

MISS VICTORIA'S "BUSY DAY" FIRE ABOARD STEAMER QUEEN

PRESENT YEAR WILL BE RECORD BREAKER FORCED TO RETURN TO SAN FRANCISCO

Enterprises Decided on Which Involve Expenditure of Millions

Flames Under Control After Hard Fight—Passengers Are Landed

(From Thursday's Daily.)
Evidence is multiplying that this will prove the busiest year in the history of Victoria in respect to the amount of civic work which will be prosecuted. Two million dollars is not an extravagant estimate for the amount which will be expended by the corporation alone, and when other enterprises are considered several additional millions will have to be taken into the calculation. The year 1911 should prove a banner one.

Within a few weeks contracts will have been let for an asphalt paving programme which will in itself call for the expenditure of about one million dollars. While all this work will be done by private contractors, it is nevertheless a civic undertaking and will furnish employment to a large number of laborers at the highest rates of pay. It will mean also the establishment of additional asphalt plants and the building up of industries which will be permanent features of civic growth. It is said that contractors for the paving work figure that at least 500 men will be given employment for the greater part of the year.

The building of the new High school at Fernwood will be a project of greater magnitude than most people are aware. Preliminary to the commencement of the construction of the building proper much money will have to be spent and two or employed in the work of leveling the old sand-pits property. This job will occupy considerable time. The building will cost in the neighborhood of \$300,000.

Another civic project of importance is that of the extension of the water supply system. Some \$50,000 will be expended for this purpose and here also there will be a big demand for labor. In fact, most of the expenditure will be for labor. This scheme is yet in the preliminary stage, for it will be necessary before the money can be expended to submit a by-law for the judgment of the ratepayers. The waterworks department will expend the considerable sum of \$150,000 in laying down new mains and effecting other improvements to the system. This work will be taken in hand just as soon as weather conditions permit, the necessary authority to expend the money having been secured at the recent municipal elections. This work is altogether outside the scope of the present year.

Then there are the widening of Fort street and the extension of View and Pandora streets—three civic undertakings of the greatest importance, involving the expenditure of large sums of money and the employment of much labor. Much has already been

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BIPLANE CARRIES FIVE PASSENGERS

World Record is Established by French Aviator—Travelled Thirteen Miles

(Times Leased Wire.)
Paris, Jan. 26.—A world's record for passenger-carrying was set here today by Aviator Sommer, when he flew with five passengers from Douzy to Douzy and return, a distance of 13 miles. The combined weight of his passengers and the petrol tank was 1,000 pounds. The flight was made in a Parham biplane. Two of the passengers rode astride of the skids. The other three rode on specially constructed seats behind the aviator.

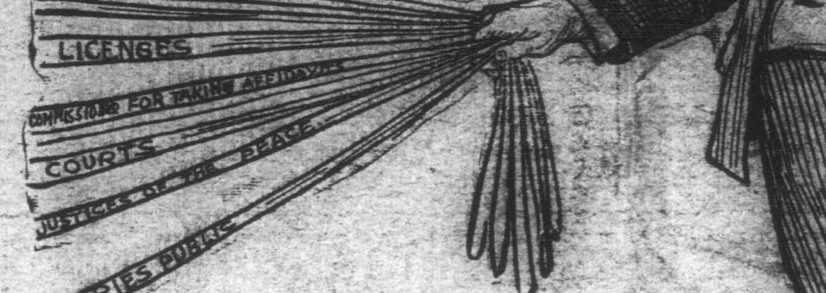
BIG BUILDING.

Canadian Pacific Will Spend Over Million Dollars in Toronto.
Toronto, Jan. 26.—The Dominion Bank has bought the James building at the southeast corner of King and Yonge streets, and will erect a large bank and building. Building operations will probably not commence for a year or more.

Back the street, at the southeast corner, the Canadian Pacific is now erecting a sixteen-story office building of steel face glazed terra cotta. It will cost over \$1,000,000, and will be one of the finest office buildings in the world. Its erection will occupy six months or two years.

ANTI-GAMBLING BILL.

Parliament, Ch., Jan. 26.—Without dissent the Senate today passed the anti-gambling bill. The vote was 30 to 4.



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GUNNER ALLEN ON FEBRUARY 2

COURT OF APPEAL RE-USES NEW TRIAL

(From Thursday's Daily.)
Gunner Thomas Allen, convicted of the murder of Capt. Peter Ellison, at Work Point Barracks on August 1 last, must expiate his crime on Thursday next, February 2, the Appeal Court this afternoon having refused the application of C. F. Davis, Allen's counsel, for a new trial.

Chief Justice Macdonald, Mr. Justice Martin and Mr. Justice Gallieher coincided in the view that, excluding the evidence of Bomb-Corrigan, sufficient has been proven to justify the conviction. Mr. Justice Irving dissented, considering the evidence of Corrigan should have been excluded, and the fact that it was not warranted a new trial.

The Chief Justice was of the opinion that the evidence of Corrigan could not be accepted but under clause 195 of the Criminal Code providing that where there is not sufficient evidence, the evidence of the kind admitted would be inadmissible. He held that the evidence completely and unambiguously urged as a defence. In this respect the Chief Justice said: "I can find no evidence on which a sensible man could do other than convict."

Mr. Justice Irving was clearly against the crown on the admission of Corrigan's evidence from the police court hearing. He held that the judge should have directed the jury to pay no attention to that portion of the evidence, and that the prisoner's counsel erred in not calling the attention of the judge to this matter. In his opinion a new trial should be granted.

Mr. Justice Martin considered the evidence of Corrigan from the police court hearing as admissible at the trial to test the credibility of Allen on cross-examination after his long, rambling statement of defence. He decided the appeal should be dismissed.

Mr. Justice Gallieher did not offer a written opinion, but verbally concurred in the opinion given by the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Martin.

Mr. Alkman, who prosecuted at the trial, was present this afternoon representing the crown. Mr. Davis, the solicitor for the condemned man, who is out of town and will not return until to-morrow, was granted, on Mr. Alkman's application, on his behalf, an opportunity to speak to the matter in the Court of Appeal to-morrow.

Mr. Davis has been indefatigable in his efforts to have the case re-opened, showing in this connection a zeal and persistency which in the opinion of members of the bar does him infinite credit.

LORD AYLMER GOES EAST.

Nelson, Jan. 26.—Lord Aylmer left yesterday for the East, where he will endeavor to interest capital in Westman's enterprise. He will spend most of his time in Ottawa.

MINISTER WILL GIVE EVIDENCE

Hon. W. Templeman Vouches for Testimony at the Chinese Inquiry

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Jan. 26.—Hon. Wm. Templeman who was asked to express an opinion on the evidence of Joe Martin, T. R. E. McInnes and others before the commission investigating Chinese emigration, now proceeding at Vancouver, replied that he did not think it would be proper for him to speak for publication. He offered voluntarily several weeks ago to give evidence in respect to points raised by Grant and Low, and he may go to Vancouver for the purpose of testifying in regard to the same.

SIR CHARLES DILKE DIES SUDDENLY

PASSES AWAY FROM HEART FAILURE

(Times Leased Wire.)
London, Jan. 26.—Sir Charles Dilke, wealthy mine owner, died to-day from heart failure.

Sir Charles had been recuperating in the south of France after the election strain.

Right Hon. Sir Charles W. Dilke, Bart., was born in 1843 and was educated at Cambridge. He represented Chelsea in the House of Commons from 1888 to 1896, and later sat for Forest in the division of Gloucestershire. He was under-secretary for foreign affairs, 1892-93; president of local government board, 1893-95; chairman of royal commission for negotiations with France, 1895-96; chairman of commission for housing of working classes, 1894-95. He was the author of "Greater Britain," "The Fall of Prince Forestan of Monaco," "The Present Position of European Politics," "The British Army," "Problems of Greater Britain" and "The British Empire."

Sir Charles was recognized as one of the greatest authorities on foreign affairs in the Commons.

SCHENK JURY DISAGREES.

Wheeler, W. Va., Jan. 26.—The Schenk jury this afternoon disagreed and was discharged by the court. The jurors who had listened to the evidence in the trial of Mrs. Schenk charged with having attempted to poison her millionaire husband, John O. Schenk, stood 11 to 1. It is believed that if men voted for acquittal. The jury retired last night.

When Judge Jordan asked if a verdict were possible one of the jurors said: "The jury stands 11 to 1." At this point Judge Jordan abruptly silenced him and asked the jurors separately if a verdict were possible. Each man replied in the negative.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION.

Chief Justice of Ontario Will Report on Proposed New Act.
(Special to the Times.)
Toronto, Jan. 26.—Chief Justice Sir William Meredith has been appointed a commissioner to recommend to the government the form to be taken by the Workmen's Compensation Act, which the government will introduce to take the place of the present legislation which has been in force 3 years. The new act is expected to be a distinct advance upon the present one.

SEEKS REDUCTION OF LICENSES.

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Kingston, Ont., Jan. 26.—The Citizens League will ask the city council for a further reduction of total licenses next year. Two years ago the league secured a reduction of these licenses.

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TRADE BETWEEN MEXICO AND CANADA

Increase Follows Establishment of Direct Steamship Service

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Montreal, Jan. 26.—The establishment of a direct steamship service between Canada and Mexico has resulted in a big increase in trade between the two countries.

D. A. Ansell, Mexican consul general, has just completed a statement of imports and exports for 1910. According to this, exports from Canada totalled \$1,027,490, and the imports \$710,500.

JAPANESE IN OREGON.
Portland, Ore., Jan. 26.—A resume of the census of Oregon, just announced by the census bureau, to-day shows that there has been a heavy decrease in the number of Chinese within the state and an increase of Japanese.

According to the figures of 1910 there were 7,317 Chinese in Oregon, while in 1900 there were 10,379. On the other hand the Japanese population has increased by 785. In 1910 the census showed that 2,500 Japanese resided in the state, while in 1910 it showed 3,285 to be enumerated.

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POST OFFICE WINS APPEAL

ELECTION CIRCULAR CASE IS DEALT WITH

Baxter and Johnston Held to Have Infringed Regulations—Must Rectify Error

The decision of the then acting-magistrate, C. J. Prior, who decided against the post office last September, in the case brought by the department against Baxter and Johnston, who were charged with infringement of the post office regulations, was on Tuesday upset unanimously by court of appeal, which remitted the decision back to the police magistrate to be rectified, and for the imposition of the proper penalties. All four judges heard the appeal.

The charge against Baxter and Johnston arose out of the mailing of 25,400 circulars for the Licensed Vintners' Association. During the provincial election, in November, 1909, the firm sent the circulars sealed in envelopes by the Dominion Express Company to every city in British Columbia in large parcels. These were received there by agents of the association who mailed them with one of the stamps attached, in the local post offices, the object being, under the new post office drop rate, to save one cent postage on each circular. At Vancouver, one of the packages was with the Dominion Express Company's labels attached, and the post office inspectors traced the matter throughout the province and back to Baxter and Johnston, whereupon the action was commenced.

The magistrate gave a written judgment against the department and was applied to for a stated case to the appeal court. The stated case read as follows:

The accused, during the latter part of September, 1909, undertook a contract for the Licensed Vintners' Association of British Columbia to print, address, seal and stamp and dispatch a two-page circular to every voter in the province of British Columbia. Each circular was put in a separate envelope sealed, addressed to a different person and stamped with a one cent stamp. On or about the 8th of November, 1909, at the City of Victoria, the accused packed the letters addressed to all persons in each city and town of British Columbia (with the exception of the City of Victoria) in separate boxes and forwarded such boxes by the Dominion Express Company to an agent in each city and town of British Columbia. The letters were packed in such a manner that without opening the boxes no one could tell what they contained. The boxes were addressed and consigned to the respective agent as aforesaid, and on arrival were opened by them and all letters therein contained were mailed in the post office of the city or town to which they were respectively addressed. At Vancouver the post office authorities became aware of the means by which the letters had been sent to the agent there and the letters were intercepted and returned to the sender. The agent there and the letters were intercepted and returned to the sender. The agent there and the letters were intercepted and returned to the sender.

AUTHOR SUCCEUMBS TO HIS WOUNDS

David G. Phillips, Shot by F. C. Goldsborough, Dies in Hospital

(Times Leased Wire.) New York, Jan. 25.—The body of David Graham Phillips, the author who succumbed in Bellevue hospital late last night to bullet wounds inflicted by F. C. Goldsborough, was taken to the National Arts club early to-day. Senator Beveridge of Indiana, in charge of the removal and has arranged that funeral services be held in the Little Church Around the Corner. No hour for the services had been set when the body was removed. Phillips will be buried in Indiana.

Phillips made a brave, though futile fight for life. At 11 o'clock last night he whispered to his brother, Harrison Phillips, who was at his bedside: "I might win out with life or six, it is pretty hard." A hemorrhage followed, the author relapsed into unconsciousness and expired at 11:07 o'clock.

The body of Goldsborough, Phillips' assassin, arrived to-day in Washington, where it was shipped at midnight.

"In the name of my father, my mother and myself, I wish to express the greatest sorrow over the shooting of Mr. Phillips," said Goldsborough's sister to-day. "There is no doubt that my brother was irresponsible and insane."

The police, after a full investigation of Goldsborough's antecedents, are convinced that the slayer was deranged. In his diary, after quoting at length from one of Phillips' books, Goldsborough wrote: "I deem Phillips an enemy of society and my own personal foe."

Nothing has developed to show that Phillips ever was sufficiently closely connected with Goldsborough to have done his personal injury.

MEXICAN TROOPS PREPARE TO MOVE

SHARP FIGHT EXPECTED NEAR TEXAS BORDER

Insurgents Who Are Strongly Fortified Await Advance of Federal Forces

(Times Leased Wire.) El Paso, Tex., Jan. 25.—Hot fighting is expected between insurgents and a force of President Diaz's troops before sunset to-day at San Ignacio, just across the border from Fort Hancock. A company of American troops is in camp near the scene of the expected collision, and are under instructions to preserve neutrality at all costs.

The insurgents which will take part in the coming battle are a force which charged the town of San Ignacio on Sunday last and then retired into the hills, where they have thrown up trenches and are strongly fortified.

The federal troops are massing to-day at San Ignacio and Guadalupe, and the advance on the rebel position may be put off until to-morrow, there is every indication that it will be delivered about sundown.

While there is little certainty as to the number of the rebels from which can be discerned of their earthworks, they are believed to number about 1,500 men. The federal troops will reach about the same number, and a brisk encounter is expected.

Patrolling the border. Houston, Texas, Jan. 25.—In line with a plan of the war department to establish a thorough patrol along the Texas border, four troops of the Third cavalry to-day left Fort Houston bound toward the border. Simultaneously the 22nd infantry started from Fort Lilla. Two detachments with troops in conjunction with other troops already scattered along the border and it is expected that no section of the boundary line between Mexico and Texas will be left unpatrolled.

Activity of Mexican rebels and lawless bands styling themselves revolutionists, has brought about a state of near-anarchy and chaos in the city from Texas ranchers and border merchants are believed to have led the government to act.

TYPHOID EPIDEMIC

Outbreak at Capital Due to Pollution of Ottawa River

Ottawa, Jan. 25.—The first member of parliament to fall a victim to the present alarming typhoid epidemic in Ottawa is Frank Carvell of Carleton, N. B. His illness was pronounced typhoid this morning. There are now over two hundred cases in the city. The epidemic is due to the pollution of Ottawa river from which the capital gets its water supply.

TOBACCO GROWING

Windsor, Ont., Jan. 25.—Some Essex farmers have signed contracts with the McAlpine Tobacco Co. agreeing to deliver 2,000,000 pounds of tobacco. This industry is steadily growing and many prominent farmers are devoting their energies to the cultivation of the leaf. Some immense crops have been harvested from a very few acres and under improved facilities the tobacco industry is becoming the most important in Essex.

THIRTEEN INJURED BY EXPLOSION

Spark From Electric Motor Ignites Powder in Pennsylvania Mine

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Jan. 25.—Thirteen miners, of whom three are reported to be fatally injured, were burned to-day by a powder explosion at Colliery No. 10 of the Pennsylvania Coal Company at Pittston. A spark from a motor caused an explosion of the powder, with the result that thirteen were killed, and of whom at least three will die.

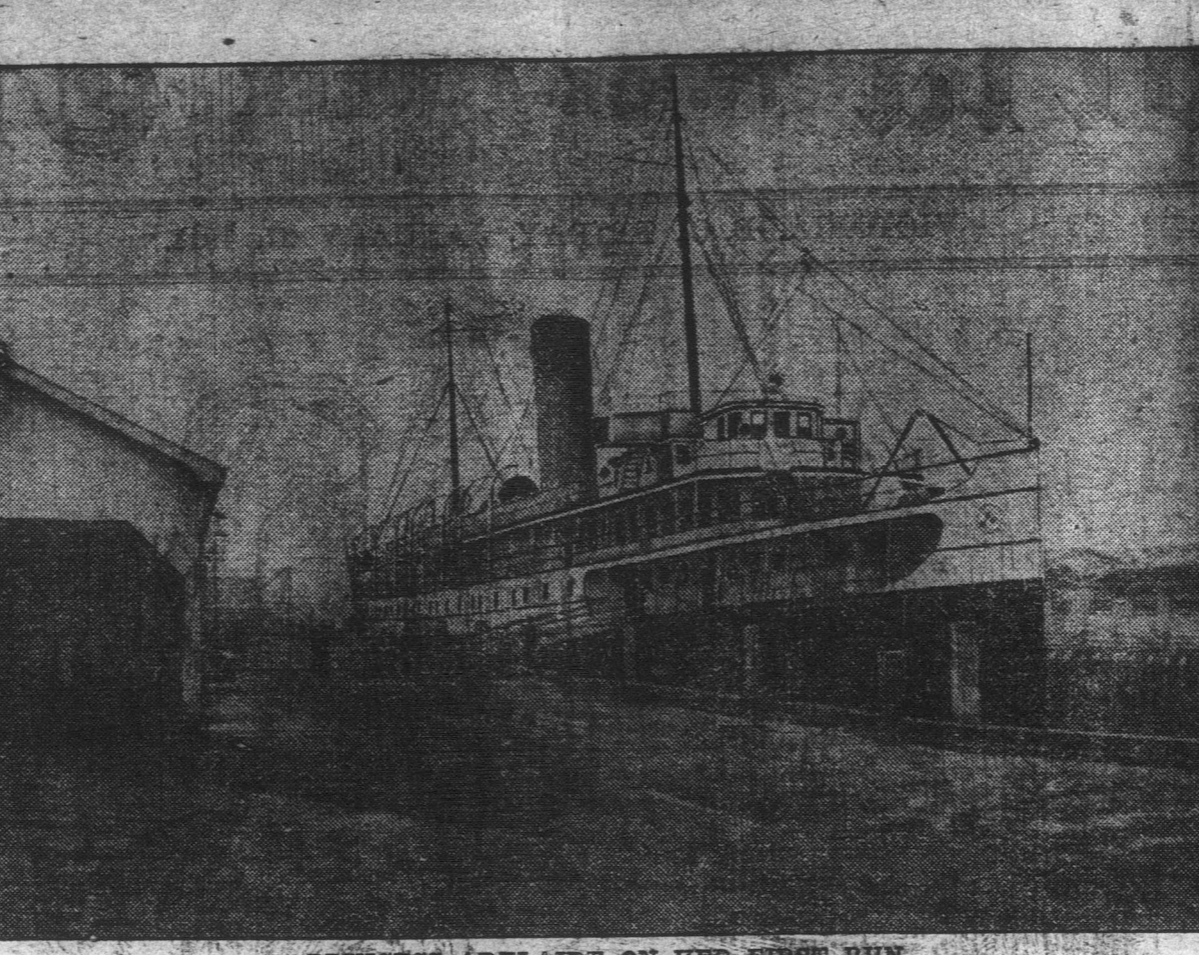
The crash came while 30 men were en route to work. Most of them carried kegs of powder when they boarded an electric motor and entered the passages of the mine. When the motor's spark ignited the powder the men were all hurled from the truck and were found along the gangway, shreds of flesh were hanging from their hands, faces and necks. All were terribly mangled.

BAYARD GETTING READY

Towards the end of the present month the sealing schooner Thomas F. Bayard will leave for the hunting grounds off the Californian coast. She is now taking on stores for a nine months' cruise and her owners are signing an Indian crew on the West Coast. The Bayard will be the second schooner to get away this season, the first being the Pescawa, which left last month. It is not known when the other vessels of the fleet sail.

MAY BE ABOLISHED

Salem, Ore., Jan. 25.—The whipping post for wife-beaters in Oregon probably will be abolished. Representative Buchanan's bill, that is calculated to put the post out of business, has been reported favorably by the house judiciary committee and it probably will come up for the third reading and final passage Thursday.



PRINCESS ADELAIDE ON HER FIRST RUN

This photograph of the latest addition to the C. P. R.'s fine fleet of ferry steamers was taken Tuesday afternoon, a few hours before the vessel left on her maiden trip in the Victoria-Vancouver service.

MOVEMENT TO PRESERVE PEACE

STATEMENT MADE BY ANDREW CARNEGIE

Says Taft is Now Planning Broad Treaty With Great Britain

(Times Leased Wire.) New York, Jan. 25.—The fortification of the Panama canal would in no way be incompatible with a world-wide peace agreement between the nations, according to a statement made to-day by Andrew Carnegie, who has donated a fund of \$10,000,000 to secure abolition of war.

"No nation can dispute our right to fortify the Panama canal. Our right to fortify New York or New Orleans," said the steel king. "It would not be a warlike project, but one purely defensive. The Panama canal, if built, would never fire a shot unless the canal were endangered by an enemy, which means an enemy to other nations as well, because an injury to the canal would mean serious injury to the world's commerce."

"President Taft, I am informed, is now planning a broad treaty with Great Britain which will go far toward preventing war. The English-speaking race, which has abolished private wars within its vast boundaries, is obviously the race to lead the way in abolishing the savage custom of man-killing the world over. If the United States and Great Britain agree on this point, other nations soon will follow."

"I urge all lovers of peace of our country to support the president's holy work to trust him and to stand prepared to urge the senators to pass the great treaty he is now negotiating, compared with which the purely national question as to whether we shall erect forts at both ends of the Panama canal sinks into insignificance."

FISHERMEN SUFFER

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 25.—This winter has been a record long trip, and had only 4,000 pounds. She is now being repaired. She met with continuous storms, huge seas preventing the men getting out to the sea.

MINE WORKERS ELECT NEW PRESIDENT

T. L. Lewis is Defeated After Occupying Position for Three Years

(Times Leased Wire.) Columbus, O., Jan. 25.—John P. White, of Okaloosa, Iowa, was to-day elected president of the United Mine Workers of America, winning by a popular ballot of the 550,000 members of the organization over Thos. S. Lewis, of Bridgeport, Conn., who for three years has headed the organization.

Frank J. Hayes, of Springfield, Ill., was elected vice-president, and Edwin Perry was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Never in the history of the Mine Workers' organization has there been a fight so vigorously contested as that which to-day ended in the victory of White over Lewis. Little opposition was manifested to Perry supporting himself as secretary-treasurer, though W. Green of Colchost, Ohio, his opponent, made as hard a fight as he could.

Hayes was opposed by E. S. McCullough, of Bay City, Mich., and he, too, won without great effort. But the war between Lewis and White was hard and bitter from the start. There was great opposition to various policies Lewis had fathered in the organization, and from the time the first ballot was cast until the count was finished to-day, never a moment was wasted by his foes in the effort to send the president of the union "back to the mines."

About 600,000 penguin eggs are gathered from nearby islands and sold for rosin in Cape Colony every year.

WATER COMMISSIONER IS PREPARING REPORT

Soon Have Recommendation on Sooke Lake Scheme Ready for Council

Pursuant to instructions from the mayor and council, James L. Raymer, water commissioner, is preparing a suggested plan of action in respect to the manner which the big scheme of bringing water from Sooke lake shall be attacked. This report will be ready for presentation to the council at an early date, and it is probable that a special meeting of that body will be held to consider the same.

The report will necessarily deal primarily with the need of compensating the land necessary for watered land at Sooke lake, Sooke river and their tributaries as shall secure full protection of the water supply.

The council are empowered, under the terms of the by-law which was approved by the ratepayers recently, to expend whatever sums may be necessary for this purpose.

No contract for the actual carrying out of the work involved in the undertaking shall be entered into, however, until the terms of such contract have been approved by the ratepayers at a vote to be taken on a by-law setting forth the terms of the contract.

A number of the aldermen are favorable to the city securing at the outset the services of one of the most eminent hydraulic engineers available, and it is likely that a first step towards the execution of the work undertaken will be the securing of such a man, who would be asked to come here and reside during the period of the work.

CHICAGO RAILWAYS MAY BE AMALGAMATED

Proposed Merger Would Include All Elevated and Surface Lines

(Special to the Times.) Chicago, Jan. 25.—It is rumored in financial circles to-day that a proposition to consolidate the street railways of Chicago is being considered.

According to the report the proposed merger shall include the elevated and surface lines and the corporation will be capitalized at \$71,000,750. This includes stocks and bonds.

While it is admitted that the deal may not be carried through it is said that negotiations are far advanced. Rumor says that Henry Blair of the Chicago Railway Company, is engineering the deal.

WILL QUARANTINE SHIPPING

Amoy, China, Jan. 25.—Shipping of all sorts will be quarantined here until the bubonic plague, reported to be spreading in the northern provinces, is checked.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT GOWGANDA

PORTION OF TOWN ALMOST WIPED OUT

Three Hotels and Bank Among Buildings Burned—Loss Estimated at \$100,000

(Special to the Times.) Gowganda, Ont., Jan. 25.—During the strongest gale of the winter broke out about noon yesterday in Cohan's dry-goods store, practically destroying the southern portion of the town. The loss is probably amounting to \$100,000. The fire is mostly Canadian companies with about \$75,000 in the American companies represented.

The buildings destroyed include the Queen's hotel, King Edward hotel, the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Dr. Grant's office, Todd Mohant Pharmacy, fruit, grocery and grocery, Karm Bros., grocers and dry-goods; Landria, Tobaccos, Carier & Bright, druggists; Taylor Drug Company, the telephone office, Gray, Barber, Mint saloon, Brownlee poolroom, Cherette saloon, Blackhawk livery, Boumbant saloon, Prospect hotel, Miners' Union hall, Davis restaurant, Coldwell & Coldwell. The origin of the fire is not known.

BALLOTS MISSING

Judge Will Investigate the Midland Mayoralty Contest.

(Special to the Times.) Barrie, Ont., Jan. 25.—On January 30 Judge Wilmer will investigate the Midland mayoralty contest. A record had on Saturday on the application of H. J. Craig, who was defeated by Digby Brown by three votes. Disclosure of the fact that three ballots marked for Brown in one poll had disappeared, wiping out his majority. An effort will be made to trace the missing ballots.

TWO LOSE THEIR LIVES WHILE SKATING

They Ignored Warning and Fell through Thin Ice into the Lake.

(Special to the Times.) Lunenburg, N. S., Jan. 25.—Two sons of Capt. Lambert Lohnes of Middle Cove, were drowned last night while skating on Lakeview river. They ignored a warning about thin ice and skated to a spot where the ice gave way. Their bodies, which were swept away by the current, have not been recovered.

LARGEST U. S. WARSHIP

Washington, Jan. 24.—Another Dreadnought will be added to the American navy the latter part of March, when the first class battleship Utah, now nearing completion at the plant of the New York Shipbuilding Company at Camden, N. J., will be delivered to the government.

The full load displacement of the Utah is 23,251 tons. She will be the largest afloat in the United States navy at the present time, although the battleships Wyoming, Arkansas, New York and Texas will be still more powerful when completed. The speed of the Utah will be 20 1/2 knots.

The Florida, which is the sister ship of the Utah, is being built by the government at the New York navy yard. On January 1, the Florida was 66.67 per cent finished.

FIRST RUN OF THE ADELAIDE

NEW FERRY WENT INTO COMMISSION LAST NIGHT

Arrives Back Here at 6 o'Clock—Cuts Considerable Time Off the Schedule

(From Wednesday's Daily.) Carrying a full list of passengers, many of whom were prominent Victorians invited by officials of the B. C. Coast service to make the inaugural trip of the new steamer on the Victoria-Vancouver run, the palatial acquisition to the C. P. R. fleet, the Princess Adelaide, with Capt. Hunter, formerly master of the Charmer, in command, left port last night at 11:45 o'clock on her first inter-city run to the Terminal city, where she arrived this morning at 6 o'clock.

The Adelaide represents the very last word in construction and equipment, and her accommodation and convenience for travelling are of the most up-to-date type to be found on any vessel of her class in the world. Her 119 staterooms were well lighted and the comfort provided the passengers in these commodious, well-lighted and well-ventilated rooms met with warm praise. For those who were unfortunately in need of securing berths they reposed upon the soft chairs, lounges and settees found in the spacious saloons, smoking and observation rooms.

A feature of the new vessel which is bound to prove popular with the great part of the travelling public is the restaurant on the deck, in addition to the elegant dining-room below. It is fitted up as finely as any grill room on land, while the dining-room is beautifully finished in walnut with gold fittings. At the aft end of the promenade deck is the smoking room, which is handsomely done in solid oak with panels of ancient hammered brass, and is probably the most artistic room on the ship.

The new Princess made one of the fastest night passages to Vancouver that has been accomplished for some time. She cut considerable time off the performances of the old boats that have been on the run prior to her arrival. Although only built under contract to make seven knots, on her trial trips she successfully reeled off 12 knots.

The Adelaide is driven by a single screw and is equipped with four boilers 15 feet 3 inches in diameter by 12 feet long, with forced draught on the closed stokehold system. Her engine is of the four-cylinder, triple-expansion type, designed by the Schlager & Co. system. The cylinders are 42-inch, 42-inch, 42-inch and 38-inch stroke. The steam pressure is 180 pounds, and the auxiliaries, in the way of pumps, heaters, etc., are of the latest type. She is lighted throughout by electricity, the dynamo being capable of furnishing current for 1,500 sixteen-candle-power lamps. The Adelaide is steam-heated throughout and has a splendid system of ventilation. She has also patent stockless anchors and the latest type of winches.

Her dimensions are as follows: Length 295 feet between perpendiculars, 300 feet overall, 17 feet depth. She is constructed of steel with cellular double bottom, seven transverse bulkheads, two watertight flats, and is otherwise as nearly unsinkable as possible. She has a cargo capacity for any of the C. P. R.'s local or northern services, and is a very useful addition to the fleet on the coast.

CIGARETTE CAUSES FATAL EXPLOSION

Miner Instantly Killed and Six Other Members of Family Are Injured

(Times Leased Wire.) Ellensburg, Wash., Jan. 25.—The lighting of a cigarette caused the death of one child of Matt Harrison, a miner, and the serious injury of six other members of the family, who are in a hospital in this city to-day suffering from terrible burns.

Harrison had taken a can of powder to his home and sparks from his cigarette caused the stuff to explode. The house was demolished and none of the children can recover, the doctors declare.

TO INVEST IN CANADA

Montreal, Jan. 25.—A trust company has just been created in Scotland which will devote its energies very largely to the investment of funds in Canada. It is the Scottish and Canadian General Investment Company, with head offices in Edinburgh, and a cable to the Star states that the issue of 150,000 preferred and 100,000 ordinary shares of £1 each have been largely over-subscribed. It is stated upon excellent authority that the Royal Securities Corporation, of which W. M. Aitken, M. P., is president, took 20,000 ordinary shares of the issue, and that Mr. Aitken's company will act as agents and advisers in Canada to the Scottish enterprise.

SMALLPOX IN LUCAN

London, Ont., Jan. 25.—The startling discovery has been made that a whole family near Lucan has had smallpox and kept it quiet for fear of being quarantined. Fifteen cases have developed in the neighborhood.

KILLED BY TRAIN

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 25.—Unable to see an approaching train at "Dead Man's curve," on the Great Northern tracks in this city to-day, Michael P. Brown was run down and killed. Brown worked for a local tugboat company. It is believed.

CITY TO ENGAGE EDWARD MOHUN

BIG SCHEME OF FORESHORE PROTECTION

Engineer of Public Works Department to Assist Angus Smith

Plans are now being formulated at the instigation of Ald. Peden, chairman of the cemetery committee of the city council, for a comprehensive scheme of foreshore protection of the most permanent character. It is hinted that the groynes system, as it has been utilized in the British Isles, will be employed on a very extensive scale.

Ald. Langley, who, like Ald. Peden is a representative of ward five, wherein lies the site for the work, is requiring foreshore protection, is heartily co-operating with the chairman of the parks committee in the matter, and he has thrown out the suggestion that in its master plan for the work in connection with the city engineer, the preparation of the scheme it is planned to follow.

Ald. Peden is agreeable to this suggestion, and it is probable that at an early date the council will ask Mr. Mohun to take up the work in connection with the city engineer. The latter is already engaged in drawing tentative plans.

Ald. Peden is of the opinion that every point on the foreshore running from Oak Bay to the outer wharf, where there are evidences of serious erosion, should be dealt with. The section of waterfront at Ross Bay cemetery and on Dallas road, between Menzies street and Montreal street, are perhaps most in need of attention, but at other points the groyne system could also be utilized to advantage.

Ald. Langley, who initiated the project for the erection of the sea wall on Oak Bay to the outer wharf, the contract for which was let some months ago to the Pacific Coast Construction Company, has arrived at the conclusion that the groyne system will have to be resorted to at this point also if the life of the wall is to be guaranteed. Recent severe gales have demonstrated that no matter how solidly the wall may be built it is only a question of time before it will be battered to pieces by the ceaseless pounding of the breakers driven on shore before a high gale.

Ald. Langley intimated at last Monday evening's meeting of the council that it would be necessary to utilize groyne outside the wall as an additional protection.

In view of the fact that at many points in England, where successful experiments have been made in foreshore protection, nearly 70,000 have been constructed of concrete piles, it is probable that they will be used by the city in its work along the southern waterfront.

ATTACKS SEATTLE'S MAYOR

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 25.—With three days more for registration for the recall election, nearly 70,000 have signed their intention of voting. George W. Dilling, whom the Welfare League has put forward as a candidate to oust Mayor H. C. Gill from office, began a hot campaign last night. He attacked Gill for permitting the police department to have protected vice agents.

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LEAPS TO DEATH IN SIGHT OF WIFE

Portland Man Kisses Wife and Then Jumps From Bridge Into the River

(Times Leased Wire.) Portland, Ore., Jan. 25.—Grover Townsend, aged 25, jumped from the Hawthorne bridge into the Willamette river, where he was drowned last night, because he had quarrel with his wife, according to Mrs. Townsend.

The couple had been married three months. He was the seventh person to commit suicide in as many days.

"Grover and I quarrelled over some money Saturday," said Mrs. Townsend. "He remained away from home and yesterday I went to his place of employment and asked him to return. He said he would. While crossing the bridge he handed me his watch. Then he climbed over the railing, I caught hold of his coat, but could not hold him. He shouted 'good-bye' as he fell."

Boatmen below the span went to rescue the struggling man, but he sank before the skiff reached him. The body has not been recovered.

ACCUSED OF MURDER

Houston, Miss., Jan. 25.—Reuben Davis, 70, the wealthiest man in this county, is in jail charged with the murder of his brother, John Davis. The shocking result of a four-year feud between the brothers over politics, meeting on Monday, the men pulled out their pistols and shot. Reuben drew a revolver and fired.

IGNORED TREATY RIGHTS

St. Petersburg, Jan. 24.—A news dispatch from Peking states that the Chinese naval in Harbin has been dismissed by the post at the request of the Russian minister, who complained that the naval had persistently ignored Russia's treaty rights in Manchuria.

LARGE CONTRACT TO BUILD

MARINE DEPT. AT PRINCE RUPERT

Dominion Government Tender of Pacific Construction

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Jan. 24.—The construction of a terminal depot at Prince Rupert awarded to the Pacific Construction Company, of Vancouver, in the neighborhood of the construction is complete.

The above from the correspondent is of interest, not only for it indicates the success in bidding against the Edward Thomas awarded to the Pacific Construction Company, of Vancouver, in the neighborhood of the construction is complete.

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PROGRESSIVES
FORM LEAGUE

NEW REPUBLICAN
NATIONAL ORGANIZATION

Nation-Wide Fight for Popular
Government Will Be
Inaugurated

Washington, D. C., Jan. 24.—Formal
announcement was made to-day of the
organization of the National Republi-
can Progressive League. It was formed
by Progressive Republican senators,
governors, congressmen and others to
make a nation-wide systematic fight
for popular government.

Plans that have been underway since
the opening of congress were consum-
mated at a meeting Saturday night,
when a declaration of principles was
signed, a constitution adopted and the
following officers elected: President,
senator Bourne, Oregon; first vice-
president, Congressman Norris, Ne-
braska; second vice-president, Gov.
Gobron, Michigan; treasurer, Charles
C. Crane, Chicago. Executive commit-
tee—Senators Clapp, Minnesota, and
Bristow, Kansas, and Lenroot, Wis-
consin; Representative-elect William
Cott, California; Gifford Pinchot,
Pennsylvania; George L. Record, New
Jersey.

The declaration of principles was
signed by nine Republican United
States senators, the governors of six
Republican states, and 13 members of
the House.

The object of the league is the pro-
tection of popular government and
repressive legislation.
"Popular government in America has
been thwarted, progressive legislation
trampled by special interests which
control congress and the executive,
and party organizations, and
through the control of the machinery
of government, dictate nominations and
platforms, and elect administrations,
legislatures, representatives in con-
gress, United States senators and con-
gressmen, and cabinet officers," says the
declaration.

Under existing conditions, legislation
in the public interest has been baffled
and defeated. This is evidenced by a
long struggle to secure laws that
radically effective for control of railway
rates and a revision of the tariff in
the interest of the producer and con-
sumer; statutes dealing with trusts
and combinations, based on sound
economic principles as applied to mod-
ern industrial and commercial con-
ditions; the construction of the banking and
monetary system; conservation of oil,
gas and timber and water power sites,
and other natural resources; belong-
ing to the people, and for the enactment
of all legislation solely for the common
good.

First in proportion as popular govern-
ment has in certain states, it has
ceded the delegate convention system
and the people have assumed control
of the ministry of government, has
government become responsive to the
popular will and progressive legisla-
tion been secured."

The Progressive Republican League
believes that popular government is
fundamental to all other questions. To
this end it advocates:
1. Election of United States senators
by direct vote of the people.
2. Direct primaries for the nomina-
tion of all elective officials.
3. Direct election of delegates to na-
tional conventions with opportunity
for the voter to express his choice for
president and vice-president.

4. Amendment of state constitutions
providing for the initiative, referendum
and recall.
5. A thorough going corrupt practice
act.

The league will co-operate with pro-
gressives in the several states, and
wherever acceptable will render assist-
ance in promoting the organization of
state leagues.

Whenever requested by any pro-
gressive state league or progressive
leaders in state legislatures, the Na-
tional Progressive Republican League
will aid in the preparation of appro-
priate bills and resolutions, and will
furnish speakers and literature in sup-
port of legislative action upon the prop-
ositions enumerated in the five num-
bered paragraphs set forth in the de-
claration of principles.

Those who sign the declaration are:
Senators—Bourne, Oregon; Beveridge,
Indiana; Bristow, Kansas; Brown, Ne-
braska; Cummins, Iowa; Clapp, Minne-
sota; Dixon, Montana; Gromka, North
Dakota, and La Follette, Wisconsin.
Governors—Aldrich, Nebraska; Carey,
Wyoming; Johnson, California; Mc-
Cormack, Wisconsin; Osborne, Michigan;
Stubbins, Kansas.
Representatives—Cooper and Cary,
Wisconsin; Davis, Minnesota; E. H.
Hubbard, Iowa; Haugen, Iowa; Len-
root, Wisconsin; Lindberg, Wisconsin;
Murdock, Kansas; Madison, Kansas;
Morse, Wisconsin; Nelson, Wisconsin;
Norris, Nebraska, and Poindexter,
Washington.

KAMLOOPS BOY SCOUTS.

Kamloops, Jan. 23.—There was a
largely attended meeting of citizens and
boys in the drill hall to take into con-
sideration the advisability of forming
a local association of boy scouts in
affiliation with the parent movement
suggested by Col. Baden-Powell. After
some discussion the association was
formally organized, with the mayor as
chairman, Rev. W. A. Wylie was ap-
pointed chaplain, Sergt. Clarke, secre-
tary and Chief Rothnie and Lieut.
Wain scouts managers.

The boys selected are: B. Batchelor and
E. Hannis as patrol leaders and the
association looks forward to a large
membership and a life of usefulness.
Regular meetings for instruction will
be held every Friday, made to enlist
the active support of the citizens in
an excellent organization.

WOUNDED AUTHOR
LIKELY TO RECOVER

Cause of Shooting of David G.
Phillips in New York is
Still a Mystery.

New York, Jan. 24.—Following an ex-
amination to-day of David Graham
Phillips, the author, shot yesterday by
Fitzhugh Coyle Goldsborough, a Har-
vard graduate, Doctors Dolan and
Hotchkiss announced that the victim
had a chance for recovery. "The
chief danger," say the physicians, is
pneumonia, but there is no indication
of this as yet.

The cause of the shooting is still a
mystery. Washington friends of Golds-
borough declare that he was insane and
probably frantically that he had a griev-
ance against the author.

"Phillips told the police to-day that he
had never seen his assailant before the
shooting.

A friend of the author to-day gave out
the following:
"Goldsborough several weeks ago told
me that Phillips had done a great
wrong, but did not say whether it was
against him or another. He left the
impression, however, that it was
against some one else. I told him
Phillips in the man of the highest
honor and that he knew how to take
care of himself. I also warned Golds-
borough that he would land in jail if
he molested Phillips."

So far the police have found nothing
in Goldsborough's effects indicating the
nature of his grievances.
Senator Beveridge of Indiana, an in-
timate friend of Phillips, arrived here
last night from Washington and went
to the hospital. He said:
"Phillips was a most lovable char-
acter and I did not know that he had
an enemy. I intend to remain in New
York until my friend is out of danger."

"Phillips' friends to-day scout the
suggestion that Goldsborough had at-
tacked him because the assassin be-
lieved his family had been taken as the
model for Phillips' novel, 'The Fash-
ionable Adventures of Joshua Craig.'
They say that the author did not know
Goldsborough's family and that the
characters in the novel were fanciful.

The police to-day are still working
on an adequate motive for the attack
on the novelist. They have learned
that Goldsborough sent threatening
letters to Phillips and that Phillips
are busily probing the lives of the two
men in the effort to learn a real cause
for the attempted murder and the as-
sassin's motive.

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Toronto, Jan. 24.—Fitzhugh Coyle
Goldsborough, the violinist and teach-
er, who shot David Graham Phillips,
the author, in New York and then com-
mitted suicide, had a study in Toronto
about 2 years ago and remained here
for some time. He was looked upon as
rather erratic but a good musician, Dr.
A. S. Vogt, the well-known conductor,
remembers seeing Goldsborough when the
latter was in this city but did not see
much of him. Goldsborough, it is said,
was here on one occasion with the
Pittsburgh orchestra.

CHARGES BRIBERY IN
ILLINOIS ELECTIONS

More Than Hundred Witnesses
Will Be Heard by
Grand Jury

Danville, Ill., Jan. 23.—Election cor-
ruption and bribery, which is declared
to have been rampant for years in
"Uncle Joe's" balliwick, Vermillion
county, promises to be bared to the
grand jury investigating, according to
a statement sent to newspapers by the
prominent attorney in which he con-
fessed buying votes in a previous elec-
tion. The attorney in his statement
says he kept record of the names of
the voters who were bribed, the amount
paid, but this record, he said, he re-
cently burned. His statement concludes
with the assertion that he was willing
to tell full details to the grand jury,
including a meeting of the grand jury
survived by the matine and burlesque
department, but managers state that
it is practically impossible to take wit-
nesses in the night, without a light at
the entrance, after midnight.

The contention of the grand jury
was that the recent arrivals at Mas-
sachusetts were Messrs. Pearson and Rob-
ertson, who will begin active oper-
ations in the extraction of gold from
the black sand deposits on the east
coast of Graham Island.

It is reported that E. X. Lesueur,
manager of the Danville National
Bank, told the grand jury that large
sums of the county's money was usual-
ly drawn out of his bank shortly before
each election.

TEN DAYS FROM LOS ANGELES.

The trim little four-masted schooner
Andy Mahoney, Capt. J. M. Jorgensen,
reached Port Townsend on Wednesday
last, ten days from Los Angeles, be-
ing far as Capt. Jorgensen knows this is
the sailing record between the two ports
and not one of the score or more of old
salties that form the Key City Green
Club can recall a smarter trip, though
some of them were sailing into Puget
Sound nearly a century ago.

The Mahoney was delayed one day by
a heavy blow from the northeast, and
later ran into a calm. The rest of the
voyage she had strong and favorable winds
and pleasant weather, and reached Cape
Flattery on the ninth day out. As befits
a ship with such a name, the Mahoney's
hull is resplendent with green paint, while
her upper works are white. She is a com-
paratively new schooner, having been
built at Aberdeen, Wash., in 1902. Captain
Jorgensen with his vessel is bound to
load lumber coastwise.

SHEEP AND GOATS
FOR GRAHAM ISLAND

Will Be Sent North by Oregon
Syndicate—Activity at
Virago Sound

(Special Correspondence.)
Massey, Jan. 10.—Thirty thousand
sheep and goats will be turned loose on
the west shore of Massey inlet, in
Oregon syndicate. A steamer has been
chartered to convey the animals from
Seattle to Virago Sound. It has been
asserted that large packing houses will
be constructed on the inlet. The cli-
mate is similar to that of Vancouver
island and tame cattle roam the year
round without any care. On the west
side of Massey inlet 10 cattle have been
sighted and the thousands of acres, on
which no settler has located, will pro-
vide abundance of food.

Virago Sound is the scene of a great
deal of active work, occasioned by the
purchase of three-quarters of an island
of land, by the whaling company and
the building of wharves and houses.
Sixty men are employed, including a
number of Japanese, and an electric
light plant has been installed and set in
operation. The company is rushing the
work and has chartered the steam-
er Henriette to carry lumber and sup-
plies.

The holiday festivities on Massey
Inlet were carried out in a manner
that assured the newcomers a hearty
welcome, and each of the settlements
held celebrations, which proved most
enjoyable. The town hall, on the Mas-
sey reserve was the scene of the dinner
given by David Bell, at which three
hundred guests, including fifty whites,
participated. The young host was
united in marriage to Alice Chapman,
one of the Hydras, by Rev. William
Hogan, and the happy couple en-
tertained their many friends in honor
of the event.

A football game was played at Mas-
sey on Jan. 2, between a team of
white settlers and the Hydras. Capt.
McTavish acted as referee. After one
hour's play the game resulted in a
draw, neither team scoring. The In-
dians are now preparing the ground
for a return match, which will be
played in the near future.

Dr. Cross, superintendent of the
hospital at St. Charles City, spent
the Christmas holidays in Massey,
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MINOR APPOINTMENTS TAKEN FROM JUDGES

University Endowment - Selection of Lands - Faculty of Commerce to Be Created

Legislative Press Gallery, Jan. 24. In line with the policy of centralizing all appointments in the hands of the government more particularly when in some department of provincial administration which falls under the control of Attorney-General Bowser - the House to-day was asked to consider two bills which take away from judges or court officers certain small appointments which they now have power to make.

MANY ARE NOW LEAVING PEKIN

Plague Case at Capital Believed to Be Responsible for Exodus

Every Indication That Accommodation Will Be Inadequate for Tourist Traffic

Pekin, Jan. 25.-The weekly express to Hankow yesterday was crowded with refugees. These included college professors, military officers, the Italian minister, minor diplomats and persons of means who find the moment convenient for vacation or retirement. The bubonic plague, which had its first victim here several days ago, and it is believed, many places, is the primary cause of the exodus.

WANTON FORMS NEW LACROSSE CLUB

Fierce Three-Cornered Battle Will Be Waged for Provincial Championship

LABORS' REQUESTS

Deputation Waits Upon Provincial Executive and States Views. The provincial executive on Monday afternoon received a deputation from the British Columbia executive of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, headed by J. C. Watterson and introduced by H. F. W. Behnen, M. P. E. The following were the requests laid before the government:

BRITAIN MAY HAVE NEW AERO CLUB

Only Experienced Aviators Will Now Be Admitted to Membership

FARMERS' BANK CASE

(Special to the Times.) London, Jan. 25.-For the first time in its history the Royal Aero Club of Great Britain is experiencing real opposition in the form of a rival aero organization which was formed for the purpose of putting the older club to business. There is every indication to-day that the Royal Aero Club will be supplanted by the new club as the recognized organization of England.

LOCAL NEWS

FIGHTING PLAGUE

WHALERS PREPARING FOR COMING SEASON

Active preparations are now being made by the Canadian Northern Pacific Fisheries Company in preparing their whaling fleet for the coming season. The company's whaling fleet consists of 15 vessels, of which 10 are already in the water.

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FIRE DESTROYS STEAMER

MATES CERTIFICATE

Examinations for coaling mates certificates were held at the Victoria Marine Department, and all who tried were successful in passing. Tickets of competency will be issued by the department to M. McKenna, J. Edson, and Edward G. Gordon, who were coached by the Victoria Nautical school, conducted by James J. Jarvis.

STATUTES OF RE VICTORIA

TAKE NOTICE

ALLEGED JURY TAMPERING

Washington, D. C., Jan. 25.-The House yesterday passed the post office appropriation bill, carrying a total of \$300,000,000. An amendment was adopted providing that the salaries of mail carriers from \$20 to \$25.

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