in the allotted time.

Ottawa, March 13.—Earl Grey's term as governor-general does not expire until the fall of 1910. There is a misconception as to a five-year term. The regulation states that the term is six years.

SERIOUS 'QUAKES LOCATION UNKNOWN

Manila, March 13.—The local seismograph recorded serious quakes continuously from 7.30 to 8.30 o'clock this morning. It was estimated that the region of the disturbance was 10,000 kilometres distance.

RUSSIA'S EAGLE EYE ON PERSIA INSURRECTION THREATENS IN SHAH'S DOMINIONS

St. Petersburg, March 13.—The situation in Persia is attracting attention in St. Petersburg. The government is sending a division of Cossacks to Teheran, and it has ordered the consul at Resht and Astrabad to summon Caspian warships in the event of outbreaks threatening the interests of Russia.

The Novo Vremya to-day published a Teheran dispatch, saying the situation is critical, that an insurrection is imminent, and that only a strong military detachment can prevent the sack of Teheran.

It is significant that the victory of the Caucasians has just reviewed the Russian troops at Buku, which would be the natural base of departure for an expedition into Persia.

EDMONTON'S CREDIT HIGH IN OLD LAND

Edmonton, Alta., March 13.—The bond guarantee policy means that the G. T. P. and C. N. R. will bring into the province and deposit in banks here to the credit of the provincial treasurer over \$20,000,000 to assist in developing railway competition in the province.

The two transcontinental companies will pledge the credit of their whole systems from end to end of Canada, that the province will not be called upon to pay one cent of the provincial guarantee. Securities of these two systems have been guaranteed by the Dominion of Canada and the provinces of Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

These two transcontinental railway systems would have to go into liquidation all over Canada if the province were ever called upon to pay one cent of its guarantee. The entire railway system of Canada would have to be reorganized if the province were ever called upon to pay.

Latest quotations received from British financial markets by the G. T. P. and C. N. R. show that the Edmonton debentures still retain the high figure in British financial circles they reached some time ago.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE IN DENMARK.

Copenhagen, March 13.—Women voted in the municipal elections yesterday for the first time. Under the new law females over 23 years of age and married women, whose husbands are taxpayers, were entitled to vote. The day was observed as a public holiday. The women displayed excellent organization and polled a heavy vote. The issue was chiefly between Socialists and Conservatives.

SERBIA PURCHASING MUNITIONS OF WAR Pessimistic Feeling Prevails Regarding Outcome of Balkan Deadlock.

Berlin, March 13.—A more pessimistic feeling prevails in official circles to-day regarding the outcome of the negotiations between Austria-Hungary and Serbia.

The Serbian government has bought a large quantity of gunpowder from a Saxon factory for immediate delivery, and has placed an order for half a million patent bandage rolls for field hospital use.

ILLNESS OF CAPT. CUSHING. Port Townsend, Wash., March 12.—Captain Cushing of the revenue cutter service was attacked with heart weakness last night and removed to the Marine hospital. He is resting easily to-day. Capt. Cushing is the commanding officer of the revenue cutter service of the Northwest district.

NEW HOSPITAL TO BE BUILT AT NELSON Meeting Will Be Held to Decide on Plan of Action.

Nelson, March 12.—Steps are to be taken without delay looking toward the erection of a new hospital in Nelson. This was the view of the annual meeting of the Kootenay Lake General hospital. A meeting is to be held within two weeks when the matter will be gone into and some definite plan of action decided upon.

President Hamilton Byers read his annual report, and referred to the proposal as follows: "In my last annual report, mention was made that your association would this year take under consideration the erection of an up-to-date hospital. In this regard I am pleased to report progress, and we are assured by the provincial government that the necessary aid will be granted, and we now ask for the support of a generous public to assist us in a deserving undertaking in the erection of a hospital which should be one of the first institutions in our city, and an institution which will fully meet the demands of the district, thoroughly equipped and up-to-date in every respect. At a very early date your board will endeavor to carry out the plans they have already laid down, and I trust that before our next annual report the construction of our new hospital shall be well under way."

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EMPIRE TRADE. London, March 13.—Speaking of the development of empire trade at the Royal Colonial Institute yesterday, Benjamin H. Morgan said one bar to progress was in the self-governing colonies. In India there were considerably over 1,500 paid representatives of foreign nations who kept their governments posted regarding openings for trade, while Great Britain had less than ten. The time had come when Britain should make it her business to establish and maintain cheap transport by rail and sea. W. E. Turnbull, of Canada, spoke of British merchants' lack of enterprise in opening new markets.

BUILDING ACTIVE AT CUMBERLAND

NEW STORES ARE BEING ERECTED

Development League to Discuss Centralization of District Schools.

(Special Correspondence.) Courtenay, March 12.—Business in every direction is very good in Cumberland, and all traces of the recent fire and explosion are fast disappearing. The rebuilding of Campbell's store is nearly complete and the first timbers of the large store to be erected by Grand and Mounce have been placed in position.

Property has been changing hands at good prices. The mines are in full swing. It is stated that the targets, etc., moved from the Admiralty range on Goose spit to the range of the Nanaimo Rifle Association will be replaced. Should the work be taken in hand in good time it will mean that ships which in the ordinary way would only spend a week or ten days at Comox during the summer, will carry out their musketry practice in addition to other tests.

R. M. Stuart has spent the winter on the Courtenay Flats hunting and trapping. He announces his intention of remaining in the area during the summer for the trout fishing on the Courtenay river, and will later on travel up to the Campbell for the big salmon. Mr. Stuart considers Comox excellent headquarters for sportsmen and especially for those who have only a limited amount of time to devote to their hobby.

G. J. Moore, general dealer at Courtenay, has opened a branch at Courtenay. It is understood that at the meeting of the Development League to take place on Tuesday next, the centralization of the district schools will be discussed. This means that the Comox and Courtenay schools will be combined.

Repairs to the government wharf at Comox have been taken in hand by F. Downey. It is probable that the government will be petitioned to enlarge the wharf in view of the increased steamer service which is confidently expected.

On Monday, 15th inst. a fifteen round boxing match advertised to take place between Young Jones, of Cumberland, and John Day, of Courtenay, at the Agricultural hall, Courtenay, C. Johnson, proprietor of the Courtenay hotel, has put up a purse of \$100, the winner to take \$100 and the loser \$50. There is also a bet of \$25 a side between the contestants.

Dr. Hewlett and Mr. Timony, who left Comox about a fortnight ago on the doctor's yacht, returned for Victoria, met with a mishap of Hornby Island on Sunday. After being weathered at Deep Bay, they started for Nanaimo. A strong south wind came up and the yacht's mainmast broke off short. They managed to make Hornby, where they got safe ashore. They will proceed to Victoria on the steamer Joan.

RUSHING WORK ON CHILLIWACK LINE

New Westminster, March 12.—"The last bridge, that over the Serpentine river, has now been completed and the grade from the city to Cloverdale is now ready for the steel," said Engineer Sinclair, in charge of the construction of the new Chilliwack line. Mr. Sinclair said that it would take only two weeks to lay the steel to Cloverdale once the order was given to go ahead and the line should be in operation early in the middle of the summer. The steel laying will begin as soon as the weather is settled, and will not stop at Cloverdale but be carried through as far as the grade is completed. This, Mr. Sinclair said, was a present to a point twenty-six miles from the city, past Langley. The construction of the line is being pushed forward by the English experiments for dissipating fog by means of electric charges. M. Dabos conceived the idea of a combination of Hertzian waves. Beneath a powerful Hertzian plant which emits waves of 45,000 volts, he has placed four huge blow pipes directed to the four points of the compass. Simultaneously with the discharge of the Hertzian waves the blow pipes, each giving a temperature of 2,000 degrees centigrade, were lighted. In from 20 to 30 minutes a thick fog was dispersed over a zone of 200 yards.

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SEEK PRICES ON ROCK SUPPLY CITY COUNCIL DECIDES TO CALL FOR TENDERS

Questions Disposed of at Meeting of Committee Last Evening.

At Friday's sitting of the streets, bridges and sewers committee a number of subjects of general interest to street improvement were discussed. The subject of rock supply for the year was somewhat fully gone into, and while an offer is standing from Lineham & Scott for the supplying of rock in bulk at Mt. Tolmie, where the city crusher could be put up, it was decided it would be advisable to call for tenders before finally deciding upon the subject. Tenders will be asked for so that they may be considered next Friday.

W. A. Gleason wrote calling attention to the fact that there were a number of vacant lots on Vining street where the street was being improved. He suggested that water pipes and sewer connections should be laid to the sidewalks and that the gas main might be laid so as not to interfere with the street later. He was willing to pay his part.

Mayor Hall said that while the work was desirable it was a peculiar position unless the property owners were ready to bear the expense of the work. The city engineer thought the city could lay the connection to the metre pipes. Then when the vacant property became occupied the charge could be collected.

Alm Henderson moved to do the work when the property owners agreed to pay the cost. The motion carried. A request that Cranmore road opposite to the Old Men's Home, be widened, was received, from 32 feet to 50 feet.

His worship thought this might require expropriation by the Oak Bay council to be a legal proceeding. The subject of rock supply came up when the chairman asked if a special committee had anything to report upon a new supply other than that owned by Lineham and Scott.

Ald. Humber said that he had found that there was another claim on the supply proposed. G. J. Moore, general dealer at Courtenay, has opened a branch at Courtenay. It is understood that at the meeting of the Development League to take place on Tuesday next, the centralization of the district schools will be discussed.

Other members said, replying to Ald. Ross, that the estimate was that the rock from Lineham and Scott would cost the city about \$2 a yard. Ald. Stewart thought the only satisfactory way was to call for tenders.

Ald. Humber agreed that the E. & N. and others should have a chance to tender. The question arose then as to what the tenders should call for. It was suggested that it should be for crushed rock delivered on the street where required.

Ald. Ross thought it possible to have the rock delivered to the crusher. It was suggested then to call for tenders for both crushed rock and the uncrushed rock. This was agreed to by the tenders to be in by Friday afternoon.

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DISPELLING FOG BY HERTZIAN WAVES

French Engineer Carries on Experiments in English Channel.

Paris, March 13.—M. Dabos, a French engineer, is at present conducting a series of experiments on the English channel, which have given rise to the hope that this waterway may ultimately be kept free of fog. Attacked by the English experiments for dissipating fog by means of electric charges, M. Dabos conceived the idea of a combination of Hertzian waves. Beneath a powerful Hertzian plant which emits waves of 45,000 volts, he has placed four huge blow pipes directed to the four points of the compass. Simultaneously with the discharge of the Hertzian waves the blow pipes, each giving a temperature of 2,000 degrees centigrade, were lighted. In from 20 to 30 minutes a thick fog was dispersed over a zone of 200 yards.

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President Roads V Present

Philadelphia, Pa.—The mine workers and other meeting endeavor to reach into effect at present working men and the refusals of the concessions have representatives who expected to refuse to concede they did not expect a clean sweep.

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