

HE TAUGHT MY SON TO STEAL

DISTRACTED MOTHER DENOUNCES YOUTH Five Housebreaking Charges Against Poultry Thieves.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) The mother of one of the boys charged with theft of turkeys and three ducks from the store of P. Burns & Company, created a scene in the police court this morning when her boy appeared in the dock with his companion, by whom she was identified as the younger but taller youth of the two, and accusing him of being the means of teaching her boy to become a thief.

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CONSTRUCTION WORK TO BEGIN IN SPRING

Railway Contractors Inspect Route of Coast Section of V. V. & E. Vancouver, Dec. 22.—Construction of the coast section of the V. V. & E. railway, which will cross Howe Sound and join the Similkameen extension of the road from Princeton, will commence next spring.

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F. W. Thompson on Proposal to Tax Foreign Wheat and Flour. Montreal, Dec. 22.—F. W. Thompson, vice-president and managing director of the Ogilvie Flour Mills Company, was asked whether he thought the United Kingdom would be justified in placing a duty on all foreign wheat and flour, and whether, should this be done, the overseas dominions could be depended upon in the near future to meet her full requirements.

LEASES MINE AND SMELTER.

Nelson, Dec. 22.—W. H. Aldridge, general manager of the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company, at Trail, has arranged a long lease from the company controlling the well known lead-silver Sullivan group at Kimberley, East Kootenay, and the smelter at Marysville. The mine, after running for several years, and shipping largely, was closed down, owing to the financial troubles in 1907.

AVIATION MEET.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 22.—More than \$50,000 have been guaranteed as prizes for the San Francisco aviation meet, projected for February, according to President J. C. Irvine, of the Pacific Aero Club.

PROGRESS IN CIVIC FIGHT

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Water Question Likely to Be Chief Issue of the Campaign.

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There are four other charges against the youthful pair. They are, in addition to the charge of stealing the poultry, charged with entering the office of George C. Meeker & Company, Fort Street, and breaking open the safe, stealing \$11 from the store of D. K. Chumgranes, and breaking into the stores of Watson & McGregor, and J. Burke Bros., Pandora, stealing goods.

WILL REMAIN ANOTHER YEAR

H. M. S. EGERIA TO GO UNDER HAMMER IN 1911

Officers and Men Who Wish May Return Home in February.

ANOTHER TEST OF SALT WATER PUMPS

Trial Run on Friday to See if Alterations Are Effective.

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FIGHT TO TAKE PLACE IN SAN FRANCISCO

Gleason Says Jeffries and Johnson Will Meet in That City.

LOCAL OPTION VOTE IN PRAIRIE PROVINCE

Eighteen Municipalities in Manitoba Added to "Dry" Column.



THE BIRMINGHAM VETERAN. An Interested but Passive Figure in the British Elections.

commercial supremacy is to be enduring. Mr. Thompson concluded his observations by declaring: "Development of the Empire's resources is all that is needed to provide for the Empire's requirements, and to my judgment British preference for colonial products is the one great Imperial highway by which this long dreamed of Imperial success can alone be achieved."

A further test of the pumping machinery of the high pressure salt water system will be made on Friday of this week, and it is believed that all the defects that were disclosed on the first trial runs of the machinery will be found to have been overcome.

On the completion of the approaching test, should the same be found satisfactory, there will be a public exhibition of the working of the system. Chief Davis of the fire department running lines of hose along one of the central streets and allowing people to see how effectively salt water pumped from the harbor may be used for fire-fighting purposes.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 22.—The Jeffries-Johnson fight will be held in San Francisco, no matter what Tex Rickard may say to the contrary, was the declaration to-day of Jack Gleason, who with Rickard will manage the financial end of the big battle, which is scheduled for July 4th, 1910.

Rich Claims Located Along the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—The commissioners of the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario railway yesterday received a report of some startling discoveries in the north, along the line of railway.

Some time ago indications were found of the existence of gold, and Mining Engineer Cole, who is one of the best recognized authorities on such matters, was sent to investigate. His report is a glowing one. Some claims are held at \$100,000.

The townships in which rich gold-bearing ore, and even gold in the freestone, are found, are Whitney, Tisdale, Mountjoy, Shaw and one or two others, and extending down into the Temagami district.

What is known as Porcupine camp promises to be one of the richest in America. Land in these townships is held very largely by veterans. Some of the veins located have been traced for a long distance. They range from 25 to 75 feet in width, and are very

FOUND DEAD IN TORONTO. Toronto, Dec. 22.—James Moore, believed to have come in from Cobalt a few days ago, was found dead yesterday in a boarding house on Peter street. He was about 45 years of age. Except for some letters found on him, there is nothing by which to definitely identify him.

Seoul, Korea, Dec. 22.—Premier Yi, head of the Korean cabinet, was shot and fatally wounded to-day by a Korean, Yie Chiam Yeg. Premier Yi was formerly minister of education in the Korean cabinet, and became prime minister in May, 1907, when the reconstruction of the cabinet followed a five-hour audience which the Marquis Ito held with the Emperor.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—George Neilson, who shot and wounded Esther Hazel on the night of November 4th, was declared insane by the jury in the sessions, and will be placed in the asylum. Neilson shot Miss Hazel because he thought she had interfered between him and a young woman to whom he was paying attention. Miss Hazel was dangerously wounded, and is still in the hospital.

New York, Dec. 22.—The government will have to try the first big sugar case again. The jury in the case of Joseph McMahon, former assistant customs weigher, reported last night that it had failed to reach a verdict and was discharged.

New York, Dec. 22.—A general roundup of fashionable dressmakers, alleged to be implicated in "steep trunk" frauds through which expensive French goods were imported without payment of duty, has been begun by federal authorities. Several modistes were arrested.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—The federal officials have arrested a number of persons alleged to be implicated in the conspiracy to smuggle expensive gowns and dry goods. Arrests were made simultaneously in different parts of the country, two women in Chicago being apprehended on a charge of having a part in the conspiracy, resulting in smuggling across the line more than \$2,000,000 worth of dutiable goods.

Belgium Protest Against Criticism of Administration. New York, Dec. 22.—Criticism in Great Britain and America of the Belgian administration of the Congo Free State has elicited a manifesto of protest signed by August Bernsart, Belgian minister of state, the director of the Belgian royal observatory, Prof. Leconte, his Grace the Cardinal Archbishop of Mechlin and many other distinguished Belgian educators and public men. Copies of this document have been received in New York. The signers express their "righteous indignation at the continued unfair criticism and attacks upon our country concerning its African possessions."

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Managua, Dec. 22.—On returning to his hotel yesterday President Madriz read a decree from the balcony announcing political amnesty and the release of the inmates of the penitentiary. This was greeted with tremendous cheering.

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 22.—Reports received in Sydney state that northern Cape Breton was slightly shaken by an earthquake on Monday afternoon, the effects of which were felt from Mabou, in the western portion of the island, to St. Ann's, on the east side. Communication with Inverness was wholly cut off Monday night. The shock was felt there more severely than in any other section of the island, and after 3 o'clock Monday afternoon it was impossible to get in communication with that section.

Fort Saskatchewan, Alb., Dec. 22.—In the carpenter shop of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police barracks here yesterday the execution took place of Henry Zybby for the murder of his wife near Mundare on Sunday, September 12th last. A man given the name of Himes, of Winnipeg, acted as hangman, being the same who conducted the execution of Barrett in Edmonton last July. The condemned man was attended by the Polish missionary, Father of Himes, and declared his adhesion to the Orthodox Greek church.

CLERGYMAN ON GAMBLING.

London, Ont., Dec. 22.—In a vigorous sermon in support of the anti-gambling bill, Rev. J. Gibson Inkster scored bookmaking, particularly hand-book-making on the Hamilton and Toronto race tracks. The speakers who supported the bill, he said, were unfamiliar with their subject. He scored King Edward for opening the Derby and lauded the late Queen, who refused to patronize racing.

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TRAPPER MISSING.

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REVOLUTIONISTS ARE VICTORIOUS

GOVERNMENT FORCES HAVE SURRENDERED

Six Hundred Men of Nicaraguan Army Killed and Wounded in Battle.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—The army of former President Zelaya has surrendered to the forces of provisional President Estrada at Rama.

This information came in the form of a wireless message to the state department to-day from Capt. Shipley, of the cruiser Des Moines.

Capt. Shipley reports that Zelaya's forces lost in killed and wounded 600 men during the fighting about Recreo and Rama yesterday.

Detachments of marines and hospital corps from the American ships at Bluefields are establishing field hospitals where the wounded are being cared for.

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