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FIFTY-THIRD YEAR.

IMMIGRATION SHOWS INCREASE

Figures for Passing Year Give Total Greater by Forty Thousand Than That of Previous Twelve Months

LARGEST NUMBER FROM GREAT BRITAIN

Regulations Relating to U. S. Naval Officers Passing Through Canada—Investigation of Departments

OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—The Canadian immigration figures now are practically complete for the year, and show a total of 351,595, as compared with 311,000 for last year. The immigration from the United States increased by 4,000 being 145,545 for the eleven months. The influx from Great Britain increased from 123,013 to 141,335 in 1911.

U. S. Naval Officers
Strict regulations have been laid down by the government as the conditions upon which United States naval officers are to be permitted to pass through Canada from Chicago en route to ports on the Atlantic seaboard. Application was made early in December for permission of the passage of these officers through Canada from their training stations. The government has consented conditionally, the stipulations being that the officers are to pass through unarmed and only after giving the "good" notice, and that the permission now given is not to be a precedent. The officers are to be allowed to go through in uniform under this arrangement. They travel in companies of 200.

After calling on the Hon. J. G. Macdonald, the minister of immigration, the members of the recently appointed commission to conduct an inquiry into all government departments, held their first meeting this afternoon. The three commissioners, Mr. Morin, chairman, U. S. Lake and O. N. Ducharme, discussed the question of securing quarters and decided to meet tomorrow to consider the question of appointing a secretary and other officers necessary to the proper carrying on of the work on hand. It is quite probable that the quarters recently vacated by the railway board will be secured by the commissioners who propose to get established in Ottawa and commence the work of hearing evidence early in January.

Kills Family and Himself
LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 27.—News reached this city this afternoon that the entire family of James Grant, consisting of himself, wife and six children, had been murdered. Grant lived 12 miles from Beton. The evidence tends to show that Grant killed his wife and children and then took his own life. Details regarding the tragedy are being given.

Obect to Dragon Flag
MELBOURNE, Ore., Dec. 27.—The Young China league in this city has written the Chinese consul general strongly objecting to the hoisting of the dragon flag at the consulate on the receipt of news of imperial successes. The members of the organization consider this act of sympathy to what they term a despotic and corrupt government exceedingly disrespectful to the republican feeling. They consider it as being in bad taste to uphold the hateful imperial flag, at the sight of which the blood of every true Chinaman boils.

Portland Unemployed
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27.—The city council today appropriated \$10,000 to be used in the payment for work to be provided for the unemployed now in this city. The purpose of the measure is twofold. Primarily the money is to furnish sufficient work for those who are out of employment to enable them to live, and to weed out the hobo element, sending them out of town or to the city rock pile. The work will consist of grubbing stumps in the city parks, breaking rocks at the city quarry for streets and road building. With the arrival of winter, these men have been thrown out of employment and have flocked to Portland, augmented by a horde of loafers.

Found Not Guilty
NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The state failed in its efforts to fix the blame of the fire of March 25, 1911, in which 147 employees of the Triangle Waist company lost their lives. A verdict of "Not Guilty" was returned late today in the case of Isaac Harris and Max Black, proprietors of the factory, who were indicted in connection with the holocaust. Harris and Black are charged specifically with manslaughter in the case of Margaret Schwartz, a young girl who was found dead near a door on the sixth floor of the building. The main argument of both prosecution and defense was directed against this door, the state introducing more than a hundred witnesses in an attempt to prove that it was locked, and the defense answering this contention with a mass of testimony.

"FLYING DUTCHMAN"

Mysterious Craft Sighted by Captain of Steamer Williesden When Off Cape Flattery

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 27.—Whether the steamship Williesden, Captain C. E. Cox, which arrived in from Honolulu today saw a phantom steamer or a real one in distress a couple of hundred miles off Cape Flattery on Christmas Eve, is a mystery which only time will solve. They sighted and tried to speak a vessel which was steering an erratic course and forced the Williesden to alter her direction. The stranger did not acknowledge any of the signals of the Williesden, and was finally not sighted.

Fire in Trenton
TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 27.—The village of Trenton was practically wiped out by fire tonight. There have been no particulars received.

Storm in California
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WORK STOPPED IN COTTON MILLS

Industry in Northeastern Lancashire Paralyzed by Lock-out of Weavers—"Open Shop" Issue in Fight

LITTLE PROSPECT OF SETTLEMENT

Situation Likely to be Complicated by Demand for Advance in Wages—Trouble May Spread

MANCHESTER, Dec. 27.—The refusal of one man and two women to join a trade union, coupled with the decision of the master option spinners to close their mills "open shop" in the week, caused a complete stoppage in a great portion of the cotton mills in northeast Lancashire tonight.

Efforts are being made to bring about a settlement, but because of one woman who left the union after twenty years, believing the benefits are not commensurate with the payments, a long and bitter struggle is feared against the "open shop."

The weavers locked out number about 150,000. There is danger of the fight spreading to other industries. There are indications of probable complications through the raising of a new issue on the question of wages. This move has been taken by the weavers who declare that as a lockout has been figured out, they intend to make five per cent advance in wages a condition of any settlement.

It is estimated that the weekly loss in wages to the weavers and allied workers, cast room employees, will be \$1,275,000 a week. The strike is estimated to cost the industry \$1,275,000 a week.

Wishes for Governor
LONDON, Dec. 27.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Calcutta gives the rumor that Sir Krishna Gobinda Gupta, member of the Indian council, will be appointed governor of the new province of Bengal. A native has never before held such an important position.

German Steamer Lost
GIBRALTAR, Dec. 27.—Still another vessel, the German steamer Chios, founded with nearly all hands during the recent storm in the Bay of Biscay. The Chios belonged to the German Televis line, and was proceeding from Hamburg to Alexandria last Thursday, when she was caught in the hurricane and sunk with all but two of her crew. The chief officer and one sailor were rescued by a passing vessel. The Chios was built in Hamburg in 1891 and registered 2,500 tons net.

LIVES ARE LOST IN COLLISION

Steamer Renwick Struck by a French Mail Vessel Off Nova Scotia Coast and Sent to the Bottom

THREE FIREMEN ARE CARRIED DOWN

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 27.—The French mail steamer St. Pierre Miquelon arrived at North Sydney from Halifax tonight having on board the crew of the British steamer Renwick, Captain Chapman.

The two steamers were in collision off Green Island, 100 miles east of Halifax, early this morning. The French boat struck the Renwick amidships, sending her to the bottom head foremost and carrying down three of the crew who were sleeping in the forward part of the vessel.

The Renwick was under charter to the Inverness Coal & Railway company and at the time of the accident was on her way from Port Hastings to Bridgewater, coal laden. The names of the men that were lost are unobtainable. All were firemen. The survivors lost all their belongings as the steamer sank so quickly that they barely escaped with their lives.

Killed by Motor Car
SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 27.—Eye-witnesses of the killing of Attorney Otto Ballou, formerly of Omaha, last night by a motor car containing three persons, say that the car, which was driven rapidly, dragged Ballou's body fifty feet as soon as the wheels had thrown the dead man aside, the driver put on full speed and raced down the street. Ballou's skull was crushed in and a leg broken. The police have no clue.

SMALLPOX IN JAIL

Cases Discovered in Provincial Institution at Nelson Another Reported at Silverton

NELSON, B. C., Dec. 27.—The provincial jail here is quarantined today owing to a case of smallpox developing. The victim is Thomas Hart, of Cranbrook, who was sent with two other men from Cranbrook twelve days ago on a charge of fighting. Hart has been taken to the pesthouse and the prisoners, the warden, the guards and the warden's family have been vaccinated. A case of smallpox has also been discovered at the Vanrol mines. The mine has been quarantined.

Troopmen Men in Struggle
TORONTO, Dec. 27.—Another second unit, well known in Toronto and throughout Ontario as the founder and exponent of the cult of "Human Electricity," which is now headed locally by the Rev. C. S. Bilby, is reported today in the hands of New York police charged with the shooting of his wife on Sunday morning last.

Test Case Brought
LONDON, Ont., Dec. 27.—T. G. Meredith, solicitor for the city of London, today issued a writ against the town of Newmarket asking for an injunction to prevent that town from leasing \$25,000 debentures in connection with the proposed loan to the Harding Motor company, which is now a London industry. This test case is one of great interest in view of the competition for factories between industrial centres.

Arrival of Dr. Sun Yat Sen in Shanghai Makes Stir Among Revolutionists—Court May Yield

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OAK BAY TO TALK UNION WITH CITY Committee Will Be Chosen to Discuss Limits Extension With Other Interested Sections

While it is well known that Oak Bay residents do not as a whole look with favor upon the proposed extension of the city limits to include that municipality in addition to Esquimalt and a large number of the members of a meeting held in the municipal council chamber last night, some 30 residents of that district decided that a committee of four should be appointed to discuss with the mayor and council the various sections of the question of union. Mayor Morley and Alderman Gleason represented the city.

In his remarks before the citizens' meeting, Mr. Morley, in showing a picture of the progress which the city has made ever since the time his suggestion that the causeway should be built was adopted by the then mayor, Mr. Charles Hayward, as progress which he took no small pride in having initiated, also spoke of what may be expected in the near future but he made it clear that an amalgamation of the districts comprising the southern end of the Saanich peninsula, as suggested by him, would be futile unless a better system of municipal government were adopted—a system of government by commission. It was the first time that the mayor's suggestion of commission control has been injected into the discussion of limits extension.

Councillor Herrick McGregor occupied the chair and with him on the platform were Messrs. W. E. Oliver, Hargreaves and Municipal Clerk Ford. Mayor Morley, in urging the necessity of looking ahead, admitted that it was a weakness of his to thus glance into the future and plan for the coming year. Mutual action towards one end is what is required. There was no doubt but that Oak Bay would in a few years become part of the city. He referred to the mutual interests now existing in the matter of water works, sewers, etc., and pointed to the fact that soon other utilities will be necessary of advantage to all sections such as the extension of the tramway system, harbor improvements and other large schemes which could not be carried out by the city as it now is, but would be easy to handle were the two municipalities united under one system of government.

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declared Oak Bay is quite willing to pay for what it gets and is doing so, but every cent raised goes back into improvements of advantage to Oak Bay, whereas, were annexation effected, the district would certainly not get the whole benefit and certainly would not have the directing of the expenditures to be made for that section. The mayor might not decide to give Oak Bay a meeting and if it did there was to be called upon to pay.

Fay and Be Bewarded The mayor pleaded that he had no desire to "film" Oak Bay, but from what he could see, Oak Bay was not getting very much for its seven and one-half mills expenditure for general purposes. He claimed that the cities paying the highest taxes are the ones receiving the best results, and he urged upon Oak Bay ratepayers to "do something worth while, pay like little men and reap the reward."

Alderman Gleason spoke briefly, pointing out that the city had desired to extend the limits to take in the Agricultural grounds and the Old Men's Home and it seemed a pity to take only that portion without absorbing the balance of the municipality. A resolution was passed by the council in answer to the city's request that the matter of limits extension should be jointly discussed.

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News was received in Victoria yesterday of the passing of Mr. E. B. Marvin, a pioneer of this city, at the ripe old age of 81 years. The deceased Mr. Marvin was a great supporter of the city and for nearly four decades had been at the head of the well-known saw chandlery firm of E. B. Marvin & Co. He left here in September last, when his health was failing, in the hope of recovering in Southern California, where he has gradually failed until death came as a result of the heart trouble with which he suffered for some time past.

Mr. Marvin's wife, Mrs. Mary, was also a pioneer of this city, and was united with the late Mr. Marvin in Wharf street business, said in speaking of him: "Mr. Marvin was a man of the most generous-hearted disposition, strictly honorable. His word was always his bond, and all who knew him will regret his death. He was one of the pioneers who always maintained unbounded faith in the future of this city, and all he could do to assist in its development. He was a man of great energy and initiative, and his death is a great loss to the city."

For almost half a century Mr. Marvin resided in Victoria. He was always an advocate of progress and advancement, and by his active participation as well as friendly encouragement he has done much to advance the city and substantial promotion of the city, and has ever commanded the respect and confidence of those with whom he has been brought into contact.

Mr. E. B. Marvin was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, on December 18, 1830, and was of an old English family which emigrated to Connecticut during the Colonial days. His family were United Empire Loyalists, members of that band which fought the Revolutionary war. The Marvins removed to Halifax, and his grandfather was there given land to compensate him for the losses occasioned as a result of his loyalty in abandoning the British cause. His parents, William H. and Jane Marvins, were natives of Halifax.

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NO FURTHER STEPS PROVINCIAL NEWS

A verdict of accident, in connection with which blame attaches to no one, has been returned by the coroner's jury investigating the circumstances under which John Stobart lost his life recently in one of the Nanaimo mines. Erection of the new town hall has begun at Ashcroft. Thomas Kiddle has been privately retained to thoroughly test A. Gordon French's new zinc process. S. Stevens is the new president of the Rossland Mines' Union. A \$100,000 hotel is to be built at Merritt. Peter Cui, a well known Salmo miner, committed suicide a short time ago, by cutting his throat. Preliminary arrangements have been made with the E. C. E. R. Co. for the electric lighting of the streets of Cloverdale, in the Fraser valley. Vancouver is to have still another 10-story hotel, to cost \$500,000, at the corner of Melville and Burrard streets. The Canadian Collieries (Okanagan) Ltd. have in construction a dam near the outlet of Comox lake which will increase the depth of water at Runridge river by at least five feet. The deadlock between the B. C. Telephone Co. and its Alberti subscribers still continues. No report is being made to conciliate subscribers and a number are re-installing the old Patterson system. W. R. Smith has been elected president of the Citizens' Association at Prince Rupert. Telkwa has now a first class skating rink with inside dimensions of 120 x 80 feet. W. Chisholm of Windermere has published another of his thrilling and convincing stories of the West, "Blow the Jamb."

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FROST VISITS ORANGE COUNTRY

Lowest Temperatures Known in Many Years Recorded at Points in Central and Southern California

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28.—In many of the orange groves of southern California last night it was the coldest in many years. In many parts of Los Angeles county the mercury fell to 16 above zero, while in San Bernardino the thermometer recorded 22 and in Riverside 30 degrees above persistent snowing for the last three days has saved the trees in several cases, but water temperature is awaited with anxiety.

First in Years

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—For the first time in years, central California has experienced a white Christmas. The white frost, which has been reported to the government weather bureau at San Francisco 32 degrees, Red Bluff 23, Southern California—Los Angeles 42, Pasadena 32, Riverside 20, San Diego 34, Forestier Alexander G. McDie said tonight that the damage to fruit has not been serious.

Morris Climbs

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—H. H. Morris, the Oklahoma engineer, gained another rung on the "white hope" ladder by decisively out-pointing Tom Kennedy, but a heavy loss in weight, in a ten-round bout at the Empire Athletic club tonight.

Royal State Visits

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Express says: "It is understood that King George and Queen Mary will undertake a series of state visits to European capitals in 1912."

Carried Dangerous Load

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 26.—Carrying a suitcase containing seventy-two slices of dynamite, fuses, and two quarts of whiskey, George Bridges, who refused to tell anything concerning himself, was arrested last night at Monessen, Pa., a mill town near here. Except to say that "a man gave the suitcase to him at the lower end of town," Bridges is silent. The use to which the dynamite was to be put has not been ascertained by the police. More than eight thousand men are employed in the mills at Monessen, all of whom, it is said, are non-union men. Investigation is being made.

Ask Damages From City

QUEBEC, Dec. 26.—Arising out of a fire which took place in the early part of last summer in a building on Crown Street in which P. G. D'Auteuil, a well known broker, was employed, the widow and the daughter of the deceased have instituted an action against the city for \$15,000 damages. The plaintiffs claim that the civic fire department were guilty of gross negligence, that they were late in responding to the alarm, and even then they had no proper apparatus. The case promises to be a sensational one, as at the time of the fire, it was claimed that if the firemen had arrived with proper appliances all the family could have been rescued.

Caught in Snowdrift

NELSON, B. C. Dec. 26.—Three men named Blair, Thomas and Ross, were caught in a snowdrift at the Noble Five mine at Sandon recently. Ross was buried half a mile by the snow, and succeeded in digging himself out. Blair escaped with minor injuries. Thomas is completely buried, and no trace of him can be found.

Large Sugar Crop in Cuba

HAVANA, Dec. 26.—That the coming sugar crop will break all records appears now to be reasonably certain. Conservative authorities recently reported 1,000,000 tons as the largest possible production for the year, and now predict 1,825,000, which would exceed the record of 1910 by 25,000 tons. Indications are that the good weather will continue during the grinding season.

Death of Mr. Marstrand

VANCOUVER, Dec. 26.—A cablegram was received by the Vancouver fire insurance company today announcing that Mr. Otto Marstrand, one of the principal shareholders of the company had died in Copenhagen. The late Mr. Marstrand was a well known business man in Vancouver, and had many friends here. One son, Mr. James Marstrand, is still a resident of the city.

Died from Drinking

TORONTO, Dec. 26.—Within half an hour of each other two drunks were brought to the police station and sent to the hospital owing to their condition. Both died before reaching the hospital.

Husband and Wife Killed

HAMILTON, Ont., Dec. 26.—Archibald Thompson and wife, of Waterbury, while crossing a trestle over the Grand Trunk Railway were struck by a train yesterday. Thompson was instantly killed and his wife fatally injured.

Vault Desecrated

Vaudala Skull of Karageorge Petrovitch, founder of Serbian Dynasty, Found in Crypt

VIENNA, Dec. 26.—The vault in St. Mark's cemetery, in which reposed for many years the bones of Karageorge Petrovitch, founder of the Serbian dynasty, has been desecrated. The skull, which was not touched, was found to be missing. The coffin of Queen Perseida was not opened. There is no clue to the desecrator. Karageorge (or George) Petrovitch was a peasant born in 1746, who in 1806 became the leader of the Servians in the revolt against

FOR ROYAL CHILDREN

King and Queen Send Many Such Presents From the Prince of Wales as a Birthday Present

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Santa Claus brought many rich presents to the royal children yesterday. From the Prince of Wales, Queen Alexandra yesterday morning took her grandchildren to church. The Prince of Wales during the service discovered that he had left the palace without taking the precaution to put some money in his pocket for the collection and saw that he would be unable to contribute when the plate was passed. He suddenly left the church and hastening outside, borrowed a coin from a police sergeant, who was on duty at the time. The story of the prince borrowed is not mentioned, but the incident is believed to have actually occurred.

ENGLISH CHAMPION MAKES POOR SHOWING

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 27.—Frank Gotch, world's wrestling champion, defeated Alex Murdoch, English champion, in the first fall tonight. The first fall came in twelve minutes, and the second in eight minutes, five seconds. It was the easiest match Gotch has had for several years. The Englishman placed a heavy and certain knockout mercy played with him. Gotch secured his first fall by getting a half Nelson while he was raising Murdoch before the air. Gotch brought the fight to the mat and kept the cross hold, easily gained the first fall. The second fall was even easier, the champion's hold of the neck and head of the neck.

Toronto Hotel Project

TORONTO, Dec. 26.—A large block of property running through from King to Adelaide street, was reported to have been purchased by a syndicate which will erect a mammoth hotel.

Fire in Canada

CANORA, Sask., Dec. 26.—Fifty thousand dollars damage was done to the business section of Canora today, by a fire which destroyed several buildings, including that of the Canadian Pacific shipping company, and the Imperial hotel.

Shipping Trust Investigation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Consideration of a bill providing for a special investigation of the "Shipping Trust" is to be pressed in congress soon after the holidays. Hearings on a resolution introduced by Representative Humphrey of Washington, the committee appointed by a special committee to make the inquiry will be before the house rules committee on January 15th.

Indiana Pure Food Law

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The spectacular contest over the constitutionality of the Indiana pure food law of 1907 today was transferred to Washington, when the fight was renewed in the supreme court of the United States. The supreme court is expected to decide whether any state may enact legislation regulating food brought into any state from outside.

Two Killed in Duel

RENO, Nev., Dec. 26.—In a duel with guns near Lovelock at noon today, A. Killbuck and William Walker were killed. Killbuck was shot fourteen times. Both men were ranchers, Killbuck being an old time resident of Humboldt county and Walker a recent arrival. Family trouble is given as the cause of the fight.

P. E. I. Elections

CHARLOTTE TOWN, P. E. I., Dec. 26.—Nominations take place for the Prince Edward Island general elections on Thursday. The construction of a tunnel across the strait has long been the chief factor in island politics. The feature of the present campaign is that the Conservatives are now professing satisfaction with the proposal that instead of this a car ferry be established.

Educational Convention

NORTH YAKIMA, Dec. 26.—Eight hundred to one thousand educators of the state are expected to arrive in North Yakima for the twenty-fifth annual convention of the Washington Educational association, which will convene tomorrow for a three days session. Among prominent educators who will be present are Carroll F. Pearce, of Milwaukee, president of the educational association; President Thomas, of the University of Washington at Seattle; Dean O. L. Waller, of Washington State College at Pullman; President N. D. Showalter, of the state normal school at Cheney, who is president of the state educational association; Professor Charles E. Rugh, of the University of California.

Montreal Paternalism

MONTREAL, Dec. 26.—Amendments to its charter involving the authority to found and support a home for deserted and neglected children will be asked for at the next session of the legislature. In addition, the society will ask the right to collect the wages of men who, having families to support, neglect their duty in this direction and squander their money on drink.

Turkey and Italy

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Tentative plans regarding peace between Turkey and Italy have recently been considered. Dispatches from Constantinople tonight say so such purporters are proceeding and that any offers would have to come from Italy.

Witness Dead

MONTREAL, Dec. 26.—W. E. Hunt, editorial writer on the Montreal Witness for 20 years past, died yesterday of typhoid fever.

Wilson Creek Bridge

Construction has begun on the new provincial government bridge over Wilson creek, near Rossberry in the Bloxian district. E. Arbo is foreman of the construction force, and brings a long and varied experience to the work. Work on the new Oquahalla bridge is steadily progressing; so soon as the

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PROVINCIAL NEWS.

H. A. Bayfield, Dominion druggist representative of this province, who has just returned from Ottawa, announces that the federal authorities will shortly Point Grey has adopted a bylaw strictly regulating and restricting the use of firearms within the municipal limits.

THE CITY MARKETS

Table with columns for RETAIL and Wholesale prices for various goods like Straw, Bran, Feed, etc.

Births, Marriages, Deaths

JEVENS—On December 15th, to the wife of Mr. E. Jevens, 1115 Blanchard street, a daughter.

Victoria's First Y.M.C.A.

The Colonist has been handed the following self-explanatory matter, bearing upon the founding in this city of a branch of the Y. M. C. A., which is of especial interest:

"Dingley Dell," September 29, 1911
R. B. McMicking, Esq., President Y. M. C. A.

Dear Sir—In searching through the files of the Colonist of 1859 for items of forgotten lore that might be of interest to our early pioneers, I came across the enclosed interesting account of the forming of a branch of the Young Men's Christian Association in Victoria fifty-two years ago (Sept. 5, 1859) and am sorry I did not remember it sooner, so that it could have been read at the opening exercises, but "better late than never." I shall accompany it with some comment.

In the first place it is likely that all those present on that auspicious occasion are gone to their everlasting rest, with the notable exception of our dear friend, the Venerable Bishop Cridge, who is within a few weeks of entering on his ninety-fifth year. His has been indeed a life of doing good, for he in early days was at the head of all good work for the betterment of mankind. The chairman on that occasion was Colonel Moody, R. E., who had lately arrived in the colony with the sappers and miners.

The three Protestant denominations then established in Victoria were represented by the Rev. Edward Cridge, as already stated, Rev. Dr. Evans, of the Wesleyan Methodists, and the Rev. W. F. Clarke, of the Congregational Church. Of the laymen mentioned, there was Judge Pemberton, father of Mr. Chartres Pemberton, J. T. Pidwell, father of the late Mrs. D. W. Higgins, Judge Cameron C. J., Captain Prevost, father of Chas. J. Prevost of Dunsmuir, who was a very prominent naval officer, and later an admiral, who was an indefatigable Christian worker. Mr. Sparrow, of the post office, whose son is a respected resident today, and also Wm. H. Burr, master of the Colonial School, of which I was then a pupil. Mr. Jno. F. Damon, on second thoughts, may be in the land of the living, and a resident of Washington. The Society must have fallen into disuse in later years for I understand the present institution is about 26 years old. I do not know that I can say anything more on this interesting subject but to wish it every prosperity.

And believe me ever, yours truly,
EDGAR FAWCETT.

From Victoria Colonist of September 5, 1859:
"Pursuant to public notice the Supreme Court Room was filled on Saturday evening by a large and respectable audience for the purpose of organizing a Young Men's Christian Association.

Colonel Moody, R.E., on taking the chair, requested the Rev. E. Evans, D.D., Superintendent of the Wesleyan Mission, to open the meeting by prayer; after which the Chairman explained the object of the Association, and urged with great cogency the importance of scientific, and historical knowledge to young men, and the immense advantages which they would derive from Divine assistance in pursuing those various branches of study which were essential to the good citizen and Christian.

The Rev. E. Cridge, pastor of the Victoria Established Church, then moved the following resolution:

That this meeting, recognizing the usefulness and importance of Young Men's Christian Associations, is gratified to find that steps have been taken to establish one in this town.

He supported it at some length with many pertinent illustrations, and expressed himself warmly in favor of the institution.

T. J. Pidwell, Esq., seconded the motion. He adverted to the good results from similar institutions elsewhere; passed some strictures upon the alarming increase of saloons and concluded that the organization of a Christian Association with its library, and the opportunity which it would afford for the discussion of general theological and political questions would have a powerful tendency to guard the young men of this colony from falling into habits destructive of good morals.

The Rev. Dr. Evans, with an eloquent and forcible speech then moved:

That this meeting pledge itself to encourage and support by every means in its power this the first Young Men's Christian Association established in Vancouver's Island.

His remarks exhibited the greatest degree of tolerance. All narrow views in the organization and working of the Association were undesirable. To cherish the great essentials of religion as laid down by the founder of Christianity was the principal object of the institution. The moral and spiritual advantages to the young men of the colony arising from the Association he was satisfied would be very great. It deserved every encouragement, and he heartily concurred in promoting the object of its founders, and hoped it would not only secure moral but financial support.

The Rev. W. F. Clarke, Congregational Missionary, with great pleasure seconded the motion, and supported it with a speech of considerable length, replete with argument and illustration, portraying the advantages of the Association in a community like this, where there was so little public opinion to influence and direct young men; whilst there were so many things incident to the love of money in a gold country to induce youth to contract habits adverse to the progress of moral and religious.

A. F. Pemberton, Esq., then moved:
"That the following gentlemen be requested

to act as office-bearers, for the ensuing year: Patron, His Excellency, the Governor President, Col. Moody, R.E.; Vice-Presidents Judge Cameron and Captain Prevost, R.N.; Committee, Messrs. A. F. Pemberton, Pidwell Sparrow, Burr, Holt, Damon, Evans and Cunningham, with power to add to their numbers; Secretary Mr. Cooper."

He concurred in the object of the Association; and briefly adverted to the fact that the Rev. Mr. Cridge and himself had, a year ago, contemplated a similar institution.

John Wright, Esq., seconded the motion. Col. Moody having retired from the chair, it was filled by J. T. Pidwell, Esq., when the Rev. Dr. Evans moved: "That the thanks of the meeting be presented to Col. Moody for the very able manner in which he had occupied the Chair."

Seconded by the Rev. Mr. Clarke, and passed with applause.

Col. Moody then briefly replied that he came here from England with the sole object of promoting the best interests of the country, and in aiding in the promotion of the objects of this Association he was but performing his duty.

All the speakers were repeatedly applauded; and all the resolutions passed by acclamation.

The Doxology having been sung, the Rev. E. Cridge, pronounced a benediction, when the meeting dispersed, highly gratified with the organization of the First Young Men's Christian Association of Victoria, Vancouver Island."

RETROSPECT

Over the distance that lies between,
Over the trackless sea;
Piercing through the things unseen,
Lifting aside the misty screen,
My heart goes out to thee.

Say! may we not hold sweet commune,
Tho' numberless miles us part?
Are not our sympathies in tune,
Beats not each heart to heart?

Ever before at this festive time
Have we unparted been,
And heard together the Christmas chime
And the music of years between?

Little we thought, in those bygone days,
That we should parted be;
Little reck'd you of the pathless wild,
Or Lo! of the stormy sea.

And now in retrospective view
A vision of days gone by,
The happy days I have spent with you,
Rises before mine eye.

And as I sit in musing mood,
A theory of memories dear,
Unheeded or misunderstood,
Stand out defined and clear.

Alas! how oft the silent good
Is trampled under our feet,
Till absence recalls the mingled flood
Of recollection sweet.

The pleasant word, the cheerful look,
The optimistic view,
The smoothing out in life's rough book
Of the wrinkled page by you.

And now, dear heart, e'er the old year's
days
Are swallowed up in the new,
Remembrance would this tribute raise
To thy changeless love and true.

They are slipping away, these vanishing
years,
Like leaves on the tideway cast,
With their burden of grief, and pain, and
tears,
Into the silent past.

Then let our contract with fleeting time
Be a melody pleasingly heard;
Let us weave life's fabric, a true design,
And fill up the chalice with love's sweet
wine.

But never an angry word.
—QUINTIN GALBRAITH.
213 Belville Street, City, Dec. 18, 1911.

THE SELF-ACTING TELEPHONE

The telephone girl, the crescendo "Hello! Hello! Exchange," and the exasperating delays will shortly be things of the past, says a London exchange. The first public demonstration of the working of the automatic telephone system which the General Post Office has ordered for some provincial towns was given at Donnington House, Strand, yesterday, and it was shown that by this system one subscriber could ring up another without the aid of any exchange operator and with no loss of time.

The Strowger system, a combination of American inventions, has already been working for years in over fifty towns in the United States and in many other parts of the world. At the beginning of this year four experts from the English Post Office went across the sea to see it in use, and as a result of their report one installation has been ordered for the Central London Post Office, another for Epsom, and a third for Portsmouth, while negotiations are in progress for Leeds and other towns. The London automatic service is not

for the use of the public. It is being put up so that the General Post Office officials may thoroughly test it. But 600 subscribers in Epsom will be connected with it and a larger number in Portsmouth early in the New Year. If arrangements are completed the system at Leeds will include over 5,000 subscribers. London will have to wait, as the authorities are anxious thoroughly to test the working of the system before introducing it into the most complicated telephone service in the world.

Practical Experiments

The recent demonstration was given by the British Insulated Helsby Cables, Ltd., the company that is introducing the system into this country. Mr. Taylor, vice-chairman of the company, introduced Mr. D. Sinclair, formerly engineer-in-chief to the National Telephone Company, and Mr. Sinclair explained the working of the system. He said that automatic telephone exchanges are not new. He himself had invented and installed one in this country twenty-seven years ago. But the difficulty had always been to make them deal efficiently with a large number of lines. One of the advantages of the Strowger system was that it works equally well for 100 or 100,000, or any number of lines. In Chicago he saw a system with over 30,000 subscribers working perfectly smoothly.

Mr. Sinclair said that the many faults of our present system were not all due to the much-blamed operators. But in America the automatic system worked far more satisfactorily than the present English method, because wherever it was in use each subscriber became his own operator. Another great advantage of the automatic system was its secrecy, as no one could possibly overhear any conversation.

A demonstration of the working followed. From one machine in the centre of the room it was possible to ring up other telephones. So far as the subscriber was concerned the system is perfectly simple. The instrument is like that now in use with the addition of a figured dial. Above this dial is a perforated disc, the figures on the dial showing through the perforations.

To ring up a number the subscriber puts his finger in the hole above each figure of that number in turn, and turns the disc round to a "stop." Thus, if he wants 123 on the A exchange, he first turns the hole in the disc through which A is showing round to the stop and then does the same with the numbers 1, 2, and 3. To obviate any possible mistake through his making a pause between the figures, that is to avoid his getting put on to number 12 while ringing up 123, there are the same number of digits in every number on an exchange. So number one on an exchange will have less than a thousand subscribers would be too. If the numbers ran into tens of thousands it would be oooor.

The working of the automatic exchange, was very interesting. As the subscriber gave the number of his exchange the machine put him through to that exchange. Then as he gave the first one he was switched on to the first hundred; when he gave the two he was switched to the twenties of that hundred, and the final three gave him the line he wanted. If that line was engaged he heard the "buzz" with which we are all too familiar. If there was anything wrong with the machine it automatically signalled to the one superintendent who, in place of the hundreds of operators now employed, will look after the exchange.

Mr. Keith, who is responsible for this combination of inventions, said that the perfected machine had cost him over twenty years of toil, beside employing many other inventors. As an instance of its value, he mentioned that in Cuba, where, owing to the different languages in use, they had formerly to employ operators speaking seven languages, the automatic machine did all the ne-

DOES GOD LOOK DOWN UPON THE TOWN?

I wonder now does God look down
Upon the town,
And what He's thinking when He sees
The people swarming there like bees;
The alleys and the dirty lanes,
The moidher of the trams and trains;
The stately carriages galore,
And then the poor,
Who traips in the bitter sleet
With broken boots upon their feet.
I wonder what He thinks at night
When angels set the stars alight,
And in the town the lamps are bright.
Does He watch gaming rascals cheat,
Old drunken viliyains curse and fight,
While girls, grown shameless, walk the
street?

Always God hears the Cherubim
Sing praise to Him,
But where He's sitting on His throne
Can He hear starving women moan?
Above the harping of each saint
Are little childer's voices faint?
Can He in all the music hear
Them sob for fear?
On dirty pavements babies sprawl
With them to mind them scarce less small.
It's sure God hears the cries of these,
And all the oaths and blasphemies
Of them that's never on their knees.
He hears the drunkards shout and bawl
Above the angels' melodies —
I wonder what God thinks at all.
—W. M. Letts in Westminster Gazette.

Selpio had carried the war into Africa.
"This," he said, "is where I qualify as the
White Man's Hope."
Let it not be rashly inferred from this, how-
ever, that Hannibal was a Big Smoke.—Chi-
cago Tribune.

Anglo-French Entente

A good many people who talk of the Anglo-French entente have probably a somewhat uncertain idea as to what that expression really signifies, writes Sidney Law in the London Standard. The vagueness is excusable enough, for the world at large has never been made acquainted with the understandings and arrangements which supplement the published agreement of April 8, 1904. Two clauses, hitherto undisclosed but not regarded by Sir Edward Grey as of primary importance are to be produced next week. These presumably are all the secret articles appended to the treaty itself; but the entente, in its broader significance, covers the whole course of Anglo-French diplomacy during the past seven years, and it may include various engagements and undertakings which are known and perhaps for the present can only be known to the two governments concerned.

Its Limitations.

But the Anglo-French Treaty of April 8, 1904, has no reference to such matters. On the surface it has nothing to do with general international politics, nor does it in any sense create a partnership between the two Western Powers for the pursuit of any common objects beyond those mentioned in the instrument. England and France, it must be remembered, had been engaged in disputes for many years in various regions where their possessions, or their interests were in contact. There had been bitter controversies over the Newfoundland fisheries, over the New Hebrides, over the Siamese boundary, and over the delimitation of the French and English spheres in Africa. In 1898 the two countries were nearly at war over another question—that of the attempt of the French explorer Marchand to establish French influence at Fashoda on the Upper Nile. The difficulty was peaceably settled; but the other outstanding controversies remained, and continued to cause friction in spite of the growing sentiment of good will which prevailed at the beginning of King Edward VII's reign. In July, 1903, President Loubet paid a visit to London, accompanied by M. Delcasse, Minister of Foreign Affairs. As the result of this statesman's conferences with Lord Lansdowne it was decided to draw up an agreement in which several of the matters in dispute between England and France were dealt with and disposed of.

The Convention of 1904

The agreement consists of a Convention concerning Newfoundland and Senegambia, and two Declarations. In the Convention France renounces the privileges conferred upon her fishermen on the "French shore" of Newfoundland by the Treaty of Utrecht, which had been a source of trouble and discussion for nearly two centuries. In return, the British Government engaged to pay an indemnity to the French citizens who would be compelled to abandon their stations on the shore. France received the right to fish in territorial waters between Cape St. John and Cape Ray, and her fishermen were permitted to resort to Newfoundland ports and harbors for bait.

As a further compensation to France for the abandonment of her treaty privileges, England consented to a rectification of frontiers between French Senegambia and British Gambia. There was also, in article 8 of the Convention, an elaborate and detailed geographical delimitation of frontiers in the Niger territory, which considerably modified the boundaries of British Nigeria and the French colony as laid down by the agreement of 1898. These two questions—that of Newfoundland and of West Africa—occupy the body of the "Accord" Convention. There is nothing in this about mutual support, diplomatic or military, against other powers. The entente, to this extent, is only an understanding between the principals, a rounding-up of past disputes.

The Declarations

Appended are the two "Declarations," one dealing with Siam, Madagascar, and the New Hebrides, the other with Morocco and Egypt. The Siamese article completes and extends the frontier agreement arranged, after a long and critical negotiation, during Lord Salisbury's Ministry in 1896. In Madagascar the British Government abandons its protest against the imposition of the French customs tariff in that island, and, as regards the New Hebrides, the two Governments undertake to appoint a joint commission to settle the difficulties with regard to the treatment of natives, labor traffic, and other matters in the group.

The "Declaration concerning l'Egypte et le Maroc" is a self-denying ordinance on both sides. The English Government declares that it has no intention of changing the political position of Europe; the French Government declares that it has no intention of changing the political position of Morocco.

France agrees that it will not demand a fixed period for the termination of the British occupation or interfere in any other way with English action in Egypt or its financial administration. England recognizes that it appertains to France, in virtue of the contact of its African territories with those of Morocco, to safeguard the maintenance of order in the country, and to provide it with assistance for the purpose of administrative, financial, economic, and military reforms. French action with reference to these matters will not be interfered with subject to the rights which Great Britain enjoys in Morocco by treaty, convention and prescription.

The two Governments, "equally attached

to the principle of freedom of commerce in Egypt and Morocco," agree to maintain economic equality in both countries, and not to seek or establish preferential conditions of trade, transport or customs for their own nationals. Both Governments are entitled to require that concessions for railways, roads, harbors, etc., shall be granted only on conditions that do not infringe the proper control of the state.

The free passage of the Suez Canal is to be maintained.

In order to assure the free passage of the Strait of Gibraltar, the two Governments agree not to permit the fortification of the coast of the strait or its approaches west of Melilla.

The two Governments take note of Spanish interests and territorial possessions in Morocco, and France agrees to make a special agreement with Spain (concluded October 6, 1904) and to communicate its terms to England.

Finally the two Governments "agree to lend each other diplomatic support for the execution of the clauses of the present Declaration relating to Egypt and Morocco."

This is the only clause of the entire agreement in which joint support or assistance against third parties is mentioned; and it will be seen that its scope is limited to diplomatic action for the purpose of carrying out the specific provisions relating to the two North African territories. The "Accord" is not in its terms a general alliance, nor does it deal in any way with general policy.

CONTINUOUS TRANSIT

A new form of excitement is promised for the patrons of rapid transit, if the idea of continuous transport is fully developed. That this idea may gain favor is indicated by the success of the escalator and the interest aroused in the principle of the Adkins-Lewis railway system, says the London Standard.

Great reticence has been observed for some years in the adoption for general public use of any transport scheme requiring passage from a stationary platform to a track in motion. The risks appear to have been greatly exaggerated, for the escalators at Earl's Court, which have been in continuous use for five or six weeks, have carried an average of 20,000 persons per day without a single accident. The escalator has solved the problem of overcrowding by the production of a steady stream of traffic. This has been accomplished with a gain rather than a loss of time to the individual.

Attention is now being directed to systems for long-distance and high-speed continuous transport. One of these the Adkins-Lewis system, was explained at the British Association meeting this year. It has been given prominence this week by Mr. Will Thorne, the member for West Ham, who is interested in the traffic problems of the East-end of London. There is no complete railway constructed on this principle at present at work in England, though an experimental plant at Ipswich is said to be developing a remarkable degree of efficiency.

In the Adkins-Lewis system the train never stop. Between stations they automatically attain a high rate of speed, and this is reduced to three miles an hour within stations. It is estimated that persons can get on or alight from a train moving at this speed without any risk of injury. The principle of propulsion is very ingenious, and totally unlike anything previously devised for the purpose. It depends upon the tractive force imparted in a fixed direction by rollers traversing a rotating spiral. This spiral is built around a shaft placed beneath the track, and the "pitch" varies considerably. Within stations the pitch is close, midway between stations it is quite open. If the shafts rotated at a constant speed various speeds are given to the car above. In the commercial application of such a principle the cars would be placed along the spiral at frequent intervals, thereby eliminating all risks of congestion in the track.

Whilst the experimental tracks have revealed high efficiency from the mechanical and economic points of view there are at present obvious difficulties in the way of the adaptation of the system to public service. These are mainly in connection with curved tracks and gradients. The inventors, however, are confident of their ability to overcome these difficulties.

A prominent railway official who has had wide experience of public transit in the metropolis expressed to one of our representatives considerable fear as to the risk attending the three-mile per hour minimum.

"It is only by the strictest observance of our rules," he said, "that we have been able to avoid serious accidents with our own trains, and we always stop for a fair fraction of a minute. In catering for the public you have to allow for the infirm. While the escalator is an undoubted success, I have strong misgivings about the safety of a continuously moving car."

Hospitable Carter (after borrowing a match from a stranger to whom he has offered a lift)
—Y'see, I b'aint allowed t'ave no matches when I be cartin' blarstin' powder fur them old quarries up along.—Punch.

Mrs. A.—They say your Ned's wanted by the police.

Mrs. B.—Well, there's no accounting for tastes.—Punch.

MAY ESTABLISH FAIR CIRCUIT

Winnipeg and Vancouver Exhibition Managers Start Movement to Arrange Successive Dates for the West

VANCOUVER, Dec. 28.—At a conference between Dr. Bell, manager of the Winnipeg exhibition, and Mr. Rolston, secretary of the Vancouver exhibition, it was decided to commence with Calgary and proceed by way of Winnipeg, Brandon, Portage la Prairie, Regina, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Vancouver, Victoria, and New Westminster.

FAMINE AND DISASTER WILL FOLLOW FIGHTING

Harrowing Situation Threatens Residents of the Yangtze and Liao Valleys

The Sado Maru brought news that terrible suffering from famine will result this winter in the Yangtze valley, where crops have been ruined and general disaster caused by the fighting and famines are expected in other parts.

At present the weather farmers, in response to the clamorous demands of the penniless are supporting many, but when these resources fail, the prospects of starvation most probably will convert these peaceful Chinese either to harmless beggars or desperate brigands.

HEROIC EFFORT OF CHINESE SAILORS

Officers of Strathlyon Tell of Incident of the Fighting in the Yangtze River, near Hankow

Officers of the steamer Strathlyon brought the story of a heroic incident of the Chinese revolution in which was revealed the new spirit animating new China.

The shot from the Imperial forts could be seen bursting in front of the advancing torpedo boat. At that moment it seemed as if she was about to turn, but she did not. On her bridge must have been one of the heroes whom this revolution has revealed.

SHELTER HUTS FOR THE WEST COAST

Leebro and Newington Will Take Material for Construction of Accommodation for Shipwrecked

The steamers Leebro and Newington will leave in a few days for the west coast with supplies and will take material for the construction of three shelter huts to be established for the use of shipwrecked mariners at San Josef Bay, Cape Cook and Songra.

War on White Plague

The war upon the White Plague is naturally a Dominion duty for the evil is a Dominion foe. A campaign which requires so universal an effort, so uniform a plan throughout the Dominion and such really immense revenues to keep it going, cannot hope for effective leadership from any other body than

the Federal Parliament. Much of the work will have to be neatly dovetailed in together one Province with another, and this can only be done under federal control.

Labor's Worst Enemies Unionism has accomplished much good. But the good has been accomplished not by the aid of, but in spite of, those within the unions who seek to obtain their ends through lawlessness.

Heroic French Boy

PARIS, Dec. 27.—The proudest boy in France today is Raymond Marmesse, a 14-year-old and goes to school at Cahors. He is at present a patient in the Pasteur institute in Paris, and has received a silver medal with his name on it and a letter from the minister of public instruction.

Animated Scene at Outer Wharf

Animated scenes were witnessed at the outer wharf yesterday when the Japanese liner Sado Maru was discharging 501 tons of general cargo.

First class directly has been discovered on the property of the B. C. Portland Cement Co. at East Essington. Nelson is taking steps to rigidly enforce coasting on the public streets.

Blue Funnel Liner Leaves With Great Cargo for Liverpool and Way Ports—Sado Maru Arrives from Yokohama

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QUEEN ALEXANDRA

New Turbine Steamer Will Leave the Clyde on January 10th on Long Voyage to Victoria.

The turbine Queen Alexandra, the turbine vessel bought by the C. P. R. from the Clyde Passenger Lines for the Vancouver-Nanaimo run, which is being altered and repaired at the Scott Engineering works on the Clyde, is to leave on January 10 on the way to Victoria.

THRONG OF CHINESE LEFT ON ANTILOCHUS

Exciting Scenes During Embarkation of Homing Celestials Seen at the Outer Wharf

Throughed with excited Chinese, shouting and pushing, crowding to the wharfedo, to hold their belongings on board the big Holt liner Antiochus, the old dock at the outer wharves was the scene of much animation yesterday morning, when the Antiochus took out

SADO MARU IN FROM FAR EAST

Japanese Liner Encountered Rough Weather on Way from Yokohama—Tamba Maru was Badly Damaged

The steamer Sado Maru, Capt. J. C. Richards, of the N.Y.K. line, reached the outer wharf yesterday morning after a stormy passage, her skylights being broken and saloon flooded in a heavy storm encountered about the meridian.

The big freighter carried a full cargo. She drew 28 feet of water when she pulled out from the outer wharf. Every foot of space was filled with a cargo totalling about 15,000 tons.

Part of the busy outer wharves, showing some of the liners in port yesterday.

MAKURA TAKES OUT OVER 400 PASSENGERS

Canadian-Australian Liner Will Make Special Call at Fanning Island—Takes Flying Machine

The R. M. S. Makura, Capt. J. Gibb, of the Australian line, left the outer wharf yesterday for Australia, with over 400 passengers and 2700 tons of general cargo.

FAMINE AND WAR DEVASTATE CHINA

Floods Destroy Crops—Government Interdicts Worst Famine of Modern Times Imminent

Central China is face to face with one of the worst famines of modern times. Two and a half million people will be without the means of subsistence between January and May 1912.

NIMROD WANTS A WIFE

Cariboo Frontiersman Appeals to the Girls Through the Press—Age Limit 24 to 40

With every desire to be obliging and assist Dan Cupid in his missionary activities, the press will no doubt courteously comply with the request.

AMUR FOR SEATTLE

C. P. R. Steamer Sold to Seattle Buyers Will Leave for the Sound Today

The steamer Amur, purchased by Capt. J. Griffiths for the Coastwise Barge Company for use in carrying ore from Howe Sound to Tacoma, will leave for Seattle today in command of Capt. McLeod of the Princess May.

RECKLESS DARING OF REVOLUTIONISTS

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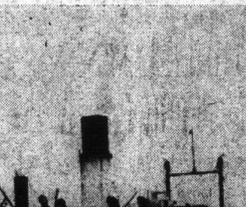
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GILDED SPIKE IN KOOTENAY CENTRAL

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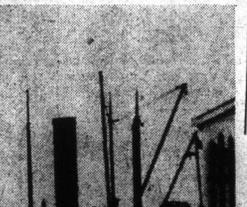
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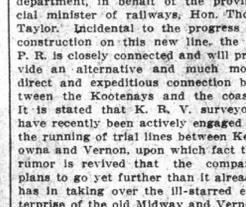
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COTTON LOCKOUT IS INEVITABLE

Impression is Gained from Attitude of Parties to Dispute in Lancashire That Work Will Cease

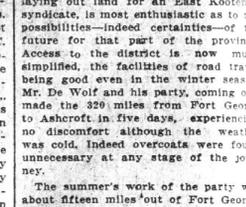
MANCHESTER, Eng., Dec. 28.—Nothing has happened to warrant the hope that the lockout of 150,000 cotton workers in Lancashire can be averted.

SURVEYING IN FORT GEORGE DISTRICT

Work of Section—General Satisfaction—Fine Weather in July and August

Mr. A. H. De Wolf, F. L. S., who has just completed his busy season in the Fort George district, where he has been engaged during four months past in laying out land for an East Kootenay syndicate, is most enthusiastic as to the possibilities—indeed, certain—of the future for the part of the province.

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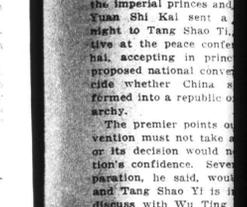


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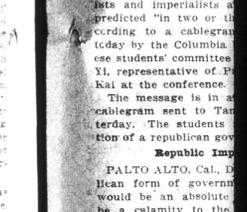
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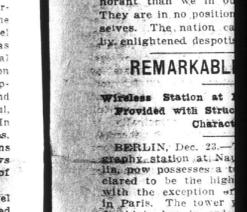
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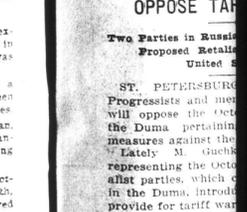
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LEAVE BEHIND THE AIR CONVENTION

Premier Yuan Shi Kai, After Conference With Princes and Nobles, Accepts Principle of Proposal

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A Peking despatch says that after conferring with the imperial princes and nobles, Premier Yuan Shi Kai sent a telegram last night to Tang Shao Yi, his representative at the peace conference at Shanghai, accepting in principle that the proposed national convention should decide whether China shall be transferred to a republic or remain a monarchy.

The premier points out that the convention must not take a snap judgment or its decision would not have the nation's confidence. Several months' preparation, he said, would be necessary, and Tang Shao Yi is instructed not to discuss with Wang Ting Fang and other revolutionary leaders plans for the election of a president.

Settlement Soon

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Settlement of the question of the future form of government in China, now the subject of the conference between the revolutionists and imperialists at Shanghai, is predicted "in two or three days," according to a cablegram received here today by the Columbia University Chinese students' committee from Tang Shao Yi, representative of Premier Yuan Shi Kai at the conference.

The message is in answer to a long cablegram sent to Tang Shao Yi yesterday. The students asked the adoption of a republican government.

Republic Impossible

PALTO ALTO, Cal., Dec. 28.—"A republican form of government in China would be an absolute failure. It will be a calamity to the nation if a Republic is established," thus declared Professor W. G. Bateman, of the Imperial University of China at Tientsin, who has arrived at his home here, having been driven out of China as a result of the revolution.

"The people of China are more ignorant than we in our country know. They are in no position to govern themselves. The nation can be saved only by enlightened despotism."

REMARKABLE TOWER

Wireless Station at Nauen, Germany, Provided With Features of Unique Construction

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—The wireless telegraph station at Nauen, close to Berlin, now possesses a tower which is considered to be the highest in the world, with the exception of the Eiffel tower in Paris. The tower is 300 feet high, but in order to increase the range of the wireless station, which is already able to communicate directly with New York, it was decided to add another superstructure of 300 ft. This engineering feat has now been accomplished, and in excess, was a summit of the tower is often lost in the clouds. There have been no attempts at architectural beauty in the tower's construction, and it is anything but an attractive feature of the district, appearing like a huge mast of iron trellis work springing vertically from the earth's surface towards the sky, from the uppermost extremity of which a net of wirework stretches towards the ground.

From a technical point of view, however, the Nauen tower is probably original. Its sole foundation is a single steel ball let into the earth, upon which rests the entire weight of the 600 feet of ironwork. Upon a structure of such immense height the power of the wind is not to be considered, and owing to the small sectional area of the tower it was impossible to construct the wind pressure by widespread foundations. It was therefore decided to allow the tower a certain amount of "give," and to this end its hollow tower was "unwound" within certain limits, is allowed to swing to the force of the wind.

OPPOSE TARIFF WAR

Two Parties in Russian Duma Object to Proposed Retaliation Against United States

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 26.—The Progressists and members of the Left will oppose the Octobrists' motion in the Duma pertaining to retaliatory measures against the United States.

Lately M. Guchkov and others, representing the Octobrist and Nationalist parties, which control a majority in the Duma, introduced a proposal to provide for tariff war schedules applicable to the United States at the expiration of the treaty of 1832.

The proposal aims at an increase in the Russian duties, and also to impose a duty of 100 per cent on articles admitted free under the present tariff.

The opponents of this measure object on the ground that the Russian consumers would suffer greatly, especially in the matter of cotton.

Dispatches from Moscow say that many of the leading commercial men deny a tariff war against the United States.

AIR TRAFFIC

Clauses in French Official Decree for Its Regulation Make Odd Provisions

PARIS, Dec. 28.—Many of the clauses in the official decree for the regulation of air traffic in France are striking in their novelty. Air craft, it is provided, must carry three lights and a motor horn, the former for use by night and the latter for use in fog. The aviator himself must also be prepared to descend "when invited to do so" by officials, using "a recognized code of signals. Other exacting clauses require a navigation certificate for each aviator, a permit for each craft, the display of the registration number in a prominent position, and the use

THOUSANDS IN HIS POCKET

Archibald Tiderington-Embezzler from Walla Walla Arrested Here Carried Small Fortune on His Person

Chased by the authorities of the State of Washington and the Pinkertons for the past month, and a half, Archibald Tiderington, wanted on a charge of embezzlement alleged to have been committed at Walla Walla, was arrested last evening by Detective Frank Murray in his room on Michigan street where he secured lodgings on Sunday immediately following his arrival in the city from Nainaimo. In a wallet was found, when he was searched, the sum of \$13,292 in Canadian currency of which \$2,950 was in one-hundred and fifty dollar bills. The authorities at Walla Walla believe he is the man who was arrested in Vancouver.

DECLARATION OF WAR

Bradford Branch of Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants Passes Strong Resolution

BRADFORD, Eng., Dec. 26.—At a meeting of the Bradford branch of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants, held here the following resolution was discussed unanimously: "That this branch, having every respect for constitutional authority, and believing that such authority is competent to deal with all alleged violations of the law, considers that the formation of a volunteer police force organized and controlled by the capitalist classes outside and above the law of the land and openly supported by the railway companies, is a menace to our liberties, and must be seriously met by organized steps to put them on an equal footing; and, to that end, recommends the immediate formation of a Trade Union Physical Protection League, whose objects shall be the training and equipment of selected trade unionists in order that our organizations may be in a position to meet on equal terms the bulges of organized capital."

It was decided that this resolution should also be sent to the conference of the railway union at Wakefield on adoption.

SOYBOY IN PRISON

Sydney N. S. W., Dec. 26.—An exclusive union among the prisoners at the Pentridge penal establishment formed to boycott an "undesirable" convict has proven successful, and the man has been transferred to another prison.

DOMESTIC SERVANTS PROTEST

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The domestic servants held a skeleton meeting at Albert Hall, last night, since to protest against the proposed Lloyd-George's compulsory insurance bill. The hall was packed from floor to ceiling, every place in every box and gallery being tenanted, till there was absolutely no more room. Thousands upon thousands of respectable wives, hoping to gain admission, stood patiently in long queues outside the building, unable to gain entry by some lucky chance they might enter in and join with their comrades in the great protest. It was a marvellous manifestation. "We went 'pay' that was the shout that went up in the hall; and in view of their respective duties, it was not surprising if Lloyd George or any one else can make them.

PRINCE RUPERT LEAVES

G. T. F. Liner Carried Many Passengers from the North—Plaza Half-Masted in Engineer's Memory

The steamer Prince Rupert, Captain Johnson of the G. T. F., which came from Prince Rupert on Sunday morning and left again the following morning for the north, brought a good complement of passengers, 82 in the first class, from the G. T. F. port. Mr. J. A. McNicol, superintendent at Prince Rupert and Major Gibson were among the travelers. The three-funnelled steamer had her flags at half mast while in port on Christmas day in memory of Chief Engineer Wilson of the steamer Prince Albert, who died on board that steamer on Thursday as a result of heart failure.

PRINCESS MAY RETURNS

C. F. E. Liner Brought Fuel Oil for the New Steamer Princess Alice—Sails North Again on Friday

The steamer Princess May, Capt. McLeod of the C. F. E., returned on Sunday from Skagway, bringing from the mainland a supply of fuel oil which is being pumped into the tanks of the new C. F. E. steamer Princess Alice. The Princess May encountered rough weather in the north, and on Thursday night, when a heavy gale blew in Milbank sound, she put in for shelter behind one of the northern islands. The steamer will leave again for the north on Friday night.

NEW ALLAN LINERS

Two high-speed turbine Allan liners are being built for the Liverpool-Canada service. The new Franks anti-vibrating system will be adopted, and each vessel will accommodate 200 first-class, 500 second class and 1000 third class passengers, all in state rooms. Practically every first-class state room will have direct access to the beach. Safety will be assured by a perfect system of bulkheads. The dimensions of these two liners, 570 feet by 72 feet by 45 feet 6 inches will be the largest yet adopted in a vessel for the St. Lawrence trade.

FRUIT DEMONSTRATION

A series of lectures and demonstrations in fruit and vegetable growing will be given under the direction of the Horticultural branch of the Department of Agriculture at Ganges Harbor, Salt Spring Island, Monday, January 2, at 2 p. m.; Pender Island, Monday, January 8, 2 p. m.; Shawnigan Lake, Wednesday, January 10, 2 p. m.; Ladysmith, Thursday, January 11, 2 p. m.; Alberni (Court House) Thursday and Friday, January 11 and 12, 2 p. m.; Only

Englishmen Defeated

Sydney, Dec. 26.—The test cricket match resulted in a defeat for the Englishmen by 146 runs. Australia scored 447 and 398. England compiled 218 and 241. Trumper was the only man to score over the century with 113. Hobbs 63, Hearn 76 and Gunn 62 were the highest contributors for England. Captain Warner is still ill, but hopes to be able to play in the third test match.

McVey Got Decision

SYDNEY, N.S.W., Dec. 26.—In the fight here yesterday between Sam McVey and Sam Langford, both American pugilists, McVey won on points. The bout went the scheduled twenty rounds. In the first and second rounds honors were fairly even, both men showing caution but tending hard. In the third round Langford scored a heavy right to the jaw. McVey came back with a hook which sent Langford to the floor, but he got to his feet immediately.

Planters' Private Jail

SYDNEY, N.S.W., Dec. 23.—The existence of a private jail in one of the more remote islands of British New Guinea which is under the administration of the Australian Commonwealth Government was reported by the government agent Morris England when he arrived at Sydney last week. Mr. Fry, a government official, reported that on one of the islands the white planters had erected a substantial private jail. Natives against whom charges were brought were given a number of days to prepare their defense, consisted of carrying bags of sand up and down the same hill for hours in the sun, varied by "special servitude" on one of the plantations.

ARMY IN AUSTRALIA

Lieutenant Simons Describes Spirit in Which Commonwealth People Approached Question of Defence

VANCOUVER, Dec. 25.—A clear exposition of the system of defence and of the operation of the compulsory military training system as it applies in the great island commonwealth was given today by Lieut. J. J. Simons of the new Australian Army, who has been detailed to take charge of the cadets who are now making a tour of the English-speaking countries. We said: "The adoption of the policy of a 'White Australia' bears with it a great responsibility. If a pure race ideal is worth adopting, it is surely also worth defending. This spirit has led to the adoption of a defense policy, which, while it will eventually relieve the empire of the responsibilities of Australia's defence, will eventually make the Australian people self-reliant."

THREE LINES FOR C. N. R. CO.

Sir Donald Mann in Interview at San Francisco Says Company Will Have Lines to China and Australia

Sir Donald Mann told an interviewer at San Francisco when passing through this city en route to Southern California that the Canadian Northern system proposed to operate not only steamship lines to the Orient and to Australia, but also a line to Europe by way of the Panama Canal and to carry the Great Northern Canadian, a San Francisco despatch quotes Sir D. D. Mann as follows: "When the Canadian Northern road is completed, this 'third line' will connect the continental railway in Canada, running from Montreal to Vancouver, and goes on saying, 'The plans of the Canadian Northern embrace a new line of steamships across the Pacific to Australia, which will compete with the present line of the Canadian Pacific steamers and with the proposed line of the Grand Trunk Pacific, which is almost ready to be placed in commission.'"

PROMINENT SHIPOWNER SAILS ON MAKURA

Lord Incheape Among Passengers Booked for Australian Steamer—Negotiated Commercial Treaty

Among the passengers booked to sail for the Antipodes on the R. M. S. Makura, which leaves this afternoon, is Lord Incheape, better known as Sir James Lytle Mackay, G. C. M. G., K. C. S. J., G. C. L. E., and a member of the British Indian trade and has been prominent in Imperial affairs, and in the negotiations for a commercial treaty between India and the British India Steam Navigation Company.

STEAMER PENNSYLVANIA FEELS EARTHQUAKES

Pacific Mail Steamer Returns to Golden Gate After Eventful Voyage to Panama and Way Ports

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—Many earthquakes and one or two days in which she encountered unusually heavy seas featured the voyage of the Pacific Mail liner Pennsylvania, which arrived here today from Panama and San Francisco. Chief Engineer J. E. Keenan was caught by a huge roller that boarded the Pennsylvania off the Gulf of Tehuantepec and was swept 100 feet along the deck, dashed against a winch and seriously bruised.

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Mitchell's, Imperial pints. 65¢
Kellogg's half pints. 40¢

PORTS
Croft's Imperial, per bottle. \$2.00
Croft's 4-Diamond, per bottle. \$1.50
Warre's Convidio per bottle. \$1.50
Cockburn's Red Label, per bottle. \$1.25
Cockburn's Black Label, per bottle. \$1.00
Graham's Oporto, per bottle. \$1.00
Special Port, per bottle. 75¢
California Port, per bottle. 50¢
Native Port, per bottle. 35¢

BEERS
Budweiser, quarts, per dozen \$3.00; pints, per dozen \$2.00
Lemp's, quarts, per dozen, \$3.00; pints, per dozen, \$2.00
Calgary, quarts, per dozen \$2.40; pints, per dozen, \$1.50
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Silver Spring, quarts, per dozen \$1.75; pints, per dozen 90¢

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Grim Fight With Nature

"Peace hath her victories
No less renowned than war."

These oft-quoted words of Milton will occur to the mind of a reader of Mr. F. A. Talbot's latest book, which tells the wonderful story of the making of the Grand Trunk Railway, says the Canadian Mail, London. Yet as you read the book you have to confess that although railway building is a peaceful occupation, the story is one of war with nature—a war that claimed its heroes and its victims. The track of this new continental line passes many a wayside grave wherein lie the bones of a hero who lost his life in the terrible fight with nature that the pioneers of this railway fought in the practically undiscovered country through which the line runs. The story told by Mr. Talbot is one of heroism, undaunted courage, and physical endurance, and a veritable battle of the strong, for the weaklings were soon eliminated. None but the toughest and the hardest could stay long in that long and desperate struggle against the forces of nature.

Here is a faint idea of the prospect that confronted those entrusted with the reconnaissance (in Northern Ontario): "Conceive a vast country rolling away in humps, towering ridges, and wide yawning valleys, as far as the eye can see, and with the knowledge that the horizon can be moved onwards for hundreds of miles without bringing about any welcome break in the outlook. On every hand is interminable forest, a verdant sea, except where here and there jagged splashes of black and brown betoken that the fire fiend has been busily at work. The trees swinging wavelike before the breeze conceal dangers untold beneath their blanket like branches, the existence of which are beyond contemplation until one is brought to close grips with them. Here it is a swamp whose viscous, treacherous mass stretches for mile after mile to all points of the compass until it attains an area sufficiently large to absorb an English county."

Trackless Forest

"The forest is trackless save for narrow pathways, some of which are scarcely distinguishable, and are merely inches in width, wandering in apparent aimlessness through the gloom to one knows not whither.

One cannot wander far from the trail beaten down by moccasined feet of the Indians without having to fight his way foot by foot with the axe, for the bush stands up impregnable and bristling with snags. Advance must be made warily to avoid sudden immersion in a swamp, while, if astride of a pack horse, he must be ever on the alert to spring clear the moment one's mount gets into difficulties. In summer the ground is well nigh impassable, for it is soft and treacherous as quicksand, and advance is reckoned in yards per hour. In winter when the ooze has become hardened by the grip of the frost, and snow has covered the whole with a thick pall, progress is easier and more rapid. But winter brings fresh dangers peculiarly its own. There is the blinding blizzard, the relentless drift, the slush which superficially appears sufficiently strong to withstand one's weight, but collapses beneath one's feet and leaves one floundering waist high in a freezing slough. Then there is the cold—the pitiless low temperature which penetrates the thickest clothing, for when the thermometer is hovering about 35 deg. or more below zero, supreme ingenuity is required to keep the blood circulating through one's veins and to avoid that terrible enemy frost bite."

Commissariat is naturally a very serious matter in surveying a railway across such wild country. In the winter supplies are brought in by dog sleighs, and weary work it must be for the drivers who traverse long distances—even as much as 350 miles—all alone. "One French Canadian," says the author, "who had dog trained supplies through some of the roughest parts of the country, related to me how on one occasion his team played every imaginable trick when they were first brought under his charge. Moreover, they were the most ferocious and wicked brutes he had ever handled. It was the first day out. He was lining up in the morning to harness them when they broke into rebellion, and in a combined movement made a rush at him. He clubbed the first comer with his rifle and then set about the others with his whip. Standing with his back to the wall of the shack, he laid out right and left with his murderous thong as the enraged animals sprang at him. For some minutes the battle raged furiously, the yell of the dogs as the lash of the whip got home being furious. Then it suddenly dawned upon the brutes that they had met their master, and they unanimously drew off and lay down panting. For some minutes he stood still watching developments before, whip in hand, he approached the nearest dog, who happened to be the leader, it gave a savage snarl but showed no further fight, so was harnessed quickly. Then it sprang to it to take up its position in the team. The other animals suddenly followed suit, and the train set out as if nothing had happened."

Filling Up Swamps

The tale of the grim tussle with nature carried on by the hardy constructors of the line loses nothing in the telling of Mr. Talbot's hands. The labor necessary to fill in muskegs, large, deep swamps, was almost endless. These had to be filled by pouring in tons of rock and gravel. Progress was necessarily very slow, weeks being occupied

in progressing 100 feet, owing to the swamp's insatiable appetite.

Once the track is cleared and graded and the steel is begun to be laid, a change is soon visible on the prairie. Towns spring up rapidly. On the completed line between Edson and Winnipeg no fewer than 120 towns have

"This mangrove tree grows in either fresh or salt water swamps, and even in water three or four feet deep. The limbs of the trees send shoots or roots down into the water and so a thicket of mangroves is a matted mass of trunks and limbs and roots. Deep down under the surface of the water cling bunches of single oysters, and thus are formed the oyster groves I had heard of."

"We poled our dory round to the south of the island, but could not get very near, as we were scraping bottom all the time. We passed over numerous oyster beds while doing so, and, with an ordinary rake, which had been

THE FRIEND OF CHRISTMAS



"A MERRY CHRISTMAS, GOD BLESS US!"
"GOD BLESS US, EVERY ONE."

been created, all owing their existence to the G. T. P. Mr. Talbot has much of interest to tell about the growth of prairie towns. Take Melville, for instance. Three years ago it was not dreamt of, and its site was a mere expanse of prairie. In three years it became the home of 1,500 people.

Perhaps the survey of the route through the Rockies provides the most exciting reading. The narrow escapes from starvation, owing to loss of supplies from one cause or another, from drowning, from perils of the mountains, the terrible difficulties to be overcome, and the pluck of the pioneers are vividly described.

The Grand Trunk Pacific will, when completed, be one of the wonders of the age, and its building makes a tale of heroism. Moreover the construction of it has been carried out with the most perfect organization. Without that organization it is difficult to see how the army of workers on the line could have throughout its length been fed. Space will not allow us to dilate upon the skill of the engineers in building a line with such low gradients as are maintained throughout its length, nor to describe the pictures of life at the railway head as given by Mr. Talbot. He has evidently made a most careful study of his subject, and has succeeded in bringing home to us what marvellous skill and heroic fortitude and perfect organization have been needed to build the line. Moreover, it must have meant many months of personal experience of the rough life of a pioneer to write the book, for no one could write as Mr. Talbot does without such experience.

There is no end to the natural aids to living in South America. They meet you at every turn. A correspondent, who recently returned from that part of the world writes:

"Business recently called me to Honduras. I had often heard of oysters growing on the trunks and branches of trees, and my friend and I set aside a day to investigating the fact. Our dory cut the water like a knife and slipped along rapidly and easily, with hardly a ripple in her wake, and in about half an hour we had left the town with its convent and shipping and soldiers' barracks behind us. We were nearly abreast of an island called Mona Cave. The front of it is embowered in graceful cocoanut trees and the lower part trends off into swamp and is covered with a dense growth of the red mangrove.

provided, we hauled aboard a lot of oysters. They were small and fat, but tasted all right, and our boatman swallowed them with a relish. I did not care much for them myself, except as curiosities, for the mud that stuck to them did not smell appetizing."



STAFF OF LETTER-CARRIERS AT THE VICTORIA POST OFFICE

Reading from left to right: Rear row—Frank Clark, E. J. Lambourn, R. Wright, W. E. Cave, Frank Murton. Next row—A. Grist, Frank Wright, George Baird, P. Walker, T. Watling, Percy Frigatt. Next row—Frank Holdridge, Christian Sivertz (secretary), Arthur Bird (president), F. Colley. Next row—E. G. Ray, Harry Webber. In front—A. C. Charlton, M. D. Small.

"Talk 'bout railroads bein' a blessin,'" said Brother Dickey, "des look at de loads an' loads 'er watermelons deys haulin' out de state, ter dem folks 'way up North what never done nuthin' ter deserve sich a dispensation!"—Atlanta Constitution.

A Canadian Copper King

George Iles, of New York, writing in the Montreal Witness, says:

Dr. James Douglas, of New York, gives \$100,000 of the million dollars now being collected for McGill University, which accorded him ten years ago the degree of Doctor of Laws.

Dr. Douglas was born in the city of Quebec, in 1838, the son of the most eminent Canadian surgeon of his day, who is still remembered by old Quebecers as a man of exceptional force of character, and an enthusiast for education. Adjoining his house he established the first school of medicine in Quebec, training many a physician who afterwards became famous north or south of the border. His large investments in mines brought his son into that field of industry, so that when Dr. James Douglas went to the United States in 1875, it was not long before his services were in request by the leading firm of Phelps, Dodge & Co., of New York, who, having long been metal merchants on a vast scale, were now becoming owners of mines. Today this firm has expanded into a point stock company, possessed of immense fields of copper ore both in Arizona and Mexico. Its mines, smelters, and the railways joining the whole to El Paso, Texas, are under the direction of Dr. Douglas, as president. Associated with him in his tasks are his sons, Mr. James Douglas and Mr. Walter Douglas. It is estimated that Dr. Douglas directs the production of one-ninth the copper production of the world.

His education began at Laval in Quebec, and was continued at Queen's College, in Kingston, and in Edinburgh University. On graduating he took an extended tour which included France, Italy and Egypt. At a later period he studied theology and was ordained as a clergyman of the Presbyterian Church. He has preached in St. Paul's and St. Andrew's churches in Montreal, and, when more than forty years ago, the Rev. Dr. Mathieson, pastor of St. Andrew's, needed an assistant, he invited Dr. Douglas to the post, which would have probably carried with it succession to the pastorate.

But the career of the young man was to follow other lines than those of a minister of the Gospel. He began work in his native city as a mining chemist, and, finding Quebec an unproductive field, he proceeded to the United States. Shortly afterwards he received from Phelps, Dodge & Co., of New York, a commission which proved to be the turning point in his career. That firm owned the Copper Queen mine in Arizona, and it was offered the lands immediately adjoining. Were they worth buying? Dr. Douglas was requested to examine these lands and report. He found nothing of especial value on the surface, but the veins of the Copper Queen were so wide and rich that he felt certain that they extended to the adjacent property. As this was priced at but \$40,000, he advised purchase. His principals bought, and they never secured a better bargain.

His Courage Rewarded

quired, proved to be of amazing richness. But one morning, in 1884, after the habit of mines, they threatened to peter out completely. Both old and new veins seemed all but exhausted, and fresh leads could not be discovered. With undaunted pluck Dr. Douglas kept on prospecting, and, one day, he struck a deposit of wonderful value. This lode for months yielded about twenty-three per cent of pure metal, fif-

pete with other ores less troublesome in composition? Simply by burning out the sulphur with a stream of heated air, on the plan by which a Bessemer converter burns out carbon from pig iron, leaving only pure metal behind. This method reduces to minutes what of old demanded hours, makes hand labor almost unnecessary, and is performed with allied tasks at the city of Douglas, Arizona, which has a population of nearly eleven thousand, where ten years ago there stood but a single tent, used as a saloon.

A Drop in Freight Rates

In 1885 the railway station nearest to Bisbee, the site of the original Copper Queen mine, was Fairbank, and teaming for the intervening thirty-seven miles cost \$7 a ton. Today the El Paso and Southwestern railway, controlled by Dr. Douglas and his associates, charges only 22 cents for carrying a ton ore these thirty-seven miles. A daring feat of engineering is displayed on another of the lines—the Morenci Southern railway, leading to the Detroit mine. In a distance which, a sa-bee-line, is little more than a mile, this road rises 500 feet by four loops stretched out as a huge spiral. To this mine, perched on a range of hills absolutely arid, water has to be lifted from the San Francisco river to a height of 1,500 feet. Both here and at the mines of his company in Mexico, Dr. Douglas has installed gas engines of high economy. They yield a horse-power for an hour with a pound and a quarter of coal, or two pounds and three-quarters of air-dried oak. Good steam engines would show merely one-half this efficiency.

Where Does All the Copper Go To?

One evening, at his home in Spuyten Duyvil, I asked Dr. Douglas: "Where does all the copper go to?" He replied: "An impression prevails that electricians are the chief buyers, with their enormous demands for telegraph, telephone and railroad circuits, their long-distance transmission lines, their windings for dynamos, motors and transformers. But that impression is wrong. A copper wire stays where an electrician puts it, and never rusts nor wears out; but copper for the brasses and bronzes used in machinery is constantly wearing out, and on so huge a scale as to create the principal market for copper. The grain or two of metal shed every hour as dust by a car-axle seems a trifle, but multiplied by a number of car-axes steadily in rotation it is no trifle, and brings to the copper miner his best customer. Then please remember that many roofs, gutters, and cornices are now built of copper, whereas thirty years ago, iron or even cedar shingles were deemed good enough."

Dr. Douglas lived for a year in Chili, and has high esteem for the mineral and agricultural resources of that country. He has repeatedly visited Spain, the mother country of Chili, where the Rio Tinto copper mines are among the best in the world. These deposits were worked by the Phoenicians two thousand years ago. Those skilful miners left behind them vast mounds of debris separated from their ores; so perfectly did they complete their task that no modern method, says Dr. Douglas, however economical, is worth applying to their enormous refuse-heaps.

A Many-Sided Man

For all the burden of his administrative cares, Dr. Douglas is a man of letters, a connoisseur of art, and an active and generous friend of education. His aptitude as a photographer is remarkable, and was acquired in the old days when collodion produced pictures still unrivaled in delicacy and depth. In 1895 he wrote a sterling brochure on Imperial Federation and other political possibilities of the Dominion; this was published by Putnam's, of New York and London. Through the Burrows' Brothers Company of Cleveland, Ohio, he has published "Old France in the New World," a history of Quebec in the seventeenth century. Last year he edited his father's autobiography for distribution to his friends. He was for many years a trustee of Queen's University, at Kingston; and he has come liberally to the aid of Morrill College, Quebec, where he was at one time the professor of chemistry. His father, a distinguished alienist, was for many years in charge of the Asylum for the Insane at Beaufort. Dr. Douglas has inherited his interest in the mentally afflicted, and has given a spacious area as a recreation ground to the Protestant Asylum for the Insane at Verdun. One of his keenest interests is in the establishment of public libraries. Long before he became a man of fortune he founded and maintained three public libraries, two in Arizona, the third at Spuyten Duyvil.

Through all the years of his residence in the United States he has remained a British subject. To the credit both of himself and his neighbors, this has not stood in the way of his being appointed a scientific commissioner to represent the United States in Europe. His brethren of the mining profession hold him in the highest regard. In 1901 he was elected president of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, retaining that place for two years—an unusual honor. During 1901 the institute paid a visit to the Maritime Provinces of Canada. It fell to the lot of Dr. Douglas to deliver many addresses at Halifax, Sydney, Pictou and elsewhere on his tour. His audience will long remember the pith and fire of his speeches.

Condescending Chappie—I weally can't remember your name, but I've an idea I've met you here before.

Nervous Host—O, yes, very likely. It's my house.—Sketch.

\$6.75 to \$9.75 Tea Sets for \$5.75; and Some Interesting Bargains in the Men's Furnishing Department--Friday

\$2.75 Evening Scarfs for \$1 Main Floor

Evening Scarfs—We have just received a new shipment of these seasonable goods in all the newest shades. There are some handsomely tinselled with gold, in colors black, green and grey, and some tinselled with silver. These are our regular \$2.75 line, but today we are selling them at..... **\$1.00**

Evening Scarfs—There are many dainty styles to choose from in this lot, and all the leading shades are here to choose from. Prices range from \$1 up to..... **\$12.50**

Motor Veils—Here you will find a rare selection of these goods sold by the yard. They are a specially good quality for the price and are strongly recommended. Yard..... **50c**

Neck Ruching—These are put up in fancy boxes and are our regular 50c line. Today we are selling them at, per box..... **25c**

Men's Furnishing Department—Some Specially Good Values for Friday's Selling

Men's Coat Sweaters—These are made of a good wool mixture and come in colors navy with green, navy with red and brown with green. Values like these are seldom offered. Special for Friday's shoppers, per garment..... **\$1.00**

Boys' Sweaters—Made of a heavy wool mixture. They have a roll collar and are suitable for boys from 5 to 12 years old. There are colors navy blue, red and grey, with fancy stripe collars to choose from. No values that can compare with these at, per garment..... **50c**

Men's Ribbed Underwear—These are heavy ribbed cotton underwear, with a fleece finish, are the famous Penman Brand, and may be had in all sizes. Special inducements for Friday's shoppers, per garment..... **75c**

Men's Tan Kid Gloves—The famous Dent make, are unlined, and unless we desired to clean out odd lots quickly, we could not sell them at this low price. Per pair..... **65c**

Combination Sets of Garters and Arm Bands—There are about six dozen of these left, and in order to make a rapid sale of them we are offering them at a price much lower than their real value. These are well suited for New Year gifts. Per set..... **25c**

Imported Wool Sweaters for Boys—These garments are made of high-grade worsteds, are well knitted and come in a variety of colors and styles. Prices, according to size, from..... **\$1.00**

Fine Wool Sweaters—Made to button on the shoulder or at the neck, also in the pull-over-the-head style. Colors blue, brown, red, reseda, dark green and white. All sizes, and prices, ranging from \$1.75 down..... **\$1.15**

Boys' and Youths' Pyjamas—These are made of good striped flannelette and finished with a silk cord frog. No more efficient garment could be desired for winter wear.

Sizes to fit boys from 4 to 8 years old. Per garment..... **\$1.25**

Sizes for boys from 10 to 16 years old. Per garment..... **\$1.50**

Shirts and Drawers—These are heavy elastic ribbed garments, in natural and tan colors. They are made of good cotton and are as warm as wool and have a smooth finish. Will not irritate the most sensitive skin. All sizes in this line at, per garment..... **75c**

Shirts and Drawers—With fleece back and elastic rib. They are in natural colors, and all sizes are to be had. Per garment..... **75c**

Handsome Evening and Party Slippers at Tempting Prices

Satin Strap Slippers and Pumps—In colors black, white, pink, blue, mauve, yellow and various other shades. They are easy fitting and remarkable value at, per pair..... **\$3.50**

Patent Leather Pumps—A large selection to choose from, with or without straps. All sizes. Per pair..... **\$3.50**

Party Slippers for Children and Misses—They are made of patent leather, have good flexible soles, and may be had in strap or pump styles. Pair \$2, \$1.65 and..... **\$1.35**

Various Styles, made of black cloth, gold cloth, bronze kid, black suede, etc., in many handsome shapes. Prices start at \$3 and range up to..... **\$7.00**

Corset Covers in Many Attractive Styles

Corset Covers—Hand-made, have embroidered fronts finished with lace insertion, and necks neatly trimmed with beading, lace and ribbon. Per garment..... **\$1.85**

Corset Covers—Made of fine nainsook, with front and yoke set with French Valenciennes insertion. These are exceptionally good values at, per garment..... **\$2.25**

Hand-made Corset Covers—With handsomely embroidered front and straps of embroidery, edged with lace over the shoulders. Per garment..... **\$3.50**

Nainsook Corset Covers—With deep yoke of Valenciennes lace finished with a band of insertion and satin ribbon. Per garment..... **\$2.25**

Corset Cover—Suitable for evening wear. It is made of extra fine nainsook, and the front is made up of alternate rows of hand-embroidery and German Valenciennes lace threaded with satin ribbon. Per garment..... **\$4.50**

Hand-made Corset Covers—We are now showing a large variety of these garments at prices ranging from \$5.75 down to..... **\$1.75**

\$6.75 to \$9.75 English and Austrian China Tea Sets on Friday for \$5.75

It is seldom that we are able to make such a big reduction, but this is a special purchase that should have arrived in time for the Christmas trade but failed. In order to make a speedy clearance on Friday we are offering all these sets of 40 pieces each, consisting of 12 cups and saucers, 12 tea plates, 2 cake plates, 1 slop bowl, and 1 cream jug. These are all made of good English and Austrian china, and come in a variety of shapes and handsome designs to choose from. See the display in the View Street windows. We consider them to be the best value that we have offered for a very long time, and after you have seen them you will be satisfied that better values are not to be had. Per set on Friday..... **\$5.75**

A Showing of Fancy Silk Waists at Modest Prices

In the View Street windows we are showing a fine assortment of Women's Waists that we consider to be of specially good value.

Stenciled Chiffon Over Net Waists—These are a very handsome line, are stenciled in a variety of floral designs, and may be had in most sizes. Per garment..... **\$3.75**

Mousseline Shirt Waists—These come in colors black, navy and grey, have soft collars and cuffs, and may be had in all sizes. Per garment, \$4.00 and..... **\$5.75**

Chiffon Over Net—In colors champagne and grey. They have peasant sleeves, yoke and small panel at the front of lace and finished at the neck with a plain band of silk. These are very attractive, and represent splendid value at, per garment..... **\$5.75**

Mousseline Waists—These have high necks of lace and net, kimono sleeves, side frills, and the sleeves are finished with a wide frill. An excellent value at, per garment..... **\$7.50**

Boys' Clothing—Some Remarkable Values on Sale Today and Friday

Tweed and Worsted Suits—These are made of carefully selected materials and the tailoring is well up to Spencer's standard of quality. They come in single breasted and Norfolk styles with plain or bloomer pants and an excellent assortment of patterns and shades of materials to choose from. Every suit is a sound investment. Today's special, \$3.50 and..... **\$4.75**

Boys' Fancy Overcoats—These come in reefer and three-quarter styles, made of fancy chevots, in colors fawn and green, also in serges, chinchillas and fancy meltons, in a choice assortment of patterns and shades. There are all the regular sizes in this lot, and no better quality can be purchased at these prices. Special today, from \$2.50 up to..... **\$7.50**

Children's Fancy Caps and Hats—In a big assortment of styles to choose from, including all the latest styles and shapes. You make a definite saving on your purchases in this line. Come in and inspect the goods. Prices, \$1.50, \$1.25, 50c..... **50c**

Boys' and Youths' Hats—These are telescope shapes, in colors fawns, browns, greens and black, made of good fur and wool felt. All sizes are in this lot. Prices ranging from \$1.00 up to..... **\$2.00**

Boys' Knickers—Made in bloomer styles, from tough tweeds, serges and worsteds, in a variety of shades and patterns. These are a specially good line and represent a saving of at least 25 per cent to you. All regular sizes at prices ranging from \$1.00 a pair up to..... **\$2.00**

Silk and Kid Gloves for Evening Wear

White Kid Gloves—These are real French white glove kid gloves, 12-button length and are a specially good value. All sizes at, per pair..... **\$2.00**

French Kid Gloves—These come in colors mode, champagne, tan and black. They are a 16-button length glove at, per pair..... **\$2.50**

Silk Gloves—These are the Kaiser brand and you can choose between white or cream in 16 and 20-button lengths. These gloves are double tipped and all sizes are to be had at, per pair, \$1.75 and..... **\$1.25**

Silk Gloves—In colors pink and blue. They are double tipped and are opera length. Per pair..... **\$1.75**

Trefousse White Glove Kid Gloves—12-button length. These are a reliable glove and are good value at, per pair..... **\$2.50**

Charming Dresses for Evening and Party Wear

Today we are showing an interesting line of Evening Dresses and French Gowns in silks, satins, nainsooks, nets, marquisettes and other materials.

All the season's most popular colors are well represented here and the styles are so varied that an adequate description is impossible.

Parisian, New York and London artists have contributed to this showing, and there is no doubt that the woman who desires a handsome and serviceable garment at a price that, when contrasted with the quality of the garment, will please even the most expectant purchaser.

Prices start as low as **\$17.50**, but there are many of the higher grade to choose from at prices ranging up to **\$150**.

French Wraps and Coats

There are many styles to choose from—every garment an exclusive model—in chiffon, broadcloth, velvets, silks and satins, while the colors are so varied that no matter how exacting you may be we are confident that you will find a style and a price that will please you.

Every model is well up to the mark for quality in both materials and finish, and the styles are examples of the work of the leading Parisian and New York artists.

You are invited to inspect this line, they are in the mantle department and our staff of experienced assistants will assist you in making your choice or give you all information possible.

Prices range from **\$25.00** up to **\$250**

A Few Items of Interest from the Staple Dept.

Wool-Filled Comforters—These are a specially good quality for the price, are covered with a heavy quality of English sateen, in many patterns and colors, \$4.50, \$4, \$3.50, \$3.25, \$2.00 and..... **\$1.50**

Bleached Sheeting—This is good, even, very strong, and 2 yards wide. Per yard 50c, 45c, 40c and..... **35c**

White Turkish Towels—Each 50c, 37½c and..... **25c**

Grey Wool Blankets—Size 52 x 72in. Good value at, per pair..... **\$3.25**

Grey Wool Blankets—These are a very superior quality and a large size. Per pair, \$4.75 and..... **\$4.00**

Crib Blankets—We consider this lot an excellent quality for the money. Size 27x45, per pair \$6.75 down to..... **\$1.25**

White Grecian Quilts—Each \$1.75, \$1.65 and..... **\$1.50**

We Recommend the Albion Oak Heater

To really appreciate the value of this heater you must see it for yourself and examine it minutely—then you will realize why we claim that this heater represents the greatest value for your money that we know of.

To get the greatest amount of heat from a minimum amount of fuel has been the leading object of the manufacturers—and we consider that they have been very successful.

The drum is made of the finest of English polished steel, and the castings are made from high grade pigiron and well finished off, is fitted with drawer, centre grate, draft register in base and feed door, with beautifully finished nickel parts.

May be had in various sizes, at the following prices: \$15.00, \$12.00, \$10.25, and..... **\$8.50**

Good Values in Linoleums and Japanese Matting Squares

Scotch and Canadian Linoleums are here in a great variety of patterns and colorings, including all that is new. It is a long time since we had such a large and varied stock and you are sure of finding something that will please you at a price that is well below the usual for these qualities. Price, per square yard, 65c, 55c, 50c and..... **45c**

Inlaid Linoleums in all the newest patterns and color combinations. For hard wearing qualities these linoleums have no equal and they are, beyond all doubt, the most economical floor coverings for any place where there is much traffic. Per square yard, \$1.25, \$1.10 and..... **85c**

Japanese Matting Squares. These are a new shipment that has just arrived, and includes a new and interesting range of colors and patterns. For a bedroom floor covering we are safe in saying that at a moderate cost there is no better material than this. They are warm to the feet, noiseless, sanitary and easy to keep clean, while the patterns and colors are particularly appropriate. Size 9ft. x 12ft. Price, each..... **\$2.75**

Plain, Embroidered and Initial Handkerchiefs for Women

Linen Handkerchiefs—Neatly embroidered at the corners. There are about 60 dozen in this lot, and they are easily worth 35c each, but today we will sell them at, each..... **25c**

Initial Handkerchiefs—Any initial may be had here, and in many cases we can offer you a choice range to choose from. Prices each, 25c, 20c, 15c, 12½c and..... **10c**

Plain Handkerchiefs—These are made of pure linen, and may be had at 20c each or as low as, per dozen..... **75c**

Embroidered Handkerchiefs—These are made of pure linen, and range in price from \$1.50 down to, each..... **10c**

Fancy Handkerchiefs—With wide lace borders, at prices ranging from \$1.50 down to..... **10c**

Colored Border Handkerchiefs—A great assortment is here for you to choose from, at prices ranging from 35c down to..... **5c**

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