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PEACE CONFERENCE AT SHANGHAI

BRITISH AND JAPANESE OFFICIALS AS MEDIATORS

Dr. Sun Yet Sen Elected President of New Republic by Revolutionists

London, Dec. 18.—The Peikin correspondent of the Times says it has been decided that the British and Japanese consul-generals at Shanghai shall act as mediators in the present negotiations.

Conference Opens

Shanghai, Dec. 18.—The peace conference between Wu Ting Fang, the foreign secretary of the revolutionary cabinet, and Tang Shao Yi, representing Premier Yuan Shi Kai, and five delegates selected by each side, opened in the town hall here at 2.30 this afternoon.

The delegates were welcomed by the chairman of the municipal council after which they proceeded to business. All except the delegates were excluded from the building, which was guarded by British police. The public is not allowed on the same side of the street.

One of the notable facts in connection with the conference is that both principals are natives of Canton and old friends. On their first entrance into the room the greeting of the delegates was mutually friendly.

Tang Shao Yi said he does not represent the throne, but is a personal representative of Premier Yuan Shi Kai. This declaration may be regarded as significant.

Both Wu Ting Fang and Tang Shao Yi privately expressed the hope that some agreement might be reached as a result of the discussion.

Amos P. Wilder, American consul-general here, formally opened to Tang Shao Yi and spoke with him on the subjects of general interest without touching on the subject of revolution.

Wu Ting Fang, who has been taken for the protection of Tang Shao Yi, is an informant who has reached the conclusion that some agreement might be reached as a result of the discussion.

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REVOLUTIONARY CONVENTION

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 18.—A cable received here to-day reports that Dr. Sun Yet Sen has been elected president of the new Chinese republic by the revolutionary convention sitting at Nanjing. The dispatch was received by the Chinese Free Press, a local Chinese paper.

This news apparently was confirmed by another message early to-day coming from Shanghai giving the names of the cabinet ministers of the new government. Dr. Sun, according to the reports, received half of the votes cast by the delegates of the fourteen provinces. Wong Hing, one of Dr. Sun's supporters, came next in the list and was made minister of war. Wong is a graduate of the military school in Tokyo. Tong Far Ling, late revolutionary governor of Hu Peh province, was named as minister of the interior. The Chinese in America were honored by the appointment of Fung Chi Yauan, as colonial minister. Fung arrived at Yokohama yesterday, having sailed from San Francisco during the last of November. He is a graduate of a Japanese university and editor of Chinese revolutionary papers both at Yokohama and Hongkong.

FERNIE BOY MISSING

Disappeared a Week Ago—Search Proves Fruitless.

Fernie, Dec. 18.—A small boy named Hector F. Nicholson, aged 7, rather slender and tall for his age, disappeared from the Fernie school grounds a short time after the dismissal of school on Monday evening, and has not been seen or heard from since. The last sighting of the boy is the statement of his playmate named Tulley, who says that Nicholson boy told him he was going to the house of an Auntie Monroe, a friend of the family living near Mrs. Monroe was not at home at the time and knows nothing of the boy having called at her house. These facts were not reported to Principal Frace of the school until last Thursday, and since that time the police have had the case in hand, but so far no clue can be gained of the missing boy. His record was good at the school and he was considered a good boy by those who knew him.

It is thought that the lad, though well anticipated trouble growing out of a sleigh-ride taken by himself and two or three other boys a few days before, has run away. Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson came here from Spring Hill, N. S., a few months ago. Mr. Nicholson is a miner and works in the Coal Creek mines.

SHILOH LEADER SENT TO PRISON

Must Serve Ten Years for Causing Deaths of Six Persons

Portland, Maine, Dec. 18.—Ten years in the federal prison at Atlanta was the sentence imposed to-day on Rev. Frank W. Sanford, leader of the Holy Ghost and Us Society of Shiloh, for causing the deaths of six persons on the yacht Coronet. For ten hours yesterday Sanford stood in the pulpit at Shiloh, talking, preaching and praying. Of the six hundred odd men, women and children who made up the strange religious colony, hardly one was absent from the services.

GIRL ROUTS BURGLAR

Portland, Ore., Dec. 18.—Fighting bravely after being struck on the head with the butt of a pistol in the hands of a robber, Katie Nelstrum, a maid in the employ of Frederick Prael, last night put the robber to flight and probably saved several thousand dollars worth of jewelry and silver.

Closely following the attempted robbery of the Prael residence, three other homes in the vicinity were entered, evidently by the same man, and jewelry and other valuables worth several thousand dollars stolen. The robber has not been captured.

PREDICTS ANGLO-GERMAN CLASH

J. NORTON GRIFFITHS IN PESSIMISTIC MOOD

Believes Two Countries Will Be at War Within Six Years

New York, Dec. 18.—John Norton Griffiths, Conservative member of the House of Commons, says that within the next six years Great Britain and Germany will be at war, and all of Europe will feel the effects of the conflict. He made his prophecy without qualification following his arrival in New York from the Canadian Northwest. In saying it he gave what he believed to be the reason for Canada's refusal to accept reciprocity at the recent elections.

"The people of Canada," said Mr. Griffiths, "will realize in their elections that a far graver problem than trade comity with the United States confronted them and that problem was the bringing together of the British Empire in unity to confront the menace of a war which would soon threaten the existence of the mother nation."

"I believe there is no doubt that within six years—maybe much sooner—England and Germany will be at war and Europe will be shaken by the conflict. Yes, and America, too, for America could not help feeling keenly the existence of so great a conflict that will assuredly be."

"Why do I think this? Because the whole German nation is seeking war with us at every turn of the road, and when a whole country is behind a thing like this, there is no stopping it. The bankers stopped war at the time of the recent crisis, but war was very near and the bankers cannot always stand in the way of a whole people."

LLOYD GEORGE IS VICTIM OF ASSAULT

Male Suffragist Hurls Brass-bound Box Into Face of Chancellor

London, Dec. 18.—David Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer, was seriously injured while leaving a woman's Liberal meeting here Saturday evening, at which he had just made a speech.

A male suffragist hurled a brass-bound box at the chancellor, which struck him full in the face, cutting his lip and badly injuring his eye. A doctor who attended to the chancellor's injuries said he had a narrow escape from losing the eye.

Sir Edward Grey and Mr. Lloyd George both addressed the meeting in favor of including female franchise in the government's suffrage bill next year.

ITALIANS ROUT ARABS AND TURKS

THOUSAND REPORTED KILLED OR WOUNDED

Turkish Deputies Fear Attempt Will Be Made to Dissolve Chamber

London, Dec. 18.—An interesting point in connection with the Turkish Italian war is the news that the Grand Vizier introduced a bill in the chamber of deputies on Saturday providing that the Sultan might dissolve parliament in time of war. The Turkish Opposition deputies assumed that it was the intention of the government to dissolve the chamber and to order to ensure a strong government.

According to late dispatches, several sharp reconnaissance engagements occurred at Homs, Tripoli, Souday. The Italian Government denies the reported Turkish victory at Benghazi. It says the Turks and Arabs made a vigorous attack there December 15, but were repulsed, suffering severe losses.

A news agency dispatch from Rome says the Italian cruisers shelled the Turks and Arabs at Homs on Thursday. The latter were eventually driven off by a sortie by Italian infantry from the trenches. The losses are estimated at 1,000 dead or wounded and 500 prisoners.

It is stated at the Turkish embassy that the Porte has lodged a protest with the Powers against the alleged action of the Italians in bombarding a mosque in the northern region of Becha, Yaman, at the time of prayers, killing nine and wounding many. The Porte asserts that such an attack in an undefended locality is contrary to all the principles of international law.

Paris, Dec. 18.—The Temps' correspondent with the Turks, telegraphed from Adana under date of December 15, that thousands of well-armed Arabs have been concentrating there in the last two days. A body of noted Arab fighters arrived at Adana on that date, after a forty-eight day march.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS

List of Candidates Who Passed at Western Centres of Canada

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—The Gazette contains the list of successful competitors in the recent civil service examinations. Following is the list of successful candidates at a preliminary examination for the outside division of the civil service in Canada, held at the western centres of the Dominion:

- At Victoria—George E. Fish, Joseph R. Fish, Lionel F. Hawkes, Harold G. Humber, Alexander Low.
- At Vancouver—Jessie McDonald, Francis Thompson.
- At Nelson—Edward F. O'Neill.
- At Edmonton—Earl L. Dewar.
- At Calgary—Alfred H. Black.
- At Regina—John Bannerman, Francis C. Dufosse, George F. White.
- Following is the list of successful candidates qualifying in the examination for the outside division of the civil service of Canada, held at the western centres of the Dominion:
- At Victoria—William J. Crawford.

ANGLOPHOBIA IS INCREASING

COLOGNE NEWSPAPER'S WILD STORY OF PLOT

Report of British Conspiracy to Blow Up Wilhelmshaven Harbor Discredited

Cologne, Dec. 18.—The Rheinisch Westphalian Zeitung publishes a story of the alleged discovery of a plot on the part of Great Britain to blow up Wilhelmshaven harbor. The Zeitung professes to have received its information from one of the best-informed officials, who said that the postal authorities, becoming suspicious of many money orders in favor of the dock officers and chief mates, finally had been betrayed to the British Admiralty. They showed that the plans to the entrance to Wilhelmshaven harbor, as well as plans of the secret code book, had been betrayed to the British Admiralty. The paper points out that with such information at its command, Great Britain could blow up the entrances to the harbor at the decisive moment, making it utterly useless, and Germany, at the very beginning of war, helpless to defend herself at sea. To prevent the threatened danger, the Zeitung continues, a German squadron should remain on patrol duty.

Recent conferences between the Emperor, the minister of marine, the chief of the admiralty staff and the chief of the marine department dealt with this danger.

Berlin, Dec. 18.—The alleged discovery of a British plot to blow up the naval harbor at Wilhelmshaven, published in the Rheinisch Westphalian Gazette, is regarded in official circles in the light of newspaper nonsense. While the Essen newspapers story is not denied, it is considered the product of the prevailing espionage maintained in Germany and England. Espionage existed, but it took less fantastic forms than that related in the Gazette.

"Mere Romance."

London, Dec. 18.—The story that the British Admiralty has secured plans of the locks and water supply of the Emsen canal, and that the secret signals codes of Wilhelmshaven with the plan of the harbor's entrance and thus bottling up the German fleet, is regarded here as mere romance. The story is thought to have been told by German officers to the Rheinisch Westphalian Zeitung, which is strongly anti-British.

SPOKANE MEN BUY KOOTENAY CLAIMS

Property Near the Lucky Jim Mine to Be Operated on Large Scale

Nelson, Dec. 18.—H. Geislerich and associates have concluded a deal on the Panama group, consisting of two claims situated at Bear Lake, a short distance from the Lucky Jim mine. Spokane capitalists are the purchasers.

The Panama shipped a car of high grade silver ore from here this fall and it is considered one of the coming properties of the district. It is the intention of the new owners to open it up on a large scale, as soon as the roads are passable in the spring.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER

London, Dec. 18.—Sir Charles Tupper is slightly easier to-day, but his condition is still critical. Within the last three weeks his portrait has been painted for the Canadian House of Commons.

TREATY WILL BE ABROGATED

UNITED STATES NOTIFIES RUSSIA

Objection by Idaho Senator Prevents Senate From Taking Action

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—An objection by Senator Heyburn of Idaho, who protested against precipitous action, prevented by the United States Senate from voting to-day to approve the action of President Taft on December 16, in notifying Russia that the United States desired to terminate the treaty of 1832 with that country.

The senate went into session at 2 o'clock this afternoon to ratify the action of President Taft in notifying on December 16 the Russian government of the intention of the United States to abrogate the treaty of 1832 with that country.

President Taft sent to the senate a message stating the course he had pursued. Earlier he advised the foreign relations committee of the senate of executive steps taken. The same committee recommended that the senate act with the House in carrying out the abrogation of the pact. Under the notice to Russia and under the terms of the treaty itself, the abrogation will be effective January 1, 1912.

The president's message was read in the senate in open session soon after it convened. He stated he took the matter up with the Russian ambassador in this city in Friday, December 15. The official declaration of the intention to abrogate did not reach the Russian government until yesterday.

After the message and resolution from the president, the House maintained that the further consideration of the matter should be in executive session. He declared that it was proposed to cancel a contract of great importance to the United States, involving the trade of many millions of dollars and he thought it should be seriously considered and at length.

On Senator Heyburn's objection to the consideration of the resolution it went over until to-morrow under the rules of the senate.

In a letter to the foreign relations committee and in a message to the senate, President Taft to-day stated that he served notice on Russia of the abrogation of the treaty on December 15 last. Friday, President Taft served the notice of abrogation on the Russian ambassador at the White House.

It was this conference with the ambassador which gave rise to the report that a formal protest had been entered by Russia against the language of Sulzer's resolution. It is now said that the notification that Russia would be offended at the Sulzer resolution came from American Ambassador Guish at St. Petersburg. The resolution of abrogation to be adopted by the senate will base the action of this country on the ground that difficulties have arisen in the construction of the treaty and that for this reason it seems desirable that it should be terminated.

The greatest interest was manifested at the capital, and long before the doors to the senate galleries opened crowds were waiting admission, drawn there by the expectation of a lengthy and spirited debate. Members of the senate committee on foreign relations appeared at their offices early to be in readiness for the executive meeting.

COUNTERFEIT BILLS

Toronto, Dec. 18.—Counterfeit five dollar bills are in circulation here.

PITHEAD FIRE STOPS OPERATIONS IN MINE

Blaze at Hosmer Destroys the Building Over Hoisting Machinery

Fernie, Dec. 18.—The frame building over the hoisting power plant at the Hosmer coal mines burned down yesterday morning. It is not known how long this mishap will delay operations at the mines. The building was a very lightly-constructed wooden affair and the extent of the damage to the machinery will not be known for a day or two.

If new machinery and engines have to be provided several weeks will elapse before the mine can be operated. The pecuniary loss is small and no one was injured by the accident.

MINISTER IMPRISONED

Bozeman, Mont., Dec. 18.—Eight years in the penitentiary was the sentence imposed on Rev. John R. Hedberg, who, until four weeks ago, was pastor of a Swedish mission church at Anaconda. Hedberg pleaded guilty to the charge of obtaining money under false pretences. He had been brought from St. Paul to answer the allegation that he had obtained \$800 from Miss Christine Mattson and other persons of Bozeman on the plea that it was to be used for charity. It went instead, it is alleged, for worldly pleasures.

SIKHS DECIDE TO APPEAL TO KING

DESIRES CHANGES IN IMMIGRATION LAWS

Deputation May Wait on His Majesty on Behalf of Hindus in Canada

Toronto, Dec. 18.—The Hindu Sikhs who represented the West India League and Khalsa Duanw Society in petitioning the British administration for equality in Canadian immigration laws to all British subjects, and were handed a gold brick by Hon. Robert Rogers, will appeal directly to his Majesty King George for intervention on their behalf. They will also communicate with the British government.

The statement was made by Dr. Sunder Singh in an interview. Dr. Singh has just returned from Ottawa and is putting himself in cable communication with India with a view to having his people wait upon his Majesty while the latter is in India. The deputation claim to be the promoters of Queen Victoria and King Edward that all rights be accorded the Hindu as British subjects throughout the Empire.

"We are British subjects," said Dr. Singh, "and we seek only from the Canadian government the same treatment which is accorded to Doukubors and other foreign immigrants."

"We would not affect the Canadian labor market," said he. "Our people are farmers and would not compete with the Canadian laborer. We would till the soil and aid in developing the country. We have Canadian ministers and missionaries, Canadian civil servants and Canadian traders. We are prepared to co-operate with the Canadian government in developing the country. We will give bonds to the immigration authorities that no Hindus shall become a public charge."

Dr. Singh expressed the hope that his Majesty would intervene on behalf of his people.

TEN MORE BODIES TAKEN FROM MINE

It is Believed Death Roll as Result of Explosion Will Total 85

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 18.—Ten bodies were removed from the Cross Mountain mine at Briceville yesterday, leaving seven or eight more in the mine. This removal of bodies brings the total of identified dead up to 77. The total number of victims will be 84 or 85.

The funeral of Mayor Thomas Watts of Coal Creek, prominent in the work of relief of the Briceville sufferers, who met death Friday morning, was held to-day. Mrs. Watts has been confined to a hospital for a week as a result of an operation for appendicitis and she has requested that the funeral be stopped at the hospital to-day. The coffin was removed from the hearse and carried by the pallbearers into the hospital that Mrs. Watts might get a better look at the features of her husband.

TEN KILLED IN RAILWAY WRECK

OPERATOR BLAMED FOR FATAL COLLISION

Three Persons Meet Death When Two Trolley Cars Collide

Odesa, Minn., Dec. 18.—Ten persons were killed and a score of others injured in a collision here at 4.30 o'clock this morning, when the second section of the Columbian flyer from the Pacific coast, bound for St. Paul, of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, crashed into the rear of the first section of that train. The engine of the second section, which was hauling a special consignment of silk, tore its way through to the middle of the sleeper on the rear of the first section. The sleeper was stripped from the front end by the diner, the next coach ahead, almost to the place where the engine had stopped its destructive ploughing. The rear of the diner and the pilot of the engine thus almost touched. Those who escaped death were in this small space. The sleeper did not leave the right-of-way, neither did the car twist. No other cars suffered more than slight damage.

The dead: Mrs. R. C. Moyers, Newcastle, Ind.; Mrs. C. Barber, Terry, Mont.; W. J. McKeone, sleeping car conductor at Chicago; Dr. Whitesides, Minneapolis; Mrs. J. F. Richards, wife of the superintendent of the Missouri Slope division of the St. Paul, and daughter, Moberge, S. D.; four unidentified.

Injured: Mrs. F. J. Mather, Reader, S. D., slightly hurt; Ralph Amny, Aberdeen, S. D., ankles injured; Mrs. Addie Deutch, Butte, Mont., left ankle injured; Mrs. A. Williams, Leominster, back and head hurt; Marjalis Pierce, Seattle, back and foot injured; Mrs. Eliza Clements, Boston, head and back injured; W. H. Ferry, Vancouver, B. C., bruised on head, arm and shoulders; E. Liblan, Seattle, back injured; Miss Leola Kennedy, Newcastle, Ind., back injured; D. Rivier, Three Forks, Mont., slightly injured; J. E. Alexander, porter of sleeping car, slightly injured; Ralph D. Brown, Aberdeen, back injured; Dr. Sher-

The operator was arranged for 300 dollars from Ontario to prepare bodies and will hold the six unknown dead until identified and instructions are given for their disposition.

The accident occurred a short distance from the signal tower here. The first section had been stopped by the towerman because of a freight train in the block. The second section, which closely followed the first, is what is known as a "silk" train, carrying merchandise. Railway officials attribute the accident to the failure of the operator to set the signals against the second section. They also believe the brakeman of the first section failed to run back to the second section.

Operator Blamed.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 18.—Persons injured in the wreck at Odesa to-day are being taken to Minneapolis in a special train. Physicians from Montevideo, Appleton and Milbank were picked up by a special train and hurried to the scene. A wrecker was sent out from Minneapolis.

Details of the wreck, which occurred at 4.30 a. m., are meagre. Such as have been received, however, by officials in the Twin Cities indicate that it occurred because of the failure of the operator to block the train. The regular first section was in the lead. It was proceeding slowly when the second section crashed into the tail end of the Columbian. The second section, it was said, was proceeding at high speed. A sleeping car and the Milbank car of the Columbian were twisted and those asleep were caught in the wreckage.

Trolley Cars Collide.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 18.—In a collision between two trolley cars on the Kansas City-Leavenworth electric line, when met head-on in a dense fog near Wolcott, Kas., sixteen miles north of this city to-day, three persons were killed and nine others seriously injured.

Through a misunderstanding of orders the motorman of the southbound car failed to wait on the siding at Wolcott for the other car to pass and the two met at South Wolcott. Blinded by fog, the motorman failed to reverse their motors in time to avoid the crash. The injured were taken to the company's car barn at Wolcott, where they were attended by doctors, hurried to the scene from Leavenworth.

PICKPOCKETS BUSY

Toronto, Dec. 18.—Organized gangs of pickpockets are working among the Christmas shoppers. Seventy cases have been reported to the police within three days. This is the greatest number ever recorded during a holiday season, and the authorities have detailed a score of plain clothes men in an effort to round up the guilty.

WILL INVESTIGATE BLAZE

London, Ont., Dec. 18.—It is likely that the city council will appoint a committee to make an investigation into the cause of Friday night's fire in the Ferrin Biscuit Factory. No definite cause can be given and the flames had made great headway before the alarm was turned in.

REGULAR SCALE FOR DYNAMITING WITH EXPENSES \$50

Papers Seized in J. J. McNamara's Office Submitted to Grand Jury

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 15.—The examination of papers taken from the office of the International Bridge and Structural Iron Workers' Association...

Mrs. Andrew J. Hull of Kimball, Neb., once book-keeper for the Union and Indiana, was questioned by District Attorney Charles W. Miller...

To show that the plans were laid for dynamiting by many others than McNamara and that they conducted a "clearing house" for them...

The persons alleged to have met McNamara on his tours to point out the jobs to be done will be exposed...

Los Angeles, Dec. 15.—A half day session of the grand jury here today heard the confession of Otto E. McManis...

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FACILITATES CABLE NEWS TO OLD LAND

Reduced Rates to Go Into Force on Deferred Messages From Victoria

Taking effect on Friday next a reduction of rates by cable for press despatches goes into effect...

This will greatly facilitate the sending of news of happenings in this part of the Dominion to the old land...

SENTENCED TO DEATH

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ROOSEVELT ON McNAMARA CASES

FORMER PRESIDENT CONDEMNS OUTRAGES

Urges Wage Earners to See That Leaders Are Honest and Obedient to Law

New York, Dec. 15.—Theodore Roosevelt has an editorial article in the current issue of the Outlook relating to the McNamara cases, entitled "Murder is Murder." The article says: "Not only laboring men, but business men, capitalists, have at times shown the worst form of class consciousness..."

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VICE-REGAL PARTY'S VISIT TO MONTREAL

Duke and Duchess of Connaught and Princess Patricia Attend Ball

Montreal, Dec. 15.—St. Andrew's hall probably the greatest social event in Montreal's social calendar, was last night graced by the presence of Their Royal Highnesses, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, and Princess Patricia of Connaught.

The ball was a brilliant success, attended by all the leaders of Montreal society, and even the capacity of the Windsor was taxed to the limit to accommodate the crowds that attended...

MORE LIGHT ON MOROCCAN CRISIS

FRENCH MINISTER DEFENDS POLICY

Denies Republic Was Worsted in Negotiations With Germany

Paris, Dec. 15.—The German, British, Russian and Spanish ambassadors were present in the chamber of deputies yesterday when Foreign Minister De Selves delivered France's contribution to the German-British debate...

BERLIN STRIKE COLLAPSES

MISTAKEN FOR WILDCAT

Trapper Shoots Companion While in Mountains in Oregon

COMPENSATION BILL

MEETING OF MINERS AND OPERATORS

Lethbridge Merchant Will Act as Chairman at Conference

ALLEGED FRAUDS

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WANT CHANGE

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CONCESSION TO HINDUS NOW HERE

WILL BE PERMITTED TO BRING FAMILIES

Regulators to Be Maintained—Minister Promises to Investigate

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—The delegation of Hindus from British Columbia who have been waiting for a reply to their request that they be allowed to bring in their wives and children and also that the present restrictions be lowered...

PHILADELPHIA FOR PEACE

TO CELEBRATE PEACE CENTURY

BRITISH COMMITTEE HAS BEEN ORGANIZED

Earl Grey President of Executive Which Will Co-Operate With Americans

HALF MILLION IN PEARLS

INVOLVES POWERS OF PROVINCES

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RAILWAYS UNABLE TO HANDLE GRAIN

Blockade in Saskatchewan Growing Worse—Loss to Farmers Enormous

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—The wheat blockade in Saskatchewan is simply appalling, according to reports received here. It is without parallel in the history of western Canada. The loss of farmers is enormous. Wheat has been standing alongside the elevators for two weeks.

At Mortlach and Outlook the elevators are filled, and the farmers have been standing around for days waiting to have grain unloaded. At Morse 50,000 bushels of grain is piled up on the street and in implement warehouses. A number of farmers have been in town for a week trying to dispose of their grain. Many drove 75 miles with the view of returning home with their families under strict regulations...

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FOUNDATION STONE OF NEW CAPITAL

KING-EMPEROR PRESIDES AT DELHI CEREMONY

Slight Fire in Coronation Camp Causes Rumor of Assassination

Delhi, Dec. 15.—(Noon).—The King-Emperor and Queen-Empress today laid the first stone of the new capital of India, which, as was proclaimed after the Durbar, is to be Delhi. There was a brilliant assemblage of ruling princes, governors and state officials. The coronation simply bore the date 15-12-11. Their Majesties both are enjoying splendid health in spite of the great fatigue they have undergone during the lengthy ceremonies.

PHILADELPHIA FOR PEACE

TO CELEBRATE PEACE CENTURY

BRITISH COMMITTEE HAS BEEN ORGANIZED

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MINING MAN HERE FROM SALMON RIVER

President of Cascade Falls Company Expresses Confidence in New Field

On a brief visit to the city to attend a meeting of the directors is Charles Bunting, president of the Cascade Falls Mining Company, a company which owns five claims in the Salmon River district, Portland canal, a district where although only recently

LAND ACT

VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT, DISTRICT OF COAST.

Take notice that the Vancouver Timber & Trading Company, Limited, of Vancouver, B. C., lumberman, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted on the northeast corner of Lot 724, near the south coast of Hardwick Island, B. C., which post is situated about one mile and a half north from said south coast, thence west 80 chains, thence north 20 chains, thence east 20 chains, thence south 20 chains. THE VANCOUVER TIMBER & TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED, WILLIAM BENJAMIN VAUGHAN, Agent. September 12th, 1911.

LAND ACT

VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT, DISTRICT OF COAST.

Take notice that I, William B. Vaughan, of Vancouver, B. C., a lumberman, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted on the south boundary line of Lot 724, about 20 chains east of the northwest corner of said Lot 724, near the south coast of Hardwick Island, British Columbia, and about a mile and a half north from said south coast, thence west 20 chains, thence north 20 chains, thence east 20 chains, thence south 20 chains. WILLIAM BENJAMIN VAUGHAN, September 12th, 1911.

LAND ACT

DISTRICT OF COAST, RANGE 2.

Take notice that Mrs. Sciota Jane Roland, of Bella Coola, married woman, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the N. E. corner of the Nuss Creek Indian Reserve, situated about 10 miles from Bella Coola, thence north 20 chains, thence east to shore line of North Bentinck Arm 40 chains more or less, thence south 20 chains, thence west 40 chains to point of commencement, containing 80 acres more or less. MRS. SCIOTA JANE ROLAND, B. PHILIP JACOBSEN, Agent. Sept. 28th, 1911.

LAND ACT

COAST DISTRICT, RANGE 1.

Take notice that William Dalziel Duke, of Victoria, farmer, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: About 30 acres commencing at a post planted on the southwest corner of Lot 683, thence south 30 chains to northwest corner of Lot 692, thence east 60 chains, thence north 30 chains, thence west 60 chains more or less to point of commencement. WILLIAM DALZIEL DUKE, October 9th, 1911.

NOTICE TO FARMERS—For sale, thoroughbred brood mare, bred by King Patchen out of Arabella. Apply to C. F. Banfield, 402 Skinner street, Victoria West.

EE SPEAKING FROM EE EXPERIENCE EE



THE DOCTOR: "Ah, yes, restless and feverish. Give him a Steedman's Powder and he will soon be all right."

Steedman's Soothing Powders

EE CONTAIN NO POISON EE

THE FAMOUS
Rayo
Lamp



The Ideal Reading Lamp

Opticians agree that the light from a good oil lamp is easier on the eyes than any other artificial light.

The Rayo Lamp is the best oil lamp made.

It gives a strong, yet soft, white light; and it never flickers. It preserves the eyesight of the young; it helps and quickens that of the old.

You can pay \$5, \$10, or \$20 for other lamps, but you cannot get better light than the low-priced Rayo gives.

Made of solid brass, nickel-plated. Easily lighted, without removing shade or chimney. Easy to clean and rewick.

Dealers everywhere; or write for descriptive circular direct to any agency of
The Imperial Oil Company, Limited

opened up, the prospects Mr. Bunting says will render it the Coeur d'Alene of the future, and make it one of the finest silver-lead propositions on the continent. The field has several exceptional advantages, and although it is necessary to pass through Alaskan territory to reach it from Portland City, the claims so far worked are on British Columbian territory. The traffic which serves the present camp is to be replaced by the end of next year by a railroad, which will probably be electrically driven, as the country abounds in natural water power, which can be easily adapted for electrical generation. American capitalists are so assured of the permanent character of the field that they are planning this railway, and also to give access to the valuable timber in the vicinity. The Guggenheim interests, it is stated, although Mr. Bunting did not wish to discuss names, have their eyes on the property and negotiations have been opened for transfer of three or more companies to an American syndicate, but the Cascade company have held out till they know more about the value of their present claims.

Mr. Bunting is confident that with good transportation and water from the Salmon river for generating electrical power there is a great future before the camp. Supplies are chiefly sent from the coast cities to Stewart, whence they are packed overland. Owing to the climatic conditions the camp is not one which has to suspend operations in the winter months, and the work can proceed independent of the season. The Cascade Falls Company was one of the latest incorporated, and was formed in this city to develop the properties, which Mr. Bunting first discovered.

Two leads have been partially opened up, one being four feet in width and assaying on an average about 400 a ton, the other 20 feet wide, and averaging 320 per ton. There are two other leads which so far have hardly been prospected, but which will prove of the greatest value according to present indications.

Mr. Bunting will return to the claims at an early date. He is registered at the Dominion hotel.

RUNAWAY CAR DASHES DOWN HILL

Travels at Rate of Forty Miles an Hour—Occupants Escape Uninjured

Vancouver, Dec. 18.—With the rear trolley pole broken off near its base and the brake beam useless, Westminster-Eburne car No. 291 tore down the grade from Royal station on Saturday for nearly five miles, finally slowing down on Lulu Island after the four men aboard, two passengers, the conductor and the motorman, were given a severe fright.

The trouble started near the Royal station at the beginning of the long grade down to the Lulu Island bridge. There the trolley went off, and when the power was thus interrupted, the motorman discovered that his brake beam was out of order, the bolt having slipped out. It is not known when the bolt came loose, the fact that the brake would not work not having become apparent until the trolley went off the wire. In a minute the rear trolley, with which the car was being driven, broke off at the stub, and immediately the car quickened its speed, the motorman not having the slightest control.

It rushed through Eburne at a high speed, greatly frightening the people that were on the streets. For nearly four miles the runaway continued its swift flight across the bridge over the north arm of the Fraser, and along the level stretch westward from the river. It finally "died" about a mile and a half past the bridge and the very much relieved parties got out. The car at times went forty miles an hour.

CANDIDATE WITHDRAWS.

New Westminster, Dec. 18.—Alderman J. J. Johnston, chairman of the finance committee of the city council, who announced himself as a candidate for the mayoralty some time ago, has withdrawn, leaving Mayor John A. Lee as the only candidate for the office. The official announcement made by Alderman Johnston is as follows: "Owing to unforeseen circumstances having arisen, I am reluctantly compelled to withdraw from the mayoralty contest. For the same reason I am prevented from seeking any civic office for the coming year. It might be, however, that I would be free the year following to again enter the civic political arena."

WOULD PAY \$3000 TO LEAVE PRISON

Much Drink and Lost Bicycle Gains Experience for John Childers, Released To-day

"I would rather pay \$3000 than stay in that jail another night," said John Childers as he stood in the witness box of the police court this morning telling the court his story in connection with a missing bicycle, which he was charged with having stolen.

Childers had been in jail since Thursday and on the day before he was fined for drunkenness. The theft charge had been remanded day after day owing to the absence of witnesses or the absence owing to illness of the magistrate. When he was finally released this morning as the theft charge was not proved, Childers in broken English made some very pointed statements regarding the city jail, and offered to do anything, money being no object, he said, as he owns eight bull carts, to get out of the prison.

Having consumed \$15 worth of Johnston street liquor last Thursday he went to a friend's house on Caledonia avenue and borrowed a bicycle. Where he steered the bicycle to he does not know. He remembers starting on it down town but then all is a blank, and he woke up in jail. Every time he has come into court Childers has protested he wanted to pay for the bicycle and get out, and this morning when his case finally came to trial he offered to pay \$55 for a \$45 bicycle and \$3000 and eight bull carts to get away. The man who lost the bicycle was not quite sure of the day he lost it, as he also had been in for drunkenness with Childers. The latter hinted there was a girl in the background and said he had consumed many thousand drinks. His friends told Childers had \$100 and was very rich, but Childers could not find the money this morning. Having promised to pay everyone he was allowed to go.

The increased number of vagrant charges recently in the police court and the severe sentences meted out to those who will not work, had no effect on David Napier, who, the police said, had done no work for many weeks and had made a habit of getting a night's lodging at the police station. He went through the iron door and will remain away for three months. Two women and two men, strangers in the city, who were charged as vagrants on Saturday, were again remanded to-day until tomorrow.

Duck, Yuen, Lee, Wah, Leon, A. D. Hain and Henry Barker were charged with carrying on retail businesses without licenses. The latter was fined the amount of the license and \$2.50 costs. The court was told that J. D. Helmeke had obtained a license, and the Chinese cases were set over a day as the Chinese did not appear.

Magistrate Jay being still indisposed, C. J. Prior occupied the bench; and in the continued absence of C. L. Harrison, city prosecutor, R. C. Lowe directed the proceedings for the crown.

SUSPENDS SERVICE.

B. C. E. R. Company Withdraws Street Cars From Point Grey.

Vancouver, Dec. 18.—The British Columbia Electric Railway Company on Saturday night issued the following statement regarding the impasse created by the Point Grey franchise decision: "The B. C. E. Railway Company wish to state that they have discontinued their service on the Sasamat Street line and on Shaughnessy Heights, south of Sixteenth Avenue, on account of an order of the court. By the decision of the court the company is no longer allowed to run cars in the municipality of Point Grey. According to this order the Municipal Council has no right to grant the B. C. E. Railway Company the right to run on any of the streets in Point Grey, and if there were an accident resulting in loss of life, the company's officers might be held criminally liable. The officers are unwilling to take this risk and the company are unwilling to run its car in violation of an order of the court."

"The settlers' rates on the Lulu Island line have been put back to where they were before this franchise was granted. Although a reduction of rates was not specifically mentioned in this franchise yet there was a verbal agreement that the rates would be reduced. Now that the franchise has been declared invalid the company's officers do not feel that they can in justice to the stockholders grant the reduced rates which were given in consideration for the franchise."

FOREIGNERS DEPORTED.

New Westminster, Dec. 16.—No less than 80 undesirable immigrants have been captured by the Canadian immigration officers at Cowichan, Meares, within the last few weeks. In every case they were caught shortly after crossing the boundary and were deported in short order. "The foreigners, it is said, were smuggled into Canada by guides, who make their headquarters at Fernside and Bellingham. The officers state that the schemes which are employed by these men to get into Canada are without number."

In India three-class fares on all first-class routes are at the rate of less than one farthing a mile.

Have sent a friend on a fool's errand. Go yourself.

Angus Campbell & Co., Ltd., 1008-1010 Govt. Street

Only 6 Days Left in Which to Complete Your XMAS SHOPPING

Let Campbell's Be Your First Place of Call To-Morrow

The value of a Christmas Gift lies not altogether in costliness, but rather in usefulness. Most everyone is filled with the Christmas spirit and we need hardly remind you of the great satisfaction in giving something that will be really useful. Such gifts are to be procured at Campbell's. Our unusual assortment and variety makes every customer an enthusiastic friend. Always the best at moderate prices.

Christmas Gloves

Aside from our always complete lines of high class gloves, we purchased for this Xmas season an unusually large collection of all the newest glove ideas. Our "Glove Scrip" makes a most appropriate gift, it relieves the giver of all responsibility in the matter of style, size and color.

Trefousse Kid Gloves, pique sewn, two pearl domes, very fine quality kid with fancy stitching. Colors are black, tan, white, champagne, grey, navy and green. Per pair \$2.00

Trefousse Extra Special Quality Glove Kid Gloves, in all the desired shades. Per pair \$1.50

Magnolia Glove Kid Gloves, 3 pearl dome fasteners, in blacks, tans, whites, greys and mauves. Per pair \$1.75

Magnolia Kid Gloves, very good quality, in all shades. Per pair \$1.25

Perrin's Glove Kid Gloves, in all shades. Per pair \$1.00

Real Nappa Gloves, in tan only, "Campbell's" Special. Price \$1.00

Dent's Kid Gloves, in tan only. Per pair \$1.00

Dent's Suede and Heavy Dogskin Gloves, in black, grey and tan. Per pair \$1.50

EXTRA SPECIAL—French Kid Gloves. Regular per pair \$1.00. Special price 90¢

EVENING GLOVES

12-Button White Glove Kid Gloves, special per pair \$1.75

Fovnes' and Trefousse's Glove Kid Gloves, in black and white, 12-button, pair \$3.50

12-button, per pair \$3.25

20-button, per pair \$3.75

CHILDREN'S GLOVES

In sizes 00 to 5. Colors of brown, tan and white. Price according to size, per pair 90c to 75¢

The above Glove mention is only brief; we have hosts of other lines.

NECKWARE DE LUXE

Such an array of beautiful, exclusive neck fixings we have never before seen. To describe them is out of the question; they must be seen.

Among the most recent—only unpacked last Friday—are the new Chiffon and Lace Collars with side frills, attached. These show the new pearl beading. Prices range from \$5.75 to \$12.25.

Then there are the Real Irish Crochet, Jabots and one to a hundred of other pieces shown and priced in a way characteristic of "Campbell's."

Embroidered and Lace Lawn Collars, with detachable jabots, ranging in price from 40¢

The New Side Frills, very prettily embroidered and net trimmed. Prices \$1.25, 90c and 75¢

Side Frills, with collar of very fine lawn trimmed with insertion and lace. Prices 75c, 50c and 35¢

The Prettiest of Sailor and Dutch Collars of white marquisette, spotted muslin, and fine lawn, edged with heavy lace. Prices 90c, 75c and 50¢

The New "Quaker" Collars, of fancy white muslin. Each 40c and 35¢

Fissures of Plain White Muslin and Spotted Muslin, with very neat knitting and edged with lace. Prices 90c, 75c and 50¢

BAGS AT REDUCED PRICES

All the following priced bags are in the newest shapes in leathers, suedes, auto-leather velvet and fancy tapestry.

Regular price \$2.75, reduced price \$2.25

Regular \$3.25 to \$3.98, reduced price \$2.90

Regular \$4.25 to \$4.75, reduced price \$3.75

Regular \$5.00 to \$6.75, reduced price \$4.75

Regular \$6.25 to \$6.75, reduced price \$5.50

Regular \$7.50 to \$8.75, reduced price \$6.75

Regular \$9.75 to \$10.75, reduced price \$9.50

Regular \$11.00 to \$11.75, reduced price \$9.75

BELTS, BLOUSETTES AND FANS

Belts in velvet, suede and elastic. Fancy Tinsel Belts in gold and silver. Any shade to match your suit or blouse. Prices from \$2.50 to 50¢

Blouses in white and cream lace, tucked net and imitation tucks. Prices \$2.50 to 75¢

FOR THE TOTS

Infants' Shortening Dresses, tucked and trimmed with lace and insertion, at prices ranging from \$3.25 down to 75¢

Children's Very Beautiful Hand-made Shortening Dresses, of fine mull trimmed with extra fine lace and insertion, at prices beginning at \$3.25

Dainty Dresses, of fine muslin and spotted muslin, for children of 2 to 10 years. Exquisitely trimmed with lace and insertion and fancy colored ribbons. These little dresses are just the thing for the Xmas parties. Prices range from \$3.00 to \$1.25

Infants' Hand-made Bibs, embroidered, at from \$1.75 to 90¢

HANDKERCHIEFS

For Xmas showing of Handkerchiefs is its best. Assortments, styles and values are here that may not be found again, as many on exhibition cannot be duplicated. We have arranged a special handkerchief booth for the convenience of customers.

Children's Handkerchiefs, in the prettiest of fancy boxes, three to six in a box. Price per box, 50c, 35c and 25¢

Ladies' and Children's Handkerchiefs, in fancy wicker baskets, half-dozen to the box. Each box \$1.75 down to 40¢

Ladies' Lawn and Linen Handkerchiefs, in lace edged, 40c to 1.00

Ladies' Real Lace Edged Handkerchiefs, in Armenian, Honiton and Brussels point lace. Each from \$1.50 to as low as 75¢

Ladies' Embroidered Linen Handkerchiefs, many of which are hand embroidered. Each \$1.50 to 25¢

Plain Linen Handkerchiefs, excellent quality, ½ and ¾ hem. Each 35c, 50c, 20c and 10¢

NOVELTIES

Glove and Handkerchief Boxes, in embroidered silk, price each \$1.75 and \$1.50

Ladies' Work Boxes, in hand-painted silk, at each \$1.00 and 75¢

Jewel Boxes, in embroidered linens, each 90c and 50¢

Great Bargains in the Mantle Section

For the theatre, afternoon and evening affairs we're making a superb display of:

Evening Dresses and Dinner Dresses, also Opera Cloaks, specially priced as follows: \$17.50, \$21, \$25 and up.

Velvet Dresses, from \$15

Silk Dresses, from \$15

Net Dresses, from \$9.00

In our Coat Section are some excellent values in satin coats at, up from \$21.00, \$25.00, \$32.50 and \$37.50

This Season's Suits at Half-Price on Coats for the Xmas and Some Very Special Week.

Extra Special

Ostrich Feather and Chiffon Boas with the long tassel ends—muffs and stoles to match. Colors, grey and green, black and royal blue, white and rose, white and champagne. Regular price \$40. Now \$27.50

Campbell's

The Fashion Centre

Fans for the Children, 90c, 75c, 50¢

Ladies' Fans, with feathery sticks, from \$4.75 to \$1.25

NO DESIRE FOR ANY EXTENSION

CEDAR HILL PEOPLE DEAD AGAINST IT

Ward One of Saanich Municipality Does Not Favor Proposed Boundaries' Extension

The residents of Cedar Hill, to the number of about two dozen, voted strongly against any arrangement with the city over the extension of boundaries, at a meeting at the schoolhouse on Saturday night, and carried without opposition a resolution moved by Mr. Hillier, and seconded by Mr. Sear, that the time was not opportune for the extension, and therefore they would not appoint a committee to act with the other committee authorized at the meeting...

ENGINEER FATALLY HURT IN ACCIDENT

Arthur Reed, of City of Puebla, Badly Scalded When Cylinder Head Blew Off

(From Monday's Daily.) Chief Engineer Andrew Reed of the steamship City of Puebla was seriously and probably fatally scalded when the cylinder head on the forward engine blew off while the vessel was off Point Partridge, near Fort Townsend, 2 o'clock yesterday morning, bound from Seattle for Vancouver, under full speed. A jagged, irregular aperture gaped into the gloomy cylinder just after the bulky section of steel had broken. Company officials said that repairs cannot be made within less than thirty days.

NORTHERN PIONEER ON SOUTH HAZELTON

Says that Point and Old Town Will in Reality Be One

"South Hazelton and Old Hazelton will be in reality one town. They are not going to give that little town up in a hurry. There is too much property owners there." This is the opinion of R. O. Cunningham, manager of Hazelton and Port Essington, one of the leading business men of the Central Interior, who is now in the city. Interviewed this morning by the Times, Mr. Cunningham gave as his opinion that the townsite location chosen by the Grand Trunk Pacific railway was the proper one. Practically all the merchants of Old Hazelton have taken the same view.

RAILWAYS TO AP THE INTERLAND

FROM HUDSON BAY AND FROM VANCOUVER

The inevitable invasion of the great interland of the north by railways, following the adoption of the policy of a railway to Hudson Bay by the federal government, is seen in two advertisements in the current issue of the Canada Gazette of intention to apply for charters for railways. The Northern Territorial Railway Company, according to its announced programme, intends to lay out, construct and operate a line of railway from Fort Churchill, westward to a point on the north side of Lake Winnipeg, in Saskatchewan, westward to the south shore of Lake Athabasca, in Alberta, thence westward and north of the Peace River, thence westward to a feasible route through the Rocky Mountains to termini at Port Essington and near the Portland Channel.

BOARD OF TRADE COMMITTEES NAMED

Council of Nanaimo Organization Meets and Discusses Public Questions

Nanaimo, Dec. 18.—The council of the Board of Trade met last night, and if the interest aroused over the various matters of public concern, was an indication of that body's worth, then Nanaimo may expect a real live institution, organized for the public good to promote the welfare of our city. The committee appointed to investigate the proposed extension of the city, and the committee appointed to investigate the proposed extension of the city, and the committee appointed to investigate the proposed extension of the city...

FIREMEN'S PENSIONS.

Meeting With Board of Trade Committee This Afternoon—Recognizes Port's Importance

Vancouver, Dec. 18.—At the penultimate meeting of the present committee on the examination of the needs of the fire department, the report of the sub-committee was received as to the firemen's pension and benefit fund. Alderman Williamson and Representative Woodside recommended that the city take over the fund, which now amounts to \$14,000, and handle same in future through a board, consisting of two aldermen, two members of the fire department and the mayor. The city is asked to contribute an amount equal to 3 per cent of the gross salaries of the firemen. The committee's report was adopted, and Alderman Williamson is to give notice of a by-law to cover the matter.

LOUIS COSTE HERE TO EXAMINE PORT

HE WILL INVESTIGATE COMMERCIAL NEEDS

Louis Coste, C.E., arrived in the city on Saturday afternoon in order to make an examination of the needs of the port of Victoria, which will form the basis of a report to the department of public works. He will go into the commercial side of the case very fully, and will examine the needs of the port, and will examine the needs of the port, and will examine the needs of the port...

MAYWOOD RESIDENTS SPEAK ON G. TORIA S. C.

Representatives of City Council for the

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WILL AID STRIKERS ON HARRIMAN LINES

Union Leaders May Call Out Employees on Western Railways

ST. LOUIS, MO., Dec. 18.—Leaders of four unions of railroad workers are scheduled to meet here tonight and to discuss the possibility of calling a strike on western roads in sympathy with the strike of the shopmen and other workers of the Illinois Central and other Harriman roads.

FATAL ACCIDENT IN NANAIMO MINE

Driver, Crushed Between Cars, Succumbs to His Injuries

Nanaimo, Dec. 18.—John Stobart, a driver in the employ of the Western Fuel Company, was fatally injured Friday night at work in the south side of No. 1 Mine.

SIX PERISH IN OTTAWA RIVER

Small Boat Capsizes During Storm and All Occupants Lose Lives

Rigaud, Que., Dec. 18.—Six men lost their lives here on Saturday night during a blinding snowstorm. The victims attempted to cross the Ottawa river on their way to Okla, when the small craft upset in the heavy sea and four of the men went down almost immediately. The other two climbed on the overturned ferry, but were unable to retain their hold long enough for rescuers to reach them, and they also succumbed. The name of the victims are as yet unknown.

BIG IRRIGATION SCHEME

Five million dollars in special improvement bonds were voted by the people of the Kitimatia reclamation district yesterday to build an irrigation canal to water 6,000 acres.

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LOOKING BACKWARD OVER A GENERATION

HISTORY REPEATED IN CIVIC POLITICS

Some Reminiscences of the Municipal Struggles of Past Thirty Years

It will be twenty-one years on the 6th of January since the electors approved the last proposal for an extension of boundaries, when the present city limits were approved, and whatever views may be held as to the merits of the present proposal, and to what extent the proposal should be supported, it cannot be denied that circumstances have changed with the lapse of the past two decades. It was not, however, the election of 1893 that the scene was rearranged, and the North, Central and South wards took the place of the old historic names of Johnson and Yates streets wards and James Bay ward.

In looking backward over the history of the past thirty years of municipal life in Victoria may strange incidents loom up, and show that the events of to-day have been anticipated in the past. It is thirty years ago that Mayor Shakespear said on the occasion of his election that "quarrels and disagreements would now be at an end in the council," a prophecy which has unhappily not yet been fulfilled. A candidate in the street ward on that date, in thanking the electors for his selection, said he believed in the electric light as an illuminant, and hoped to see it adopted.

Majority elections were serious matters in the early eighties, the majority in 1882-83 being only four-fifths votes twice, and in the last named year, when three candidates ran, only twenty-six divided the first two competitors. Councilor Grant, for the term "alderman" did not have a majority until 1888, said on his election in 1885 that if he should get a little in debt with the improvements contemplated it would be the duty of those who came after them to carry their share of the obligations. This was evidently a forecast by the gentleman, who afterwards four times served the office of mayor of the local improvement plan, with the latter borrowing terms under which municipal work is done to-day. The municipal debt in 1911, however, would make even "John" shudder.

The successful candidate for the mayoralty in 1888, James Fell, used language which would not be out of place a quarter of a century later; rather it is an instance of history repeating itself. He observed, speaking of the coming municipal election, that "he was glad the working men would soon have an opportunity of going to the polls, and sweep from place and power those politicians at James Bay who had been instrumental in parceling out this beautiful province to monopolists and speculators."

In the past thirty years, there have been four elections by acclamation to the mayoralty, John Grant for his third term in 1887, Charles Hargrave in 1891 and 1902 his second and third terms, and the present federal member in 1905, for his second term.

Three times the ward elections have resulted in a tie. John Stewart was elected in 1887, in 1892 when William Wilson was beaten by the casting vote of the returning officer in the James Bay ward and this spring when Aid. Peden tied with John Dintworth in Ward 5.

STEAL CHRISTMAS TREES. Christmas trees by theft for sale among the stores—such is the complaint of a number of the Saanich residents in the subdivisions around Cloverdale and Cedar Hill, who are deploring the stripping of their plantations by youths from the city for Christmas decorations, and the young evergreens of all kinds have been removed from the plantations for this purpose during the past week.

One resident of Cedar Hill who has had notices posted, caught a boy red-handed in a two-foot fir tree, and marched him all the way into town on Wednesday to the provincial police office. There he was informed that the latter would not act, as this purpose therefore the local municipal police therefore the local municipal police still stands over for a prosecution at a subsequent date.

These depredations are common each Yuletide season, but the thefts this year are unusually early, and more than one owner who makes a habit of work before the Christmas holidays, has had a prosecution, has gone round his property in the morning to find he is late, and that the robbery of robbery was well on their way to the city for pecuniary reward.

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One of the largest and most cumbersome terms of money found in Central Africa, where the natives use an insect of copper ore, over ten inches long. It is heavy enough to be a forcible weapon.

LOCAL NEWS

Public Library Closes.—The public library will be closed for circulation from Monday, December 17, to Monday, the 26th, inclusive, to admit of the re-arrangement. Books now outstanding will be returned at that time, and all reading rooms will be open during the usual hours.

New Year Reception.—The W. W. C. A. assembly, followed the New Year reception in the ballroom of the Alexandra Club on Wednesday evening, January 3, which it is anticipated will be well-attended. Everything will be done to make the function an enjoyable one for the guests and good music will be provided throughout the evening.

Harbor Improvements.—The special harbor committee of the board of trustees met Thursday afternoon and considered some additional data which was laid before it. A vote of thanks was passed to E. Baynes Reid, head of the Dominion meteorological office, for the Sound charts and related charts which had furnished the committee. The committee will arrange for a conference with Louis Coste, C. E., on his arrival here to-morrow.

Winding Up.—The Kokeshik Mining Company, Limited (non-personal liability) has been in process of winding up for some time past, and a meeting of the shareholders is called for Wednesday, January 17, 11 a.m. at the Townsham Hotel, Duncan, for the purpose of hearing an account of the winding up and any explanation the liquidator may have to give, and of determining the disposition of the assets of the company's books and documents.

Wilson vs. Knott.—A jury of five Thursday afternoon decided the case of Wilson against Knott in favor of the defendant. The action was brought in the county court to recover \$275 for plastering the defendant's house at Keatinge. The plaintiff alleged the masonry provided to be inferior and responsible for the poor results. The defendant showed that the work had been done with the same material by other workmen after the same left in contact and the material was then in good condition and of good quality.

Donations Acknowledged.—The W. C. T. U. home committee gratefully acknowledge donations from Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Frank Grant, Mrs. Preston. As Christmas is so near we would like to draw attention to the needs of the home and suggest to the public that donations will be very gratefully received. A turkey, geese, potatoes, etc., would be very acceptable. Owing to high prices now, it takes more to keep the home in running order, so that help from those who are generously disposed is much appreciated. The home is situated on the corner of Pembroke and Ida streets near Jubilee hospital.

Attracting a Better Class.—The mall bag of the Vancouver Island Development League has contained several inquiries from persons who have small capitals, from \$1,000 to \$3,000, to invest, and nearly all require land in the vicinity of the city will require them to move out further from their market than is normal. The instances should demand. One request for information came by the last mail from Cairo from a French mining engineer, who asks for a copy of the extensive publication edited by C. P. Hargren, the Mining Record. An English lady artist and journalist writes asking what chances she would have of employment at her profession on Vancouver Island, whose name she has heard much in the Old Country.

Verdict for Defendant.—A verdict for the defendant was given Thursday afternoon in the provincial court brought by Capt. John Irving against Arthur Pearson and William Moscrop of Prince Rupert. Capt. Irving as lessee sought a release from his obligations under the agreement on the ground that the defendants had told him that \$2,000 would place the Dunedin block in good repair. The plaintiff had found that \$6,000 would be needed to complete the repairs. The judge said that the figures were estimates and that the statement of cost was an opinion and not a fact, and under the circumstances it had been due to Capt. Irving to exercise proper prudence in the examination of the building before entering upon the lease.

Court of Revision Adjourned.—It has been decided to hold another session of the court of revision on the city voters' list in order that four or five gentlemen may appear before the court on Tuesday to explain their commissions as being authorized to take copies of the names of voters for the purpose of the act. Among those named at the session Thursday were C. N. Tubman, John L. Martin, James Bell, and W. H. Price. Some sixty-four persons paid their road tax after October 31 and it is doubtful if their names can be retained on the register. In the meanwhile the city solicitor will give an opinion on the subject. As there were found a number of names on the list with residences at the down town hotels, whose position as bona fide residents is in question, the mayor suggested that a list should be prepared, and handed to the chief of police for inquiry.

CONTRACT FOR NEW HOSPITAL. Vancouver, Dec. 14.—The contract for the construction of the new St. Paul's Hospital, Vancouver, has been awarded to the Norton Griffiths Steel Construction Company of this city. The bid being the lowest of seven tenders submitted to the hospital management. It is intended to have the work of construction proceed as soon as possible.

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FOURTH CALLS AGAINST BIG ODDS

KUMERIC AT SEATTLE AFTER TERRIBLE TRIP

Cog Slipped and Steering Gear Raced—Lost One Boat—Quarters Flooded

Bringing the details of the biggest storm that ever blew over the waters of the Pacific, the Kumeric, which was disabled while en route for the Orient, returned to Seattle Thursday night. The vessel was damaged by a heavy sea, and the steering gear was wrecked. The vessel was damaged by a heavy sea, and the steering gear was wrecked. The vessel was damaged by a heavy sea, and the steering gear was wrecked.

Mountainous Waves Wash Ship's Decks. Panama Maru—Weathers Terrific Gales—Steam Four Knots an Hour

Swept by mountainous seas which forced Capt. Muto to reduce the speed of his vessel to four knots an hour, the Panama Maru, which arrived at the outer docks last night, fought a desperate battle against strong westerly gales last Saturday and Sunday while en route from the Orient to Puget Sound.

ADVERTISING REVELSTOKE. Revelstoke, Dec. 14.—The committee appointed to investigate the possibility of placing "Advertising Revelstoke" signs at the C. P. R. depot, made their report at a meeting of the board of trade, recommending that the signs be placed in front of the steps leading to the hotel, the second on the side hill west of the station, such recommendations being of course subject to approval of the city council. This report was considered very satisfactory, and the committee were requested to go further into the matter with the railway company, and report at the next meeting of the board.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH. Kamloops, Dec. 14.—Coroner Clark held an inquest at Savona on the body of Gus Carlson, employed on C. N. R. who was killed by a train on the Kamloops loop. He was engaged on the dump cars and in some unaccountable manner the car, horse and himself went over the dump, and he was so seriously injured that he died shortly after his removal to the hospital at Savona. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

PIONEER PASSES AWAY. Vancouver, Dec. 14.—In the death at the General Hospital of Mrs. C. M. Lapoint, Vancouver, has lost a pioneer resident, although she has been living for the past two years at Kelowna. Mrs. Lapoint was a daughter of Joseph Gay, a construction contractor on the C. P. R., and she was only 40 years of age.

READY TO EXPEL TURKS. London, Dec. 15.—Apparently Italy's war against the Turks is at an end in the neighborhood of Tripoli, there is much to be done yet in clearing the neighborhood of bands of Turks and Arabs.

IS REMANDED. Steveston, Dec. 14.—Samuel Abercrombie, arrested on a charge of murder in connection with the death of his wife, Jane Abercrombie, was arraigned before Magistrate P. S. Finkner. No evidence, however, was taken, and he was remanded until 10.30 o'clock on Monday morning, on the application of the prosecution, when the preliminary hearing will occur.

SOCIETIES ADOPT BRASS ROLLING

If Player Competes in Senior Game He Never Returns to Second Division

That once a player in registered as a senior he cannot return to the second division was the ruling adopted at the meeting of the Victoria and District Soccer Association on Thursday. A player however, may go from second to first division team with the usual work's notice.

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CAUSES OF FAILURE OF MISTLETOE HERE

Horticulturist Expresses Opinion That Summer is Too Dry For Famous Parasite

While the berries, has thrived, particularly well in the soil of this district, the other cause of its failure, particularly in the case of the white-berryed shrub here, the summer has been too dry. The horticulturist expresses the opinion that the summer is too dry for the famous parasite to thrive. He believes that the berries will be better in quality, and consequently the Christmas season will be more profitable. He suggests that gardeners should be careful to water their plants during the summer months.

REDUCED IN RANK

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SHIP TO BE 70,000 TONS. White Star Company Awards Contract for Construction of Mammoth Vessel.

The details are now known of the thousand-foot liner, the Titanic, which the White Star Line has commissioned Harland & Wolff to build at Belfast. The beam will measure between 101 and 102 feet, the displacement will be 70,000 tons, and the gross tonnage over 60,000. The levels will be a dozen or thirteen feet above the water line. The passenger accommodation will be increased in the new class from 800 to 1,000 or more, and the total passenger capacity will be over 4,000. The Titanic will be an ocean greyhound, but a seaworthy and reliable ship. The cost is estimated to be close to \$10,000,000. She will have a crozier field, a turret, and a restaurant and veranda cafe, which will be placed forward instead of aft. The ship will also be a plunge and bath, and a most elaborate scheme of decorations.

MINERS ELECT

Rossland, Dec. 15.—The miners of Rossland, after two days of election, have elected S. Stevens as president. The election was held on Thursday next.

NO REFERENDUM ON MINIMUM WAGE

COUNCIL REVERSES PREVIOUS POLICY

Next Year's Council Will Pass on Proposal—New Civic Yard

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COMMISSION GOVERNMENT

Edmonds, Dec. 10.—At the coming municipal election a referendum will be submitted to the people on the question of commission form of government and the abolition of the ward system.

At the meeting of the Burnaby council on Wednesday it was decided that the people should be asked for an expression of opinion on the two questions.

The money by-law, which are to be submitted to the people in January, will be amended and amended.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT TO BE INVITED

Will Be Asked to Open Vancouver Exhibition—Dates for Show Set

Vancouver, Dec. 14.—Dates for the Vancouver Exhibition of 1912 were announced at a meeting of the board of directors in the Pacific Building.

The invitation extended by the Victoria Rugby club to the University of California, Cooper-Keith Cup holders, to play three games here on Christmas Day, Thursday, December 21, was officially accepted in a letter received by the secretary last evening.

The writer, Milton Farmer, director of sports at the University stated that the Californians would arrive in Victoria on December 24.

The contract for the Smith's Hill reservoir was let to Thomas Stedman for \$13,200, the tenderer undertaking to make the reservoir water-tight within 100 working days and also to divide the reservoir, for a total sum of \$13,840.

The Victoria Pointy Association, through the secretary, thanked the council for the use of the main exhibition building for their show in January, and promised it should be kept in good order during the show.

FINANCES OF THE RECENT FALL FAIR

Satisfactory Statement of Fair Which Was Marred by the Worst of Weather

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G. M. BOSWORTH VISITING COAST

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Vancouver, Dec. 10.—A week will be spent on the coast by G. M. Bosworth, vice-president of the C. P. R., who arrived yesterday from Montreal.

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STATE CONTROL OF TELEPHONE RATES

Exchange Meeting Urges Prompt Action

At the meeting of the Real Estate Exchange Friday afternoon the question of the increase in the rental of business telephones came up for discussion and called forth several strong expressions of opinion as to the action of the company.

The city had backed up the company's rates for \$33 for six months rental of telephone in advance, with \$6 discount if paid within a certain time.

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SOUND PUGET A RECORD

Salmon Output Valued at Over \$2,000,000—Heavy Run of Blanks Cause of Record

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LEAVES FOR SOUTH

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B. C. E. R. OFFERS

WILLING TO REDUCE SCHEDULE IN MARCH

City-Council Will Stand Out for Month Earlier—Only as Act of Grace

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DEATH WAS DUE TO AN ACCIDENT

THE JURY'S VERDICT IN CLAYTON INQUEST

No Blame Attached to Anyone for Fatality—Evidence of Witnesses

A coroner's jury on Friday evening found that Arthur William Clayton, fatally injured November 18th in a street car accident at the Government street terminus, had come to his death Thursday last as the result of injuries accidentally received in the collision and that no blame was attributable to any employee of the company. The verdict further read that the brakes on one of the cars had apparently been defective.

William H. Armstrong, who was in mechanical charge of the barns, had sent the car out in perfect order and after the accident it was transferred to another car and was not in order, the brakes acting perfectly. When at the terminus the hand brake had not been set by Motorman Burr, but he set the air brake. Superintendent Gibson said there was a rule of the company that when cars come to a standstill for any length of time, the brakes should be set. The deceased was, by the rules of the company, allowed to draw his car as close to the Esquimaux car as he had.

The jury which brought in the verdict, after hearing the evidence, consisted of Arthur J. Leary (foreman), David Miller, Alfred Shuttleworth, James Drummond and George E. Moor. Charles H. Burr, motorman on the Esquimaux car, came to a standstill in front of the Gorge car, which deceased was employed, said that he stopped in the ordinary way, got down, put the fender up and the trolley on. He got back on the car and took the controlling handles off. When walking through the passage he felt it move and heard the conductor shout. He saw the car in front and hurried through. Just as he reached the controller he heard a shout. He reversed the car, and found that the deceased was jammed between the fenders. Continuing he said:

"Although I heard the shout I could not see anyone between the cars. My car had moved about six feet. There is a grade at that part of the street, but I don't know what it is. My car was equipped with air and hand brakes. When I stopped the car I set the air brake but not the hand brake. I am not mechanically acquainted with the air brake. It is a Westinghouse straight air brake. The air is pumped into a cylinder and into a reservoir, when the valve is opened the air is let out. I have used an air brake about three years. This company does not supply us with any rules as to the use of air brakes or hand brakes. The hand brakes are set when the car is stopped and are checked at night according to the company's rule."

Louis Cates, conductor on the Esquimaux car, said when the car arrived he went to the front and let down his fender at the north end and put down the trolley. The other car came up just as he put his fender down. There was about two feet between the two fenders, which were both down. He then went round to the south end of the car. He has been employed nineteen years by the company. Witnesses had not used the air brake very much. There was a rule that if the motorman left the car he was supposed to set the hand brake, but it was not the custom to set the hand brake when coming to a terminus. He could not say yes or no to a question if there were any brakes requiring the hand brake to be set at a terminus when the motorman left the car. He believed there was a rule that one car should not approach the other closer than ten or fifteen feet. He was on the front car, and saw the car on which deceased was would set the distance.

William H. Armstrong, in charge of the car barns, remembered car 186 on November 18 when there was nothing whatever wrong with the brakes. The brake should be applied at full pressure until the car stopped, and then the handle put over to the centre. It was possible to open and let a little air escape when taking the handle off. When the car was standing for any length of time the hand brake should be set. It was a company rule and an air brake rule. In good condition a brake should hold five hours. A cylinder not to hold two minutes would have to be very badly out of order. In inspecting cars, he would test the brakes. He found the brakes in perfect condition.

Superintendent Henry Gibson said that the company had a rule that at any time the motorman had to leave his car the brakes shall be fully set. The rule did not say any particular brake but read "brakes." There was a special rule that all hand brakes should be set on entering the car barn at night. There was a rule that no car in running on a street should approach another in two hundred feet, but at a terminal point Clayton would be quite entitled to come close, as there was no distance specified in that regard.

George Hall, M.D., gave evidence of the cause of death. Deceased had died of exhaustion following an operation made necessary by the accident. He had been injured in the pelvic re-

gion by being jammed between the car fenders and the injuries were mortal unless an operation was performed. In this case deceased had called for an operation but afterwards sank and died.

STARTING TO DREDGE AWAY PARTHIA SHOAL

Mastodon Begins Work in Vancouver Narrows Next Week—Will Help Mariners

(From Saturday's Daily.)
Early next week the big bucket dredge Mastodon, which has been overhauling at the Wallace shipyards, North Vancouver, for some time, will commence to remove the Parthia shoal in the Vancouver Narrows. The dredge was specially built for work in the entrance to the Terminal City harbor and she will continue to dredge there for several years.

The Parthia Shoal, a ledge of rock and sand, is situated in the entrance to the Vancouver Narrows, near the Government street bridge. The dredge is a floating structure, driven to-day and about Tuesday the big task will be started.

The Parthia Shoal lies right in the fairway of the narrowest part of the entrance to the harbor. The shoal, which is about 200 feet long and 100 feet wide, is situated in the fairway between the Government street bridge and the Terminal City harbor. The dredge is a floating structure, driven to-day and about Tuesday the big task will be started.

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OAK BAY AND EXTENSION.

Special Committee Reports on Scheme to Municipal Council—Joint Water Board.

The Oak Bay council will receive at their next meeting a report on the special committee consisting of Councilors Oliver, McGregor and Noble. The committee, commenting on the two reports, recommends that the municipal council should support the Victoria city council's plan to extend the water supply to Oak Bay.

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WOULD ENROLL WOMEN IN ARMY

German Councillor Suggests Compulsory Service in Non-Combatant Forces

Dusseldorf, Germany, Dec. 15.—The introduction of a compulsory military service for women was proposed at a meeting Thursday of the patriotic women's union here by Privy Medical Councillor Wihel, professor of the military academy at Dusseldorf. The lecturer suggested that women should be enrolled in the military hospital, transport, provisioning and clothing services and should be mobilized with the other auxiliary troops in case of war. The proposition has been taken up enthusiastically by the suffragettes, as it is regarded by them as eliminating any argument against the granting of the franchise to women.

SEEKING REFUND.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 15.—Shippers of Spokane and tributary territory are preparing to file claims approximating \$2,000,000 against the transcontinental railroads for alleged cases of excessive payment on freight shipments from the east during the last two years. Depending upon the interstate commerce decision of June, 1910, in the interstate commerce cases, it is said the shippers will demand a refund of the difference between the rate set at that time and the charges paid by the railroads. Unless the big railroads return a satisfactory claim, they will file a suit in the interstate commerce commission.

SIX PROPOSALS FOR CIVIC CENTRE

REFERENDUM TO BE PREPARED FOR CHOICE

Ratepayers Will Be Asked to Select Site of New City Building Next Month

The accompanying report by City Assessor Northcott on the civic centre scheme was presented to the city council Friday evening with view to submission of a referendum next month.

1. The present city hall site and the expropriation of the balance of the property as far as Broad street and also the gore from Broad street to Government street, the expropriation to cost \$228,800, and the new civic building \$750,000, making a total of \$978,800.

2. To buy out that portion of block T, bounded by Douglas, Blanchard, Pandora and Cornsant streets at a cost of \$382,800; the gore lying between the present city hall site and Government street at \$358,500 and adding thereto the city hall site and further adding \$750,000 for the new building, bringing the total cost to \$1,493,300.

3. To buy the whole of five acre lot 15 and the southern part of lot 14, bounded by Vancouver, Pandora, Cook and Fisgard streets, at a cost of \$348,000; the gore lying between the present city hall site and Government street at a cost of \$393,125; that portion of five acre lot 16, from Quadra street to Vancouver street, at cost \$289,950, and adding \$750,000 for the new building, bringing the total cost to \$1,871,075.

4. All that block at the head of Pandora avenue between Chambers and Camosun streets, and 120 feet south of Rudin street, and 120 feet north of Pandora avenue east of the Gore, and that portion of Chambers street, all for the sum of \$214,796, which with \$750,000 for the new building, brings the cost to \$964,796.

5. To buy block 5, Christ Church tract, bounded by Blanchard, Quadra, Burdette and Courtney streets, for \$150,000 and \$750,000 for new building, making a total cost of \$900,000.

6. In his opinion the council could sell the city hall site and market building for a quarter of a million for the hall and \$300,000 for the market building. The alternative proposals, which were colored green on the attached plans, making a total cost of \$1,458,000.

7. Building Permits.—Building permits have been granted as follows: Dwell- ing houses, 23; also, hall, one; three for five-roomed house on Sixth street, costing \$1,700; Robert Hetherington, for a five-roomed house on Garden street, \$1,950; to the same for James Richards, on Fernwood road, at \$1,950; to Wright & Taberner for two houses on Camosun and Rudin at \$1,800 each, and also for store and apartments costing \$3,500 adjoining; to Williams, Christie and Williams for A. Newbery, on Bechook street, costing \$1,970; and to C. F. Beaver for store and apartments on Craigflower road, at a cost of \$6,000.

HOSPITAL BOARD.

Monthly Meeting of Directors—Accommodation for Alcoholic Patients.

The principal item of business at the meeting of the Jubilee hospital board on Friday was a discussion of the proposal to provide accommodation for cases of alcoholism and temporary insanity or of persons who have become insane and are too ill to be removed to the asylum at New Westminster.

Plans are merely tentative as yet, for it is not known whether the city will cooperate with the hospital in bringing them to a successful issue or not.

Some time ago it was stated by Dr. Ernest Hall that such accommodation was an absolute necessity, and the matter was taken up by the hospital directors. They wrote to the city council soliciting the co-operation of the city in having the work done.

At Friday's meeting a letter was received from the city clerk stating that the directors' letter had been referred to the health and morals committee, and would be taken up at the next meeting of the council.

The house committee reported that the steward had tendered his resignation, and recommended the employment of a housekeeper if one could be secured.

Secretary Morton reported that the proposed installation of a new hot water service had been referred back to the house committee for further report, and that owing to the fact that all the rooms were occupied the work of painting had not been gone ahead with. Included in his report were the following statistics: Total day's pay, \$2,485; cost per diem, \$20.98; number of patients, 131; discharged, 105; number treated, 202; number of deaths, 8; daily average, 80.86; days' stay, 2,478; number of city patients, 90.

At Friday's meeting the two applications for admission as nurses had been received, and that two nurses had been admitted as probationers.

LOCAL NEWS

NO CONTRACTS FOR MEATED PACKERS

ANNOUNCEMENT BY BRITISH OFFICIALS

London, Dec. 15.—The British government has decided to exclude the American meat packers against whom prosecutions have been instituted in the United States from tendering for contracts for supply of meat to the British army and navy, pending the settlement of the suits. The decision of the government is due to the opposition of labor and advanced Radical members of parliament to the American trusts.

The contracts given out by the War Office which had hitherto been secured by American firms are now ordered to go to Argentine meat packers. It was explained by officials of the War Office that the government's action was in accordance with its regular policy, in case any company with which the government dealt, became involved in serious litigation the government immediately refrained from giving it contracts. British firms received the same treatment under the same circumstances.

J. O. Armour's Statement.
Chicago, Dec. 16.—J. O. Armour, president of Armour & Co., said last night that the contracts of the indicted packers with the British army, estimated recently, have amounted to between \$15,000,000 and \$20,000,000 annually. Mr. Armour said he had no idea whether other countries contemplated action similar to that taken by England.

"During the Boer war and on one or more other occasions," Mr. Armour said, "the contracts of the American packers with England amounted to more than \$30,000,000 annually, if I remember rightly. These figures, however, are estimates."

DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE INQUIRIES.

From a member of the staff of the borough treasurer at Batley, Yorkshire, England, comes a letter to the Development League asking what change would have of obtaining employment of a similar character here. He has had considerable experience in accountancy and secretarial work. The secretary received a call yesterday from a new-comer, who has been admitted to the Development League as a result of successful publicity work on the part of the league.

TROOPS ROUT REBELS.

Mexico City, Dec. 15.—Reports of a three-hour fight between federal troops and rebels near Muir, on the border of the United States, have reached here from Camargo, under date of December 12. A small force from the United States, whether composed of Revistas or Vasquetos is unknown, was routed by the Seventeenth Regiment of Federal troops.

TWO DIE FROM BURNS.

Lawrence, Kas., Dec. 15.—With her clothes afire, Mrs. L. E. Halphill, wife of a farmer near Reno, ten miles from here, ran screaming with her seven-months old baby from her kitchen to a nearby pond. A five-foot stone wall separated her from the water. She threw the child over the wall into the water, climbed over the wall herself and jumped into the pond. The water extinguished the flames, but mother and child were so badly burned that they died shortly afterwards.

DEPUTY SHERIFF AS EVANGELIST.

Geosola, Ark., Dec. 15.—Bob Dean, deputy sheriff, has killed ten men and has stopped bullets thirteen times during his career as an officer, but that is not going to keep him from becoming an evangelist. He is going to join Billy Sunday.

BLACK WATER—ACTIVE PASS.

Month	W. Slack	L. W. Slack	W. Slack
1	0.40	1.04	1.10
2	0.45	1.15	1.20
3	0.50	1.25	1.30
4	0.55	1.35	1.40
5	0.60	1.45	1.50
6	0.65	1.55	1.60
7	0.70	1.65	1.70
8	0.75	1.75	1.80
9	0.80	1.85	1.90
10	0.85	1.95	2.00
11	0.90	2.05	2.10
12	0.95	2.15	2.20
1	1.00	2.25	2.30
2	1.05	2.35	2.40
3	1.10	2.45	2.50
4	1.15	2.55	2.60
5	1.20	2.65	2.70
6	1.25	2.75	2.80
7	1.30	2.85	2.90
8	1.35	2.95	3.00
9	1.40	3.05	3.10
10	1.45	3.15	3.20
11	1.50	3.25	3.30
12	1.55	3.35	3.40
1	1.60	3.45	3.50
2	1.65	3.55	3.60
3	1.70	3.65	3.70
4	1.75	3.75	3.80
5	1.80	3.85	3.90
6	1.85	3.95	4.00
7	1.90	4.05	4.10
8	1.95	4.15	4.20
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STATE CONTROL IS FAVORED BY COUNCIL

Memorial Urging Nationalization of Telephone Service Will Be Prepared

Hungry Horde of Wield-Bg Public Servants Getting Impatient for Results

The word is going round in Conservative circles that the axe is not swinging fast enough, and threats are made by some of the most hungry of the ravenous horde that the local leaders and G. H. Burnard will have to get a "move on" if the party is to retain the able assistance of these individuals at elections.

The office-seekers would like, of course, to see every public servant who is a Liberal in politics removed, in order that they may have a chance to be appointed to the vacancies. It is said that some of them have gone to the length of choosing the office they wish to get and demanding the dismissal of the present holder. Any old job will do some others, so long as it involves the receiving of a salary from the country. That it involves the giving of services in return, for which some of them are totally unfit, is the last thing they think of.

Positions in the customs service, in the post office, the immigration department, the government telegraphs, the inland revenue service, the public works, department, on the government boats and in the lighthouses and other branches of the marine service and about the navy yard and Work Point barracks are all being canvassed for by the host of seekers for an "easy" berth who have sprung up since September 21. The life of W. H. Price, the secretary of the Victoria Conservative Association, in being almost as miserable for him; while everyone who is supposed to have a scrap of influence is being harried day and night to use it in behalf of Tom, Dick or Harry.

The authority shown by some of the Conservatives in being quoted here by the Tory leaders, who are reminded how promptly places have been made in all branches of the public service for friends of the Borden administration, certainly no time is being lost in the meantime in seeing that the boys' get their reward, even though this is done by the removal of officials against whom there has never been a whisper of complaint and who have not been in any way in politics. There have already been dozens of instances of what F. B. Carvell, member for Carleton, New Brunswick, the other day termed "party larceny in public service," in that province alone. Dozens of officers, some of whom are proving equally as successful in having the faithful office-holders dismissed in favor of some party hack as are the elected Conservative members in other provinces.

To judge from the expression of one frank Conservative member, the only qualification a Conservative has to have for office is that he needs the money. Speaking after Mr. Carvell on the occasion referred to, E. A. Lancaster, who has been in the House for a good many years now as member for Lincoln and Niagara, harked back to the failure to re-engage a number of dockmasters on the Welland canal at the opening of navigation in 1897 and made this declaration:

"Some of these men who were then dismissed are living to-day in poverty. And as fast as I can, I intend to give before the election, if I have any influence with the government, the same positions they had in 1896. And if any have died since then, so far as I can accomplish it, their sons, if they are needy, or some other men whose only fault is voting for the Conservative party, shall be appointed in these places, instead of the men who were ungrateful even inhuman enough, to have their neighbors dismissed and take their place."

The local Tory leaders have made beginning on the customs service and it is rumored that some further dismissals are due there, the immigration service in the future, but to have any influence with the government, the same positions they had in 1896. And if any have died since then, so far as I can accomplish it, their sons, if they are needy, or some other men whose only fault is voting for the Conservative party, shall be appointed in these places, instead of the men who were ungrateful even inhuman enough, to have their neighbors dismissed and take their place.

PROPRAGATION OF BRITISH PARLIAMENT

London, Dec. 15.—The House of Parliament was prorogated to-day and will re-assemble on February 14. The King's Speech was read in the House of Lords before a small gathering of members of both Houses. It was brief and colorless, dealing almost solely with a recital of domestic legislation.

MR. SHEPHERD'S SUCCESSOR.

Thos. Graham, of Nanaimo, Appointed Chief Inspector of Mines.

Although the appointment of Thomas Graham, of Nanaimo, as inspector of mines, which was approved by the provincial executive on Wednesday, did not appear in the official Gazette as an appointment to the chief inspectorship, vacant through the resignation of Francis H. Shepherd to contest Nanaimo, and his subsequent removal to Ottawa, such is the case, and Mr. Graham will in future take rank as chief inspector, and take over the appointment from January 1 next. The Times made the announcement of Mr. Graham's appointment as inspector.

RUSSIA AND UNITED STATES.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—Because of a protest by the Russian ambassador to President Taft against the language of the Buzier resolution abolishing the Russian treaty of 1832, it was reported to-day that the senate would pass on Monday or Tuesday a modified resolution.

That President Taft regarded as serious the situation arising from the Russian protest that adoption of the Buzier resolution would be inconsistent with existing friendly relations, was indicated when five members of the cabinet were summoned for a special meeting. Secretary Knox, Attorney-General Wilkerson, and Secretaries MacVeagh, Meyer and Nagel were present.

Because you are satisfied with your present position it does not follow that it is better than the other fellows.

TO REGULATE COASTING.

Nelson, Dec. 15.—That vigorous steps should be taken towards regulating coasting on the streets, in order to prevent the recurrence of such accidents as that which resulted in a little girl breaking her thigh, was the unanimous opinion expressed at a meeting of the city council. The mayor and city solicitor were appointed to look into the matter of preparing a by-law to deal with the matter.

A letter from J. E. Taylor, president of the street railway company, calling attention to the danger of persons coasting across the street car tracks, was read. The mayor said that he had discussed the matter with the city solicitor, who thought that a by-law might be introduced to regulate all coasting on the streets, but that on account of the streets, said his worship, was dangerous not only to the coasters but also to pedestrians.

Pending the preparations of a by-law, a resolution moved by Ald. Stockwell, offering an excuse to pedestrians, was adopted. The resolution provided that the only streets on which it will be permitted to coast are Ward between Observatory and Silicia and on Silicia from Hendry to Ward.

Plans are being made to equip Princeton University with a modern theatre to cost about \$200,000.

FLOUR MILL BURNED.

Monroes Bay, B.C., Dec. 14.—The Robby Head flour mill was destroyed by fire last night with a loss of \$200,000. The mill had a capacity of 1,500 barrels and was owned by the Vancouver Milling Company, of New Westminster, which was part of the Canadian cereal merger.

OFFICE-SEEKERS NOT SATISFIED

COMPLAIN THAT AXE SWINGS TOO SLOWLY

Hungry Horde of Wield-Bg Public Servants Getting Impatient for Results

The word is going round in Conservative circles that the axe is not swinging fast enough, and threats are made by some of the most hungry of the ravenous horde that the local leaders and G. H. Burnard will have to get a "move on" if the party is to retain the able assistance of these individuals at elections.

The office-seekers would like, of course, to see every public servant who is a Liberal in politics removed, in order that they may have a chance to be appointed to the vacancies. It is said that some of them have gone to the length of choosing the office they wish to get and demanding the dismissal of the present holder. Any old job will do some others, so long as it involves the receiving of a salary from the country. That it involves the giving of services in return, for which some of them are totally unfit, is the last thing they think of.