

# CAMPAIGN AGAINST COAST MOONSHINERS

Ready Markets for Liquors in "Dry" Towns in Southern Oregon.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 19. — United States revenue officers have begun a campaign against moonshiners, who are said to be operating illicit stills in the coast range mountains in Lane, Clatsop and Douglas counties. Federal agents have been working for several months in locating various stills in the southern part of the state. In the southern part of the state, it is asserted that a number of small stills are in operation. Pruna brandy and other alcoholic beverages made in fruits are being manufactured in mountain stills, it is said.

## DEMANDS OF FARMERS.

London, Dec. 17.—The Daily News says that the Canadian farmers, in whose name a fast crop of legends has been sent, demand protection all along the line, and that they, along with the third successive crop of a free trade government in this country, deal a deadly blow at the army food taxers.

## WILL PAYS VISIT TO VANCOUVER

Visits Work on V. V. & E. Will Be Rushed From Both Ends

Vancouver, Dec. 19.—James J. Hill, a veteran railroad builder, arrived in this city this morning on his special train and made one of his characteristic whirlwind visits, termed an "official inspection trip." Hill, who is perhaps best known as the president of the Great Northern railroad, is accompanied by a number of prominent directors and shareholders of the Great Northern, showed that he had lost none of his characteristic energy by the point of business he disposed of during his seven-hour stay in the city. During that time Mr. Hill made a personal inspection of the site for new water wharves for his company and the usual refinery, gracefully submitted to being interviewed by the press, promised that work would be started immediately on the filling in of the north and east shores of the head of False creek, to be followed by the section of a million dollar union station, promised that construction on the V. V. & E. branch of the Great Northern would be pushed with all possible dispatch from both ends from now on, made a deputation from the board, made an auto tour of the city and an inspection of the company's terminal yard here, attended a luncheon given by local officials of the company, and pulled out late this afternoon, expressing his regret that he had no more time to spend in Vancouver.

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# TWENTY-ONE DEAD AND TEN MISSING

## Firemen and Policemen Lose Their Lives While Fighting Fire at Philadelphia--Twenty-four Others Sustain Injuries.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 22.—Nineteen firemen dead and three missing; two policemen known to have been killed and seven missing; 24 injured firemen and police in city hospitals, with the likelihood that several will die, half a dozen bodies in the smouldering, ice-covered ruins of the D. Friedlander leather factory, with exhausted rescuers fighting ice and fire to reach them—that is the summary to-day of Philadelphia's Yuletide tragedy.

The known dead: Firemen—Robert Stewart, Charles Hill, William Hoffman, Fred Garbreth, Frank Carroll, Howard Bertlett, Charles Hill, William Hoffman, Harry Bartlett, Charles Eldelman, Harry Bartlett, Knaptrick, Birchman, John Collins, Thomas Entwistle, Charles McConnell, George Machninsky, Klazner, Parks and Pass. Policemen—Landley and Gelles.

To the summary of horror caused by the holocaust may be added the privation and sorrow brought to the families of the dead and dying throughout the city and the suspicion that the lives of the city's servants were sacrificed to incendiarism of the worst type.

The coroner to-day said that current investigation showed that the building had been fired simultaneously in half dozen places. An official investigation is under way to determine the cause of the fire and fix responsibility.

Ten hours after the fire had been brought under control the rescuers came upon the unconscious form of Fireman Glazier. Although trapped beneath twisted girders and horribly mangled, his life was saved by a fellow fireman, whose body, nearly cut in two, protected Glazier from death. The dead fireman was identified as a fireman named Glazier.

At 3:30 this morning the remaining shell of the building collapsed and the dead fireman was identified as a fireman named Glazier. The entire fire department, aided by the men

sum as \$1,500,000, when such council is entirely without the means of knowing, or being able to explain to such ratepayers, how such sum was used, or in what way it was proposed to be expended, nor, in fact, is the council in a position to give to the ratepayers any clear and definite information upon the essential points of the scheme.

Your committee have, therefore, thought it advisable that the information referred to should be acquired, and for that purpose do hereby recommend for your favorable consideration certain amendments to the said by-law, which are in the hands of the city solicitor, for enabling the corporation to borrow the sum of \$25,000 for the purpose of making tests, obtaining plans and accurate data of the cost of the water supply for the city of Victoria.

Appended to this report is a copy of the letter of the city solicitor of the 17th December instant to the chairman of this committee, in reply to his written inquiry, upon the points therein mentioned.

Also appended is the report of the water commissioner showing the increase in the water rates which the passage of the Sooke by-law, as first introduced, would entail on the basis of \$1,500,000.

The committee placed themselves on record as being against what they considered to be a proposal to deceive the people of Victoria by the passage of the by-law, which would be expedited so that the people may be

in view of the grave importance of the issue involved the following report of the legislative committee, which is signed by Ald. Langley, chairman, and Ald. Bishop, Bannerman, McKinnon and Noble, is of extreme interest:

Your committee has carefully considered the proposed by-law for the acquisition and utilization of Sooke lake for water purposes.

Your committee is of the opinion that the data with reference to such scheme is wholly insufficient to enable either the council or the ratepayers to form any intelligent idea upon any of the essential features. In the report of Mr. H. M. Birrell of the 21st May, 1910, "it would be folly to express an opinion as to the advisability of proceeding with an undertaking of such magnitude without the most thorough investigation of the available water supply."

Nothing should be taken for granted in this connection; surveys and measurements should be made to absolutely determine the annual run-off of the drainage area of Sooke lake and the adjoining drainage areas which can be diverted into this lake.

Your committee has, therefore, decided that they cannot recommend to the council for favorable consideration the placing of a by-law before the ratepayers in the shape of the present proposed by-law, involving such a large

of the building department, and the police have been at work continuously on the ruins.

Under the glare of the electric lights firemen and laborers toiled to lift the crumbled walls and uncover the remaining victims. The intense cold interfered with rapid work and the authorities declared that several days must elapse before the last body can be recovered.

Shortly before daylight the body of Frank Carroll, a fireman, was recovered and as soon as the body of John Collins was taken from the debris. Later Firemen George Machninsky and George Eldelman crushed to death beneath a fall of the section of flooring, were dragged out.

The fire started at 10 o'clock last night and burned until nearly daylight. The water in the hydrants was nearly frozen and as soon as the streams were turned on the blizzards pressure died at the nozzles.

VICTORIA, B. C., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1910.

# UNDERGROUND WIRES BY-LAW

## PEOPLE WILL VOTE ON MEASURE SOON

### General Hope and Expectation is That Verdict Will Be Favorable

(From Thursday's Daily.) There is a very general hope amongst all classes in the community that the by-law providing ways and means whereby the telephone-wires may be placed underground in the business section of the city will pass when it again comes before the voters at the forthcoming municipal elections.

It is felt that in view of the fact that this measure was one of a number of by-laws to be placed before the people and that on that occasion the vote was an adverse one. It was felt that this result was due in the main to the fact that the public did not properly understand that in no event is there a likelihood of a financial burden being cast upon the city under the terms of the by-law.

Under the terms of the by-law, the telephone company undertakes to bear the entire expense, the city merely paying a party to the financial arrangement proposed for the sake of convenience.

It is felt that in view of the fact that both the city and the company have already gone to considerable expense in the matter of getting the consent of the property owners, who will not be affected by the proposed improvement, it would be a most regrettable thing if the by-law were turned down the second time because of a misunderstanding.

A word of explanation of the terms and meaning of the by-law will be timely. For some years the city has been desirous of having all telephone construction removed from the streets of the business area and the B. C. Telephone Company has staid its willingness to meet the city in the matter of certain blocks within the district stipulated in the agreement.

In the centre of these city blocks "outlets" from the conduits will be provided and from these "outlets" will be served all the telephone connections within blocks, the wires to be carried from the "outlets" along the rear walls of the various buildings within the city blocks to the telephone instruments within the buildings. From the conduit "outlets" all wiring will be carried in lead cables neatly affixed to the walls of buildings. Permission for the use of the walls of buildings is to be obtained by the telephone company from owners.

This by-law which will be voted on on January 1st, proposes that the credit of the city, to the extent of \$100,000 shall be loaned to the telephone company. In other words, the city agrees to issue debentures to the amount of \$100,000, which is the estimated cost of the work of laying the underground conduits and establishing the interior block wiring system, which will be either payable in fifty years, or, at the option of the company, be redeemable at any time upon the terms of the debentures.

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# PEACE COUNCILS MAY PREVAIL

## STRIKE SITUATION NOW MORE PROMISING

### Conferences To-day Likely to End in Railways and Engineers Agreeing

(Times Leased Wire) Chicago, Dec. 22.—A lengthy conference between Labor Commissioner Chas. P. Neil and representatives of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers to-day was regarded as foreshadowing a peaceful settlement of the threatened strike of 35,000 engineers on western lines.

It is believed that the railroad officials have concluded that the engineers were not bluffing in their demand for an increase in wages under a threat of strike, and that they have disclosed to Commissioner Neil the final terms of the railroads.

Neil refused to state what concessions the companies were willing to make.

Reports premature. Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 22.—Officials of the Soo system and other lines running into this city say the report of probable locomotive engineers strike on sixty-one western roads are somewhat premature, as they have not received any intimation of a strike, and that they would if the situation was critical. It is pointed out that on five of the affected railway systems there are pension systems and the strike would prove very costly in the event one hour. Conductors and brakemen organizations are also engaged in conference with the Railway Manager's Association.

# BRITISH OFFICERS CONVICTED AS SPIES

## Captain and Lieutenant Sentenced to Four Years Each in Germany

(Times Leased Wire.) Leipzig, Germany, Dec. 22.—Captain Bernard Trench and Lieutenant Vivian English, English army officers, convicted of spying on German fortifications at Bokrum, were sentenced to four years imprisonment each by a German court here to-day.

The Englishmen admitted having taken sketches of the Bokrum fortifications, and then having given the sketches to the British officials.

The German Supreme court heard the case here to-day, concluding an appeal. The accused men were defended by Sir William Bull, M. P.

The prisoners did not divulge the identity of the English military expert to whom they gave the sketches of the fortifications. Both were calm when sentenced, announcing that they were willing to suffer their country.

Capt. Trench admitted he recognized the plan for sketching the fortifications at Bokrum.

The president of the court, at the suggestion of the imperial prosecutor, ordered the prisoners to be kept in custody until the end of the war.

The prosecutor said the British newspapers had told the British officials that Germans were spying on the fortifications of the British navy. Here, said the prosecutor, were two British officers of the active who were spying on the fortifications of the British navy. The information which could be used to facilitate an unforeseen attack on Germany.

Students and Police Clash. One Man Killed and Ten Injured in Fight at Odessa. Odessa, Russia, Dec. 22.—One student is dead, three are recovering in hospitals from injuries and seven policemen are more or less seriously hurt—the result of clashes between students and police. Two hundred and thirty-five students are under arrest and more are declared the protesting public began when the police attempted to break up a meeting of students within the precincts of the university.

Business Grows in West. Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—The Canadian Pacific, Canadian Northern and Grand Trunk Pacific report the year's business in the west shows an increase of twenty per cent. over last year.

Railway Official Promoted. (Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—Geo. H. Shaw, traffic manager, has been appointed fourth vice-president of the Canadian Northern railway. He leaves for Toronto to reside.

King Goes to Sandringham. London, Dec. 22.—King George to-day went to Sandringham Palace for the Christmas holidays.

# WILL GUARANTEE BE ABOLISHED?

## KNOTTY PROBLEM IN STREET PAVING

### Special Committee of City Council Now Dealing With Important Point

(From Thursday's Daily.) A knotty problem at present confronting a special committee of the city council is contained in the task imposed upon that body of drawing up a set of standard specifications which shall be used in the execution of contracts with successful bidders for works of local improvement. The committee, consisting of the mayor, Alderman Bannerman, the city engineer, the city solicitor, the purchasing agent and the water commissioner, has been at work for some time and considerable progress has been made.

At a recent session, however, a conflict of opinion arose on a point about which the public will no doubt hear a great deal more shortly. This is the wisdom or otherwise of abolishing the policy inaugurated earlier in the year of letting contracts for street paving work on terms which insist on a ten-year guarantee of the work with 15 per cent. of the contract price left in the hands of the city until the expiration of that period.

All of the work done by the Worwick Paving company has been done on this basis, and as the arrangement has proved very successful in the interests of the property-owners a majority of the members of the committee protested successfully against the proposal that the guarantee and hold-back should be abolished. Within the last few weeks, however, pressure has been brought to bear upon certain members of the committee from an outside source with such success, it is hinted, that another attempt will be made shortly to abolish the provisions of the contract which so far has had all the paving contracts.

These in favor of doing away with the guarantee and hold-back argue that it is unusual, best practice unnecessary. This is said to be the opinion of the city solicitor, who, it is alleged, has openly stated that he is determined to abolish the provisions mentioned. As to the legality of the practice, it is understood that some of the best legal talent in the city has been consulted and the opinion expressed that there is no question whatever as to the legality of the procedure; that it is a general practice in other cities. It is probable that at the next meeting of the streets committee this point will be thoroughly threshed out.

But it is in respect to the proposed abolition of the guarantee clause that there promises to be the liveliest discussion. In nearly every instance the contracts entered into with the Worwick company have been entered into by the property-owners along the streets to be paved, and as they feel that the guarantee clause is vital if they are to be assured of getting a pavement which shall last a period of ten years, it is probable that they will make strenuous protest against the suggestion that it be done away with.

Both the city engineer and the mayor are said to be of the opinion that the policy in respect to specifications for street paving at present in vogue is working satisfactorily, and should therefore remain unaltered; and in view of this fact the outcome of the proposed legislation for the change is awaited with considerable interest.

# FORMER BANKER FREE

London, Dec. 22.—The Pall Mall Gazette in its issue prints an account of the unmarking of the Italian army corps for Tripoli as the result of diplomatic relations between Italy and Turkey.

Rescuers searching the tunnels for any miners that may have survived the deadly gases with which the workings are filled, were halted when within 80 feet of the mine centre to-day and could not proceed with the work until the gases had been driven out.

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Among the incidents was the death of a rescuer, who, anxious to reach his two sons, who were entombed, got in advance of his comrades and forfeited his life.

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Stores and Bank Destroyed. (Special to the Times.) Bradwardine, Man., Dec. 22.—Fire started in Ortenburg's store here this morning at 2:45 and burned the whole of the business portion of the town. Ortenburg's general store, E. & J. Field's hardware, Massey-Harris warehouse, the Bank of Hamilton, R. Common's general store, and the Beaver lumber office and lumber yard were destroyed. The only business place left are a restaurant and drug store.

New Lighthouse Tender. Ottawa, Dec. 22.—The contract for a steel vessel for lighthouse and buoy service on the Pacific coast has been awarded by the government to the Collingwood shipbuilding company for \$260,000.

# CHICAGO CONFLAGRATION CLAIMS THIRTY LIVES

## Fire Chief, Second Assistant Chief and Several Company Captains Among Victims--Explosion Buries Number of Men.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Having claimed the lives of probably thirty firemen, the fire that destroyed the stock yards warehouse of Nelson, Morris & Co., spread to-day to the tallow house of the plant, and at noon it was stated that the entire plant was in danger of destruction.

At 11 o'clock the walls of the tallow house had crumbled before the fierce heat, and one of the piles of masonry fell upon the spot where it was believed the bodies of 20 missing firemen lie buried.

A third general alarm brought every fire company in Chicago to the scene in an effort to prevent the conflagration from sweeping the entire stock yards district.

The beef house, which adjoins the warehouse, was consumed during the morning, and tons of meat in the house were given to the flames. The odor of burning flesh was sickening, and a dozen firemen collapsed under the strain and horror of the night and day long fight.

The great tallow house, occupying nearly a city block, caught fire shortly before noon. The greasy stores within the building gave ready food to the greasy flames, and the burning tallow and lard supplied added fuel to the fire. When the more inflammable materials caught the great flames shot high into the air, the best accompanying firemen, carrying great pieces of burning wood and myriads of sparks over the stock yards.

The extent of the disaster was evidenced in the statement of Fire Marshal Butler, who declared that destruction threatened the entire Union Stock Yards, and that unless the wind abated nothing could save the packing plants.

General Officers Dead. The fire was caused by the explosion of ammonia. Seven charred bodies were recovered from the burning building, and a half an hour the \$1,000,000 warehouse was burning fiercely, and the firemen were handicapped by low water pressure and freezing weather.

Ammonia Explodes. About an hour after the arrival of the fire engine and with men the 300 firemen were clustered about the building or working on the ground floor, an immense tank of ammonia exploded without a moment's warning, in an instant the burning woodwork.

Three Hundred and Twenty-five Dead. Victims of Explosion in Lancashire Mine. Officials Abandon Hope of Saving Any of the Entombed Men.

(Times Leased Wire.) Manchester, Eng., Dec. 22.—A total of 325 dead in the Pretoria mine of the Little Hulton company, as the result of yesterday's explosion was the estimate given out to-day by officials of the mine.

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NEW PRESS IS IN COMMISSION

TIMES PRINTS TO-DAY IN ITS OWN BUILDING

Paper Turned Out on a Splendid Goss Press of the Very Latest Type

(From Wednesday's Daily.) Five years ago the Times installed a new press which it was thought would be sufficient for the needs of many years.

For some time past the Times has found itself handicapped for want of a larger, faster and more fully modern press. The demands upon space from advertisers and by reason of greatly improved news services taxed all the press-room resources at the best of times.

To meet the demands of the Victoria of 1911 and provide against those of the future the management of the Times ordered a new Goss press of the latest type, which has been installed in the basement of the new Times Building and on which the paper is being printed to-day for the first time.

The machine is known as the new Goss two-roll rotary perfecting press. It is a three-deck machine, each deck carrying two pairs of printing cylinders and each plate cylinder carrying four stereotype plates.

The press is arranged to print seven columns of thirteen lines to each page, with six point or nonpareil column rules. The width of the printed matter is 15.74 inches, and the circumference of the rollers on the printing surface, for both pages, including margins, is 33.3-8 inches.

The upper paper roll brackets are arranged for carrying two rolls of paper, and the machine is equipped with hand power hoists for raising and lowering the floor into position on this bracket. The ink tank arrangement and distribution consists of one large vibrating drum, four distributing rollers, two ink rollers to each plate cylinder. The ink fountains are ratchet feed, and the supply of ink can be adjusted to a minimum. All the rollers are interchangeable, being exactly the same length and diameter.

EXPLOSION AT BUFFALO.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 21.—An explosion similar in many respects to the one that occurred in New York on Monday, shattered the windows of several cars and started passengers on board trains on New York Central station and occupants of buildings for blocks around shortly before 12 o'clock last night.

The explosion occurred at a point where the pipe which supply gas to cars branch in two directions, and where a valve is located. The cause has not been ascertained. A flame shot up forty feet, igniting the train shed. The Watervine express, southbound from Chicago to New York, was on a track nearby, and there was intense excitement among the passengers. Several were slightly cut by flying glass, but no one was seriously hurt.

SUICIDES IN CHICAGO.

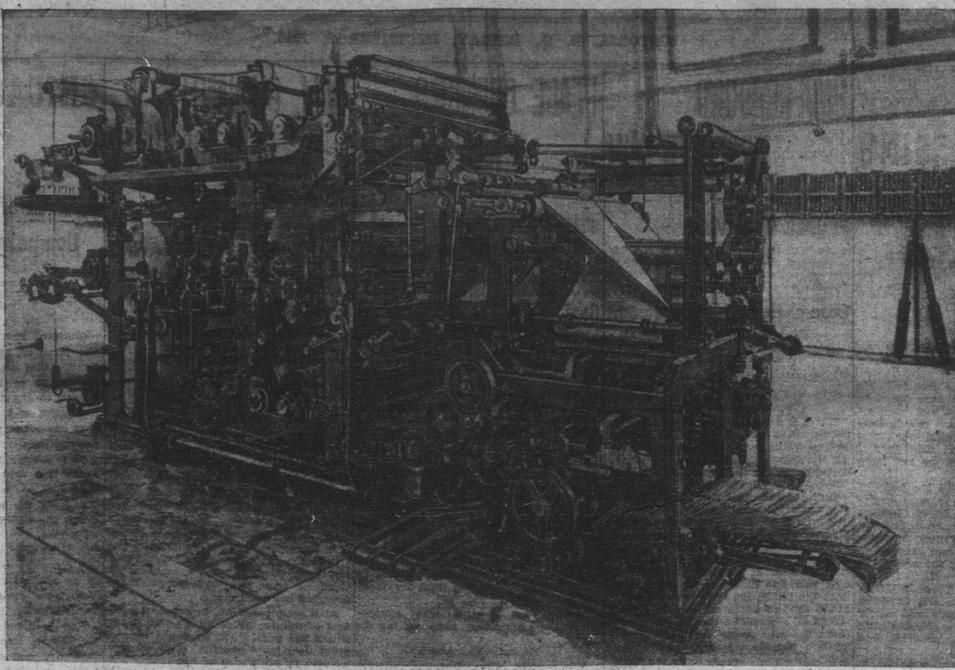
Four Hundred and Eighty-Nine Persons Ended Own Lives in Year.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Suicide served the problems of existence for 450 persons in Chicago for the year ending November 30, 1910, according to the annual report of Coroner Peter Hoffman.

Industrialism exacted the lives of 287 men, women and children. Transportation instruments killed 57, of which 115 went down to death by the wheels of street cars. Homicides numbered 113, of which 113 were murders and 17 murder and suicide combined. Four of the victims were under five years, seven under seven years and two eight years old.

One hundred and twenty-five suicides died by poison, 116 by asphyxiation and 125 by shooting. Poison was the favorite means of suicide of women, while men chose strangulation and shooting. There were 184 Americans, 103 Germans, 64 Italians, 24 Russians and 22 Bohemians in the list. Two Chinese and one Japanese were among those who killed themselves.

The Times' New Press, Now In Use



WEDNESDAY'S WAS FIRST ISSUE OF THIS PAPER TO BE PRINTED ON THE SPLENDID GOSS 3-DECK PRESS WHICH HAS BEEN INSTALLED IN THE NEW TIMES BUILDING, CORNER OF FORT AND BROAD STREETS.

SCHOOLS HOLD CLOSING EXERCISES

Officers Are Elected at Annual Meeting of Women's Institute

(Special Correspondence.) Option Road, Dec. 19.—Electric lights were recently installed at St. John's, St. Luke's church, the Parish hall, the Temperance hall, Mt. Tolmie post office and several residences are being wired for the light.

On Saturday last a meeting was called by the Cedar Hill Hockey club. As very few responded it was decided to call another at an early date.

The members of the Lake Hill Women's Institute held their monthly meeting on the 14th inst. The chief business was the election of officers for the ensuing year.

The Gordon Head school held the closing exercises on the 16th inst., when a number of pretty exercises were sung by the pupils. The annual tree will be held on the 23rd inst.

The pupils of the North Dairy school presented a very pleasing programme Christmas exercises by school children. Christmas exercises by school children. Christmas exercises by school children.

YIMR CLAIMS BONDED.

Nelson, Dec. 20.—The bonding of the C. P. R. group of claims at Ymir to a Vancouver syndicate, represented by Charles Jennings, with whom negotiations have been proceeding for some weeks, has been completed.

The C. P. R. group, owned by Edward Peters of Ymir, and George Colwell and D. G. Peters of Nelson, and a number of associates, is located in close proximity to the Sterling group, which was recently bonded to Phil White of Vancouver, and to the Blackcock upon which a deal with Mr. White is now pending.

The final payments are to be made within two years, and one of the conditions of the deal is that the development work at present being carried on shall continue throughout the winter. There are ten claims in the group, and a large number of surface cuts, shafts and several tunnels have been already driven on the property.

For business reasons neither the bonders nor bondess are in a position to make public the purchase price, but the figure is a very substantial one. The value of the property in the British National Gallery is about \$1,500,000.

JURY OUT FOR SEVENTY-TWO HOURS

Mrs. Kersh's Second Trial at Portland Results in Verdict of Manslaughter

(Times Leased Wire.) Portland, Ore., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Carrie Kersh, former wife of murderer William Johnson, a woman named at the New Grand Central hotel, was acquitted today by a jury.

The verdict was returned by the jury last night at 6 o'clock, after the jurymen had been out over 72 hours. During the deliberations over 10 ballots were taken.

It was learned to-day that the obduracy of one jurymen saved Mrs. Kersh from conviction of murder. D. G. Tomasiel is the juror who believed the woman innocent, and he held out for acquittal until the last ballot, when his conference with the woman's alleged slayer finally decided the verdict.

When Mrs. Kersh heard the verdict she fainted and was carried from the courtroom. She was reported to be ill to-day from the strain of the trial and shock superinduced by her conviction.

According to one of the jurors, the first ballot stood nine for murder in the first degree, two for murder in the second degree, and one for acquittal. The second ballot stood 11 for murder in the first degree and one for acquittal. This obtained until toward the last, when the eleven jurors parted over their verdict until finally an agreement was reached.

The murder of Johnson attracted wide attention owing to the fact that Jesse E. Webb, his murderer, and Mrs. Kersh attempted to do away with the body by stuffing it in a trunk and shipping it. Webb's conviction was secured recently. He is under sentence to hang February 11.

CIVIC COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Dismissal of Chief of Seattle Police is Recommended.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 20.—The city council investigating committee, which has been investigating the police and fire departments of the city government for several months, completed its work and filed its final report with the council last night.

The report, which is an elaboration of the report filed several weeks ago, recommends the dismissal of Chief of Police Charles W. Wapenstein. The report was adopted with two dissenting votes.

As the council has no authority over the chief of police, the report must go to Mayor Hiram C. Gill for approval, and unless he agrees with the committee's findings, Wapenstein will remain at the head of the police department.

LIBERALS ARE ORGANIZING

ASSOCIATION IS FORMED IN WARD ONE

Lt.-Col. Curdie is President and Active Committee Will Assist Him

(From Wednesday's Daily.) A start was made on the ward organization of the Liberal party in Victoria last evening, when the Ward One Liberal Association was formed.

The association was formed, officers elected and the commencement of active work of a live association arranged for.

There was a gratifying turn-out of electors in the ward, considering the weather and season of the year, and those present took a lively interest in the proceedings.

Lt.-Col. Curdie, one of the veterans of Liberalism in Victoria West, was named as temporary chairman and H. Winiby as secretary.

J. C. McIntosh, city organizer of the party, addressed the meeting on the value and necessity for organization, explained the new division of the city into polling subdivisions, and gave the Liberals of the west and much good advice from his very successful experience as an organizer in the adjoining district of Esquimalt.

THREE PERSONS MURDERED.

Durham, N. C., Dec. 20.—Following the murder of three persons near here, Sheriff Wheeler and two deputies are rushing here to-day with Nathan Montague, a negro, in order to protect him from a posse of farmers that seek to lynch him.

Montague last night entered the home of Leyton Sanders, a farmer, in a village, killed Sanders and his grandchild, aged 2 years, and assaulted Miss Sanders, his daughter, and cut her throat with a sack knife. Following this the negro fired the farm-house, it is said. A farmhand alarmed the sheriff, who arrested Montague.

All roads to Durham are being guarded by Sanders' friends and the sheriff is endeavoring to bring to the negro in a roundabout way.

Of British beef eggs a complete set is worth about \$1,000.

ROCKEFELLER'S GIFT TO UNIVERSITY

Makes Final Donation of Ten Million Dollars to Chicago Institution

Chicago, Dec. 21.—John D. Rockefeller has completed the task he set for himself in founding the University of Chicago. Yesterday public announcement was made of a final gift of \$10,000,000, which includes all the contributions Mr. Rockefeller had planned.

Mr. Rockefeller says he now believes the school should be supported and enlarged by the gifts of many rather than those of a single donor. This, he believes, will be better accomplished if the public understands the limit of his contemplated assistance.

The founding of new departments he leaves to the trustees, as funds may be furnished by other friends. Near \$1,000,000 has been donated to the university in addition to Mr. Rockefeller's gifts.

With the announcement of Mr. Rockefeller's final donation came the resignation of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., as president of the university. The resignation was announced in a letter to the president and trustees, reading in part as follows:

"It has long been my desire to be outside the University of Chicago, from funds of the general education board, which are subject to my disposal, to make provision, with such gifts as may be made, for the support of the present market value of ten million dollars, the same to be delivered to the university in ten equal annual installments, beginning January 1, 1911, each installment to bear income to the university from the date of such delivery only.

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VICTIMS OF EXPLOSION.

Bodies of Three Men Found in Colorado Mine.

Denver, Col., Dec. 21.—The bodies of three of the miners entombed in the Leyden mine by fire and cave-ins last Wednesday were found yesterday by rescuers, making eight dead recovered. In all, ten miners were imprisoned.

The bodies recovered last night were found in the southwest workings about 2,000 feet from the shaft. This portion of the mine was thoroughly explored and no trace of Frank and Louis Merriam, brothers, the two still missing, was found. This leads to the belief that the Merriams may have escaped to the north workings, a mile or more from the first centre, and possibly are still alive.

Exploration parties are now endeavoring to penetrate the north workings, and are reporting by portable telephone that the air is much better than in other sections where the rescuers have been working.

SEVEN MILLIONS FOR NEW EQUIPMENT

Canadian Pacific Railway Has Placed Large Orders for Next Summer

Montreal, Dec. 21.—Over \$7,000,000 worth of new cars and train equipment has just been ordered by the Canadian Pacific railway, all to be delivered next summer.

Two thousand refrigerators, coal, boiler and other freight cars, 200 coaches and passenger train equipment, including baggage, express, sleeping, dining-parlor, and observation cars are at present under construction in the company's Angus shops.

Besides these, orders have been placed with other firms for 2,000 steel frame box cars of 80,000 pounds capacity, to cost over two million dollars, besides 500 stock cars and 300 flat cars.

Orders for seventy-five heavy locomotives have been placed in Canada at the Angus shops, and the Kingston and Montreal locomotive works.

Other Point, Dec. 20.—A Christmas entertainment was held in the school house last Wednesday evening, being largely attended. A varied programme of songs, recitations and dialogues was given, after which a splendid Christmas tree was unbundled of its good things for the children.

Refreshments being disposed of, dancing and games were next in order, bringing an enjoyable entertainment to a close.

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The monster petition will be gathered at the city hall by members of the Welfare League, the organization that started the recall movement, and will be the cause of the police scandal investigation by the city council.

IN GRIP OF STORM.

Hurricane Is Sweeping Newfoundland and Shipping Disasters Are Feared.

St. Johns, N. F., Dec. 21.—Grave fears are expressed that a number of shipping disasters have occurred as a result of a hurricane that is sweeping Newfoundland to-day. It is believed that it will soon be at subsidence.

The storm is said to be the worst in many years.

SIR HIBBERT PUPPER TALKS

ENDORSES DOMINION GOVERNMENT POLICY

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The doctrine that there should be a party when Canadian public men and people come to consider questions of national and imperial defence, was preached before a sympathetic and enthusiastic company by Sir Charles Hibbert Pupper at the Canadian Club luncheon at Halifax in his honor.

Sir Hibbert, in support of his opinion that there should be no party in such matters as defence and our position in the Empire, showed that our great national movements in the past had been guided by opposing leaders who had come together in days of crisis, and practical coalition had been effected to meet the needs of the moment.

He also urged that both political parties should unite in support of political patronage, the cause, he said, of all governments.

Sir Hibbert thought there was great misconception in regard to present agitation in Quebec. If Quebec seemed to vote against militarism as a navy, in imperial interests it should be less than the sum of \$1,000,000 a year, and yet he uses such expressions as "We must avoid the master of militarism as it is in England."

When conditions like this, which offer opportunity there is for an opportunist leader to take advantage of it. But did not class Mr. Borden among political leaders who would stoop to the level of a politician, he thought, who said, "We Canada need do nothing for Imperial defence, are living in a fool's paradise."

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NEW U. S. BATTLESHIP.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—The contract for building a new battleship was named the Texas, was let by the Newport News Shipbuilding Company to-day by the navy department.

The successful bid was \$5,830,000 and was the only one received.

When completed the Texas will be one of the most formidable dreadnoughts afloat. Its distinguishing feature is in the engineering, where the old type of reciprocating engines will be installed.

Although this type of engine was discarded when the turbines were perfected, it is said that the old engine are more economical in regard to coal consumption and are therefore more desirable for ships of the Texas type.

ALL AGREE ON PANDORA

OBJECTING OWNERS ARE CONCILIATED

Thoroughfare Will Be 66 Feet Wide Instead of 100 as Was Proposed

(From Tuesday's Daily.) The opposition which had developed to one phase of the Pandora improvement scheme has vanished, and there is now apparently no obstacle to the speedy commencement of the undertaking.

The announcement made at last evening's meeting of the city council that those property owners who had protested against the project to make the thoroughfare at its end, 100 feet wide, had been conciliated by the advocates of the scheme to meet their wishes in the matter and agreeing to have the way 66 feet wide, which was the proposal in the first instance.

The assistant engineer of the city wrote offering to bear two-thirds the cost of laying down a concrete walk in front of the offices of the contractor on Wharf street. The cost would be \$75. The work was left in the hands of the contractor.

The city engineer and assessor reported that the sum of \$18,000 required to wind up the old by-law was adopted and the necessary by-law order prepared.

The following deputy return officers were named to officiate at forthcoming municipal elections: Dalry, for the ward of Lottington, Watson, G. G. Rayner, Thos. T. and Geo. Glover.

A grant of \$50 was made to Mr. Clair for his services as swimming instructor on the 15th inst. The report was adopted and the necessary by-law order prepared.

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Despite the opposition of Mr. Shalle, the only property owner who refused to sign the city solicitor instructed to enter into a contract with the Worwick Paving company asphaltting of Langley street.

U. S. POSTAL BANKS. One Experimental Station Will Be in Each State.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—Post General Hitchcock says that he will be in readiness for the postal banks to receive deposits on the first working day of the year. The task of drawing up regulations and instructions has progressed so far that the beginning of operations to assure the beginning of operations in each state and territory to the first test of the service as the situation is said to be most favorable.

The offices designated are all of one class and in localities where there are exceptional favorable conditions of development of a postal savings fund. Several of the offices selected are municipalities inhabited by foreign-born residents who are offering considerable sums of money to the countries by postal money orders.

Glenn H. Curtis and his assistants have signified a willingness to attempt to land on the deck of a warship in an aeroplane, and it was decided that a vessel be detailed by the navy department to make the trial. Rear Admiral Barry was ordered to arrange with the San Francisco committee for the experiment.

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Dr. Alex. Proudfoot forwarded a cheque for the amount of his license fee and protesting against the imposition of the tax on physicians on the ground that it was unjust, seeing that the doctors did so much for charity.

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OFFER OF BRIBE

H. C. Dec. 20.—Mrs. Thomas, a senator's wife, was yesterday principal witness yesterday before the house committee on Indian affairs at the hearing of the charges of Senator Gore that Jacob Hamon offered him a bribe for his vote in confirmation of Indian land sale contracts.

Mrs. Gore contradicted the testimony of Hamon, who declared that after the time of the alleged bribery offer he visited the Gore home and was cordially received.

WILL NOT SELL OUT

New York, Dec. 20.—Clarence H. Mackay on being shown the announcement from London that the Western Union Telegraph Company with two submarine cables from the United States to Europe has now acquired control of the four submarine cables owned by the Anglo-American Telegraph Company said:

The only competition now left is the Commercial Cable Company on the ocean, and the Postal Telegraph Company on the land and with our competitor on the ocean. They have got together a vast combination and it is clear that if the public wants competition the public must rely on the Postal Telegraph and Commercial cable. We shall not sell out.

We shall continue to compete and give the latest service. As I stated to the legislative committee in New York last winter, the Postal Telegraph Company will be the last competitor in land telegraphy. I would now add that the Commercial Cable will be the last competitor in ocean telegraphy.

A curious requisite of Diatam M. P. is the right to a free Turkish bath anywhere in the kingdom.

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INVESTIGATING CAUSE OF NEW YORK EXPLOSION

Body of Tenth Victim Recovered—Four of Injured May Die

(Times Local Wire.)

New York, Dec. 20.—The body of the eleventh victim of yesterday's explosion was taken from the ruins of the Grand Central station today.

Two other persons, supposed to have been killed in the explosion, have been found, officials of the railroad company assert.

An exhaustive investigation of the causes of the calamity was begun today by the coroner and district attorney. The railroad officials also started an independent inquiry.

WILL BUILD NEW LINE

Fort William, Dec. 20.—An important project is under contemplation by the C. P. R. management. This is the construction of a new connecting line between Novena and Savanna, which will give a direct run across from the head of the lake, 69 miles northeast of Port William, to a point 72 to the northwest. It is estimated that straightening of track will save forty to fifty miles in conveyance of coast to coast traffic.

PURE FOOD LAWS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—In order to conform with the pure food laws all packages of foods will have to bear a statement of the exact measure of the contents of the label, if a subbill is to be submitted to the house today by Representative Mann of Illinois, becomes a law. The sub-bill is calculated to take the place of Mann's original amendment to the pure food law. Mann decided to change his bill after a conference with Chicago and New York business men.

ADELAIDE STRIKE

Melbourne, Dec. 20.—The intervention of the government in the earliest strike at Adelaide has been brought about by the pressure of public opinion. The labor ministry has been compelled to instruct the police to prevent the mobbing of foodstuffs. The Premier has been advised that the union must be prosecuted for breach of the arbitration law.

JURISDICTION OVER COLUMBIA FISHERIES

Effort Will Be Made to Settle Washington-Oregon Boundary Dispute

Olympia, Wash., Dec. 20.—It was learned today that Attorney-General Bell will represent the state of Washington at the conference in Portland, December 22, which has been called for the purpose of finally settling the Oregon-Washington boundary dispute.

TREATY BETWEEN STATES AND JAPAN

Secretary of State Knox is Now Preparing Preliminary Convention

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—The problem of preventing an affront to Japan and at the same time pacifying the people of the Pacific coast who would protest against any concession to the Japanese contractis Secretary of State Knox, who is preparing a preliminary convention on which a treaty with Japan is to be based.

ROYAL COLONIAL INSTITUTE

London, Dec. 20.—In Whitehall rooms yesterday afternoon the Royal Colonial Institute. The premises have been recently abandoned. Sir J. Edward Baines presided, and in the course of his remarks said the institute, which started 60 years ago, was now entirely self-supporting. He said that although their following numbered 6,000 they might in the future broaden the base upon which members are introduced.



VICTORIA'S SANTA CLAUS.

FARMERS' BANK HAS SUSPENDED PAYMENT

Run on Its Branches Follows Hearing of Charges Against Former Employees

Toronto, Dec. 20.—The Farmers' Bank, with head offices in Toronto and 81 branches in various towns and villages throughout Ontario has suspended payment. The capital stock is \$1,000,000, with about \$200,000 paid up, the shareholders numbering over one thousand, principally in small amounts. W. R. Travers is the general manager. The bank was organized only about five years ago.

The deposits in the various branch offices are, roughly speaking, \$1,400,000. The suspension was brought about by the failure of the banks to meet its liabilities of \$20,000 at the clearing house yesterday.

The bank institutes proceedings against a former manager and clerk, charged with conspiracy, and the evidence as to the bank's condition brought out at the trial caused runs on the branches all over the country.

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REPRESENTATIONS BY GRAIN GROWERS

Executive Issues Statement Regarding Recent Interview With Ministers

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The executive of the grain growers has given out a statement respecting the conference with the government on the tariff, terminal elevators, chilled meat industry and the Hudson's Bay railway.

The statement says the executive is unable to state whether or not the terminal elevator legislation of the government will be satisfactory until it has been introduced into parliament.

It says the ministers gave a sympathetic hearing to the chilled meat proposals and promised further investigation. The ministry promised construction of the Hudson's Bay railway without delay and its ownership by the government in perpetuity.

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WIDE POWER FOR COMPTROLLER

BY-LAW PASSES AFTER STRENUOUS PROTEST

City Clerk Warns Council That Dangerous Precedent is Being Created

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The Duties of Officers' By-law, which proposes enlarged powers to city comptroller, passed its second reading at last evening's meeting of the city council, but not before it had been subjected to strenuous criticism by several of the extremists and by the city clerk, W. J. Dowler.

It was contended by Ald. Fullerton that this left it open for the comptroller to fix salaries and also readjust the positions which the various employees hold.

The city clerk explained that this only referred to fiscal matters, and this view was also held by the mayor. It was not intended that the comptroller should have any jurisdiction whatever over the employees of the various departments, other than the treasury department, in the matter of salaries or appointments, though he would be held responsible for all fiscal matters.

The city clerk, being given permission to do so, briefly addressed the board. His reading of the clause was that it did give the comptroller jurisdiction over all the offices in the city hall. He objected particularly to the clause which gave the comptroller the arrangement of offices and direction of the same.

Mayor Morley put an end to Mr. Dowler's statement by saying that there was a lot of time being wasted by the word "office" in the by-law. The by-law was already passed by the mayor by virtue of his office. The mayor had indeed authorized authority, and this would be an impairment of the mayor's authority. He (Mr. Dowler) could assure the board that the by-law was on providing such extension of the comptroller's jurisdiction to the city clerk's office and readjusting the same to his own liking. Never before was such a proposal been advanced. The powers it was sought to confer on the comptroller by the by-law were already possessed by the mayor by virtue of his office. The mayor had indeed authorized authority, and this would be an impairment of the mayor's authority. He (Mr. Dowler) could assure the board that the by-law was on providing such extension of the comptroller's jurisdiction to the city clerk's office and readjusting the same to his own liking. 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PROPOSED THAT CITY JOIN A COMPANY

Measure Passes Its Second Reading With But Little Criticism

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FINAL RETURNS OF BRITISH ELECTION

London, Dec. 20.—The election has now closed, the final standing being: Laborites..... 271 Nationalists..... 73 Independent Nationalists..... 11 Unionists..... 272

Net majority for coalition. 128 This is a net gain of two for the coalition forces, their majority in the last parliament being 124.

Following are the last returns of the general election which was brought to a close yesterday: Cork County, West—O'Leary, Nationalist, 2,220. Unchanged. Kilkenny, South—Keating, Nationalist, 2,245. Unchanged.

Wick Burghs—Monroe, Liberal, 1,515; Bignold, Unionist, 104. Unchanged. A crisis in Ulster as a result of the return of the Labor party to power is indicated in dispatches received from Ireland to-day. The opponents of Home Rule for Ireland as part of the general programme for governing parliament have subscribed \$20,000 for a legal measure. Bids for 20,000 rifles already have been asked and bids for 1,000 rounds of ammunition were sought to-day.

Even the most peaceful of Ulster men admit that armed resistance will follow if parliament should grant Home Rule in Ireland.

AVIATOR CROSSES ENGLISH CHANNEL

Flies From Dover to Calais and Descends in Belgium—One Aviator Injured

Dover, Eng., Dec. 20.—Claude Grahame-White, the English aviator, who recently won the international aviation cup at Belmont Park, N. Y., had a narrow escape from serious injury Sunday. His machine was wrecked and he was badly cut about the face. Many aviators have been waiting here for the last fortnight to compete for the prize of \$2000, offered by Harold DeForest, for the longest flight across the English Channel in 1910, the flight to be made in an English-built machine.

Grahame-White ascended for a trial flight in a strong wind. He began to rock and was unable to recover his equilibrium. The machine turned over and plunged to the ground and was completely wrecked.

The aviator fell a little to one side. It was thought that he had suffered concussion of the brain, as he was unconscious, but he soon revived, and it was found that he had not sustained more than a few bad cuts about the face. It is expected he will be able within a week to start again. Grahame-White's fall did not exceed seventy feet.

A second competitor, Sprinth, failed better. He left Eastchurch, Sheppey Island, at 10 o'clock in the morning, crossed from Dover to Calais and descended at Beaumont, Belgium, a distance of 174 miles.

Sprinth completed his flight of 174 miles within three and one-half hours. This is the first time that a British aviator has flown across the channel, and, in addition, it is a record for distance under the conditions provided. No tug or other aid followed the aviator, and his precautions were taken against accident.

GLIDES NEARLY MILE IN AEROPLANE

Mars Makes Record Spiral to Save Life When Engines Fail

Fresno, Cal., Dec. 20.—Hanging 4000 feet in the air while attempting to make an emergency landing, J. C. ("Bud") Mars found that his engine refused to work. Despite extra precautions to keep the character from freezing, the intense cold was too great, and Mars was forced to make the "spiral glide" of his life, while those on the field, realizing his predicament, watched his manoeuvring intently. His usual glides are from a 1,000-foot altitude.

Mars started down with a long spiral, half a mile in diameter, swinging wide over the fair grounds and grandstand. He alighted safely, but was so cold that he could speak with difficulty. One spectator, not realizing why he had descended, asked if that was not the longest spiral glide on record.

"Well," said the man who made the stunt famous, speaking without a smile, "it is the longest one I ever tried."

Glenn Curtiss, in a speed trial, made five miles in 5 minutes 5 seconds, flying above the mile track.

BOUNDARY HOCKEY LEAGUE

Greenwood, Dec. 19.—At the annual meeting of the Boundary Hockey League, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Hon. president, Mr. Williams; Grand Marshal, vice-president, O. B. Smith; Phoenix; hon. secretary and vice-president, E. G. Warren; Greenwood; president, Roy Curran; Grand Forks; vice-president, A. McQueen; Phoenix; secretary and treasurer, C. G. Russell; Greenwood. The remainder of the executive to be composed of: Walter Miller, Grand Forks; C. McAttocker, Phoenix; W. B. Fleming, Greenwood. A schedule of 12 games was drawn up, Phoenix and Grand Forks opening the season at Grand Forks on January 1.

TACOMA MILLIONAIRE DEAD

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 2.—Word was received here yesterday from North Tacoma that the death of Thomas B. Wallace, a business man of Tacoma, who had been suffering from an attack of the lungs for several years, had been reported by a widow and three children in Kentucky.

INQUIRY INTO BELLEVUE DISASTER

Two Jurymen Want Scope of Coroner's Inquest Limited—Proceedings Adjourned

Bellevue, Ala., Dec. 20.—The opening of the coroner's inquiry into the death of the thirty-one men who lost their lives in the explosion which occurred here Friday evening, December 9, before the jury which was sworn on Saturday after the explosion and which had viewed the bodies of the dead on that day and had been advised by the coroner when the taking of evidence as to the cause of death would commence, took place at the appointed hour.

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SOOKE BY-LAW'S STORMY PATH

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thrown out for political purposes. (Hear, hear, from several aldermen.) Continuing, Aid. Langley mentioned that the city solicitor had given the opinion that under the provisions of the by-law the people of Victoria West would have to be taxed. This opinion was as follows:

Sir: Replying to your inquiry as to the possibility of so drawing a by-law that it will effect a complete exemption on that part of the city which is supplied by the Esquimaux Waterworks Company with water from any liability to pay any sum at any time for any water brought in from Sooke lake, unless they also use the water, I would say that I have given the matter the most careful thought and attention, and I am convinced that under the present act there is absolutely no way of relieving Victoria from an obligation in that regard.

There are in the statute apparently two ways in which the by-law can be drawn: one is directly upon the security of the water rents alone, and secondly, upon the water rents with the guarantee of the corporation, but I do not think there are two ways. If you mortgage your house, you give the mortgagee the security of the house, but you also give him a personal covenant, and, having received the money, you are necessarily bound to pay it back even though the house should be worth the money which you had borrowed—that is, your other assets are also pledged indirectly for the security of the mortgage.

In this case it would be the corporation that borrows the money. The corporation's credit will stand pledged in the money markets of the world even if it is exempted to be on the security of the water rents alone, and if the water rents are not sufficient, or if the water rents, there is nothing that can be done to prevent the corporation from borrowing the money, so that it is not sufficient.

Even if this argument should be attacked and held to be not good, then the mortgagee would be on the security of the water rents alone, and if the water rents are not sufficient, or if the water rents, there is nothing that can be done to prevent the corporation from borrowing the money, so that it is not sufficient.

There was considerable cross-firing to no purpose when Aid. Raymond suggested that the way to break the impasse would be to have the by-law stand over until a special meeting of the city council on Tuesday next.

This was agreed to and an adjournment was taken on the stroke of midnight.

The development of the Oméca district and of the country surrounding Telkwa is going on apace. It is certain that the water rents would have to go up. It would always be in the power of the council to reduce the rents. If they reduced the rents to a point so that there would not be adequate for the payment of the interest and sinking fund, the debenture holder would have no security (if the position I take in a former part of this report is not correct), so that he would be at the mercy of each individual council from year to year, a position that no man lending money to the city would care to take.

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SEARCH FOR SUSPECT

Woman Aids Officers Who Are Seeking Her Husband

Aurora, Ill., Dec. 20.—Armed posse today are searching for W

SEA-OFFER CLAIMS PART OF CATCH

CASE IS COMMENCED IN ADMIRALTY COURT

Result of Catch of the Schooner Thomas F. Bayard in Season of 1908

(From Tuesday's Daily.) Charles Hansen, a sea-otter seaman, who sailed on the schooner Thomas F. Bayard from Victoria in 1908, made a claim in the Admiralty court this morning before Mr. Justice Martin for his share of the sale of 28 sea-otter skins taken on the trip...

ORANGEMEN PROTEST

Montreal, Dec. 20. — Vancouver Orangemen having heard of the proposed conference between Mayor Guerin and Mayor Nathan of Rome, have forwarded a protest against such interference in foreign affairs. The protest was read at a meeting of the city council yesterday and ordered filed.

DIVERT WATER OF CREEK

Fort Steele, Dec. 19. — The long creek, or Windmill, intended to divert waters of Wild Horse creek away from the station and freight yards on Kootenay Central railway, has been completed.

PARIS FEARS MORE FLOODS

SEINE LIKELY TO RISE NEXT MONTH

Great Damage Will Be Done if the River Goes as High as Predicted

(By William Philip Simms, Paris Correspondent of the United Press.) Paris, Dec. 21.—France in general and Paris in particular are greatly wrought up over the flood question and most folks will have a sigh of relief when spring shall have come and cause further trouble before the winter is over and may be severe trouble.

MOVEMENTS TO SOOKE BY-LAW

COMES UP AGAIN TO-MORROW NIGHT

Full Text of the Important Resolution Moved by Alderman Langley

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SOCIETY LADIES TO FLY

Will Make Trip in Aeroplanes During Aviation Meet at San Francisco.

KING CONFERS ASQUITH

Audience Lasts Nearly an Hour

Standing of Parties in New House—Coalition Has Majority of 126

(Special to the Times.) London, Dec. 21.—Premier Asquith, who came down from Scotland, specially at the request of King George, had an audience at Buckingham Palace today.

STRIKE TROUBLE

(Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, Dec. 21.—A number of charges in connection with the street car trouble came before the police court this morning.

SNOW DELAYS TRAINS

Denver, Col., Dec. 21.—A severe snow storm, extending from Northern Nebraska to Southern Kansas and from the middle of Kansas to the continental divide, is raging to-day.

BARQUE WRECKED

Hallifax, Dec. 21.—The Norwegian barque Petra, from Rio Janeiro for Halifax, is a total wreck at Bonaventure Point, near Cap-Bonaventure.

ALEX. STEWART FOR MAYORALTY

POPULAR CITIZEN MAY BE CANDIDATE

Leading Citizens Are Urging Well-Known Ex-Alderman to Stand

(From Wednesday's Daily.) There is a strong probability that Alex. Stewart will be a candidate for the office of mayor at the forthcoming municipal elections.

EX-ALD. ALEX. STEWART

Who Has Served Nine Years in the City Council and is Likely to Be a Candidate for the Mayor's Chair.

to consent to allow his name to go to the electorate, and the Times learns this morning that this consent has been obtained upon certain conditions being fulfilled, and that this stipulation, maturing to the point of finality where Mr. Stewart's wishes will be met fully.

LOS ANGELES EXPLOSION

Investigation of Times Dynamite Case Adjourned Until January 8

RETURNING TO NEW YORK

New York, Dec. 21.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, of Brooklyn, N. Y., will return to this city on the steamer George Washington, which is to arrive Thursday evening.

TWO BROTHERS DROWNED

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 21.—With arms still linked together, the bodies of William and Emil Anderson have been recovered from the mill pond near their home, six miles north of Troy, Idaho.

BOY SCOUTS

Chilliwack, Dec. 19.—A troop of Boy Scouts consisting of three patrol leaders and eight boys each has been organized under the following officers: Scout commissioner, A. L. Coote; scout master, B. E. Chalk; assistant, P. C. Callaghan; patrol leaders, Alex. Cummins, M. Anderson and Ian Coote.

NO SETTLEMENT

ENGINEERS ARE BECOMING IMPATIENT

Grand Chief Stone Says There Must Be Short Decisive Action

(Times Leased Wire.) Chicago, Dec. 21.—Whether the 35,000 engineers employed on the 61 western railroads, now conferring with the general managers here, shall strike, will be decided within the next 24 hours, according to Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

TWO FACTORIES DESTROYED

Others Damaged—Loss Estimated at \$2,000,000

(Times Leased Wire.) Cincinnati, O., Dec. 21.—A fireman and a spectator were killed and ten firemen severely hurt in a fire to-day that did \$2,000,000 damage.

WINNIPEG STRIKE HOT

Street Cars Attacked—Number of Men Sustain Injuries

TRADERS BANK TO OPEN BRANCH HERE

Company Has Leased Offices on Ground Floor of the Times Block

(From Wednesday's Daily.) No more eloquent proof that Victoria, in the eyes of the shrewdest financial experts in the Dominion, is destined to become a great and thriving commercial centre, could be furnished than is contained in the fact that within recent months many of the leading banking institutions of Canada have made arrangements to locate here and seek for a share of the rapidly-increasing business.

NELSON OLD-TIMER DIES

Nelson, Dec. 17.—The death of Edmond Curran, an old-timer in the city, occurred at the Victoria Lake General hospital at the age of 85 years.

TWO TICKETS IN CRANBROOK

Cranbrook, Dec. 19.—The voters of the district, which is the largest in the history of the city, constituting over 600 names other than those voting only for school trustees, were employed in the count of returns here, struck off.

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