

SECHULT WRECKAGE IS PICKED UP IN STRAITS

Life-Boats, Doors, Planking and Other Articles From Ill-Fated Vessel are Found—Number of Dead Uncertain.

(From Monday's Daily.)

DROWNED

Among the drowned are:
J. W. Burns, aged 50, of Sooke, and Mrs. Burns, his wife.
George King Newton, aged 26, of Victoria, a surveyor.
J. I. Henderson, aged 26, of Victoria, lieutenant for Messrs. Grant, Smith & Co.
Capt. H. V. James, aged 27, master and part owner of the Sechelt.
Hugh Young, of Vancouver, engineer of the Sechelt.

Ranking as one of the unfathomable mysteries in the history of shipping on the Pacific Coast, the marine disaster of last Friday afternoon, when the steamer Sechelt sank, carrying an unknown number of persons to their death, is only rivaled by the foundering of the steamer St. Denis last December and H. M. S. Condon, several years ago. Not twenty miles from Victoria the vessel met her fate and every person aboard was drowned long before the slightest intelligence of the catastrophe had reached this city.

With not a solitary survivor the details of how the steamer met her fate will never be known, although shipping men along the waterfront advance different theories based on the scant reports received from the Indians of Church Point, who are stated to have been the only eye-witnesses of the appalling tragedy.

Little further progress has been made in the search for the bodies of the victims. Esquimaux, who was sent to Church Point by Superintendent Hussey, of the provincial police, together with the Indians there, had discovered considerable wreckage, which had drifted ashore.

According to D. Helmcken, K. C., who went out to the scene of the disaster yesterday, two pairs of oars, a peak cap, two life-buoys, one life-belt, double-edged axe driven into a piece of wood, two life-boats, bearing the name of the Sechelt, and to one of which was attached a set of davits, have been cast up by the sea in the vicinity of Church Point. The two boats were badly smashed when discovered, but as to whether they were broken when battered on the shore or before they got loose from the wreck is not known.

Eastwood, lighthouse keeper at Race Rocks, arrived in town this morning in his launch, and reported that his sons had picked up a hatch covered with canvas yesterday. This was identified by Capt. Jarvis as being the only one little vessel carried, being directly in front of the pilot-house. Mr. Eastwood was in Victoria the day the accident occurred and those who were at the lighthouse during the day failed to see the vessel sink, although they noticed that she was faring badly in passing the Race.

Additional wreckage was picked up yesterday afternoon by Richard Jackson, of Admiral's road, who was out cruising in the straits in his launch. He picked up a door and a life-belt, the former at the entrance to the harbor and the latter in the vicinity of Albert Head. Word was received from the William Head quarantine station this morning that one of the long seats which were situated on the upper deck of the steamer had been found there.

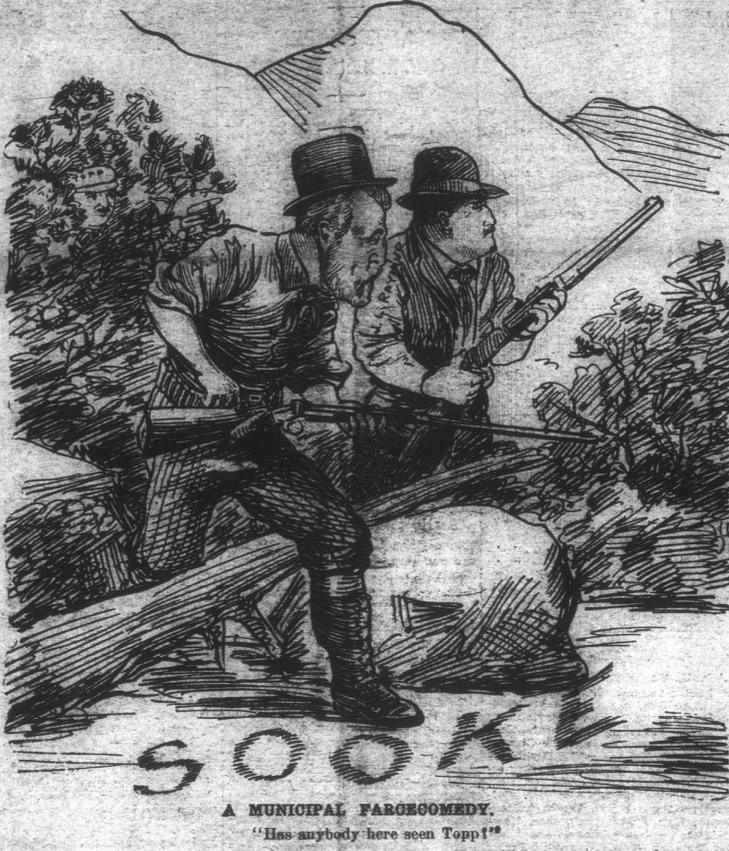
For the first time since the disaster the telephone wires between this city and William Head have been in working order late this afternoon, but the residents there could give no further information regarding the foundering of the Sechelt. Nearly every person who witnessed the departure of the steamer from the station for Sooke has a different opinion as to how many passengers there were aboard and how many left the vessel at the station. Some of them estimate that there were not more than sixteen persons aboard, including the crew, while others are inclined to believe that there were at least thirty.

It is doubtful whether the exact number will ever be known, as the books kept in which the number of passengers aboard was entered were on the ship when she foundered in the straits. The names of the fireman, two deckhands and Chinese cook also cannot be learned. They are believed to have come here from Vancouver on the vessel.

None of the boats which were out yesterday, nor the patrol which was instituted along the beach, were successful in discovering any of the bodies. A rumor was afloat on Saturday evening that a launch cruising in the vicinity of the disaster had sighted two bodies in the tide eddies, but owing to darkness was unable to recover them. It is looked upon as almost an impossibility that any of the bodies will have come to the surface yet, as the majority of those aboard were in the cabin at the time and were caught like rats in a trap. It takes at least eight days for a drowned person to come to the top, and as the passengers were inside the bodies will not rise until the vessel breaks up.

Superintendent Hussey has engaged a launch to patrol the water in close proximity to where the Sechelt went down, and it is expected that this afternoon a sharp look-out is being kept all along the shore with the hope of finding some bodies or locating further wreckage which will be driven ashore from the vessel.

Harry Charles, with his wife and his father-in-law, were the only eye-witnesses of the disaster which befell the Sechelt, and from their story it is evident that the vessel experienced trouble with her engines. Mariners are led to believe that as the vessel was heading into the southwest she shipped several seas which flooded her stokehold and put her fires out. With no propelling power the Sechelt would have been helpless, and gradually the doors leading to the stairway of the burned building opened inward.



A MUNICIPAL FARGO-COMEDY. "Has anybody here seen Topp?"

NEW YORK HOLocaust CLAIMED 143 LIVES

Four-Fifths of Victims of Conflagration Were Girls—District Attorney Will Make Thorough Investigation Into Horror.

(Times Leased Wire.)
New York, March 27.—One hundred and forty-three blackened and mangled bodies, of which all but 59 have been identified, with 14 in hospitals, of whom five will die, was the final death toll this afternoon of the victims of the Triangle Waist Company's fire in the Asch building. Four-fifths of the dead were girls.

With every newspaper in the city raising funds to aid the destitute families of the tollers who perished in the fire trap, with District Attorney Whitman seeking to convict those responsible for the horror, and Fire Marshal Beers holding a strict examination in the cause of the disaster, union labor is planning to make of the holocaust an object lesson which will prevent such sacrifice of life in the future. It has been arranged that the funerals of the victims, or most of them, will be held to-morrow in one grand procession which will drive home to New Yorkers the need of adequate protection for its tollers.

Veteran firemen to-day, after a survey of the burned building, declared it was miraculous that anyone escaped alive.

Grand Jury Investigation.
Declaring that 150 loft buildings in Manhattan alone are in such condition that they might at any time furnish a repetition of Saturday's fire horror here, District Attorney Whitman to-day started an investigation, the result of which, it is hoped, will find a remedy for the conditions existing.

While some officials say that the laxity of the law, rather than any one's criminal negligence, is responsible for the toll of death exacted by the fire in the Asch building, Whitman will ask the grand jury to probe the fire fully, and if persons have been negligent he will demand a prison term for them. Assistant Attorney Reubin and Bowditch have been detailed to probe the horror to the bottom.

Whitman differs from the expressions of other officials and states that he believes the building inspection department of the city has been criminally lax. He is convinced that there had been an automatic fire alarm box in the building, 16 minutes would have been saved and no lives lost. Whitman's investigation shows that his

doors leading to the stairway of the burned building opened inward. Fire Chief Croker reports that he found dozens of charred bodies piled against these doors on the 9th floor, indicating that the first girls arriving there had been unable to open the doors inward owing to the crush of their frenzied fellow workers, and that all of them, piled in heaps, died wildly battering against the bars to safety.

Survivors of the tragedy to-day assert that the doors of the Triangle shirt-waist factory were locked when the alarm was given.

It was also learned to-day that the city building department, which controlled the Asch building, had not required the placing of fire escapes on the structure when the horror occurred.

Whitman and his assistants are examining 59 witnesses of the holocaust, including Joe Asch, owner of the burned building. As a possible explanation of the fire's start, it has been learned that the employees of the Triangle company habitually smoked cigarettes and threw the stubs carelessly about.

Mayor Gaynor to-day headed a public subscription for the care of the destitute families of the victims and is also raising funds for their benefit.

Members of the shirt-waist makers' union of the city will work to-morrow when the funerals of the victims in monster procession will be made a living protest against the lax building laws of the city.

Bodies Unidentified.
Of 143 corpses of those who perished in the fire, which are in the city morgue to-day, only 59 are still unidentified. At daylight long lines were formed outside the temporary morgues in which the dead lie and more than 1,000 women, weeping and wailing, with mingled fear and hope, were in line at 9 o'clock to try to trace in the charred and mangled remains, the features of those they loved to identify.

Most of the victims lived in lower Manhattan, between Second avenue and Avenue C.

UNIONIST FISCAL POLICY ATTACKED

CABINET MINISTERS SPEAK IN LANCASHIRE

Hon. L. Harcourt Says Government Will Not Criticize Canada's Actions

(Special to the Times.)
London, March 27.—Speaking in connection with the Bootle (Lancashire) bye-election, Col. Seely, in discussing reciprocity, submitted that what had happened between Canada and the United States was proof conclusive that if we had adopted Mr. Chamberlain's scheme, while the bonds of affection might have survived, the bonds of self-interest would have been terribly loosened. If the reciprocity treaty went through the Canadian would be able to get six pence a bushel more for his wheat.

"But," said Bonar Law, "if you adopted tariff reform Canadians would continue to sell their wheat at a lower price."

"Behold," continued Col. Seely, "the method Bonar Law proposed to the Empire. Suppose Law's fatuous policy had been adopted, the men of the Mother Country might get food for a little less. What a way to cement the empire! If the Tory way of setting up a fiscal bond had been tried it would have shattered the empire, precisely in the same way we lost the American sub-continent by attempting to tighten fiscal bonds."

Lewis Harcourt speaks.
Hon. Lewis Harcourt, speaking at Rosendale, Lancashire, said that the proposal for reciprocity was neither initiated, encouraged nor hampered by the government of this country. Canada had been given fiscal independence. It was not their business nor intention to either criticize nor put sticks in the wheels of progress which he believed they were making.

Perhaps it was unkind to allude to the words Mr. Harcourt used immediately that policy was launched. He was happy to say that all of Mr. Baldwin's colleagues dealt with the matter had since abandoned such language. It was assumed in the speeches of the opposition in this country that Canada should have been prevented from effectively entering into this reciprocity arrangement with the United States. He supposed that a Tory government having Imperial preference in view would have endeavored to forbid Canada making such an arrangement with her neighbor.

"Well," added Mr. Harcourt, "since the days when tea chests were thrown into Boston harbor no greater folly could have been committed than that." (Cheers.)

MINISTERS DEFEND RECIPROcity AGREEMENT

Hon. W. S. Fielding and Hon. Sydney Fisher Speak at Montreal—People Beginning to Realize Benefit of Freer Trade.

(Special to the Times.)

Montreal, March 27.—Windsor Hall was crowded on Saturday evening when a representative gathering heard Hon. W. S. Fielding and Hon. Sydney Fisher defend the reciprocity agreement.

That a considerable portion of the audience was antagonistic was shown when the chairman, Lieut.-Col. MacKay, in his opening remarks, mentioned that he was on the platform at Hon. Clifford Sifton's meeting, a statement that was greeted with cheers.

Mr. Fielding was given a warm reception. He opened by replying to those who attacked him at Mr. Sifton's Caegrain's attack on him at Mr. Sifton's meeting. "I challenge any man to show I have ever spoken or written any word in favor of annexation of this country with the United States. It is a pure fabrication without the ghost of a show of foundation." (Applause.)

"Reciprocity," Mr. Fielding declared, "formed the most important question the people of Canada had faced in many years. Montreal's interest was to preserve its property as the commercial capital of a prosperous and contented people, and if the effect of this measure would be to fill the western prairies with a prosperous and contented people, that would be the surest way of supplying customers for the merchants and manufacturers of Montreal. Then there had been some outcry among the British Columbia fruit-growers, but he believed that was passing away. (Cries of 'no!')

Mr. Fielding declared that Saskatchewan was almost unanimous for reciprocity, as was shown when Mr. Haultain, the opposition leader in the legislature, joined in the resolution of approval. (Cries of 'no!')

In Manitoba, where political feeling ran high, he believed the great mass of the farmers were in favor of it and would show it when the time came.

As to Ontario, Mr. Fielding ironically asked if there were any associations which were not in favor of the government, but while Toronto was naturally hostile, he believed the rural voters of Ontario would recognize that reciprocity was entirely in their interest.

The great masses of the people of Canada had made up their minds that this was a move for the benefit of the Dominion.

Regarding Sir William Van Horne's statement that in 1890 no one advocated reciprocity, Mr. Fielding read a paragraph from the States of Canada containing a standing offer of reciprocity in various natural products. In 1888 Sir Charles Tupper went to Washington to seek reciprocity, and so anxious was he to get it that he offered to give the Americans, in addition to the ordinary exchange of trade, free access to Canadian fishing privileges. "We come to you to-day with an arrangement getting everything," Sir Charles Tupper wanted, but we have not given the fish of the Dominion away." (Loud applause.)

In the last speech Sir John A. Macdonald put into the mouths of a government-general, he declared his government was doing all it could do to secure reciprocity. (Applause.)

Dealing with the statement that reciprocity had been a bolt from a blue sky, Mr. Fielding pointed out that the arrangements which were the foundation for these later proceedings were adopted by the unanimous vote of parliament.

Mr. Fielding asked why the people of Canada had been prosperous of late, and then quoted various figures to show the records for 14 years before 1896 and the 14 years since. "It is a gratifying thing to have the Conservatives say that everything is so lovely now. But these figures do not show that such gratifying things obtained when they were in power. Yet year after year they have said that the Laurier administration has been a bad one. Ever since the government came into power they have attacked our policy, and Mr. Gordon has called for adequate protection, but now, apparently, they take all that back and say our tariff policy is perfect.

"It is on the public records," said Mr. Fielding, "that President Taft of the United States said in a recent speech that his instructions to his commissioners were to offer Canada free trade in manufactures. I have no doubt he gave them these instructions, but they never made a formal proposal at that time. They were never permitted to get near enough for that. We told them at the beginning that in the matter of natural products we could meet them on even terms, but when it came to manufactures we had to be more categorical.

"We frankly told them that the United States with their enormously greater capital and specialized organization were more than our equals in manufacturing power, and that we were not prepared to make a treaty with them including any wide range to manufactured products."

Several years ago, Mr. Fielding said, he had addressed the Montreal manufacturers here and had then pointed out to them that it was a mistake for the manufacturers to range themselves in antagonism to the people of the western provinces.

"That opinion I reiterate to-day," said Mr. Fielding. "There is a distinct danger that east and west may be brought into covert, if not into open hostility. What kind of a west is it going to be—a wise, prudent and sympathetic west, or a rash, reckless and dangerous west? The answer can be made by the manufacturers of the Dominion and allied manufacturing interests with them."

"In view of these things, I give it as my opinion that if by the forces of the manufacturers this agreement be destroyed there will grow up in that western country a feeling dangerous to the manufacturing interests of Canada and dangerous to the future interests of this Dominion."

"We want manufacturers in Canada," continued Mr. Fielding. "We have guarded them in the past. You were told in 1867 that if you trusted the Liberal party dreadful things would happen. But to-day the manufacturers are prosperous, and to-day they should trust us again. The men who have given fair play to the manufacturers while dealing fairly and justly with

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CONFERENCE

Premier Asquith to Preside at Opening and Hon. Lewis Harcourt Later

London, March 28.—Sessions of the Imperial conference will be held at the foreign office and will cover four weeks. Premier Asquith will preside at the opening session and Hon. Lewis Harcourt subsequently.

In deference to the expressed wish of the visiting delegates, the government is not accepting on their behalf any outside social invitations, but there will be a foreign office party and several banquets.

MYSTERY DISAPPEARANCE.
Man Believed to Have Been Murdered and Body Thrown Into River.

South Bend, Wash., March 27.—Wallace Stuart, former state representative from Pacific county, president of the Takeland Oyster Co., and one of the best known and most largely interested oyster men of Washington, has been missing since last Wednesday night, and fears are entertained to-day that his body lies at the bottom of the Willapa river.

Last night dynamite was employed in the hope that the body could be brought to the surface. The oyster company has offered \$100 reward for information of the missing man's whereabouts.

Whether Stewart has met with foul play is undetermined to-day. There appears to be no reason why he should

be missing. His business affairs are in good shape, and the company had prospered.

The last seen of Stuart was on Wednesday night, when he walked from a drug store across to the city wharf, which contains the oyster company's offices. He was to have left for New York the following day, but it has been positively ascertained that he did not leave the city.

One theory is that some person, believing that Stuart had a large amount of money on his person, knocked him senseless and then threw him into the river after committing robbery.

ABANDONS PROPOSED TRIP TO FAR NORTH

Earl Grey Will Not Travel to Mouth of Mackenzie River

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, March 27.—Owing to his departure from Canada early in September just prior to the coming of the Duke of Connaught, Earl Grey has decided to abandon his proposed trip to the Mackenzie river to the Arctic Ocean and thence around through the Behring Straits to Victoria on the cruiser Rainbow. Preliminary arrangements for the trip had been made but His Excellency has concluded he would not be able to finish this trip through the Canadian hinterland in time for the carrying out of the usual arrangements of having the departing Governor-General pass the incoming one on the Atlantic. The proposed visit of His Excellency to the West Indies has also been abandoned.

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SECHELT SINKS WITH ALL ON BOARD

LIVELY SCENE AT COUNCIL MEETING

AN ANIMATED DEBATE ON THE SALE OF LIQUOR

Decision Reached to Appeal in the Case of City vs. Levy

After a somewhat acrimonious debate it was decided at Friday's meeting of the city council to act on the advice of the city solicitor and enter an appeal against the judgment of Mr. Justice Gregory in the case of the City vs. Levy, the decision having been that the defendant had the right to sell liquor with meals after midnight despite the city by-law which was declared ultra vires. The matter came up on the motion of the mayor that the previous decision of the board not to appeal be reconsidered.

Ald. Langley favored an appeal. The council should be guided by the advice of the city solicitor in the matter.

Ald. Moresby took a contrary view. So long as the provincial act, which declared that liquor could be sold with meals in restaurants, was in effect the city could not interfere with any success. The present discussion was, in his opinion, simply due to the fact that an election was pending and certain members of the board wanted to make a little political capital. In this connection he thought it strange that the mayor, who was such a moral reformer, did not enforce the by-law prohibiting screens or doors on the boxes in restaurants.

Mayor Morley declared that the by-law was being enforced. He ruled Aid. Moresby's remarks out of order.

Ald. Moresby held his ground, however, and continued to discuss present conditions affecting restaurants. A man could not now take his wife or sister to some restaurant boxes without danger of their overhearing bad language. All boxes and screens in restaurants should be done away with. If liquor was to be sold let it be done in the open.

The Mayor—You are drifting away to a discussion of how to build restaurants rather than that of ways and means to enforce the act.

Ald. Moresby, continuing, said if the council wished to be consistent it should amend the by-law to remedy the grievance he complained of.

On the motion to instruct the city so-

UNION BANK IS TO BUILD SOON

FINE STRUCTURE IN THE BUSINESS SECTION

First Work in Rehabilitation of Central Portion of Commercial Quarter

Within a comparatively brief period the first of the work which will lead to the rehabilitation of the block bounded by Broad, Fort, Government and View streets will have been commenced. Dinadale & Malcolm having been awarded the contract for the removal of the old buildings which now occupy the site whereon will be reared the fine structure to be occupied by the Union Bank of Canada and the Elliott building.

The area which will be embraced is comprised in those buildings which now stand between Broad and View streets, with frontages on both thoroughfares, as also on Trounce avenue—the premises being occupied by the Hub cigar store, the Grotto saloon, various real estate offices, P. Linklater and P. R. Brown & Co.

It is understood that R. T. Elliott, K. C., who is the owner of the sanitary half of the block thus described, with frontage on Broad street, has joined hands with the Union Bank of Canada, owners of the other portion, and agreed to the erection of a structure which will be uniform over the whole area. It will be five stories in height and of the most modern type, and will add materially to the handsome business premises of the city.

No announcement has yet been made as to when a start is to be made on the reconstruction of the Five Sisters block or the new building which is planned for the site of the old Spencer property, but it is supposed that within a very short time these undertakings will be taken in hand. But the commencement of work on the Union Bank block will in itself go far towards the rehabilitation of the most prominent business section of the city.

MINERS WILL STRIKE

Calgary, March 25.—The conference between representatives of the Mine Owners' Association and District 18, of the United Mine Workers of America was definitely declared off when the session resumed yesterday afternoon.

RECIPROCITY IS GROWING IN FAVOR

J. J. Hill Says It Will Jump Into Favor When Understood by the People

(Times Leased Wire.) Washington, D. C., March 25.—According to James J. Hill, business is good throughout the United States and the sentiment in favor of reciprocity is growing steadily.

"When people begin to understand reciprocity I expect to see it jump into immediate favor," said the veteran railroadier. "The subject is very little understood at present. As far as I can see business will remain good. There is no menace anywhere that I know of."

TRAIN PLUNGES INTO RIVER

TEN PERSONS DEAD; TEN REPORTED MISSING

Most of Victims Drowned in Their Berths in Pullman Cars

(Times Leased Wire.) Atlanta, Ga., March 25.—Ten persons are known to be dead, ten are missing and more than a score are badly injured at a trestle on the Atlantic Coast line railroad crossing the Alphaha river where the fast Jacksonville-Chicago express train, known as the Dixie Flyer, plunged down to the river early today when the structure collapsed.

The identified bodies are: W. Culpepper, Tifton, Ga.; O. Bombart, Henderson, Ky.; Mrs. W. Fletcher, Rowland, Ill.; Conductor Parnell, Savannah, Ga.; Fireman Ellis, colored; Porter Whitren, colored. The Dixie flyer, which makes the run from Chicago to Jacksonville in 36 hours, was one of the best trains in the east. It left Tifton at 2:25 this morning, running at high speed when the wreck occurred.

The wreck, which occurred at 8:30, is believed to have been a mistake in the interpretation of orders which were for the trains to pass at Blue Jay siding, but the stock train got past in some way.

THREE KILLED IN RAILWAY WRECK

TRAINS COLLIDE ON C. P. R. NEAR SCHREIBER

One of Victims Burned to Crisp—Several Trainmen Also Sustain Injuries

(Special to the Times.) Port Arthur, Ont., March 25.—Two persons known to be dead, one is missing, one fatally injured and three or four others seriously injured as the result of a collision early this morning between two trains on the C. P. R. one mile east of Schreiber, at what is known as "Blue Jay" siding.

The trains in collision were one of empty passenger coaches being sent east to handle the immigration traffic and a colonist train of settlers' effects from eastern Ontario. The two came together at a point where it was impossible for the engineers to see each other until within a distance of three hundred feet, and as both were running at high rate of speed, the impact was such as to completely demolish both engines, besides two coaches and two box cars.

Immediately following the collision the wreckage took fire, adding to the difficulty of rescue work and probably causing the death of C. M. Bank, train porter on the east bound, who is among the missing.

A Salvation Army officer is also among the missing and fears are entertained that he, too, is dead.

T. E. Robinson, of Newmarket, Ont., going west with eight horses and farm supplies, lost everything.

Fireman Burgess was burned to a crisp in the drip pan of the east bound engine.

The dead, Burgess, fireman; C. M. Bank, porter on east bound train; Salvation Army officer; name unknown, missing and probably dead.

The injured included: Harry Pullen, engineer; M. Christie, fireman; Ann, porter on east bound train; Porter Whitren, colored. Immediately after the accident a special train was made up to bring the injured to Port Arthur hospital, arriving this afternoon.

There are about thirty cars in the ditch and communication with the east is interrupted.

ROYAL COMMISSION IS APPOINTED

Will Investigate Complaints of Indians Regarding St. Peter's Reserve

Winnipeg, March 25.—A royal commission, consisting of Judge Prudhomme and Judge Myers, with Judge Locke chairman, has been appointed to investigate complaints of Indians with regard to St. Peter's reserve. The commission was appointed by the Attorney General as a result of a petition presented to him by the Indians, who say they have been unfairly treated in the selling of their lands.

It is also learned that the Registrar General for Manitoba would not pass titles, basing his objections to transfer on account of the lack of legal restraint on the province might be held for thousands of dollars if at any subsequent time the legality of the matter was questioned and the raisers of the complaint be unable to pay the same.

Nothing is ascertainable as to when the commission will sit, nor who will represent the Indians, or defend the case for the other side.

WILL QUELL LAWLESSNESS

Salem, Ore., March 25.—Immediate and decisive action will be taken by the legal department of the federal government relative to offenses committed on the Siletz reservation by lawless whites and Indians according to official communications received today from the interior department. Incidentally the department recognizes that an offense committed on the reservation is under the jurisdiction of the federal courts, something which several federal officials denied, when called upon to quell lawlessness on the Siletz.

The action of the department follows a protest from settlers who declared their lives and property were in jeopardy on account of the lack of legal restraint on the Siletz. Accompanying the protest was a long list of crimes, including murders, that had gone unpunished.

THREE CRUSHED TO DEATH

New York, March 25.—Three men were killed today by the fall of a ceiling in the Gleichmann Company's feed store in Brooklyn. They were trying to extinguish a fire when killed.

So far as known, Africa has but one island in which to each eleven square miles of land.

FOUR KILLED IN MILWAUKEE FIRE

Fifteen Other Firemen Sustain Injuries and One May Die

(Times Leased Wire.) Milwaukee, Wis., March 25.—A revised list of the casualties here in the 7th district Manufacturing Company's fire today shows four firemen dead and 16 injured, one fatally. Careful search of the ruins, completed today, makes it certain that no more bodies are among the debris.

ESCAPE WITH BOOTY

Springfield, Ill., March 25.—Two masked robbers held up the First National bank at Mound, Ill., yesterday afternoon and got clear away with \$2,500 in cash.

RUSSO-CHINESE CRISIS ACUTE

INSURANCE RATES AGAINST WAR RAISED

Reports That Cossacks Are Driving Chinese From the Amur Valley

(Times Leased Wire.) London, March 25.—Expecting that Russia soon will declare war on China, the British foreign office here today is evidently uneasy lest grave international complications develop out of the trouble in the far east. As a reflection of this feeling, Lloyds today again raised the insurance rates against war commencing before April 25 to the remarkably high figure of 15 guineas per cent.

Reports from Chinese ports declare that the Cossacks are driving the Chinese out of the Amur valley, and that the Chinese, in retaliation, are wrecking the Manchurian railroads.

In preparation for trouble, orders have been cabled to British warships in Chinese waters to protect all foreigners.

China Urged to Yield

St. Petersburg, March 25.—Despite the feeling of apprehension which prevails in other capitals today the Russian foreign office affects to believe that the present crisis in China will not result in war.

It is reported that Japan is bringing strong pressure to bear on China to induce the latter to comply with the Russian demands in Mongolia and in provinces. This statement, if verified, is taken as strong proof of the reported agreement between the governments of the Czar and Mikado for the joint exploitation of China.

Chinese replies to Russia's successive notes dealing with the demands of Russia in Mongolia have been described by the Chinese government as conciliatory, but the text in each case has been satisfactory.

The last Chinese note received by the Russian government concerns the establishment of a consulate at Khabarovsk, whereas Russia demanded its location at Shharumso, to which place the Chinese transferred the administrative seat of the district.

The Chinese reply also attempts to limit Russia's rights in trade to articles of foreign origin, whereas the treaty specifies that Russia's rights extend to merchandise of any origin.

This reply also denies the right of the Russians to trade in tea, which is one of Russia's most important contentions. It also promises to place Russian traders on equal conditions with natives. This would subject Russians to taxes and imposts not contemplated by the treaty.

The Novoe Vremya, in a leading article which betrays the irritation of the government, accuses the Chinese of mockery and demands that an ultimatum with a fixed term for its satisfaction be sent to China.

Mobilization Rumors. Vladivostok, March 25.—Persistent rumors are current here that a mobilization of troops has been ordered. The families of railroad employees on the Russian-Eastern lines are preparing to depart.

Russia's Final Note. Pekin, March 25.—M. Korostovitz, Russian minister to China, presented his country's final note to the Chinese foreign board in demanding complete acquiescence in Russia's Mongolian demands. Failure to comply, it is predicted, will mean war.

DARING ROBBERY

(Special Correspondence.) Winnipeg, March 25.—Tom Steadman's shoe store, near the C. P. R. depot on Main street, was entered yesterday morning by men who cut a hole in the plate glass and took about \$20 in money orders on exhibit in the window. They escaped.

THIRTY LIVES LOST WHEN BOAT FOUNDERS

LITTLE STEAMBOAT PLYING ON SOOKE ROUTE OVERWHELMED

Disaster Occurred in Race Rocks Passage at 5 Yesterday—Indians Saw Vessel Capsized—Not a Trace of Her Is Left.

(From Saturday's Daily.) Caught in a terrific gale of wind blowing from the southwest, and the tremendous cross-seas stirred up by the winds, the little steamer Sechelt, operated by the British Columbia Shipping Company, capsized yesterday afternoon in Race Rocks Passage, while on her regular run from this city to Sooke, and as the disaster occurred without the slightest warning the lives of the twenty-four passengers and five members of the crew who were supposed to have been aboard at the time have been blotted out, although the exact number of those drowned has not as yet been ascertained.

Indians residing in the vicinity of the Race witnessed the tragedy, which they state happened at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. They were powerless to render the slightest assistance owing to the conditions of the weather. Several of the natives manned one of their canoes, and after rowing for several hours, during which time their lives were imperiled many times, reached the William Head quarantine station, bringing the first news of the foundering of the vessel.

As telephonic communication between the station and this city was out of order, a young man volunteered to make an attempt at running a launch to Victoria for assistance. At times the weather threatened to force him to return but his sturdy little craft bore him safely across the treacherous waters and he reached Esquimalt harbor at 10 o'clock last night. He notified the B. C. Salvage Company, and the William Joffile had left her berth at Esquimalt and was steaming at full speed for Race Rocks.

By this time, however, all hope of rescuing the crew and passengers of the vessel had been abandoned, as in the seas which were running it would be

utterly impossible for anyone to survive. The Sechelt carried but two lifeboats and two rafts, and before these could have been launched the vessel would have turned turtle and her deck-hold was filling rapidly with water. For two hours the Joffile cruised back and forth from the entrance to the shore and entering the tide rips, but no sign could be seen of the vessel or any of its fittings or of the bodies of any of the unfortunate passengers.

Leaving the G. T. P. dock at 2:30 yesterday afternoon the Sechelt proceeded to her first calling place, William Head. It is stated, although it cannot be verified as yet, that fifteen laborers, who were engaged by the Canadian Northern Railway Company to commence work at their camps at Pedder Bay, left the boat at the quarantine wharf. The number of passengers aboard the steamer when she left this city was 29, so that if fifteen left the Sechelt at William Head it is almost a certainty that the remaining 15 have been drowned.

Chief Officer Moore, of the William Joffile, conversing with a Times representative this morning on the return of that vessel from her futile search, stated that it is his firm belief that within twenty minutes after the ship capsized not one of the persons aboard was alive.

"They would have had no chance," he said. "If every person aboard the ship were good swimmers and had time to secure a life-belt to fasten around them they could not last any length of time in the nasty seas. In the tide rips and cross currents a person would be drowned by the elements. I believe that if any wreckage is discovered of the Sechelt that it will come ashore between Discovery and Smith Islands."

The first reports received were meagre, yet they spread like wild-fire throughout Victoria. The wireless station at Gonzales hill was notified of the terrible calamity and messages were flashed to the Canadian-Australian liner Moana, Capt. Morris, which had just left the outer wharf for the Antipodes. Capt. Jones, by the way, was formerly an officer on the steamer ship. What was the result of the ship's search is not known, but apparently she sighted nothing as her search has been received here from her.

Some of Those Lost. Many Victorians are supposed to have been aboard the Sechelt and the anxiety amongst their relatives and friends in this city is very great, although they are forced to believe that the members of their kin have perished in the waters of the Straits of Juan de Fuca. Among those who undoubtedly have been drowned, the best known in this city, was Capt. H. W. James, who was in command of the ship, relieving Capt. Strogon, who has been laid up through illness. Capt. James, together with Capt. Jarvis, N. R., has been conducting the Victoria nautical school in the Victoria block for some years, and they have been the instigators of several shipping schemes, which have meant something for Victoria.

Notably amongst the shipping companies formed by them was the one operating the steamer Sechelt on the Victoria-Sooke run. The service has only been in effect for about three months, but within that short space of time, through the business-like manner in which Capt. James and Capt. Jarvis have managed the affairs of the company, it has built up a remarkable trade. While Capt. Jarvis was in England, Capt. James purchased the steamer Sechelt for the run, but several weeks ago the Sechelt was purchased by the Vancouverian, who turned it over into the work, replacing the Telemannian, which was found to be altogether too small. He was also interested in the plan for the bringing of the steamer to this coast, which would be used in cooling the big liners at the docks.

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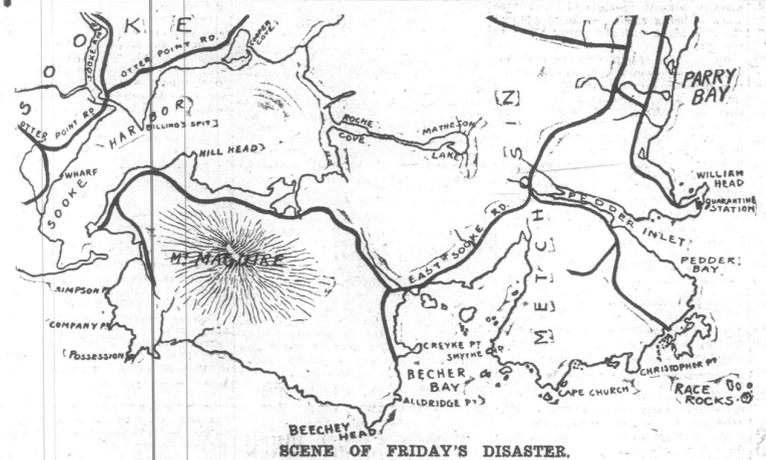
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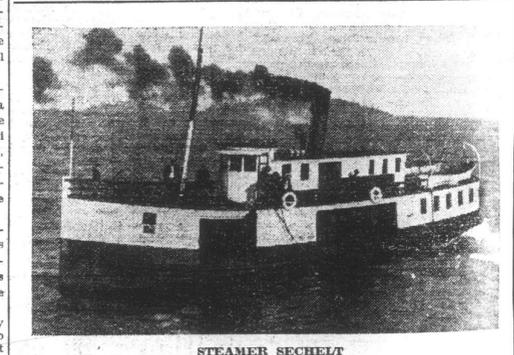
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Revolutionists Retreat in Disorder Pursued by Mexican Soldiers

(Times Leased Wire.) Arua Prieta, Mexico, March 24.—Complete rout of Jose Rivera's wing of the insurgent band that planned an attack on Hermosillo saved that city to-day. The rebels left 34 dead and two score wounded on the field after nine hours of fighting Wednesday at La Colorado. The reverse caused the revolutionists to abandon an entrenched position at La Colorado and they are reported to have fallen back in disorder with the federals in pursuit.

The federal force at La Colorado was commanded by General Luis Barron who reported that the revolutionists killed and had three fatally wounded soldiers at Hermosillo.

Rivera was planning a juncture with Cabral's insurgent force for a combined attack on Hermosillo. His defeat probably will prevent Cabral from attacking the city, and it is now believed that Hermosillo is safe.

Will Engage Rebels. Nogales, Ariz., March 24.—Official reports reaching here to-day give the number of casualties as a result of yesterday's battle at La Colorado as from 50 to 60 killed and wounded. Another detachment of federals numbering 300 passed through Nogales, Mexico, late last night en route to Hermosillo.

The report of the killing by insurgents of Mayor Pompey de Soria is confirmed. A detachment of federals has been dispatched to engage the rebels at that point.

No fighting has so far been reported at Hermosillo, Guaymas, Magdalena or Nogales, Mexico.

Ranchers Support Rebels. El Paso, Texas, March 24.—The defeat of Rivera as president of Mexico are numbered, according to a wealthy Chihuahua man who arrived here to-day with the news that the federal cause were flocking to the support of the insurgents.

Chicago, March 24.—Indication that Washington still expects serious trouble to grow out of the Mexican situation is seen here to-day in a message from the war department which ordered railroad officials to hold every available tourist and baggage car for instant use.

A second order to Captain Kenney, in charge of the recruiting office, authorizing to accept any volunteers for enlistment, even though they fell short of former physical requirements were received. One hundred men enlisted yesterday.

Preparing for Winter Campaign. San Francisco, Cal., March 24.—Mills at Portland, Salem, San Francisco and other cities in the Pacific coast are ordered from the war department for delivery to the quartermaster at El Paso, Texas, of a quantity of heavy blankets. The amount of the order is \$150,000.

Lauds Taft's Action. London, March 24.—Laudation of President Taft's determined attitude in mobilizing the army and navy of the United States against the Mexican outrage attracted editorially here to-day by the Express. The paper says: "It is now apparent that the strong hand played by President Taft in putting warships on the coast and troops on the border of Mexico, has served the purpose of peace diplomacy. He has made clear to the world that America will permit no infringement of the Monroe doctrine. We cordially welcome this proof of his determination to sincerely believe that the Monroe doctrine makes for the world's security."

Recruiting Order. Washington, D. C., March 24.—Denial was made at the war department this afternoon that recruiting was being pushed because trouble was expected to arise from the Mexican situation.

MARRIAGE ANNULLED. Montreal, March 24.—Because they were not married by a Catholic priest, Justice Laurentien adjudged Eugene Hebert and Marie Auguston not legally married in 1909, and the marriage was annulled.

BOY SHOTS HIMSELF. Chicago, March 24.—William Shiel, 11, shot himself to-day, having shot himself with a revolver, a gift from his father, because he could not commit his lessons.

CARNEGIE SPEAKS ON ARBITRATION

STRONG SUPPORTER OF PROPOSED AGREEMENT

Declares Other Nations Will Follow Steps of Britain and States

(Times Leased Wire.) New York, March 24.—Andrew Carnegie came out to-day as a most enthusiastic booster of President Taft's policy for peace through arbitration agreements. In an interview with the United Press the "Ironmaster" cordially declared the views on American and British friendship recently expressed by Lord Charles Beresford. Mr. Carnegie said: "If Great Britain and America enter into an arbitration treaty it will banish all possibility of war from the boundaries of the English-speaking races because of their faith in each other. I know that as we have lived for a century in amity, all disputes which may rise will be settled and the treaty will be adhered to. Assuming that our race abolishes war, as it has abolished duelling, which is private war, the effect upon other nations would be overwhelming.

"Our noble president, the foremost apostle of peace the world has ever seen, announced that already another great power has officially informed him that it is prepared to enter into an arbitration treaty. This is indeed significant, but only what was to have been expected. The other nations will follow by others. The fact is that if this treaty is adopted by the senate so overwhelmingly as to impress the world, other nations will do as one has done and will ask permission to enter the brotherhood of peace."

"I see that Admiral Dewey is quoted as saying that he favors arbitration with his heart and soul, but does not believe that we shall see substantial peace established on that basis in our day. I wish to say that that is the best thing I have heard from Dewey in many a day. I can only put my belief against his. I am so full of faith that I will hazard the prediction that if a treaty combining the English-speaking races be executed, Dewey himself will live to see the result of his wish."

"Assuming that several nations had agreed to such a treaty and it was broken, we would immediately stop the mails to that nation. We could consider it as one of the members of the United States who has violated the rules and proprieties of the club and would decline further intercourse with it. This would be a much more severe punishment than war. The mere fact that certain acts are considered dishonorable among men is often a greater deterrent than the fear of punishment."

Asked whether the fact that the government had succeeded in mobilizing only 10,000 soldiers against our own preparation for war, Carnegie said: "If we had only 10,000 soldiers, I would consider the nation invincibly armed against possible enemies. We have no enemies, nobody who has a chance of doing us any harm. We don't want to attack anybody."

"A gentleman visited me to-day from Japan who is grieving that a portion of the American people seem to be determined to believe that it could be a family who had violated the rules and proprieties of the world with Japan would be friendly it is ours."

"An American mistrusting his country so much as to believe that it could be successfully invaded should not venture out without a lightning rod to protect him from a stroke, of which there is ten times more probability than of an attempt to invade us."

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PREPARATIONS FOR ELECTIONS

POLLING DAY MAY BE FRIDAY, APRIL SEVEN

Court of Revision to Sit on Monday Next; Nominations Possible April 4

(From Friday's Daily.) Court of revision, Monday, March 27. Nominations, April 4. Elections, April 7. Number of names on list (approximately) 5,000. The above is a forecast respecting the forthcoming municipal contest based on information which the Times received this morning from well-informed sources. It is improbable that any proclamation fixing the exact date of the elections will be made until the court of revision, to be held by Harold B. Robertson, the commissioner, under the Victoria Elections Act, has finished his labors, but it is hoped that these will not be arduous, and that the contest can be brought on the date specified, Friday, April 7. Under this schedule the city council, as it is at present constituted, would be declared shorn of office from April 6—there thus existing an hiatus of but one day until the new board had been elected.

In order to expedite the work of the court of revision, Mr. Robertson has had a man stationed at the entrance to the city hall, where the voters lists are displayed for the inspection of all who care to examine them to see if they are on, and any applications for registration are questioned and their case referred to the commissioner at once. There have been numerous enquiries of this nature, and these have all been looked into by the commissioner, who is, in consequence, very hopeful that the court of revision will be able to complete its labors on Monday, when that fact would be at once communicated to the attorney-general, who would then fix the date of the election without delay.

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CIVIC ACCOUNTS COMING SOON

FINANCIAL STATEMENT NOW IN PRINTER'S HANDS

Much Speculation as to What It Will Disclose—Reasons for Delay

(From Friday's Daily.) There has been considerable adverse comment at the fact that the financial statement of the corporation of the city of Victoria for the year 1910 has not yet been published, and a Times reporter this morning questioned Jas. L. Raymond, city controller, on the matter. Said Mr. Raymond: "The delay in issuing the financial statement has been due in the main to the fact that its preparation was retarded owing to the changes in methods of accounting authorized by the council as a result of the report of J. H. Hollivell, who recently made certain recommendations to the board. The statement is, however, now in the hands of the printer and will be issued shortly."

"Will it be issued before the new elections are held?" "I suppose so; it is up to the printer."

It may be added that at a meeting of the city council shortly after the last municipal elections, the mayor, replying to a query from a member of the board, made the prediction that a balance would be found on the right side of the ledger. Nothing further has been forthcoming since that date in respect to what the statement will disclose as to the financial status of the city, but it having been disclosed that there is an overdraft of over a million and a half at the bank, due to the failure of the city to issue its local improvement debentures, there is now a feeling amongst the ratepayers generally that the statement should be issued without delay.

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MORE ELECTRIC POWER BY MAY 15

B. C. ELECTRIC PLANT NEARING COMPLETION

Jordan River Works Will Deliver 10,000 Horse Power in the City

(From Friday's Daily.) Cheap electric power and plenty of it is the splendid asset which the city of Victoria will possess not later than the 15th of May, by which date it is stated that the power developed by the new plant of the B. C. Electric Railway Company at Jordan river will be in process of delivery to the city.

This is the gratifying announcement which was made yesterday by A. T. Goward, the local manager of the company. At the same time he made it known that the transmission lines are already almost completed and that work is being rushed so as to connect the new plant with the power house in the city.

By the date specified by the manager 7,000 horse-power will be available and it will be brought into the city over six lines of wire. In a short time after that he predicts that another 3,000 horse-power will be available. With this latter supply of power in operation in the city the company will have implemented its agreement with the council so far as the production of power is concerned; and with the proposal of the new suburban line to Saanich in sight of early fulfillment the company has been forthrightly as regards their promises to the city.

As may be known the rates at which the company will supply power to the city have already been settled by agreement, approved by the ratepayers, the company promising to supply power for street lighting at one-half the cost the city was producing it for at the time the agreement between the company and the council was arrived at.

In addition to supplying power to its own lines and the city the company will be in a position to supply power to individual manufacturers through this extension of its generating plant. Already a great number of applications have been made to the company for power, so many in fact as to induce Mr. Goward to suggest the possibility of another unit being added to the plant, in that way practically doubling the present capacity.

It is little more than a year since the company started operations on the new plant, and but for the delay occasioned by the failure of the contractors in Germany to deliver the machinery within the contract time the plant would have been in operation some considerable time ago. However, now that it is nearing that stage all bickering about the unexpected delay will be silenced.

To the city of Victoria in its present transitional stage, when it is possible to figure a great and industrious populace out of the present nucleus, the cheap power thus ensured is of inestimable value. To date the company has expended the sum of \$1,750,000 on the development of their new plant. It will cost considerably more before it is completed.

STEAMER ASHORE. Over Hundred Passengers and Crew Rescued With Great Difficulty. (Special to the Times.)

Louisburg, March 24.—The Reid Newfoundland steamer Bruce is reported ashore near Nova Scotia, Malindi, and is said to be lying in a dangerous position. The ship, which struck about five o'clock this morning, was on the way from Port Aux Basques to Louisburg and had 125 passengers on board. These, together with the crew, were rescued with great difficulty. Tugs have been sent to assist the wrecked vessel.

GLENSIDE WINS GRAND NATIONAL

TWENTY-SIX START, BUT ONLY FOUR FINISH

Rathnally Secures Second Place, With Shady Girl Third

(Times Leased Wire.) Liverpool, March 24.—Frank Bibby's Glenside, with Jockey Tick Mason, won first honors in the Grand National steeplechase at Aintree, the richest cross-country race. Rathnally, owned by O. H. Jones, was second, and F. Nelke's Shady Girl was third. There were 26 starters. Glenside, the winner, was held at 20 to 1. Rathnally was 6 to 1, and Shady Girl 33 to 1. H. McNeill's Foolhardy was the only other horse which finished, all the others having fallen on the course.

Next to the Derby, the Grand National steeplechase over the Aintree track, just outside Liverpool, is the most popular race in England. The 4 1/2-course is admittedly the severest in the world. A few owners entrust their horses to professional jockeys, but the majority prefer to do their own riding.

To English sportsmen, perhaps the best known of to-day's amateur riders, was Henry Beasley, a rich landowner, who rode in his first Grand National 20 years ago. Not having a horse good enough to enter in this year's race, he prevailed upon a millionaire friend, C. G. Ashton-Smith, to let him ride the latter's entry, Cockler, one of the favorites. Jerry M., another of Ashton-Smith's horses, ridden by a professional, was also heavily backed.

The presence in the field of Foxhall Kew's "President" and two French cracks, Lutteur III and Trianon, gave an international flavor to the race. Preceptor was not very seriously considered, but the French horses, owned respectively by James Hennessy, the brandy distiller, and Henri Munan, the champagne merchant, were strongly fancied.

Other English entries were Monk V. and Schwärmer, owned by John Jacob Astor, Jr., who, as a lieutenant in the Royal Horse Guards, was prevented by his military duties from riding. The same cause kept Lieut. Dermott McCallum, of the Seventh Hussars, owner of Judas, and one of the most brilliant amateur jockeys in England, from appearing in the field in person. The peacocks and the stage were represented by Lady Torrington's Cressian Priele, Frank Bibby's millionaire shipowner, who has also often figured in previous Grand Nationals, but is now too old to trust himself in so stiff a race, had two entries, Caubert and Glenside. Percy Whittaker, another rich sportsman, rode his own horse, Rory O'Moore.

MUST GO TO JAIL. Cincinnati, O., March 24.—Convicted of having used the mails to defraud, William P. Harrison, a millionaire manufacturer and mail order merchant, was sentenced here to-day to three years in the penitentiary and fined \$1,000. Harrison was convicted of having fraudulently advertised a vacuum cleaner. The prosecution was the result of a raid directed by Postmaster General Hitchcock.

KILLED ON RAILWAY. Vancouver, March 24.—Tired out after his day's labor as a section man on the British Columbia Electric railway, A. Miles lay down on the track last night near Burnaby and went to sleep, apparently in the belief that all traffic was stopped on the line for the night. A construction motor, delayed beyond the customary time, passed about half an hour later and cut the sleeping man to pieces.

DYNAMITERS TRY TO WRECK COURT HOUSE

Two Charges Exploded in Structure Being Erected at Omaha, Neb.

(Times Leased Wire.) Omaha, Neb., March 24.—Two charges of dynamite, placed in different parts of the new \$1,000,000 court house, exploded here this morning. The damage to the building was slight, though nearby structures were shaken by the explosion.

Bloodhounds are being used in an effort to trace the dynamiters who are known to have sought the injury of Caldwell & Drake, of Columbus, Ind., who are the contractors on the building.

Another Outrage. Columbus, Ind., March 24.—The offices of Caldwell & Drake, contractors, were wrecked by dynamite here to-day simultaneously with the dynamiting of the Omaha court house. No arrests have yet been made.

CORONATION OF KING. Rear-Admiral Vreeland Will Represent United States Navy. Washington, D. C., March 24.—Following Admiral Dewey's declination to serve because of the length of the journey, President Taft to-day announced that Rear-Admiral Chas. R. Vreeland, now in command of the second division of the Atlantic fleet, would represent the navy at the coronation of King George.

TEN FIREMEN LOSE THEIR LIVES

FALL IN FLAMES WHEN ROOF COLLAPSES

Sixteen Other Members of Brigade Injured, Five Probably Fatally

(Times Leased Wire.) Milwaukee, Wis., March 24.—Ten firemen are believed to have lost their lives when the roof of the burning Middleton manufacturing building collapsed to-day. Twenty-five firemen were on the roof when it fell through, all of them being precipitated into a mass of burning wreckage.

Without the loss of a moment their companions dashed into the ruins of the building, beating their way through waves of smoke and flame and trampling over almost red hot brands to reach the dead and dying. Within a few minutes fifteen of the men, including Chief Clancy, had been dragged out of the blazing pile, all of them badly injured, and as soon as torrents of water had partially quenched the flames five dead bodies, all fearfully charred, were carried into the street.

At one o'clock this afternoon a sixth corpse was recovered from the ruins. It was headless and has not been identified.

The known dead: Capt. John Hentz, engine company No. 9; Lieut. John Houlahan, engine company No. 9; Fireman Richard Burke, engine company No. 9; Fireman Edward Hagle, engine company No. 18; Truckman Frank Cavanaugh.

The hospitals report sixteen injured, five of them probably fatally. Practically the entire city fire department was working to prevent the fire from spreading to the wholesale district when the walls and roof of the burning building fell, carrying the group of firemen down into the ruins. With water from a dozen hose lines drenching them, the firemen attacked the blazing debris, scores of them risking their lives in desperate sallies into the flames to save their comrades from certain death. As fast as the victims were borne out they were rushed to hospitals by ambulances, of which the whole city force was on hand.

Just before the wall which carried the firemen down, collapsed, the fire fighters had rescued thirty girls who were confined, panic stricken, in one of the upper floors of the building which provided a charnel house. Ten minutes more and all of them would surely have swelled the list of dead and injured.

The cause of the fire is unknown. The damage will be about \$100,000. During the progress of the fire thousands of people surrounded the building, and when the firemen were seen to disappear with the falling roof only the most desperate efforts of the police were able to prevent a rush.

TAKES PAUPER'S OATH. B. D. Greene Seeks to Escape Further Liability for \$750,000 Fine. Atlanta, Ga., March 24.—Benj. D. Greene, convicted of fraud in the Savannah harbor improvements case, and who has just completed a term in the federal penitentiary here, was granted his liberty late yesterday at the conclusion of a hearing on his application to take the pauper's oath.

Captain Greene immediately took the oath. Greene later walked out of the federal building a free man for the first time in twelve years, bringing to a close, so far as he is concerned, a legal battle that has commanded attention for a decade.

Greene's application for leave to take the pauper's oath in order to escape further liability for the \$750,000 fine imposed on himself and Gaynor when they were convicted, was granted by United States Commissioner Walter Colquitt.

Greene will sail for Europe shortly. He said he would join Mrs. Greene in Paris and they probably would make that city their home.

The government resisted the application for the pauper's oath on the ground that Greene had assets concealed which would enable him to pay off a considerable part of the \$750,000 fine.

John F. Gaynor, jointly convicted with Greene, has completed his sentence in the federal prison and also has filed application to take the pauper's oath. His application is pending.

AUSTRALIA'S NAVY. London, March 25.—Admiral Sir R. Henderson, who has been giving technical advice to the Commonwealth government, interviewed at Colombo regarding the suggestion of the Times that the colonies should unite with Australia and provide half the fleet required to protect Imperial interests in eastern waters, says that unity of control is essential. He thinks that during war Australia would place her fleet under the Admiralty. His plan of naval defence is based on Australia's population and resources as compared with the rest of the Empire.

JOIN EDMONTON CLUB. Edmonton, March 24.—It was announced last night by Manager White, of the Edmonton Baseball Club, that Moose Baxter's two big brothers, Andy and Harvey, first baseman and pitcher, were to play with Edmonton this season. They have been playing on the coast, and both had offers from Vancouver. They come here with good reputations as ball players.

TO COMMEMORATE NAVIGATOR COOK

Province of B. C. to Contribute Toward Fine Memorial in London

A memorial to Captain Cook, the famous navigator, is being projected in London by a distinguished body of men, at the head of which appears the name of His Majesty King George V.

Not only is it fitting that the N. E. Society should contribute to the London memorial, but I cordially agree with what you suggest, that our society should interest one province (government and the public) to erect to the memory of Captain Cook a monument or cenotaph in Nootka Sound to perpetuate his discovery of the sound, and also to mark the spot.

Again, not only was Captain Cook the discoverer of Nootka Sound, to which discovery the Spaniards laid claim when they realized that the sovereignty over this coast would doubtless, in the far future, be of great value and importance.

I may conclude this letter by stating that the above information, showing the close association of Vancouver with Cook is all to be found in my book, "British Columbia Coast Names," under the notes on Cape Cook and Vancouver Island, a copy of which book I presented to the library of our society.

JOHN T. WALERAN

SENT UP FOR TRIAL New Westminster, March 27.—As a result of the shooting affray last Sunday evening in the B. C. Condensed Milk Factory, Hverik Nesevitch will appear in a higher court charged with murderous assault on Alfred Hagan.

Have You An Old Black Straw Hat? BOWES' BLACK STRAW HAT VARNISH

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Man Sent to Prison for Crime He Did Not Commit, May Receive Pardon

New York, March 27.—Andrew Carnegie today directed his pension fund agents to investigate the case of Andrew Toth, a Pittsburgh millman, who was recently released from the Western penitentiary after having spent twenty years behind his walls for a murder he never committed.

DEATH OF PIONEER

New Westminster, March 27.—The death place here of one of the oldest millmen in the city is the passing of Carey Pickles.

RUSSIAN TROOPS IN CHINESE TERRITORY

Reported to Have Entered III Province Where They Are Stopping Caravans

Omden, March 27.—Russia has already invaded China, according to advices received here to-day by a private Chinese society.

Concessions Granted Pekin, March 27.—War in the Far East is believed to-day to have been averted by China's unreservedly granting of Russia's demands for certain trade concessions in Mongolia.

NOT SHUT OUT BY LOCAL OPTION

Wholesale Liquor Dealer May Conduct Business in "Dry" Unit

Bellingham, Wash., March 27.—Simon McLeod, wholesale liquor dealer, is guilty of illegal liquor sales, in that he delivered whisky to places not bona fide residences, and for this offence must pay \$100 fine and costs of the action against him, and must deposit bond in the sum of \$1,000 before he can resume business.

BANK CLOSED

Redding, Cal., Mar. 27.—Pending an investigation into its solvency, the state bank superintendent of banking on Saturday closed the doors of the Bank of Shasta county at Redding.

FERNIE COURT HOUSE Fernie, March 27.—Court was held for the first time in the new court house, when His Honor Judge Wilson presided at the county sessions.

GIRL GUIDES AT TRAIL Trail, March 27.—A patrol of the Girl Guides, a sister organization of the Boy Scouts, has been organized, with the following officers in charge: Scout Captain, Miss K. Beasley; assistant, Miss Dorothy Blackman.

CANADA'S RICHES ON PEACE RIVER

American Magazine Writer Enthusiastic Over Immensity of Prospects

"The Peace River valley is made up of sixty-five million acres of first-class agricultural land, with a wheat growing capacity of what has been approximately estimated at 500,000,000 bushels a year," says Arthur Stricker in Hampton's Magazine.

San Francisco, March 27.—A full report was forwarded to the secretary of war at Washington Saturday of the fact that all wireless records were erased Friday night when a temporary station established on Baker's Beach, picked up messages from every part of the globe.

THE CITY MARKET

Table listing market prices for various goods including Hams, Bacon, Beef, Mutton, and various flours.

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RIFLE SHOOTING SEASON OPENING

First Matches of Fifth Regiment Marksmen Take Place on Saturday Next

The opening meeting of the Fifth Regiment Rifle Association takes place on Saturday next at Clover Point range, and the 1911 season bids fair to be one of the busiest the association has known.

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH OFFICERS

All Branches of the Church Work Are in a Prosperous Condition

The adjourned annual meeting of Emmanuel Baptist congregation was held on Thursday, Rev. Wm. Stevenson in the chair.

PLAN TO DOMINATE FINANCIAL SITUATION

Morgan, Rockefeller and Kuhn Loeb Co. Seek Chain of Banks

New York, March 27.—Confirmation of suspicions that the Morgan, Rockefeller and Kuhn-Loeb interests plan to gain control of the whole country's finances is seen here by Wall Street in the acquisition by the "big three" of the National Bank of Commerce with its deposits of \$142,000,000.

PRINCE GEORGE IS SOON TO RESUME

Being Overhauled for Summer Schedule—Prince John Coming Out

About the middle of this week the G. T. P. steamer Prince George will be floated out of the Esquimaux dry dock, after having her hull scraped and painted.

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Advertisement for 'STEADMAN'S SOOTHING POWDERS' and 'EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH OFFICERS'.

INCREASES FOR CIVIC EMPLOYEES

Practically All Officials at New Westminster Get Raise

New Westminster, March 25.—Increases in the salaries of officials in the employ of the city and a new auto for the use of the fire chief were the principal features of the estimates, which were considered by the council at a special meeting.

The estimates of the light committee were first discussed, and the proposal to raise the salary of the city electrician caused some discussion. It was finally decided to raise the salary of City Electrician Fowler to \$145 per month.

The salary of the police magistrate was raised to \$100 per month, and it was decided to put on an extra plain clothes man. Also a mounted officer at a salary of \$75 per month.

Nerves Are Exhausted

And Nervous Prostration or Paralysis Are Creeping Steadily Upon You

DR. CHASE'S NERVE FOOD

You hear of people suddenly falling victims of nervous prostration or some form of paralysis. But when you get all the facts of the case you find that they have had months or years of warning.

They haven't slept well. There has been frequent attacks of nervous headache. Digestion had failed. They had seen irritable, easily worked and excited and have found memory and concentration failing.

Had they but known that these symptoms tell of exhausted nerves or had they realized that danger they would have restored the feeble, wasted nerves by use of such treatment as Dr. Chase's Nerve Food.

This great restorative treatment cures by forming new rich blood and by rebuilding the wasted nerve cells. No medicine is more certain to prove beneficial, for each dose adds to the system a certain amount of rich, red blood.

Nervous diseases come on slowly and can only be overcome by patient and persistent treatment. Prevention is always better than cure, and for this reason you should endeavor to keep the system at high water mark by using Dr. Chase's Nerve Food at the first sign of trouble.

PLAYGROUNDS FOR CHILDREN.

Vancouver, March 25.—A deputation from the Children's Protective Association was present at the meeting of the park commissioners to call attention to the necessity for suitably equipped playgrounds for the school children. The deputation was composed of E. W. Lesson, T. F. Beatty, and Father Madden. Mr. Lesson addressed the commissioners and dwelt particularly on the great moral and physical effects that it would have on the school children, and pointed out that it would be a great factor in assisting the work of the juvenile court.

WOMEN FIGHT POLICE.

Chicago, March 27.—Battling for fully 15 minutes with police and laborers, a

score of militant women on Saturday afternoon prevented the laying of a brick pavement in West Hammond, just outside the city. Virginia Brooks, the leader of a civic reform movement, was foremost in the fray. She was arrested and warrants for four of the other women were sworn out.

NEW MEMBERS OF MEXICAN CABINET

Number of Reforms Will Be Enacted—No Change in Attitude Toward Rebels

Mexico City, March 27.—Although no official announcement has been made it is known that five of the new members of President Diaz's cabinet have been selected, and it is almost certain that Jose Limantour will remain as minister of finance. Other selections are: Demetrio Sodi, judge of the Supreme court, minister of justice, succeeding Justino Fernandez; Noerberto Dominguez, postmaster-general, succeeding Leandro Fernandez; Manuel Maroquin, well known civil engineer, department of Fomento, succeeding Olagiro Molina; Jorge Estanol, an attorney, minister of education, succeeding Justino Sierra.

The administration will make the announcement this week. It is barely possible changes may be made then in the list of those now selected. For the heads of the departments of war and interior no hint has been given. Gen. Bernardo Reyes, now in Italy, who by many was thought to be slated for the post of secretary of war and marine, is returning to Mexico, but not to serve in that capacity. According to a high authority, he will return to serve in the army. With the exception of General Diaz himself, there is no man in Mexico whom the Mexican people credit with greater military genius than General Reyes, and it is believed the mere knowledge of the fact that he is to be sent into the field will do much to break the spirit of the revolution.

With the changes in the cabinet, reforms will be enacted, which will include changes in the electoral system, effective suffrage in the election of state governors and a reformation of the powers of the jefes politico. It is said a full programme of these reforms will be given in the president's message next Saturday at the opening of congress.

"I hope earnestly that the present differences will soon be solved in the best interests of the country and to the satisfaction of all reasonable patriotic persons," said Senor Limantour. "I feel that I may say that the administration of President Diaz is prepared to take such measures as to employ the best public opinion, and while meeting force with force, it will leave nothing undone in the present circumstances to unite all good Mexicans. The Mexican people and the governments friendly to us, must believe—and I say this in all solemnity of verity—that the government is determined properly and progressively to satisfy all legitimate demands for reformative measures, and that it is doing this in its line of duty as a representative government, honestly, sincerely and fearlessly." None is better known to Americans than Enrique C. Creel, both because of having filled the post of ambassador to Washington and his dealings with Americans at Chihuahua while serving as governor.

MINISTERS DEFEND RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT

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the farmers and the masses of the people, and have brought about the prosperous conditions which I have shown you, are the men who have brought about this reciprocity agreement, and the men who in future, as in the past, will deal liberal justice and fair play to the farming interests without sacrificing the manufacturing interests of Canada.

The annexation cry, Mr. Fielding said, was a scandal and a shame. He did not know where to look in the whole Dominion for a man who called himself an annexationist. Mr. Fielding referred to the visit of King Edward when Prince of Wales and he continued: "History will repeat itself. There is a young prince there, our future King, who will come to visit us in the future as his grandfather Edward the Peacemaker did before (cheers), and when he comes to Canada I trust he will come in the midst of this period of reciprocity and that on his return to the Old Country he will be able again to testify, as his grandfather did before him, that the people of this country, trading and dealing on friendly terms with the United States, were nevertheless more devoted than ever to his throne and person of our gracious sovereign."

REVELSTOKE WILL IMPROVE STREETS

Ratepayers to Vote on By-law—\$50,000 to Complete New Dam

Revelstoke, March 25.—On Monday, March 27, the ratepayers of this city will be called upon to vote on two by-laws for the sums of \$50,000 and \$9,000 respectively. The former will be for the completion of the new power dam, which on the whole has cost the city close on to \$125,000, and the latter for the installation of machinery for doing permanent work on the city streets. The machinery will include a stone crusher, a ten ton roller, scrapers, motors and small apparatuses. It is the intention of the city council to gradually build up a permanent system of streets that will be the envy of western cities.

Early the other morning two switch engines at work in the yards here collided, causing damage which figure up to close on to \$3,000. The accident occurred several hundred yards west of the switch, where engine No. 2169 in charge of Engineer Daniels, was engaged switching a train of three box cars and one flat car, all heavily loaded. Engine No. 588 had just pushed a train up the grade to the west, and was returning high at a fast rate of speed, when she backed square into No. 2169, which was slowly making for the switch with its train of cars. A heavy fog prevailing at the time, which hung low to the tracks, partially cut off the view, and is partially responsible for the accident. The wreck blocked the main track about all day, and incoming and outgoing trains had to pass around over the switch. Engineer Daniels was slightly scalded and had his knee hurt in the mixup.

By a public appeal to the people the new school recently completed has been officially named the Strathcona school, and is being pretty generally dubbed by the name. At the last meeting of the school board a communication was received from Mr. Robinson, superintendent of education, asking the board to change the name on the ground that there being a school in Vancouver already bearing that appellation, it might cause confusion in this department. The board could not see its way clear to comply with his request, and wrote him accordingly.

SPRING REMINDERS OF RHEUMATISM

Raw, Damp Weather Starts the Pain, But the Trouble Lies in the Blood.

Spring weather is bad for rheumatic sufferers. The changes from mild to severe weather, cold, raw, damp winds following mildness start the aches and twinges, or in more extreme cases, the tortures of the trouble again. It must be borne in mind that it is not the weather that causes rheumatism, the trouble is rooted in the blood—the changeable weather merely starts the pains. The only way to reach the trouble and to cure it is through the blood. The poisonous rheumatic acids must be thrown off and driven out. This is a solemn medical truth every rheumatic sufferer should realize. Many give temporary relief but they never did and never can cure rheumatism. Any doctor will tell you this is true. The sufferer is only wasting his money and all the time the trouble is becoming more firmly rooted—and harder to cure. There is just one sure, speedy cure for rheumatism—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. They act directly on the weak, impure and tainted blood. They purify and strengthen it and thus root out the cause of rheumatism. Here is a bit of proof out of thousands of similar cases that might be given. Mrs. F. X. Boiesau, St. Jerome, Que., says: "For almost two years I was a terrible sufferer from rheumatism. The trouble first located in the right leg, making work about the house impossible, and walking very difficult. I tried to cure myself by means of all sorts of liniments and lotions, but with no result—it was only money wasted. My trouble continued to grow worse and the pains more unbearable. Finally it attacked the other leg, and I was all but helpless and completely discouraged, thinking I was to be a sufferer for the rest of my life. At this time I read in our home paper of the trouble being cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and I decided to try them. After using the pills for several weeks I could see that they were helping me, and I continued taking them until I had used nine or ten boxes when every symptom of the trouble had disappeared and I could walk as well as ever I did. Had I known of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills earlier I would have saved myself much suffering and much money spent in other useless treatment and pain."

Whether you are ailing or not a few boxes of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills will increase your vitality and give you increased strength to withstand the torrid summer weather coming, when even the strongest feel easily fagged out. You can get these pills from any dealer in medicines or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE.

Berkeley, Cal., March 27.—Lecturing at the University of California, Col. Roosevelt referred to women's suffrage. "It has always seemed to me," he said, "that no man was worth his salt who did not think of woman's rights—and no woman was worth her salt who did not think of her duties. Temperamentally I am in favor of woman's rights. I have studied the question thoroughly, but it has always seemed to me far less important than other questions affecting women. The thing that brings to women a realization that their great work must be done at home. The ideal woman of the future, and in the past, will be the woman who

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FOWNE'S WASHABLE KID GLOVES, white only. Per pair \$1.50
DENT'S AND FOWNE'S WASHABLE CHAMOIS GLOVES, in natural, grey and white. Per pair .90c

CONTESTS WILL OF MRS. MARY EDDY

Son Asks That Bequest to Christian Science Church Be Invalidated

Concord, N. H., March 27.—A bill in equity contesting the will of the late Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy was filed here in behalf of George W. Glover, a son. Glover alleges that his mother's bequest of her entire estate to the Christian Science church, which she founded, was in direct defiance of the laws of New Hampshire. He charged that other Christian Scientists blinded his mother to this fact. Glover also alleges that when he signed an agreement not to contest his mother's will, that he only agreed not to contest lawful bequests. He now asks that the bequeathing of the entire state to the church be invalidated.

AUTOMOBILISTS TO PROTEST TO PREMIER

Association Discusses Speed Laws—Meet Again Next Friday Evening

As a result of the meeting of automobilists held at the drill hall, in connection with the automobile show, on Friday night a deputation will wait on the premier and his colleagues this week, to ask that the statute regulating the speed of automobiles be modified, and the arbitrary clauses whereby the offender must prove his innocence, rather than the prosecution prove the offence, be abolished. The law as it stands, under which so many prosecutions have occurred in the police court, provides that once the informant has sworn the automobilist has travelled more than ten miles an hour, the onus is with the accused to prove to the satisfaction of the magistrate that he was not travelling at an illegal speed. Members of the Auto-

PROPOSED EXTENSIONS.

Vancouver's New Water Supply Will Cost Over \$600,000.

Vancouver, March 25.—A letter was read from the consulting engineer at the meeting of the water committee in regard to the expenditure involved in the proposed new water supply from the Seymour Creek, and the installation of the new thirty-four inch pipe. The total cost of the extension will be \$563,062.50. The main items are: new Seymour intake, \$10,000; supply main, north side of Burrard Inlet, \$287,500; submerged mains and shore connections, \$83,000; steel pipe, \$107,000; engineering and superintending, \$20,000. There is \$200,000 on hand now, and it was moved by Alderman Stevens that tenders be called for the steel pipe, tenders to be in by the first of May. A plan was submitted to the committee by the city engineer, showing

CORONATION FESTIVITIES

London, March 27.—According to police estimates just made public, more than 10,000,000 people, the greatest assemblage in the world's history, will be gathered in London during the coronation week of King George V.

London, March 27.—Sheldon, who was wanted here in connection with his Pittsburgh-scheme, has been caught in

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EXPLANATION BY MCGILL STUDENTS NOTHING PERSONAL TO MR. SIFTON INTENDED

Former Minister's Carriage Was Burned After Meeting at Montreal

Montreal, March 24.—The student body of McGill University at a meeting decided to draft an apology and forward it to Hon. Clifford Sifton in order to make amends for the indignities to which the hon. member was subjected at the anti-reciprocity demonstration held here on Monday night.

When Mr. Sifton had finished his speech in McGill University on the evening mentioned he entered a carriage with Prof. Leacock, en route to the Windsor hotel. Students drew the vehicle along the streets.

Half of the journey had been completed when there was a rush. The carriage was overturned and its occupants were compelled to complete their journey on foot.

The carriage was taken up to the McGill grounds. There it was flung and set on fire. The fire brigade was called to put out the flames. Once more gaining possession of the remaining portion of the vehicle, the students drew it through the principal streets, adding to the riot by breaking the windows of street cars and a few stores.

The police so far had not interfered to any great extent, but when the procession returned to the McGill grounds they made up their minds that it was time for the students to disperse. A rush was made and there was some shoving. Some of the students beat a retreat to the Y. M. C. A., pursued by the police. The students got out the nose of the building and turned it on the bluecoats whom they also assailed with snowballs. The police finally won and the students were dispersed. Several arrests were made.

Meeting of the students was a peaceful one. Both sides being equally friendly it was agreed to send an explanation to Mr. Sifton.

At the meeting we, the students of McGill, explain that the protests made at the meeting on March 20 were directed entirely against its admittedly political nature, which is contrary to the best traditions of McGill and we in no way meant to express personal animosity towards the eminent speaker of the evening or dislike of the views which he advocated. They wish to express regret if Hon. C. Sifton has taken anything which occurred as being personal.

STATE CONTROL OF PUBLIC UTILITY Telephone Directors Urge Protection for Investors as Well as the Public

New York, March 24.—That state control and regulation of public utilities has effectively killed all sentiment for municipal ownership in the United States is the burden of the annual report of the directors of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company, made public here.

State control, the report says, is a necessity, but it urges that governmental and state supervision should stop at control and regulation and should not be used to manage or operate public utilities nor to dictate what the management and operation should be for the greatest possible economy and efficiency.

The report continues: "If there is to be state control and regulation of public utility corporations, there should also be state protection to the corporation which is striving to serve the whole community. Parts of such a corporation's service must necessarily be unprofitable, and it should be protected from aggressive competition covering only that part of its interests which are profitable.

"Government control should protect the investor as well as the public. Through a wise and judicious state control all the advantages and none of the disadvantages of state ownership may be secured and state ownership will be doomed."

The directors' report recites the fact that opposition companies are being merged with the Bell wherever it could legally be done with the public acquiescence. It declares that the public is tired of dual telephone exchanges, adding that as fast as consolidation in protection against the real estate magnates' details, the more increases opposition to the mergers will decrease.

As to the financial condition of the company, the report declares that in 1910 the gross revenues of the Bell system were \$145,000,000 which paid dividends of \$25,000,000. The net revenue of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company for last year is given as \$31,932,000, which yielded dividends of \$2,676,000.

WILL SETTLE IN ALBERTA. (Special to the Times.) London, March 24.—Two hundred and fifty men sailed on the Empress of Ireland for Alberta to-day, each having \$400 capital.

PROPOSED LUMBER AND PULP MILLS

Syndicate Will Exploit Timber Resources and Water Power of Revelstoke District

Revelstoke, March 23.—Following a recent heavy investment of British capital approximating a million dollars, a group of American and Canadian capitalists for the exploitation of the water power, pulp wood and timber resources of the district on a large scale.

The initial investment of the syndicate involves the erection of a sawmill at Big Eddy on the Columbia river, about one mile west of the city. The mill will have a capacity of two hundred thousand feet per day and will be the largest plant of its kind in the interior of British Columbia. Over five hundred miles of timber and pulp wood in Columbia valley has been secured for the purposes of the enterprise. Construction work on the new mill will be started as soon as the snow is off the ground. The manufacture of lumber is only one part of the syndicate's programme. The installation of a pulp and paper mill capable of turning out 200 tons of product per day is held in immediate contemplation and the erection of this plant will be undertaken when the necessary preliminaries are completed. The installation of this plant with its subsidiary industries will mean the employment of several thousand men.

The power for these establishments will be derived from the rapids of the Columbia river, about three miles north of the city, where a power plant will be installed under the auspices of the same group of capitalists.

The pulp mill will be located in close proximity to the power plant. The power will be made available for the sawmill and other enterprises which the syndicate hold in view.

C. Adams of Portland, Oregon; C. D. Danvers of Tacoma, Charles Kenzie, a well known timber man, and a group of local financiers are concerned in the project.

This progressive scheme, which means an ultimate expenditure of several million dollars, has caused considerable stir, and with the projected construction of the Canadian Pacific railway around the Big Bend country, from Revelstoke to Beavermouth, which will open up that richly mineralized district, gives promise of a progressive movement in Revelstoke during the present year.

LABOR TROUBLES SPREAD IN ITALY

Rome Street Carmen Strike—Employees of State Railways May Join Them

Rome, March 24.—Italy beginning to feel the United States disaster through plague and panic.

Employees of the Rome street railway, refused increased pay, will strike on the eve of the opening of the Rome exhibition. Workmen on the Turin exhibition are on strike and employees of the state railways also threaten to strike.

The Pope has declared Jubilee year a period of mourning and this will prevent thousands of Catholics from visiting the country. Cholera is slowly spreading in the south and unless the cost of living is lowered, starvation and bankruptcy will scourge Italy.

CHARGES OF FORGERY

Portland, Ore., March 24.—Charging forgery, John Doe warrants were issued to-day for the arrest of James Wheeler, who was taken up on bail in connection with the Humboldt gold robbery case; Orville Cavannas, who is in jail in San Francisco awaiting trial in the gold robbery case; Chas. A. Barrett, who was recently brought to Portland from San Francisco to stand trial with Wheeler, and Eddie Wheeler, a Portland saloonkeeper.

Wheeler was arrested at noon by City Detectives Hellyer and Maloney and was held at detective headquarters for several hours. The complainant is the Merchants National Bank of Portland, which charges that the four men forged a check for \$2300 purporting to come from J. O. Ross of Pocatello, Idaho.

PRICE ON HEAD OF REBEL LEADER

REWARD OFFERED FOR CAPTURE OF SALINAS

Appeal Issued on Behalf of Mexican Refugees Who Are Starving

Times Leased Wire.) San Diego, Cal., March 24.—Francisco Salinas, insurgent leader, now has a price of \$400 upon his head, according to advices from Ensenada. The Mexican government is tiring of the border struggle and proposes to brand all the rebel band, as murderers and outlaws. It is proposed to take out extradition papers for them in order to get the men out of the U. S. Just what stand the American immigration authorities will take about the extradition papers is not known, but it is believed that the immigration officers here have for some time had extradition papers out for a Mexican murderer, who stays immune at Ensenada.

More than 150 Mexican refugees at Tia Juana and Tecate, California, are starving and in need of clothing, according to army officers here who to-day appealed to the San Diego Red Cross society for aid.

Food, clothing and tents, they say are needed, and unless aid comes soon sickness and death will result in the camps of the refugees. Several cases of serious illness already are reported. Red Cross workers here immediately began the work of soliciting assistance and probably will establish a refugee camp in this city and bring all the sufferers here.

The refugees at Tia Juana and Tecate have been in camp here since the rebels first began their operations near Juarez, and are now in a pitiful condition. Most of them are women and children, who have no means of support and are penniless.

Thirty thousand dollars in cash was shipped from here last night to pay the flax troops.

"No pay, no fight," said the Mexican soldiers at Ensenada recently. Accordingly orders were sent to Mexico City for \$30,000 in Mexican money to be delivered on board the steamer Manuel Herreras. The money was sealed up in a safe, the combination of which was sent by another route, and the whole safe shipped bodily to Ensenada.

Continues Investigation. San Antonio, Texas, March 24.—Captain Williams of the third cavalry whose troops were fired upon by Mexicans Tuesday night reported to-day to General Duncan that he is certain that if the shots come from the federal garrison across the frontier they were accidental. Williams was ordered to investigate further.

LADYSMITH BOARD OF TRADE

D. H. Steamer Service to Vancouver Discussed at Annual Meeting—Officers Elected.

Ladysmith, March 23.—The annual meeting of the board of trade was held in John Stewart's office. The meeting was the largest yet held by that business organization in Ladysmith, and many interesting questions were discussed. After the usual routine, the election of officers took place, and resulted as follows: President, W. G. Rolston; vice-president, W. G. Fraser; secretary-treasurer, John Stewart; executive committee, W. Read, Theo. Bryant, C. Peterson, G. Wilson and J. A. Blair; publicity committee, W. G. Fraser, Dr. R. B. Dier, O. Hartley, Theo. Bryant and D. M. Carley.

After the election of officers several matters in which the board has interested itself recently were taken up and discussed at length. With the information at hand, it was felt that the outlook for a daily steambath service between Ladysmith and Vancouver was most promising. Other important questions were discussed, and it seems probable that the board has succeeded in influencing the establishment of several small manufacturing enterprises in the city.

RUN OVER BY TRAIN

Spokane, Wash., March 24.—Stepping from his train, which was in motion to the station platform at Tekoa, Wash., George B. Loucks, aged 42, conductor on a Spokane passenger train, met instant death, being thrown beneath the train.

The train, bound for Spokane, was running at a higher speed than usual when coming into the station at Tekoa. Mr. Loucks swung from his train, and it is thought he stepped on a match stem, which, rolling, caused his foot to slip and him to stagger backward toward the train. He was struck by the Journal box on one of the cars and thrown beneath the rails.

EMPLOYERS AND MEN UNABLE TO AGREE

Employees Reject Offers Submitted at Conference

Calgary, March 24.—The operators in the mining industry with the miners' officers yesterday offered an open shop, and failing that arbitration. Both proposals were turned down, the miners contending that they wanted to settle their own business, not to have it done by outsiders.

The operators asked the miners to agree to go on with the conference, taking up the agreement clause by clause, stating aside such clauses as could not be decided on, these clauses to be later taken up and settled by a board of arbitration composed of two representatives of each party with the chief justice of the Supreme court as chairman. While the arbitration board is sitting the mines to be operated under present agreement. The miners turned this down.

G. T. P. AWARDS BIG CONTRACTS

SEVENTEEN MILLIONS TO BE EXPENDED

Company Plans to Lay 265 Miles of Main Line Track

(Times Leased Wire.) Winnipeg, March 24.—Contracts involving the expenditure of \$17,000,000 in improvements were awarded to-day by the Grand Trunk Pacific railroad.

Aside from the erection of 140 depots and 100 hotel buildings, the plans call for the laying of 265 miles of main line track and the grading of 200 miles of branch roads.

Details of Work. (Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, March 24.—Plans of the Grand Trunk Pacific this year, according to E. J. Chamberlain, vice-president of the company, include the building of 66 branch lines, 1200 miles of main line track, 200 miles of grading, and 140 new station buildings. Work will be pushed ahead as rapidly as possible and from Prairie creek towards the mountains it is expected that fully another 150 miles will be completed, while from the west end 110 miles will be constructed. The branch from Tofteld to Calgary will be completed. Already eighty miles of steel have been laid from Tofteld to Red Deer river. This year another 143 miles will be completed. On the Battledore branch 59 miles of track is to be opened up by the road between Melville and Regina, 59 miles. The company then proposed tapping an entirely new country by a line from Bickerdike, on the main line, through the Pacific Pass coal fields, as well as those of the Yellowstone. This track will be called the Alberta Coal branch, and 49 miles is to be constructed this year. From the end of that another branch will tap the Mountain Pass coalfields. In Saskatchewan 110 miles will form the Regina branch from Regina to a point immediately south of Grin. Another entirely new branch will be constructed between Regina and Moosejaw, 49 miles. Seventy-two miles will also be laid on the Prince Albert branch and a contract has been let for the construction of a branch from Biggar to Calgary, 50 miles.

Besides this construction work a great amount of grading will be done, including about 200 miles along the Regina boundary line. Foley Welch & Stewart hold the contracts for the work on the main line and from Biggar to Calgary. Practically all the branch line work goes to J. D. McArthur, with the exception of the Moosejaw branch held by Bigby and Highland.

In addition large bridges are to be constructed. Over the Red Deer river on the Tofteld-Calgary branch a bridge 200 feet high is under construction, one west of Prairie creek on the main line, and one over the Skeena river, which will be the largest bridge of the transcontinental.

FOREIGNERS MAY BE DISARMED BY POLICE

Heads of City and Provincial Forces Will Confer at Montreal

(Special to the Times.) Montreal, March 24.—Chief of Police Campeau and Chief McCaskell of the provincial police, will to-day or tomorrow hold a consultation to consider the disarming of all suspects among the Italians and other foreign residents. The city police have no authority to seize arms wholesale and as a result of the consultation the attorney-general will probably be asked to extend their power to this extent.

DARING RESCUES MADE IN STRAIT

LIVES OF MEN RIDING LOGS IN STORM SAVED

Capt. Parsons, of Tug Phoenix, Also Rescues Ten Men From Pile-Driver

(From Friday's Daily.) Only by the daring and skillful maneuvering of his tug, the Phoenix, owned by Findlay, Durham & Brodie, did Capt. Harry Parsons succeed in rescuing the lives of twelve men, which were imperiled yesterday morning off Point No Point, through the quick bursting of the southwest gale over this island. Two of the men were in extremely dangerous positions, riding on the piles which were to have been used in the construction of the fish traps, and their escape is looked upon as nothing short of miraculous. The remainder of the men were on the pile-driver, and it assistance had not arrived when it did all might have perished when the craft struck the nearby rocks, in which direction it was heading.

Work was to have commenced in driving the piles for the traps yesterday morning, and the tug Phoenix had just towed the pile-driver and the piles to the position where they were to be placed. After securely anchoring them the tug cast off and proceeded for this city. She had not gone far, however, before the gale came on, and the sea which commenced to run were big enough to force any vessel the size of the Phoenix to run for shelter.

When the storm broke the cable by which the piles were secured to the pile-driver parted, and the two men had time to scramble on to the craft they were carried away by the wind and tide. If they had not been expert loggers they would have been pitched off the rolling timber and perished into the waters of the straits. From the tug it looked as though the men could not be saved, as they rose on the crest of a gigantic wave and then fell down into the hollows out of sight.

Capt. Parsons, who was in the pilot house, witnessed the sad plight of the men, and although the wind was blowing at a terrific rate, he decided that he would face the storm and attempt a rescue. The vessel was put about and sent full speed ahead. The skipper, after circling the small boom, brought his vessel on the lee side of the logs and steadily forced them together until the men were braced to the skin, were able to jump from one to the other, and finally with the assistance of the crew of the tug were hauled aboard.

In the meantime the line making the pile-driver safe parted, and the tall uprights acting somewhat like a sail, caught the wind and the vessel was driven along at a great pace through the treacherous seas, and as she pitched the heavy posts leaned over so far that at times it looked as though the crescent-shaped craft would capsize. In an attempt to check their progress the men aboard the pile-driver dropped two anchors over the side, and although she drifted towards the rocks was retarded greatly.

After picking up the two men from the logs, Capt. Parsons started in pursuit of the pile-driver, of which it was easy to keep sight owing to the great uprights. It was a long chase, but the tug soon had a line aboard and pulled the crew and its crew out of the danger zone.

Everyone aboard the tug, logs and pile-driver state that it was a most thrilling rescue, and that great credit is due to Capt. Parsons for the seamanship in which he handled the vessel during the storm. The staunch little tug stood the strain remarkably well, and although she was washed from stem to stern continually and lost her two boats, the Phoenix, which returned to port yesterday, this morning appears little the worse for her trying experience with the gale. To Captain Parsons, however, goes the gratitude of those who lives were endangered, and had it not been for his courageous handling it would have in all probability have lost their lives.

COAL PRICES

Vancouver Trades and Labor Council Make Application for Royal Commission to Investigate.

Vancouver, March 23.—The question of coal combines and coal prices, after being the subject of keen debate and resolutions in the provincial legislature, has now been actively taken up by the trades and labor council of this city. They have decided to invoke the Dominion Investigation Act of the Dominion parliament, and have all the coal companies of Canada face a royal commission, which will inquire into their workings, the condition of labor and the cost of the production of coal as compared with the price charged to the consumer.

A notice of the application has already been forwarded to Hon. Mackenzie King, minister of labor, and R. P. Pettipiece, business agent of the trades and labor council, is busy preparing for a preliminary application before a local judge.

Should the application prove successful, it will cover coal mines from Nova Scotia to British Columbia.

APOSTOLIC DELEGATE

Ottawa, March 24.—Mgr. Stagni, apostolic delegate to Canada to succeed Mgr. Sbarretti, arrived in Ottawa to-day from New York. He was met at the station by Hon. Chas. Murphy and Senator Closson. This evening he will be formally welcomed at the Basilica and to-morrow he will hold a public reception.

LUMBER CO. CLEARING LOGGED-OFF LAND

Canyon City Concern Converts Land to Agricultural Uses

Nelson, March 23.—The Canyon City Lumber Company has withdrawn its men from logging, and started them at work clearing logged off land, on the company's limits in the vicinity of Creston. The limits comprise 400 acres on the Creston side of the creek and 700 acres on the opposite side, being one of the old K. & S. land grants, and it is the intention of C. O. Rodgers, president of the company to clear a minimum of 100 acres of logged off lands this season, and as much more as possible. A big \$4,000 stump-pulling machine is employed, which requires five men to operate, this doing the stump-pulling and piling, while fifteen other men are engaged on the clearing work. All this cleared land will be ploughed this coming fall.

"One year has passed," said Mr. Rodgers, "since the Canyon City Lumber Company adopted this policy of converting its logged off land to agricultural tract last season. That land will be planted this season to clover, and this crop will be ploughed under. The land will be substantially prepared, and the season following will be set out to fruit. That will not end the matter. When we subdivide our young orchard into tracts for sale, we expect to make contracts which require us to look after these tracts till the orchards come into bearing.

"In all, it is closely estimated that there are 40,000 acres of arable land in the Creston district, not including either the flooded areas or the mountain slopes. The existing orchards produced six cars of fruit last year, and about 200 acres will be cleared this season. I should say, outside what we will do."

Mr. Rodgers made an innovation in mountain lumbering methods the past winter by purchasing a "caterpillar" traction engine. This engine, by means of belts over its own wheels, proceeds over the ground on its portable track. This is the first one that has been used for winter logging, but it has been a great success, particularly on the steep grades. The problem of steering on the down grades is giving a little trouble.

The sawmill at the Canyon City Lumber Company, at Canyon City, has a capacity of 40,000 feet per day of ten hours, and operates all the year round. The cut of the present year will probably be between 10,000,000 and 12,000,000 feet. Mr. Rodgers is about to put in improvements that will cost from \$5,000 to \$7,000.

SEARCH FOR EVIDENCE OF COMBINATION

Methods of Lumber and Shingle Manufacturers Being Investigated

Seattle, Wash., March 24.—In an effort to discover evidence of a combination among Northwest lumber and shingle manufacturers and timbermen, Charles E. Pray, a representative of the department of justice of Washington, D. C., is now in the city conducting an investigation of conditions in this city.

Mr. Pray has so far spent his time investigating the mechanism of various lumber and shingle organizations. He has been going over the books, minutes and records of the Pacific Coast Shippers' Association, an organization whose membership is made up largely of shingle wholesalers. Mr. Pray is carefully making detailed notes of what the association has done in the three years it has been in existence.

The government's representative expects to be in the Northwest for some time and plans to go through the records of various other lumber and shingle organizations before completing his investigations.

He has just completed an investigation of the Western Retail Lumber Dealers' Association, with headquarters at Spokane. This association is one of the largest in the United States and its membership embraces retailers in Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Utah and California.

MURDERED IN MONTREAL

(Special to the Times.) Montreal, March 24.—Antonio Bartuccio, 29 years of age, an Italian, died in the hospital this morning from terrible wounds inflicted by unknown assailants with an axe.

The weapon was found covered with blood near Chabolle square, where the victim was found staggering around in a dazed condition by a policeman. The man was evidently trying to reach his wife and three children at home when found. There are no clues to the murderer.

KILLED IN GRANBY MINE

Phoenix, B. C., March 23.—John Evans fell fifty feet to his death in the "Glorious Hole" of the Granby mine. He was walking along a narrow beam, and, becoming overbalanced, fell headlong into a chute, with rock falling upon him. He was hurried to the hospital, where he died, two hours later from internal injuries. Deceased was 32 years of age and a native of Wales. He was well known and popular among the miners.

VISCOUNT HALDANE

London, March 24.—Mr. Haldane, secretary for war, on his elevation to the peerage, has taken the title of Viscount Haldane of Croan, after his Scottish estate.

COAL LAND CASE MAY BE DELAYED

DECISION ON DEMURRER RESERVED AT SPOKANE

Hearing Not Likely to Come Up Before September Term of Court

(Times Leased Wire.) Spokane, Wash., March 24.—Arguments on the demurrer filed by the defendant in the cases charging them with intent to defraud the government of 20,000 acres of coal lands in Alaska, which were heard in the federal court here, were concluded to-day, and Judge Rudkin took the matter under advisement. It is almost a certainty that these cases will not come to trial before the September term of court.

Attorney Townsend, representing the government, stated to Judge Rudkin last evening that the government could not prepare for trial this term.

The defendants are Raymond Brown and William L. Dunn, of Spokane; Charles McKenzie, Seattle; Harry White, Los Angeles; and Donald McKenzie, Washington, D. C.

The demurrer states "the coal land laws of 1904, expressly passed for Alaska, does not prohibit the taking of more than one coal claim by any one person. The government contends that the previous law of 1873 is in effect with regard to this, and cites section four of the act of 1904, which provides that all provisions of the coal land laws of the United States not in conflict shall be in effect in the district of Alaska.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT

Prince Rupert, March 23.—W. J. Weeks, a telegraph operator at the second cabin about 50 miles north of Hazelton, B. C., accidentally shot himself below the heart while on the trail.

He communicated with Hazelton himself and said his wound was very deep and thought it was all over with him, but he would try to reach an Indian camp about a quarter of a mile distant. A doctor started from Hazelton.

Weeks was out on the line five miles from his cabin when the gun was accidentally discharged, the bullet missing his heart by three-quarters of an inch and grazing his lung, coming out under the shoulder blade.

After walking two miles to a "test" pole he "cut in" and informed the Hazelton office of his mishap. Continuing on he came to within sight of his cabin, when he dropped from sheer exhaustion and loss of blood. It was 3 o'clock next morning when he regained consciousness. In the meantime aid was hastening to him from Hazelton.

DISCUSS TRADE AGREEMENT WITH U. S.

The British Politicians Express Their Views at Meeting in London

London, March 24.—In a discussion at the Constitutional Club, one of the foremost of the great London political clubs, Earl Stanhope said he believed Canada would welcome the opinions of the people of Britain. He was afraid the Mother Country was treating the Dominions in a most derogatory manner.

Donald Macmaster, M.P., said it must have come as an enormous surprise to many Canadians that the ministers who went to Washington had entered into the bargain with the United States, and that the proposed arrangement meant political consolidation between Canada and the United States and came about through the sheer lack of foresight on the part of the Mother Country. The assembly cheered at this remark, and the speaker, continuing, said that if Mr. Chamberlain's warning had been taken this would never have happened.

Sir G. Doughty said that the bargain would have a tendency to destroy the possibilities of an imperial federation. Sir William Van Horne said the agreement would tie Canada to the tail of the commercial cart of the United States and destroy Canada's trade independence, and also weaken the ties which bound Canada to the British Empire. He said nothing short of a miracle would prevent the agreement being ratified.

Discussing the volume by J. M. Robertson, M. P., "Collapse of Tariff Reform," the Standard says if the Canada and United States agreement takes effect three millions of British imports will be subjected to higher duty than if imported into Canada.

Referring to J. F. Remnant's question in the House of Commons as to whether Canada was considered a part of the British Empire, the Morning Leader says that such a belief is entertained in Canada, but it would soon cease if the destinies of the British Empire were guided by imperialists anxious to seize the opportunity of interfering with colonial fiscal autonomy.

STRIKEBREAKER KILLED

Somerset, Ky., March 24.—The second assassination within three days in connection with the strike of white firemen on the Cincinnati, New Orleans, and Texas Pacific Railway occurred yesterday afternoon at Helenwood, Tenn. C. B. Street, a fireman working as a strikebreaker, was shot from ambush. He died as a result of his wounds.

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NEW YORK

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ACCUSED OF MURDER

OF INDIAN WOMAN

Indian Committed for Trial—
Heavy Sentence for Men
Who Sold Liquor

Ashcroft, March 23.—Special Con-
table Loring, of Ashcroft, brought up
prisoner Isaac Davis, arrested at North
Yancouver, B. C., by provincial police
on a charge of supplying intoxicants to
Indian Charlie George, of the Bonaparte
reserve, who while under the influ-
ence of liquor shot an Indian woman
named Susan, from Canoe creek, near
Clinton on February 7th, last. The
man was removed to the Lytton hospi-
tal, where Dr. Sanson had to amputate
the right leg below the knee, but in
spite of the skill of the physician
and attention of the nurses, she passed
away. An inquest was held by Coroner
Sanson at Lytton, and a postmortem
by Dr. H. L. Burris, of Kamloops, and
resulted in the jury bringing in a ver-
dict of "death was caused by pyemia
and septicemia, the result of a gunshot
wound."

The Indian Charlie George who shot
Susan was brought up for trial charged
with murder by Chief Constable Burr,
acting for the coroner, and was com-
mitted at Lytton by Justice Stevenson
and Anthony. He had previously been com-
mitted for trial on a charge of shooting with
intent to murder.

The half-breed Isaac Davis, who sup-
plied the liquor in this case, was com-
mitted up before Magistrate Saul at
Clinton and sentenced by him to six
months in Kamloops jail and a fine of
\$200, and also brought up and convicted
under the Liquor License Act 1910, to a
fine of \$11 or the month extra.

J. Murphy, acting for Davis, gave no-
tice of appeal in the both convictions
and bonds were furnished in the sum
of \$2,200 for the appearance of Davis
for new trial at Clinton county court
on June 2.

Chief Constable Burr has returned
from Lytton, bringing with him the In-
dian who in a drunken frenzy stabbed
Provincial Constable Fitzgerald. The
Indian Tommy Paul was committed for
trial at Lytton by Justice Stevenson
and Anthony. The Chinaman who sup-
plied Tommy Paul and Jimmy Cicco
with the liquor was arrested by Chief
Constable Burr at Lytton and was tried
by Messrs. Stevenson and Anthony. He
was sentenced him to six months with
hard labor and a fine of \$150 and costs,
or in default of payment of fine to two
months extra. He was also sentenced to
\$100 fine or one month under the
Liquor License Act 1910, for selling li-
quor without having a license, and was
sent to Kamloops jail, together with
Jimmy Cicco, who got a term of six
months for having liquor in his posses-
sion. The Indian who did the stab-
bing at Lytton was sentenced to six
years in penitentiary under the Speedy
Trial Act by his Honor Judge Calder.

BOTTLE CONTAINING
MESSAGE PICKED UP

Thrown Overboard From Oscar
Near Portier Pass Discov-
ered Off Gossip Island

From the overboard from the local
fletcher Oscar, Capt. McDonald, a bot-
tle containing a slip of paper with
writing thereon, was found on the
island of Gossip, B. C. This bottle, thrown
overboard 3 miles northeast of Portier
Pass, fresh south wind, heavy south-
east swell" was picked up on the fit-
ting on an iceberg, and was drifting
near the Gossip Island bell buoy at
the entrance to Active Pass.

On finding the bottle the Indian
boat the seal on the top, and found
the piece of paper inside. He took it
to the Geogreson lighthouse keeper at
Active Pass, who in turn forwarded it
to the Times. The writing is still leg-
ible owing to the short time which
had been concealed in the bottle, which
must have been caught in a strong tide
to have made the distance in such
fast time.

At the point where the bottle was
thrown overboard to Gossip Island the
distance is about seventeen miles, so
that it travelled at the rate of three
miles and a half a day. The Oscar is
at present in port and Capt. McDonald
says that it was more for the novelty
of the thing than anything else that
prompted him to do it.

There was once a day when the
throwing of bottles, containing mes-
sages, into the briny deep from steam-
ers was the desire of many people; and
when vessels cross the Atlantic many
glass jars were hurled overboard to be
picked up on some far distant shore.

TRIAL OF CAMORRISTS.
Viterbo, Italy, March 24.—Hoping to
hear at first hand the confession of
Gennaro Abbatemaggio, the Camorrist
informant, great crowds thronged to the
court of assizes here to-day, where 30
members of the dread secret society are
kept in a steel cage while the govern-
ment tries to convict them of the murder
of Cennaro Cuocolo and his wife.
As Professor Cangianni, an ally of
Abbatemaggio, is expected to arrive
on whom the defence relies, it is not in court
this morning, the informant was not
called.

Gennaro Ibelli, an alleged leader of
the Camorristi in the Vesuvian hills
and Luigi Arena, on whose demand
Cuocolo is said to have been slain,
were examined to-day by Judge Bla-
chi. Both denied knowing anything
of the assassin of the Cuocolos and
denounced Abbatemaggio as a lunatic
romancer.

Analysts say that butter is the most nu-
tritious article of diet, and that bacon
comes next.

FOR DEFENCE OF

SOUTH AFRICA

Minister of Interior Suggests
the Organization of Cit-
izen Army

General Smuts, minister of the in-
terior, delivered an important speech
in the Union House of Assembly at
Capetown, recently, on the subject of
South Africa's military preparedness.
No definite scheme had been yet for-
mulated, he said, but he emphasized
the necessity of setting their house in
order before participating in any im-
perial plan. The question was of
special importance, owing to South
Africa's coal supply and to her strate-
gical position. He suggested as a
basis the Cape Mounted Rifles, who
would perform police duties in time of
peace, and would be convertible into
a military force in time of war. They
also required trained artillery.

The question of coast defence, the
minister declared, was the most im-
portant. He emphasized that the im-
time had come for South Africa to
take over her own defence, but the
local garrison and artillery would
be reinforced by the Royal
Garrison Artillery, which was a high-
ly technical unit, and the union
would pay for its services. They fur-
ther needed mobile columns in con-
junction with the coast garrisons and
at Port Elizabeth and East London,
where there were no fixed defences.
He advocated a system of annual
training for men between the ages
of eighteen and twenty-five similar to
that contained in Lord Kitchener's
Australian scheme. The speaker
pointed out that the people of South
Africa were not homogeneous, but
consisted of races of different color.
Although he did not anticipate a
great upheaval in the near future, still
the best means for preserving peace
was to be ready for war. He urged
that self-respect of no portion of the
population should be injured. They
could not forget the past. They could
not forget what had shaken South Af-
rica's foundations. Referring to the
training of a citizen army, General
Smuts asserted that but for the Boers'
lack of trained officers the history of
South Africa might have been differ-
ent. He advocated the division of
the country into areas, with a trust-
worthy instruction officer to take
charge of the training of the youth
in each. Officers in the first instance
would be men associated with the
country, who had made names for
themselves. The minister emphasized
that permanent officers must be South
Africans, and he suggested that a cer-
tain number of young men should
be sent to the foot camps for training
each year, and after a few years should
pass into the reserve. A period
would gradually arrive when they
would have 100,000 well-trained men.
They would have the best of equip-
ment for the foot regiments, artillery,
engineers, and signallers, and it was
possible that a more stringent system
of volunteering would be necessary for
the towns. Finally, General Smuts
voiced a strong desire for the formation
of members of rifle clubs.

NOT THE RIGHT WOMAN.
The Dominion immigration authori-
ties Thursday afternoon held an in-
vestigation into the identity of the
Chinese woman, Wong Back Yung, who
was released from detention in the im-
migration shed on the morning of Wed-
nesday before the Supreme court. The in-
vestigation proved that the woman
was what she claimed, and was in no
way connected with Mrs. Lee Ong Shee,
alias "White Maggot," who was re-
leased from the same detention house
last week. Mrs. Lee, who is now in
custody, appeared on behalf of the woman,
proved by the ship's manifest that
their client arrived from China on the
same boat as Mrs. Lee Ong Shee, and
the officials of the immigration depart-
ment were satisfied from the identifi-
cation records in the department that
she is not the woman whom the au-
thorities desire to deport.

The Kootenay Valleys Company,
Limited, have a petition before the
High Court of Justice of England for
confirmation of the resolution reducing
their capital from £15,058 to £10,370
by returning in cash to the holders of
the 3,119 issued paid-up shares capital
to the extent of 1/10 per share, being
annual in excess of the wants of the
company.

The members of the W. C. T. U. en-
joyed the kind hospitality of Mrs. Law-
rence Goodacre at her residence, Par-
dore avenue, Thursday afternoon, at a
parlor meeting. Mrs. McAdam presided
in the absence of Mrs. Willisroff
through sickness. Mrs. Gordon Grant
spoke on woman's suffrage, followed
by consecutive readings on the subject.
Miss Edith Bromley-Jubb gave a very
interesting and instructive account of the
reasons why the militant tactics were
adopted in England. Dainty refresh-
ments were served by Mrs. and Miss
Goodacre, and a hearty vote of thanks
to the kind hostess brought the pleas-
ant afternoon to a close.

Next month the new machinery or-
dered by the city from England to re-
place the defective parts of the high
pressure salt water pumping plant sup-
plied by the D'Oliver Engineers, which
was damaged by the explosion of the
Philadelphian, is expected to arrive,
when it will be immediately installed.
The company has already been paid
\$8,000 on account of its contract, but
arrangements have been made where-
by the city will secure a reduction for
the defective portion of the plant.

KILLED BY TRAIN.
Winnipeg, March 24.—A man, evi-
dently a laborer, was knocked down by
a C. P. R. freight train in the yards
about 3.30 this morning. He died before
the ambulance arrived. He was about
38 years of age, but the body was so
badly mangled as to be beyond recog-
nition.

COLONIES BRIBES

LARGEST CUSTOMERS

Motherland Still Maintains Her
Supremacy in Shipping
Output

Forty-five warships and vessels of
the mercantile marine numbering 500
were launched from the shipyards of
the United Kingdom last year. Only
twenty-seven were "wind-jammers,"
or sailing ships, and their tonnage
was 5,431. The steamer tonnage, as
shown in Lloyd's annual report, was
1,137,738.

Of mercantile ships there is an in-
crease of 152,108 tons on the previous
year, although, apart from 1908 and
1909, it is the lowest total for thirteen
years. War vessels built at govern-
ment and private yards, are 3,415
tons more than in 1909. The total
year totalled 361,000 tons, and the
sales to foreign and colonial owners
reached the record total of 423,818
tons.

As in 1909 the colonies with thirty-
nine vessels have been the best of
the outside customers. Britain has
supplied the following tonnage dur-
ing the year:
Colonies, 42,607; Norway, 34,038;
Germany, 26,597; Sweden, 20,247;
Austria-Hungary, 18,447; France, 16,
077.

A notable point is the number of
large steamers turned out. There was
the Olympic, at Belfast, 45,000 tons,
which is now approaching completion at
Harland and Wolff's; and there

were seven other steamers of over
10,000 tons.
The Glasgow district occupies the
first place among the shipbuilding
centres of the country, showing an
output of 211,076 tons. Then follow
Newcastle, 203,831 tons; Sunderland,
179,485 tons; Belfast, 163,336 tons;
Greenock, 132,722 tons; and Middles-
brough, 139,725 tons.
In ship tonnage Newcastle leads
with 28,515 tons, followed by Devon-
port with 26,250 tons, Portsmouth
22,500 tons, Glasgow 22,370 tons, and
Greenock 20,000 tons.

The total output of the world dur-
ing 1910, exclusive of warships, was
1,957,515 tons, 1,859,641 steamers, 149,
212 sail, an increase of about 356,000
tons on the figures for 1909. If only
sea-going merchant steamers of 3,000
tons gross and upwards be taken into
account, out of the total of 321 such
steamers, 1,209,138 tons, launched in
the world, over 73 1/2 per cent. of
the tonnage was launched in the
United Kingdom.

Among foreign countries, the lead-
ing tonnage was built by the United
States, 331,315 tons; Germany, 155,
302 tons; France, 80,751 tons; and
Holland, 70,345 tons; Norway, 36,931
tons, and Japan, 30,215.

A building permit was issued
Thursday for a handsome residence to be
erected by Mrs. G. G. G. on the Pen-
nerton road at an estimated cost of
\$12,000. The contract for the building
has been awarded to A. H. Mitchell.
Another permit issued was to Thospe &
Company for extension of their soda
water factory on David street at an es-
timated cost of \$5,200. Several other
permits for dwelling houses up to the
value of \$2,000 were also issued. It is
a surprise to find that the value of the
buildings for which permits will be
issued this month will be far in excess
of the total reached for March last
year.

CHINESE FAMINE FUND.
Previously acknowledged \$168 45
A Friend 1 10
Mrs. Evans 2 00
Mrs. F. B. R. 2 00
James Bay Methodist S. S. 18 50
Mrs. F. Clark 1 00
A Friend 1 00
Assistance 1 00
Rev. Dr. J. C. Spencer 1 00
A Friend 1 00
A. Dickson 2 00
Total to March 23 \$204 05

In the ground, show where the slaves
were imprisoned, and on the surround-
ing trees are the skeletons of departed
aves, some in a good state of preser-
vation.
Rev. William Hogan, a former Trin-
ity College graduate of Dublin, is the
clergyman now in control of the In-
dians on the Massett reserve, where he
is a spiritual chief of twenty Indians,
and an organizer who is a native and
is also the leader of the very credi-
table band of twenty pieces.
On the Skidegate reserve the mis-
sionary, Rev. Dr. J. C. Spencer, attends to
the spiritual needs of the other pro-
gressive band. At the present time the
Indians are installing a system of
waterworks; have two wharves, a town
council, town hall, gasoline launches,
an oil works, stores, good streets, a
brass band over which a white teacher
is in control, a school, church and
every advantage found in progressive
towns throughout the country.
The only danger to the continued
prosperity of this improving class is the
illicit introduction of intoxicants. In
the past the Indians of Queen Char-
lotte Islands were isolated and were
kept from the use of intoxicants by the
careful attention of the missionaries.
The large majority are still averse to
the liquor traffic, but the advent of the
white world, followed by the means of
obtaining intoxicating liquor from
those who value the profits from their
retail more than the welfare
of the former owners of the soil, is
the result, and the agents by the
Canadian stevedores seems to be
to make a warning to all who desire
to break the stringent laws now being
enforced.

The following lines, which are being
recited by one of the natives, show the
progressive spirit extant and also the
earnestness of the wards of the govern-
ment to do the ways of those desir-
ing to lead the Indian in the path of
modern civilization:
The SENTRY ISLES.
Fair stranger, a word, from a fast-pass-
ing race,
Just a word from the grave of our
ancestors, who were
Men who saved you a country flooded
with wealth,
Where our totem poles raise now their
spires,
Oft our tribe of the Bear and the Eagle
stood there,
Prepared for to do or die;
Under our totem, your brave Norsemen
of old,
In the days that have long passed us by,
We are Wards, where we lorded it over
the land,
Where we sought the wild beast in his
lair;
Never conquered abroad, ever victor at
home,
Free then as the birds in the air,
We beat back the hordes of the Asian
sea.
From the shores of your Sentinle Isles;
E'er Columbus sailed o'er to this far dis-
tant land,
Why cared we for the Mongols' soft
wiles.
Red, yellow and black, sought our blood in
the fray,
Conquered all, held the land now your
prize—
Swept all of them back, like the fast-
flying tide,
Though they came as the midsummer
floods,
Nath the whizzing trees we have laid
them to rest,
Our brave fathers, our mothers, our all;
Indians they were, but they saved this
British land,
When the totem sent forth its weird
call.
You then came with your story of God
and His cross,
That sweet loving story of old:
We fold our tents, throw our coppers
aside,
Took the hand of the stranger so bold,
Together we prayed the Lord God of
"Heaven,
With our friends we each bent our
knee—
For King and for country we stood side
by side,
Britain's flag waving over our sea.
Though few are our numbers, we look
back with pride
Where the totem poles pierce the sky,
Where our forefathers guarded and saved
you the homes,
Angel mothers sang sweet lullaby,
We are passing away, like the Romans
of old,
Our Great Chief stands waving his
hand there;
On the Sentinle Isles our brave Haidas
will meet,
On the Hunting Grounds ever so fair.

AUSTRALIAN CABINET

ENTERING PROTEST

Premier Fisher May Raise the
Question at Imperial
Conference

Melbourne, March 24.—The arbitration
proposals of President Taft as supported
by Sir Edward Grey, the British foreign
secretary, have received warm support
from the members of the Commonwealth
cabinet. Mr. Fisher, the premier, states
that he will raise the question with the
Imperial authorities when in London in
connection with the Imperial conference.
The Prime Minister declares that if the
English-speaking peoples adopt the prin-
ciple of arbitration for the settlement of
international disputes it will not be long
before the rest of the civilized world will
follow suit.

When asked this morning as to what
action he intended taking regarding
the sinking of the sealing schooner
Umbrina by the United States collier
Saturn last week, Capt. Peppert, own-
er of the vessel, stated that he was not
in a position to give any opinion at
present. Capt. Folger, master of the
schooner, is at present in San Fran-
cisco filing a claim with the authorities
and presenting his side of the case in
connection with the collision.
It is expected that within a few days
Capt. Folger and his white crew, to-
gether with most of the Indian hunters,
will return to this city and then the
full particulars of the incident may be
learned. From what details have so
far been received here it is stated that
the weather was misty at the time and
that the schooner was displaying no
danger signals by which the big vessel
could detect that the Umbrina was in
her course.
The native hunters who were taken
to San Francisco by the collier were re-
moved to the immigration station there
immediately. The authorities there, to-
gether with the British consul, are at-
tempting to procure accommodation for
the Indians on some sailing vessel
which is coming north soon. On arriv-
ing here they will return to their homes
on the west coast where they were
picked up by the schooner when she
left the coast.

While the sinking of the Umbrina
means a heavy loss to the owner it also
means a loss of no small magnitude to
the crew of the vessel, who realize good
profits from the cruise in a sealing
schooner. As all the other vessels of
the local fleet have left there will be
no opportunity for them to get away
this year and they will miss what pro-
mised to be a splendid season. At the
time the Umbrina sunk she had but one
skin. Although she left port at the end
of the last month she did not square away
for the south much more than two
weeks ago, having been delayed at the
west coast in getting her crew.

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AMERICAN STEVEDORES BEST.
Office of Uarda Says Men Are More
Scientific—Better Facilities Here.
Seattle, March 24.—That stevedor-
ing is carried on in a more scientific
and effective manner in American
ports than in any other port in the
world, or Vancouver, is the statement
of Theophilus Trump, of the Kosmos line
Uarda, who has made a special study
of the moving and handling of freight
through the ordinary channels of
commerce.
"In Seattle," said Dr. Trump yester-
day morning, "just before the Uarda
left for Hamburg, 'the work is car-
ried on with a snap that produces the
best results, and the agents of the
Canadian stevedores seems to be
to make their work stretch out over as
long a period as possible. While the
locks at Victoria and Vancouver are
more suited for working large and
the mechanical facilities for handling
it about are superior to those in Se-
attle and Tacoma, I have found that
the energy of the American stevedore
team makes up for his inferior
equipment."
"I believe it is really due more to
the general spirit which prevails in
your section than anything else, for
when I say American stevedore, it
may mean that he was born in Liver-
pool, Hamburg, Naples or St. Peters-
burg. They seem to take a pleasure
in their work here on the American
side. The American stevedore does
more work than any other stevedore
in the world, and he receives a higher
salary than is paid in the ports of
other countries."

ALBERTA UNIVERSITY.
Several New Appointments to Staff at
Meeting of Governors.
The second meeting of the board of
governors of the University of Alberta
was held a few days ago at Edmonton
with almost a complete representation
of members, viz., Chairman E. C. Par-
dee, Edmonton; Dr. G. A. Kennedy,
Macleod; L. M. Johnstone, Lethbridge;
R. E. Starks, Medicine Hat; A. C.
Camerson and Dr. Slesley, Calgary, and
O. M. Biggar, Edmonton.
The financial statement for the cur-
rent year up to February 28th, 1911,
was presented and accepted.
In the matter of increasing the staff
was dealt with by the board and it
was agreed that a considerable addi-
tion should be made. The following
appointments were decided upon, others
being left over for a future
meeting.
Lecturer in Classics—Alan Chester
Johnson, M. A. (Dalhousie), Ph. D.
(John Hopkins).
Instructor in French—E. Sonnet, B.
A., University of France.
Instructor in Drawing—J. Adam.
Dr. Johnson who received the very
distinguished career. He graduated
with honors from Dalhousie Univer-
sity in 1884, two years he was tu-
tor in classics at Dalhousie, after
which he entered Johns Hopkins,
where he took his Ph. D. degree in
1899. The same year he won by com-
petitive examination the classical fel-
lowship awarded by the American
Archaeological Institute. For the last
two years he has been abroad study-
ing in Germany and Athens. At the
present place he is now holding the
Fellowship of the Carnegie Institute
in Classical Archaeology.

The human voice is produced by the as-
sistance of eight pairs of muscles, and
fifteen other pairs contribute in various
ways.

THE SENTRY ISLES.
Fair stranger, a word, from a fast-pass-
ing race,
Just a word from the grave of our
ancestors, who were
Men who saved you a country flooded
with wealth,
Where our totem poles raise now their
spires,
Oft our tribe of the Bear and the Eagle
stood there,
Prepared for to do or die;
Under our totem, your brave Norsemen
of old,
In the days that have long passed us by,
We are Wards, where we lorded it over
the land,
Where we sought the wild beast in his
lair;
Never conquered abroad, ever victor at
home,
Free then as the birds in the air,
We beat back the hordes of the Asian
sea.
From the shores of your Sentinle Isles;
E'er Columbus sailed o'er to this far dis-
tant land,
Why cared we for the Mongols' soft
wiles.
Red, yellow and black, sought our blood in
the fray,
Conquered all, held the land now your
prize—
Swept all of them back, like the fast-
flying tide,
Though they came as the midsummer
floods,
Nath the whizzing trees we have laid
them to rest,
Our brave fathers, our mothers, our all;
Indians they were, but they saved this
British land,
When the totem sent forth its weird
call.
You then came with your story of God
and His cross,
That sweet loving story of old:
We fold our tents, throw our coppers
aside,
Took the hand of the stranger so bold,
Together we prayed the Lord God of
"Heaven,
With our friends we each bent our
knee—
For King and for country we stood side
by side,
Britain's flag waving over our sea.
Though few are our numbers, we look
back with pride
Where the totem poles pierce the sky,
Where our forefathers guarded and saved
you the homes,
Angel mothers sang sweet lullaby,
We are passing away, like the Romans
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ENTERING PROTEST

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REPORTS ON DALLAS ROAD SEA WALL

Edward Mohun, C. E., Says Plans Were Drawn With the Greatest Care

The promised report by Edward Mohun, C.E., of the provincial public works department, on the Dallas road sea wall was forthcoming at Friday's meeting of the city council.

That after a close investigation into the local conditions and a careful study of the various types of walls elsewhere, constructed with similar objects, the conclusion was arrived at that the end could be most effectively and economically attained by a vertical wall, the foundations of which would be carried down below low water mark, except at its termination at Ogden's Head.

A comparison was then made between walls with counterforts 16 feet apart and 20 feet, and the balance in favor of economy proved to be in the latter, which type was adopted.

On August the 8th, cross sections were received from the city engineer, the position of the wall with reference to the street line being fixed by the city.

About the end of August the results of the calculations were forwarded to the city hall with a request that they be independently checked.

Detailed plans and specifications were submitted to the city council which approved of them without reservation.

A contract at schedule rates was entered into by the city and the Pacific Coast Construction Company in October, and it may be mentioned in this connection that when dealing with unknown quantities, this is the only equitable course to pursue, since the contractor paid only for the work he actually performs, and the employer receives an equivalent for each item of his expenditure.

The drawings show a minimum depth of foundation and clause 54 of the specification reads:

"54. Excavations shall be made to the depth shown on the drawings, or if necessary deeper, until a solid foundation is obtained, to receive the footings of the wall and counterforts, and shall be made of sufficient width to permit the proper erection of the forms."

After the contract was let it was found that the calculations had not been checked, and Mr. Poirer, supervising engineer, was instructed to do so, with the result that an error was found in the last set, somewhat increasing the quantities.

The amount of the rough estimate was \$122,164.37, a reduction was effected in this by lessening the amount of granite and substituting counterforts at 20 feet centres for those at 16 feet. For this the revised calculations were checked, was \$88,548.15, and it is believed that the city engineer's estimate was slightly in excess of this. The final independent check showed that on the corrected quantities, the amended estimate would become \$98,885.40.

In Mr. Raymur's statement as published he has charged \$3,900, discount on debentures, as part of the cost of building the wall, a sum which is not expended on the wall, but for which an equivalent is probably obtained by the city in lower interest.

The type of wall to be adopted depends upon local conditions but the general consensus of engineering opinion appears to be in favor of either the vertical, or that with a long gradual slope. The French engineers, a body of most capable men, appear to favor the former, while those of other nations adopt either type as appears best in the particular locality, but no one type is very universally adopted. The various conditions demand different treatment.

It is considered, as is considered here, that the beach in front of a sea wall should be protected by groynes, and on this point Mr. E. R. Matthews, Vol. CLIX, Proceedings Institute of Civil Engineers, remarks: "To carry out a system of groyning, however, without building sea walls to protect the foot of the cliffs would be waste of money, just as to build sea walls without groyning out a proper system of groynes would be altogether insufficient."

In the present case it may reasonably be expected that the construction of groynes, at a very small expense, would not only afford protection to that part of the lower face of the wall which is exposed, but doubtful as it may appear, increase the width of the beach, the children's playground, an appreciable distance between the wall and high water mark. Such results have been obtained in Europe under far more unfavorable conditions than govern here.

Comparisons have been made between Scarborough and Victoria, two places which have, as regards the sea, nothing in common, the former is exposed to the full force of the stormy North Sea, with a reach of 200 miles. Waves of 40 feet in height between trough and crest have been measured, while it is very doubtful if the latter has a tendency to be subjected to a sea wave more than of about six feet in height. At Scarborough and at other points a curious result has been noticed, namely, that while a heavy gale has a tendency to remove a portion of the beach, milder winds always replace it.

This matter has been dealt with at some length, as there appears to be much misapprehension on the subject,

and you may be assured that no trouble has been spared in the endeavor to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion. EDWARD MOHUN, Assistant Engineer, SEVERAL VESSELS CHARTERED.

Two Steamship and Four Sailing Vessels Engaged to Quote Coast Rates.

Included among the charters announced by Hind, Ralph & Co. this week are the steamships Strathallan and Strathairn and the sailing vessels George E. Billings, Vincent, Galgate and Luzon.

The Strathallan, on time charter at \$3, has been engaged from Gray's Harbor and Puget Sound to Sydney, Australia, etc., while the Strathairn, also on time charter, goes from Eureka and the North to Australia ports. The sailing vessel George E. Billings has an option on Puget Sound or Columbia River to Sydney. From Portland to Cork for orders the Vincent has been secured at \$75.60. The Galgate has been fixed for a cargo of barley from San Francisco to Cork, for orders at \$28.90. At 48s 9d the Luzon goes for Gray's Harbor to Valparaiso, for orders, Pisagua range.

Other charters announced include those of the steamship Hazel Dollar and barquentine John C. Meyer. The Hazel Dollar has been fixed by the Robert Dollar Company to carry lumber from Coos Bay and Puget Sound to Chicago. The Meyer is to carry lumber for G. W. McNear from Gray's Harbor to Adelaide, Australia.

Grain and lumber freights from Pacific Coast ports at unit rates are quoted as follows: Humboldt Bay to Sydney, 35s, steamships, 1s 3d less; to Melbourne or Adelaide, 37s 6d, steamships, 1s 3d less; to Fremantle, 40s; to Callao, 40s; to direct nitrate port, 45s to 47s 6d. From Columbia River, Willamette River, Puget Sound or British Columbia, to Sydney, 35s, steamships, 1s 3d less; to Melbourne or Adelaide, 37s 6d, steamships, 1s 3d less; to Port Pirie 38s 3d, to Fremantle, 40s, steamships to Japan ports, Shanghai or Yokohama, 39s 3d; to Callao or direct nitrate port, 46s 3d; to Valparaiso for orders, 48s 3d less; to South African ports, Capetown and Delagoa Bay, range 57s.

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JAPANESE LINERS TO HAVE WIRELESS

All Vessels of Osaka Shosen Fleet to Be Equipped—Tacoma Maru First

When the Japanese steamer Tacoma Maru, of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha fleet, returns to the Orient from her present voyage to Tacoma, she will proceed to Kobe, where, at the Kawasaki dock yards, she will be equipped with wireless apparatus. It will be the first of the O. S. K. fleet operating between the Orient and Tacoma to be given the equipment.

It was at the Kawasaki dock yard that the Tacoma Maru, Seattle Maru and Chicago Maru were built, and they will be equipped with wireless there. The others—Mexico, Panama and Canada—will be equipped at the Mitsubishi yards. The entire fleet will have wireless in time to comply with the United States law which becomes effective July 1.

The Blue Funnel liners operating between Liverpool and Tacoma are also being equipped with wireless apparatus, and the steamers in the West fleet will also have it. Including all of the larger passenger steamers, there are 21 steamers on the Pacific coast now equipped with wireless. During the past few months the number of vessels carrying this equipment has increased rapidly, due to the act of congress which requires that all vessels traveling more than 200 miles and carrying 50 persons or more, including the crew, must be equipped with wireless by July 1.

There are now 21 vessels sailing the Atlantic coast and in the Gulf region, 16 on the Great Lakes, 23 in South American waters, and 19 in English waters.

HEAR CASE AGAINST OLD SHIP TUESDAY

Label Suit of Glory of the Seas Coming Before Admiralty Court

Arrangements have now been made to have the label suits against the old ship Glory of the Seas heard before Mr. Justice Martin in the Admiralty court on Tuesday morning next. The owner of the vessel, a local syndicate, have tried hard to avoid letting the staunch craft go under the hammer, but a short time ago hopes to this end were given up. Unable to secure a line of instance, a cargo of lumber was put on board, and the vessel was ordered to proceed to Boston, where an offer had been received for her, have had to abandon their efforts and the glory will shortly be offered for sale.

Labels which have been laid against the Seas now amount to approximately \$5,000, claims having been made by the first and second mates, steward and cook, boatswain and carpenter, and one of the apprentices. Every member of the crew that has been standing by the vessel has labelled her in an attempt to secure their wages. It is stated that some of the claims made are well padded and that when they are adjusted the amount will be lower considerably.

Within three weeks from Tuesday next the Glory of the Seas will be sold at a public auction by Marshal Siddall in order to satisfy the claims. The owners are not willing to pay the heavy labels and the vessel will go under the hammer to the highest bidder. As to what the bids will amount to cannot be conjectured, but they should run high as the ship is still a staunch craft.

Another vessel owned by the same syndicate, the Hesper, has just been sold at Seattle to Hall Bros. to satisfy a libel. The ship was built at Port Blakely in 1882, and since she has had a varied career, at times her decks flowing wet with blood. In the early nineties she was engaged in traffic from New York to San Francisco.

J. Lucas, a retired shipmaster of this city, was mate on the vessel. When off Tahiti five of the crew mutinied and murdered the second mate, Gerald, splitting his head with a hatchet and then throwing the body overboard.

The mutineers were driven to the forecastle, where they were held prisoners. At Tahiti they were turned over to French war vessels, which brought them to San Francisco, where they were tried. After two trials two were condemned to the gallows.

DISCUSSES PLANS TO BEAUTIFY NELSON

Improvement Association is Formed at Enthusiastic Meeting of Citizens

Nelson, March 24.—Nearly 50 citizens participated in the public meeting held at the board of trade rooms to discuss plans for a systematic effort to beautify Nelson's scenic beauty, and if enthusiasm counts for anything the movement is already assured of success. Mayor Selous, who was voted to the chair, traced the boulevard improvement plan, pointing out that the boulevard is a joy forever, an ill-kept one is a defacement. Seeing the success which other towns had made of movements of this character, he did not see why Nelson should not do nobly.

J. A. Irving held strongly the theory that the city should donate trees for the citizens to set out, as many times the number would be set out under that practice than if the citizens were to purchase them. A very considerable number were present. Munroe Miller being in the chair and W. J. Scott, the general secretary of the movement, acting as secretary for the meeting.

The pros and cons of the movement were placed before the meeting by Reeve Nicholson, Councillors Borden and Hobbs, Messrs. Williams and Richardson.

On the amendment being put to the meeting it was carried by a considerable majority.

A meeting will be held in ward 4, at the Colquhoun hall, this evening, and during next week at Cadboro Bay and Gordon Head.

QUARANTINE ENFORCED. Moncton, N. B., March 25.—Col. Matby, of the Newcastle board of health, has returned from an inspection trip to the parish of Alewick and reports that he found only forty cases of smallpox there instead of nearly a hundred as at first reported. The disease has existed in nearly all the lumber camps in the Miramichi district, and owing to its mildness and the objection to reporting cases much difficulty has been experienced in coping with it in the country districts. No new cases exist now in any of the towns where the quarantine is strictly enforced.

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STOYPIN WILL REMAIN IN OFFICE

AGREES TO WITHDRAW HIS RESIGNATION

Two Reactionary Opponents Dismissed From Council of the Empire

St. Petersburg, March 25.—Premier Stoypin, who last Monday sent in his resignation, has agreed to remain in office, the cabinet crisis, therefore, is at an end.

An imperial decree, issued yesterday, suspended M. Trepot and M. Dernovo, members of the council of the empire, from all sittings of the council until January 1912. Mr. Stoypin has insisted on the removal of these reactionary opponents of his policy, as the price for his retaining office, and it is understood that the negotiation for this point that led to a provisional agreement between the Duma and the council of the empire for three days are published.

Punishment in other forms will be meted out to other members of the council of the empire who participated in the discomfiture of Premier Stoypin by causing the rejection by the council of the empire of the essential features of his zemstvo bill, which provided for self-government in the nine western provinces. This bill was rejected as a whole yesterday.

The retention by M. Stoypin of the premiership and the decision to punish Trepot, Dernovo and others who antagonized him, was arrived at after considerable hesitation on the part of Emperor Nicholas. At first Stoypin's resignation was accepted and negotiations were entered into with M. Kokovsov, minister of finance, to accept the premiership, but his conditions included full liberty in the selection of his cabinet. This proved unacceptable.

The chorus of approval for the selection of Kokovsov, by the Russian Liberal press and the Liberal members of the Duma, however, within two months after the opening of the session over the fall of Stoypin were ably employed by interested parties to persuade his Majesty to accept Stoypin's demands.

In further satisfaction of Stoypin's conditions, Emperor Nicholas seemingly has decided to sanction the zemstvo bill by imperial prerogative, according to paragraph 87 of the fundamental laws, which were signed yesterday, and the Emperor's consent, thereby creating an interval during which laws can be issued by imperial action. Such laws must be submitted to the Duma, however, within two months after the opening of the session.

The zemstvo bill, however, undoubtedly will be rushed through both chambers, as the council of the empire is now thoroughly overawed.

FURTHERING IDEA OF NORTH VICTORIA

Meeting of Saanich Residents in Wards 1 and 3 Favor Secession

A meeting of the property owners of those portions of wards 1 and 3 of the municipality, interested in the formation of a separate municipality of North Victoria, was held in the Temperance hall at Cedar Hill Thursday evening. Although the weather was not propitious, a very considerable number were present. Munroe Miller being in the chair and W. J. Scott, the general secretary of the movement, acting as secretary for the meeting.

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PROPOSED SUBWAY AT VANCOUVER

C. P. R. Officials Interview Civic Board Regarding Access to Waterfront

Vancouver, March 24.—The proposed subway under the C. P. R. tracks in the vicinity of Carrall street, near Burrard Inlet, the granting of an honorarium to W. A. Clement, city engineer, of \$4,000, and the criticism of tenders regarding paving of thoroughfares, formed the chief subjects to come under the review of the civic board of works at the regular meeting which lasted for close upon six hours.

Regarding the proposed subway near the waterfront, Messrs. Busted, Peters and McMillan attended as a delegation representing the C. P. R. It was stated that the total cost would amount to about \$225,000, and the board thought that the question of the city's liability should be left to the discretion of the railway commissioners to decide. The subway as proposed will be 42 feet wide with two seven-foot sidewalks. It provides for accessibility to the Johnson and Evans; Coleman and Evans wharf, and begins on the C. P. R. right-of-way at Carrall street, and extends east to a point half way between Carrall street and Columbia avenue. When it turns north, crossing under the tracks, there are two approaches, one contemplated from the east and the other from the west. The subway for pedestrians will connect with Columbia avenue at a point where the main subway turns northward. The question was allowed to lie in abeyance until a general conference is arranged between the city, North Vancouver authorities and the company.

Regarding the honorarium for Mr. Clement, Ald. Crowe moved that Ald. Williamson be asked that \$1,000 be given as a kind of remuneration for the engineer in charge of the project. The engineer in charge of the project had had no holidays and that he had worked on Sundays in the city's behalf. The board unanimously decided that the city engineer should be granted the \$1,000 honorarium. Mr. Crowe remarked that the engineer's services according to the notice served was due to expire on March 21, and he was in favor of asking Mr. Clement to remain until the supervising engineer, Mr. Peterson, assumed the reins of office.

Mr. Clement replied, stating that he would be willing to serve the city whenever circumstances arose as would justify his being called in.

HINDUS TAKE UP REAL ESTATE

Turbanned Shadows Invade Victoria's Realty Market

Talk about infection. Why there is nothing to touch it. Real estate is the most contagious disease that ever struck the Pacific Coast. Half the town is richly settled with its devotees or victims and the other half is stifling with desire to acquire a fuller complement of its fashionable "spots." One can feel the pressure of the epidemic in the air, and the view of the point of view, which translated, means the view of the lot before they are seen.

The Hindus carry with them the restless atmosphere of smiling fortune busting forth in joyous transport from a deep impenetrable setting of indigo, the whole being tinged with a suggestive of blue ruin in an unacquainted, in spite of its wonderful disseminating propensities, however, it has never been suspected that the color, that is, the color of the real estate market, and that, too, at a point least suspected of weakness.

Even now in the midst of the greatest and to purchase them. The Hindus, who the real estate interest has been invaded by a company of Hindus, of all the people in the world. Their entry into the market has put a knock-out punch to another of the favorite conceptions of the white world. The prevalent illusion regarding the Hindu is that he can live comfortably with nothing a year so long as it is paid him in monthly installments with compound interest on the outlying amount.

Epitomized of the most distressing kind is what the new situation amounts to. Verily every mansion is built upon a pit and every higher thought is the result of a perished idol. Philosophy and science are the doors wide to men of all races and nations, but real estate—well, who would have thought it? Yes, the Khaista Realty Company, consisting solely of the members of the "caste" race, have opened premises on Langley street and are at present hotly in pursuit of the aforesaid spots. They are interested in city property of the most potential character and are proving themselves most initiative of their white colleagues in rounding up business.

VIENNA VISITS EMPEROR. Vienna, March 25.—Emperor William, Empress Auguste Victoria and others of the royal family who were en route for Corfu were the guests yesterday of Emperor Francis Joseph at Schoebunn castle. There is a "disappointment" significance to the visit, but it is the emperor's practice to call on his aged friend, on his annual trip to Corfu.

MEMORIAL TO LORERS. Chicago, March 25.—Work on a magnificent marble memorial to the victims of the Maine disaster is well advanced here today, after many delays, as the Eighth avenue entrance to Central park. Besides the monument, which will be sixty feet high and one of the most beautiful in the city, a great marble approach to the shaft will be built in memory of the heroes of the Spanish war.

ENCOURAGE DAIRYMEN. Lieut-Governor Paterson Donates Cup for Competition Among Smaller Dairies.

An incentive to dairymen to produce the best they are capable of has just been provided them by his Honor Lieut-Governor Paterson, who has donated a handsome cup to the Dairy-men's Association of British Columbia. The primary object of the cup is to encourage the smaller dairymen. The trophy will be open for competition among dairies having from five to fifteen cows.

The conditions of the competition are simple and effective. All entries must be in by May 1st. Two inspections of the competitors' premises will then be made during the ensuing year, one in the summer and one in the winter, by competent judges appointed by the association, and the dairyman who, in their opinion, has maintained the highest standard of modern culture will be awarded the cup.

If any one dairyman should win the competition three years, whether successively or not, the cup will become his own personal property. Besides the cup the competition carries with it three medals, gold, silver and bronze respectively.

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ARMY TRAINING IN UNITED STATES

Major-General Carter Urges the Establishment of Division Post

San Antonio, March 25.—Recommendation for the establishment of an army division post at some desirable point in the United States is being made to the war department by Major General W. H. Carter, commanding. The general urges a permanent division post so as to give the troops the required training in the operation of a division as a tactical unit.

General Carter has suggested that Fort Harrison, at Indianapolis, be selected. A division should be kept there constantly, he says, with frequent changes of regiments so as to give every arm of the service divisional drill. The idea is that the division be kept working under actual field conditions and that every regiment undergo the discipline.

Carter further suggests that later other division posts be established in logical points throughout the country.

SEARCH FOR VESSEL REPORTED ON FIRE

Tugs Return to Eureka Without Finding Any Trace of Schooner

Eureka, Cal., March 25.—The tug boats that have been searching since midnight for a vessel said to have been on fire off Humboldt bay, reported at noon that they have failed to find any trace of the vessel. No wreckage was found.

The life-saving crews joined the tugs at daylight in a cruise of the waters of Humboldt bay five miles below Eureka, where it was reported a steam schooner had been seen in flames and where it was believed her crew had taken to the small boats.

Whether there was any burning vessel here is a question among shipping men. It is said that the reported vessel was in line with Trinidad head, and it is believed that the lookout may have seen a beach fire there.

The steamer Alliance arrived today after having waited outside the bar for several hours and the captain reported that he saw no burning vessel and no boats.

The City of Topeka is due here today, but has not yet put in an appearance. It she brings word of the burning vessel it will be concluded that the Table Bluff lookout was mistaken and search for the vessel will be abandoned. The life-savers at the entrance of the harbor were not able to make out a fire at any time last night.

Of the 8,547 pianos imported into Britain during the last four years, 7,000 were made in Germany, but of the 23,113 organs and harmoniums imported the Germans made only 222.

Because a new railroad bridge in Switzerland is on an important line strategically it has been provided with a chamber which can be filled with dynamite to break the structure in case of war.

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Excellent Programme Arranged for Conference and Rally April 1-2

For the past three years Victoria has been favored and inspired by some of the world's most brilliant missionary statesmen. This year, through the energetic work of C. C. Michener, vice-president of the Laymen's Missionary movement of British Columbia, four of the most experienced and best informed speakers will visit this city on April 1-2.

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A committee consisting of W. N. Winsby, Central school; Mr. Elliott, High school, and J. P. Salloway, Victoria West school, was appointed to take the local field trials and will meet shortly to arrange a schedule. It is almost certain that, besides the public schools, the University and the Collegiate schools will enter teams.

SIX-TEAM FOOTBALL LEAGUE NEXT YEAR

Victoria Will Likely Enter Crowds of People Take Interest in the Games

It has been announced that Victoria will enter two teams in the British Columbia football league next season, which will bring the number of teams competing up to six. At present there are only four, two from the Island, Ladysmith and Nanaimo, and two from the Mainland, the Colliers and the Vancouverites.

The league has been providing the very best kind of football and the games at Ladysmith and Nanaimo have attracted crowds of fans from Victoria. At the last game played in Nanaimo it was estimated that there were 3,000 people on the grounds. The games will be played on a level on business-like lines made the local boys take notice and they signified their intention of entering the league. Word to this effect was sent to Con. Jones.

The present season will expire early in May and the players will then take a rest for the summer months, the games will be played again next September. Two series of three months duration will be run off each year, three months in the spring and three in the fall. Matches will be played every Saturday and a record crowd have been the rule in the other towns there is no reason why it should not be so in Victoria.

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J. Cole, in authority on dogs who has officiated at shows all over America, will judge. He was the judge in the world's fair at St. Louis.

Mr. Cecil will also award the prizes in the "show" April 18-24, which will be held in the Mammoth rink, the best building for the purpose on the coast. In Vancouver, April 6-8, Charles Lyndon, of Toronto, will judge.

Every class of dog will be well represented in the local show, but wire-haired fox terriers, English setters, cocker spaniels and pointers will be most numerous. Of new breeds on exhibition there will be French bull dogs, Russian wolf hounds, Chesapeake bays, and the rare breeds, Dandy Dinmonts, Dauchunds and old English sheep dogs.

The following are a few of the best entries in each class: Cocker Spaniels. J. W. Creighton's Champion Jesmond Pearl, Mr. Creighton has 11 other entries in this class.

C. S. Bolton, of Vancouver, enters Black King and other noted winners. Clumber Spaniels. H. W. Beaven, of Duncan, enters a brace. Airdale Terriers. F. D. Eldins, of Vancouver, Clonard Solair, enters a brace.

N. McConnell, Vancouver, Kilmarnock Queen and Kilmarnock Regent. Central Park kennels, Vancouver, Camosun Prince, Camosun Virginia, Chesdale kennels, Colby, Wash, Chesdale Lad. A. L. Brownley, Victoria, Western Jack. Colliers. Mrs. Florence Brydon, of Seattle, South Forth Safety. J. J. Jackson, Sapperton, B. C., Sedley-Scott. W. Blackstock, Victoria, Kilmarnock Tyton. James Macintosh, Victoria, Prince and Fernoch Perfection. George S. Smith, Vancouver, Vancouver's Pride.

Four of the above mentioned collies were imported especially from England for these shows. Irish Setters. O. A. Goodwin, Victoria, Kilmarnock Mollie and Kilmarnock Rose. F. O. Ehrlich, Totem E. Andrew Fairbairn, Miss Jess and Nellie, English Setters. D. E. Whitaker, Semonia and Prince. T. W. Edwards, Reve Montez. Hickford and Withers' kennels, Mallow Major, Arbutus Swallow and others. T. H. Austin, Seattle, Stylish Queen. J. A. Robb, Handsome Spot and Belle II. G. F. Dunn, Freckles. J. Sylvester, an imported English dog, Spot. Gordon Setters. J. A. Robb, Tramp. T. Smith, Coatsman Beava. B. H. Johns, Don. Pointer. Imported dogs, Lady Rhoda Kent, Red Wing and Fancy. Local dogs, Hickory Queen, Spots Princess, Derby West, Victoria Speck, Lady Glenora, Red Bank, Brentwood Bubble and King Hickory. Scottish Terriers. D. B. MacLaren, Jeane and Seattle. Central Park kennels, Vancouver, Camosun Wuffy. Mrs. Major Wilson, Huntley Jack. Mrs. Bradley Dyer, Champion Sandowne, Brownie, Morrison and Beautiful Boy. Bull Terriers. Mrs. Thornton Sharp, Vancouver, Lyncott Lidalia. Central Park kennels, Camosun, Haymarket and Terror. Morrison. S. H. Jetté, Victoria, Maple Leaf. Wire-haired Fox Terriers. Rev. J. W. Flinton, Tyley Brigand. Duchess of Newcastle, England, Mimie. W. D. Bruce, Vancouver, Marco and Madam of Orme. P. Alberto, Vancouver, Prince Rogus. A. E. Dempster, Victoria, Bunch. W. H. B. Mads, Mt. Tommie, Uncle Chig and Charlette. Reginald Hanson, Trewanta West, two, Trewanta Stopper and Trewanta Trappist. Smooth Fox Terriers. W. M. Coates, Vancouver, Lady Rustem. B. Large, Forton Friar. B. O. Taylor, Chinker. Mrs. C. E. Thomas, Live Wire. Mrs. Jane Frensch, Fannie. Mrs. Beaton Terriers. Prie winners, Rainona, Midgag, Chamon Marquise, Duchess, Buster and Ramona Girls. Irish Terriers. Western Topsis, Carnoogh Salls and Barney. Foranians.

In this class are entered the best prize winners in the west, among them Golden Gate, Gladiator, Ragely, Nymph, Wes Fraser and Orange Blossom. Great Danes. Sam Pinchover and Opalia, Seattle. Rainbow Cleo, Victoria. Dauchunds. Tece, Bismark and Waide. St. Bernards. Knight Errant of Arden and Champion Star of the North. Bull Dogs. Lady Beattie, Lady Wanda and Lady...

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ACCIDENTAL DEATH

Vancouver, March 24.—Accidental death was the verdict of the coroner's jury at the inquest held into the death of the late Joseph Cahill. The evidence showed that the deceased on March 12 had to watch the Chinaman on board of the S. S. Purley, which was unloading at Hastings and while walking down the gangplank he slipped and fell, striking a pile with his head. He was picked up by the watchman, J. Brittle, who at once notified the police. The unfortunate man was removed to the General Hospital, where he died as the result of his injuries, a fracture of the skull being the cause. Before the jury retired, Coroner Jeffs called the attention of the jury to the danger of the narrow gangplanks leading from the ships to the wharf, and recommended that some steps be taken to have these gangplanks made safe.

SECHLT SINKS WITH ALL ON BOARD

Among the passengers were J. W. Burns and wife, of Sooke, who had been attending the marriage of their son, William Burns, and Miss Catherine J. Stevenson, of Seattle, the Presbyterian missionary at Sooke, had been about four years there, and was returning to preach his farewell sermons, as he had been transferred by missionary authorities to Pender Island. He was accompanied by his wife, who had just arrived from Alberta to spend the summer in this country.

Mr. Burns had the reputation of being a most devoted and earnest missionary and was well liked by the people. Only last Sunday Rev. Robert Connell, of this city, visited the Sooke mission to conduct the quarterly sacramental services and received a large number into church fellowship, twelve of whom were young people, the fruit of Mr. Burns' ministry. Rev. W. Leslie Gray, chairman of the home-mission committee of the Victoria Presbytery, speaks in the highest terms of Mr. Burns' life and work.

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The steamer was eighty-two feet in length over all, seventy-five feet between perpendiculars and fifteen feet in depth with a gross tonnage of seventy-three tons. She was propelled by a set of compound surface condensing engines with cylinders of ten and sixteen inches, producing a 14-horse power. Steam was furnished by one boiler, and at full speed the steamer made slightly better than ten knots. She was fitted with one of the latest steam winches for handling heavy freight and all other steam fixtures of the most modern design.

For the comfort of passengers the Sechelt was well fitted up and proved popular with the traveling public. She was of the shelter deck type and was built on excellent lines. On her main deck she could carry any kind of freight and in the saloon there was room for many passengers. The smoking room and ladies' cabin, which were separate, were finely finished and furnished with upholstered chairs and settees. The vessel was steam heated throughout.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 25.—Not a single passenger out of 136,000 carried on the Pennsylvania railroad in 1913 was killed in a train accident. This is brought out in a report issued by the company, giving accident statistics for the years 1908, 1909 and 1910 for the lines east of Pittsburgh and Erie, including the Pennsylvania railroad, the Philadelphia, Baltimore & Washington, the Northern Central railway, the Cumberland Valley, the Maryland, Delaware & Virginia railway, the Baltimore, Chesapeake & Atlantic railway, the West Jersey and the Long Island railroad.

Combining the statistics for 1908, 1909 and 1910, it is shown that in that time the number of passengers carried on the lines east of Pittsburgh and Erie was 371,858,777—more than four times as many persons as there are in the United States, and only one of them was killed as a result of a train wreck.

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