

WHICH STEAMER  
IS THE FASTER?

CLAIMED CHARLOTTE  
BEAT THE VICTORIA

Older Vessel Travelled Three  
Knots Less in Coming From  
Vancouver

Considerable interest is being taken in the respective speeds of the steamers Princess Charlotte and the Princess Victoria. The claim has been made a number of times that the Victoria is the faster vessel. There is, however, a difference of opinion in regard to this. On Thursday, as previously mentioned, the Scotch engineers who are here in connection with the Princess Charlotte went to Vancouver with the Princess Victoria in order to ascertain the speed of that vessel, and the result was not favorable to the older steamer. According to information received from the time taken between Prospect Point and Brodie's Leids, it was 2 hours 19 minutes, but by the distance checked by patent log, it was found that the Victoria had travelled about three knots less than the Princess Charlotte in making the trip which the latter did in 3 hours 25 minutes. If the speeds of the vessels be based on the registered distance travelled, it is found that the Princess Victoria made 19.45 knots and the Princess Charlotte 19.5 knots, a considerable margin in favor of the newer steamer.

The Princess Charlotte is going out for a speed trial to-day, when it is expected that she will do much better than her previous record. She has been thoroughly cleaned and her propeller blades which had been found to be damaged have been replaced by a spare set which are set to the original designed pitch. The test will be watched with much interest.

RETIREES FROM MINISTRY.

New York, March 26.—The Rev. R. A. Hafo, of St. Trinitatis Evangelical Lutheran church, Jersey City, has written his congregation that his illness forces him to retire from the ministry. He cannot wear his hat in the pulpit, and he cannot preach bareheaded without catching cold. He will preach his farewell sermon next Sunday.

DIES SUDDENLY.

Cambridge, Mass., March 26.—Henry Augustus Treacy, assistant professor of chemistry at Harvard University, died at his home yesterday at the age of 38 years of heart trouble.

The Canadian Elevator Company's elevator at Gilbert Plains, Man., has been burned to the ground. The elevator had a capacity of 30,000 bushels, and there was between 20,000 and 25,000 thousand bushels of grain destroyed.

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NOTICE

Pursuant to the by-laws of the said Company, notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Vancouver & Manufacturing Company, Limited, will be held at their office, 818 Governor Street, in the City of Vancouver, on Monday, the 4th day of April, 1910, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of electing directors and transacting any other business that may be brought before the said meeting.

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SAYS BIRRELL

DEBATE OF ASQUITH'S  
PROPOSALS CONTINUED

Lord Hugh Cecil Declares the  
Lords Must Have Full  
Power of Veto

(Special to the Times.)  
London, March 31.—The second day's debate in the Commons on Premier Asquith's veto resolutions was marked by a high standard of oratory.  
F. S. Smith, Unionist member for Walsley, opened with some biting criticism at the expense of the cabinet's apparent discussions on the question of the Lords. The front government, he said, like a stage monkey which had legs that moved, but not all together. He told the government that they were ill advised to commit themselves to a policy which must mean two more elections this year.

A. Simon, Liberal member for Walsley, replied to Mr. Smith. He said the Lords had been proved wrong in all great controversies which had been settled. Not in forty years had one single Conservative measure been imposed by the Lords, while the list of Liberal measures mutilated or rejected increased. He asked the government of united force to be pushed on vigorously with the resolutions.  
Lord Hugh Cecil demanded for the Lords full power of veto, both over legislation and finance, otherwise there would be no bar to the widest Socialism. He outlined a scheme of reform, limiting the upper house to 400 nominated by the King on the advice of his ministers, whereas 520 were to be chosen from the hereditary peerage.

Augustine Birrell was in capital form. He claimed that the veto resolutions increased the Lords' powers in all respects. On the question of finance there was no possibility of a compromise.  
Ramsay MacDonald dealt with the question of the independence of the press. He cited Canada in support of his contention that second chambers are effective work. He claimed that the veto resolution was not a bar to the widest Socialism. He outlined a scheme of reform, limiting the upper house to 400 nominated by the King on the advice of his ministers, whereas 520 were to be chosen from the hereditary peerage.

NIGHT FOREIGN  
MADE GOODS

BRITISH MANUFACTURERS  
ORGANIZE SOCIETY

New Association is in Favor  
of a Protective  
Tariff

(Times Leased Wire.)  
London, March 31.—Preliminary to a vigorous campaign against the sale of foreign goods in England, the newly organized "register of British manufacturers," has opened headquarters where the fight will be conducted along legal lines, and has enlisted the aid of the courts in all cases where foreign goods can be found for sale. The United States and Germany are the chief targets against which the bitterest warfare will be waged.  
In a sentimental way the "register" has aroused feeling against the "dumping" of foreign goods, and to organize some sort of unofficial boycott against them on an extensive scale is possible. The law will be appealed to only to prevent the marking of goods with "English made." Incidentally, the association favors a protective tariff.  
The society started out with a charter membership, including Bovril, Ltd., manufacturers of food products; Ramsay, Sims & Jeffries, agricultural implement makers; Bryant & May, match manufacturers; Joseph Crossfield & Sons, soap manufacturers; the General Electric Company, manufacturers of electrical appliances; E. & T. P. Ink, pen manufacturers; Waygood & Co., elevator manufacturers; the Dunlop Pneumatic Tire Co.; Spink & Son, manufacturing jewelers; the Associated Portland Cement Manufacturers and the Indestructible Paint Co.

OFFERS EXHIBITION SITE.

(Special to the Times.)  
Calgary, March 31.—W. J. Tregillus, an old-time resident of Calgary, has offered the exhibition company a free site of 12 acres just west of the city. The land, worth about \$100,000, is the present grounds owned by the city under the provision of gift are valued at \$100,000.

PROPOSED NEW HOSPITAL.

(Special to the Times.)  
Calgary, March 31.—The board of health, owing to the terrible conditions existing in the old hospital, has recommended that the city council should estimate for the cost for a new city isolation hospital.

CITY ENGINEER  
COMES TO-NIGHT

ANGUS SMITH TO  
TAKE OFFICE TO-MORROW

Will Find a Large Amount of  
Important Work Awaiting  
His Attention

(From Thursday's Daily.)  
Angus Smith, C. E., is expected to arrive from Regina this evening, and to-morrow assume his duties as city engineer of Victoria, to which position he was appointed about three weeks ago. Mr. Smith is accompanied by his family, consisting of Mrs. Smith and two sons. He has been living at Regina since March, 1906, occupying the position of city engineer of that place and having during his term of office superintended several large engineering undertakings.

Mr. Smith will find a vast quantity of work awaiting him in Victoria, the city council for several months past having delayed action on many important matters until the successor to C. H. Topp, the late city engineer, had been appointed. G. H. Bryson, the assistant engineer, has been doing routine work principally, and the solution of the larger tasks awaits the new incumbent.

Chief among the undertakings to which Mr. Smith must give immediate attention is the matter of effecting repairs to the Smith's Hill reservoir. There is a report awaiting him from



A PICKLE FOR THE PEERS.  
BIG CHIEF ASQUITH—"Which do you prefer—stewing or boiling?"

WILL CLOSE TWO  
THOUSAND MINES

OVER QUARTER OF MILLION  
MEN WILL STRIKE

Suspension of Work Ordered  
Pending Settlement of  
Wage Dispute

(Times Leased Wire.)  
Indianapolis, Ind., March 31.—President Lewis, of the United Mine Workers of America, to-day declared a suspension of work by the miners in eastern coal fields. The suspension will last for a period not to exceed 30 days.  
Lewis predicts that 250,000 of the 600,000 members of the organizations will be affected by the suspension.

The suspension of work will last until a new agreement is signed between the mine operators and the miners.

Increase Demanded.  
St. Louis, Mo., March 31.—Four hundred thousand coal miners, including almost every man in the district between western Pennsylvania and the Oklahoma fields, will strike to-morrow in a declaration to-day of A. J. Moorshead, president of the Illinois Coal Operators' Association.

Moorshead stated that every mine in Illinois would be closed pending an adjustment of the wage scale. The miners demand a wage increase that will enable them to earn from \$4 to \$4.50 per day. At present, they earn from \$3.50 to \$4.

A joint conference of representatives of all miners and operators will be held in Chicago next Monday.

Moorshead does not believe a settlement will be reached at that time. Thirty days must elapse, he said, before the contending parties can formulate a compromise. He declared that there is no way to avoid the impending strike.

Coal Likely to Advance.  
Chicago, March 31.—A sharp advance in the price of coal is predicted here to-day by dealers, as a result of the walk-out of the miners in the bituminous coal districts pending a new agreement. It is expected, however, that the coal strike will be settled within a month.

Quit Work.  
Dallas, Texas, March 3.—Without waiting the arrival of formal orders to strike, 4,800 miners in Palo Pinto county walked out from the mines to-day.

Operators to Meet.  
Pittsburg, Pa., March 31.—A call for a meeting of the mine operators to-morrow was issued this evening. The meeting is for the purpose of arranging a conference with the leaders of the mine workers.

Strike to-morrow will effect 40,000 men.

Expected Early Settlement.  
Columbus, Ohio, March 31.—President Green, of the Ohio Mine Workers, to-day predicted that 40,000 Ohio miners who will quit work to-morrow will be back at the mines within a week.

Green declared that he did not expect any great difficulty in securing a satisfactory agreement from the operators.

Supplied With Money.  
Springfield, Ill., March 31.—The miners of Illinois will go into the mine against their employers to-morrow to

TO REGULATE  
SALE OF LIQUOR

DRASTIC CHANGES  
IN BY-LAW PROPOSED

No Saloon or Hotel Bars to Remain Open After Hour of 11 p.m.

(From Thursday's Daily.)  
Several drastic changes in the by-law regulating the sale of liquor in Victoria were decided upon at a special meeting of the health and morals committee of the city council held yesterday afternoon, and the same will be made recommendations to the full board at its meeting on Monday evening next.

It is proposed that on and after July 14th next all places where liquor is sold will require to close at 11 p. m. every day in the week, thus altering the hours which may under the present system remain open until 12 midnight, except on Saturdays, when they close at 11 p. m.

In addition restaurants possessing liquor licenses will not as now be permitted to dispose of liquor with meals at any time of the day or night, but will also be limited to the 11 o'clock hour.

Then, again, the closed box in restaurants must go. The amended by-law will provide that no boxes be permitted, nor partitioned space except of a stated height, thus altering the curtains will be permitted to these spaces. This regulation is to apply to all restaurants, whether they be licensed or not.

Regulations regarding the status of bartenders were approved. Hereafter, every bartender, as a pre-requisite to his employment shall leave with the chief of police a statement in writing, giving his full name and the name by which he is commonly known with the names and addresses and occupation of every employer by whom he has been employed (if any) during the preceding two years.

While the amendments have been approved by the health and morals committee there is no guarantee that they will pass the council. Indeed, it may be taken as a certainty that they will be vigorously opposed. The proprietors affected are understood to have determined to put up a strenuous fight against the new regulations which, they claim, will work a great hardship upon them in the conduct of their business.

The further amendment to the places of amusement by-law, whereby boys under eighteen years of age will not be permitted to frequent billiard or pool rooms, either to play or as spectators, was considered and approved.

DOG CATCHER BITTEN.

Toronto, March 31.—James Lindsay, Hamilton's dog catcher, who was bitten by a canine which he was capturing, is in a serious condition here in the general hospital, where he is undergoing the Pasteur treatment. Although he was bitten by the dog on March 1st, he was not sent here until March 12th, and it is believed that rabies had a chance to develop in that period.

FLOCKING TO THE WEST.

Toronto, March 31.—Twelve hundred settlers left here Tuesday night for Western Canada.

MINER PERISHES IN  
BOARDING HOUSE

Several Others Have Narrow  
Escape When Fire Destroys Building

(Times Leased Wire.)  
Juneau, Alaska, March 31.—Joe Faber, a miner, is dead to-day following a fire which destroyed the boarding house at the Nevada Creek mine on Douglas Island yesterday. A number of men were asleep on the second floor, but escaped. Faber was overcome by smoke, and at the risk of death, his companions went back into the burning building after him, dragging him unconscious form out of the building. He died in a few minutes. Clothes hanging over a stove caused the fire.

CHINESE WITNESSES  
AT POLICE INQUIRY

Rentals From Restricted District Property And  
What Becomes of Them—One Man Per-  
juring Himself This Morning.

(From Thursday's Daily.)  
Chinese witnesses again occupied the witness stand at the police inquiry this morning, three of them being recalled from yesterday afternoon. Some perjury developed during the morning, one material witness swearing he had not seen another last evening, only to have the man he had not seen call a few minutes after of a meeting between them.

The inquiry was directed to bringing out the facts in regard to the amounts the Chinese owners of property used for disreputable purposes collect as rent, and the disposal of that. Account books, kept in the neat manner of Chinese accountants, were given in evidence and will be more so when an expert accountant is called in to examine them on behalf of the court.

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MORE VILLAGES  
ARE ABANDONED

LAVA CONTINUES TO  
FLOW FROM ETNA

Stream is Estimated to be 100  
Feet Deep in Places—  
Catania Safe

(Times Leased Wire.)  
Naples, March 31.—The mountain villages of Borvolio and Boipasso have been left to their fate, according to advices from Catania to-day.  
The flow of lava from 35 craters of the giant mountain of Etna has widened in its progress down the southern slope of the volcano. Soldiers have abandoned the towns, permitting the inhabitants to re-enter them to remove everything of value that could be carried to safety.

Other towns on the mountain side, which have partially been buried by the solidifying lava, have been depopulated for several days and the soldiers are preventing the peasants from re-entering them because of danger.

Intervening hills have checked the flow of lava toward Catania, according to reports, and the lava is now flowing toward the coast.  
The lava is estimated to be 100 feet deep in places.

Stream Diverted.  
Catania, March 31.—Bells of the cathedral, monasteries and churches of Catania are ringing to-day while joyous processions of devotees fill the streets in thanksgiving for the deliverance of the city from the peril of Mount Etna's lava stream.

The civil authorities to-day announced that the largest stream had been diverted from Catania by a range of low hills and that it is flowing toward the sea.

Even the sorrow stricken thousands from the mountain towns issued from the refuge quarters to join the demonstration.

Persons who have been permitted to visit the lottery through which the lava is flowing describe the moving mass as an impressive sight. They declare that in many places the lava has filled deep ravines, then taken up its onward flow.

The railroad on the eastern side of the mountain's base is in the path of the approaching flow and unless the eruption soon ceases, will be destroyed.

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OVER SCORE OF SOLDIERS KILLED

TROOP TRAIN WRECKED IN GERMANY

Nearly One Hundred and Fifty Sustain Injuries in Collision

Berlin, March 31.—Twenty-one soldiers were killed, 39 severely injured and more than 100 slightly injured in a railroad collision near Muelheim, yesterday.

A special troop train collided with the North German Lloyd express. No passengers on the express were killed. The troop train was made up of light wooden cars. The express consisted of heavy steel coaches.

The injured were carried to an improvised hospital and taken to the direction of their officers to clear away the wreckage.

The soldiers who escaped injury showed remarkable presence of mind and discipline under adverse conditions which were maintained. The survivors attacked the wreckage with their guns, using them as levers to pry apart the broken framework of the cars.

EXPEDITION PLANNED TO AID ESTRADA

U. S. Government May Be Forced to Declare Attitude Regarding Nicaragua

New Orleans, March 31.—The attitude of General Gordon, commander of artillery for Provisional President Estrada of Nicaragua, to outfit an expedition for the aid of the provisional government, will end in the state department being notified to stand in the Nicaraguan case, it is believed here. The federal authorities here were asked to stop Gordon's expedition.

Gordon declared that the state department did not recognize the Madriz government in Nicaragua, and he was, therefore, not planning an expedition against a friendly power and was not violating the neutrality law.

The federal authorities here concluded the problem was too knotty for them and decided to send the whole matter to the state department for settlement. They declare that the state department will have to decide officially whether the Madriz government is the government of Nicaragua or whether Estrada is the president of the little republic.

PROSPEROUS YEAR

New Glasgow, N. S., March 31.—At the annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company, President Harris, in moving the adoption of the report, said he thought the shareholders had reason to congratulate themselves upon the fact that the earnings of the year amounted to \$907,649, compared with earnings of \$501,337 in 1904. The board declared a dividend of one per cent. for the first quarter. The old board of directors was re-elected.

CONSERVATIVE CONVENTION

Ottawa, March 31.—It is denied here that the Conservative convention announced to meet here on June 15th and 16th has been postponed. It is also the statement in some Toronto newspapers that R. L. Borden is soon to retire from the leadership of the party. F. Monk has decided to go south for his health and will not likely be in the Commons very much during the remainder of the session. G. E. Foster is still far from well.

CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

Winnipeg, March 31.—His Grace Archbishop Langveig of St. Boniface, yesterday celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his elevation to the episcopate of the Roman Catholic church. The archbishop himself conducted a pontifical high mass in the cathedral at which Archbishop Dentonwell and a large number of the clergy of the diocese were present. Father Noret preached the sermon. At noon a reception and banquet was held at the Archbishop's Palace, at which many of the clergy and friends of the distinguished prelate attended and tendered their congratulations.

TWO ELEVATORS BURNED

Rosetham, Sask., March 31.—Fire destroyed the Dominion elevator at Rosetham yesterday. The building was a mass of flames when the alarm was sounded, and it was burned to the ground. Five thousand bushels of wheat were destroyed. The building and contents were partially covered by insurance.

Moosomin, Sask., March 31.—The Dominion Elevator Company's elevator here was burned yesterday morning along with twelve thousand bushels of grain. It was partly insured.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

Winnipeg, March 31.—Robert C. Edwards, editor of the Eye-Opener, appeared in the police court yesterday on the charge of publishing and selling a newspaper containing obscene matter. At the conclusion of the examination of witnesses the accused was committed for trial.

The statue of Joan of Arc recently unveiled at Ballon, D. included the snow-capped mountains 3,589 feet above sea level. It is the highest statue in France.

WILL STAND HIS TRIAL FOR THEFT

One Man of Pair Arrested is Allowed His Freedom

(From Thursday's Daily.) George Woods, a laboring man, was sent up for trial from the police court this morning having been charged with stealing a quantity of clothing from the house of Harry Tasche, Admiral's road, on March 28th. A man named Henderson was charged jointly with Woods but was allowed to go, as there was no evidence to connect him with the theft.

B. Taylor, who will be required to answer to a charge of having stolen a round of beef valued at \$2, and who is defended by Moresby & O'Reilly, was given a remand for one week. He is on bail and maintains there is no foundation for the charge being brought against him.

A first time drunk who threw himself on the mercy of the court, was ordered to pay the regular fine.

ANOTHER SENSATION IN INSURANCE INQUIRY

President of Company Says He Was Asked for \$3,000 for Votes

New York, March 30.—New York was treated to another sensational bit of testimony in connection with the investigation into the state legislative insurance scandal yesterday when Darwin P. Kingsley, who succeeded the late John McCall as president of the New York Life Insurance Company, testified before Supt. Hotchkiss.

Kingsley swore William H. Buckley came to him and solicited a bribe of \$3,000 for the votes of "six senators" in connection with the Armstrong bill which Kingsley wanted amended so the insurance companies would not be forced to publish the names of policyholders. Kingsley stated that he had previously gone before the legislative committee and had secured assurances that the amendment would be inserted in the bill. This was done later. Buckley then came to Kingsley, according to the testimony, and warned him that unless he paid the \$3,000 the amendment would be killed and the bill passed in its original form. Kingsley said that he refused to pay the money, and the bill was passed the next day with the amendment stricken out.

Buckley was plainly angry when he took the stand after Kingsley was excused. He said he had a faint recollection of having talked to Kingsley, but denied he had offered six votes for \$500 each.

He was asked about two cheques received May 3rd, 1903, from the Travelers' Insurance Company of Hartford, and totalling \$13,906. He refused to discuss them and asked why the cheques had been given him.

ALPHABET LEADS TO RIOTS IN ALBANIA

Proposed Change Causes Troubles and Several Persons Are Injured

Constantinople, March 31.—Several serious 'alphabet riots' were reported to have occurred in Albania, during which a number of persons were seriously injured, according to the dispatches.

The riots are an outgrowth of friction which has developed between the more modern Turkish business men who are attempting to facilitate correspondence between western Turkey and the abandonment of the Arabic in favor of the Latin alphabet, and the Hodjas and religious teachers who fear that the introduction of the Latin character will result in the subversion of the true faith.

Ever since the national association was formed to push the movement for a Latin alphabet, disorders have been reported in the provinces. The teachers of the 'prophet' are responsible for the trouble, as they continue to agitate against the change.

RANCHER'S CRIME

Marshfield, Ore., March 31.—Wilson Peterson, a rancher, living about six miles from here, shot his wife twice and attempted to kill his daughter, aged 20, and Besie Hope, aged 18, who was visiting his family, when the girls attempted to disarm him. Peterson then committed suicide. He is thought to have suddenly become crazed.

Mrs. Peterson was building a fire in the kitchen stove when Peterson entered the kitchen. Peterson's back was turned and he shot twice. One bullet struck her in the neck and another grazed her head. At the sound of the first shot two girls rushed to Peterson. After a desperate struggle, in which Peterson struck his daughter on the head with the gun and choked her, she escaped. Peterson then turned on her from behind and shot her.

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The total number of settlers entering Canada from the United States in the past six months ending March 31st was \$6,488. These immigrants enriched Canada at the rate of about \$1,000 per capita.

The new municipal laboratory at St. Petersburg is to be named for the celebrated Russian biologist, Hetchinkoff.

RESIGNATIONS ARE ASKED FOR

MATRON AT HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL OFFICIAL

Board of Health Decides to Institute Reforms at Isolation Hospital

(From Thursday's Daily.) At a special meeting of the board of health held in private last evening, it was decided to ask for the resignations of Mrs. King, matron at the isolation hospital, and Dr. Hermann Robertson, medical health officer, Mrs. King and a number of friends were present in the lobby at the city hall last evening and asked for a hearing, but the request was refused.

Within a week ago the board by a vote of nine to two decided on the retention of Mrs. King as matron, the members came to see that the public opinion demanded a reversal of that decision. The Medical Society of the city and the Nurses club had threatened drastic action if the council board adhered to its decision to retain Mrs. King, and yesterday afternoon an emergency meeting of the Women's Council, the following resolution was unanimously passed:

"Whereas the public announcement has been made that the resignation of the present matron will receive consideration by the city council at tonight's meeting; "Resolved, that no action be taken by this council pending to-night's meeting, and in view of her continuing in charge that we respectfully ask the city authorities to make known to the public the grounds for her retention in view of the decision of the judge in the recent case in the courts and the facts revealed thereby."

When the matter came up for discussion last night all members agreed that it was clear that public opinion demanded the dismissal of Mrs. King, but those who supported the matron took the position that they would only vote for the resolution calling for her resignation if a similar motion was made relative to the medical health officer. In view of the fact that Dr. Robertson a few weeks ago expressed the opinion that the time had arrived when it was desirable that some physician should be appointed to the position who would give his whole time to the service of the city, it was felt that the change could now be made with no discredit to Dr. Robertson, and therefor the resolution asking for the resignation of Mrs. King was passed unanimously.

Dr. Robertson is on leave of absence and will be away for six months, but both his resignation and the vacant and applications called for in the usual manner on once.

MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY

Budapest, March 31.—The Emperor here telegraphed to the Hungarian government his condolences on the catastrophe at Okoeroto. It is learned that the ball at the hotel was held to raise funds to complete the building of the new Protestant church. From the first alarm of fire to the collapse of the roof, which completed the disaster, only about ten minutes elapsed. The victims included Burjona, a woman, his wife, daughter and four sons. Hundreds of small children have been left orphans.

RUMOR THAT MENELIK DIED FROM POISON

Clash Imminent Between Supporters of Empress and the Regent

London, March 31.—The death of King Menelik of Abyssinia occurred last Sunday, according to a dispatch received here yesterday from Addis Ababa, capital of the Ethiopian kingdom. The dispatch confirms the United Press cable of last Monday, which said that Menelik had been reported dead.

According to the dispatch received here, an official announcement of Menelik's death was withheld until Wednesday so that Regent Ras Tesman, who was withheld until his demise. It was rumored that he had been poisoned by order of the Empress, but no tangible evidence against her was produced.

It is rumored that the long threatened civil war of accession in Abyssinia is imminent between adherents of the Empress Taitu and supporters of Ras Tesman, who is acting for the youthful King Lij, declared to be Menelik's successor.

SETTLERS FROM UNITED STATES

Ottawa, March 30.—Some interesting figures regarding the movement of American settlers in Canada this year were given to-day by W. J. White, inspector for the Dominion government offices in the United States.

"In one train passing into Canada at North Port, the American settlers and their baggage and effects valued at \$225,000," said Mr. White.

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TAMBA MARU ARRIVES EARLY

JAPANESE NAVAL HERO AMONG PASSENGERS

Silk and Other Valuable Merchandise Among Cargo From Orient

(From Thursday's Daily.) With something over one hundred passengers and a large cargo of freight the steamer Tamba Maru reached port early this morning. The vessel made a fast trip although she experienced heavy weather about midway across the Pacific about the time she passed the Hawaiian Islands. Neither steamer suffered any damage from the gale.

Among the passengers from Japan was Commodore K. S. of the Japanese navy, who is on his way to Washington, where he will act as attaché to the embassy. He has had a preceding career. He was lieutenant on one of the ships that was sunk at the entrance to Port Arthur at the time of the blockade during the Russo-Japanese war and a number of hairbreadth escapes. He was recognized for his bravery on several occasions and received the promotion which was his due. During the hours the vessel was in port the commander drove around to enjoy the sights of the city.

Another interesting Japanese passenger was M. Hayashi, son of Baron Hayashi, of the Japanese foreign office. There were four white passengers, foreigners they call themselves, on board the steamer. These were R. J. Macdonald, travelling to London; Mrs. F. J. Scott, H. J. Kearney, who was born in Yokohama and who speaks the Japanese language fluently, and J. E. Desy, on his way from Cashmere, N. B., to Seattle. There were also two Russian passengers landed here, and ten Russians were bound for Seattle.

The Tamba Maru brought nearly one hundred bales of silk valued at half a million dollars. Nearly four hundred tons of local cargo consisted of sugar, rice, cotton, and other goods. The cargo was stored in the hold and on deck. The Tamba Maru is a Japanese vessel and is owned by the Tamba Maru Navigation Company.

WOMAN RISKS LIFE TO SAVE CANARY

Found Unconscious in Burning Building With Bird Cage Clamped in Hand

San Francisco, Cal., March 31.—It is estimated that \$35,000 damage was caused by a fire which destroyed a building at the corner of Mission street, between 19th and 20th streets. Five stores were burned with most of their contents of silks, furs, and other goods. Mrs. Sallie Pratt, who resided above one of the stores, nearly lost her life during the fire. She ran into the structure to rescue a canary which she had found her unconscious in the smoke filled stairway, where she had been overcome. The bird cage was clamped tightly in her hand.

BRIBERY CHARGED DENIED

Washington, D. C., March 31.—United States Senator Leroy Percy, in a formal statement yesterday declared himself to be "without knowledge or information" regarding the alleged bribery in connection with his election to the United States Senate. He declared that not a cent was used by him or by his procurement to influence another member of the Mississippi legislature.

COMING WEST

Winnipeg, March 31.—Twelve hundred immigrants arrived here yesterday. Gretta and North Port on the boundary line report one thousand American settlers as passing through the Regent Ras Tesman, who was withheld until his demise. It was rumored that he had been poisoned by order of the Empress, but no tangible evidence against her was produced.

THROW VICTIM INTO WATER

Seattle, Wash., March 31.—Thugs seized Steve McKinnon, a laborer, from behind shortly after midnight along the waterfront, robbed him of \$150 and unceremoniously threw him into the Sound. He was almost exhausted when rescuers threw him a rope. He was pulled into a small boat and brought to the wharf unconscious.

J. H. BLOOM DEAD

Empress Hotel Barber Passed Away at St. Joseph's Hospital. J. H. Bloom, proprietor of the Empress hotel, died yesterday at St. Joseph's hospital from blood poisoning. Deceased was taken ill two days ago after having partaken of a cold. He was discovered here in suffering from blood poisoning, from which he failed to recover. He had been in the Empress hotel for many years.

NEW FRENCH TARIFF

Paris, March 31.—The new tariff law was promulgated in the official journal yesterday, and will become legally operative on April 1st, simultaneously with the Franco-American tariff agreement.

TWO DEAD

St. Catharines, March 31.—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lavery, Bertie township died of pneumonia within an hour of each other. The former was 78 years old and the latter 75.

TARIFF GRANTS MINIMUM RATES

PROCLAMATION ISSUED BY PRESIDENT OF U. S.

Negotiations On Tariff Question Result in Agreement

Washington, D. C., March 30.—President Taft this afternoon signed a proclamation declaring minimum tariff rates on Canadian imports on the same basis of agreement between the two governments as recently announced by Secretary of State Knox.

The substance of the agreement is that Canada agreed to the United States an intermediate rate on thirteen numbers in her tariff schedule, including about forty articles of export. She also agrees to a blanket clause imposing a rate of 17.5 per cent. on commodities not otherwise enumerated in the Canadian tariff list.

The United States proposes to take up later the question of reciprocal trade agreements. The intermediate rates apply to the commodities imported from the United States to the extent of \$5,000,000, and are the same as the Franco-Canadian agreement covering these articles, which are principally dried fruits, toilet soaps, perfumes, watch movements, photographs, engravings and the like, artificial flowers, china, porcelain, tableware and leather goods.

Secretary Knox made a statement which included an analysis of the concessions obtained by the States. He explains that 2 1/2 to 5 per cent. reduction which follows the Canadian minimum extension to France under the treaty did not enter into the negotiation. The reduction extended France was in return for some lower reductions on Canadian imports. The president did not construe this as a discrimination.

The same reduction, however, was extended in other countries, notably Switzerland, Austria-Hungary, Spain and Japan, which compete with the United States in the Canadian market. This reduction was extended under the old favored nation clause. By a process of elimination the tariff conference decided on a list of products on which the United States competes with these countries, and in the final negotiations the products were accorded the same rate when imported from the States as are given to the other countries.

In addition the States get the benefit of the Canadian omnibus or blanket clause in all articles heretofore imported into Canada from the United States from 20 to 17 1/2 per cent. ad valorem. In connection with Knox's statement there was made public a letter by Secretary Knox to Hon. W. S. Fielding, minister of finance, written at the end of the tariff conferences, at the instance of the president, in which the president proposed the agreement between the United States and Canada.

FIGHTING ON WEST COAST OF AFRICA

Several Germans Killed by Natives—Troops Move Against Rebels

Liverpool, March 31.—Numbers of Germans have been assassinated and minor clashes between unorganized natives of the Hinterland and troops stationed in the Ivory coast are reported to-day in dispatches from Africa. The native uprising in Liberia is spreading, and messages indicate that it was extended to the Ivory coast. Scattered detachments of the six hundred soldiers stationed in Ivory coast are opposing unorganized bands of thousands of natives and further fighting is reported to-day.

FIFTEEN GYPSIES LOSE THEIR LIVES

Luga, Russia, March 31.—Fifteen gypsies were drowned yesterday in the waters of Lake Ilmen, near here. Among the drowned were several women and two children. The accident occurred while a caravan of gypsies were crossing the frozen lake. The ice was too thin and one of the wagons broke through. First reports said that fifty gypsies were drowned.

RUTH WHITE DEAD

The death is announced in New York of Ruth White, a comedienne, who has been seen several times in Victoria. Miss White appeared here as Willie in 'The Burgomaster.' Miss White was in private life Mrs. William P. Cullen, wife of the manager of The Alaskan.

U. S. MINIMUM TARIFF

Washington, D. C., March 31.—The president has signed a proclamation extending the minimum tariff rates of the Linger Prince Heinrich for Naples. Before his departure he sent a telegraph message to the Khedive thanking him for courtesies enjoyed in Egypt.

ROOSEVELT LEAVES EGYPT

Alexandria, Egypt, March 31.—Ex-President Roosevelt bade farewell to Egypt yesterday, sailing at 2 o'clock on the liner Prinz Heinrich for Naples. Before his departure he sent a telegraph message to the Khedive thanking him for courtesies enjoyed in Egypt.

LOCAL MARKETS

Table listing various market goods and their prices, including Flour, Wheat, Corn, Beans, etc.

WHOLESALE MARKETS

Table listing wholesale market prices for various commodities like Lemons, Walnuts, Cocoa, etc.

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Mr. Fielding said the importance of the question was recognized earlier in the session, when it was suggested by the opposition that before the French treaty was finally approved the government should ascertain whether the United States would regard that treaty as one discriminating against their goods. The government had not thought it would be wise to meet that course. After unsuccessful negotiations for better trade terms in the past, the government had taken the manner suggested would be to approach the United States not again for proposals for better commercial relations, and that if the matter was to be reopened it should be upon the initiative of the United States. The government decided not to make any approach of the United States while the question of the French treaty was pending. The treaty was approved and the government was bound to maintain the rights of Canada to enter into trade arrangements with other countries and to approach the United States in the manner suggested would be to recognize their right to restrict our liberty in that respect. But, said Mr. Fielding, the condition was now ended. The United States had taken the initiative and was bound to enter into trade arrangements with other countries and to approach the United States in the manner suggested would be to recognize their right to restrict our liberty in that respect. But, said Mr. Fielding, the condition was now ended. The United States had taken the initiative and was bound to enter into trade arrangements with other countries and to approach the United States in the manner suggested would be to recognize their right to restrict our liberty in that respect.

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Great Amount of Work Will Be Done Coming Season

Duncan Ross, ex-M.P., is a guest at the Empress Hotel, recently returned to the Ottawa area after a contract which he had made with the Grand Trunk Pacific railway for the construction of the railway in the neighborhood of Hazelton. To a Times reporter this morning said that the project would be a very busy work of building the great trunk line. The work has already been started in the Hazelton area. The contract has been let for 100 miles. This leaves an interval of about 400 miles for which have not yet been let. The work will be completed in the Hazelton area. The contract has been let for 100 miles. This leaves an interval of about 400 miles for which have not yet been let. The work will be completed in the Hazelton area.

COMING OF EVAN CAUSES BIL

Mayor of Bellingham Billy Sunday Local Minister

(Times Lease) Bellingham, Wash., March 31.—The arrival of Billy Sunday here, for a month ago, has caused a great deal of talk here and elsewhere. The mayor of Bellingham, Billy Sunday, local minister of the Christian church, is expected to arrive here on Sunday.

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Photographs, chromes, artotypes, paintings, drawings, pictures, decalcomania transfers of all kinds, engravings or prints or proofs therefrom and similar works of art, not otherwise provided, blue prints, building plans, maps and charts, 25c. per cent. Soap powders, powdered soap, mineral soap and soap not otherwise provided, 25c. per cent. Perfumery, including toilet preparations, non-alcoholic, namely hair oils, tooth and other powders and washes, pomatums, pastes and other perfumed preparations not otherwise provided, used for the hair, mouth or skin, 32c. per cent. The ware of china, porcelain, white granite and ironstone, 27c. per cent. Common and colored window glasses, 12c. per cent. Watch actions and movements and parts thereof, finished or unfinished, including the winding bars and sleeves, 12c. per cent. Dongola, cordovan, calf, sheep, lamb, kid or goat, kangaroo, alligator and all leather, dressed, waxed or glazed or further finished, but not otherwise provided, harness leather and chamois skins, 15c. per cent. Feathers and manufactures of feathers, imitation of feathers, grasses, leaves and flowers suitable for ornamenting hats, 27c. per cent. All goods not enumerated in this schedule, "Schedule A," as subject to any other rate of duty, and not otherwise declared free of duty, and not being goods the importation of which is by law prohibited, 17c. per cent. This is the "omnibus clause," which covers many miscellaneous articles. The most important item is that it covers cotton seed oil. The Canadian consumption of the oil from the United States exceeds 500,000 gallons a year. This clause covers vegetable and other oils, the total importations of which from the United States last year were about \$4,000,000. Of this \$1,927,556 was not dutiable. Mineral waters and manufactures of cellulose are included. The trade in these is about \$100,000, or \$50,000 each. Drugs, dyes and chemicals, which are under this clause, amounted to \$1,425,530 dutiable and \$4,711,407 which entered free. These free goods are not affected. Among the other leading articles are lime, sausage casings, sponges, manufactures of straw and wax, glycerine, camphor gums, magnesia, bicarbonate of soda and miscellaneous breadstuffs. The largest single group of staple commodities included in the agreement are dates, figs and raisins, prunes and currants, almonds and other nuts. The exports from the United States to Canada of these commodities in the last fiscal year amounted to \$1,140,000. The competition from France and Spain in them reached \$900,000. The importation of toilet soap and perfumes and toilet preparations from the United States amounted

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BLACK SANDS INVESTIGATED

INTEREST MANIFESTED ON WEST COAST

Immense Number of Sea Lions It is Claimed Affect Fishing

The Times special correspondent at Ucluelet writes that there is a very marked activity in connection with the gold-bearing black sands of Wreck Bay. More modern machinery is likely to be introduced, and with the improved appliances it is expected that the results will be much better than ever in the past. H. Evans and Mr. Brooks, of Vancouver, accompanied by Mr. John Swanson, have spent some time prospecting in the locality this winter. Another party that has been going fully into the proposition includes Mr. Kurtz, of Victoria, who has been in Nome, Alaska, and who spent some time with Meagher Bros., of Nome, looking into the proposition. Mr. Hastings and Mr. Finch accompanied by J. C. Anderson, of Sechart, is also looking over the mineral outlook in Barkley Sound. They are examining the prospects near Sechart with the object in view of putting in a smelter if the different ore deposits are found to warrant the expenditure. There is a general movement of settlers into the district. During the last month five new settlers have taken up homesteads and many more are expected shortly. Since the Alberni railroad has commenced actual construction a very noticeable move is being made to the West Coast, and it is only a matter of time when the west coast will be opened up fully to settlement. The two whalers, Orion and St. Lawrence, are operating from Sechart, but are not taking many whales. The mania is scarce and seem to be very timid. Spring salmon has been scarce this winter. The opinion prevails that the scarcity is due to excessive fishing. The Indian fishermen ascribe all the trouble to these, believing that they frighten the salmon away. Herds of 50 or 100 sea lions are seen constantly disporting themselves in the mouth of the harbor. There are reported to be thousands of these in the vicinity of Ucluelet. But while there has been a scarcity of salmon, the herring run for the last two months in the harbor of Ucluelet was very great. So great was the run that tons of the fish were killed by crowding and the bodies piled up on the beaches. The settlers have been using the fish as fertilizer on the land. HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATION. Montreal, March 29.—The necessity of economy in hospital administration and the adoption of a uniform system of keeping hospital accounts were subjects discussed at yesterday's session of the fourth annual conference of the Canadian Hospital Association held in the Royal Victoria Hospital. The attendance was good, and representative of the leading centres throughout the Dominion. The delegates were welcomed to the city by Mayor Guerin. FIRE DESTROYS FOUNDRY. Tacoma, Wash., March 29.—The Olympic foundry and machine works is in ruins to-day, following one of the worst fires which has visited the Tacoma tide lands in years. The plant burned to the ground at a loss of \$150,000 at midnight last night. The Pacific glass and paint works plant was scorched. BOY KILLED BY BASEBALL. Reading, Pa., March 29.—The season's first baseball fatality here was reported yesterday. James C. Allen, 14 years old, was hit on the head by a fly ball and died in a few hours. More than 3,000,000 acres of land in Spain are devoted to olive cultivation, of which more, than one-half are in Andalusia.

RAILWAY TRAFFIC GROWING FAST

J. J. HILL PREDICTS CONGESTION IN FALL

Declares Roads Cannot Keep Pace With the Requirements

Chicago, March 29.—James J. Hill to-day predicted that the railroads of the United States will experience next fall the greatest traffic congestion in their history. He also is of the opinion that there is no way to prevent this state of affairs, and that shippers who dispatch goods during the congested period do so at their own risk. "The tonnage offered the railroads is increasing daily," Hill said, "and all indications are that before fall we will not be able to supply sufficient traffic units to care for it. Tonnage offered for shipment is growing at a much more rapid rate than are the facilities to handle it, and it does not take a mathematician to figure what these conditions will lead to. The roads are not to blame for this. It is next to impossible for them to raise money enough to make extensions as rapidly as they are needed. There appears to be difficulty ahead for the shipper and the carrier this year."

NEW YORK STATE SENATOR TOOK BRIBE

Senate Decides That Charge Against J. P. Aldis Has Been Sustained

Albany, N. Y., March 29.—By a vote of 40 to 9, the state senate to-day decided that the charges against Senator Jotham P. Aldis, that he solicited and accepted a bribe of \$1,000 had been sustained. The charge of having accepted a bribe was brought against Aldis by Senator Conger, who alleged that Aldis agreed to use his influence to kill legislation aimed at the bridge trust while a member of the assembly, in exchange for the alleged bribe. Half an hour before the senate met to vote on the matter, Aldis fled his resignation from the assembly with the secretary of state. It was reported that he resigned to save his friends in the senate from the embarrassment of having to vote to sustain or reject the bribery charges. It was believed by many that his resignation would prevent any action on the part of the senate. It did not, however. FIRE DESTROYS FOUNDRY. Tacoma, Wash., March 29.—The Olympic foundry and machine works is in ruins to-day, following one of the worst fires which has visited the Tacoma tide lands in years. The plant burned to the ground at a loss of \$150,000 at midnight last night. The Pacific glass and paint works plant was scorched. BOY KILLED BY BASEBALL. Reading, Pa., March 29.—The season's first baseball fatality here was reported yesterday. James C. Allen, 14 years old, was hit on the head by a fly ball and died in a few hours. More than 3,000,000 acres of land in Spain are devoted to olive cultivation, of which more, than one-half are in Andalusia.

JEALOUS YOUTH CAUSED HOLOCAUST

SET FIRE TO HALL DURING EASTER DANCE

Doors Were Barred and Victims Had No Chance to Escape

(Times Leased Wire.) Matezaka, Austria, March 29.—It is believed to-day by the officials who are investigating the terrible dance-hall fire at Oekoeritz, in which nearly 300 persons were burned to death, that the holocaust was caused by a jealous peasant youth. According to information the authorities are said to have unearthed, the lad, whose name they have not divulged, commemorated with his sweetheart for receiving the attentions of other men at the Easter dance. When she did not heed him, it is alleged, he left the hall through a window and started the fire that resulted in the death of scores of revelers. It also has been established that all doors leading to the dance hall were barred and nailed. This was done when it was seen that if they were left open the crowd soon would be too large to permit dancing. When the fire started a few small windows offered the only means of escape. Less than 200, it is reported, left the building unharmed. RAILWAY INVESTIGATION. (Special to the Times.) Edmonton, March 29.—G. D. Minty, general solicitor of the Great Waterways railway, who is here for the investigation of the report in the Calgary Albertan that W. R. Clarke, president of the company, would not come to Edmonton for the investigation, says Clarke will be here in a few days. He also denied the report that Theodore Revillon, head of the firm of Revillon Bros., had anything to do with the company. FIND COAL. (Special to the Times.) Toronto, March 29.—The Temiskaming and Northern Ontario railway commissioners are said to have discovered what looks like a vast area of good coal in Northern Ontario, but until the samples have been tested nothing will be announced as to the location of the discovery. ROOSEVELT ANNOYS EGYPTIAN NATIONALISTS Demonstration in Front of Hotel in Cairo—Attacked by Newspaper (Times Leased Wire.) Cairo, March 29.—Several thousand Nationalists made a demonstration this evening before Sheppard's hotel, where Roosevelt is a guest, following Roosevelt's anti-Nationalist speech of yesterday. "Give us a constitution, they shouted. "Down with the autocratic government." Guests on the hotel veranda fled in terror from what they feared would prove a violent outbreak. Roosevelt paid no attention to the demonstration. The Nationalists marched and counter-marched in front of the hotel, repeating their shouts for a constitution. They wore the red turbans of the Egyptian Nationalist party. "Roosevelt has joined hands with the English and endorses the work of the oppressor," the Shabba, the most radical of the local newspapers, to-day issued an extra with the foregoing statement placed in a prominent position on the front page. Commenting on Roosevelt's speeches while here, the Shabba says: "He might have told us something beneficial out of his American experiences. We are surprised that he should have given no suggestion to those who are seeking a constitutional government. His mind evidently has been contaminated by contact with his hosts." The Shabba then declares that the United States of Egypt already has been called to account for permitting such an address to be delivered under its name. The paper recognizes Roosevelt's indifference to the criticism of the Nationalists, saying that Roosevelt "only smiled" when told that a copy of the Nationalist protest would be sent to American newspapers. Achmed Lugty, editor of the Shabba, has issued cards announcing that he will make a public reply to Roosevelt before the American leaves Egypt. ENTERTAINS KAISER'S SON. Prince Eitel Frederick Guest of Former President Roosevelt at Cairo. Cairo, March 29.—The Roosevelt party today visited the bazaars and spent the morning buying souvenirs. Later Commander Tanako, of the Japanese fleet, called on the party. The Roosevelts were entertained at luncheon by Count Hatzeffel, of the German agency. In the afternoon the family visited the famous citadel of Cairo, two museums and six mosques. Prince Eitel Frederick, son of the Kaiser, and afterwards gave a farewell tea to members of his hunting party who came down the Nile to bid him good-bye. NEW COLLEGE PRESIDENT. Toronto, Ont., March 29.—Rev. Canon Powell, rector of St. Clement's church, Ingleton, has accepted the presidency of King's College, Windsor, N. S. In each 1,000 marriages in Great Britain, twenty-one are between first cousins.

GREAT ERUPTION OF ETNA FEARED

THOUSANDS OF PERSONS ORDERED FROM HOMES

More Than Dozen Villages in Vicinity of Volcano Deserted

(Times Leased Wire.) Catania, March 29.—The civil authorities to-day ordered 75,000 residents of the southern slope of Mount Etna and vicinity to abandon their homes in anticipation of a great eruption of the volcano. The action of the authorities was based on an official report by a party of scientists who risked their lives in climbing the mountain and making an examination of several of the craters. The scientists could approach only the lower fissures on the mountain and this they did at imminent risk of suffocation. The report shows that Etna is choked with masses of rocks and ashes which have become distended upward by the great pressure from gases in the interior of the mountain. The constant reoccurring of explosions within the craters lead to the belief on the part of the observers that Etna will burst the temporary safety valve and throw a tremendous fountain of volcanic matter from her depths. The scientists also regard the actions of Mount Vesuvius significant. When Etna recently subsided Vesuvius became active. Now save for a thin column of smoke, Vesuvius is quiet. Etna is in active state. This leads scientists to believe that the volcanoes have subterranean communication. It is stated that the recent eruption of Etna prevented a great earthquake. In view of this belief and the present choking of the craters on Etna, observers here believe that unless the volcano throws off the clogging obstacles another greater earthquake will shake Sicily. The orders to the inhabitants of the villages on Etna's slopes have caused sorrow among the refugees here. They believe that the destruction of their homes and farms is foreshadowed in the government's action. Already thousands of peasants had left their houses and camped in the open fields. Now they have been ordered to abandon these and proceed to a considerable distance from the volcano. Uneasiness is felt here because of the reported broadening of the danger zone. The scientists report that the new crater at Volta San Giacomo is particularly active and was unapproachable. This opening is the one which partly ruined the towns of Castello and Albanelli. Slight earthquake shocks in the vicinity of the mountain are felt from time to time but these are inconsequential and have caused no loss. The prefect of Catania, at whose instance the orders to abandon the towns on the southern slope were issued, to-day declared that more than 25,000 acres were deserted in villages were involved in the orders. The towns will be occupied by the military, whose duty now places them in constant danger. In vegetation in the vicinity of the mountain is destroyed. The orchards and vineyards have been beaten by a hail of hot stones and cinders, buried in lava or smothered in volcanic dust. The ruined area is many miles in length and has a desolate appearance. MILLIONS OF TREES FOR THE PRAIRIES Dominion Government Aids the Western Farmers in the Work Ottawa, March 29.—A Knechtel, Dominion inspector of forest reserves, will, in a few days, leave for the West in order to get the nursery work of the forestry department commenced there. The extent of this work may be judged from the fact that the latest report announces that 2,000,000 trees were shipped to Western farmers in order to assist them in planting the prairie. They were all distributed from the big nursery at Indian Head, Sask. Ontario's Resources. Toronto, March 29.—"In order to prevent our waters and forests from being depleted and thus deprive the province of the wealth which tourists bring into the country, we ask that a petition be presented to the Lieutenant-Governor in council to place the administration of the laws in connection with the fish and game resources of Ontario in the hands of a commission, as the influence of party politics aims at thwarting an effectual conservation of this valuable natural asset." The above resolution was passed yesterday at a meeting of the Ontario Forestry and Game Protective Association at their annual meeting in Toronto University. EXCHANGE DISPUTE SETTLED. Winnipeg, March 29.—The dispute between the Winnipeg grain exchange and the Canadian Pacific, Canadian Northern and Great Northwestern telegraph companies has been amicably settled. The three companies have been allotted ample space in the trading room of the exchange, where all messages will be handled in future, thus ensuring a better and quicker service to patrons of the telegraph companies. BOY KILLED BY BASEBALL. Reading, Pa., March 29.—The season's first baseball fatality here was reported yesterday. James C. Allen, 14 years old, was hit on the head by a fly ball and died in a few hours. More than 3,000,000 acres of land in Spain are devoted to olive cultivation, of which more, than one-half are in Andalusia.

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THE POLICE INVESTIGATION.

The Times had not intended to comment on the investigation now being conducted by Judge Lampman into the administration of the police department of the city.

One condition of the settlement of the tariff difficulty is a pledge given by the Canadian Finance Minister by Mr. Taft that the good offices of the president will be exercised towards the negotiation of a reciprocity treaty between the two countries.

There has been only one opportunity to test public opinion in the United States on this matter, and that test has given conclusive evidence of the unpopularity of the joint act of the Senate and House of Representatives.

It is perhaps not within the province of a secular newspaper to pronounce and to preach about things which by common consent are not to be discussed in the carefully guarded circles of the home.

"PEACE WITH HONOR."

We did not think the tariff controversy between the United States and Canada would ever culminate in a fiscal war.

The commission upheld Mr. Bennett's contention, and the chairman stated that they deemed it not wise to interfere with the cross-examination by any counsel present, in order that the public should be fully satisfied that the investigation had been complete.

best feeling was displayed on both sides, a few nominal reductions have been made on American exportations to Canada, and the trade between the two countries will proceed uninterruptedly, undoubtedly to mutual advantage.

Unquestionably the course of the result had the inevitable temporary dislocation of trade and depression occurred. Of course criticism will come with ill grace from the men who urged that Washington should be consulted before entering into a treaty with France, thus establishing the principle that the United States should be considered as the dictator of the trade policy of the Dominion.

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THE RUSH TO CANADA.

About thirty-five or forty years ago Chicago was the Mecca of the West. The name was in everybody's mouth. It was pronounced in different ways in nearly every language of Europe.

We regret exceedingly to learn that the leader of the Conservative party of Canada is not in the best of health, that Mr. Foster is very ill indeed, and has been forced to seek strength in a less rugged climate than that of Ottawa, that Mr. Monk is also suffering and has been compelled to migrate to the south, and that even Mr. Roblin, the aggressive premier of Manitoba, is under the weather.

SEEK'S EXTRADITION OF ARMOUR

New York, March 31.—Prosecutor Garvan, of New Jersey, has filed with Governor Fort at Trenton, requisition papers for the extradition of J. Ogden Armour, of Chicago, recently indicted for conspiracy in controlling prices of

ENGINEER ON WAY FROM INDIA MAJOR LOTBINIERE MAY RETURN SOON

Engineering Work in Valley of Cashmere is Being Done by Canadians

News was brought to the city this morning from Cashmere, the Happy Valley of the Himalaya mountains, of Major A. G. Lotbiniere, son of the late Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere, formerly lieutenant-governor of this province.

Major Lotbiniere, with whom I have been working in Cashmere, is a splendid man. He is known everywhere for being just and severe, exactly the sort of man for the work in India. He is not well satisfied there, however, and his friends say he will return to Canada and go into politics.

The climate of the country generally at Cashmere is delightful, according to the report. It is well deserved, as it is a beautiful spot. The climate is not so hot as in the plains of the Punjab, and the air is pure and invigorating.

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CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT.

Monte Carlo, March 30.—Prince Albert in the government of Monaco, the smallest state of Europe, yesterday decreed the election of a parliament or municipal council through universal suffrage. He reserves the right to select the mayor, but grants further liberty to the voters. The decree and concession to the prince's some 100 subjects, who recently demanded a constitutional government.

DROPS DEAD IN OFFICE.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 31.—Edward Gilmore, aged 60, a wealthy member of the Pacific Coast Lumber Company, paying contractors, which has branch offices in many Pacific coast cities, dropped dead in his office here to-day. Doctors who were called said his death was caused by heart failure.

WHAT THE BOYS' SCOUT BRIGADE IS DOING

Will Hold Two Field Days Soon—New Company for Older Boys

(From Thursday's Daily.) Preparations are now being made for the holding of a brigade field day of the Boy Scouts of Victoria. It is hoped by those making the arrangements that this event will be held on May 24th at Beacon Hill park.

The leaders of the boy scouts are now making arrangements for the holding of another field day of an entirely different nature. One troop will be stationed somewhere at Esquimalt, the headquarters of which will be kept secret, and another troop will endeavor to locate the headquarters and send a message there and receive a reply while a troop in the neighborhood of Victoria West will try and intercept the message.

GREAT WATERWAYS ROAD INVESTIGATION

Documents Submitted to the Royal Commission at Edmonton

Edmonton, March 30.—At the sitting of the royal commission yesterday it was stated on oath that all documents of every description were now produced in relation to the Great Waterways deal.

The secretary, A. D. Harvie, produced files as produced in the House, and then indexed them. Premier Ruthven brought down two letters he had received since the Legislature adjourned, also the original of Mr. Cushing's letter to him in October, and swore that to the best of his knowledge these were all the documents on his files.

LIBERAL POLICY IS GOOD FOR WEST

HON. FRANK OLIVER ON LAND ADMINISTRATION

(From Thursday's Daily.) "The policy of the Liberal government is that all the land we have is to be given away to the men who will use it, and not an acre is to be sold for the sake of the money that it will bring. This is the action and the spirit of the administration."

CHINESE OWN TALK OF DISCREPANCIES TO BE ACCOUNTED

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Number of Members May Be Unable to Bear Expense of Contest

(From Thursday's Daily.) London, March 30.—"Spillings" are beginning to appear again on the street corners of all important English towns. The circumstances leaves no doubt that the party leaders on both sides are convinced that a fresh election is almost at hand, for the "spillings" are expensive and are not paid to work until the big political organizations are sure their services are actually needed.

Among the Conservatives a large proportion of the members of parliament can stand the strain, but of the Liberals a majority are poor and feel it severely. It is estimated that many of the closely-contested constituencies cost each candidate as much as \$15,000 per campaign. To be forced to expend so large a sum again but three months before the next election, will probably compel a number of the present members to abandon their seats altogether.

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LADYSMITH NOTES

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Mr. W. J. Watson has returned from a trip to California. His hospital bills which are to be paid on April 21st.

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"Oh, no, I don't belong to any Chinese Club," replied Wong, with a smile of deprecation. "Do you ever gamble?" Oh, no, never. Wong was asked if he had seen Leung Jack last night and replied that he had, but when asked what they talked about said "nothing."

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Leung pleaded pressure of business and did not want to take the task. Ah Wing volunteered to secure an expert bookkeeper who will work on the books in the court.

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CHINESE OWNERS TALK OF RENTS DISCREPANCIES HAVE TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR

Amounts Received From Reports Greater Than Actual Rentals

(From Thursday's Daily.) Some interest was made in the police inquiry yesterday afternoon, in spite of the fact that the inquirers were pitted against Chinese cunning and subtlety. The entire afternoon was occupied with the examination of three Chinese owners of property in the city used for immoral or for gambling purposes.

Witness was instructed to be back to-day but intimated to Mr. Robertson that he would be leaving for China by the next steamer, probably on Monday. On Hing, of On Hing Brothers, Pilsgruad street, proved a very interesting witness and his answers caused much amusement. He speaks very good English and is kind in western style.

Mr. Robertson: How do you know this? I hear it from people outside. What do they tell you? They don't tell me, I hear it. I hear it with my ears, I do not ask. How long has that game been going on all the time. Some big plays. I hear it from people outside, in the street. It is like the wind, blowing by my ears, I don't speak to them but I know the place.

Ho Man was the first witness called at the afternoon session, a grave-faced, middle-aged Chinese merchant. Man shook his head in decided awe. He understood that much, said anyway. Wong was sworn in as interpreter and elicited that the form of oath which the witness presented was that of burning the paper which the witness had written.

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"And what doing all that time?" "Allee samee store." To Mr. Robertson Ho Man said he never was in a China club and did not gamble. He never played fan-tan or ple-gow but they had played in the store a game resembling whist, though never for money.

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"Maplehurst" SOLD TO-DAY. P. R. BROWN BUYS FINE RESIDENTIAL SITE. Pays Fifteen Thousand Dollars at Auction for Old Rhodes Homestead

(From Thursday's Daily.) "Maplehurst," the fine residential property on Blanchard street formerly occupied by the late Mr. Justice Walkem, was sold by auction this morning to P. R. Brown for the sum of \$15,000. This figure is considered a very moderate one, in view of the fine location and extent of the property, and Mr. Brown is being congratulated on having got a bargain.

Domainion government hydrographic steamer Lillooet will be put into commission on Monday next and will probably leave on Tuesday to commence the season's survey work in the north. She will go first to Arthur Passage, where a camp party will be set to work to survey southward in the direction of Grenville Channel.

Confirmation has been received of the appointment of Commander Gerald W. Vivian to the command of the sloop Shearwater, Pacific Squadron, in relief of Commander Charles A. Mackay. Captain Mackay was in command of the ship for the past two years and three months, and also the station on the West Coast of America.

There is a time in the life of every girl when the strain upon her blood becomes too great. When the tone is weak; has headaches and backaches; when dizziness seizes her and she becomes extremely miserable. That is the time for the Pills for Pale People.

Elwell Stripped of Rigging and Sails—Will Be Towed North as Barge. Stripped of her canvas, rigging, spars and topmasts gone, the American ship Elwell, loading for the Meyers cannery in Chatham Straits, near Sitka, will never again sail the seas in her former proud glory.

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OAK BAY COUNCIL HAD RECORD SESSION. Did All Business in Half Hour—Street Numbering Under Consideration

A record meeting of the Oak Bay Council was held Tuesday, the whole of the business being completed in half an hour. Reeve Henderson took the chair promptly on the stroke of 8, with Councillors Newton, McGregor and Loft present.

The report of the streets committee showed a rather interesting phase of the municipal work. At the previous meeting it was decided that the work of repairing Cadboro Bay road was to be done in a correct manner, but that the macadamizing should have commenced at the end nearest the rock crusher, and it was decided on motion of Councillor Hargreaves, seconded by Councillor Sproule, that the mode of construction should be reversed.

Seward, Alaska, March 30.—The coveted cannery site at Chignik is the property of the Alaska Packers' Association. This season, following an exciting race for the location, Captain James Osmund, representing the Columbia, secured the site.

Several days must elapse yet before the extra steamers are put on the ferry service to Vancouver and Seattle. Work is being rushed on the Prince Rupert street dock at present tied at the Belleville street dock, and the Charmer is still in the ship yards. In the meantime, however, the travel is very large, especially between the city and Vancouver.

On May 15th steamer Rakala, of the New Zealand Shipping Company, will leave Montreal bound for Australia and New Zealand by way of the Straits of Magellan. Five steamers will be engaged in the service, the Rakala, Wiakatanu, Waimate, Papanui and Wakanui.

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LILLOOET LEAVES TUESDAY NEXT. Hydrographic Steamer Will Survey Dixon Entrance and Masset Inlet

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Confirmation has been received of the appointment of Commander Gerald W. Vivian to the command of the sloop Shearwater, Pacific Squadron, in relief of Commander Charles A. Mackay. Captain Mackay was in command of the ship for the past two years and three months, and also the station on the West Coast of America.

There is a time in the life of every girl when the strain upon her blood becomes too great. When the tone is weak; has headaches and backaches; when dizziness seizes her and she becomes extremely miserable. That is the time for the Pills for Pale People.

Elwell Stripped of Rigging and Sails—Will Be Towed North as Barge. Stripped of her canvas, rigging, spars and topmasts gone, the American ship Elwell, loading for the Meyers cannery in Chatham Straits, near Sitka, will never again sail the seas in her former proud glory.

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SCHOONER WOODBURY RETURNS TO SEATTLE. Vessel Was Seized Year Ago When Fishing in Canadian Waters. Seattle, Wash., March 30.—After an enforced absence of a year at Vancouver, following a seizure for violation of Canadian fishing laws, the halibut schooner Woodbury has been released and is due in port to-night.

TENNIS RACQUETS. Re-stringing from \$1.50 to \$4.50 by SPECIALIST. Recently out from England. Every description of repairs promptly executed. Phone 1978, or call at the "BON AMI" DRY GOODS STORE.

MARRIVING COUNT? GETS EIGHT YEARS. Emil Van Mueller, Arrested in California, is Convicted of Bigamy. Hoboken, N. J., March 31.—Emil Karl Von Mueller, known as the "marriving count," who was arrested at Los Angeles and charged with bigamy and brought here, was found guilty to-day and sentenced to eight years at hard labor in the penitentiary.

INVESTIGATION INTO ZINC SMELTING. Hon. W. Templeman Introduces Bill Into House of Commons. Ottawa, March 31.—In the Commons yesterday Hon. Wm. Templeman's bill authorizing the expenditure of \$50,000 to promote the production of zinc in Canada was put through the committee stage.

SIX MINERS ARE KILLED BY EXPLOSION. McAlester, Okla., March 31.—Six miners were killed in mine No. 2 of the Great Western Coal and Coke Company at Wilburton, near here, according to advices just received. It is reported that the explosion occurred in an explosion on one of the lower levels.

LAND COMPANY. Toronto, March 31.—At the annual meeting yesterday of the Canada Northwest Land Company, the old board of directors was re-elected. The consumption of beer in Russia has increased 45 per cent in the last fifteen years, and the output 57 per cent.

BORN. WESCOTT—On the 26th March, the wife of R. H. Wescott, of a daughter.

**FRUIT-GROWING INDUSTRY EXTENDS**

Shipments of Nursery Stock Heavier Than Ever Before

Vancouver, March 30.—Thomas Cunningham, provincial inspector of fruit pests, in an interview regarding the importation of nursery stock, said: "The shipments this year are heavier than ever, and as a rule there is more need for close inspection than at any time in our history. The scarcity of nursery stock, and consequent high prices are inducing some of our foreign growers to take chances in sending in stock that will not pass inspection. Twelve men are kept busy at the inspection station, and we have also five experienced men inspecting local nursery trees. I find by experience that there is just as much need to inspect home-grown trees as those from foreign countries. To show the necessity of inspecting home-grown nursery stock, I may say that up to date this season we have been obliged to condemn 7,000 trees for infection dangerous to horticulture. During the present month we have had to condemn and send out of the province over 2,000 boxes of American fruit. The Japanese nursery stock is particularly dangerous. I believe they have every pest known to entomologists."

Asked as to the prospects for the coming season, Mr. Cunningham said: "My inspectors from up country send me most glowing reports of prospects for a bumper crop of fruit. I may say that in view of this large prospective crop our inspection of home-grown fruit is going to be exceedingly rigid this year. There is no room in our market for any infested nursery stock or infested apples. Prices are good and exceedingly remunerative and we must insist that only clean fruit be sent to our markets."

"To show how the fruit-growing industry is extending in this province I may say that I had recently a letter from the manager of one of the large nurseries up country, and he tells me that they are making preparations to furnish 500,000 trees for next season, and it was the opinion of this very intelligent nurseryman that our future safety lies entirely in the production of our own nursery stock in sections of the province now happily free from insect pests and disease. I may add that the policy of the board of horticulture is to encourage the home production by all legitimate means. "I find that the certificates of inspection denoting freedom from pest and disease passed on boxes coming in from the United States are most misleading, and we have to entirely ignore them."

**RAILWAY CONTRACTOR BUYS IN VICTORIA**

Island Investment Company's Shoal Bay Subdivision Selling Fast

Mr. Hugh Brown, a well known railroad contractor of California, arrived in the city a few days ago and purchased a beautiful new home on Richardson street near Linden avenue, through the Griffith Company. Mr. Brown says Victoria and Vancouver Island is very much talked of in the southern States, and that he was very much surprised on his arrival here to find such a beautiful city. After a few days' dangle with the business people of Victoria he finds them most obliging and ever ready to do all in their power to accommodate a new resident.

Mr. Brown predicts great things for Vancouver Island and Victoria, and expects to be operating in the district in the near future. He also expects to see a number of people follow his footsteps from the south.

The Island Investment Company has been doing a good business with their new Shoal Bay sub-division. A number of lots have already been sold, and in the very near future there will be some left. There is a general demand everywhere for waterfront lots, people coming from the prairie, and in fact from almost everywhere, preferring to live facing the water to any other location.

Jobs in lots have been selling well, one which has changed hands for cash is an indication of how things are going. It was on McClure street near Cook, and brought \$2,500 cash.

A. Von Alvensleben, who has been buying hundreds of acres of land in the Highland district, has just acquired another tract adjoining the rest. This tract is the estate held by Andrew Frey, and extending from Pike Lake to the Millstream road. It is of several hundred acres extent. The purchaser is a resident of Vancouver and is said to represent a German syndicate. He certainly has plenty of money and is spending it freely in buying up properties in a district which was formerly considered of little value except for hunting purposes.

The quarterly meeting of the board of trade will be held on Thursday afternoon, April 14th.

The ladies of the Lake Hill Women's Institute will hold a social and dance in the new school house, Quadra street extension on Friday.

Building permits have been issued for Arthur Hovey for a house to be built on Empress street, to cost \$1,800; to be Island Investment Company for a dwelling on Quadra street, to cost \$1,400, and to H. Fort for additions to a house on Blanchard street, to cost \$375.

Tuesday J. B. Sinclair gave a lecture on "The Life and Works of Sir Walter Scott," under the auspices of the Men's Own Social Club of the first Congregational church in the schoolroom. The attendance was very large and the address proved to be very interesting.

**MERRITT TO HAVE NEW ANGLICAN CHURCH**

Will Be Erected at Cost of \$1,200—Rev. J. Walker Appointed Rector

Merritt, March 30.—The construction of the proposed new Anglican church at Merritt will be proceeded with at once. Rev. Thomas Walker of Lincolnshire, Eng., has been appointed to the rectorship and will be here during the late summer to take charge. His appointment was announced by the Ven. Archdeacon Pentreath during his visit to Merritt. Rev. James Thompson will be retained at Nicola.

The new church will cost in the neighborhood of \$1,200 and will be built at the corner of Granite avenue and Chapman street. It will be known as St. Michael's church. Ven. Archdeacon Pentreath is arranging for two men to take charge of the work at Shiloh in succession to Dr. Hone, who will leave at the end of the month. One will be a medical missionary and the other a clergyman.

**BIRDS NESTING. Feathered Friends Busy in City—Wild Flowers in Bloom.**

The birds have commenced the work of nesting in Victoria and the suburbs. At Oak Bay a day or two ago a robin's nest just completed and ready for the eggs was found and the foolish birds were guarding it very jealously. The wrens are also busy carrying moss, hay and feathers for their spring homes. The warblers and sparrows are returning from the south, and in a few weeks will be all here busily engaged about their maternal duties.

In the fields and woods the flowers are coming in bloom. There are lilacs or dog-tooth violets everywhere, and they are being used for church decorations and other purposes in spite of the fact that in a few years they are bound to be all destroyed. The little sisyrinchium is found all over the fields. On Sunday hundreds of them were picked and then thrown aside in Beacon Hill park. The osoberry has been in bloom for the past week or two and the red flowering currant is common everywhere. During the Easter holidays many people enjoyed rambles through the fields and woods and were seen returning with their hands full of the flowers of spring. A few williams were seen, but they do not stand picking very well, and are usually drooping sadly when seen in the children's hands.

**CANADIAN PACIFIC SELLING MUCH LAND**

J. Anderton Just Returned From Visiting His Sons at Comox

J. Anderton of Comox, who is well-known in this city, where on one or two occasions he has been in business, has just returned from a visit to his sons in the fertile Comox valley. He reports that everything in that part of the island is booming. Real estate is selling very lively and many of the farmers and others are reaching out and investing their money in the neighboring cities.

"The C. P. R. has sold all their land lying between Comox and Campbell River," said Mr. Anderton. "There has been an unusual demand for farming properties recently and the result has been very favorable to the C. P. R. The people are all looking forward to the advent of the railway."

Mr. Anderton says that Cumberland is sharing in the prosperity. The mines are working regularly and there is a great scarcity of houses in the town. Mr. Anderton intends to spend a short time in the neighborhood before leaving for Pennsylvania, where he will visit his son and two brothers. From there it is very probable he may go to the Old Country.

Samuel Baxter, boiler inspector, has gone to Nanaimo to conduct examinations for qualification as stationary engineers. An examination will open here on April 25th.

Despite repeated complaints on the part of the property owners on Bastion street, in vicinity of Court House square, nothing has yet been done by the civic authorities to effect repairs to the street, which is in a disgraceful condition.

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**SOCCER CLUBS IN A MIX WITH UNION**

Another Decision by Amateur Body Met With Disfavor

A decision which is wide reaching in effect and which will, in all likelihood, result in the formation of a Canadian soccer league independent of the amateur athletic union, has just been announced by James G. Merrick, president of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada.

It is to the effect that British professional players are not eligible to play Association football in Canada. Amateurs, however, who have played for or against professionals in the Old Country, are declared by the same decision to be all right. There are a number of professionals from beyond the seas in such centres as Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and British Columbia who are playing as strict amateurs, and who do not receive any remuneration whatever. It would be hardship on these men to lose their standing and the clubs would also lose materially in strength.

In the East, since this decision has been announced, there is already talk of breaking away from the amateur governing body and have the soccer players make their own rules and regulations. The main difficulty, however, is that while some of the Old Country men are known to have been professionals in the Old Country there is a large number who are not known on the other side of the pond, but whose fame had not penetrated to this country.

Of course, the Vancouver District Association's players, at least those of them who are now playing in the professional series, will not be affected by President Merrick's ruling. On Vancouver Island the soccer players have decided to run their affairs regardless of any action the amateur union may take, and the new ruling will make the necessity for an independent league much stronger.

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**ELECTRIC CARS COLLIDE.**

Vancouver, March 30.—As a result of a rear-end collision between two B. C. electric passenger cars, near Twenty-fourth avenue, on the LuLu Island road, Monday, W. A. Robertson, a passenger, had his leg broken, and some others were more or less shaken up, but not seriously injured. The cars "Matsqui" and "Abbotsford," on the Steveston run, left the Granville street depot together at 3.30 p. m. and at Twenty-fourth avenue were following each other very closely, the Matsqui leading. The Matsqui slowed up at the crossing and the Abbotsford, following closely, bumped into the rear. The vestibule of the Matsqui was badly broken up, but the Matsqui was very little injured. Mr. Robertson was thrown down by the jar of the collision and his leg fractured. Motorman Bartholomew, of the Abbotsford, escaped without any apparent injury.

**DRAINAGE SCHEME FOR CHILLIWACK**

Engineer Engaged by the Council to Submit Plans of Proposed Work

Chilliwack, March 30.—Lionel H. Buck, C. E., of Vancouver, will be engaged by the council to submit a specified scheme for a drainage and sewerage proposition. This was the recommendation of a public meeting of the ratepayers. Mr. Buck at this meeting explained what systems might be adopted.

The ratepayers of the township are also agitating for a drainage work that will give a quick and practical outlet for the waters of the big prairie, and at a public meeting the report of Engineer R. A. Henderson was considered. The meeting resolved that while the scheme proposed was a good one they should not commit themselves to it until the existing scheme was completed and the Chilliwack river dredged to the pump house.

**DAY POWER FOR FERNIE.**

Fernie, March 30.—At the last regular meeting of the city council all the aldermen were present except Ald. L. E. McDonald, whose resignation was read during the evening. The council did not accept the resignation and requested him to reconsider his decision. The city electrician reported that he had now sufficient applicants for day power, and that a 24-hour service would be put on at once. The city engineer presented estimates on the extension of the sewage system and the means of carrying off storm water, and these were handed over to the water and light committee who will report at the next meeting of the council. A poundage on the bill to grant the Saturday afternoon right to make withdrawals from the public domain for various purposes, discussed observation at length yesterday. Congress, according to the Oregon senator, has been wasteful of the public domain. It has not, he declared, been corrupt, but it has been improvident and under laws which it has enacted, millions of acres of public lands have been grabbed by various syndicates.

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**C. P. R. MAY BUILD ROUNDHOUSE AT TRAIL**

Council Will Assist in Work of Beautifying the City

Trail, March 30.—The C. P. R. has under consideration the erection of a new six stall roundhouse, to be built of brick at Smeiter Junction during the coming summer.

The C. P. R. steel gang has recently completed laying 85-pound steel between Smeiter Junction and Rossland. The roadbed has also been ballasted with crushed rock from the waste dump at the Rossland mine.

G. A. White has disposed of his property, the Mac Machine building, to the Doukhobors, who will take possession on May 1st, and make it their Trail headquarters.

The city has closed a contract with the Doukhobors for 10,000 feet of cedar to be used during the coming season for the cribbing of Trail creek and other repair work around the city. The timber will be rafted from Waterloo to Trail.

The city council meeting the sum of \$100 was granted to purchase shade trees and shrubbery. These will be given free to responsible citizens on application to the council. The amount while not large, is a step in the right direction and with proper care it will not be long until the shrubbery in question should be a beautiful and valuable asset. Arbor day is suggested as a good day for setting out the trees. Mayor Weir and Ald. Skill were appointed a committee to purchase the trees.

**ACCIDENTAL DEATH.**

Vancouver, March 30.—A verdict of "accidental strangulation" was returned by the coroner's jury in the case of the death of the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Hazlett, 637 Fourteenth avenue, east, who died under peculiarly distressing circumstances on Saturday. The child was only a year and half old, and with his sister had been playing on a swing suspended in the garden. The mother went out, as she often did, to see if all was well with the children, and found them both apparently asleep, the little boy with his head over the cord of the swing. Finding that she could not awaken him, she hurried to send for a doctor, who was forced to acquiesce her with the sad fact that the pressure of the cord had caused death by strangulation.

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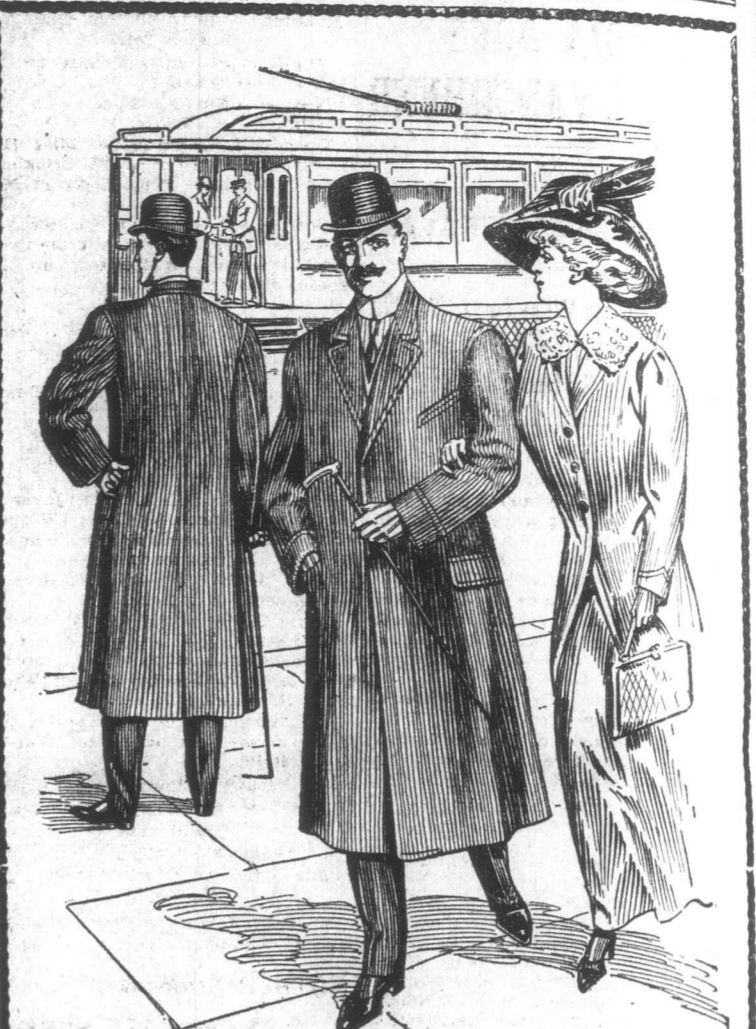
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**WHO OWNS THE DOG?**

A case in which a pointer dog is the central figure kept the County court busy all day Tuesday, and will be resumed on Saturday morning, when Judge Lammpan will take a brief respite from the strenuous proceedings of the police inquiry.

The pointer is valued at \$150, and was sold by E. L. Tait to Hugh Campbell. As no payment has been made in return Mr. Tait is suing on replevin proceeding to get his dog back. Mr. Campbell, in answer, says the dog was given him as security for a loan made to Mr. Tait's brother, D. S. Tait, and

**VICTORIA DOGS AT VANCO**

CLEAN SWEEP IN ENGLISH SETTER

Province Cup Won by and Governor-General by J. S. Hickford

Victoria exhibitors were casual at the Vancouver held there on Friday and last week in securing a clean sweep in the English setters class. The English setters class obtained places in the Irish and West Highland terrier and Daschunds and setters. This year breeders of spaniels did the show and as a result ver owners had their own in the English setters dogs took nearly every Hickford's kennel of dogs were to the fore in the Irish setters. H. Prince took many places C. A. Goodwin's Victoria won several awards.

Following this show the championships come to will remain here permanent winners have succeeded in required number of trophies become their own of these is the Province is now the possession, who won in the Irish terrier Western Demonstrator, the Governor-General's lease cup for the best bitch, and was won by butus Swallow, the pro Hickford.

Following is the list of the Victoria dogs only: English Setters

Limit bitches—1, Reb W. Edwards. Open bitches—1, Ch. J. S. Hickford; 2, J. S. Hickford. Breeders—Arbutus S. Hickford.

Kennel—1, Ch. Mailw Arbutus Swallow, Arbutus Hickford; 2, F. J. Montez, Duke Montez, J. C. W. Minor. Field trials class, 1, Ch. Arbutus Swallow, Reserve winner, F. Montez, Duke Montez, J. C. W. Minor.

Specials—Best dog or class, silver cup presented Abbot, won by Ch. Arbutus Hickford.

It bitch in open class presented by Vancouver West Company, W. Swallow. Open dogs—1, Ch. J. S. Hickford; 2, Roy's W. Minor.

Best in novice class presented by Mr. E. C. Tait, reserve winner, J. S. Hickford; 2, Duke's W. Minor; 3, Arbutus Montez, T. W. Ed.

Open dogs—1, Ch. M. S. Hickford; 2, Roy's W. Minor. Puppy bitches—1, H. Prince & Robb, Esquimaux; 2, Duke's W. Minor; 3, Arbutus Montez, T. W. Ed.

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Limit dogs—2, Dash Reserve winner—Rig Minor. Open dogs—1, Ch. M. S. Hickford; 2, Roy's W. Minor.

Puppy bitches—1, H. Prince & Robb, Esquimaux; 2, Duke's W. Minor; 3, Arbutus Montez, T. W. Ed. Novice bitches—1, D. McConnell.

Irish Setters  
Puppy dogs and bitches—1, Mrs. C. A. Nelly; 2, Kill Reserve winner, Mrs. E. C. Powell; 3, Ch. Elin.

Open bitches—Reserve winner—Mrs. C. A. Nelly; 2, Mrs. C. A. Nelly; 3, Kill Reserve winner, Mrs. E. C. Powell; 4, Ch. Elin.

Open dogs—1, Gordon S. Smith; 2, Cairngorm, reserve winner, P. D. worth, Chemsinus. Limit dogs—1, Dea Hanson. Open bitches—2, S. Large; 3, Trewanta W. Minor; 4, Chance; 5, Swallow Chance. Best in opposite sex by H. C. Chlene—W. L. Brown; 2, W. L. Brown; 3, Turtlas.

Open dogs—2, W. L. Brown; 3, W. L. Brown; 4, W. L. Brown; 5, W. L. Brown. Open dogs—1, Scott Laren; 2, Forral, M. J. McLaren. Best dog in the silver-cup presented by West Highland

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VICTORIA DOGS AT VANCOUVER

CLEAN SWEEP IN ENGLISH SETTER CLASS

Province Cup Won by J. Wallis and Governor-Generals by J. S. Hickford

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McLaren. Boston Terriers.

Puppy dogs and bitches—1, Narkeesa, F. Muriel.

Open dogs—1, Higgins, Miss Helen Cochran; 2, Buster, H. W. Erickhoff.

Open bitches—1, Narkeesa, F. Muriel.

Best dog in show, for Rolston cup—Biggins, Miss Helen Cochran; best bitch in show, for Rolston cup, Narkeesa, F. Muriel.

Open dogs—1, Western Demonstrator, Jack Wallis; 2, Western Administrator, Jack Wallis.

Best dog in show—Western Demonstrator, Jack Wallis.

Pointers.

Puppy dogs—1, Tramm Hickory, G. McKay.

Limit dogs—2, Spot, F. McQuade.

Puppy bitches—1, Sunset Wapella, E. R. Heil; 2, Leading Star, Wm Gordon.

Limit bitches—2, Victoria Girlie, J. Wolfenden.

Open bitches—3, Victoria Spot, J. Wolfenden.

Imperial Rice Mills cup, for best bitch in show—Wm Gordon Wapella, E. R. Heil.

C. Powell special, for best dog in novice class—Wm Gordon Wapella, E. R. Heil.

Irish Water Spaniels.

Open dogs—2, Paddy, Jas. Richmond.

Dachshunds.

Open dogs—3, Mrs. John Douglas; reserve winner, Hegie, Pomeranians.

Puppy dogs and bitches—2, Buster, Mrs. A. Cooper.

ANOTHER DIAMOND SYNDICATE FORMED

Controls Output of New Mines in German Southwest Africa

New York, March 29.—Diamond dealers have learned within the last few days that a new syndicate, the third in the trade, had been formed and has taken over the new diamond mines in German Southwest Africa.

The output of these mines has been increasing so rapidly of late that some concern had been awakened among dealers, who feared that possibly the supply would overtake the market.

The formation of the new syndicate brings the total number of diamond mines under complete control by three companies of the world's production of diamonds is now greater than ever before, but the dealers say the demand is also greater.

Jacklyn and Walters is the principal New York firm in the new syndicate. Most of the members are in Antwerp.

The output of the German African mines, which a year ago was insignificant, has amounted of late to 60,000 carats a month, mostly of the smaller sizes of stones.

CONCILIATION BOARD.

Montreal, March 29.—In order to correct the habit formed by the longshoremen of the port of Montreal of going on strike in the closing days of the season of navigation...

ENDS HIS LIFE.

Princeton, March 28.—Nels Johnson ended his life by blowing off his head with dynamite.

LOST IN MOUNTAINS.

Nelson, March 28.—Word has been received here from Salmo of the finding of the body of a man who registered here early last week as "C. Davis, Winnipeg," but whose name is C. D. Stafford.

STEAMERS DAMAGED BY ICE.

Soda Creek, March 28.—An unusually early and heavy run of ice in the Fraser river and its tributaries has been causing water to rise to summer high water mark.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Grand Forks, March 28.—Wolverton of Cascade, was found dead on his ranch a few miles from that city.

NEW YORK CAPITAL

Statement Made by President of Company Denied by Witness

New York, March 29.—The question of veracity was raised in the insurance hearing yesterday when A. Brown of Middletown, N. Y., testified that he had never before seen George Seward, president of the Fidelity Casualty Company, who had accused Brown of acting as a go-between for "Big Tim" Sullivan in soliciting a bribe of \$10,000 to kill insurance legislation at Albany.

Brown was called at his own request and unequivocally denied Seward's testimony.

Seward was recalled to the stand and testified: "I am morally certain this is the man," he said. "I never saw him before that day and had never heard his name before he had been described to me as the man I remember him."

Seward testified a few days ago that an offer had been made him by a man named Brown purporting to be from Timothy Sullivan, a member of the state legislature.

He said he was to pay \$10,000 and the legislation which provided for dividing this property would be withdrawn.

Seward testified that he wired a crisp refusal. Afterward it was re-made in person. He said he went to Albany and killed the legislation himself without paying any \$10,000.

He was asked if the man who was behind the offer was "Big Tim" Sullivan. He declared he knew nothing about him except that his name was Timothy Sullivan.

"Big Tim" declared the statement was without any foundation so far as he was concerned. He declared he had never made any such offer to anyone.

INCREASED SHIPMENTS TO TRAIL SMELTERS

Output of Mines of Southeastern B. C.—Rich Strike in Slocan

Nelson, March 28.—The latest news from the Slocan country indicates an important strike at depth in the Rambler-Cariboo mine, with the result that the company's tonnage long held around eight cents and ten cents, has jumped up to thirty cents with no sellers.

The find, it is confirmed, will give all the holders of surrounding properties courage to push development.

The Consolidated Company at Trail continues to obtain increasing shipments, the total this year to date being very much in advance of any previous year at this time, and the prospects for further increases are decidedly satisfactory.

The ore shipments were slightly below the average last week owing to decline in tonnage from the Granby mines. Appendix are the details:

Table with columns: Boundary, Week, Year. Rows include Granby, Mother Lode, Oro Denoro, Snowshoe, Wellington, Other mines.

Table with columns: Slocan-Kootenay, Week, Year. Rows include Centre Star, Le Roi No. 2, Le Roi, Snowshoe, Other mines.

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JUDGE DIES SUDDENLY.

Washington, D. C., March 29.—David J. Brewer, associate justice of the Supreme court of the United States, died last night, aged 73 years.

WAGES INCREASED.

Cincinnati, March 29.—The board of arbitration which had in hand the controversy between the Big Four railroad and its telegraph operators reached an agreement late yesterday.

CLEANING UP DAY AT KASLO.

Kaslo, March 28.—Following the precedent set by other progressive municipal corporations, His Worship Mayor Power has decided to proclaim Thursday, March 31st a civic holiday for the purpose of having a general clean-up day of yards, alleys and streets.

Novelties in the electric line are cigar and cork brands, which supply just enough heat to mark the articles on which they are used without burning them.

WINNIPEG FAIR TO BE HELD IN 1914

Exposition Committee Now at Work on Preliminary Plans

Winnipeg, March 29.—Canada's exposition will be held in 1914. This was decided at a meeting of the exposition directors held yesterday.

There has been a lull in exposition matters of late owing to lack of definite information as to the attitude of the Canadian Pacific railway towards the project.

There was reason to believe that the C.P.R. might insist upon holding the exposition in 1913 at the latest, and this date was not conformable to the wishes of the Grand Trunk Pacific and Canadian Northern roads.

Assurances have now been received that the C.P.R. will be satisfied with the 1914 date, and with this obstacle removed, the exposition committee will proceed with the work of completing preliminary plans for holding the big fair in 1914.

These plans will include laying the case before the Dominion government to obtain its decision upon the amount of financial support the exposition is to receive from this source.

BODY OF MURDERED WOMAN FOUND

Baltimore Tragedy Believed to Have Been Result of a Quarrel

Baltimore, Md., March 29.—The body of a young woman, believed to have been Mrs. Al Merrick, was found yesterday on the suburban estate of Alex. Brown, a millionaire banker.

Merrick's body was gashed about the neck and breast, and the clothes had been torn from her.

Her husband, John A. Merrick, was arrested shortly before noon.

The police say that the Merricks have been estranged for a long time. It is said, according to the officers, that husband and wife were seen together Sunday.

The police theory is that the couple attempted to make up their differences at a meeting at the house of the Brown estate. A trail of blood led from the body to the stream and the police believe that the murderer slashed himself in the struggle.

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REGULATING SALOONS AT GRAND FORKS

Gambling Must Stop—Saloons Will Be Closed at 11.30 p.m.

Grand Forks, March 28.—The board of police and license commissioners held a meeting on Saturday evening at 11.30 p.m. at which the instructions which were passed to the chief, evidently intend to close the city up proper.

It was moved by Commissioner Gaw, and seconded by Commissioner Many, that the chief notify all holders of liquor licenses that they must carry out the following instructions:

1. No liquor shall be sold in any saloon or hotel bar in the city between the hours of 11.30 p. m. of each day and 6 a. m. of the following day.

2. All saloon and hotel bars must be closed by 11.30 p. m. of each day, until 6 a. m. of the following Monday.

3. No liquor license holder shall permit gambling in any form to be carried on in or about his premises.

4. All premises in respect of which a license to sell shall have been granted shall be kept in a perfectly sanitary condition, and shall be subject to inspection at least once each week.

No frosting will be permitted on the windows of any bar-room and when bar-rooms are closed pursuant to clauses 1 and 2, all screens and blinds shall be removed from the windows and at night all bar-rooms shall be lighted up.

5. No person shall sell liquor to any intoxicated person.

6. No liquor shall be sold on Sunday.

ARRANGING FOR ANNUAL SHOW

New York, March 29.—According to advices received here to-day from New Orleans, Castro, ex-president of Venezuela, is planning a campaign to regain his lost power in Venezuela.

It is reported on good authority that the deposed president of the South American republic will soon make an offer which probably will result in many transfers of allegiance among the soldiers who are now enrolled in the rebel army which is to be sent from here to aid Estrada.

For some time Castro agents have been busy among the soldiers of fortune and an open announcement that Castro is to take the field is expected momentarily.

A new automatic gun with which the British military authorities are experimenting on the 39 three-pound shells three and a half miles this minute. It is carried on an automobile truck with a crew of ten men at a rate of twenty-five miles an hour.

Mrs. Heyland is visiting friends in Vancouver.

ANNUAL MEETING OF CHEMAMINUS HOSPITAL

Financial Situation at the Institution is Very Satisfactory

The eleventh annual meeting of the Chemaminus General hospital was held in the Chemaminus hall last Tuesday evening.

The report of the secretary-treasurer was first read and general satisfaction was expressed at the hospital's standing.

While owing to the usual heavy expense the cash balance was very small, still, as was pointed out to the meeting, the sinking fund, which was established in June, 1908, to take care of the mortgage on the property of the association, was steadily growing—the monthly instalments, or originally deposited amount, having been regularly made.

The report of the resident physician showed that the total number of patients treated during 1909 was 238, as compared with 125 during 1908—the hospital days for 1909 being 2,834, as against 2,854 during 1908.

The president in his address called the attention of the association to the great need of a maternity ward, and urged upon the meeting the necessity of this being made at the earliest possible moment.

The attention of the association was also called to the urgent need of more suitable nurses' quarters, and the hope expressed that a way would be found to improve upon this department in the near future.

On motion a vote of thanks was passed to Doctors Frost and Williams, and Lady Smith, for their kindness and very able assistance throughout the year—also to the Women's Auxiliary, Lewis G. Hill and the Arion Club for their much-appreciated help.

BEATEN TO DEATH AT PRINCE RUPERT

Woman Succumbs to Injuries and Husband is Taken Into Custody

Prince Rupert, March 28.—Mrs. C. E. Lofstedt, wife of a laborer, died on Wednesday morning, from wounds on the head, inflicted, it is believed, by her husband. The latter was arrested about 8.30 on Tuesday night the police were notified of a disturbance on Eighth avenue, near the sash and door factory.

They investigated and found in a little cabin close to the fringe of forest, a woman in a dying condition. She had been terribly beaten. Her husband, C. E. Lofstedt, was at once arrested, he being found in the neighborhood. He was sober, and did not seem to realize the gravity of his position.

Between three and four o'clock the following morning his wife died. She was about thirty years old, and had worked in a local laundry to help support the household.

The family consist of two little girls and a boy.

Lofstedt used to work with a local lumber concern and of late was employed in helping unload the rail steamers.

RESENT PASTOR'S INNOVATION.

Members of Congregation Object to Whistling in Church.

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POST OFFICE ROBBERED.

Richmond, Va., March 29.—The startling discovery that the post office of Richmond had been robbed of \$30,000 in stamps and \$160 in cash was made yesterday. The robbery was committed either Saturday or Sunday night.

According to federal officials working on the case the thieves backed a wagon up to the door of the structure and then piled the stamps into the vehicle and disappeared with their loot.

BOY SHOOTS BROTHER.

Denver, Colo., March 29.—Joseph Burghard, aged 4 years, yesterday shot and fatally wounded his four-year-old brother Johnny because he wanted an infant brother to have Johnny's name.

The wounded boy died a few hours after he had been shot.

The act was committed after the six-year-old boy had deliberated over it and with his brother dead, the lad shows no remorse.

Several days ago the infant was christened "Cauer" and when Joseph learned of this he became angry and threatened to kill Johnny so Cauer could be named Johnny.

No attention was paid to the child, as it was believed he would soon forget his disappointment. Yesterday when his parents were absent Joseph upbraided Johnny. He then procured a ladder and climbed to a high shelf where a 32 calibre revolver was concealed.

After he reached the floor he made sure that the weapon was loaded, then aimed it at his younger brother and fired.

CANALS IN NEW YORK.

North Tanawanda, N. Y., March 29.—That the entire barge canal system of the state as now planned, including the Dulais dam, is now in the hands of the state, and that certain portions of the new canal will be in use considerably before that time, was the prediction of state engineer and Surveyor Williams in an address at the chamber of commerce dinner here last night.

BUDGET OF NEWS FROM PRINCE RUPERT

Supreme Court Sitting is to Be Held in the Northern City

Prince Rupert, March 28.—The Grand Trunk Pacific railway experienced its first slide on the Pacific end of their transcontinental railway recently. The line has been in working order for seven miles from the new city and work trains have been in service. The crossing, about five miles from Prince Rupert, had been filled in by the contractor and the work accepted, delaying trains for a number of days.

A case that will engage the attention of the Supreme court was heard in the police court on the 22nd inst. A man was found beneath the bed of one of the roomers in the Grand Trunk Annex.

He was in the possession of two pistols, and almost frightened the occupant of the room to death. Others in the annex broke open the door of the room and landed the intruder in jail. The man was committed for trial.

The tug Nanoose and Commodore have arrived at Prince Rupert with locomotives, box cars, ballasting equipment and stock for tracklaying. The hospital association have \$15,000 on hand for the construction of an equipment of the general hospital to be erected in the new city. The Grand Trunk Pacific Town & Development company has placed eighteen lots at the disposal of the committee and it is expected the Dominion government will make a substantial grant to aid the mariners and natives requiring attention in the future in the public institution. The provincial government granted \$7,500 towards the building, which has been augmented by a similar sum raised by public subscription.

Hon. A. McNab, minister of public works of Saskatchewan, accompanied by B. Chubb of Saskatchewan, have been visiting Prince Rupert. They were very much interested in the work now in progress in the new city.

The Supreme court will sit in Prince Rupert on the 18th April.

Messrs. Brown Bros., formerly of Victoria, are constructing a wholesale commission house on their property on Second avenue. Piercy & Morris will construct a warehouse and wholesale store on their waterfront property in First avenue. The Union Steamship Company and C. P. R. are making arrangements to construct wharves. Helgeson Bros. let the contractor for the new building, excavating is going on for the building of ten new business structures. All buildings erected have been occupied and every hotel and lodging house is filled with visitors.

The board of trade is calling for tenders for the construction of an electric lighting plant. The consulting electrician estimated the cost of a plant and figure of \$45,000 would be a fair estimate. The poles and wires of the defunct lighting company will be used.

A lodge of Knights of Pythias was organized on the 22nd inst., and assumed the name of "Skeena." The telephone company elected officers and a rifle brigade has been organized.

Rev. E. P. Laycock and Mrs. Laycock left for Altn last week and were the recipients of a cheque for \$200.

The rush to Stewart is still on and boats are conveying a number of passengers to the new city which is but 150 miles from Prince Rupert.

MAY DAY CELEBRATION.

New Westminster, March 28.—The approach of May Day, when an annual celebration is held in this city, is being noted by those interested in the project.

The committee on the occasion of the committee of business men who arrange the programme for the day, to have a May Queen elected by the school children.

It succeeded by Mrs. M. J. Mackenzie, Miss Helen Hale, who was crowned last year. A new master of ceremonies will officiate at the celebration this year.

Alderman Johnson having accepted the honorable position which has been for a number of years filled by J. J. Campbell, register of the County court.

May Day this year will be of more than ordinary importance, being also the fortieth anniversary of the first time the festival was remembered in this city. Since 1870, when the first celebration was held, May Queens have been crowned annually here with the exception of one interregnum.

EUROPE FEARS YELLOW PERIL

CHINESE ACTIVITY IN FAR THIBET

Mongolian Occupation of New Territory Causing Apprehension in Britain

(By Charles P. Stewart, London Correspondent of the United Press Association.)

London, March 29.—"The situation in Thibet" is not yet taking up a great deal of room in the newspapers, but it is occupying a little room with a daily persistency indicative of much worry on somebody's part.

This somebody, collectively speaking, is the British government. Not a day passes without its two or three paragraphs, of official origin, of Britain's representations to China on the unsatisfactory state of things just across the Indian frontier, of Russia's intimation to the Vail-Wu-Pu that the Czar cannot remain indifferent to the Dalai Lama's deposition, the hurried exchange of notes on the subject of Thibetan affairs between London and St. Petersburg, or of China's bland assurances—which nobody believes—that what is being done will in no way affect Thibet's internal administration, and that there is not the slightest cause for uneasiness on either Britain's or Russia's part.

France and Germany are showing signs of uneasiness, too. They have interests and ambitions in the Far East as well as Britain and Russia, and the newspapers in Paris and Berlin are almost if not quite as regular as the London press in their reports of the doings of the Dalai Lama.

The fact is that Europe is afraid China has decided to begin expanding. It is not to be assumed that Europe in general considers the danger exactly imminent. It is agreed that it will be a long time before China will have despite its enormous population a really formidable military establishment. Even after such an establishment is created it is agreed, too, that its advance into the Occident will doubtless be slow.

Nevertheless, the consensus of opinion in European chancelleries is that the "yellow peril" is nearer than has yet been appreciated. It has been spoken of either as a somewhat vague threat against future generations of Occidentals. Now it is beginning to be talked of as a threat perhaps against this generation. The Chinese are at least showing the spirit of conquest. Moreover, their operations in Thibet have been conducted along good military lines. There is a suspicion that they have been declaring as fighters rather than the Occident has realized.

TROUBLE AT PAPER MILLS.

Federation of Labor Declares Cancellation Was Refused.

Livermore Falls, Me., March 29.—A statement charging that the International Paper Company refused to receive representatives of the boards of trade of towns where there are strikes in the paper industry for the purpose of arbitration and conciliation, and is responsible for the present troubles, was issued yesterday by Thomas H. Flynn, of Washington, D. C., national representative of the American Federation of Labor, who has been investigating affairs at Rumford Falls, Chisholm and Livermore Falls.

Mr. Flynn said that at his suggestion the local board of trade was about to seek the co-operation of similar bodies in other Maine paper manufacturing towns in an effort to bring about settlement of the present difficulties when the board was informed by the New York office of the International Paper Company that its representative or those of the other boards would not be received by officials of the company.

"The American Federation of Labor is and always has been in favor of conciliation," declared Mr. Flynn.

CHAUFFEUR'S ROMANCE.

Marries Daughter of Employer, Who Is a Millionaire.

Boston, Mass., March 29.—The announcement of R. O. Cheney, the millionaire silk importer of South Manchester, that he has married the

# ARTHUR L. ADAMS ANSWERS HIS CRITICS

## Attributes Criticism of His Work and of the Smith Hill Reservoir to Interests of Private Corporations.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The Times is in receipt to-day of the following letter from Arthur L. Adams, chief engineer of the waterworks, who has advised the city in connection with the improvements to its water system. It will be noticed that Mr. Adams attributes the attacks upon himself and a portion, at least, of the criticisms of the reservoir to selfish interest in the city which are interested in preventing Victoria establishing its own system.

Having been out of personal touch with waterworks questions in Victoria for some months past, I am very largely ignorant of the details of the present situation and of the attitude of the Times. The spirit of "the square deal" which, however, during the period of my knowledge characterized your columns leads me to send you this communication.

In my active responsible practice as a waterworks engineer extending continuously over a period of about twenty years, I recall no other instance where it has seemed necessary or even expedient to make a statement to the public through the agency of a professional engagement; and only the exigency of a most remarkable situation in Victoria leads me to do so at this time. Ever since I have been a resident of your city it would probably be unnecessary. For reasons not disposed to discern, there has appeared a disposition by certain parties to attach to the Smith Hill reservoir, and to the grossly exaggerated importance and to myself a grossly exaggerated responsibility, for the purpose of creating that degree of popular misconception in the public capacity which is essential to their ambitious schemes, individual or corporate. If this design reached no farther than an attempted reflection upon myself personally, my unbroken quiet of the past ten months would probably have continued to the end, for designing or irresponsible criticism has no permanent power to injure, and one engaged constantly in public capacity would be sure to come to some extent bushwhacked are everywhere. In this communication, therefore, I seek neither vindication nor revenge; and in addressing an Anglo-Saxon community, probably it is unnecessary to ask fair play.

The welfare of the public is, however, tremendously at stake. Its enemies have succeeded in destroying the coherence of the city, by the familiar tactics of "creating a diversion." That diversion, after attempts to use other trivialities have failed, is the leakage of the Smith Hill reservoir. Though now myself eliminated from the Victoria problem, being doubtless a serious interference in the pathway of design, I should be derelict in duty did I not call attention of the public spirited portion of the community to the real situation. This I can do by a simple recital of facts which may cause some good citizens to recognize a "diversion" when they see it again, if they have not done so in the past. In this instance, I have no intention, however, of entering upon any newspaper controversy, especially with non-specialists upon matters calling for special knowledge.

First let me indulge a personal word, for I want to carry all the conviction I can. For twenty years I have done little else than to mix in waterworks problems and waterworks controversies. I have built waterworks for municipalities; I have built them for private companies; I have managed them for private companies; I have fought private companies in the interests of municipalities; I have often fought municipal authorities in the interests of private companies. There is not a phase of such controversies that I have not seen from the inside, that I have not been through. There has not been in the past twelve years a time when I was not a participant on one side or the other, and at the present time, as a participant, I am an expert for private companies in not less than seven actions in process of adjudication between municipalities and private water companies involving the valuation of properties aggregating approximately fifty millions of dollars. I mention this preparatory to saying that there is no Victoria dust in my eyes, nor Esquimaux Water Company dust in my pocket.

Now let me in bare outline review the situation in Victoria as I have seen it since my first visit. Limitation of newspaper space forbids details.

January 22, 1905 I was called to Victoria by mayor and aldermen to report on the water situation and make a valuation of the works of the Esquimaux Water Company. Found in the possession of the city then worst run down system I ever saw; little or no fire protection; large number of private consumers out of water a great deal of the time; water supplies appearing to be exhausted. Esquimaux Water Company strongly entrenched on most desirable source of supply, Goldstream, and wanting several times the amount invested as consideration for transfer to city; municipal authorities and private company scarcely on speaking terms; and a court action pending to determine the respective rights of the city and the company to the waters of Goldstream.

My report dealt with the entire situation. I found the water company's property on Goldstream to be worth \$350,000. Recommended its purchase. Recommended improving city plant along prescribed lines, that a reasonably good service might be maintained during the fighting period of several years which was almost certain to intervene before Goldstream or other suitably good source could be secured. Without improvement in existing service the city would shortly be

pairing it. It is famous in Victoria's history. I might tell how it resulted from defective work executed during my absence, and how the fault lay less with individuals than with divided responsibility, and not always wisely placed responsibility; and how all this is but another name for municipal inefficiency, and therefore, the fault of "the system" rather than that of any individual. But such presentation would only aid my friends, the enemy. The aldermen were long since told how to effect a remedy, and in the course of yesterday do so. And thereafter if any one wonders what it was all about, anyway, and why a beautiful city was made ridiculous, and Anglo-Saxons made to act like Latins, let him ask the Esquimaux Water Company, which by its superior organization and leadership has at the present writing snatched victory out of the very jaws of defeat.

Yours truly,  
ARTHUR L. ADAMS.

### DETECTIVE IN TROUBLE

Halifax, March 30.—Detective Harshorn leaves in a few days for England, to bring back George McLeod, the private detective who is wanted here on the charge of stealing \$650 from a lady restaurant keeper in this city, whose daughter he promised to wed. For some time McLeod was engaged with the Canadian detective bureau in this city and took active part in the chase for Lee Chu, the Montreal Chinaman who escaped from the county prison months ago. He had a checkered career in the police and divorce courts of this city, having been arrested for theft and sued for divorce.

### SAYS AMERICANS ARE JEALOUS.

Louis Paulhan Interviewed After Return from the United States.

Cherbourg, March 30.—A local newspaper to-day publishes an interview with Louis Paulhan, the aviator, who returned yesterday from the United States. Paulhan is quoted as saying that Americans showed jealousy at the fact that a Frenchman demonstrated his ability to fly a French made machine. He also said that the American public was cold and apathetic even during his most daring flights.

The only enthusiasm shown, said Paulhan, was in cities where there were large French colonies.

### MUST FACE TRIAL ON CHARGE OF MURDER

Albert Wolter, Accused of Killing Girl, Will Have Hearing Next Week

New York, March 30.—The coroner's jury, without leaving the box, to-day returned a verdict charging Albert Wolter with the murder of Ruth Wheeler, part of whose mutilated body was found in the grate in Wolter's room. The inquest, which followed a preliminary investigation by the coroner, lasted 33 minutes.

The authorities are determined to begin Wolter's trial early next week. The defense will fight against what it terms "indecent haste," and will ask for a continuance.

The police and the district attorney's office are anxious to hold the trial as early as possible because they believe the murderer is connected with the "white slave" traffic. They believe that by beginning the trial at once evidence will be brought out against others connected with the traffic. If the case is delayed they fear that others connected with the trade, and whom they hope to be able to expose and prosecute, will have a chance to escape.

The grand jury to-day indicted Wolter for the murder of Ruth Wheeler. The indictment charges that the girl was strangled to death. Wolter will be arraigned to-morrow.

The special grand jury, headed by John D. Rockefeller, jr., which is investigating "white slave" traffic, will be called upon by the police commission to help investigate the "white slave" features of Wolter's case.

### STEAMER ELISA IS LOADING THE HEAVY MACHINERY AT NORTH VANCOUVER FOR DAWSON WHICH THE LONSDALE BROUGHT FROM SALINA TRU.

The extent of the destruction is so great that an appeal for financial aid is asked as well as for supplies. It is considered probable that the government will vote an appropriation to carry out relief work.

# LAVA FLOWING TOWARD CATANIA

## MANY OF INHABITANTS IN STATE OF PANIC

Engineers Are Building Dams to Stop Main Stream From Mount Etna

Catania, March 30.—A violent eruption of Mount Etna throughout the night filled Catania's streets with ash and cinders to the depth of half a foot. The volcano, twenty miles away, is throwing volcanic dust over a great area to the southward, is ruining vineyards and orchards and is showing every indication of an approaching crisis.

The huge stream of molten lava is moving slowly toward this city, and the people are becoming hysterical with fright. Frequent earth tremors add to the alarm of the populace, and the increasing detonations from the mountain are causing widespread fear. Fresh craters appeared in the night and to-day, Prof. Zappal estimates that 35 craters in the volcano, old and new, are now active.

The prefects and other civil authorities are doing everything in their power to allay alarm. They have assured the people through proclamations that the lava cannot descend Catania owing to the conformation of the land between here and the mountain.

The assurances of the authorities that the stream of lava probably will be diverted toward the more intelligent of the people, but thousands of peasants pass through the ash strewn streets praying to the Virgin to save them from death.

The heavy coat of ashes has choked all vegetation for miles, and the country has taken on a desolate appearance. The dust from the crater fills the air to such an extent that breathing is unpleasant. During the day the sun's rays caused the floating particles to become illuminated with beautiful colors, while at night the fires of the volcano present an inspiring, but terrifying sight.

An indication of the increasing violence of the eruption was the issuance of orders to-day withdrawing troops from their stations nearest the mountain. The former danger zone is deserted by every living creature.

Government engineers are digging ditches and building dams to stop the main lava stream which has an average depth of 12 feet and a varying breadth of 600 to 1,000 feet.

The greatest damage that has been wrought so far is not from lava, but from the showers of lapilli that is falling over an area of many miles. Nearly the whole country between Catania and the mountain is covered with ashes. This has killed vineyards and orchards and reduced to poverty hundreds of farmers.

A population of about 600,000 is affected by the eruption, which now promises to be the greatest of modern times.

A freakish feature of the eruption is the sparing of the pretty village of Nicolosi, on the southern slope. The town is shut in by foot hills which averted the lava and mountain air currents carried the showers of ashes over the village. Nicolosi, however, is abandoned temporarily by its inhabitants.

Local authorities have appealed to the government for aid in caring for thousands of refugees from the stricken territory surrounding Mount Etna. Relief depots here are being overcrowded with men and women who hitherto have been independent, but are now in need of food, clothing and medicines.

### SEARCHERS FIND BODY OF GEOLOGIST

Prof. Hallowell Wandered From Home While Suffering From Fever

Gunnison, Colo., March 30.—Preparations are being made to-day for the funeral of Prof. H. K. Hallowell, one of the best known geologists of the West, whose dead body was found yesterday by a party of searchers, two miles north of here.

Prof. Hallowell disappeared from his home here several days ago. For several days he had been suffering with fever. For this reason it is believed he wandered away while his mind was temporarily clouded.

Prof. Hallowell came here from New York 20 years ago. He was 75 years of age.

### DAYLIGHT ROBBERY.

Portland, Ore., March 30.—Detectives have obtained no clue to the daylight robbers who yesterday broke into the home of Otto Wertenberger, a saloon-keeper, and secured \$2,500 in cash that had been left in a trunk. The robbery occurred while all members of the family were absent, the burglars gaining entrance to the house by means of a skeleton key.

### WEST INDIES TRADE.

London, March 30.—The West India trade commission will hold further meetings in London to consider evidence, and telegraphic and steamship communications. They hope to present their report before the end of 1910.

# ASQUITH'S PLANS TO REFORM HOUSE OF LORDS

Premier Declares the Second Chamber Must Be Dependent Upon Will of Country—Shortening Duration of Parliament.

Edmonton, March 30.—An adjournment of two weeks until April 13th will be made to-night in the Great Waterways railway investigation to allow counsel to peruse the documents produced to date. When the sessions open again R. B. Bennett may be compelled to withdraw from appearance at the investigation owing to pressure of private business. Many witnesses have been subpoenaed and the main investigation may occupy a month.

### RAILWAY INQUIRY.

London, March 30.—Premier Asquith was greeted with cheers from the government benches when he arose in the House of Commons yesterday and moved that the House immediately constitute itself into a committee to consider the relations between the two houses of parliament and the question of duration of each parliament.

Premier Asquith said that in the government's view it was expedient that Great Britain should continue to have two legislative chambers. There was both room and need for a second chamber. At present, the premier declared, there was a bi-cameral system only in name. The Lords was a frankly partisan assembly. It was always ready to pass the bills of one party and reject the main bills of another party. He, the premier, for one would rather live under absolute autocracy of an elected single chamber than have perpetuated to this simulacrum of a second chamber.

In reference to the constitution of the second chamber, Premier Asquith said it must be relatively small in numbers and must rest upon a democratic and not hereditary basis. It must not be governed by parliament; temper with parliament, but must be responsive to and dependent upon the will of the country.

The resolutions he would move later, the premier said, were not put forward as the first solution of the problem. The government must first put a repetition of the unconstitutional raid of last year into the domain of finance. The only way by which the constitution provides for the revision of the Commons being accepted by the Lords was by the creation of peers, and that was not appropriate.

The prime minister also spoke unfavorably to the referendum as a means preventing deadlock between the two houses. He said he favored, if

### INQUIRY ORDERED.

Washington, D. C., March 30.—The House, by a vote of 125 to 64, has decided in favor of a thorough investigation of the charges that a ship subsidy lobby is operating in Washington for the purpose of influencing congressmen in favor of a ship subsidy. The action is the result of a complaint by Representative Steienson of Minnesota, that he had been attacked by a Cleveland newspaper which he believed to be an organ of a ship subsidy lobby.

### ELECTS NEW DIRECTOR.

Montreal, March 30.—Senator Edwards was elected president of the Canada Cement Company, replacing Charles H. Cahoon at a meeting here. A quarterly dividend was declared on the preferred stock at the rate of 7 per cent. annually on record May 1st, the same to be paid May 15th. It was announced that the friendly relations had been restored between the company and the Calgary concern, but no merger would take place.

### STEWART'S PLANS TO REFORM HOUSE OF LORDS

possible, a joint session of the two chambers, but he had his doubts as to whether it could be made applicable under the present British constitution. The limitation of the veto powers of the Lords, coupled with the shortening of the duration of the Commons, was, in his opinion, the best measure which they could secure an expression of popular will, which should not be frustrated.

The royal veto, said the premier, was as dead as Anne, but the crown of tenure than ever fell to the lot of his tador ancestors. The absolute veto of the Lords, the premier declared, must follow the veto of the crown before the road could be cleared for the advent of full grown, unfettered democracy.

Premier Asquith in the course of his speech made it plain that the resolutions were of necessity couched in general terms. They were, he said, the basis on which the bill would be built up. The object of the resolutions was to obtain statutory definition and protection for well established constitutional practices.

The opposition leader in the Commons, declared plainly that it was the intention of his party to take the first opportunity to repeal any measure restricting the House of Lords' power to veto.

Premier Asquith's speech, on the other hand, seems to have put fresh heart into his conglomerate party, and the speech of John E. Redmond for the Irish party and George Nicolson for the Laborites, as well as those of the representatives of the Welsh constituencies, all breathed defiance to the Lords.

The only dissatisfaction expressed was that the premier's proposals were not drastic enough, but they promised full support to the resolution nevertheless. The debate will be continued throughout the week, and a division will be taken on Monday.

### MAYOR STILL WANTS HUGHES GETS THE UNANIMOUS CONSENT OF COUNCIL

But Expert Auditor Says He Will Not Reconsider His Decision

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

At a private meeting held early last evening prior to the regular session, the City Council unanimously decided to endorse the action of the mayor and finance committee in securing the services of Griffiths B. Hughes to make a full and complete audit of the city accounts at a cost not to exceed \$5,000, but Mr. Hughes will not accept.

Later in the evening prior to his departure for Vancouver, Mr. Hughes was informed of the action of the council, and issued the following statement in this city last night: "I am now so burdened with work that to complete it will require nearly eighteen hours daily. It would be utterly impossible for me to devote any time at all to the city's affairs, my only object being the preventing me entertaining the proposition. This is final."

At the council meeting last night a letter was read from W. B. Fisher, of Calgary. The Goose Lake line will be extended towards Calgary from Saskatoon, and further extensions will be made to the Willow Bunch line. The intentions will also be made to the Wm. East line.

A start will be made on a line towards the Peace River country. This will be an extension of the Mackinaw line out of Edmonton. The considerable work yet to be completed on contracts let this year.

Nothing definite has as yet been decided in regard to the main line west of Edmonton, but this will be considered during the week.

### BUSH FIRES.

Toronto, March 30.—Bush fires did considerable damage in the east and west suburbs of the city. A portion of the cottage belonging to Mr. Stetson was destroyed, and another belonging to A. E. Ames was swept by the flames. A fire which was only kept out by the efforts of the fire department, but fortunately none of the heavy timber was badly damaged. The tract owned by Mr. Stetson, immediately north of St. Lawrence Park, is one of the finest bits of oak forest in the section. Three fire ladders were kept busy, but were badly handicapped by the fact that they could get no water.

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# BOOM IS ON AT ST. STEWART

NEW TOWN ALREADY SCENE OF GREAT BUILDINGS GOING UP IN TIONS—MINING PROSPECTS EXCELLENT

Stewart, B. C., March 28.—A favorable weather—the rain snow having rendered the trails temporarily impassable—is humming in this new town. There is every promise that there is a period of unexampled progress in this season. The best building are being the greatest haste all over there is a genuine old-fashioned real estate in progress.

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writing several notes blamed the race tracks Frank Paint, a cigar dealer life to-day by inhaling gas in a lodging house street.

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### AMATEUR CHAM

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MR. AND MRS. MARK HAMBOURG AT ALEXANDRA CLUB.

Mark Hambourg, the distinguished pianist, and Mrs. Hambourg were Tuesday afternoon the guests at a reception given at the Alexandra Club by the ladies of Victoria. The distinguished guests, accompanied by Mrs. W. J. Paterson, wife of his honor the lieutenant-governor, and Mrs. Richard McBride, wife of the premier of the province. A flashlight picture of the group, from which the above cut is reproduced, was taken by Larrigan & Gibson.

The members of the Alexandra Club, the Women's Canadian Club, and the Victoria Ladies' Musical Society all united in the reception tendered the distinguished visitors. The presidents of these clubs, Mrs. Henry Croft, Alexandra Club; Mrs. Fred Pemberton, Women's Canadian Club; and Mrs. J. D. Helmecken, Victoria Ladies' Musical Society, received the distinguished guests, and assisted by a large number of ladies including Mrs. T. W. Paterson, wife of his honor the lieutenant-governor, and Mrs. Richard McBride, wife of the premier of the province. A flashlight picture of the group, from which the above cut is reproduced, was taken by Larrigan & Gibson.



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The chief of police will be asked to investigate the complaint of J. A. Alkman that Douglas street brickyard owners have blocked the roadway with cordwood.

CANADIAN NORTHERN TO AWARD CONTRACTS

Preparing to Build Number of New Lines in the West

Winnipeg, March 30.—Important contracts will be let by the Canadian Northern railway this week for the construction of many new lines throughout Manitoba.

In the western provinces the Battleford line will be extended southwest with the main line.

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New Town Already Scene of Great Activity

Buildings Going Up in All Directions—Mining Prospects Excellent

Stewart, B. C., March 28.—Despite unfavorable weather—the rapidly melting snow having rendered the roads and trails temporarily impassable—things are humming in this new town and there is a promise that there will be a period of unexampled activity and progress this season.

New buildings are being erected with the greatest haste at over town and there is a genuine old-fashioned boom in real estate in progress.

The most gratifying reports are coming in of mining development on properties adjacent to Stewart. The Stewart Mining Company is taking out some exceptionally fine ore from the lower workings of its property.

A rival townsite boom has started on the American side of the line. All available tractors have been requisitioned to carry locators to the scene of the latest excitement.

Ogden, Utah, March 28.—The waters of the Great Salt Lake, whipped by the heaviest wind storm in years, washed away the eastern and western approaches of the southern Pacific.

LOSSES MONEY ON RACES AND ENDS HIS LIFE

Francisco Cigar Dealer Commits Suicide by Inhaling Gas

San Francisco, Cal., March 29.—After writing several notes in which he blamed the race tracks for his act, Frank Paint, a cigar dealer, ended his life to-day by inhaling illuminating gas in a lodging house on Market street.

SUSPECT WILL NOT TALK. Man Held by Police in Connection With Murder Refuses to Make Statement.

New York, March 29.—The police failed to-day to gain from Albert Wotter a statement that might lead to connect him with the murder of Wheeler, a stenographer.

Wotter's attorney, Wallace D. Scott, warned the youth to make no statement, and his bravado to-day gives rise to the belief that he will follow the lawyer's advice.

AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS. Seattle, Wash., March 29.—Seattle athletes will leave Vancouver to-night, bent on capturing first honors in the North western amateur championships, which will get under way to-morrow.

BANKSFIELDS ARRIVES. Proceeds to Vancouver With Cargo of Sugar in Tow of Goliath.

Owing to the coal strike in Australia it was found necessary to replace with windjammers some of the steamers which were tied up.

SENT TO JAIL. Ottawa, March 29.—For using the term "Oh, you kid," to two ladies of a street car last Friday night which precipitated a row in which the conductor was badly beaten, Reginald Ramsey, a passenger, was to-day sent to jail for two months without the option of a fine.

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SUBURBAN REALTY MOST IN FAVOR

Sales Being Made Along Route of Proposed Canadian Northern Railway

The feature of the realty business during the past week has been the changing hands of a large number of suburban properties.

Some sales have been made in the neighborhood of Portage inlet, mostly for investment purposes and several small sales are reported from Esquimaut, Oak Bay and Gorge road.

COAST LEAGUE GAMES WILL BEGIN TO-MORROW

President Graham Predicts a Prosperous Baseball Season

San Francisco, Cal., March 29.—War will be declared to-morrow between San Francisco and Portland, Vernon and Los Angeles, Oakland and Sacramento.

PROGRESS IS BEING MADE ON NEW WHARF

Fifteen Thousand Yards of Rock to Be Removed

The big pile-driver which Johnson & Co. contracted for the Great West Pacific wharf, have built especially for the work here, is completed and now is hammering in the long piles which will support the new wharf.

SOCCER GAMES IN THE OLD COUNTRY

London, March 29.—The results of yesterday's league games follow: First Division. Bristol City, 2; Manchester United, 1. Everton, 3; Bury, 0.

Cambridge, Mass., March 29.—Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard, to-day reiterated a statement to the effect that the new football rules are being suggested, meets with his approval.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., MARCH 29.—James J. Jeffries is suffering the first agonies of having his "copy chopped," and his anguish is excruciating.

THE TARIFF AGREEMENT. London, March 29.—Further press opinion on the tariff settlement between Canada and the United States confirms the pleasure already expressed thereat.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL RETURNS. Ottawa, March 29.—Earl Grey returned to Ottawa this morning after a visit to Albany, New York, Washington and other important cities in the United States.

MINING PRESIDENT DEAD. Boston, March 29.—Alexander Argue, president of the Calumet & Hecla Copper Mining Company, died to-day aboard the liner Adriatic, en route to Europe.

MARRIED IN CALIFORNIA. (Special to the Times). Winnipeg, March 29.—R. J. Mackenzie, a well known railroad man, son of Wm. Mackenzie, president of the Canadian Northern, was married yesterday in San Jose, California.

YOUNG PEOPLE FOR CANADA

LEAGUE OF EMPIRE TAKES AN INTEREST

Mrs. Ord Marshall is in Victoria Connected With Movement

When Mrs. Ord Marshall, honorary secretary of the League of the Empire, was visiting Samuel Johnson's old school, the Historic Litchfield Grammar School, recently, she asked the pupils what part of the Empire they were most anxious to learn about.

There is also an individual correspondence system which brings young people into contact with those in other parts of the Empire.

UNION RATES TO BEGIN FIRST OF NEXT JULY

Open Door in Mexico Creates Trade With British Columbia in Wheat

The fact that Mexico needs wheat and the government of that country has decided to allow it to enter duty free until September next has had the effect of making the coasting steamers busy with wheat.

ALLEGED JAPANESE SPIES IN PHILIPPINES

Recent Arrests May Lead to the Recall of Consul

Manila, March 29.—Citizens were much aroused here to-day by a widespread report that the Japanese consul is implicated with the two Japanese officers who are said to have had rough work of the Corregidor fortifications in their possession.

OPIMUM SMUGGLERS ARE STILL ACTIVE

Rise in Price of the Drug Induces Illicit Traffic

The stamping out of the opium traffic is an interesting problem. The importation of the drug into Canada and the United States is at present prohibited, and the government has endeavored to prohibit the planting of the poppy from which the seeds have been sown and which gave promise of good returns under the instructions of the government.

PARTY WILL ASCEND MOUNT MCKINLEY

Will Search for Records Claimed to Have Been Left by Dr. Cook

Tacoma, Wash., March 29.—Belmore Brown has decided finally to-day on the persons of the party which will accompany him to Mount McKinley to recover the records claimed to have been left on the summit of the highest peak in America by Dr. Cook.

GRUESOME DETAIL OF TRAGEDY. Watska, Ill., March 29.—A vivid description of the mutilated body of Banker J. B. Saylor and of the room in which he was murdered, was given on the witness stand here to-day in the trial of Mrs. Saylor, her father, John Grunden and Dr. William Miller, who are accused of the crime.

EVERETT, WASH., MARCH 29.—Sam Johnson, a logger at the Merrill & Ring camp, south of the city, was killed yesterday when his head was caught between a log he was sawing and a tree.

ALLEGED BRIBERY. Jackson, Miss., March 29.—L. C. Dulaney, a politician from whom Stato Rinko alleges he received a bribe to vote for Percy for United States senator, instead of Vardaman, was arrested to-day. He gave bond in the sum of \$5,000.

The Arion Club will give its next concert in the Victoria theatre on April 8th, commencing at 8.30 p.m.

The Germans prepare an excellent substitute for wheat, the leaves of the common strawberry plant.

KEDA COPPER MINE ABOUT TO OPEN

Amur Arrives From Queen Charlottes in Command of Capt. Richardson

The Ikeda copper mine on Moresby Island, Queen Charlottes is about to open, a number of men having gone North on the last visit of the steamer Amur.

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PAYS TRIBUTE TO LATE JUDGE BREWER

President Taft May Appoint Solicitor-General to Supreme Court

Washington, D. C., March 29.—"He was an able judge," said President Taft when he learned of the sudden death of Associate Justice David J. Brewer of the United States Supreme Court last night, and to-day Taft's simple tribute was re-echoed by all who knew the venerable jurist.

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PROBING AFFAIRS OF POLICE COMMISSION

Proceedings Opened This Morning in Judicial Investigation Being Conducted By Judge Lampman—Interesting Evidence Taken

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
Protestations that no money had ever been paid to police commissioners or police for protection of houses of ill-fame in the restricted district were made by four keepers of resorts at this morning's opening session of the police inquiry. Coupled with this, however, was an assertion by one of the quartette that houses "up-town" were given protection, and that she did not know why she should be harassed.

the list of witnesses, to say whether the men were there, and if not to give the names to Mr. Robertson.
What did you refer to in speaking of the arrangement under which the gambling houses were being allowed to run?—When the present police commission came into office the white gamblers were told to close up, and my information is that after a few days a certain party went to them and said they could open on a certain basis.

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