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MEXICANS AND JAPS IN LABOR FIGHT

TWO INJURED MEN WILL PROBABLY DIE

Many Miners Are Idle in Cripple Creek District—Discussing Award of Commission.

Oxnard, Cal., March 24.—Two hundred blue boys were exchanged yesterday in a labor fight between Japanese and Mexicans. The trouble arose over an attempt of union laborers to put a union sign on a wagon occupied by non-union men. Perfecto Ogas and L. Vasquez will die of pistol wounds. Two Japanese and another Mexican were also shot. Six hundred Japanese and four hundred Mexicans are on the verge of a bloody fight. The men are connected with the beet sugar industry.

Cripple Creek, Colo., March 24.—The strike situation in this district is rapidly assuming an acute phase. There is every indication that every mine in the district, with the exception of Wood's properties and the Portland Company, will be closed down within the next 24 hours. The Cripple Creek mine laid off its force of 50 men last night, and the example will be followed in rapid succession, until at least 5,000 men will be out of employment.

Discussed Award. Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 24.—A large attendance mass meeting of United Mine Workers took place here last night to discuss the award of the strike commission. The sentiment prevailed that the award gave the miners the privilege of summing the new board of conciliation, which is specified in the award, and asking for the weighing of coal. The men seemed to be satisfied with everything else, and they believe the commission has left the coal weighing question in a position where it can be taken up and adjusted between the men and their employers.

Views of Officials. Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 22.—Local mine officials in and about Wilkesbarre were seen today in reference to the mine commission award, but nearly all declined to make any comment. The manner in which they express themselves, however, would indicate that they are satisfied, or at least willing to abide by the findings and carry out its provisions. An official of the largest corporation said the award was a practical vindication of the coal companies; that the 10 per cent. increase and reduction of hours to the miners was practically conceded. He reported that reports and the review of the coal mining conditions will be of great ultimate good; that violence and boycotts have been denounced in no unmistakable language, and that peace and normal conditions will prevail in this region for the next three years at least.

All the local company officials will put their clerks at work to-morrow to figure up the bonus coming to each employee under the award, granting 10 per cent. increase of wages earned since November 1st. The Lehigh Company has in its employ 35,000 men, and a majority of them will receive from \$25 to \$50 extra. The miners have also made good wages since the strike ended, and will profit by the award to the extent of from \$10 to \$80 a month, according to the Susquehanna Coal Company was the only corporation that was not represented before the commission, but they have agreed to the result of the award. They will pay their employees the same rate and in the same manner as all the other companies.

KILLED BY HIGHWAYMEN.

Further Details of the Attempted Hold-Up of Los Angeles Electric Car.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 22.—Further particulars were gathered to-day of the attempted hold-up last night of a car on the Los Angeles-Pacific electric line, a mile outside the city limits, when in the battle, which followed one passenger, H. A. Griswold, of Manson, La., was killed and three others wounded.

It is believed that one of the robbers was badly wounded, because the man was heard to cry out, and was seen to half fall off the car immediately after Henderson began shooting at him.

The hold-up occurred at the base of a deep cut near the junction of the Ocean Park electric line. The robbers had placed a steel rail, a large bench and a cement barrel on the track at a point near where it runs through a large vineyard. The moment the car struck, three men wearing white masks or hoods, and chiefs over their faces sprang from the weeds alongside the track. One of them boarded the front end of the car, and the other two to the rear end. The man who boarded the front end commanded the passengers who were occupying the open seats at that end to put up their hands, and when one of them did not comply he fired a shot.

A man named Henderson was seated within six feet of the point where the robber boarded the car, and having seen

the obstruction he drew his revolver. The instant the robber fired at the other man, Henderson opened fire on him, shooting at least as he could pull the trigger. The robber then turned his gun upon Henderson, but as he did so he was seen to bend over and then cried out as if in pain. Then, straightening up, he began shooting at the bunch of passengers who were huddled in the front seats.

Griswold was seated about the middle of the car, with his back turned toward the robbers. At the command "Hands up," he tried to secure his watch under his legs, and one of the robbers, thinking he was about to draw a gun, fired point blank at him. The bullet struck him in the back of the neck, and he fell over into the lap of his aged mother, who was seated at his side.

After emptying their revolvers, the robbers backed out of the door and sprang off the car and disappeared. Which way they went none of the passengers knew.

FORMER PRESIDENT DEAD. General Ereta, a Conspicuous Figure in South America, Dead at Mazatlan.

New York, March 24.—A special cablegram from the city of Mexico to the Herald says: "General Carlos Ereta, former president of Salvador, died Sunday at Mazatlan. He had lived at Mazatlan a year or more. Lately he had been reduced to absolute want. He was deserted by his friends, and will be buried at the expense of Governor Canedo. Carl Ereta was a man of great power was remarkable as his ending is pathetic. He was one of the conspicuous figures in South America. His adventurous spirit, his bold fighting qualities, made him the idol of his army, and finally the head of a prosperous republic. He was born at San Salvador in 1853."

DECISION OF COURTS.

When a Man Is Imprisoned For Wife Murder He Is Judicially Dead. Chicago, March 24.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Mount Vernon, Ill., says: "The Illinois Appellate court has ruled in the fourth district has decided that when a man is sent to prison for the murder of his wife, he is judicially dead, and his children are entitled to the insurance on the life of the murdered woman, even if it was taken out in favor of the husband. This is said to be a point never before decided, or passed upon by the appellate court or either of the Appellate courts of this or any other state."

VOLCANO QUIET.

No Damage Done at Georgetown By the Latest Outbreak of Soufriere.

London, March 24.—The colonial office yesterday received a dispatch from the governor of Windward Islands, Sir Robert Llewellyn, sent from the island of Grenada, which says the features of eruption of Soufriere, on the Island of St. Vincent, are the immense clouds of smoke and the comparative absence of lightning. No injury has been done to Georgetown, St. Vincent, beyond a heavy fall of sand and small stones, and some damage to the crops. The governor adds that the volcano quieted down during the afternoon.

The date of this eruption is not given, but it is presumably refers to that of March 21st.

DEAN FARRAR DEAD.

Noted Ecclesiastic Passes Away at Canterbury, Aged Seventy-two Years.

London, March 22.—Very Rev. Frederick William Farrar, dean of Canterbury since 1895, died to-day in his seventy-second year.

Dean Farrar had long been in delicate health, and disabled by creeping paralysis. He latterly had to be carried everywhere, and was unable to officiate at the cathedral service the last night. He was present at some school sports on Saturday afternoon, but passed a restless night. His condition became serious this morning and he expired peacefully at 8 o'clock.

COMING FIGHT.

"Young Corbett" Training Hard for His Match With McGovern.

San Francisco, March 24.—"I've been training six weeks now for my fight with McGovern," said "Young Corbett" to-day, "and I tell you I feel it. There will be a different Corbett in the ring than there was when I fought Hanson. Corbett appears to be in splendid condition, but is still a little over weight. His father has come to see the fight."

SNOW INTERRUPTS TRAFFIC.

Milwaukee, Wis., March 24.—Wisconsin has just experienced one of the worst snowstorms of the winter, and reports from several cities in the interior are to the effect that nearly a foot of snow has fallen. Railroad traffic is seriously impeded.

HARRY VARDON ILL.

New York, March 24.—A special cable from London to the Herald says: "Harry Vardon, the famous golfer, has ruptured a blood vessel, and is lying seriously ill. He will be unable to play in the Bournemouth tournament on Thursday."

MORRISSEY MEN REJECT THE TERMS

HITCH IN SETTLING CROW'S NEST STRIKE

Miners at Fernie and Michel Are Also Likely to Refuse to Accept Agreement.

Fernie, March 24.—It looks rather blue for a settlement of the strike at present. The miners of the different local unions have insisted upon voting upon the question.

Yesterday Morrissey union voted almost unanimously against settling on the proposed terms.

SOMETIMES NECESSARY.

Miners' President Mitchell on the Subject of Strikes.

Huntington, W. V., March 24.—Coal operators, miners, laboring men, professional men, bankers and business men to the number of more than 2,000 crowded in front of a local hotel here to-day to listen to an open air address by President John Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, on the subject of strikes. He said in part:

"I am not an advocate of strikes, but there are times when they are necessary to clinch the argument of truth in the interests of the laborers of this country. Strikes are a feature of civilization, and they are merely a means to an end in the eyes of the people. In many countries and states have no strikes, they are unknown there. We want a better understanding between employer and employee, and we come with offerings of peace. The labor unions are trusts, just like your doctors' trust, the ministers' trust, and the money trust, only we call these associations and corporations while we style ourselves unions."

THE GAMEY CHARGES.

Government Willing to Introduce Legislation Giving Full Powers to Commissioners.

Toronto, March 24.—There were two features of interest in the continued debate on the Gamey charges at this afternoon's session of the legislature. The first was the announcement by Premier Bovey that as there appeared to be a divergence of opinion as to the power of the commissioners in regard to compelling witnesses to answer all questions, some holding that under the statutes a judge would be handicapped, the government was willing to introduce special legislation insuring full power to the commissioners in this respect.

CROW'S NEST STRIKE.

Chairman of Conciliation Committee Still Hopeful That a Settlement Will Be Reached.

Fernie, March 25.—The miners at Michel, by a small majority, voted to go back to work on the terms offered. The men at the Coal Creek mines, by a vote of seven to one, voted to stay out.

MUST EXHIBIT BOOKS.

New York, March 24.—On the application of Robert Miles, jr., a stockholder in the Montreal & Boston Copper Co., Ltd., Justice Leventritt, in the Supreme court, has granted a temporary writ of mandamus directing the transfer agents for the corporation in this city to deposit its stock books for the inspection of stockholders.

RHEUMATISM WILL SUCCUMB TO SOUTH AMERICAN RHEUMATIC CURE.

It goes right to the seat of the trouble and removes the cause. Many so-called cures but deaden pain temporarily only, to have it return again with doubled violence. Not so with this great remedy. It eradicates from the system the root-cause of the disease and its cure is permanent. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—74.

FAST STEAMER SERVICE.

Unconfirmed Report of an Agreement Between Dominion Government and Allan Line.

London, March 24.—An agreement has been signed between the Dominion government and the Allan line for the establishment of a subsidized fast service between Canada and Glasgow and Liverpool. The arrangement stipulates that the steamers will be started every twenty-one knots, and specifications for a number of large steamers of this speed are now being prepared. Vessels will be built on the Clyde, on the Tyne and at Belfast. The service will be started within two years. To facilitate the carrying out of the contract an important agreement has been entered into between the Allan line and the Grand Trunk of Canada.

Does Not Credit Report. Montreal, March 24.—Regarding the Associated Press report from London this morning that an agreement had been signed between the Dominion government and Allan line for the establishment of a subsidized fast service between Canada, Glasgow and Liverpool, Andrew A. Allan, of the Allan line, stated that he has had no official communication from the head offices concerning the arrangement, and he does not believe that the agreement has been signed, as the Canadian government has called for tenders for a fast service to begin on June 1st.

Nothing Known in New York. New York, March 24.—Nothing is known in the New York office of the Allan line regarding the agreement between the Dominion government and the company for a fast service between Canada, Glasgow and Liverpool. It was stated that the negotiations had been conducted from the head office in Glasgow.

REPORTED SUICIDE OF GEN. MACDONALD.

(Associated Press.) London, March 25.—The Evening News, of this city, announces that Major-General Sir Hector Macdonald, commanding the British forces in Ceylon, is against when charges based on alleged immoral acts were filed some time ago, committed suicide to-day by shooting in a hotel in Paris.

FROM WEALTH TO POVERTY.

Sad End of Man Who Was Once a Rival of Armour & Co.

New York, March 24.—After a life in which he had run the gamut from great wealth to deepest poverty old Charles Tugman, once a competitor of Armour & Co., in Chicago, and later a power on the produce exchange, has died in St. Vincent's hospital. Though his name once had been good for millions, he died practically from starvation, in a pauper's bed, and the friends who had known him in better days learned of it too late to save him from Potter's field.

BETTING PROHIBITED.

Will Not Be Allowed on Any of the Race Tracks in Texas.

Austin, Tex., March 24.—The anti-pool room bill, amended so as to prohibit betting on horse races even at the tracks, has been carried through by a significant vote to-day in the Senate by a margin of one vote. The House refused to amend the anti-trust bill so as to exempt the labor unions from its provisions, and it passed with only two dissenting votes.

MORE SETTLERS.

Large Number Arrived on Allan Liner Corinthian, Which Has Just Reached Halifax.

Halifax, March 24.—The Allan liner Corinthian, with mails and 500 passengers, has arrived from Liverpool. A cattleman with smallpox on the steamer has been sent to quarantine, and three others are held under observation. The remainder of the passengers landed this morning and go west this evening.

MACHINISTS RETURN.

Report That Men Who Struck at Revelstoke Are Back at Work.

Vancouver, March 24.—Governor Condon, of the Yukon, arrived here to-day en route to the north.

OTTAWA NOTES.

Ottawa, March 24.—Members and Senators from the Canadian West will press for additional representation in the senate to correspond with the East. The time has arrived when the West ought to have 24 senators, the same as the other provinces. At present there are only nine senators from west of Lake Superior.

RECENT COLLISION ON CANADIAN PACIFIC

JURY PLACE BLAME ON THE OPERATOR

Executive of Railway Clerks' Association Will Consider Situation at Montreal—Dominion Notes.

Glouce Bay, N. S., March 23.—This morning affairs look decidedly more hopeful at Dominion No. 1, and a much more cheerful feeling continues to prevail. Very little smoke now issues from the pit. The burning area has been pretty well bratticed off, and air has relatively little chance to reach it.

Burglars Arrested. Bridgetown, N. S., March 23.—The two burglars who robbed the Union Bank agency at Granville ferry Friday night, and who were captured here yesterday, were up for examination before the stipendiary magistrate to-day. Their names are George Wilson and James Smith, both of New Brunswick. The steel box which was taken from the safe, and which contained \$5,000, was found at Granville ferry to-day by the side of the river.

Freight Wreck.

Straford, March 23.—There was another wreck on the G. T. R. this morning. The Sarnia way freight at St. Mary's was run into by a fast through freight from London. The through freight was derailed, and a number of the way freight cars badly smashed. No person seriously hurt.

For Bigamy.

Woodstock, March 23.—Wm. D. Burgess and Agnes Had Paddick, charged with bigamy, were to-day sentenced, the former to six months in the Central prison and latter to five months in the reformatory.

Farmer Killed.

Bothwell, March 23.—James Johnson, a farmer who resided a few miles from here, was killed by a large log rolling on him from his wagon.

Died From Exposure.

Winnipeg, March 23.—The body of an Icelander named Erlindson, living near Antler, Assa., who went missing on the 18th, has been found on the prairie, death having occurred from exposure.

Will Be Heard To-day.

The charge of deserting employment preferred against four striking freight clerks by the C. P. R. was again remanded for a day on account of counsel being engaged at the Assize court. The cases will come up to-morrow.

Demand Increase.

Journeymen plumbers of the city have made a demand for an increase of 25 per cent. in wages.

New Policemen.

Twenty new policemen are to be added to the Winnipeg police force owing to the city's rapid development.

Candidates.

South Brandon Conservatives to-day nominated P. Carroll as candidate for the legislature, and Gilbert Plains Conservatives selected Glen Campbell.

Death of Bishop.

Chatham, March 23.—Right Rev. James Rogers, D. D., Roman Catholic bishop of Chatham for 53 years, died yesterday morning, aged 77 years.

Situation Critical. Montreal, March 23.—The situation as regards the local railway clerks has become serious enough for C. E. E. Meyers, of Toledo, president of the National Railway Clerks' Association, who arrived in Montreal on Saturday night, to send out telegrams calling a meeting of the national executive within 24 hours.

against British Columbia dealers who handle nearly all the lumber shipped into the Territories.

Found Dead. Toronto, March 23.—Geo. Vivian, a printer, aged 23, was found dead in a window in the rear of 105 York street yesterday morning. He is supposed to have stumbled in the opening while intoxicated and to have been unable to free himself.

Operator Blamed.

The inquest in the head-on collision at Islington, in which Charles Winger and David Taylor, C. P. R. trainmen, were killed, was concluded here to-night. The jury found that the accident was due to the inexperience of Ernest Pennell, the operator at Cooksville, who had admitted his neglect to deliver orders.

Burning Accident.

Joseph Samms, St. David street, was probably fatally burned to-night by a hanging lamp falling upon him.

READY TO BLOW-IN.

Crofton Smelter Will Be Reopened in a Week—Ore Coming From Republic.

Crofton, March 24.—Steamer City of Nanaimo was in to-day with load of freight, including machinery for the smelter and for Yreka Copper Company. Steamer Venture came in this afternoon with 300 tons of Yreka ore. She reports the snow is slowly going along the bench in Quatsino Sound, but is still very deep on the mountain slopes, which interfere with shipments of ore and mining operations except by the tunnel. Mr. Conside, the company's assayer, is here in charge of the ore.

Shipments from the Lenora dump are continuing at the rate of 110 to 150 tons per diem.

Sixteen large cars of ore from the Lone Pine mine, in Republic, Wash., are expected on the Transfer barge immediately, and to-morrow the Marble Bay mine, on Texada island, commences to ship here at the rate of 100 tons or more daily.

The smelter is nearly ready for blowing in again, and expects to open up in about a week. The Oscar has brought in a load of coal, and more coal and coke are on the way.

There is a huge accumulation of roasted ore on hand, and with regular shipments continuing from the Lenora, the Crofton at Quatsino and Marble Bay, both large furnaces and the smelter will be kept busy. The bunkers on the wharf will be enlarged and another sampling mill will soon be required.

ANTARCTIC EXPLORATION.

All Well on Board the Discovery—Relief Ship Returns to New Zealand.

Christchurch, N. Z., March 25.—The steamer Morning, the Royal Geographical Society's relief ship for the Antarctic steamer Discovery, has arrived at Lyttelton, eight miles from here. She left the Discovery in Antarctic waters on the 20th, all well on board of her.

The Discovery, Capt. R. E. Scott, R. N., fitted out under the auspices of the Royal Geographical Society, the Royal Society and the British government, left England in December of that year. She is one of the strongest ships ever constructed, is built almost entirely of wood, and cost over \$250,000. The Discovery is to spend two Antarctic summers and one winter in the far south, and is expected to reach Lyttelton, N. Z., in August of this year.

BANK MANAGER MISSING.

Mysterious Disappearance of C. H. Davis in Paris.

Paris, March 25.—The Paris edition of the New York Herald states that C. H. Davis, the manager of the Paris branch of Thomas Cook & Sons, has disappeared since last Thursday, when he dined at a restaurant with some friends. He has not since been seen at the bank nor at his home at Neuilly. It is thought that his mind has become temporarily unbalanced in consequence of the recent death of his daughter.

INSURANCE ON STEAMERS.

Exemption of Pacific Liners From Accidents Enables Company to Secure Low Rates.

Montreal, March 24.—A cable from London to-day says: "The fact that Lloyd's have insured the Canadian Pacific company's steamers at a four guinea rate tells greatly in favor of the St. Lawrence route with British shipowners. It is understood that both the Canadian Pacific and Lloyd's regard the low premiums as a test, justified by the Canadian Pacific's exemption from disaster with their Pacific steamers. The Canadian Pacific have been given to understand that the low rate of four guineas is purely experimental. If a year's experience does not justify it the premium will be raised."

COL. ARRONIZ DEAD.

Retired From Governorship of the Northern District of Lower California on Saturday.

Essenau, Lower Cal., March 23.—Former Governor Abraham Aroniz is dead here after an illness lasting only a few hours. Colonel Aroniz last week turned over the governorship of this northern district of Lower California, to his successor, Col. Vogt, and intended to sell on Sunday for San Diego on his way to his new station at Lanaz. The last moment he was taken ill, and had to abandon the trip. He was 70 years of age and a native of San Luis.

BREWERY BURNED.

Lindsay, Ont., March 24.—The Lindsay brewery was destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is \$12,000; insurance \$2,000.

Advertisement for Baking Powder, featuring 'Fifty Years the Standard' and 'Highest Honors World's Fair'.

Vertical text on the left margin: Co. Ld., Shoes in the..., Grocers, Co., Bds., Co., KS, st Ist. Con-AGER, dicitis ts, strengths and dages, prevent disease, Bowes, ST, Near Yates St., VICTORIA, B.C., Laws of said Com- given that the an- the Victoria Lam- Company, Limited, No. 211, Douglas Street, Victoria, on Monday 30th, at 2 p. m., for directors and trans- ness that may be being PALMER, Local Secretary.

POLITICAL MORALITY.

It is quite true that the high court of public opinion will be the tribunal which will pronounce final judgment in the case of Gamey v. the government of Ontario. For that reason we cannot understand why the opposition objects to the reference of the case to a commission of impartial judges. The public must be put in possession of the evidence before it can arrive at a decision. Surely two or more eminent jurists should be thoroughly competent and may safely be depended upon to bring out all the facts germane to the issue as between Mr. Stratton and Mr. Gamey. It is not proposed to restrict the scope of the inquiry in the slightest degree. The judges will be endowed with powers quite as sweeping as those possessed by a committee of the Legislature. All parties concerned will appear before the bar upon precisely the same footing. Mr. Whitney, the leader of the opposition, will have the power of choosing his own counsel, whose fees will be paid by the government. Precisely similar privileges will be conferred upon Mr. Stratton. Yet Mr. Whitney contends that the government has loaded the dice. He has created a tremendous uproar in the Legislature, and has conducted himself in a manner quite unworthy of a leader of a great political party. He has assumed the attitude of a prize fighter and a bully. A leader conscious of being in possession of a strong case, of having the government in his power and knowing that the Premier is in his grasp, would surely comport himself with dignity and decorum and wait with calmness the result of the Gamey revelations. Mr. Whitney, however, does not conduct himself with dignity at all. Nor does he want the investigation conducted with the dignity which would lend strength to his cause if the case is sustained. And it must be said that the present attitude of the leader of the opposition is in the most perfect harmony with his past. That is the reason the public of Ontario is disposed to regard with suspicion the present agitation. Mr. Whitney has been shouting corruption so long and has so invariably balked when an opportunity was afforded him of proving some of his numerous charges that it would occasion but little surprise if in this instance it should turn out that there is more smoke than fire rising around the political pot. The opposition evidently believes it has a splendid tale to preach from for the next four years, and is loath to permit its version of the matter to be revised by any tribunal that will establish the truth. If the affair were presented before a committee of the House the government would exercise its right of putting a majority upon that committee, and no matter what the nature of the testimony that might be adduced it is fairly safe to assume that the report of the majority would exculpate Mr. Stratton. The opposition would not mind that, because it would have an opportunity for further indulgence in the reckless charges it delights in, these charges would be published in the party organs, and perhaps they would be credited by a limited number of people. All this would have its effect at the next general elections. The opportunity for such electioneering will be limited under the scheme of inquiry proposed by the government. Witnesses will feel that they are making their statements before a tribunal empowered to hold them responsible for what they say. The findings of the court will carry some weight. The extreme partisans will be as bitterly partisan as ever, but the independents on both sides of politics, the people who make and unmake governments, will be able to form an intelligent opinion, and they will assuredly deal out even-handed justice to those proven guilty. We are told that the case must be very strong against the government because the independent press has already given judgment, and that that judgment declares the Ross government must go. The independent press of Toronto consists of the Telegram and the News. Both papers are owned by strong Conservatives, and are about as independent as the Colonist. The Telegram poses as a disciple of Dr. Goldwin Smith. Like its great model, it is "agin' everything that is." There is no one thing right; everything is wrong and should be set right. Everything that is up should be pulled down, except that fountain of wisdom the Telegram office. The Telegram cannot make allowance for the defects in all human institutions. It has been laboring for years to down the Ross government, forgetting that the party it would install in the place of the present administration has been caught in two conspiracies to oust Liberal governments. But the people have not forgotten and would probably not be surprised if the courts should establish the fact that the Gamey charges had their root in another conspiracy of the same kind. As for the Toronto News, Mr. Williams is no doubt sincere in his desire to accomplish reforms in the public life of the Dominion, to root out the corruption that is eating at the roots and sapping the vitality of the representative system. These abuses are not local in their character. They are not confined to Ontario by any means. The party worker has entered upon every part of the Dominion as his heritage, and it is the shrewdest hypocrisy for any of us to rise up and point the finger of scorn at Ontario. We wish the News every success in its mission. We are sure there is not a Liberal paper in Canada that

will not render the News all the assistance in its power. If in pursuance of this object it is found necessary to make an example of the Ross government, that government will have to go, that is all. But before passing condemnation would it not be fair to wait and consider the cases presented by both sides? Mr. Stratton says the charges are not true. Mr. Gamey seemed rather taken aback when the responsibility he had assumed was pointed out to him. At the last moment he seemed inclined to withdraw. The News ignores all these things and passes sentence upon the government out of hand. Is it not possible that Mr. Williams is anxious for an opportunity to justify his act in withdrawing from the Globe and taking the News, with him upon the fence?

GAME AND FISH PRESERVATION.

It has been so often asserted that the game of British Columbia is one of the most valuable assets of the people that readers of newspapers probably regard the subject as threadbare. But the importance of the matter is such that there must be kept awake until they take effective steps for the preservation of this source of wealth. The rulers of the older provinces of Canada realize, after the wild game and fish have been practically exterminated owing to the lack of measures for their preservation, that they have not been as far-seeing as they might have been—that they have sinned grievously against the people. Now they are doing all they can to atone for their omissions. They are restocking the fields, the woods and the streams. It is a somewhat costly operation, but our Eastern neighbors are a thrifty people, and they would not do that if they had not made accurate calculations and concluded that it would pay. It would have been much cheaper to take preventive measures than to renew the stock, would it not? Nearly all the western states of America have profited by the experience of their farther east neighbors. They have adopted very stringent game laws, and what is more important, they have made provision for their rigid enforcement. It is fortunate for British Columbia that the physical features of the country generally afford natural places of refuge for the wild creatures of the field and the woods. We fear if this had been a prairie country the sportsman even of this early day would be compelled to go very far afield for a very moderate bag.

Unfortunately, there is no such natural protection for the fish which abound in lake and stream. There is a general complaint that those who should lend their official protection either cannot or will not act. It is said the taking of trout has been proceeding all winter without hindrance or protest. And the method of taking has not been confined to the usual procedure of hook and line. A net about 50 yards long was fished out of Shawanigan lake. This may be attributed either to a defect in the wording of the act or to a reluctance on the part of the upholders of the integrity of the law to proceed against offenders. It is a state of affairs that should not be permitted to pass on into the next close season. But there are other enemies, the most serious enemies of all, that game fish are compelled to encounter. The destructive agent again is man, but in this instance he works the evil unwittingly. Professor Prince, Dominion Commissioner of Fisheries, acknowledged to be one of the highest authorities in the world, and certainly one of the most experienced men in the business, says the "decline in fisheries in inland waters is more directly due to obstructions, natural and artificial, than to any other harmful cause." Our lumbermen, in the pursuit of their lawful calling, destroy the natural breeding ponds of fish and obstruct the passage ways, and unless measures are taken to see that the damage thus caused in all the propagating streams of the province is repaired and the courses cleared, it is to be feared there will be a further decline in the volume of fish that delight the heart of the angler. Nor is all the damage inflicted inadvertently. Professor Prince says again: "I have already stated my opinion that the most serious cause of the decline in inland fisheries is the erection of high walls or dams across rivers up which fish have been accustomed to migrate. . . . No other cause has been more effectively injurious or has so directly caused deterioration in our supply of fresh water fishes. To prevent the spawning fish from reaching their accustomed breeding grounds is at once to exterminate them by an effective and rapid means. . . . All kinds of fish frequenting fresh waters are affected detrimentally by artificial obstructions, but the injurious effects are of course most apparent in the case of migratory species, which, like the salmon, sea trout, etc., move up annually more or less distant spawning grounds." In another part of his annual report the Dominion Commissioner says: "The observation of H. M. Inspector of Fisheries in England, published in 1886, still holds true. The two chief obstacles, he says, to improvement are obstructions and excessive capture of fish, and where fishing weirs exist these two are often combined. . . . Where fishing dams exist they are in all instances prejudicial, and in some fatal to the river. . . . I cannot conclude better than by repeating the statement I made in my special report. In 1830 on water pollution, where I referred to the harm done by mill dams, etc., and said it was in vain to expect a restoration of

the fishery resources, and the reappearing of depopulated waters if the parent fish are shut off and obstructed by mill dams, canal locks, timber refuse, log jams, booms and fallen trees, or any obstacles by which they are prevented from reaching the spawning beds. If the spawning grounds are kept free from pollution and the deposition and fertilization of the eggs be accomplished; and if moreover free and unobstructed access to these grounds be provided for the fish, and, above all, if over fishing, excessive netting and destruction of the ascending fish be prevented, there need be little fear that our supplies of salmon and valuable migratory species will wholly fail." If the advice thus given be heeded, the spawning grounds protected and made accessible to the fish and the close seasons enforced, there need be no fear of a diminution of the supply of game fish in British Columbia.

GAMBLING.

Inspired from a source which is unmistakable, the Colonist declares that "gambling is wide open" in Victoria again. If that is the case, it must be stopped. More than that, we should like to know who is responsible. More yet, the public will require to know who is responsible. The chief of police has been instructed to enforce the law. It is generally understood that the law has been enforced. All the police commissioners have declared their intention of insisting that the law shall be enforced. Have they relaxed their views under the impression that the agitation for the suppression of this form of evil has died away? Have they given instructions to Chief Langley to pass by on the other side when he comes within range of the operations of the unlawful? We do not believe there has been any relaxation, but if there is any evidence on the point to be had we should like to have it. Besides, was not Commissioner Price appointed by the provincial government for the express purpose of making the other commissioners "bevy to the line"? It is on record that at a meeting of the police commissioners last year a resolution was formally passed authorizing open gambling. One of the commissioners disapproved of this motion and made the scandalous thing public. If there has been any such work going on this year we know Mr. Price would oppose it vehemently. He is the official guardian, and if there has been any wrongdoing it is his duty to tell the public the truth. We understand the form of evil our zealous contemporary complains of in this spasm of remorse is the Chinese lottery. It is claimed the lotteries are carrying on their illegitimate business in the open. We understand it is somewhat difficult to secure a conviction against these offenders. We believe it has been held by the courts that there must be testimony forthcoming as to the holding of drawings before a case can be made out—that the mere selling of tickets is not proof that lotteries are being carried on. The Chinese are too wily to conduct their drawings in the presence of a representative of the Caucasian race. That is our impression of the law as interpreted by a former police magistrate of this city. Still, if the case is as represented by the Colonist, we think it is the duty of the chief of police to make a real effort to suppress this evil. It cannot be secured, then the law must be changed. That is all. We have no doubt our contemporary, now that it is in a reforming mood, will eagerly supply all the information it possesses to the chief of police, or, at the very least, furnish him with the name of its informant.

FISH TRAPS.

The problem of the preservation of the commercial fish supply of British Columbia is a most complex one. There are factors in it beyond the control of either the Dominion or the province. It is urged as a reason why there should be hesitation about adopted salmon traps on this side of the water that the Americans are doubtful about the wisdom of the means by which they have built up a great industry across the Sound, and it is possible that they may be induced to lift their traps. They will not do it while their flag flies or there is a salmon to be taken. If traps were operated in Canadian waters they might be induced to make reciprocal arrangements for the preservation of the fish and of the industry, but the experience in other waters of the Dominion has been such as to make that exceedingly doubtful. As long as we breed fish for them they will take them. As long as we adhere to our expensive system of taking the fish they will underbid us in the markets of the world, and probably with an article of a superior quality. That fact is so self-evident that we wonder any attempt is made to obstruct a plainly inevitable consummation. Salmon were taken in Puget Sound traps last year and sold to British Columbia canners by the thousand, the purchasers paying the cost of transportation and the duty. This year a very large part of the Fraser river pack will be taken in the traps across the line. It is stated, and there is no doubt of the fact, that contracts have been entered into between our canners and the Puget Sound trappers for the supply of a great quantity of fish. And yet we presume to blame ourselves for our business capacity! The fact is upon our business capacity! The fact is that the root of the objection to traps is to be found in a trait of character of

which British Columbians have no reason to be proud. Some of us—we trust the element is not very strong—would rather see a section of the United States profit from an industry which naturally belongs to this province than a place we mistakenly regard as a rival reaping any advantage therefrom.

As a matter of fact, the Puget Sound trappers, far from evincing a disposition to listen to proposals for the abolition of traps, are diligently perfecting their arrangements for economic handling of the fish. According to the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, they expect by an improved netting device to be able to effect a saving of two or three cents in the cost of each fish taken this year. Therefore the competition will be keener than ever. If the gill net fishermen of the Fraser are not driven out of the business, their operations will certainly be so seriously curtailed and the prices will be so greatly reduced that it will be scarcely worth their while to remain in the industry. The rate at which fish can be procured from the trappers, plus the duty and the cost of transportation, will regulate the price. Then we suppose there will arise a demand for protection to home industry instead of a common sense agitation for the adoption of the methods of our competitors in order that we may be enabled to put the article on the markets as cheaply as they do. The adoption of traps may be temporarily blocked and the British Columbia salmon canning industry handicapped, and perhaps brought to the verge of obliteration, but it will be forced upon us some day just as sure as the wheels of progress cannot be prevented from revolving.

The world is a very small place now that we have been provided with means of rapid transportation to and from all parts of it. Customs and manners pass to and fro as rapidly as persons. A British newspaper says one of the Australian Catholic prelates has been publicly protesting against the unpopularity into which the good old names of Patrick and Bridget have fallen among the Irish parents of the Commonwealth. He is tired of hearing Hibernian fathers asking that their sons should be christened "Montgomery," "Sydney," or "Douglas," and Hibernian mothers clamoring for "Glady's," "Gwendolien," and "Maed." He has even had to listen to such eccentric suggestions as "Iron-bark" and "Blasgeny" (colloquial names of Australian trees) at the font. He says he cannot understand why Paddy and Biddy should not be considered quite as good and euphonious as Billy, Jenny, or Peggy. But if a name is to be a distinctive mark, a noble nation of Patricks would make for confusion.

Through the energy of its people the province of Nova Scotia has been converted into a great resort for the inhabitants of the crowded centres of the East when upon their annual vacations. There is no relaxation so beneficial to a jaded business man as the gentle art of angling. Anglers are lured into Nova Scotia every year in large numbers. A Nova Scotia fishery inspector reports that "this sport brings to our shores men who spend large sums of money for their recreation. The salmon and trout fishing induce many tourists to visit our province who would not do so otherwise, and I would here call the attention of your department to the necessity of better regulations, both as regards the removal of obstructions in the rivers and to regulate the manner of fishing." We have heard an estimate made of the sum fish costs tourists for every fish they take in British Columbia waters, but perhaps it would not be judicious to make it public.

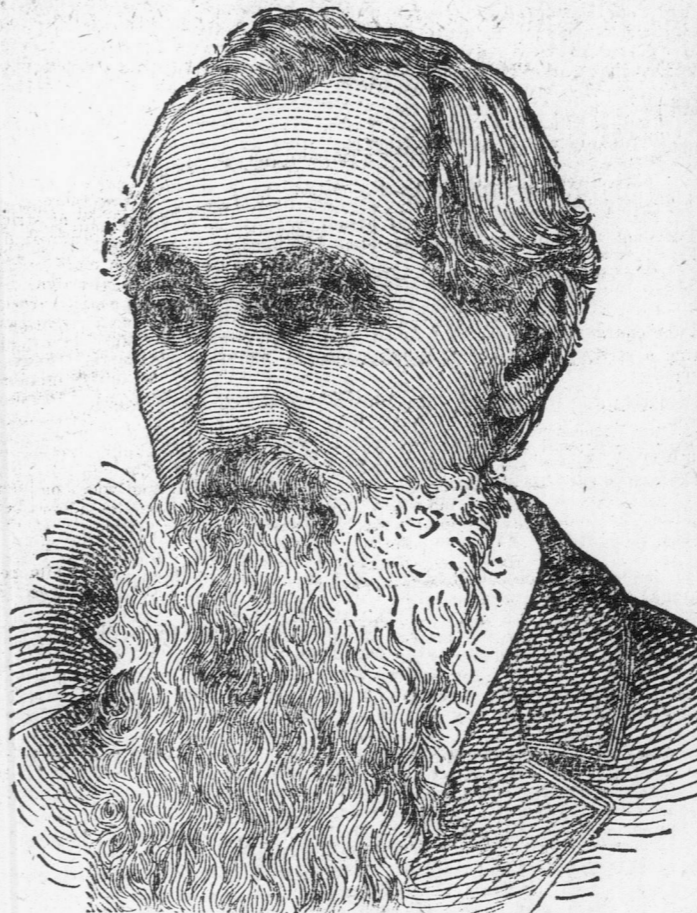
The man who fails to attach his signature to a communication intended for publication passes through the terrible throes of composition without other reward than contemplation of his own efforts. If he intends to enlighten his fellow mortals he should sign his name to what he writes. There is scarcely a day passes when the Times does not receive unsigned communications. They are neither read nor are their contents noted. Perhaps this will enlighten some writers who have been lately sending letters to the editor.

The people of the coast mining regions of British Columbia seem to have acquired a strong antipathy to the existing order of things. Our political and economic systems do not meet with the approval of a very large portion of these highly useful communities. In Nanaimo they express their feelings. In Nanaimo that inspiring revolutionary hymn, the Marsellaise. If such things were done in Quebec Canada would be startled, if not alarmed.

Conservative journals are terribly exercised over the prospect of Sir Wilfrid Laurier being compelled to retire on account of delicate health. They admit it would be a calamity for the country. It would. More than that, it is extremely doubtful whether the Conservative party would be any nearer power with another leader at the head of the Liberal party. That is the deplorable feature of the situation from a Tory point of view.

Mr. Gamey, the Ontario political detective, is said to have been at one time a promoter of British Columbia "wild cats." Perhaps he has now got in on something "that will yield larger returns." General Sir Hector Macdonald is reported to have indignantly snide this morning. An indignation, unhappy ending of a distinguished, glorious career.

A GEORGIA JUDGE WAS ALARMINGLY AFFLICTED WITH CATARRH OF THE LUNGS, CURED BY PE-RU-NA.



JUDGE DURHAM, OF GREENSBORO, GEORGIA.

Catarrh of the Lungs the First Stage of Consumption.

So All Medical Authorities Agree.

Judge Durham, a well-known local Judge of Greensboro, Ga., had an experience with Peruna well worth recording. A report had become current among the Judge's friends that he was threatened with consumption. It was feared for the most prominent and influential citizens. It was also reported that the Judge had failed to get any relief from any of the medical aid at his command, that he had made use of the now world famous "Montgomery," "Sydney," or "Douglas," and Hibernian mothers clamoring for "Glady's," "Gwendolien," and "Maed." He has even had to listen to such eccentric suggestions as "Iron-bark" and "Blasgeny" (colloquial names of Australian trees) at the font. He says he cannot understand why Paddy and Biddy should not be considered quite as good and euphonious as Billy, Jenny, or Peggy. But if a name is to be a distinctive mark, a noble nation of Patricks would make for confusion.

A reward of \$10,000 has been deposited in the Market Exchange Bank, Columbus, Ohio, as a guarantee that the above testimonial is genuine; that we hold in our possession authentic letters certifying to the same. Every one of our testimonials are genuine and in the words of the one whose name is appended.

WYNDHAM OUTLINES IRISH LAND BILL

A FREE GRANT OF SIXTY MILLION DOLLARS

Money Will Be Advanced to Tenants for Purchase of Land—The Credit Operations.

London, March 25.—Irish Secretary Wyndham introduced the government's long anticipated Irish Land Bill in the House of Commons this afternoon. It promises a free grant of \$60,000,000 for the purposes of the bill. The keen interest felt in this new legislation, which, it is hoped, will promote peace and content in Ireland, was evidenced by the crowded house. The peers' gallery and the distinguished strangers' gallery were filled, and there had been no such gathering of members of parliament since the opening of the session. Michael Davitt, father of the Land League, celebrated his fifty-seventh birthday by re-entering the House for the first time since he ceased to be a member, in order to hear the chief secretary for Ireland unfold his plans. Mr. Wyndham, who was heartily cheered, rose to speak at 2.40 p.m. At the outset he announced that the government thought cash aid was necessary for the fulfillment of the proposed scheme, but it attached greater importance to the credit operation. He then unfolded the scheme, which provides for advances of money for the purchase of land by the tenant. The advances will be in the shape of cash and not of stock, but in order to enable the cash to be realized a new stock is to be floated. It will be called "Guaranteed 2 1/2 per cent. stock," and will be redeemable for 30 years. Mr. Wyndham doubted if \$50,000,000 of the stock will be needed. It will be raised by additional stock, the interest and sinking fund of which will be borne by the treasury, and the maximum annual charge of which will not exceed \$1,500,000. The bill also provides that tenants shall pay 3 1/2 per cent. interest on loans from the government, that untenanted farms and grazing lands shall be sold to neighboring tenants, and that three commissioners shall supervise the sale. The advances to tenants, through the provisions of the bill, are limited to \$2,500 in the congested districts and \$5,000 else-

where. The bill will become effective November 12th. Mr. Wyndham said \$750,000,000 could be safely advanced on Irish land, but he thought the scheme would not involve \$500,000,000. The Irish secretary said that while the maximum charge of the English treasury would not exceed \$1,975,000 in a single year, the reduction in the cost of administration of Ireland would amount to \$1,250,000. Proceeding, Mr. Wyndham dealt with the points of the bill, showing how advances will be made and the terms of repayment, but it seems in the main to be on the lines laid down by the land conference report, and will be satisfactory to the landlords and tenants. In the course of his speech, which was punctuated with cheers, Mr. Wyndham said the landlords of Ireland were being ruined financially, and that the tenants were being ruined morally, and the taxpayers of England were paying \$700,000 per annum to the land commission and \$7,000,000 to the Irish police, which largely was needed to deal with illegalities arising from the land question. Past experience showed the state incurred no risk in giving such aid. From the taxpayers' view point it was stated that aid for land purchase was a safe commercial transaction. By the aid of the state 80,000 tenants had already bought their holdings, and the state had not lost a halfpenny.

SOUTHERN REVOLTS.

Further Fighting Reported From Santo Domingo—Villains Join the Revolutionists.

San Domingo, Republic of Santo Domingo, March 24.—Quiet has been restored in this city by the warships in port. The minister of war, Senor Pichardo, has surrendered to the revolutionists, and Senor Castillo, has joined the foreign minister, Senor Sanchez, in seeking refuge at the United States consulate. The inhabitants of the villages around this city are joining in the revolutionary movement. No news is obtainable from the southern and northern parts of the island. There was severe fighting yesterday at Lavega, but the result is not known. If the north and south refuse to join in the revolutionary movement, the situation may become more serious. Commerce is at a standstill, and there is considerable anxiety as to the future. A warship is going to San Pedro de Macoris, to the eastward of this city, in order to compel it to surrender. The warship Presidents, which is off the northern coast of the island, is in the possession of President Vasquez.

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Mr. Treadwell will have to make the best shift possible, I do not know what will be the outcome of his scheme.

A LARGE OPPORTUNITY. Colonist Will Have a Chance to Prove Allegations Ament Gambling Next Week.

The Colonist is spending itself these days on the question of Chinese lotteries and yesterday its expert initiated those of the public who read the paper into the mysteries of the lottery system.

A DESERTER'S STORY. A letter has been received in this city from one of the deserting crew of the sealing schooner Geneva, which explains the reason for the men running away near Honolulu.

BURNED TO DEATH. Three Eskimos Lost Their Lives-Others Had Narrow Escapes.

A Nome dispatch dated January 2nd says: "Three Eskimos were burned to death and five others were so horribly injured that they cannot recover in the burning of an igloo. When help arrived the smoke was pouring from the igloo in a dense cloud, making the work of rescue almost impossible."

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WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office. 18th to 24th March, 1903. The weather during this week has been similar to the preceding seven days, remarkably fine and dry over the North Pacific slope.

Local News.

CLEANING OF CITY AND PROVINCIAL NEWS IN A CONDENSED FORM. The total clearings at the Victoria clearing house for the week ending 24th March were \$397,186.

On Sunday last the Lord Bishop of Columbia dedicated an organ given Mrs. W. La Poer Trunch to the North Saanich church. In the afternoon of the same day, His Lordship preached a very impressive sermon on Sanctification on the sanctity of the human body.

A fire broke out Thursday morning at the residence of Mr. Godfrey, corner Oswego and Simcoe streets. The flames were extinguished with little trouble by the fire department. The damage is estimated at about \$100.

The secretary of the board of trade is receiving unnumbered numerous applications for membership. This he attributes to the general interest which is being taken in the board of harbor commissioners question.

A local company is being incorporated for the purpose of developing a group of claims near Port Renfrew. The intention is to proceed with the work at once. They are copper properties, and conveniently situated for shipping purposes.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Catherine Street took place on Thursday afternoon from the parlors of W. J. Jannan. Rev. Mr. Westman conducted the services and the following acted as pallbearers: Wm. Ferris, P. Green, P. Carroll and J. Hughes.

The exhibit of school children's work, which has been announced for April 3rd and 4th, will be held in the room of the council chamber in the city hall. At first it was decided to have it in the municipal legislative hall, but the city superintendent has discovered that there is a spacious apartment on the floor above more suitable for the purpose.

Miss Ellen M. Stone, the American missionary whose experience as captive in the hands of the Macedonian brigands attracted the attention of the world some time ago, will lecture in this city on April 27th. It is the necessary arrangements can be made. Miss Stone's tour which has been very successful so far, is being managed by Major Pond.

Members of the Guild of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian church spent a pleasant time in the school room of the church Monday night. Games were played, refreshments were served, and a number of musical selections rendered. Next Monday night will be religious night with the Guild, while on Monday evening, April 13th, a literary entertainment will be provided at which R. E. Gosnell will give an illustrated address on the coronation.

toria theatre on Saturday afternoon in aid of the B. C. Protestant Orphanage. Tickets for the performance can be secured at the Victoria Book & Stationery Store or at the door. In order to avoid delay at the door those intending to be present should purchase their tickets at the store. J. G. Brown, secretary, has all those who have tickets for sale for the late production of "Queen Esther" will make their return to him at the office of the Dominion public works department in the post office building or to-morrow, or Friday evening at the First Presbyterian church school room from 7.30.

At the B. C. Electric Railway Company's shops at New Westminster the first of the new cars has been completed. Two others are now being constructed. It is expected that this year the new cars are described as being equal to those used in the best eastern services.

Rev. Wm. Hicks united in the holy bonds of matrimony on Monday Mr. J. Brown, of this city, and Miss Martha Saunders, of Extension. The ceremony took place at the residence of the bride's mother, and was private, only the immediate friends of the contracting parties being present.

The C. P. R. will put on the Imperial Limited service on June 7th. On that date the first train will leave Montreal. The first one from Vancouver will leave on the 13th. The service will closely follow that of the regular train leaving Montreal on Sundays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The daily express service will also be continued.

A correspondent writing from Vernon, Okanagan district, says that there was no rainfall or snow there during the month of February, but that during the second week of the present month about 14 inches of snow fell, and there is now about a foot on the level though the sunny aspects of the hills are quite bare. The correspondent adds that the range stock in most cases are all right. The cattle in general are in splendid condition, though not yet turned out, and there is still plenty of hay on hand to feed them.

Victorians will be delighted to learn that the Pollard Juvenile Opera Company will appear in this city again in the near future. A number of new faces will be given by the management states that the company will inaugurate its American tour shortly, and will probably open at the Victoria theatre. The company consists of a number of new faces, but some of the older members have graduated into the ranks of the senior company, and the number of new faces will be given by the management states that the company will inaugurate its American tour shortly, and will probably open at the Victoria theatre.

THE TRANS-CANADA. The promoters of the Trans-Canada railway project have written to the secretary of the board of trade, enclosing a paper read by J. G. Scott, of the Quebec & Lake St. John railroad, before the Literary and Historical Society, in which he set forth an interesting and comprehensive plan for the proposed line. The project is to connect the various fragments of railway which have been located without any general plan. The effect would be to lengthen the whole line and unduly lower its engineering character, and almost certainly give it features which would be forever regarded as blighting to a great transcontinental line. To realize Mr. Blair's conception of a new national railway, it should, in his judgment, begin at the Quebec bridge, now building, where it would make a direct connection with the intercolonial, and it should extend from Quebec by the most direct route to Port Simpson on the Pacific. From what I know of the general character of the greater part of the intervening distance, I believe a line with splendid engineering features could, with ordinary care, be secured. It would pass away to the north of the rugged shore of Lakes Huron, Superior, Nipigon and Winnipeg, through a vast region reported generally of alluvial soil, with abundance of wood and water power.

When the day arrives to open new railway as a through route it will prove to possess advantages, in respect to distances, as compared with the route via San Francisco and New York. From Yokohama to Liverpool the passage across the Pacific ocean would be 605 miles less. While the land distance would be 502 statute miles less, making a total saving on the whole distance of about 1,323 statute miles.

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SITTINGS OF THE ASSIZE COURTS.

COMPANY TO HANDLE THE WATSON PATENTS. Official Notices Which Appear in This Week's Issue of the Provincial Gazette.

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BETWEEN TWO FIRES

By Mrs. C. N. Williamson, Author of "Lady Mary of the Dark House," "The Woman in Grey," "Queen Sweetheart," "Fortune's Sport," "The Barn Stormers," Etc.

CHAPTER VII. Told by Juliette de Nevers. Coward Conscience; and a Game of Bluff.

How I got through my part on that awful night I don't know. When I first went out on to the stage, to take up my cue at the end of the first act, my brain was a blank. I could not remember a single line that I had to say when I tried to project my mind ahead. I saw no one on the stage. I did not even see Maxine de Ribamont, though she seemed to feel him looking at me. I felt his great love coming down to my chilled heart like a warming ray of sunlight. I felt the influence of his desire for my success. For him I must not fail. I had never failed, and I would not now.

So it was, though I could not have repeated a word from my part before I went on the stage. I found myself answering cue after cue as I received them. Applause came surging up to my ears like a great tidal wave. The audience was mine to do with as I would; yet for once I feared it, as if it had been a great tiger tearing at it as it crowded to spring for I thought—"What if it knew the thing I had done? What if it should cry out that Juliette de Nevers had betrayed France and the ally of France—that she had stolen the treaty of alliance and sent it to the enemy—England! How those hands which beat themselves together now in applauding me would itch to grasp my throat."

Still, I went on. An actress can always go on—till she breaks. I think that she cannot be bent like other women and I carry the women who are not skilled to hide things. It seems to me that they must suffer less. As I left the stage at last, having returned for five curtain calls at the end of the first act, I met next day in the room men carrying large harps and crowns and wreaths of flowers which had been thrown at me on the stage, or sent round from the stage door. I hardly looked at them, for I was waiting for my cue, waiting for me. He came from the box, and he followed me into the boudoir which adjoins my dressing-room. There we were alone. And I have five minutes to spare him before I need dress for the next act.

The touch of his hands gave me strength and life once more. There is something wonderful in the touch, in the pressure of his fingers, in the way he holds me. For a moment one forgets everything else; the whole world falls away. I have flirted with many men—occasionally because it amused me; often because I suffered from ennui, and because I had never known what that blessed feeling was until I met Maxine de Ribamont.

He is so tall and strong—taller even than Noel Brent. And I have seen the finest-looking man I had ever seen before I knew Maxine; and it was a heavenly rest to lay my head for a moment on his shoulder, just shutting my eyes, without speaking a word, and then—for I was so worn in body and soul with the strain of keeping up—that after death the best Paradise would be to lean my head on Maxine's shoulder, like this, for two or three hundred years.

For years I had been a political spy. But I owed a grudge to France and Russia, which I had promised my father to pay. And besides, it is difficult to deceive a country from which it is to deceive the man you adore. We women are true to individuals. For them we would all sacrifice a Cause; and never had I suffered such acute torture as I did at that moment when the shameful thought that Maxine de Ribamont—honorable, noble—cherished in me a traitor; that even if I did not overthrow her, she would overthrow me, and I could wash the stain from the heart he believed so pure.

What can be worse for a woman than the secret knowledge that to hold her lover's respect she must keep one black spot covered? Such a woman needs no future punishment. She has all—she deserves while on this earth. I realized it at that moment, and the realization choked me. I could not speak to Maxine. I could only shudder and sob in his arms.

He thought it was but my excitement in playing for the first time a heavy and trying part. I would not even see his eyes, for in his voice, that never had he shipped me as on this night. Since he had brought himself to accept the loan I had insisted upon making, to help him out of the difficulty in which he had been involved by the loss of the necklace, he had regarded me as the angel of his salvation. Now I had news for him to fill his heart with joy. He would love me more than before, and I would take as much love as my right, and hide the secret of my treachery as long as I could. But how long would it be? How could I tell that at this moment the theft of the treaty had not been discovered, and that the avalanche was not about to overwhelm us both?

The fear made me cling closer to Maxine, dreading that this might be our last embrace; that for the last time the love-light might be shining in his dark eyes for me. "You were glorious, my darling!" he exclaimed. "I was so proud of you that I could hardly believe my own good fortune. To sit there in the box and see the whole house rise to you, applauding, shouting 'Bravo!' every man adoring your beauty and your genius, yet to know that you are mine; that no other man has

the right to hold you in his arms and kiss you like this—and this!"

"Suppose that they all hated and kissed me?" I asked, drawing back a little and looking up at him. "Would you still love me then, or does it make me dearer to have a background of admiration?"

"I would love you better, if there is a better," he answered. "You know I am a jealous brute. There'd be a fierce joy in facing a world that had turned against you."

"What is there that would make you love me less?" I asked, dwelling upon the subject with a kind of fearful fascination, such as I have found in hanging over the brink of a sheer precipice. "Nothing on God's earth—while you were true to me."

"And if I deceived you?"

"Then I think I would kill you—and kill myself. But why speak of such things? I know—strange as it seems to you—how you do love me, or you would not have given so much to save me from ruin."

I shivered; and I shall not be colder when they dress me for my coffin. I wished I had not looked over that precipice into the blackness beneath. Let me make the most of these five minutes which might be our last! I remembered the shock of joy which it was in my power to give him. But at that instant the clock in my dressing-room adjoining the boudoir struck with sharp, silvery notes. I had delayed too long to speak to the necklace. The five minutes had come to an end.

"I must go," I said. "It will not do for me to be late. But I have good news for you, Maxine—and a great surprise. I had not another moment to spare you during the play, as I have almost to open each act; but when the curtain goes down on my death-scene, come behind again. I will see you here for a few minutes before I begin to dress to go home."

"For a few minutes?" he echoed. "But afterwards—what then? You promised that I might sup with you alone at your home."

My heart sprang to my throat at the words. Never before had I forgotten an engagement with Maxine. But this time I had forgotten. Desperate perplexity and nerve-killing excitement had driven the recollection from my mind. I could feel the blood rush up to my face, then ebb away again, and I knew that Maxine saw the change with surprise—for, unlike most actresses, I wear no make-up on the stage; I think I de-stroy expression, and my complexion bears the glare of the footlights well."

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This was the end of the first act. As I was hurrying to my dressing-room after the second act the stage door keeper intercepted me with the reverential air which always hangs for any reason in the air, and he handed me a letter, which I was urged to put into your hands," he said.

I had not time to tell him that I thought that Noel Brent might have had bad news, and written me; but I suffered something worse than disappointment as I saw the handwriting on the sealed envelope. It was from my enemy, Count Ipanoff.

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and sad, and my coward conscience gave me a quick stab of fear.

"What is the matter?" I asked, while inside my head there was a shrieking question: "What if the news had come to him? What if already something had happened—the beginning of the end?"

I could have cried with the snapping of the tension when he answered: "It was only that terrible scene—your death, so Heloise, my dear one. It was so horribly real. It was all I could do to sit still in the box and bear it—I wanted to spring on the stage and save you from that ruin. I think I can never come to see you in this part again. You don't know what it is to touch you once more—warm and alive—your own beautiful self. You will let me go home with you, and stay for a little while, won't you, my queen?"

"How it broke my heart to send him from me!"

"Don't think that I do not want you to be with me," I said. "I do want you—oh, more than you can guess. But I am so tired—I am almost dead. When I asked you to have supper with me, I did not realize how utterly worn out I was."

"My dearest!" he exclaimed. "Then I will not be so hard on you. You will go home and straight to bed. But you will let me drive you to the door?"

"Even to that I must say no," I insisted, miserably, straining every nerve to be plausible, to convince him of my wisdom, and not to pain him too much. "You see, I did not mean to come to an end. I must go. It will not do for me to be late. But I have good news for you, Maxine—and a great surprise. I had not another moment to spare you during the play, as I have almost to open each act; but when the curtain goes down on my death-scene, come behind again. I will see you here for a few minutes before I begin to dress to go home."

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I was vexed, and I did not turn my eyes to the right or left as I walked from the stage door to the brougham, which as I had expected, was in its place. It was not for me to look about for Ipanoff; it was for him to be awaiting me, and so it fell out. As my groomly opened the door for me, I saw Heloise stepped forward with a "Good evening, mademoiselle," softly pronounced in his hated voice.

Will stop for you at the corner of the Rue Boulangere; it would not do, you must know, for me to take you in here," I whispered, hurriedly.

He bowed acquiescence and moved back, that the groom might receive his instructions; and five minutes later he was sitting in the brougham beside me, with Agnes seated opposite.

"Now," I began, abruptly, in Russian, cutting short his fulsome praises of my beauty, "what have you to say to me?"

"I speak in French," he said, indignantly, letting each decisive move be made by the adversary. "My maid speaks only in French."

"Why are you so cruelly harsh?" he exclaimed. "How have I ever offended you, save by loving you too well? I have loved you, though you have treated me as no man with self-respect should allow himself to be treated by a woman, I adore you still, and have risked humiliation in coming to see you, solely because I wish to be your friend, since you will not have me as your lover."

"I thank you as much as you deserve," I said, without attempting to conceal my bitterness. "And I should be still more grateful for enlightenment. Pray do not beat about the bush, but tell me straight out your purpose in seeking this interview."

"I have sought it because I love you, and because I desire to warn you. Everything is known."

"I am at a loss to understand you," I replied, though I might have added that I knew well what he wished me to understand. "You speak in riddles."

"Must I put you to the test? Then—the loss of the document is known."

"What document?" I inquired, bent on forcing his hand.

"If you must have it, the one you took from the Foreign Office on the day when the Comte de Ribamont gave you tea there."

"And what document was that?" I persisted, coldly.

"One of the most important documents in the history of our country, which you stole from the Foreign Office on the day you came."

"I accuse you of nothing. That is your own word. If I accused anyone, it would probably be the Comte de Ribamont. I am not his friend, but his rival."

"And you are my friend?" "Ah, yes; I remember. You have assured me of that. Well, then, why do you not accuse him if it be the truth?"

"Because I know that he is dear to you, and I would spare you pain."

"You are indeed considerate. Yet I beg to differ from you as to the reason. You do not accuse the Comte de Ribamont of a crime against his country because you have no evidence that one has been committed, and the proving of his innocence would mean your destruction. Instead, you come to me, privately, because the attempt you made to wreck me has been thwarted, and you hope to snatch success from the jaws of failure by trading upon the fears of a weak woman, and carried out from me what I wished to learn; and I am rewarded for the sacrifice I made in consenting to see you."

So suddenly and with such passion did I use the words, that for a moment he was struck into silence. The electric lamp which lit the brougham showed me his face, and it had the same look I have seen in the green eyes of a cat.

I had gazed his lust for revenge, and for a few seconds I was happy in my triumph, for I was certain now that whatever had been the fate of the mysteriously lost treaty, it had not yet come into his hands. I had learned from him of bluff, and I had found him out and beaten him at it. But the bright bubble of my elation was soon to be pricked. It burst with my enemy's next words.

(To be Continued.)

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR ENSUING TERM

Secretary - Treasurer's Report Shows Satisfactory Progress During Past Year—Other Business.

Last evening at the St. Andrew's Presbyterian church the annual meeting of the British and Foreign Bible Society was held, there being a good attendance. The chair was occupied by Noah Shakespear, and after the reading of the minutes the report of Secretary-Treasurer A. Lee was called for and read as follows:

"The British and Foreign Bible Society, whose interest we have met tonight, is from some points of view the most remarkable institution in the world. It was founded 99 years ago, for multiplying copies of the Book of God. We are proud to be members of the British and Foreign Bible Society, which is not only a vast and very efficient translating, printing, publishing and distributing society of the Word of God, but it is also a great missionary society. Its various foreign missions are granted on missionary terms, being sent out free, and carriage paid, and cost nothing to the missions which receive them. No genuine application for a grant of Scriptures has ever been refused. Every missionary society's request to print and publish a proper authenticated version of the Scriptures in a new tongue has ever been refused."

"What did the Bible Society accomplish last year? It issued nearly six million copies of Scripture complete or in parts. It spent about fifty thousand dollars in grants of Scriptures to different religious and philanthropic agencies at home. Its colporteurs abroad sold over one million four hundred thousand copies. The society's grants for colportage during the year amounted to no less than two hundred thousand dollars. It supported over six hundred Christian Bible workers in the East. It had in progress translations or revisions in over one hundred different languages, several hundred translators, revisers and assistants. Its list of versions now include names of three hundred and seventy-five distinct forms of speech. It received from all sources, eleven million, seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars, which spent nearly twelve million dollars, leaving a deficit, together with the previous year, of about one hundred thousand dollars. Towards this deficit, the Upper Canada Bible Society, of which we are a part, has forwarded one thousand pounds, and the following is a copy of an extract from the Bible Society's paper in regard to same: 'Among the society's auxiliaries outside the British Empire, the most influential, and perhaps the best organized is that in Upper Canada, with its centre at Toronto, which employs not fewer than five hundred agents, and carries on a most successful work from the Great Lakes to the Pacific coast. We acknowledge with hearty gratitude a special donation of one thousand pounds from this auxiliary, towards deficits of recent years. For the work accomplished during nine months last year by the Upper Canada Bible Society, we refer you to the reports you will find in the seats.'

"I have on hand in the depository here, with the firm of T. N. Hibben & Co., a stock containing five hundred and two Bibles, Testaments and portions of Scripture in English valued at four hundred and thirty dollars and sixty cents. I believe, at a conservative estimate, that there are one thousand copies of Scriptures in foreign languages, namely, Chinese, Japanese, Spanish, Portuguese, etc. The following are the amounts contributed for this year by the various churches: Centennial Methodist church, \$23.75; St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Victoria West, \$7; Congregational church, \$5; St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, \$18.25; First Presbyterian church, \$16.45; James' Bay Methodist church, \$4.35; Victoria West Methodist church, \$2.30.

"Your executive have held quite a number of meetings during the year, which have been attended with more or less interest, and we have also great pleasure in stating that we have secured the services of David Loynd to act as colporteur and hope to be able next year to give you the result of his work. Great help when you see him, and if you can help him to sell a Bible to anyone, do so."

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A brief but enjoyable musical program followed. Miss Deaville sang a solo, and Rev. Wm. Hicks rendered a couple of vocal selections in pleasing style. Before the meeting adjourned a vote of thanks was tendered the managers of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian church for the use of the school room.

TRAFFIC NOT DELAYED. And Many Strikers Are Returning—So Says C. P. R. General Passenger Agent.

E. J. Coyle, assistant general passenger agent of the Canadian Pacific railway, while in Seattle en route home from Portland stated that the strike situation along the company's line, while not yet settled, is not of a nature to seriously inconvenience the travelling public or those who use the road for freight traffic. He attributes this to the fact that the strikers were not in perfect sympathy with the strike movement. Many of the strikers have voluntarily returned to work, including some of the ticket agents. In an interview with the Post-Intelligencer Mr. Coyle said:

"The cause of the strike was due in part to the refusal of the company to recognize the United Brotherhood of Railway Employees, as well as a refusal to accede to other demands, which matters of detail, might easily have been adjusted without unnecessary trouble. The request made was in conformity to an agreement entered into several months ago, and I believe, at a conservative estimate, that there are one thousand copies of Scriptures in foreign languages, namely, Chinese, Japanese, Spanish, Portuguese, etc. The following are the amounts contributed for this year by the various churches: Centennial Methodist church, \$23.75; St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Victoria West, \$7; Congregational church, \$5; St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, \$18.25; First Presbyterian church, \$16.45; James' Bay Methodist church, \$4.35; Victoria West Methodist church, \$2.30.

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COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON RAILWAY ROUTES

Was Submitted at a Meeting Held Last Evening—A Preliminary Survey is Necessary.

The sub-committee to whom was allotted the task of obtaining information regarding the various routes for an Island railway, submitted their report to a meeting in the city hall last evening. The report, a synopsis of which has already appeared in these columns, was accompanied by one from William Ralph, P. L. S., C. E., which also has been published. Maxey McCandless, president, and three other members, John J. J. Harris, C. E., Dr. Milne, O. H. Lugin, T. W. Patterson, Ald. Grahame and Welby Solomon, secretary of the committee.

After the reading of the previous meeting minutes a letter was read from the president of the E. & N. Railway Company offering a free right-of-way to a road leading for its object the opening up of the Island as proposed. He also offered to assist the committee by every possible means. The letter was received and will be referred to a meeting of the general committee.

The committee's report was then read by the secretary. It favored the route in Mr. Ralph's report, described as route No. 4, which is as follows: "From Alberni harbor northwesterly to the valley on the south side of Crown mountain, by way of Great Central lake, Butt's lake, Campbell river, the left bank of the latter, to Great Central lake, which has a wide valley in which to select a line. Then you run along either shore of Central lake to the west end, about 20 miles. Then northwesterly through a low pass to the south end of Butt's lake. Then north along the river, say five miles, then turn to the left up Elk river through a low pass on the south side of Crown mountain. This low pass extends across Vancouver Island by way of Campbell river and lakes, the south side of Crown mountain, Gold river to Nootka. The height of this pass at the summit is 900 feet above sea level."

Considerable discussion of an informal character followed. It was generally felt that a survey was necessary in order that accurate information may be available before any action was taken. It was decided to refer the report to a meeting of the citizens' committee, during the meeting Mr. Lugin announced that Rev. Mr. Bolton had kindly offered to deliver an illustrated lecture on the interior of the Island.

The citizens' committee, to whom will be referred the reports submitted last night, will meet next Tuesday evening.

MISSING FOR YEARS. American Found in Private Sanitarium in Paris.

Paris, March 25.—United States Consul-General Gowdy to-day succeeded in locating in a private sanitarium in this city Moses Fowler-Chase, grandson of a leading capitalist of Lafayette, Ind., whose whereabouts has been the subject of a diligent search for several years. Two French physicians examined the youth and pronounced him sane. The institution has handed Chase over to Mr. Gowdy's care. Secretary Hay cabled to the Consul-General an authorization to act as the guardian of the youth.

The directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company have authorized an issue of stock amounting to 33 1/2 per cent of outstanding stock. It is to be issued at \$80 a share, payable in three instalments. The new issue amounts to about \$33,000,000.

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COUNCIL IN SHORT SESSION ON MONDAY

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positive other houses. There shouldn't be any discrimination, wrote Mr. Worthington. He also asked for a sidewalk and drew attention to the fact that the fumes from the chemical works were as noxious as ever.

Ald. Stewart moved that the tramway company be requested to remove the dirt from the street opposite all premises, aldermanic or otherwise. As to the sidewalk, he moved that it be referred to the streets, bridges and sewers committee.

The city clerk reported: Gentlemen—I have the honor to inform you that since the last meeting of the city council the following communications have been received and have been referred to the city engineer for report, viz: Mr. J. J. McLaughlin, asking for the number of the sewerage system to the corner of Kingsdown and Municipal streets.

Address: Hesterman & Co., calling attention to the condition of the fire in the rear of the queen's hotel. Mr. J. J. McLaughlin, asking that Esquimaut street, between Catherine street and Esquimaut street, be opened up for traffic, to be a better drain and sidewalk be laid down thereon.

Mr. W. G. Parke, re defective box drain, 13 North road. Received and filed. The sanitary inspector reported that dairymen with premises inside the city limits, whom he had served with notice to observe the law regarding the number of cows they were allowed to keep, had paid no attention to the notification, and he asked for further instructions.

Ald. Stewart moved that the city solicitor be instructed to enforce the law. Why was the electric light which formerly shone on the corner of School and Fort streets removed to the corner of Linden and Fort streets? Some of the residents in the vicinity have asked, the city electrician reported that the latter was the more suitable locality. If another light was established he recommended that it be put on Fort street, between Linden and Moss, at a cost of \$50.

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COMMISSIONERS ARE RECOMMENDED

SUBJECT CONSIDERED BY BOARD OF TRADE

J. J. Shallcross Pointed Out Some of the Dangers in Way of the Plan Proposed.

There was a lengthy debate on the question of harbor commissioners at a special meeting of the Board of Trade Monday night. President McQuade occupied the chair, and in the opening proceedings suggested that the speakers be limited in their discussion.

J. J. Beckwith endeavored to raise the point that the meeting had been irregularly called, the chair explaining this away by calling on J. J. Shallcross to read his motion, which was as follows: "That it is not advisable to seek to obtain an act incorporating harbor commissioners with the large powers of the act incorporating the harbor commissioners of Montreal and Quebec without first consulting the interests which will be affected by those powers, and that at the present time, no objects desired can be obtained by a committee having powers limited to investigations."

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