

CATHOLICS MAY TAKE ACTION

INVESTIGATE ST. BONIFACE HOSPITAL INCIDENT

Toronto Protestant Clergyman Denounces Statement Attributed to Priest

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—The last has not been heard of the exclusion of Mr. Brown from St. Boniface hospital...

THREE MEN PERISH

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 28.—The French steamer St. Pierre Miquelon arrived at North Sydney from Halifax...

IMPROVEMENT OF VANCOUVER HARBOR

A. D. Swan Will Confer With Civic and Commercial Bodies

Vancouver, Dec. 28.—Personally to acquaint himself with local conditions, A. D. Swan, the eminent engineer...

IMMIGRATION RETURNS

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—The Canadian immigration figures now are practically identical for the year, and amount to 1,041,555, as compared with 1,041,000 for last year.

FIGHT FOR THEATRE LICENCE

Vancouver, Dec. 28.—An application will be made in chambers before Mr. Justice Murphy to-day for a mandamus to compel the city to extend the licence of the Orpheum theatre.

NO REFERENDUM

Montreal, Dec. 28.—It was decided at the city council that there would be no referendum on the question as to whether or not the board of control should be abolished.

STRUGGLE MAY BE PROLONGED

MORE COTTON MILLS HAVE BEEN CLOSED

Another Lockout is Threatened by the Employers in Lancashire

Manchester, Eng., Dec. 28.—Both sides in the great cotton war which was brought about by the refusal of one man and two women to join a trades union and which has caused the lockout of 160,000 weavers and the closing of half time of an equal number of spindles, are determined to fight.

FIRE DESTROYS BANK BLOCK

Stonewall, Man., Dec. 23.—The Bank of Hamilton block was gutted by fire at six o'clock this morning.

SIR CHARLES' CONDITION

London, Dec. 28.—The latest report regarding the condition of Sir Charles Tupper states that he is making good progress and the physicians have stopped issuing bulletins.

ENGINEER MAY DIE FROM INJURIES

Passenger Train and Yard Engine Collide at Regina

Regina, Sask., Dec. 21.—John Hudson, an engineer, was probably fatally injured and an engine and several baggage coaches were thrown off the track in a collision between a passenger train and yard engine at 8 o'clock this morning.

MONGOLIA NOW INDEPENDENT

TERRITORY PASSES FROM CHINESE CONTROL

The Khu Tukhta Ascends the Throne—Russia Comments on the Change

St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—The ceremony of accession to the throne of the Khu Tukhta of Mongolia occurred to-day and many representatives of foreign nations attended in an unofficial capacity.

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PRISON AND "CAT" FOR HOLDUP MEN

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New York, Dec. 28.—A Calcutta dispatch to-day says that the latest news from King George's shooting camp in Nepal is that His Majesty has shot 30 tigers and 13 rhinoceroses.

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GIFT TO CHURCH

Brantford, Dec. 28.—Announcement has been made here that Major R. W. Leonard, chairman of the Transcontinental Railway Commission, has offered to donate funds to Grace church sufficient to erect a tower with a chime of bells.

DISORDER AT TABRIZ

Tabriz, Dec. 28.—(Via St. Petersburg)—A mob of reactionaries, after demonstrating against the constitution in the streets of Tabriz yesterday, destroyed the building of the Constitutional Club.

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MORE THAN FIFTY MEN SUCCUMB

PTOMAINE POISONING CLAIMS MANY VICTIMS

Inmates of Berlin Municipal Shelters Die on Way to Hospitals

Berlin, Dec. 28.—More than fifty deaths from ptomaine poisoning have occurred since December 26, at the municipal shelter for the homeless in Broedel street.

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HAVE YOU PAID? ON THE FIRST OF JANUARY, 1912, the Times will be mailed only to subscribers who have paid in advance. There will be no deviation from this rule. If the subscriber who desires to continue taking the paper the same after this issue he will understand offence, it is hoped, will be taken to this action of impossible to give a paper twice a week for one unless paid absolutely in advance. This is our intention in regard to this matter. HAVE YOU PAID?

CHINA'S PREMIER IS NOW WAVERING

REPORTED TO FAVOR REVOLUTIONARY PLANS

National Assembly Will Decide a Future Form of Government.

Shanghai, Dec. 26.—Premier Yuan Shi Kai's decision to submit the proposal for a meeting of a special national assembly to decide on the form of government in China to the consideration of Manchu, on becoming known here caused considerable satisfaction. According to the revolutionary leaders now in Shanghai, Premier Yuan Shi Kai's consent is tantamount to the admission that he himself favors a republic. It is understood that Tang Shao Yi, who is representing Premier Yuan Shi Kai here, had already informed the revolutionary leaders at the peace conference that Yuan Shi Kai personally was in favor of a republic.

Tang Shao Yi now admits that Yuan Shi Kai is in full agreement with the revolutionary plan and is only seeking to secure assurance regarding the future treatment of the imperial clan and the Manchus and also to avoid an outbreak in Peking when the final announcement is made.

When Tang Shao Yi had fully realized the true situation in the south, he telegraphed to Premier Yuan Shi Kai suggesting that an order be issued, directing the decision as to the form of government to the people of China through a national council.

The leaders of both parties here say that the coming of a republic is a matter of time. They can, in their opinion, be no question regarding the result of such a convention, which they assert can be called within thirty days.

The present attitude of the revolutionary leaders to have been fully anticipated. Every detail of the plan was already complete for the organization of a provisional government and the eventual promotion of stable government.

No reply has yet been received by Tang Shao Yi to his report to Premier Yuan Shi Kai, pointing out that the acceptance of the idea of a republic is the only means of securing peace, the revolutionaries are demanding vigorously the immediate election of a president of the republic and also that the government shall proceed without delay to the imperialists here and Peking. A conference held yesterday between Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the proposed president, and Wu Ting Fang, the chief of the revolutionary forces at the peace conference, resulted in a complete agreement between the two leaders and the revolutionaries, and they are now showing a more united front than ever.

Nanking is regarded as the suitable place for the capital of the new republic.

London, Dec. 26.—A special dispatch from Shanghai says the revolutionaries are incensed at the imperialists for the capture of Yuan Shi Kai in the Shi province, and have protested to Tang Shao Yi, representative of Yuan Shi Kai at the peace conference, against the repeated breaches of the peace conference. They have demanded the withdrawal of the troops and punishment of the officers upon whom the responsibility rests.

The revolutionary leaders insist that unless Yuan Shi Kai replies at once to the demands of the conference they will elect Dr. Sun Yat Sen president. Tang Shao Yi explained that the imperialists had occupied Tao Yuan Shi only after the rebels had deserted the town. He forwarded the demands to Peking.

Peking, Dec. 26.—Premier Yuan Shi Kai has submitted to the Manchu emperor the proposal emanating from Shanghai for the meeting of a special national assembly to decide the future form of government which shall be adopted for China. This step by the premier practically means that he asks the court to decide its own fate, because the members of such a national assembly would decide in favor of a republic.

WOMAN KILLED IN STREET CAR WRECK

SCORE OF PERSONS SUSTAIN INJURIES

Motorman Loses Control of Car, Which Strikes Open Switch.

Toronto, Dec. 26.—One woman killed and a score of persons injured, some fatally, as a result of a tragic accident in Toronto shortly before 7 o'clock Sunday night. A westbound Yonge street car, crammed to capacity with church-going passengers, got beyond the motorman's control on the slippery rails while descending the steep grade of the open bridge and crashing past the accustomed stopping place at the King street barns, struck at open switch at St. Lawrence street. The car veered south, but its speed was too great to make the turn safely and it crashed over its side.

The panic-stricken passengers piled in heaps amid snows of broken glass and splintered wood, struggled desperately. The men clambered out of the uppermost windows above their heads, while the women and children made their way to the doors and windows at the ends of the car. As the car capsized, some of the passengers went through the windows underneath and were pinned under the car, one of them being the first victim, Mrs. Alfred Deacon, of 23 Elmer avenue.

The workmen from the car barns, who were first to the rescue, jacked up the rear end of the car to remove some of the injured passengers and it is believed that this threw the weight on the car capsized, some of the passengers went through the windows underneath and were pinned under the car, one of them being the first victim, Mrs. Alfred Deacon, of 23 Elmer avenue.

The circumstances surrounding the death of Mrs. Jessie Deacon are particularly sad. She was the wife of Captain Alfred Deacon, commander of a training ship in the British navy, and had come to Toronto with her husband on a Christmas visit, only to witness the death of Captain Deacon's mother, a sufferer from cancer, who died on Saturday at her home, 23 Elmer avenue, and whose funeral was fixed for Tuesday.

Captain Deacon is expected to be sufficiently recovered from his injuries to attend the double funeral which will now be held.

The car fatality is being taken seriously by the police and by the street railway officials. To-day an inquest was opened by Coroner George Graham on the body of Mrs. Deacon. The proceedings were formal, the jury viewing the body and taking identification evidence and then adjourning until Thursday next. The first evidence will probably include that of Captain Alfred Deacon, husband of the victim, who has to leave to rejoin his ship at Plymouth, England, his leave having expired.

After the opening of the inquest, Coroner Graham proposed that the jury visit the scene of the tragedy, which was carried out by the street railway officials. A car of the same type as that which was wrecked was weighted with iron bars and run at full speed over the tracks and switches, and it is possible that with the weight of passengers the test car would have gone over, reproducing Sunday night's accident. Car No. 1052, the wrecked vehicle, was removed last night to a spot where it would not obstruct the traffic.

A special policeman was detailed by the coroner to see that its mechanism was not tampered with pending an investigation by experts.

Coroner Graham to-day engaged two consulting engineers, J. F. H. Wyse, of the Ontario railway board, and James Bannon of Toronto city, who examined the wreckage to report on the condition of the wrecked car's equipment.

At the hospital to-day it was stated that Robert Hall, 725 Gerrard street, was sinking and was not expected to live through the day. The base of Hall's skull was fractured. Arthur Blaw of 77 Victoria street, who has been sinking in a critical condition. The other injured persons are doing well and are expected to recover.

Moore, the motorman, held on a charge of manslaughter, is still detained in the Walton avenue police station, but being refused him because of the absence from the city of Crown Attorney Corley. It is probable that he will be released on bail to-morrow.

INSTANTLY KILLED.

MORE PATRONS FOR CITY'S LIGHT SYSTEM

Manager of Private Company at Winnipeg Predicts Failure for Civic Plant.

Winnipeg, Dec. 26.—So popular has the civic power and light service proved in Winnipeg and so large a number of patrons of the private company have gone over to the city that the private company is resorting to page advertisements in the local papers calling attention to the weak spots in the civic system and forecasting ultimate ruin for the civic system.

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CHRISTMAS DAY IN OTHER CITIES

HOW WINNIPEGGERS OBSERVED FESTIVAL

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

PERSIANS MASSACRED BY RUSSIAN TROOPS

Five Hundred Persians, Including Many Women and Children, Reported to Have Been Slain at Resht—Officials Killed During Bombardment.

London, Dec. 26.—A massacre has been going on in Resht since Saturday, according to official Persian telegrams received in London today. These state that on Sunday five hundred Persians were killed by the Russians, many of them being women and children. The people, it is said, have been exhorted not to fight and not to give the slightest provocation, but the massacres continue.

Resht is the capital of the province of Gilian and has 40,000 inhabitants. The government has been bombarded and many government officials and police have been killed. Private houses have been demolished.

According to other dispatches, the Russians killed four unarmed Armenians in the Armenian quarter of Tabriz, during the fighting in that city.

"The people of Persia," says a dispatch, "are stupefied at the attitude of Russia, especially as these outrages have followed immediately upon the acceptance of the Russian ultimatum, and when Persia has shown every desire and disposition to conciliate Russia and establish friendly relations."

The proclamation of martial law at Tehran following the dismissal of W. Morgan Shuster by the Persian cabinet and the fragmentary reports received as to a bloody massacre by Russian soldiers at Resht, are causing serious apprehension.

Additional information regarding the reported massacre has been received from Tehran. The main trouble occurred last Sunday when the killed at Resht are said to have numbered 500, including some women and children. Direct dispatches from Tehran make no reference to these casualties and a report from the Russian consul at that point states that order has now been restored, although he is preparing for further outbreaks.

The strategic point of Tabriz, 350 miles to the northwest of Tehran, is another centre of constant collisions between the Russian and Persian elements. One report says the Russian army swept the streets while another through Russian sources says a reign of anarchy exists, even the banks being without adequate guard.

Appalling Picture. Tehran, Dec. 26.—The cabinet yesterday notified W. Morgan Shuster, the American treasurer-general of Persia, of his dismissal from that office. This follows the decision of the national council and the ministry to submit to the demands contained in the Russian ultimatum.

The cabinet intimated to Mr. Shuster that they would communicate to him later their plans for turning over his accounts to a successor in Persia. An indignation meeting was held after the announcement of Mr. Shuster's dismissal was made to protest against the so-called coup d'etat, but the crowds were dispersed by the police.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—Further than a message from American Consul Paddock at Tabriz, stating the entire American colony there was assembled on Christmas Day and that everyone was well, the state department has heard nothing from Persia. Officials attribute the lack of reports from Tehran to the fact that the legation there has assumed that this government is being kept informed by the press dispatches.

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TWO STEAMERS FOUNDER IN STORM

SERIOUS LOSS OF LIFE IN BAY OF BISCAY

Seven Survivors of British Vessel Picked Up By Passing Steamer.

Glasgow, Dec. 26.—The British steamer Gullenot, from London for Genoa, founded in the Bay of Biscay on December 21. The captain and fifteen of her crew were lost. Seven survivors were picked up by the British steamer Lincoln and landed here today.

Immediately after rescuing the survivors the Lincoln sighted a Spanish steamer, whose name she could not disclose, in distress. Before the Lincoln was able to proceed to her assistance the Spanish vessel foundered with all hands.

PIONEER MISSIONARY DEAD. Rev. C. Cockman Passes Away at Age of Seventy-One. Toronto, Dec. 26.—Rev. Christopher Cockman, an aged minister of the Methodist church, passed away yesterday at his home at Weston. Mr. Cockman was 71 years of age and had preached for over 45 years. He entered the ministry in 1868, and his first circuit was at Drayton, Ont. During his ministry among other places he had charge of Berlin, Port Arthur, Waterton, Niagara and Fort Erie. During his earlier career he was a pioneer missionary in the southwest.

BOY FROZEN TO DEATH. Quebec, Dec. 26.—Frozen to death a short distance from his parents' home, was the fate which overtook Alexis Talbot, a lad of 16 years, at Lavall, Montgomery county. The young man had left on a hunting expedition. On Thursday morning he saw a splendid caribou pass through the fields and took to the wood near the farmhouse and did not return. A search was organized and his body discovered.

RELEASED ON PAROLE. Winnipeg, Dec. 26.—Charles Warren, sentenced recently for forging street-car tickets of the Winnipeg Electric Railway Company, has been released on parole. The prisoner was in such delicate health that it was feared that he would not live out his term of twelve months in jail.

MAY DIE FROM INJURIES. Spokane, Wash., Dec. 26.—Pitched head first from a sleigh in a runaway at 6 o'clock last evening, George Huld, 18 years old, struck a stump with terrific force, fracturing his skull. He is unconscious at St. Luke's hospital and his life is despaired of.

LIBERAL POLICY PROVES POPULAR Alberta's Premier Outlines Programme for Present Session. Winnipeg, Dec. 26.—Hon. A. L. Sifton, Premier of Alberta, who is spending Christmas with his father, Hon. J. W. Sifton, states that the extensive liberal policy of the Alberta government, the extension of municipal powers to rural districts, the adoption of single tax principles for all municipalities and the placing of absolute equality so far as the franchise is concerned, are the principal matters which were discussed at this session of the Legislature of Alberta. He says that all of them appear to be favorably received by both the people and the House.

TRAVELLER'S WILL. Toronto, Dec. 26.—The sum of \$41,943.94 was the estate of Charles Francis Douglas, a traveller who died November 16 at Penitence, in the Okanagan Valley, B. C. Commissioners owing to the deceased are estimated at \$5,000; land and improvements in Victoria, B. C., and Moose Jaw at \$7,500; stocks, \$8,250; cash on hand, \$208.25; cash in bank, \$414.79; two shares in Prentice Train Control Syndicate, \$200; automobile, \$300; equity in Brandon, Man., property, \$4,500; equity in Fort William in Vancouver real estate, \$2,000. The will leaves everything to the deceased's widow, Mrs. Margaret Janet Douglas.

SAVES TWO LIVES. Chicago, Dec. 26.—Adrian S. (Captain) Anson, veteran of the baseball diamond, saved two young boys from drowning in a lagoon at Jackson Park yesterday afternoon. Anson was playing golf when he saw the two boys break through the thin ice of the lagoon and sink from sight. Plunging into the lagoon, Anson rescued and swam to shore with one boy at a time. While making his two trips into the icy water Anson was severely chilled, but said he expected no bad effects from the exposure.

TWO FIRES. Winnipeg, Dec. 26.—According to reports received here to-day, several buildings were destroyed by fire at Kenora, Sask., yesterday. The loss is \$50,000. At Shoal Lake, Man., several buildings, including the Jubilee hotel, were burned. The loss is \$20,000.

CONFESSES MURDER. Nelson, Dec. 26.—The confession of Albert Balsom has solved the mystery of the double murder which occurred in the early hours of Saturday morning, when Caleb Barton and Jack Saxon were shot to death in the Manhattan saloon.

ITALIANS REPULSE ATTACK BY ARABS

COLD WAVE SWEEPS OVER MANTOBA

Fighting Lasts Six Hours—Another Attack on Ginzara Imminent.

London, Dec. 26.—The Malta correspondent of the Chronicle sends a letter received from Tripoli describing the recent surprise and attack by 16,000 Arabs with artillery, on Alinzara.

The attack was so fierce that the Italians were able to repulse the army only after six hours of hard fighting, during which they repeatedly required reinforcements.

Other reports from Tripoli say another determined attack on Alinzara is imminent. No serious fighting has taken place during Christmas.

From Masawa, capital of the Italian colony of Eritrea, comes an account of the seizure by an Italian cruiser in the Red Sea of the Turkish hospital ship Kaisersherk. The vessel was flying the Red Cross on the mast, but it is said she was being used for transport. This suspicion was confirmed by the discovery that there were no medicines or surgical instruments on the vessel.

Seventy-five Turks Killed. Tripoli, Dec. 26.—General Fremont reports that in an engagement at Derna on December 15 the Turks had 75 men killed. At Torburk on Friday an Italian detachment, protecting the construction of a fortification, was fiercely attacked. The fighting continued for six hours, with the Italian having killed and fifteen wounded.

TO CLOSE ITALIAN BANKS. Constantinople, Dec. 26.—The Turkish government announces its intention to close all the Italian banks and similar establishments operating in Turkey.

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LAND SPECULATION. The morning paper yesterday dealt somewhat exhaustively with a topic which it was pleased to designate "Fraudulent Flotations."

While the Canadian government is sucking its thumbs and meditating on the best way to block the development of a naval policy in keeping with the place of the Dominion in the chain of the Five Nations, Australia is giving the world a demonstration of how to take her position as a link in that chain.

THE POLICING THE PACIFIC. The Board of Trade and the Real Estate Exchange in their conspiracy to worry the government will now have to fall back on the single complaint that the registry office is inadequately manned and that the rules governing the transaction of public business somewhat hamper rather than expedite such matters.

ARTHUR HAWKES. Hon. Arthur Hawkes, special immigration commissioner of the Borden government, who claims that his appeal to the British born was "appreciated which followed up by a vigorous platform and press propaganda, did much, perhaps more, than any other special effort to secure the victory which has given more hope to British Imperialists the world over than anything else that has happened within living memory."

HAS NARROW ESCAPE. Seattle, Wash., Dec. 27.—The daring of Fred Tressel, a conductor on a street car saved the life of 14-year-old Frank Rossner after he had been knocked from the Salmon Bay trestle over the Great Northern tracks on Monday and had landed in a tangle of telegraph wires 40 feet above the ground.

BURNED TO DEATH IN JAIL. St. Helena, Cal., Dec. 28.—An intendant umbrella maker, whose name is unknown, was burned to death in the jail here. He had been drinking and because he raised a disturbance was locked up. It is believed his bedding caught fire from matches he had in his pockets.

BROKEN RAIL CAUSES WRECK. Laramie, Wyo., Dec. 27.—Union Pacific westbound train No. 7, running 40 miles an hour, was wrecked twenty-four miles west of here. The engine left the track on account of a broken rail and was followed by the first three cars. The dining car chef was injured and a number of passengers were slightly hurt. A relief train with surgeons and the wrecker were sent from here.

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On the Sado Maru, which arrived at the Outer Wharf this morning from Yokohama, were Rev. A. and Mrs. Jennings, of the China Inland Mission, who are settled at Lu Cheng, in the south eastern portion of Shan Si province. Mr. Jennings is returning to Europe on furlough, while his wife, who is a native of Scranton, Penn., is visiting her friends with the two children, who were born in China, and have not yet seen their American relatives.

While they had contemplated leaving their station in the Spring they were delayed by a few days through hearing that the railway between Pekin and Honkow had been disturbed by the revolutionary troops, but this fortunately proved to have been only temporary, as the tracks had been repaired, and traffic was proceeding uninterruptedly at that time.

They went down country by mule train, without any escort, and were not disturbed, the province of Shan Si having been one of the few to show sympathy with the revolutionary cause, and Mr. Jennings explained that at any rate so far as the northern provinces were concerned, the white residents were in no danger on this occasion. As a matter of fact they left some English missionaries at work, and engaged in building operations at the mission as if nothing had happened, and he said that, however, there were few missionaries to be seen, most of them congregating at Shanghai by advice of the foreign consul.

As one who went through the Boxer trouble being then stationed in the same vicinity as his present post, and had a perilous journey for forty days in which six of the fourteen members of his party were murdered en route, he was surprised how little the present disturbances affected the white people in the country. The war was, however, purely a civil struggle and the attacks which had taken place on missionaries travelling to the coast were due to robber bands who had seized the opportunity of the civil disorder to assault and rob the foreigners. Such he thought were the motives of the Japanese, who had been at Sian Fu, and of the assault on Rev. and Mrs. Blom by irregular soldiery at Honan Fu on their way to the coast from their station at Chung Chung, south-western Shan Si.

Mr. Jennings said that he had seen quite well personally, and Mrs. Blom was now in the hospital at Shanghai in a serious condition. This party, however, reached safety a day or two after the Sado Maru left Shanghai for Japanese ports, so he did not see them. He had hoped to spend Christmas on American soil, as his wife had not been at home for some years, but a delay of a week in Yokohama had delayed matters so that they spent Yuletide at sea.

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Mexico City, Dec. 28.—A body of troops consisting of nearly 1,000 rurales has been ordered from the provinces of Nuevo Leon and Tamaulipas to the province of Coahuila to co-operate in the campaign against General Emilio Zenteno. In the opinion of government officials the releasing of troops in the northern districts of the Coahuila will lead to the speedy elimination of General Zenteno.

Death may be the penalty General Bernardo Reyes will pay for his efforts to overthrow President Madero. It is expected he can expect a ten years' imprisonment. The Mexican law provides for the death sentence for the crime of inciting to rebellion.

It is not generally believed that a trial in the penitentiary for the venal prisoner, with his 74 years, will do him any good.

A military court, however, will pass judgment on him. The court will consist of two generals of division and six brigadiers, with Gen. Alejandro Paz, chief of Reyes' staff when he was minister of war under President Madero, as presiding officer. Gen. Paz has been chief magistrate of the military court.

Although he had retired from the army, Gen. Reyes was entitled under military law to receive honor from the army as though in active service. He is liable to punishment by a military court for offenses committed against the army. His offense consisted in calling upon the army to rise in rebellion.

Orders have been sent to General Zenteno at Monterrey to have Reyes brought to the capital at the earliest possible date. It is expected he will arrive here by the end of the present week, and that little time will be lost in placing him on trial.

Takes All Blame Linares, Mex., Dec. 28.—"I alone am responsible for the affair," said General Bernardo Reyes here. "I ask clemency and even pardon for the few men who followed me, but for myself, I am judged according to law."

Reyes said the situation had been misrepresented to him. "That as soon as I would cross the border the country would rise, that in China alone there were awaiting 600 men. Do you know how many I found there? One man and so I judged the situation although too late, that I realized that the people wanted no more war. I might have maintained a guerrilla warfare, but I considered that unjustifiable and determined to submit. Now my desire is that I may be the only victim. With my own ashes I hope to be able to suffocate the flame of revolt."

Test of Madero's Strength Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—The treatment to be accorded Gen. Bernardo Reyes, now that he has surrendered, is expected to prove a sensitive test of the stability of the Madero government. Under the Mexican military code, the punishment prescribed for rebellion is death, but state department officials are inclined to believe that a sentence will not be imposed.

It is believed that the military commission that will try Gen. Reyes will be accompanied by a recommendation for clemency. President Madero himself is the only agency who can exercise the pardoning power, and his degree of confidence he feels in his own ability to maintain a true republican form of government in Mexico.

American Consul Garrett, at Nuevo Laredo, and Consul-General Hanna, at Monterrey, Mexico, to-day confirmed to the state department the surrender of Gen. Bernardo Reyes near Linares.

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS

Victoria Meteorological Office. December 29th to 31st, 1911. Victoria—Bright sunshine, 13 hours 6 minutes; highest temperature, 50 on 29th; lowest, 30 on 29th; rain, .75 inch. Vancouver—Bright sunshine, 11 hours 48 minutes; highest temperature, 46 on 29th; lowest, 28 on 29th; rain, 1.03 inches; snow, .06 inch. New Westminster—Highest temperature, 46 on 29th; lowest, 30 on 29th; rain, 1.05 inches; snow, .08 inches; total, .38 inches. Kamloops—Highest temperature, 56 on 29th; lowest, 6 on 29th; precipitation, .51 inch. Barkerville—Highest temperature, 38 on 29th; lowest, 8 below zero on 29th; precipitation, 1.44 inches. Prince Rupert—Highest temperature, 51 on 29th; lowest, 32 on 4 days; rain, .22 inch. Athol—Highest temperature, 31 on 29th; lowest, 8 below zero on 29th; snow, .40 inch. Dawson—Highest temperature, 4 below zero on 29th; lowest, 36 below zero on 29th; snow, 1 inch.

PASSES AWAY AT BANQUET

Montreal, Dec. 28.—A tragic ending was given to the Masonic festivities connected with St. John's Day when Worshipful Brother Allen Austen of the Royal Victoria lodge, fell ill during the lodge banquet and died almost immediately. Other lodges throughout the city were immediately informed by telephone and brought an end to the festivities. Mr. Austen was a partner in the firm of Austen & Laverty, wholesalers, of this city.

RICH SILVER STRIKE

Nelson, Dec. 27.—The Silver Hoard ore shoot on the Delle claim at Alsworth has widened from eight to seventeen feet, with a face of ore fifteen feet high, and old-timers in the camp say this is one of the biggest strikes ever made in West Kootenay," declared William S. Hawley, part owner of the Silver Hoard group.

He has a letter from A. D. Wheeler, one of the best posted mining men in the Northwest, stating that he made an examination of the big strike a few days ago and reports it to be the best he has ever seen in the camp. Mr. Wheeler has lived at Alsworth for twenty-seven years and owns the Gallagher group that joins the Silver Hoard on the north. Mr. Hawley has now six months' supplies at the camp and a crew of seven men. The new tunnel to cut the Delle ore shoot at 150 feet is now in 210 feet and should reach ore in the next ten days.

BIG FORCE NOW AT WORK ON RAILWAY

Canadian Northern Has 5,400 Men Between Port Mann and Kamloops

Vancouver, Dec. 27.—Returns received at the Vancouver executive office of the C. N. R. show that the total number of men employed on construction work between Port Mann and Kamloops is 5,400, a slight gain over the figures for November. It is expected that with the opening up of big cuts along the grade, the payrolls will contain nearly 7,000 names before the end of January.

SAANICH COUNCIL HAS BUSY SESSION

They Discuss Greater Victoria Scheme—Victoria & Sidney Railway Station

The Saanich council dealt on Saturday with the results of the "Greater Victoria" campaign in the district last week.

It was the only one that considered the time opportune to discuss the scheme and the resolution passed at that meeting asking the council of Saanich to appoint a committee of five persons to investigate the proposal and report was passed; the committee being named as follows: F. Stackpole, K. C., chairman; Geo. McGregor, W. J. Scott, F. J. Sherwood, and R. S. Thompson.

Another matter dealt with was the plebiscite as to whether or not to improve the city of Saanich by being presented by fifty-seven ratepayers asking that the question be submitted to the people at the forthcoming election. The committee of five persons was asked to arrange for a plebiscite and a plebiscite taken was carried unanimously.

A committee consisting of the reeve, Councillors Grant and Layritz was appointed to wait on the manager of the P. & S. Railway to discuss the Royal Oak station and its approach to the city. The municipality owns all the approach to the station except a 20-ft. right-of-way, and also a portion of the station grounds. The committee was asked to arrange for convening station facilities in exchange for the use of part of its property. Other disputed points will also be discussed. On recommendation of the superintendent of the P. & S. Railway was asked to furnish a plan showing where it is proposed to lay the water main to Sooke Lake, within Saanich municipality.

Division plans continue to pour into the Saanich council chamber for acceptance, and notwithstanding the council's refusal in the past to accept the plan, it is believed that the council will accept the plan of section 32, Lake district, on Cordova Bay, was referred to have lots made at least fifty feet from the subdivision of lot 29, Lake Hill, on Sooke Lake, was referred to the road superintendent for report on condition of proposed streets. H. H. Canfield submitted lots 87 and 102, section 50, which shows a narrow reserve obstructing the continuation of Mountain street was returned pending the removal of the obstruction. A subdivision of the Pass property, adjacent to Strawberry Vale hall, was referred to Inspector Pim for report.

The superintendent's report on the quit Park subdivision disclosed that the survey stakes and the plan did not correspond, and an explanation will be asked for.

A plan of lots 2 and 3, block J, section 62, Seaward avenue and Tolmie avenue, was accepted. Lot 74, section 7, McLeod, on Tennyson and Dupplin road, took the same course; and also lot 8, section 33, Victoria district, near the old Tolmie homestead.

The government sent a cheque for \$124.75 for road work, which was received and filed.

H. F. Olfeld claimed compensation for damages alleged to be caused by the construction of Prospect Lake road. Received and filed.

The fence-viewers reported their award under the Ditches and Waters Courses Act on the dispute between McEdden & Mould vs. Olfeld, as follows: Municipality to ditch road allowance, cost \$3.00. Mr. Olfeld to pay expenses, McEdden & Mould, \$50 and owners of section 55 and 57, to jointly maintain an arch and ditch annually before October. The report was adopted.

MONEY NEEDED FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES

Nanaimo Ratepayers Will Be Asked to Authorize Loan of \$50,000

Nanaimo, Dec. 27.—At the last meeting of the city council a communication was received from C. W. White, secretary of the B. C. Library Association, requesting the council to pass a resolution endorsing the association's request for a "Public Libraries Act." On motion the report was referred to the legislative committee for report.

Ald. McKinnell asked if the legislative committee had any report to make in reference to the question referred to it some time ago of getting out plans for the reclamation of the Tide Flats.

Ald. Busby stated in reply the committee had placed the matter in the engineer's hands but as yet the committee had no report to make.

Ald. McKinnell proposed the local member was now in the city and something should be done in the matter during his presence here.

Ald. Shaw remarked the board of trade had asked the mayor before Mr. Shepherd, the local member, and he thought a report would be forthcoming in the near future.

Ald. Kinnell urged the committee to make its report and place plans before the council as soon as possible in order that the plans be fully considered before being forwarded to Ottawa.

On motion of Ald. Shaw, seconded by Ald. Busby, nomination day for the municipal elections was fixed as Monday, January 8, and elections on Thursday, January 11, with E. G. Peto as returning officer.

Ald. Shaw was granted permission to introduce a by-law to exceed \$50,000 for school purposes. In support of the proposed by-law Ald. Shaw remarked the present school accommodation was entirely inadequate and it had become absolutely necessary for the city to provide accommodation for its increased school population.

FIRE DESTROYS RESIDENCE

Revelstoke, Dec. 27.—What might have been a most disastrous fire occurred last week at Comaplix, when the residence of Chief Young was reduced to ashes. The government buildings were also badly damaged. Comaplix fire brigade, by rapid fire fighting, confined the fire to the residence destroyed.

IS ANXIOUS TO AVOID BLOODSHED

Dowager Empress of China Sanctions Calling of National Convention

Pekin, Dec. 28.—The decision of the meeting of the Manchu Princes and Premier Yuan Shi Kai to submit the question of the future of government of China to a national convention, was followed quickly by an imperial edict in these terms:

"Dr. Wu Ting Fang, the chief of the revolutionary delegates to the peace conference at Shanghai, and others contend that the people of China desire a republic. This question neither the government nor a national convention can decide. The revolutionaries are able to decide the future of the country. The princes and the members of the Imperial clan agree to let the cabinet arrange for a conference to arrange for an extension of the armistice.

"The dowager empress sanctions the calling together of a conference, and is desirous to avoid bloodshed and bring happiness to the people of China, according to the wishes of the majority."

JAIL QUARANTINED

Nelson, Dec. 28.—The provincial jail here is quarantined owing to a case of smallpox developing. The victim is Thomas Hart, of her men from Cranbrook twelve days ago on a charge of fighting. Hart has been taken to the pest-house and the prisoners, the warden, the guards and the warden's family, have been vaccinated. A case of smallpox has also been discovered at the Vanor mines. The mine has been quarantined.

POACHERS ARRESTED

Montreal, Dec. 28.—Game Warden Griffiths of the Association for the Protection of Fish and Game in Quebec, arrested 31 men at Caribou Lake in St. Maurice county and seized nearly a ton of red trout, and a number of beaver, muskrat, mink, marten and otter skins. The fishermen had set out Sunday and had set their lines on the ice of Lake Caribou, and their catch had been enormous.

PATROLMAN ROBBED

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 28.—Patrolman Timothy Moynihan, attached to the city treasurer's office, was attacked and robbed of \$1,375 to-day while on his way from the city hall to the city garbage plant. The money was taken by the construction of Prospect Lake road. Received and filed.

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NANAIMO MAYORALTY

Nanaimo, Dec. 27.—A three-cornered fight for the mayoralty in district No. 1, James R. McKinnell, alderman for the middle ward, having definitely decided to enter the lists in the forthcoming municipal elections.

When interviewed, McKinnell stated he would enter the contest with a platform which if carried into effect would mean much for the advancement of Nanaimo and district.

With Ald. McKinnell's decision to be a mayoralty candidate, there are now three candidates definitely in the field, the other two being Ald. John Shaw and Ex-mayor Thomas Hodgson.

NE TEMERE CASE IN DUBLIN COURT

Irish Catholic Farmer Seeks Annulment of Mid-Night Marriage

London, Dec. 28.—The "ne temere" case is now before Justice Kenny and a special jury in Dublin, in a case where an Irish Catholic farmer seeks a declaration that his secret midnight marriage with a Catholic servant in his mother's employment is null and void, because, though celebrated by a priest, it was not performed before one witness instead of two, as required by the decree of the Council of Trent and the "ne temere" decree.

A large array of leading counsel on each side are arguing for and against the validity of the decrees in relation to the common law of Ireland.

The respondent's contention is that, while as a Catholic, he has every respect for the decrees of his church, they are absolutely without legal force in effect in an English-governed country.

BRITISH STEAMER LOOTED BY PIRATES

Attacked by Chinese While on Voyage From Hongkong to Canton

Hongkong, Dec. 28.—Traffic along the West river is generally quiet, but occasional piracy occur. The British steamer Szeayap from Hongkong to Canton was attacked and looted by sixty armed pirates, who succeeded in carrying off cash, arms, ammunition and sundries to the total value of about \$20,000. The crew was unarmed and unable to offer any resistance. None of them were harmed.

IS IN FAVOR OF CHINESE REPUBLIC

Premier's Representative Replies to Cable Sent by Six Companies

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 28.—Tang Shao Yi, Imperial peace commissioner at Shanghai, informed the Chinese Six Companies yesterday that he is in favor of the republican form of government for China and will do all he can towards its establishment.

This message was in answer to one sent by the Six Companies calling on the representative of Premier Yuan Shi Kai to support the republican movement by cable yesterday that the Chinese in America.

Shanghai Conference. Shanghai, Dec. 28.—An informal meeting between Wu Ting Fang and Tang Shao Yi, the leaders of the revolutionaries and imperialists, took place yesterday when Yuan Shi Kai's proposal to submit the future form of government of China to a special national assembly was considered. There is reason to believe that, while in principle the revolutionaries agree to this proposal, they are not ready to consent to the delay because they fear that the imperialists will take the opportunity to strengthen their forces and finances.

Japan's Attitude. Tokyo, Dec. 28.—At a conference between the members of the Japanese cabinet and some of the elder statesmen it was decided, according to the Kokumin Shimbun and the Yamato, that in the event of the Chinese rebels insisting on a republic, Japan would place no obstacles in the way. This political aim is calculated to best maintain the territorial integrity of China. Both of the newspaper men, formerly premier and minister of finance, who was present at the conference.

ENDS HIS LIFE

Vancouver, Dec. 27.—For reasons at present unknown to police or coroner, William Perry Kniffer, a Canadian, 22 years of age, took his life by drinking carbolic acid. He took the fatal draught at 927 Pender street east. The young man was employed at the Hastings sawmill. Kniffer was a married man. The police are investigating the circumstances of the man's death and the events leading up to it.

SEEK TO EXCLUDE AMERICAN JEWS

Nationalists Submit Proposal in Russian Douma—The Tariff War

St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—A supplementary legislative proposal of a frankly prohibitive character was introduced by the Nationalists in the Douma, yesterday. It is aimed directly at the American Jews. According to its terms, American citizens of the Jewish religion are to be totally excluded from Russia, and in the second place customs duties are to be raised by 100 per cent unless the Russian government is lower than that of an American. In that case a duty equaling the American duty will be collected. The author of the bill states that the last provision is necessary to deal with the importation of American agricultural machinery.

A proposal introduced in the Douma by ex-President Guickoff, providing for an increase in the tariff of American products imported into Russia, has stirred business circles. The National Council of the Congresses of Industry and Commerce met here yesterday to discuss the subject while the central committee of the Octoberists has been summoned to meet at Moscow. M. Guickoff explained that the proposed duty on American cotton signified a menace to the United States, but that the measure would be subjected to serious consideration before it was adopted. The Douma has already voted to submit the proposal to the financial committee.

Proposed Boycott. Washington, D. C., Dec. 28.—The movement in Russia to boycott American machinery is growing. The state department was advised yesterday that members of the council at Moscow and Kurak have petitioned the Douma to act.

STREET CAR WRECKED

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 28.—While the Owl car on the Port Wright electric line was on its return trip to the city shortly after 1 o'clock this morning it left the rails near the Great Northern track, ran about 40 feet and struck a tree. Conductor David Alpers' leg was broken and will have to be amputated. Motorman Brendendahl was injured. The car was badly wrecked and it took the police who went to the scene about an hour to extricate the men. There were no passengers on the car.

MAKES STRONG PLEA FOR SIKHS

Dr. Sunder Singh Speaks on Immigration Question at Toronto

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 28.—"We do not ask a great boon from the government at Ottawa," said Dr. Sunder Singh, the Sikh representative at a meeting here. "But what we do look for is British fair play."

The Punjab orator made a splendid plea for his people, explaining that the abolishment of the emigration clause, which calls for a continuous voyage across the water to the ports of India, is necessary to tranship at Hongkong, and when a Sikh does that he comes under the immigration laws. If this clause were done away with, according to Dr. Sunder Singh, the Sikhs at present in Canada would be allowed to bring over their wives and children and live as men, not outcasts, as at present. The speaker assured the audience that there would be no great rush and said that 1,000 would be the largest estimate of those wishing to bring their families here.

"I may say that in the present state of unrest in India it is but adding fuel to the fire for the Canadian government to continue this harsh treatment against the Sikhs."

CHARGE AGAINST REYES

Mexican General Will Be Placed on Trial at Early Date

Mexico City, Dec. 28.—It is rumored that the Mexican government is about to ask for the extradition of Emilio Vasquez Gomez, former minister of the interior, from the United States. Gomez is heading a revolutionary party and according to the latest information he is in San Antonio. All efforts to ascertain the truth of the rumor as to the request for his extradition have been futile. The only office of Gomez, if he has committed any, is said to be of a political nature, for which he cannot be extradited.

General Reyes will arrive in the capital to-night, according to the self on his arrival there will be placed under guard in something better than the penitentiary or the military prison. The case against him will be disposed of at an early date. Many pleas for leniency have been entered on General Reyes' behalf, but among military men the hope is said to exist that the penalty for his crime will be strictly enforced on the ground that Reyes has brought ignominy and discredit to the army.

WELCOME RAIN

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 28.—Beginning early this morning rain began falling, causing joy among ranchers and fruit growers generally. They declared that the rain would tend to lessen the damage done to the citrus fruits by the recent cold snap. That was especially the view taken in the San Bernardino valley.

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BURGLARS AT NANAIMO

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CAMORRISTS' TRIAL STILL DRAGS ALONG

Taking of Evidence Hampered by Frequent Tilts in the Courtroom

Viterbo, Italy, Dec. 28.—Although the trial of the Camorristi is dragging slowly along, the public is impatient on account of the war. It is the intention of the opposing counsel to push the hearing through to the end. The taking of evidence in the hearing, which has been going on since early last March, has been greatly hampered by the clashes which are daily occurring between the witnesses and the prisoners, and sometimes between the opposing counsel.

WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH CELEBRATION

Mayor of Chicago Decides New Year's Eve Festivities May Be Held as Usual

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Prayer service was held in many churches last night for the purpose of wishing, if possible, the action of Mayor Harrison in announcing that the New Year's eve celebrations in downtown Chicago, Bay post from which mail could be sent on the route of the gold seekers. The party have with them provisions sufficient to last a year, but in case of emergency have firearms, and expect to augment their supplies with what wild game they may be able to kill on the trail. The party is made up of eight experienced prospectors and explorers, several of whom have had experience in the country over the old Edmonton and White Pass trails. The party is headed by Will Donaldson, of Cobalt, also a Klondike miner, and former manager of the City of Cobalt and Wyandotte mines at Cobalt.

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Reports of Russian Progress Arouses Feeling in Great Britain

London, Dec. 28.—The reports in the daily press that the Russian government has decided upon stern measures to suppress disorders in Persia, which, owing to the destruction of the telegraph lines, makes it impossible to get reliable news of the outbreaks, has given the Persian situation one of the gravest complexities. As reports of Russian progress in Persia and stories of the indiscriminate killing of natives in Tabriz and esht and of the destruction of Persia's constitutional government under Russian menace continue to reach Britain, the people are becoming increasingly disquieted at the British government's complicity, which the foreign secretary, Sir Edward Grey, thinks is a matter of policy and, compelled by the Anglo-Russian agreement.

Doubts also have been increased as to whether Persian independence ever will be restored, to even the feeble status it had before this last assault by Russia. If parliament were sitting undoubtedly there would be severe subject and an arrangement of the foreign office. The Times is the only newspaper that strongly supports the government and it expresses considerable unhappiness over Russia's intentions hinted in St. Petersburg reports.

The Manchester Guardian, the ablest and most influential provincial Liberal paper, deplores Great Britain's attitude and questions whether the government could not have taken some stand earlier, but fears that it is now too late. In short, the whole affair is repugnant to Liberal sentiment.

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C. P. R. SELLS VESSEL TO AMERICAN CONCERN

Coastwise & Barge Company Purchases Steamer—Has Been Idle at Esquimalt.

Announcement was made this morning by the officials of the B. C. Coast Service of the purchase of the old steamer Amur by Capt. Griffiths, of Seattle, representing the Coastwise & Barge Company.

It is the intention of the company which has secured the vessel to operate her in the ore-carrying trade between Howe, B. C., and Tacoma.

The Amur has been out of service ever since she struck in Wrangell Narrows several months ago. For many years she operated on the run to northern British Columbia and Queen Charlotte Island ports.

Since she was launched the Amur has had an interesting career, having made several long trips to different parts in the world before coming to this port.

AT VANCOUVER FOR INITIAL CHRISTMAS

Embret of Japan Has Never Spent Day in Port Before—Skerries Undamaged

Vancouver, Dec. 22.—A diver spent two hours examining the hull of the steamer Skerries yesterday, and when he came to the surface he was able to state that the vessel showed no signs of having been ashore, with the exception that a little paint was rubbed off.

With 70 saloon passengers, 150 second-class and 160 stowage, the liner Makura, Captain Gibb, will sail at 11 a. m. to-morrow bound for Honolulu, Fanning Island, Suva, Auckland and Sydney.

The C. P. R. liner Empress of Japan, which arrived on Friday from the Orient, spent Christmas in Vancouver harbor for the first time.

The British steamer Willesden, which has been chartered by Dodwell & Co. to load here for the Orient, left for Vancouver this morning for Vancouver.

Miss Bertson, eldest daughter of the Danish Premier, has surprised society of Copenhagen by adopting the profession of a cabinetmaker.

More hearings are eaten than any other kind of fish.

LOCAL NEWS

Remembered Pastor—The congregation of St. John's parish remembered the faithful services of their curate, Rev. J. J. Stanley Aird, at the Christmas season, as they have done for some few years past by the presentation of a purse of money.

Must Pay into Court—The action in connection with the money of the McNeill estate has been settled. Mr. Justice Gregory having ordered that the amount claimed be paid into court by Dennis R. Harris, but his lordship has reserved the plaintiff's right to the question of interest on the sum.

School Additions—Good progress is being made in the erection of the annex for the North Ward school, which will be available on the reopening next month for the accommodation of the children.

Leaving for Australia—On the Makura when she leaves this week for the Antipodes, will be five carpenters who are anxious to take advantage of the attractive industrial conditions in the southern hemisphere.

Presentation to Choir Leader—The members of the choir of St. John's church have presented their leader and organist, G. Jennings Burnett, with a Christmas remembrance in the shape of a handsomely framed copy of the photograph recently taken of the choir in the church which the congregation will have left for the new edifice before another Christmas comes around.

Think He is Dead—The Attorney-General's department has received word from the North that there is a belief that Simon Gunn-Noot, the notorious Indian who is wanted for murder, is dead from pneumonia.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES SHOW DECREASE

Various Causes Conspire to Reduce Record of November in Public Schools.

The school attendance figures for the month of December, show a shrinkage from the expansion of the previous three months, and to the sickness which has prevailed, and also to the approach of the holiday season, which always has disastrous results to the good attendance returns for the public schools of Victoria as elsewhere.

Table with columns: School, Nov. Dec. Girls' Central, 474 452; Girls' Central, 397 382; Victoria West, 313 305; Kingston street, 286 272; Sir James Douglas, 265 254; Spring Ridge, 182 183; Hillside, 128 132; Rock Bay, 71 67.

The schools yet to send in returns are: North Ward in November, 473; South Park, 306; Fisgard, 50; and Bank street, 163.

The total number of scholars in attendance as of October was 3,842 and in November, 3,628. If by other schools show the same decrease the falling off from the November total will be conspicuous, but this is always a bad time of year for the young children, because of the holidays, particularly if they have far to go to school.

NEW WESTMINSTER MAYORALTY

New Westminster, Dec. 22.—Mr. Ald. Bryson announces that he has accepted the demands of his friends that he be a candidate for the mayoralty at the civic elections in January.

Government Wins—Mr. Justice Gregory has handed down judgment for the provincial government in the dispute over the right of the defendant to the ownership of the Comiaken school reserve in the Cowichan district. The defendant was the E. & N. Railway Company, which claimed the land reserved and when the plaintiff's attorney-general filed a caveat with the suit, the railway company recently sold the land reserved and when the plaintiff's attorney-general filed a caveat with the suit, the railway company recently sold the land reserved.

Mrs. W. Pollard Grant of Vancouver is visiting Mrs. Peter Turner of 344 Linden avenue, for a few days.

VISITING SHIPPING MASTER

Lord Inchcape Will Pass Through En Route to Sydney—Makura to Call at Fanning Island.

Lord Inchcape, better known as Sir James Lyle Mackay, will leave to-morrow from Vancouver when he sails for the Antipodes, calling here a few hours later.

Lord Inchcape is one of the foremost men connected with shipping and general business affairs between India and England. He is a director of the Suez canal, and also of the British Indian Steam Navigation Company, whose vessels go as far as Australia.

The Makura will make a special call at Fanning Island. Capt. Gibb received orders on arrival in Vancouver to include the anti-typhoid law in his ports of call, presumably to land some of the anti-typhoid vaccine at Fanning Island, a coaling depot at Fanning Island.

The government annually makes an allowance of tobacco for the men of whom there are about a hundred in the provincial jail at present time, and as the day is a holiday and the prisoners have the utmost freedom they are allowed to sit about and smoke the much-loved pipe during the morning, during which they chat with each other about the happier times when they enjoyed the luxury without restraint.

IN INTERESTS OF GOOD HIGHWAYS WILL MARK ROUTE TO PORT ALBERNI

Representative of Canadian Highway Association Waits on Minister To-day.

In pursuance of the object aimed at by the Canadian Highway Association in seeking to establish a trunk road across Canada from Alberta to Halifax, the secretary, P. W. Luce, waited on the minister of public works, Hon. Thomas Taylor, this morning.

The proposal is to visit the island in about a month's time, and the representative of the highway association, Mr. W. J. K. Foster, will probably accompany the party who will plant the posts at suitable intervals.

The following route has been suggested by Mr. Foster as the most practicable so far as British Columbia is concerned: Alberni, to Victoria, via Nanaimo, Vancouver, Westminister, Hope, Princeton, Rossland, the trail, crossing the Columbia by the new bridge now in course of construction, and via Summit Creek, along the old Dewdney trail to Creston, thence following the main trunk road into the interior. While this route cannot be considered final until all the reports from the surveyors and engineers have been submitted to the department of public works, it is not likely that any important deviation will be made.

The Canadian Highway Association is national in its scope, and although only two months old, proposes the establishment of branches in all parts of the Dominion. The intention is to hold the next annual convention in Winnipeg.

CRAIGFLOWER SCHOOLS

Resident Who Has Seen School—Pass Through All Its Vicissitudes At Once—Last Function.

An interesting incident in connection with the closing exercises of the Craigflower school Friday, when the school finally closed for the last time, was the presence there of Mrs. Thompson, who first came to Craigflower in 1852, and remembers distinctly the foundations of the school three years later.

Inspector Deane made the suggestion that the building should be used for a manual training school for boys, and domestic science school for girls. Among those in attendance were Trustees Munro, Miller, W. J. Scott and Secretary Campbell. Many old friends and pupils of the school attended and took part in the ceremony.

Drysdale Got Decision—A claim for \$75, arising out of a house contract dispute, has been settled in the plaintiff's favor by Judge Lappman. The action was that of Drysdale against Coogan, the former building a house was an understanding that if there was no rise in wages during the time of the contract there was to be a reduction of \$75. The wage rise took place but only amounted to about \$15. The defendant thought the plaintiff was entitled to that amount only. His honor thought otherwise.

FESTAL DAY IN THE INSTITUTIONS

GOOD DINNERS AND EVERYBODY HAPPY

Benevolent Entertainers Provided Pleasure for the Inmates—Large and Small.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

In the various institutions about the city yesterday different forms of entertainment were given to commemorate the annual Christmas festival. Perhaps in this connection, one's first thoughts would turn to the unfortunate people who are shut away from the world in the prison walls, but here a kindly benefactor in the person of Mr. Tranter has for over twenty years unfailingly spent most of two annual days in connection with the unhappy prisoners' entertainment.

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White, president of the club, occupying the chair, and making a short speech to the boys. Mr. Francis, of the office department, responded. Music was provided by the Association orchestra, and a little to the pleasure of the nature of the gathering.

The Strangers' Rest entertained about 150 people at dinner in the schoolroom of the Metropolitan Methodist church, which was followed by an informal and pleasant afternoon.

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COURT OF REVISION

Test Case Will be Taken Arising Out of Revision of Municipal Voters' List Recently.

Efforts are being made in labor circles to take up the challenge of the court of revision on the municipal voters' list, as suggested by Mayor Morley, when the names of the householders whose declarations were taken by C. N. Tubman and John L. Martin were struck off the lists.

The mayor then said the court would be willing to accept a judicial ruling on any case of the 22 names involved, and be guided by the decision of the judge in admitting the names, should the court so order, and as the municipal election is two weeks next Thursday action is imperative if these men and women, most of whom are small householders, are not to be disfranchised because they took their declarations before persons who believed themselves in good faith entitled to receive declarations although their commission proves to be under the Provincial Electoral Act.

Among the matters to be brought before the B. C. Union of Municipalities' executive will be the amendment of the law which establishes members of the municipal council as the common parts of the voters' list on a list in which they are directly interested as candidates for civic honors, and the executive will be asked to secure statute amendments to enable the revision to be taken before a government or municipal official who will be independent of personal interests, and free from any suggestion of partiality.

WOMEN VOTERS. Vancouver, Dec. 22.—A request has been forwarded to the city council by the District W. C. T. U. that smoking be prohibited in the polling places at the municipal elections next month, as it is stated that if this is not done many women will not vote.

The resolution covering these requests was passed at the regular meeting of the District W. C. T. U. held recently in the board room of the Central Mission. The vice-president, Mrs. Mable occupied the chair, and Mrs. Curtis president of Mt. Pleasant Union, conducted the devotional exercises.

HOTEL PLANNED FOR CADBORO BAY BEACH

Local Company Incorporated to Erect First-Class Hotel at That Resort.

A seaside and summer resort is projected by the Cadboro Bay Hotel Company, which has just been incorporated under the provincial laws. The promoters have their plans made for a splendid building at Cadboro Bay, which is expected to be equal to any seaside resort of the kind on this coast. It is understood that the work will be started at once, so that the structure may be ready for the next summer's business. The bay is one of the prettiest around Victoria and offers unlimited facilities for boating and swimming and bathing.

The incorporators of the Cadboro Bay Hotel Co. are Charles P. Allan, Warwick Winston, Conway B. Thompson, Christopher C. Tunnard and Selwyn Blake Hatfield.

The company is incorporated with a capital of two hundred thousand dollars, divided into twenty thousand shares. It is given the usual powers of a joint stock company, its objects are stated in part as follows:

"To carry on the business of hotel, restaurant, cafe, tavern, beer-house, refreshment-room, and lodging-house keepers, as licensed public amusements and sports, and as distillers, brewers, maltsters, distillers, importers and manufacturers of aerated, mineral, and artificial waters and other drinks, purveyors, and as proprietors of public amusements, generally, coach, cab, and carriage proprietors, livery-stable keepers, jobmasters, farmers, dairymen, ice merchants, importers and brokers of food, live and dead stock, and colonial and foreign produce of all descriptions, hardware, perfumers, chemists, proprietors of clubs, baths, dressing-rooms, laundries, reading, writing, and newspaper rooms, libraries, grounds, and places of amusement, recreation, sport, entertainment, and instruction of all kinds, tobacco and cigar merchants, agents for railway and shipping companies and carriers, theatrical and opera-house proprietors, entrepreneurs, and general agents."

"To purchase, build, own, charter, use, hold, equip, maintain, and operate steamships, motor-boats, sailing vessels, and other vessels, boats, and crafts, and to carry on business as carriers of freight and passengers for hire in all its branches."

"To carry on any other business which may seem to the company capable of being conveniently carried on in connection with the above, or calculated, directly or indirectly, to enhance the value of or render profitable any of the company's property or rights."

"To construct, improve, maintain, develop, work, manage, carry out, or control any roads, ways, tramways, bridges, reservoirs, watercourses, wharves, manufactories, warehouses, electric works, shops, stores, and other works and conveniences which may be calculated, directly or indirectly, to advance the company's interests; and to contribute to, subsidize, or otherwise assist or take part in the construction, improvement, maintenance, working, management, carrying-out, or control thereof."

STEAMSHIP PLANS OF C.N.R. LARGE

BOATS FOR ORIENTAL AND AUSTRALIAN RUNS

Will Also Operate Fleet of Vessels From Vancouver Via Panama Canal

A new line of steamers from Victoria to Vancouver across the Pacific to Australia, and China, independent of another line of steamers, to carry all Saskatchewan and Alberta grain along its lines through Vancouver and then in its vessels through the Panama Canal together with the positive announcement that within the next eighteen months transcontinental trains will be running from Montreal to Vancouver—such is the news that comes from the Canadian Northern railway, who is at present in San Francisco, participating in the mid-winter of California from the effects of a major operation which he undertakes in New York recently.

While it has been announced at various times that the Canadian Northern expected to enter into probable competition with the C. P. R. in its Pacific steamship service, it has never leaked out until now, however, that such service would also take in the Australian field.

A dispatch from San Francisco attributes to Sir Donald: "The plans of the Canadian Northern embrace a new line of steamships from Vancouver across the Pacific to Australia and China to compete with the present line of the Canadian Pacific steamers and with the proposed line of the Grand Trunk Pacific, which is almost ready to be placed in commission."

"The Canadian Northern is almost completed into Vancouver, the construction of the road now being carried on through Yellowhead Pass in the Rocky Mountains, and within the next eighteen months transcontinental trains will be running from Montreal to Vancouver and to Prince Rupert. A line of steamers is already in commission carrying grain from the eastern provinces of Canada to Europe for the Canadian Northern, and it is the intention to carry all grain shipped from Saskatchewan and Alberta to Europe through Vancouver and then in its vessels through the Panama Canal. This will be a line independent of the Australia-China line of steamers which will be placed in commission."

MAKES LONG VOYAGE FROM THE FAR EAST

Strathlyon Takes 21 Days to Come from Yokohama—Had Christmas Mails Aboard.

Making one of the longest trans-Pacific passages recorded for several years, the steamship Strathlyon, under charter to the West Steamship Company, arrived in Victoria Monday morning from Yokohama, Hongkong and Manila. Twenty-one days were consumed in making the run, which under ordinary conditions should have taken only sixteen days at the outside. It was figured that the ship would arrive last Thursday, but the master of the Strathlyon reports that he encountered a series of gales, which greatly retarded the progress of his vessel.

After leaving the Japanese coast, the Strathlyon was caught in a heavy storm, and she was swept from then on by the wind, while abating to a certain extent, never died down, and tremendous waves tossed the big steamship about. On several occasions it was necessary for the Strathlyon to be almost standing still in order that she might weather the storm. When crossing the Meridian the vessel experienced the worst of the trip. The wind blew at a terrific rate, and the freight laborers heavily in big commotion.

Aboard the Strathlyon were over 200 boxes of Christmas mail for distribution in Victoria, Vancouver and other Canadian and United States cities. The steamship left Yokohama about seven days ahead of the R. H. S. Empress of Japan, which arrived here last Friday. It was believed by the post-office officials at the Japanese port that the Strathlyon would arrive here before the white liner, so it was decided to dispatch the mails on her. Being a tramp steamship, she is naturally slow, but the heavy weather was unable to reach Victoria in time to have the letters and papers distributed before Christmas Day.

The Strathlyon has about 1,000 tons of general freight aboard, and early this morning she commenced to discharge one hundred tons of cargo. About 10 o'clock on Tuesday the steamship proceeded to Vancouver, and will later go to the Sound. Outward bound she will load at Portland.

UNEMPLOYED MEN.

Vancouver, Dec. 22.—It appears that 995 men have applied for work at the Civic Employment Bureau, and only 215 have been accommodated. It was proposed that some city work should be found for those out of employment, and on Wednesday next the board of works is to take up the question whether "something" can be done to find work for the way of removal of gravel from the dredge now at work on the First Narrows and its use in places in the city.

