

WILL PRESS ON TO THE CAPITAL

HOSTILITIES TO BE RENEWED IN NICARAGUA

Estrada Declares President Madriz is Reinforcing His Army.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—Doubting the sincerity of President Madriz...

A cable dispatch from Estrada at Bluefields, December 29th, received here by Dr. Castillo...

It was the evident desire on the part of the authorities to conceal the death of the Earl...

Estrada's Ultimatum. Managua, Dec. 30.—General Estrada today sent an ultimatum to President Madriz...

Madriz has appointed three commissioners to confer with the revolutionists...

Marines Will Inaugurate. Mexico City, Dec. 30.—General Gomez...

There were 400 Americans fighting with the insurgents at the recent battle of Rama...

BY AIRSHIP TO POLAR REGIONS EXPEDITION PLANNED BY GERMAN EXPLORER

Aeronaut Proposes to Climb Mount McKinley With Aid of Balloon.

(Times Leased Wire.)

New York, Dec. 30.—Two airships on the lines of the Zeppelin dirigible, will be constructed for a proposed journey to the polar regions...

The airships which will be equipped with wireless apparatus and will have a capacity of 30 passengers...

To Climb Mount McKinley. New York, Dec. 30.—With the aid of a large balloon...

FRANCO-CANADIAN TREATY. Ottawa, Dec. 30.—The Franco-Canadian treaty, it is announced, will come into operation in February...

EARL REPORTED KILLED IN DUEL

MYSTERY SURROUNDS DEATH IN PARIS

Heir of Duke of Northumberland Alleged to Have Died From Wounds.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Paris, Dec. 30.—While denied by the authorities, it is reported that Earl Percy, former British ambassador...

The Earl arrived here on December 29th. His full name was Henry Algernon George Percy...

It was the evident desire on the part of the authorities to conceal the death of the Earl...

A woman, high socially in England, is reported to be the cause of the Earl's death...

TRIAL OF CHIEF. C. P. H. Constable Charged With Shooting Sweetheart and Himself.

Winnipeg, Dec. 30.—The preliminary hearing of George Emmott, the C. P. H. Constable...

MOTOR BOAT RACE. American Club Accepts Challenge From Great Britain For Contest For International Cup.

New York, Dec. 30.—The Motor Boat Club of America has accepted the challenge of the British Motor Boat Club...

ELEVEN VESSELS PROBABLY LOST FIFTY MEN ARE REPORTED MISSING

Storm on the Coast of Newfoundland Rages Six Days.

(Times Leased Wire.)

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 30.—Eleven Newfoundland schooners and their crews of 50 men are believed to have been lost in the Christmas blizzard...

The town of Placentia was flooded for three days. The village of Blackhead, three miles from this city, was almost swept away...

RUSSIAN ARMY. Douma Passes Bill Granting \$5,000,000 for Reorganization.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 30.—The douma last night unanimously passed both readings of the bill granting \$5,000,000 for the reorganization of the army.

PROSPECTOR KILLED. North Bay, Ont., Dec. 30.—Wm. Anderson, prospector and mine owner, missed his footing while getting on the express train at Temagami station on Tuesday...

NEW BRUNSWICK FINANCES. (Special to the Times.) St. John's, N. B., Dec. 30.—The statement of the provincial auditor-general for the last fiscal year shows province's receipts to be \$2,899,446.40...



ALL'S FAIR IN LOVE AND WAR WINSTON—"Capital! It's hard on my family but good for my party."

MINERS TELL PITIFUL STORY OF DISTRESS

Family Found by Surveyor in Half-Frozen and Starved Condition.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—A terrible story of distress in the Silver country has been brought by miners who came down Lake Temiskaming on the last boat...

On board were two small children named Lamarche, who were being taken to the Montreal Orphanage by a Quebec government surveyor...

TURKEY HAS NEW GRAND VIZER Ambassador to Italy Accepts Post and Will Form Cabinet.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Constantinople, Dec. 30.—A dispatch from Rome to-day says that Haki Bey, the Turkish ambassador to Italy, has accepted the office of grand vizer, made vacant yesterday by the resignation of Hirmi Pasha...

Haki Bey will leave Italy soon, according to the dispatch, and will return to this country to organize a new cabinet. The Turkish cabinet resigned following Hirmi Pasha's action.

POPULATION OF THE DOMINION

CENSUS DEPARTMENT PLACES IT AT 7,350,000

Immigration Since Beginning of April Has Totalled 150,000.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—An estimate of the population of the various provinces at the end of the last fiscal year, given by the census department, is as follows: Maritime Provinces, 1,087,112; Quebec, 2,088,405; Ontario, 2,519,025; Manitoba, 496,285; Saskatchewan, 341,531; Alberta, 275,592.

British Columbia, 289,516; Unorganized Districts, 68,300. Since March 31st immigration has totalled approximately 150,000, of which about 100,000 have gone to Western Canada. The total population of Canada is now about 7,350,000.

RAILWAY EMPLOYEES SEEK HIGHER WAGES

(Times Leased Wire.)

New York, Dec. 30.—The Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and the Order of Railroad Conductors will present their demands to thirty-two roads when they meet in the Mississippi river next Monday. On January 26th the general committee of the trainmen and conductors will endeavor by conference with officials of the roads to have their proposed wage increase granted and other grievances allayed.

TWO BOYS DROWN WHEN ICE BREAKS

Their Sister Also Falls Into River, But is Rescued by Mother.

(Special to the Times.)

Prescott, Ont., Dec. 30.—Frank and Harry Easter were drowned in the river near here Tuesday. Along with their sister they were riding down a hill on to the river...

Their mother, who lives close by, managed to reach them and saved the little girl. Enabled she succeeded in getting the two boys out, although she was in great danger of losing her own life...

HOSTILITIES ARE RENEWED IN MOROCCO Riff Tribesmen Attack Town Held by Spanish Soldiers.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Madrid, Dec. 30.—Hostilities between the Spanish in Morocco and the Rif lives have been resumed, according to an official announcement here today. The Rifis attacked the Spanish garrison of the town of Alhucemas yesterday. The engagement is reported to have lasted but a short time and the resulting casualties to be few.

General Marina, who directed the recent Spanish campaign against the rifebans, still is in command of the troops in Morocco.

CHAMBERLAIN ISSUES MANIFESTO TO ELECTORS

Says Foreigners Escape Taxation Under Budget—Home Rule Is Grave Danger to the United Kingdom.

(Special to the Times.)

London, Dec. 30.—Liberals maintain that the Liberals have exhausted their budget ammunition and that attacks on the House of Lords are falling flat, while on the contrary tariff reform is booming even in Lancashire. Be this as it may, many Unionist hearts have undoubtedly emitted a sigh...

Another prominent Tory paper today laments the disparity between the parties in matter of leaders and bitterly regrets that the Unionist chiefs failed to follow the sagacious example of their opponents in making available for highest service those talents which are unalloyed with birth and wealth.

Chamberlain's Manifesto. Joseph Chamberlain's manifesto to his constituents, issued last night, breathes a little of the fire so dreaded by his opponents a few years back. He says: "I cannot think the budget will secure your support if it taxes unequally men of equal means and throws the whole burden of taxation on our own people without even attempting to secure any contribution from foreigners..."

Mr. Chamberlain maintains that the Lords did not go beyond their duty in rejecting the budget, and believes the time is ripe for tariff reform, because "We now have an opportunity of securing more largely the trade of our sister states, and our colonies are willing to meet us if we consent to a reciprocal system equally advantageous to them and us."

In his reference to Home Rule for Ireland, Mr. Chamberlain contends that it is undoubtedly a danger to this country, all the greater as we are now threatened by foreign nations as we have never been before. He describes Home Rule as the gravest danger to which the United Kingdom has ever in its history been exposed.

The government in advocating Home Rule, he declares, is instigated only by the wish to capture Irish votes, and concludes, by declaring that so great is the danger that even if it stood alone every person who cares for the British name ought once more to render voluntary assistance to National Defence.

Speaking at Liverpool Tuesday night, F. E. Smith said that the people had learned from Mr. Blatchford what Lord Roberts had been telling his countrymen for three years, that there has been a fatal betrayal of the irreducible minimum in national security, and that we were not safe unless we take more efficient measures for national defence.

George Wyncham at Chester, asked: "Are you going to trust the question of national defence to those who understand it, or to the playful pathetic and romantic Chancellor of the Exchequer?"

John Dillon, at Swinford, said that if the government should wish and get power to control the House of Lords, Home Rule was a certainty.

At Rugby Lord Salisbury thought it would be a pity to have two elected bodies to govern the country. An independent body was wanted with a great sense of responsibility and doing its utmost to interpret the wishes of the country.

Marlborough's Christmas Party. Tuesday night brought an amusing sequel to the Duke of Marlborough's Christmas party at Marlborough Palace. F. E. Smith was there with his wife to meet Winston Churchill and his wife. In the course of Mr. Smith's speech as the Unionist candidate for the Walton division of Liverpool, he made incidental references to Mr. Churchill's thoughtless remarks.

"I make no complaint of those who cheer," said Mr. Smith. "These years ago we were cheering him—852 years from now the Socialists will be cheering him. After that I do not know that anybody will be cheering him."

The Blenheim Palace party also provoked an amusing interlude at the Unionist meeting at Burnley, Gerald Arbuthnot, the Unionist candidate, said: "We are shortly to see the boardings covered with grotesque caricatures of deformed distorted figures, which are supposed to represent typical members of the House of Lords. One of them, to be used by the Radical, depicts a bloated-faced brute in a peer's robes and coronet. This poster was received by Mr. Churchill for his approval, and we wonder you think it came to him? He reads (Concluded on page 4.)"

WRECK SIGHTED NEAR FLATTERY MAY BE HULK OF THE MATTEHORN

(Times Leased Wire.)

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 30.—That the wreckage reported by Capt. Kalstrom, of the steamer Bellingham, off the coast of the Quillapute river, south of Cape Flattery, may be that of the sailing vessel Mattehorn, which foundered on November 29th, is the belief of shipping men here to-day. Only the iron masts of the ship were visible when the Bellingham passed the scene, and the meager information at hand leads to the belief that the wreck is that of some foreign-built sailing vessel.

So many sailing craft answering to the only known detail of the wreck have disappeared off this stretch of coast that the sunken hulk may be the remains of any one of them. The Mattehorn foundered 75 miles out to sea from the vicinity of the reported wreck, and with the exceedingly swift currents which have been running for some time, it is considered probable that the ship has gradually drifted along the bottom and found a resting place in the shallows near the shore.

The revenue cutter Snohomish will likely be sent out from Seattle to investigate the sunken ship, and if found to be a menace to navigation, destroy it.

WILL RETURN HOME. Toronto, Dec. 30.—The Toronto Methodist mission board has received a cablegram stating that on account of the serious condition of his health Rev. Robert Emerson, stationed at Shimoda, Japan, is coming home.

MERCHANT DEAD. Hamilton, Dec. 30.—Geo. Vallance, of the hardware firm of Wood, Vallance & Company, died yesterday.

IN THE GRIP OF FROST KING

INTENSE COLD IN MIDDLE WESTERN STATES

Four Deaths Are Reported by the Police of Chicago.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The intense cold prevailing throughout the Middle West resulted in four deaths in this city last night, according to police reports today.

Henry Jolly, a 13-year-old boy, after tramping about the city for many hours became exhausted and fell in the street, where he froze to death.

Charles A. Johnson fell to the pavement within a short distance of his own home late last night. His dead body, rigid in the cold, was found this morning.

Jacob Kutz slipped on an icy sidewalk and fractured his skull. He died from the injury.

The fourth victim, who has not been identified, was found frozen to death on a sidewalk. He was well dressed, but there was nothing in his pockets that might lead to identification.

The thermometer registered six degrees below zero here to-day. No snow fell this morning, but a biting wind was blowing off the lake. Many trains are still delayed.

Reports from Nebraska, South Dakota and Iowa indicated that the cold wave is general throughout the northern Mississippi valley states. In several Nebraska cities the mercury dropped to 18 degrees below zero, while South Dakota points reported even colder weather.

Cold in Alabama. Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 30.—Alabama to-day is experiencing the coldest weather in its history, according to the local station of the government weather bureau.

The thermometer at the Birmingham station registered 17 degrees above zero to-day. The cold wave is reported to be general throughout the south, and sustaining in intensity.



INTERIOR VIEW OF THE PEMBERTON CHAPEL AT JUBILEE HOSPITAL.

WILL BOYCOTT THE HOSPITAL

A SERIOUS SITUATION AFFECTING THE ISOLATION

Trained Nurses Will Refuse to Work Under Matron Mrs. King.

The condition of affairs at the Isolation hospital is scandalous and the welfare of the community is gravely menaced thereby.

The foregoing statement was made to the Times on Wednesday by Miss Jones, a trained nurse, who has been employed at the Isolation hospital, and who was at the head of a deputation of nurses who waited on Mayor Hall a couple of days ago and laid the whole case before him.

In relating what had occurred at this interview with the mayor, Miss Jones desired, first of all, to correct the report in the Colonist to the effect that the deputation had favored Mrs. King, the matron. The exact contrary was the case, they having unanimously adopted the position of Dr. Robertson, the medical health officer, who has asked for the resignation of the matron.

Continuing, Miss Jones said: "There were five other graduate nurses of the city besides myself who waited on the mayor. We told him everything respecting our experiences of the workings of the institution and of our grievance against the matron.

"The situation at the hospital is simply disgraceful. Mrs. King has acted so disgracefully to the nurses and made it so very unpleasant for them that they will absolutely refuse to take any more cases at this institution as long as she is in charge.

"The nurses found it impossible to get proper food from Mrs. King. She refused them also the things necessary for the proper treatment of the cases under their charge. Very often the nurses have had to bring the hospital to them from the isolation hospital. If they did not do that they would get something to eat from town. Such a condition of affairs is simply intolerable.

"Then, again, Mrs. King has used the most abusive language to the nurses, and the latter found it simply impossible to get along with her. "Did you tell all this to the mayor?" asked the reporter.

"Oh, yes, we told him everything. "What did he say?"

"Why he didn't say anything. He simply nodded his head. The interview was most unsatisfactory.

Miss Jones was asked if the mayor had promised an early reply, and to this she had promised to bring the matter up at the next meeting of the board of health, and that a movement was on foot to have the Isolation hospital taken over by the Jubilee hospital.

Dr. Robertson, spoken to by the Times on Wednesday, said he knew nothing further about the situation. He had not been notified of the date of the next meeting of the board of health.

Mayor Hall, questioned on Wednesday, said it was improbable that any further meeting of the board of health would be summoned until after the holidays. He had taken the matter of the transfer of the Isolation hospital to the Jubilee up with the president of the board of directors, and a conference would be held on the matter at an early date.

MORGAN CHEQUE FOR SHIRT WAIST WORKERS

Financier's Daughter Will Hand Over Money Received as Christmas Gift.

New York, Dec. 29.—A cheque running well into the five figures, the Christmas gift of J. Pierpont Morgan to his daughter, Anne Morgan, will be turned over to the striking shirt waist workers, according to Miss Morgan's friends to-day. The financier is said to have offered no objection when his daughter told him to what purpose his gift would be put.

Friends of the Morgans indignantly deny that father and daughter are estranged because of the attitude Miss Morgan has taken in the present strike of the waist makers, and point to the cheque as proof.

Preparations for the mass meeting in Madison Square Garden, in which the 14,000 shirt waist makers will be addressed by Miss Morgan, Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont and the officers of the union, were well under way to-day, but are yet incomplete.

FREIGHT TRAIN WRECKED.

Fresno, Cal., Dec. 29.—A Southern Pacific freight train consisting of two engines and forty cars, was wrecked yesterday at Calwa Junction, two miles south of this city. The derailling of a switching engine caused 13 cars to leave the track. One of the cars contained oil. The wrecking of this car sent the oil in a stream across the country road adjoining the tracks. No one was injured. Traffic was delayed six hours.

HOMER DAVENPORT ILL.

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 29.—It was reported at the home of A. G. Spalding this morning, that the condition of Homer Davenport, the cartoonist, who is visiting there, was unchanged. Spalding announced last night the artist suffered a nervous breakdown soon after his arrival here last week from New York.

ZELAYA CLAIMS PRESIDENCY

DENIES HE HAS RELINQUISHED OFFICE

Tells of Conditions Imposed When He Requested Leave to Board Shearwater.

Cordoba, Mexico, Dec. 29.—Although he never returns to his native country, Jose Zelaya is still president of Nicaragua, according to a statement made here to-day by the former dictator. According to Zelaya, he has not relinquished the office, and Madrid, he asserts, is only a provisional president.

Asked about conditions imposed by the British government in reply to his request for asylum aboard the British ship of war Shearwater, Zelaya admitted that he was told he could board her only with the understanding that he was to agree to leave Nicaragua forever. These conditions, he said, he declined to accept.

Mexico, on the other hand, he declared, made no reservations in granting him permission to board the Gueroero. Zelaya denied that he was a prisoner in the hands of the Mexican officials in any sense of the word.

Rumors of Conspiracy. Mexico City, Dec. 29.—Former President Zelaya, of Nicaragua, arrived here to-day and was received unofficially by representatives of the government. Scores of Central Americans cheered wildly as the former president's private car, attached to a regular train, was pulled into the local station.

Zelaya, since his arrival, has not conferred with President Diaz. It is understood, however, that they will meet Friday, when Ambassador De La Barra starts for Washington bearing special data pertaining to the Nicaraguan situation. It is admitted openly here that the mission to the United States of former Ambassador Creel was a failure.

It is believed that Zelaya, during his stay in Mexico, will be virtually a prisoner, and upon his departure will be watched to prevent his return to Nicaragua. He is being guarded carefully by members of his party, following the circulation of rumors that a plot to assassinate him had been revealed.

Local witnesses are declaring to-day that Zelaya has come to Mexico to offer the Nicaraguan presidency to Dr. Miranda, who has been mentioned here as a candidate for the presidency of Mexico to succeed Diaz.

WOLVES KILL SHEEP

Farmers Will Organize Hunt to Wipe Out Pest.

Parry Sound, Ont., Dec. 29.—Wolves are roaming in large numbers in Carleton township within a few miles of this town. Farmers of that section have had nearly all their sheep killed by the voracious animals. Sheep are being taken by farmers to organize a wolf hunt to exterminate the pests.

DOCTOR DIES WHILE VISITING PATIENT

Willow Springs, Mo., Dec. 29.—Miss Preston, 17 years old, shot herself through the head to-night because she incurred some small debts at a store. Dr. Abraham, 72 years old, was called in to attend her. Just after he had told the girl's parents that she was fatally wounded, he exclaimed: "I'm going, too," and fell dead across the bed from apoplexy.

HALLEY'S COMET VISIBLE TO THE NAKED EYE

Studied by Professor at Columbia Without Use of Telescope.

LIBERALS TO CONFER.

QUEBEC TREASURER.

GET FOUR YEARS.

EDMONTON BRIDGE.

Edmonton, Dec. 29.—The money bill for the C. P. R. high-level bridge was carried by a majority of 2002-2178 for and 178 against.



John Bull—"Now I understand what Oom Paul meant when he spoke of 'staggering humanity.'" NEWS NOTE—Nine thousand one hundred speakers will be at work continuously during the next twenty days, the total number of speeches being 384,000 and the words spoken 1,756,000,000.

TURKISH CABINET HAS RESIGNED

DUE TO WITHDRAWAL OF GRAND VIZIER

Ambassador in London Mentioned as Successor to Hilmi Pasha.

Constantinople, Dec. 29.—The whole Turkish cabinet has resigned, following the resignation of Hilmi Pasha, grand vizier, who withdrew from the ministry yesterday. It is reported that serious conflicts have occurred at Bagdas, but this is not confirmed officially.

STARVES HIMSELF.

Rome, Ga., Dec. 29.—Four weeks ago Robert Pippin, a well to do business man of this city, informed his family that it had been decreed by divine providence that he should fast until "God had bidden him eat." He died to-day. He was induced by a ruse at the end of 24 days to eat, but was in such an exhausted condition that he could not recover.

GERMAN SCHOONER AND CREW PROBABLY LOST

All Hopes for Safety of the Gupia Have Been Abandoned.

Hamburg, Dec. 29.—The German freight schooner Gupia, with her crew of 23 men, has been given up for lost. The vessel belonged to the Sioman line and sailed from this port December 1st for Genoa. She was last sighted two days later. The Gupia was built at Glasgow in 1880, and registered 1,282 tons net.

SOLD CIGARS ON SUNDAY.

London, Dec. 29.—Magistrate Denison refused to accept Magistrate Denison's decision in the case of Rex vs. Martin for selling cigars on Sunday in a similar charge here against the proprietor of the Harrison house, and he fined Harrison \$1 and costs. The defence has served notice of appeal against the decision on the contention that hotelmen can sell cigars on Sunday under their licenses.

MONO-RAILWAY.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Dr. Orr, of the Canadian national exhibition, has received from President Geo. H. Gooderham, who is now in England a letter stating that he has induced Brennan of the mono-railway to place his invention on exhibition at the 1910 exposition. A section of the railway will be constructed at the exhibition grounds and a nominal fare will be charged to ride on it.

SUCCESSFUL TO INJURIES.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Maggie Henderson, cook in a hotel at Fort Hope, is dead in the hospital here as the result of being burned while working over a stove on Christmas Day.

WOMAN'S BODY FOUND IN ABANDONED PART OF SAN FRANCISCO CEMETERY.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 29.—Two lottery tickets, neither of them bearing winning numbers, were offered by the coroner to-day as mute evidence of a life that was staked on a gamble and lost. The tickets were lightly clenched in the lifeless hand of an unidentified woman, whose body was found lying across an unmarked grave in Calvary cemetery here.

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FIRE ON WHITE STAR STEAMER

RAGE DU

Celtic's Passengers Kept in Ignorance of the Outbreak.

Liverpool, Eng., Dec. 29.—It became known to-day that the White Star liner Celtic, which arrived here Monday, was threatened by a fire in her hold for five days during the passage from New York, and the blaze has not yet been extinguished.

TWO HUNTERS FOUND FROZEN TO DEATH

Wildwood, N. J., Dec. 29.—Two hunters found frozen to death near here were identified by members of their families to-day as Lewis C. Krauter, an instructor in botany in the university of Pennsylvania, and Ernest J. W. McFarland, a son of Prof. John M. McFarland, of the university, of Pennsylvania.

ENDS LIFE WHEN SHE LOSES IN LOTTERY

Her body, discovered in an abandoned part of the cemetery by a hunter who was following a wounded coyote, tells the end of the story.

WOMAN'S BODY FOUND IN ABANDONED PART OF SAN FRANCISCO CEMETERY.

The dead woman was dressed neatly and in excellent taste. On her embroidered clothing was no marks that might lead to identification.

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CHURCHILL RENEWS ATTACK ON LORDS

Issues Manifesto to Dundee Electors—Liberals Will Outdistance Germans in State Insurance Against Unemployment and Sickness.

London, Dec. 29.—The feature of the campaign to-day was the issue of a fiery manifesto to Dundee electors by Winston Churchill, of which he devotes the larger part to an attack on the Lords. He points out that a vote for the Tories will give the Lords absolute veto, not only on administration but finances. What, he asks, have the British people, who beited the world with free institutions, done to deserve this restraint?

On tariff reform as an alternative to the budget, he wants to know, "Is money to be got from taxes on bread, meat and manufactures, or from luxuries, monopolies and superfluities?" "Behind a tariff grow trusts, and the whole of the vast abuses from millionaire organizations at the top to the most pitiful investor at the bottom, who sit down deliberately to coax, wheedle, bully and bribe new favors from the political caucus with whom they are allied. The forces of reaction are out for a double event. They are gambling with the right and freedom of the nation, they are running a terrible risk to win a tremendous prize. That prize is no less than the complete tying up of democracy both through its political and its industry."

Mr. Churchill, after eulogizing German state insurance against unemployment and sickness, also said it was that system which the Liberals intend to carry even further than the Germans.

Meetings Resumed. The Unionists held more meetings than their opponents last night. The principal speaker was Lord Rothschild, who addressed a stormy gathering in East End. He said with regard to the budget that what he objected to was the system of bureaucracy it introduced. He added that he would have nothing to do with tariff reform if it increased cost of living.

The Duke of Westminster and Earl of Chester reminded the audience of Lloyd George's pro-Rose attitude during the war, an attitude which placed him in a position as leader of the Opposition.

Mr. Edward Gray was sarcastic about Tory promises of reform of the Lords. If it meant the House was to be changed into a self-elected body of superior persons, it was not reform at all, and it was worth nothing. Other peers made speeches. The Liberals have made great preparations for the celebration of the centenary of Gladstone's birthday to-day.

Mr. Baillou's Health. Mr. Baillou is almost convalescent, and will be about again soon, but is exercising great care to avoid contracting a fresh cold, in view of his new year campaign, which includes Finsley, January 4th; Ipswich, January 6th; Aberdeen, January 10th; York, January 12th; Bradford, January 13th; and Frowbridge, January 15th.

Lord Lansdowne winds up the campaign of the peers at Liverpool on January 5th and at Salisbury on January 7th. Nine thousand one hundred speakers will be at work continuously during the next twenty days, the total number of speeches being 384,000 and the words spoken 1,756,000,000. The seven million voters will receive at least sixteen million election addresses and sixteen million personal calls.

Unionist Candidates. The Standard gives the position of the Unionist candidates as follows: "All the constituencies in England, Scotland and Wales are now provided with Unionist candidates, with the exception of Durham (Mid.), Durham (Houghton-le-Spring), Leicestershire (Bosworth), Cardiganshire and Kirkcaldy. It is to be feared that among the Unionists of Cardiganshire no candidate will be forthcoming, much to the disgust of all enthusiastic Unionists, who are strongly of the opinion that the seat ought to be fought."

"No radical candidates down to Monday night had been adopted for the following constituencies: City of London (2 seats), Holborn, Kensington (South), St. George's, Hanover Square, Birmingham (West), Wigan, Bury, St. Edmunds, Durham City, Grantham, Sussex (Horsham), and the universities of Oxford, Cambridge, Glasgow, Aberdeen, Edinburgh and St. Andrews."

"There are eight constituencies in which three-cornered contests are likely to ensue, but otherwise would be safe Unionist seats. These are: South Devon, Marylebone (East), Bristol (North), Canterbury, Lincoln, Reading, Oxford University (2 seats), Holderness (Yorkshire). In Southampton, a two-member constituency, there are three Unionist candidates and only one Radical."

"Despite the exertions of the Liberal party to avert three-cornered contests by the adoption of both Liberal and Labor candidates, they have not been able to secure more than a dozen cases. A number of forces is threatened in London, 2 in Wales, and 15 in Scotland."

Are Statistics Held Back. London, Dec. 29.—The Express to-day charges Winston Churchill, president of the board of trade, with concealing in his department statistics concerning property owned by the American workmen for fear that they will prove an impetus to the protection movement in England.

The Express intimates that the Liberals are afraid of losing the coming election should the free trade panacea which has been advocating be shown unwarranted by the conditions prevailing among the American workmen under the standard of trade protection.

TELEGRAPH WIRES STOP FLIGHT OF AIRSHIP

Captain Cody Forced to Alight After Being Aloft for Forty Minutes.

London, Dec. 29.—Captain Cody, the aviator, in an aeroplane constructed by himself, along lines of his own invention, ascended at noon at Liverpool in an attempt to fly to Manchester, 35 miles away. The tall spires of village churches and the intervening woods made the flight dangerous, and automobiles followed the aviator carrying physicians to give first aid in case of an accident.

Captain Cody established a world's record for a cross-country flight last September, when he flew 47 miles near Aldershot. His flight to-day was the first of a number of experiments for the British war office.

Cody's aeroplane became entangled in telegraph wires after he had been aloft forty minutes, and had covered one-third of the distance from Liverpool to Manchester. The aviator was forced to alight. The machine was found to be undamaged, but Cody made no attempt to resume his flight.

COUNT TOLSTOI IMPROVING.

Moscow, Dec. 29.—Bulletins issued to-day from the bedside of Count Leo Tolstoy, who was stricken with a high fever last Sunday night, indicate that his condition is improved. Physicians, who were summoned from St. Petersburg to attend him, announced that his condition is satisfactory and predicted his recovery.

FRENCH CANADIAN CONGRESS.

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—A permanent body, to be known as the educational association of French Canadians of Ontario, will be an outgrowth of the big French Canadian congress to be held in this city for three days, commencing on the 15th of January.



The Pemberton Chapel at Royal Jubilee Hospital which was formally dedicated on Wednesday

SOOKE VOTE ON

Measure C

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It is to be feared that among the Unionists of Cardiganshire no candidate will be forthcoming...

"No radical candidates down to Monday night had been adopted for the following constituencies...

"Despite the exertions of the Liberal party to avert three-cornered contests by the adoption of both Liberal and Labor candidates...

London, Dec. 29.—The Express to-day charges Winston Churchill, president of the board of trade...

The Express intimates that the Liberals are afraid of losing the coming election should the free trade panacea...

London, Dec. 29.—Captain Cody, the aviator, in an aeroplane constructed by himself, along lines of his own invention...

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 29.—Two lottery tickets, neither of them bearing winning numbers, were offered by the coroner to-day as mute evidence of a life that was staked on a gamble and lost...

St. Catharines, Ont., Dec. 29.—Charles Liney, 16 years old, was accidentally shot by his father while setting a trap for muskrats on the ice at Pelak, Welland Canal. He is in a serious condition.

Hamilton, Dec. 29.—Rev. Dr. Lyle, pastor of the Central Presbyterian church for 32 years, has announced his retirement. Dr. Lyle is moderator of the general assembly.

Edmonton, Dec. 29.—The money bill for the C. P. R. high-level bridge was carried by a majority of 2002-2178 for and 178 against.

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SOOKE SCHEME UP TO PEOPLE VOTE ON-BY-LAW ON JANUARY 13th

Measure Calls for the Expenditure of Million and Half.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) The ratifiers will be asked to express their judgment on the scheme to bring water from Sooke Lake at an expenditure of \$1,500,000 on the same date as the municipal elections—January 13th. This course was decided upon at last evening's meeting of the City Council when the by-law was introduced and put through its preliminary stages. It will be finally passed on Thursday evening next and then duly advertised. Ald. Henderson made a speech in defence of the Sooke Lake scheme, and the only discordant note came from Ald. Mable, who believed that the present would be a most inopportune time to lay such a measure before the people.

The latter, on the motion to read the by-law a second time, said he wished to go on record as believing that it would be foolish to submit the measure at the forthcoming municipal elections. If the council would decide to give the people two or three months to think about the scheme, it would stand a better chance of passing. He had observed that during an ordinary municipal campaign the people did not pay much attention to by-laws, but were, rather, interested in the names of the candidates. He was not desirous of injuring the scheme when he argued in favor of further time, because he believed that some day it would be necessary to get water from Sooke, but he did think the present a most inopportune time to ask the people to vote such a large sum of money.

Ald. Henderson expressed himself as personally in favor of submitting the by-law at once. He reminded the mayor that his worship had been very prompt after the adverse vote on the proposition to buy Goldstream a few months ago to hurry to the city hall and post notice favoring the Sooke Lake scheme. He took that action on the mayor's part to mean that he was convinced that the people were in favor of the scheme. He said that he would be taken in hand immediately. He (Ald. Henderson) had personally no doubt whatever that this was the very best time to ask the judgment of the ratifiers. The people, it was well known, would turn out in larger numbers on the occasion of a general election than at any other time, and therefore this was the time to submit a measure of the importance of the by-law now under consideration. There had been a fairly large vote on the Goldstream proposition a few months ago, but he was certain that there would be an even larger vote this time. Another reason why he believed the present to be the best time to submit the by-law was because the council could count on an organized opposition to the measure, and for that reason it was important that the people should be induced to turn out in large numbers. Another point to which he wished to direct attention in answer to some criticism was that no one council would be entrusted with spending all the money. He meant by this that the incoming council, for instance, would only have to do the preliminary work, and that it would be for succeeding councils to handle the actual carrying out of the project. Ald. Henderson concluded by saying that this was the time for the people to promote the by-law, and that he had no well-defined policy for securing an adequate supply of water.

The by-law was then read a third time and will be finally passed on Thursday evening next.

FELL TO DEATH IN MINE. Niagara Falls, Ont., Dec. 28.—News of the death of Thomas Henry Cobelli, by falling down a shaft in the Symmie silver mine, was received yesterday. The family had just received and opened his box of Christmas presents when the news reached his home.

WOMEN WILL AID THE INDUSTRIALISTS Six Leave Seattle for Spokane to Participate in Free Speech Fight.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 28.—Six women, members of the newly organized Women's Wage Workers, are to-day on their way to Spokane, where they intend to offer themselves as martyrs in the fight of the Industrial Workers for the Fight to speak on the streets. Without sufficient funds to pay their way the women purpose holding public meetings and by arousing sympathy for their comrades at Spokane, hope to be able to reach their destination within ten days. The leader of the crusaders is Mrs. Emelie Herrmann, wife of a former organizer of the Socialist party who is a candidate for congress in the Second district, and Mrs. Floyd Hyde, wife of a Seattle mechanic. The identity of the other four is kept a secret. It is likely that other women will join the party on the trip across the state, so that when they arrive at Spokane there will be a large group of determined women to lead the fight for free speech. The Seattle women intend to introduce a new method in the fight against the Spokane ordinance, which the police are rigorously enforcing. Their purpose will be to arouse public sentiment before they defy the authorities to arrest them. They will speak in behalf of the petition now circulating in Spokane, invoking the referendum to repeal the obnoxious ordinance to the people.

CHINA COMPLAINS. Japan Alleged to Have Violated Manchurian Telegraph Convention.

Pekin, Dec. 28.—The Chinese government has formally complained to Japan against the violation of the Manchurian telegraph convention drawn up in 1908. The complaint purports to show that the Japanese were guilty of extending telegraph and telephone lines and traffic in Manchuria. China appeals to the Japanese foreign office, which signed the telegraph convention, to terminate the violation of the agreement and to continue the payment of telegraph royalties, which the Japanese government suspended two months ago. There is usually more alcohol in older than in beer.

MORLEY WILL RUN FOR MAYOR

THERE WILL BE FOUR CANDIDATES IN FIELD

It is Announced That Former Chief Magistrate Will Try Again.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) Though ex-Mayor A. J. Morley has as yet made no public announcement of his intention to be a candidate for the position of chief magistrate at the approaching municipal elections, the Times learns from the most authoritative source that he will be in the field.

For weeks past there has been much speculation in respect to the intention of this gentleman, and there has been a desire that the press should ascertain something definite from him. This was difficult to do, as when questioned Mr. Morley said he had not yet made up his mind. With the advent of Mr. Morley into the field the fight for the mayoralty will become very complicated and all previous calculations as to the result will be upset. It is recognized on all sides that Mr. Morley has a close personal following, which makes it certain that he will receive such a vote as to entitle him to be considered as a possible winner no matter who his opponent or opponents may be. On the other hand, Ald. Turner is receiving an organized support which his friends say will surely result in victory. Ald. Henderson's candidature will be affected in a more important degree by the advent of Mr. Morley than either Ald. Turner or W. E. Oliver. Ald. Henderson is popularly regarded as a man likely to draw most of his support from sources friendly to the candidature of Mr. Morley, hence it is believed that with two such men appealing for support, both Mr. Oliver and Ald. Turner will be strengthened thereby.

It is improbable that any further public meetings shall be held until after New Year's, but the campaign will wage fast and furious after that date. Managua, Dec. 28.—It is confidently believed here that the conference planned for next Saturday between the representatives of President Madrid and General Estrada of the insurgents, will result in peace without further bloodshed. Estrada's favorable reply to Madrid's suggestions for a conference following close upon the visit to Madrid yesterday of Rear Admiral Kimball, in command of the American warships in Nicaraguan waters, is taken as evidence here that the United States may be willing to accept Madrid as president, at least until it is shown that Madrid's declaration that he would wipe out Zelaya's regime was not made in good faith.

On Way to Mexico City. Salina Cruz, Mexico, Dec. 28.—Former President Jose Santos Zelaya, of Nicaragua, left here last night for Mexico City in a private car attached to the regular passenger train due in that city to-morrow morning. "I am going to Mexico City to remain for six months," he said. "If the climate agrees with me I will send or go for my family. If it does not agree with me, I will go to some place in Europe. I am going to Mexico to thank President Diaz and Mexican officials for their kindness to me."

Zelaya declared the attitude of Secretary Knox toward him could not be regarded as disapproved by all fair-minded people, and that he believed the secretary's judgment was warped by false reports from the American vice-consul at Managua. He said that his treatment of the Americans, Cannon and Groce, was an act anyone in his position would have committed.

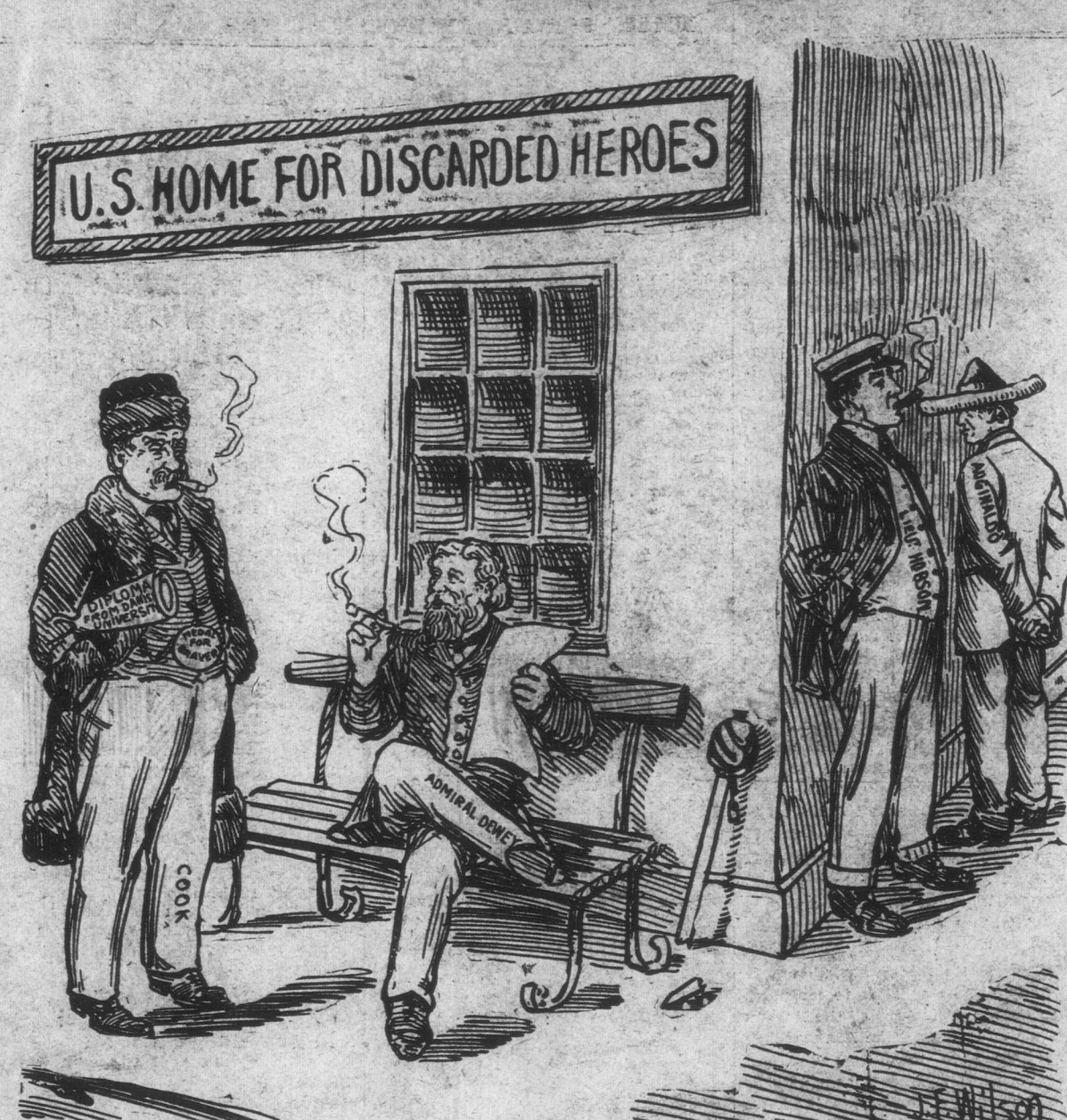
CASHIER AND MONEY HAVE DISAPPEARED Detectives Are Searching for Employee of U. S. Express Company.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—A sum said to amount to \$20,000 and George A. Capron, cashier of the United States Express Company at the Erieview branch office in this city, disappeared Christmas eve. Detectives of the company all over the country are searching for Capron, Capron and the money disappeared while six other employees were at work in the same room. Several valuable Christmas packages also are reported missing. FARMER FROZEN TO DEATH. Perished While on His Way Home—Was to Have Been Married Next Month.

Letellier, Man., Dec. 28.—Joseph Jubinville, a prominent farmer of this district, was found frozen to death in the bush by E. Carter, four miles from here. The body was in a sitting position. Mr. Jubinville left St. Jean for his home on Friday night with a horse and cutter and was missing until to-day. The horse and rig arrived home on Saturday morning. Deceased was to have been married next month.

TWO MEN DROWN IN KOOTENAY LAKE George Northern and Herbert Cole Lose Lives Through Capsizing of Canoe.

Nelson, Dec. 28.—George Northern and Herbert Cole lost their lives, and Charles McIvor escaped drowning through the overturning of their canoe in Kootenay lake, opposite Proctor, on Sunday afternoon. The men were employees of Watts sawmill. The men were returning home after coming to Proctor for medicine, and it is supposed that floating ice upset the canoe. McIvor clung to the boat and was subsequently rescued. Cole's body was found lower down the river. Both men were about 22 years old and unmarried.



WHO'S NEXT. Admiral Dewey—"Well, Cook, my fame lasted several hours longer than yours, anyway."

MAY BRING PEACE TO NICARAGUA

DELEGATES OF WARRING FACTIONS TO MEET

Estrada Expresses Willingness to Open Negotiations With President.

TRIES TO CREMATE CHILDREN. Woman Goes Insane and Attempts to Murder Four Little Ones.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 28.—Becoming suddenly insane, Mrs. Mary Lip, aged 28, to-day attempted to cremate four of her eight children. The lives of the four little ones were saved by neighbors, who were called to the scene.

When the mania seized the woman she is reported to have set fire to an outhouse and to have hurled the family dog into the flames.

The neighbors were said to have arrived barely in time to prevent the four children from suffering the same terrible fate. She fell one of the rescuers with a chair before she was overpowered.

THREE PERISH. Englehart, Ont., Dec. 28.—Mrs. Hays and her two children perished in a fire that destroyed the stopping place kept by her, early yesterday. The place was situated about nine miles from Elk Lake. It is supposed the victims were asleep when the fire broke out.

ONE MAN DIES FROM INJURIES AND ANOTHER SHOTS HIMSELF. Red Deer, Alb., Dec. 28.—A tragedy occurred on Christmas day between Penhold and Innisfail, about 15 miles south of this town. A man named S. Johnson, who lived near Makerville, and a widow, with a family of six small children, were driving toward Penhold, where it is said they were to be married, when a team driven at a furious rate by two men under the influence of liquor ran into Johnson's team, throwing the man out of his seat and fracturing the spinal cord which proved fatal last evening.

One of the men with the team, named Wilson, a former member of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, after seeing the result of the accident, committed suicide by shooting. The second man is named Milligan, but it is not known where he lives. Wilson's wife is in the hospital, and has been there for some time. She is very ill and has not been informed of her husband's death.

TO VOTE ON SCHOOL BY-LAW

RATEPAYERS ASKED FOR LOAN OF \$184,000

By-Law Put Through Preliminary Stages Last Evening.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) The by-law providing for a loan of \$184,000 for school purposes was put through its final stages at last evening's meeting of the city council, and will be finally passed on Thursday evening next. It will be submitted to the judgment of the ratepayers on the same date as the municipal elections—that is January 13th. There was no discussion in respect to the measure, all members of the board being apparently agreed that the financial aid asked by the school board is very necessary considering the rapid growth of the city.

Though the amount actually required by the school board is only \$174,000, net, the by-law asks for authority to raise the sum of \$184,000. This extra amount is asked for in order to provide for any possible discount at which the bonds may be sold.

The loan is to be apportioned as follows: \$150,000 for the purchase of a site and the erection thereon of a high school; \$14,000 for a four-room wing at the Victoria West school, and \$19,000 for a new building to be erected on a recently acquired at the corner of Bank street and Leighton road. Respecting the question of sewerage extension, Mayor Hall informed the board that it would be impossible to submit another measure to the ratepayers as was contemplated earlier in the year. On the occasion of the raising of the last loan of \$40,000, the city's debt for such purpose was pledged to the limit, but as some \$35,000 of the old loan still remains, there will be sufficient to carry on the work until next spring, when another by-law will be introduced.

Instructions were issued to the city solicitor to apply at the next session of the legislature for an amendment to the Municipal Classes Act, whereby the city will have the right to carry out the agreement with the B. C. Electric Company, under which it binds itself not to pass any measure during the life of the agreement granting assistance to another company for the supply of light and power.

TONGS AT WAR. One Chinaman Killed and Another Fatally Wounded in New York.

New York, Dec. 28.—Tong feuds broke out again in Chinatown last night. One Chinaman, Lo Jong, was shot dead, and Li Yi Fong was mortally injured. Three Chinamen, who did the shooting, escaped. A peace treaty was signed recently by the Hip Sing Tong and the Leong Tong. The assassins are said to have been members of the latter society.

SERIOUS LOSS OF LIFE IS FEARED No News Received From Pico Since Island Was Swept by Storm.

Lisbon, Dec. 28.—No word from the island of Pico, of the Azores group, has been received here since the storm first swept the Portuguese coast last Saturday, and grave fears for the safety of its inhabitants are expressed.

The storm is reported to have been most severe in the Azores, and it is feared that it caused loss of life and heavy property damage.

JEWELRY STORES ROBBED. Watches, Silverware and Diamonds Valued at \$1,100 Stolen.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Show windows of two downtown jewelry stores were robbed of watches, silverware and jewels yesterday by a man who broke the plate glass windows with a paper covered brick. The victims and estimated amounts of loss are: Lewy Brothers, \$400; L. M. Amick, \$100. At Lewy Brothers' store the thief wrenched apart the bronze bars protecting the windows and then broke the large plate glass with a brick. He reached in and took a tray of sixteen diamonds.

SETTLED WITHOUT LAWYERS. Sterling, Ill., Dec. 28.—Leroy Clifton has just received from the Chicago & North-western railway a cheque for \$8,000, a life pass on the road and a position for life. The result of losing both legs in an accident two months ago. He settled without the aid of attorneys.

TEN THOUSAND POLITICAL MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Old Country Politicians Bring Holidays to Close and Campaign Is Renewed With Greater Vigor Than Ever.

London, Dec. 28.—The short Christmas truce will be broken to-day when the campaign will be renewed with greater vigor than ever. There will be 10,000 meetings this week alone, 4,500 of which will be Unionists.

The Unionists are short of canvassers. They want 100,000. It is a great poster campaign and scores of millions of leaflets have been issued. Mr. Balfour is convalescent, but Lord Milner is unwell. A modest article in the Morning Post expresses the view that London and the home counties are safe. It estimates that the following will be the result of the election: Unionists, 278. Liberals, 260. Nationalists, 83. Labor, 48.

The Post editorially thinks that the raising of the constitutional issue has been a failure and urges the Unionists to bring tariff reform to the front vigorously on every occasion and victory will then be assured. The Daily News thinks the Liberal prospects in London are much brighter than a month back. The Liberal has withdrawn his candidature in East Manchester and the Socialist from South Bristol, thus leaving a straight fight in those constituencies.

Reform of House of Lords. (By Charles T. Stewart, European manager of the United Press.)

London, Dec. 28.—The English Liberal party leaders have pretty definitely made up their minds what to do with the House of Lords, of course in case the Liberals win at the coming British national elections. Whatever plan may be adopted for generally popularizing the British government will involve such radical changes in the country's present legislative system that much difference of opinion has existed both as to ends and means. The extreme radicals have advocated the complete abolition of a second chamber. Those of a more moderate type have demanded an elective upper house. The element which may be accurately described as conservatively Liberal has argued for a combination of the elective and hereditary principles.

The group in favor of the single chamber system has been completely overruled. The extreme radical alternative for such an innovation. Between the two other groups of Liberals a compromise has been effected. The programme is this: Assuming that the Liberals win at the polls in January the Lloyd George budget will be re-introduced. It will unquestionably pass. The Lords themselves are pledged to cease their opposition to the chancellor of the exchequer's proposals if the country declares for them at the coming election. That will dispose of the financial problem and leave the Liberals free to turn their attention to the reformation of the legislative system. They propose to accomplish it by the constitutional change at which Premier Asquith has been hinting in the various campaign speeches he has made since the last parliament adjourned. A bill will first be passed by the Commons, declaring the Lords unalterable to interfere with any financial legislation passed by the lower chamber. It may be decided not even to send such bills to the upper house for ratification, but even if ratification by the Lords is required, the bill, in its nominal, as the latter will have no veto power in the matter. The next step will be the introduction of a measure providing that any bill, not of a financial nature, passed by the Commons, rejected by the Lords, re-passed by the Commons, again rejected by the Lords and then re-passed by the Commons after an intervening election, is to become a law without further submission to the upper house.

This will, of course, mean that two sessions of parliament and a referendum will be required for the passage of such a controversial measure. It will amount, however, to depriving the Lords of power to do more than delay fulfillment of the popular will. The last vestige of their veto power will be gone. Then will come the very last step. The House of Lords will be reduced by legislation to a membership probably of 150. This number will include the office holders whose positions carry no votes with them. It is assumed that men who have risen to high positions in the government may be fairly taken to be competent legislators. The balance of the 150 will be chosen from among the present peers whom the Commons consider really to have done something for their country as soldiers, law makers or administrators. The original selection will necessarily be somewhat arbitrary, but it will not be permanent. The members who are peers merely by the virtue of their high government offices have always been what is known as life-peers. Their titles do not descend to their children. This same system will continue under the new arrangement. The innovation will lie in the fact that the other peers will also be only life-peers. Their titles will descend to their sons, but not their privilege to sit in the upper house. As these peers die, their places will be filled by new members, not necessarily titles chosen by the House of Commons, either from among its own members or from outside. The present plan is that these members shall serve for two sessions of parliament each. The Commons will make their selections politically in proportion to the political color of their own membership. The ultimate result will be that the House of Lords will include a small proportion of life members who will hold their seats by virtue of other offices under the government, while the balance of it will consist of two session members of the Commons' selection. The life peers will be nominally appointed by the King, but inasmuch as these appointments are always made in accordance with the wishes of the leaders of the party in power at the time, they will necessarily represent a majority of the people as shown by the result of the election last preceding their appointment. It is conceded that under this arrangement it will be possible to have upper and lower houses occasionally of different political complexion. With constant changes taking place in the upper as well as in the lower branch, it is argued, however, that this condition never can continue long and that it probably will not happen often. The Liberals agree that the present Conservative House of Lords may attempt to block this programme at almost any stage by refusal to accede to the bills necessary to carry it out. Should this happen the Liberal majority in the House of Commons will solve the difficulty by calling upon the King to create enough Liberal peers to give them a majority in the upper as well as in the lower house. Titles will doubtless be continued to be conferred even after the reformation of the House of Lords, but they will be mere empty honors and will carry with them no extra privileges nor the right to participate in the nation's legislative councils.

DRIVER OF SLEIGH ATTACKED BY WOLVES Man Fights Desperately With Pack and Succeeds in Escaping.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—A pack of timber wolves attacked Henry Lund and his horses yesterday when he was driving near Montgomery, Ill. The wolves attempted to leap into the sleigh. Lund fought desperately with a heavy whip, and his horses, bleeding and exhausted, managed to reach a clearing, where the wolves were frightened off. A similar experience has not been reported in this section in many years.

WOLVES DRIVE MAN INSANE. Freight Traffic Manager of Reading Railway Loses His Reason.

Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—B. H. Ball, second vice-president and freight traffic manager of the Reading railroad, suddenly became insane in his office here to-day. He was removed to an asylum. Ball is known to have been greatly worried by the traffic demoralization caused by the recent storms that have swept the Atlantic seaboard. His efforts to keep freight moving during this period are believed to be partially responsible for his collapse.

FIRE AT ST. HYACINTHE. St. Hyacinthe, Que., Dec. 28.—The building occupied by the Eastern Shoe Company, Bedard's barber shop, L. Prevost, electrician, and the Tribune, a local newspaper, was destroyed by fire Sunday. The loss, \$24,000, is covered by insurance.

CRUSHED TO DEATH. Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Dec. 28.—John Gordon, dress-maker, was killed by a pile of lumber falling on him while he was standing on the wall of the lock watching the workmen. John Erickson, of Steglon, was badly injured, and may die.

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A NEW THEATRE.

We understand that the City Council is to be approached this evening by the gentlemen who have so actively interested themselves in the theatre question with an amended proposal. It is that the city grant the site desired, that the land be valued by a qualified authority, and that stock in the concern of the full amount of the ascertained value be delivered to the council to be held in trust for the people. Such a proposal appears to us to be eminently fair and reasonable. It would place the city upon an equal footing with the citizens and concerns who have subscribed cash. If the house proved financially successful, citizens would share in the dividends. Such a proposition ought to remove any objections which heretofore have been raised by the aldermen, acting in perfectly good faith as we believe, to it. It ought to be accepted, and one of the chief obstacles to the undertaking removed. It is a scheme which could be successfully defended by the members of the Board of Aldermen who are offering themselves for re-election. If it be not adopted, there is more than a grave probability that before the end of the coming year Victoria will be without a theatre with any pretensions to the first class. The present building has passed into the hands of a syndicate which plans to turn it to other and more remunerative uses. The council should have little hesitation about embarking upon an enterprise which would prove of great public benefit, particularly considering that many of our leading citizens have set so commendable an example by putting their hands in their own pockets.

PROPOSED NEW THEATRE.

A correspondent raises the question of the expediency of the city granting a site at a nominal rental to a company for the purpose of erecting a theatre on the flats in the neighborhood of the Empress Hotel. He suggests as an alternative to the proposal laid before the council that the municipality shall itself build a theatre as a civic enterprise. Victoria has plenty of business on her hands at the present time. All her resources are required for the execution of works of absolute necessity. A theatre is not a work of absolute necessity, but there is no question that a house of entertainment of generous proportions and modern equipment would fill an aching void in the list of our civic attractions. If we are going to wait until the city is in a position to undertake the erection of a theatre with the approval of a majority of the ratepayers, it is quite sure that nothing in that direction will be accomplished for a great many years.

When the question of granting a free site and certain privileges to the C. P. R. on condition of the erection of the Empress Hotel was under consideration, the Times supported the proposal. It would do so again if the matter were up for consideration, and with increased emphasis as a result of experience. We believe the hotel to be one of the chief attractions of Victoria at the present time and one of the principal agents in the city's prosperity. This is a luxurious age, however we may regard the matter from an individual, a national, an economic or philosophic point of view, and we must accept the conditions as we find them. There are thousands of persons with plenty of leisure and practically unlimited means now visiting Victoria annually who would never have showed their noses here had there not been a modern hotel with an unexcelled equipment to receive them and cater to their requirements and tastes. The Empress Hotel is therefore one of the chief centres, from a purely business point of view, of Victoria. The management of the C. P. R. regarded it in the first instance as a doubtful investment, and would never have considered it but for the special inducements held out by the city. Experience has shown that the ratepayers made no mistake, as far as their individual interests as citizens of Victoria at the present time are concerned, by passing the by-law which resulted in the erection of the Empress Hotel. A modern theatre is a necessary complement of this hotel. It would be an attraction second only in drawing power to the hotel. And from an educational and artistic point of view, for the cultivation of the graces and the refinements of life, it is an urgent civic necessity. Admittedly it would not prove a "paying proposition" for some years. The public-spirited citizens who have announced their willingness to invest a portion of their means in the enterprise thoroughly understand this. They know they would not receive any direct returns upon their investment for years, but they are willing "to

take a chance" on the indirect benefits, in which all citizens would share. The matter for the ratepayers to decide is whether they also would be justified in embarking in such an undertaking by granting a long lease of property which is at present unproductive. We have stated the facts as they present themselves to us. It is for the ratepayers to act upon them.

THE WATER QUESTION.

The aldermen have decided to submit a by-law to the ratepayers involving an expenditure of a million and a half dollars at the coming municipal elections. The object is to proceed immediately with the project of developing Sooke Lake for water works purposes. The father of the scheme is Ald. Henderson, who is a candidate for the Mayoralty, and who also professes a lively faith in the capacity of Elk Lake as a source of water supply. But Ald. Henderson doubtless believes, as most of us do, that Victoria has entered upon an era of unprecedented growth, and that it is necessary to prepare for eventualities. Five years at least will be required to deliver water from the greater lake into the service pipes of the city, and it is abundantly evident that before five years have passed over our heads Elk Lake will be quite inadequate to meet the requirements of the situation. There is therefore sufficient reason for haste if Victoria be determined to procure water only from an independent source. On that point there are no diversities of opinion; but there are differences of opinion as to whether the decision of the aldermanic board to submit a by-law at the present time will have the effect of hastening the project of augmenting the water supply. There is a very grave danger indeed that the million dollar and a half by-law may be defeated at the municipal general elections, and, if it is killed, the effect will be just the opposite of what it is doubtless intended to be by Ald. Henderson. The inevitable result must be confusion and delay, culminating in a situation most of the ratepayers wish to avoid, purchase of water at retail from the Esquimalt Water Works Company.

The reasons for the hostility of the citizens to any water scheme put forward by the present council we do not wish to enlarge upon at the present time. We are still in the holiday season and have no desire to arouse feelings which are not in complete harmony with the spirit of that delectable season. But the aldermen know perfectly well the effect upon the public mind of recent developments in connection with water works matters. The members of the council may not be directly responsible for theiasco in connection with the Smith's Hill reservoir and for other "improvements" which have not come up to the standard expected, but unfortunately the members of the council are associated in the public mind with these blunders (or whatever they may be), and there is a danger that as a result of the vote proposed on the 13th of January, 1910, the sins of omission or of commission may be visited upon the head of the city at large as well as upon the heads of the aldermen. That is a consummation which members of the council whose civic patriotism is larger than their self-interest or personal ambition should endeavor to avoid.

For these reasons we hold that the council would have been well-advised had they decided to leave the question of future water supply to a new council. As the matter stands we submit that the ratepayers may be in quandary as to whether they ought to vote yes or nay on the Sooke Lake proposition, and that even if the voters were in a mood to listen to advice, it will be an exceedingly difficult matter for the most sagacious of councillors to advise them intelligently.

It is quite true, as Ald. Henderson has pointed out, that the people have already expressed their preference for Sooke Lake, and that such a preference was indicated not only in a plebiscite taken at a municipal general election, but in the death of the proposal for the acquirement of the works of the Esquimalt Water Works Company; but the fact must also be taken into consideration that a referendum is merely an expression of abstract opinion, while a vote of the qualified ratepayers is quite a different matter.

We fear very much that if the council believes it is taking steps to hasten a permanent settlement of the water problem, it will find it has made a grave mistake when the ballots are counted on the evening of the 13th of January next.

A GERMAN FIRE-EATER ON THE BRITISH CAMPAIGN.

From the Unionist point of view, the very best campaign material available in the present exciting political campaign in Great Britain is the "German menace." The leaders of the conservative opposition realize this, and they are naturally using that which comes most readily to their hands to the best possible advantage. No consideration of possible deplorable consequences exercises a restraining influence upon them, because, like all politicians, the supreme consideration with them is the attainment of power

and the discomfiture of their opponents.

The facts being as stated, one would naturally think the Unionists would not be likely to secure any great amount of assistance from parties or individuals in Germany. Yet one who is described as a prominent Teutonic statesman and ex-diplomat has fashioned a very effective weapon and placed it in the hands of the leaders of the British Conservative party. This gentleman's name is Hermann von Rath, and he has stated in an article which has been given wide circulation, and will be given even wider currency, that the day the tariff reformers came into power would be a critical one for Germany. Rath, a vice-dispatch says, strongly intimated that the erection of a tariff wall around the British Isles, and later around the entire Empire, would deal a staggering blow to German trade, that the Fatherland might be compelled to go to war to smash these barriers to her industrial progress.

"At the beginning," he declares, "the tariff would not affect us so seriously because there are numerous articles which British cannot purchase elsewhere. Gradually, however, the strangling process would become more oppressive and the day would arrive when our imperious necessity to find employment for our enormously increasing population would drive us to desperation."

Rath went on to say that the Conservatives, in whom the hatred of Germany was ingrown, might be expected to inaugurate a deliberately Germanophobic policy.

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It is not surprising that such extraordinary utterances have attracted world-wide attention. The New York Times comments so vigorously and so effectively upon the expressions of Herr von Rath that we take the liberty of reproducing the article in full. We are sure it will be perused with great interest by readers of the Victoria Times.

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What Other People Think

DOMESTIC SERVANTS.

To the Editor:—I have read with interest several letters in the Times regarding the dearth of domestic servants in Victoria. I don't very much like the demand is so great as some would make out, as everybody here seems to prefer Chinamen to domestics, and both legs broken. As some say, I don't think there would be much difficulty in getting dozens of them from the Old Country, as the conditions of the domestic servant in Victoria and those of the Old Country are so different. I may tell you that the highest wages a good cook gets in the Old Country (or at least as far as Scotland is concerned) is \$55 per six months, and no evenings off, but only a day or two to themselves if they are going to a new situation. On the farms work commences at 5 a. m. and continues till 9 p. m. and the conditions under which they live. I spent an evening with several of the Scottish farmer delegates who were sent out from the Old Country 15 months ago, and they were quite charmed with Canada, and told me that they were supposed to give lectures to the farmers about the conditions of the Old Country, but they never said a word regarding the conditions for domestic servants in the Old Country. You may ask, why don't they come to Victoria? The answer is that in the first place the fare costs too much for this, in fact, only 1 per cent. manager of the Victoria Hotel, who is a Scotchman, is that domestic servants in the Old Country never have a chance of hearing from a reliable party of the real conditions of life in the Old Country. I have heard of some of the men of Canada, for if they did there would be no difficulty in getting them out here, as I read, they would know the difference between the Old Country and here, and to take them to Winnipeg, and there they remain. Now, sir, as I employed three domestic servants on a farm in the Old Country, I know the difference of how they are treated here. I have no hesitation in saying that if the proper steps were taken the demand would be greatly reduced in a very short time.

CHAMBERLAIN ISSUES MANIFESTO TO ELECTORS

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collected at Blenheim Palace, one of the great ducal homes of England. (Loud laughter.) Isn't it a pretty picture? Can't you see Churchill sitting cozily in the midst of ducal luxury, waited upon by useful footmen, and after lunch, smoking a pipe, drinking ducal champagne, smoking ducal cigars and concocting posters vilifying dukes? (Loud laughter.) What monstrous humbug it is!

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WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria—Bright sunshine, 7 hours; highest temperature, 40°; lowest, 26.2° on 22nd; rain and melted snow, 1.5 inch. Vancouver—Bright sunshine, 7 hours; highest temperature, 36° on 23rd and 25th; lowest, 21° on 22nd; precipitation, .06 inch. New Westminster—Bright, 21° on 22nd; lowest, 14° on 23rd; precipitation, .25 inch. Kamloops—Highest, 22° on 24th and 25th; lowest, 2° on 23rd; precipitation, .10 inch. Barkerville—Highest, 30° on 28th; lowest, 20° on 22nd and 23rd; no precipitation. Fort St. James—Highest, 19° on 25th; lowest, 12° on 22nd; precipitation, .25 inch. Atlin—Highest, 30° on 26th and 27th; lowest, 12° on 22nd; no precipitation. Hazelton—Highest, 20° on 25th; lowest, 12° on 23rd; precipitation, .10 inch. 24th; snow, 7.10 inches.

PRETTY CHURCH WEDDING TO-DAY

SPENCER-WATTS NUPTIALS CELEBRATED

Metropolitan Methodist Church Scene of Pleasing Ceremony.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) At the Metropolitan Methodist church, Pandora avenue, at 3 o'clock this afternoon, in the presence of a crowd of friends and acquaintances which completely filled the spacious auditorium, Rev. T. E. Helling, the pastor, performed the ceremony which made Mr. John William Spencer and Miss Lillian L. Watts man and wife. For weeks past the intimate friends of the principals in this interesting event had been conspiring to make it indicative of the great popularity and esteem which they enjoy in Victoria, and that they succeeded admirably was the verdict of the hundreds who thronged the sacred edifice this afternoon.

The church had been decorated some days ago in accordance with the custom at Christmas and these decorations were added to by friends of the bride, with the result that the effect was exceedingly pretty. Holly and chrysanthemums were largely used in the scheme of floral decoration.

To give additional eclat to an event which has been awaited for weeks with keen interest by the young people of the city, a canopy had been erected at the main entrance of the church on Pandora avenue, and the bridal party walked into the building over a fine carpet which had been laid for the occasion.

The bride entered the church promptly at 3 o'clock, the hour set for the wedding, to the strains of the Wedding March, played by the organist, E. Parsons, and leaning on the arm of her father, J. H. Watts, Esq., and carrying a very lovely bouquet, she presented a very pretty appearance. Her costume was of white satin trimmed with real lace. She wore a tulle veil.

Miss Vera Watts, who was maid of honor, wore a white dress trimmed with lace. The bridesmaids were the Misses Sarah and Ada Spencer, sisters of the groom. They wore dresses of old mauve, with white lace overdress, and black hats.

The groom was supported by his brother, Mr. David Spencer, junior. The following acted as ushers: Mr. Herbert Pendray, Victoria; Mr. George Crow, Vancouver; Mr. Bishop, Vancouver; Mr. J. D. S. Spencer, Vancouver; Mr. B. MacLeod, Vancouver; and Mr. J. Potts, Vancouver.

The efficient choir of the Metropolitan church, led by Mr. J. M. Morgan, four brothers, Thomas S. John H. Joseph, and William, and three sisters, Mrs. J. M. Campbell and Mrs. Charles Grassie of Duncan, and Mrs. A. W. Munro, of Nelson, B. C. He also has a wife and six little girls, the eldest being not more than eight years old. The funeral was one of the largest held in the district and the floral offerings were numerous and very beautiful. The business houses were closed during the hours of the funeral.

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W. E. VANSTONE DIED IN MANITOBA

Was a Prominent and Respected Citizen of New Westminster.

New Westminster, Dec. 29. — The death occurred at Wawanesa, Man., on Christmas day of Wesley Edgar Vanstone, president of the Vancouver Heating & Plumbing Company, of this city, with a branch in Vancouver. The deceased was a native of Ontario, 42 years of age, and had been a resident of this city for over 20 years. He was educated in Winnipeg, and shortly after leaving school came to New Westminster. He was taken ill in October of 1908, and about a year ago went to Wawanesa to live with his brother, Dr. C. M. Vanstone, in the hope that a change of climate would be beneficial to him. He leaves to mourn his loss a wife and three children—one girl and two boys—besides his parents, who live in Winnipeg, where his father is in the government service, and two brothers—Dr. Vanstone and E. A. Vanstone, who own a large farm in Manitoba. The funeral took place in Wawanesa with Masonic honors. The late Mr. Vanstone was one of the best known citizens of New Westminster. He had served three years as alderman. He was a very prominent Mason, and was a member of King Solomon Lodge No. 27, A. F. & A. M., as well as a member of the Royal Arch Chapter. He was an athlete of no mean repute.

FIVE KILLED BY EXPLOSION.

Reading, Pa., Dec. 30. — Five men were killed by a boiler explosion at the plant of the Metropolitan Electric Company in West Reading yesterday. The dead are: James Conry and Frank Cole, Waterbury, Conn.; Clifford Martin, Tom's River, Pa.; Elmer Decker, Mount Pleasant, Pa.; Martin Lynch, Phoenixville, Pa. He calls himself a timber merchant, but he's really a lawyer. He was charged with a constable of a defendant at Bristol, Eng.

BUCK WEIGHING TONS FELL ON WORKMEN

One Man Killed and a Second Badly Injured at Prince Rupert.

Prince Rupert, Dec. 29.—With hardly a second's warning, a huge rock, loosened by the thaw, fell in a cut near Rankin's camp, recently, and crushed to death a young laborer named W. J. Smith. His thigh was smashed, his skull fractured, and both legs broken. A companion named John Laurquist, a Swede, was also caught, but it is not thought that his injuries will prove fatal. At present he is in the local hospital.

The rock was high up, on the side of a cut, and a party of men were at work directly beneath. The boulder, which weighed tons, descended with the rapidity of thought, and in a flash Smith was a corpse. He had had to dash to one side, but the effort was futile. Laurquist was pinned to the ground along with Smith, but in some way, it is thought, the body of the former escaped him from receiving fatal injuries.

Smith was only about twenty-three years of age, and is believed to have relatives in Winnipeg.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE E. CASTLEY AT DUNCAN

Odd Fellows Paid Last Honors to a Former Noble Grand.

Duncan, Dec. 29.—The funeral of Elias Castley took place yesterday from the L. O. O. F. hall at Duncan, the deceased having been past grand of the local lodge. At 1:30 p. m., in the presence of the local brethren and of a large number of relatives and friends, the beautiful service of the order was held. H. D. Evans taking the part of Noble Grand, and Rev. Mr. Barton, of Victoria, that of chaplain. Mr. Barton gave an address that will be long remembered by those present.

The funeral procession then wended its way to the little churchyard at Somenos, where Rev. Granville Christman officiated at the service in the church, and Rev. Mr. Barton, on behalf of the Odd Fellows, read their service at the grave. The service was conducted by Rev. A. J. Leshey, who had christened, confirmed and buried the deceased, and now read the last rites. The pallbearers were the following members of the I. O. O. F.: Bros. T. Pitt, A. Peterson, A. C. Aitken, W. W. Bell, W. R. Hatfield, and H. Halpenney.

The late Mr. Castley was born at Rosgill, Westmorland, Eng., on January 14th, 1872, and is survived by his aged father, H. C. Castley of Saltham, four brothers, Thomas S. John H. Joseph, and William, and three sisters, Mrs. J. M. Campbell and Mrs. Charles Grassie of Duncan, and Mrs. A. W. Munro, of Nelson, B. C. He also has a wife and six little girls, the eldest being not more than eight years old. The funeral was one of the largest held in the district and the floral offerings were numerous and very beautiful. The business houses were closed during the hours of the funeral.

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BURNABY NOW HAS A BOARD OF TRADE

New Organization Launched at a Well Attended Meeting.

New Westminster, Dec. 27. — The Burnaby board of trade is the latest addition to the institutions of that nature in British Columbia.

The new board was launched on its career at a meeting held in the Burnaby Municipal hall. The meeting was one of the most enthusiastic ever held in the municipality, and the spirit of optimism shown by those taking part in it augurs well for the success of the new body. Over thirty residents of the district were present, and although Burnaby is one of the largest municipalities in the province, every portion of it was represented by several of its influential residents.

The meeting was devoted for the most part to preliminary work. Reeve Byrne of Burnaby, was voted to the chair at the commencement of the evening, and after a resolution to the effect that the board be organized had been put and passed with enthusiasm the meeting got down to a consideration of the ways and means to be adopted for the establishment of the new body on a firm basis.

It was ultimately decided to divide the municipality into six districts, and to appoint three committees to look after the work of organization in each district. Before the meeting closed all those present signed their names to the document forming the board, some twenty-five signatures in all being secured. The signatories will form the charter members of the board. An attempt will be made to secure a number more charter members before the board is actually formed.

Thomas W. Coldicut, who acted as secretary at the meeting, was appointed secretary of the committee, and to him all those wishing to become charter members should apply.

NELSON MAYORALTY.

Nelson, Dec. 28.—There is after all to be a three-cornered contest for the mayoralty at the approaching municipal elections. Ald. Edward Kerr has announced his candidature, and will contest the election with Harold Selous, the present occupant of the mayor's chair, and John A. Irving, who is running as the candidate of the Citizen's party. There is at present no one definitely in the field for the aldermanic board and it is not known yet who will be. Several members of the old council have announced their intention of retiring while the intentions of the new council are not known. No one has yet come forward for the vacancies, but it is expected that this week several candidates will announce themselves.

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Another telegram states that Madrid has issued an order creating a tribunal to investigate alleged frauds of the Zelaya administration.

San Juan Del Sur, Nicaragua, Dec. 30.—It was reported here to-day that the commander of the government troops at Acopyala has announced that he will join the revolutionary party and will not oppose Estrada's march against Managua.

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DOLLAR TAKES PLACE OF PATRIOTISM

Says Public Building Erected Honestly Would Be a Freak

Troy, N. Y., Dec. 30.—"The age of patriotism has yielded to the age of commercialism. Uppermost in the human mind to-day is not the stars and stripes, but the dollar mark."

Such was the declaration of Supreme Court Justice Wesley O. Howard in an opinion reducing the compensation of members of a commission appointed to appraise damages to property resulting from the construction of the Ashokan reservoir in Ulster county, which is to furnish a water supply for New York City.

"While the commission furnishes avenues for the reckless escape of many dollars, there are other channels of leakage and waste fully as appalling," said Justice Howard. "It is greatly to be regretted that no public enterprise can be projected and consummated without this appalling loss, called 'graft.'"

"Graft is as much an element to be reckoned with in computing the cost of a public structure as is cement or labor. It has come to be a matter of course—this rascally loss—recognized by those who make estimates of cost in such cases. A public structure built honestly would be a freak."

VANCOUVER'S PROGRESS DURING PRESENT YEAR

New Records in Customs Revenue, Bank, Land Office and Building Permits.

Vancouver, Dec. 30.—Vancouver's progress for the past year is best attested by the figures from the customs, land registry and building offices as well as the bank returns for the year which have just been computed and estimated to the close of 1909.

Customs revenues for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1910, for Vancouver will set a new high mark for the port and will be in the close neighborhood of \$4,000,000, or approximately \$3,751,225.36. This is a gain over the best previous year, that of 1907-8, of about \$412,000, or 12 per cent.

The revenue figures of the land registry office show an enormous increase of 60 per cent. over those of the year 1908. The total for the year 1909 up to yesterday amounted to \$46,385.42, compared with \$28,353.35 for the year 1908. This increase of \$18,032.07 is more than the whole returns for the year four years ago.

The bank clearings for the year show a growth over last year that is unprecedented in the history of any city since clearing houses were established in Canada. The total for the year up to the last working day, December 23rd, was \$278,415,906, as against a total of \$183,083,904 for the whole of last year.

Building permits show 1909 is the banner year of Vancouver's history. Building permits have amounted to 146 buildings to the value of over \$7,000,000 during the year, which is \$1,000,000 greater than in 1908, the previous record year.

TYPHOID FEVER SPREADS IN MONTREAL

Nearly Three Hundred Cases in Hospital—Accommodation Exhausted.

Montreal, Dec. 30.—The annual visitation of typhoid fever appears to be somewhat more rapidly spreading this winter than usual. Statistics place the number of cases all the way from 2,200 to 4,000, with the probability that the smaller estimate is in excess of the actual number. This would make the ratio five in a thousand of population.

All the hospitals which take cases of this kind long ago had their accommodation exhausted, the number of cases in the six hospitals being 284. Lack of further accommodation is keenly felt, and the probability is that the city will open temporary hospitals if the nurses can be secured.

Blame for the epidemic is placed upon the water supply, and particularly upon that supplied to some of the outer wards and suburbs of the city by the Montreal Water Power Company. The company, however, claims that examination of its water shows that it is palatable. Both the city and the company obtain their supplies from the St. Lawrence.

BOY'S LONG JAUNT

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Paged with his name and destination, five-year-old Clay Lawrence left this city yesterday for Los Angeles, after having come alone from Glasgow, Scotland. Young Lawrence will have travelled 6,000 miles when he reaches the Pacific coast.

Gordon Lawrence, the boy's father, who has not seen him since 1907, when he left Scotland for America, after the death of his wife, is waiting for Clay in Los Angeles.

NICARAGUA'S PRESIDENT MAY REJECT TERMS

Estrada, it is Reported, Will Not Recognize Madrid's Claim to Presidency.

Managua, Dec. 30.—General Estrada's evident intention to insist upon peace terms that President Madrid will be unable to accept will result disastrously to the peace conference in which the leaders of the two factions will meet next Saturday, according to popular belief expressed here.

Estrada, it is reported, is unwilling to accept Madrid as president of Nicaragua, and regards him merely as Zelaya's successor as commander of the government army. He apparently is determined to ignore Madrid's claims, and it is predicted that he will refuse to lay down his arms until after the coming election.

Madrid is so apprehensive of the futility of the coming peace negotiations that he is rushing troops to Acayagua in Estero county, which is proposed march against Managua should the conference be fruitless.

Zelaya Sarcastic. Mexico City, Dec. 30.—Jose Santos Zelaya, who claims to be still president of Nicaragua, declares that the United States underlies the revolution in Central America.

When revolutionary conditions were prevalent, he stated, the American government would assert its authority, "for the sake of humanity," and assume control of the several republics embroiled.

Speaking of the report that Estrada will demand terms of the proposed peace conference next Saturday that President Madrid will be unable to accept, Zelaya declared that little credence should be put on the report. He was emphatically strong in his position and keep his policies intact until the final settlement of the difficulties.

Troops in Pitiful Plight. San Francisco, Dec. 30.—According to Newton Cartwright, master mechanic in charge of a number of men who have been making repairs on the guns Buffalo and Vicksburg, lying at Corinto and who returned on the steamer Pennsylvania, the condition of government troops in Corinto was pitiful. Their food consists of coarse corn and they were half starved and in rags. Cartwright said that most of Zelaya's soldiers were under 18 years of age and that one company he saw commanded by a boy of 14 years. Desertions were frequent, according to the mechanic, and a rigid system of conscription was necessary to keep the ranks full.

OPPOSES LAYMEN'S MISSION MOVEMENT

Ontario Clergyman Says Lay Speakers Should Be Licensed.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 23.—Criticized freely for his opposition to the Laymen's Mission Movement, Rev. R. B. Waterman, of Carp, writes in the Church Life, a paper which he does not object to lay speakers in the Anglican church, but holds that they must be licensed and speak as churchmen.

Mr. Waterman will not recognize "lay churches." To recognize them, he says, would be to surrender the Anglican position as the Catholic church. He will not fraternize where he cannot recognize. He rejoices that bishops do not constitute the church of God for the movement, he repudiates them.

CHINESE ACTOR IS SLAIN IN NEW YORK

New York, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Clara Quan, widow of Joe Quan, a Chinese actor of San Francisco, was placed under arrest to-day for the murder of a witness to the murder of Ah Hoon, another actor, at midnight. Hoon's death, the authorities fear, will result in the re-opening of the Tong war in this city.

The police declared to-day that they are positive that Mrs. Quan, with whom Hoon had lived, had had nothing to do with the crime, but an unwilling witness. Hoon was a member of the Four Brothers Tong, but recently deserted them and became a member of the On Leongs.

Police Fear Murder Will Be Followed by Further Bloodshed.

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CHANCELLOR DOES NOT USE HYPHEN

The Political Friends of Lloyd George Vigorously Deny Charge.

London, Dec. 30.—Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd George has been so much annoyed by charges that he has been guilty of the affectation of adopting a hyphenated name that his political friends are going to their way to deny it. Trivial as the accusation was, it was felt that it was actually going. The Liberals material damage among extreme radicals, who take bitter exception to anything they interpret as an attempt to imitate the aristocracy.

The explanation, the chancellor's advocates say, is very simple. His family name was George, and he was christened David Lloyd. In Wales, his birthplace, George is so common a family name, however, that it practically amounts to no designation whatever, and in the locality where the future chancellor was brought up it was especially so.

David was nearly as common. Lloyd, on the other hand, was more unusual. His middle name was accordingly almost invariably used to differentiate him from the innumerable other David Georges in the community.

It is denied with the most violent emphasis that the chancellor ever hyphenated the two names or used his middle one for any purpose but to avoid confusion.

DOG SLEIGH RACES

Fernie, Dec. 25.—The dog sleigh races which have been such a feature of the winter sport here for the last two years are to be repeated this season. Thomas Whelan, is again offering attractive prizes to the boy possessors of speedy dogs, and the races will usually be run off on Saturday afternoon. It is the intention of Mr. Whelan to endeavor to arrange for some matches with the owners of dogs in other towns within a reasonable distance of Fernie.

VANCOUVER WINS SECOND MATCH

DEFEAT CALIFORNIANS BY DROP GOAL

Basil Sawyers Sustains Fractured Skull in Championship Game.

Vancouver, Dec. 30.—The pinnacle of the football ambition of Vancouver was attained yesterday, when the "representative" fifteen for the second time kept their lines intact and pierced through the lines of the Californians and secured the goal for four points and securing the second and deciding game of the coast championship series.

The Keith cup has returned to the place of its donation after a year's absence, and the possession of it entitles the Vancouver team to be designated as the champions of the Pacific coast at the vigorous, speedy and spectacular game of Rugby football.

Worthily and deservedly have they won the trophy, the laurels and the thanks of all sportsmen for faithful application to training, their determination to recover the lost "ashes," and the result.

It was a game of a different type to that of last Saturday. The ball was not sent so much at the feet of the forwards, though it was there in plenty, but there were more tight mauls, surging scrambles in which neither side could gain a yard after tremendous effort, and the backs on both sides were busier in attack. There was a considerable number of the individual runs, keen sharp bursts and desperate dashes, and some combined passing movements. The gains made at a time were not so considerable, and the ball did not travel so frequently from one end of the field to the other.

One serious injury marked the match. Basil Sawyers, the six-foot year-old full back of the Vancouver team, getting his skull fractured in going down to stem a rush of the Berkeley forwards, the knee of one of the big men striking him on the back of the head. He was taken to the hospital.

The first few minutes of the game went Vancouver's way, and a beautifully dropped goal by Baker followed that it settled the result. The Varsity players never forced Vancouver to make a safety touch, while those in the distance were compelled to avert danger in that fashion and were only in the nick of time in doing it. Certainly there was more action on more than one occasion, notably when the ball travelled through the hands of six or seven, and the movement was only stopped right at the corner flag.

The Berkeley backs could not complain of lack of opportunity in the full back of the Vancouver team, getting his skull fractured in going down to stem a rush of the Berkeley forwards, the knee of one of the big men striking him on the back of the head. He was taken to the hospital.

The significance of the order from Washington lies in the fact that Thurber's method may mean the salvation of the fur seal herds of Alaska, now fast disappearing, as a result of the activities of poachers, who kill mother seals, regardless of the existence of pups, leaving the latter to starve.

HOCKEY GAMES IN THE BOUNDARY

Three Teams in League—Twelve Games Will Be Played.

Phoenix, Dec. 28.—That the Boundary people will have an opportunity of witnessing some fast hockey this season is now a foregone conclusion. Phoenix, Grand Forks, Greenwood will be represented by teams that promise to out-class those of former years. Representatives of each of the three teams met as an executive of the Boundary Hockey League at the Phoenix Club, when plans for the 1909-1910 season were fully discussed, the schedule of games and dates drawn up, and by-laws drafted. It was arranged to have twelve games, four in each city and each team play in eight games.

The following rules to govern games in the Boundary Hockey League were adopted. Executive to consist of two representatives from each club—Phoenix, Grand Forks and Greenwood. In the event of only one representative being present from any town he shall be entitled to two votes.

The series of games for 1909-10 to consist of two games in each city by each opposing team.

Cup to be played for in competition and held by winning team for one year.

Visiting team to be notified of official referee three days previous to game. If said referee be not acceptable, neutral executive shall appoint referee and visiting team shall pay their own expenses.

In event of default or failure of visiting team to put in appearance at any of the games constituting the series, the visiting team will be liable for all expenses incurred by the home team. Dates may be changed, if satisfactory to both teams interested.

Players must be residents of city they represent at least fifteen days before taking part in any game of series after first game of series has been played.

The annual Christmas tree and entertainment of the Spring Ridge Methodist church was held on Tuesday in the church. Rev. T. E. Holling presided during the evening, while the scholars of the school rendered the cantata, "Christening Messengers." Presents were afterwards distributed to the children.

JOHN KENNEDY, AN OLD PIONEER, DEAD

Was One of Earliest Marine Engineers on the Pacific Coast.

(From Thursday's Daily.) Another old-timer has passed away in the person of John Kennedy, who died in St. Joseph's hospital last evening. Mr. Kennedy had been in failing health for a couple of years past, but was attending to his duties up to within a few days of his death. The remains have been removed to the parlors of the B. Funeral and Furnishing Co., from whence the funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon.

The late Mr. Kennedy was born in Dublin 77 years ago, and served his time as a marine engineer. During the Crimean war he was on one of the British men-of-war as an engine-room artificer. Nearly 50 years ago he came out to British Columbia and was one of the pioneer marine engineers on this coast. He was in the employ of the late Robert Dunsmuir. In that capacity he was engaged on several steamers and was at Victoria during the movement for some years. Among the old-time steamers he worked on were the Otter, Maude, Cariboo Flyer, Alexander, Enterprise, Wilson G. Hunt. For a time he was engaged in prospecting on the old Beaver. At one time he was engineer in the Colonist office and later spent several years as engineer at the government buildings. For ten years past he had been engineer at the court house.

Mr. Kennedy's wife died three years ago. One son survives, James Kennedy, of Russell street. He was a member of St. Saviour's church, Victoria West, and the funeral service will be conducted by Rev. C. E. Cooper. The late Mr. Kennedy was a member of Victoria Lodge, No. 4, I. O. O. F. He was a devoted and generous benefactor of his city and always had a fund of anecdotes about old-timers in the old and here.

THURBER ASKED TO MAKE REPORT TO EXPLAIN METHODS OF RAISING SEALS

Question of Protecting Orphan Pups to Be Looked Into.

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 30.—Boatswain Judson Thurber, of the United States revenue cutter Bear, now in this port, has received orders to report to Washington, D. C., to explain his methods of raising orphan fur seal pups, two of which he brought alive from the Pribilof Island, Alaska, to San Diego, on the Bear.

The significance of the order from Washington lies in the fact that Thurber's method may mean the salvation of the fur seal herds of Alaska, now fast disappearing, as a result of the activities of poachers, who kill mother seals, regardless of the existence of pups, leaving the latter to starve.

DEDICATION OF NEW CHAPEL

MRS. J. D. PEMBERTON'S GIFT TO HOSPITAL

Ministers of All Protestant Denominations Assisted at Ceremony.

(From Thursday's Daily.) Simply and reverently the beautiful Pemberton chapel, the gift of Mrs. J. D. Pemberton to the Royal Jubilee hospital, was dedicated yesterday afternoon in the presence of a gathering which filled the edifice. The service was participated in by clergy of all the Protestant denominations, those taking part being Bishop Perrin, Rev. F. T. Tapscott, Rev. T. W. Gladstone, Rev. Joseph McCoy, Rev. A. Henderson and Rev. H. A. Carson.

During the service a message was received from Bishop Perrin, regretting his inability to be present and praying that the blessing of God might rest upon the service and upon the chapel.

The service opened with the singing of the long metre doxology by the congregation, after which Rev. F. T. Tapscott offered prayer and Rev. T. W. Gladstone read the lesson.

Rev. Joseph McCoy spoke on the religious and physical life. Nowadays there was too great a tendency to think of the material and tangible, forgetting the spiritual, the unseen and eternal. Allying the material with the spiritual, the dedication of which they were attending, Mr. McCoy remarked that heretofore little had been done towards the spiritual comfort of patients who suffer through the scintillating efforts of kindly visitors. Now, however, by the beneficence and goodwill of Mrs. Pemberton this chapel had been provided. It was a place where the spiritual and the physical life. Nowadays there was too great a tendency to think of the material and tangible, forgetting the spiritual, the unseen and eternal. Allying the material with the spiritual, the dedication of which they were attending, Mr. McCoy remarked that heretofore little had been done towards the spiritual comfort of patients who suffer through the scintillating efforts of kindly visitors. 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RUSSIA DRIFTS NEAR TO WAR RELATIONS WITH JAPAN STRAINED

Report That Foreign Minister May Be Forced From Office.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—For letting Russia drift so near to war with Japan, as it is at the present time, the foreign minister, Isvolsky, must shortly resign his place in the czar's cabinet, according to a high official authority.

Whether or not the Isvolsky part is true, only further developments can show, the foreign minister having in the past risen superior to repeated rumors of the kind in a manner most annoying to his numerous enemies at court. To the extent that Russo-Japanese relations are strained almost to the breaking point, the report is, however, generally credited in diplomatic circles.

The popular theory is that Japan regards it absolutely necessary to its own interests to control a strip of the eastern Asiatic coast from the Korean frontier up to and including the Kamchatka peninsula, and that nothing but a successful forcible resistance can prevent the Mikado from taking what he wants from the czar. It is agreed that Isvolsky could probably not have prevented this situation, and it is not for any diplomatic neglect, but for failing to acquaint Nicholas of the gravity of the outlook that he is blamed.

Reports that former Premier Count Witte will soon take up his residence in the Far East seem verified by the announcement that the Russo-Chinese bank and the Banque du Nord are to be amalgamated under the name of the Central Asiatic Bank, and that Witte will be managing director, probably with headquarters in Peking.

OPPOSED TO ACCOUNT FOR LEGAL SERVICES

Alderman Opposed to Paying a Lawyer's Bill for "Extras."

(From Tuesday's Daily.) An account of \$2,800 for legal services rendered the city in special cases by W. J. Taylor, city barrister, and J. P. Mann, city solicitor, was presented at last evening's meeting of the city council by the finance committee with the recommendation that the same be paid. This recommendation was not accepted, however, several members objecting that they would like to know the details of the account, and it was decided to let it stand over until Thursday evening next.

When the report of the finance committee was read by the clerk, Ald. Raymond wanted to know what the bill was for. He felt that the council ought to be placed in possession of a detailed account.

Mayor Hall said that no doubt Mr. Taylor's account was mainly made up of services in connection with the transfer of the market building from the Victoria & Sidney railway. Ald. Fullerton was distinctly opposed to paying the bill until he knew more about it. He was not sure about the ethics of the legal profession in the matter of detailed accounts, but he thought the council should be given all the particulars in respect to the various charges and the work done by the two legal representatives of the city. He would also like to be informed just how far the services of the gentlemen were at the disposal of the city for the amount of money paid them as regular salaries.

Ald. Raymond was of the impression that the city was to have the whole time of Mr. Mann for a stated salary as city solicitor.

Ald. McKeown said that a detailed bill had been placed before the committee, and the same was available to any member of the board.

Ald. Henderson, as chairman of the finance committee, explained why he did not sign the report. The city retained Mr. Taylor at \$1,000 per year, and of course he was entitled to extra pay for special services, but they should know just what those special cases are. Mr. Mann, as city solicitor, got a salary for his services, and if that salary was insufficient he should say so.

Ald. Stewart, while he was not in favor of throwing the city's money away on any occasion, believed that if the board would consider the matter they would see that the legal services rendered the city by the two officials was well worth the money.

On Ald. Turner's suggestion the matter was laid over until Thursday evening, when the detailed account will be scrutinized. The fire wardens recommended that the sum of \$53 be paid to St. Joseph's hospital for medical attendance to ex-firemen Amerson, who was injured on April last while attending at a fire on Fort street.

Thornton Fell, solicitor for Lemon, Tompason & Co., again urged that case of the foreshore lot at the foot of Queen's avenue be executed. This will be considered on Thursday evening.

BRIDE TAKES POISON.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Louis Pirth, 28-year-old bride, to Daniel J. Pirth, of Melbourne, five days ago, took poison at the place where they were boarding at Lakeview avenue, and died at 8 o'clock last night. It is believed to be a case of arsenic, as she is said to have whispered to her husband before she died: "I took the poison and I am sorry for it."

BUILDING AT VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, Dec. 27.—Vancouver's building permits-to-day went over the even million mark for the year.

WOMAN'S BODY IS FOUND IN RIVER

Believed to Have Been Killed by Negro Who Forced Way Into House.

Denver, Col., Dec. 28.—Half stripped of its clothes and the skull crushed, apparently by a heavy blow, the body of Mrs. Ernest Rup, 26 years of age, was found early to-day in the waters of the Platte river near this city.

The woman's husband is employed on the night shift in the local round house of the Burlington railroad. When he returned from work this morning he found his six children alone in the house. Mrs. Rup, according to one of the children, had left the house alone early last evening to call a policeman, as she had been frightened by several negroes who had been prowling about the place. Rup immediately made a search for his wife, and on finding her falling to find his wife, notified the police. Within half an hour the officers found the lifeless body of the woman in the river.

Pearl Rup, daughter of Mrs. Rup, told the police to-day that when a negro attempted to force his way into the house during the night her mother seized a revolver and rushed out of doors.

"I heard several shots fired," the little girl said, "and then the negro came into the house and said that he wanted \$12. He said he knew it was there. I did not see mamma again."

ADDITION TO THE EMPRESS

TENDERS CALLED FOR IMMEDIATE ERECTION

Structure Will Be Six Stories, in Keeping With the Rest.

The seal of approval having been given by the heads of the C.P.R. in Montreal to the plans for the extension of the Empress hotel, these have been returned here and tenders are now being called for by Honeyman & Curtis, of Vancouver, the architects.

The addition is to be built at the northeast corner of the existing structure, continuing up for six storeys from the present kitchen annex. It will be of steel, buttressed by brick, with a sloping roof of concrete, six inches thick. The architecture will be in keeping with the rest of the building. Balconies opening out of the corridors will be placed on each of the first four storeys.

In the new portion there will be sixty-eight bedrooms, which will be furnished in the same style of comfort and luxury as the rest of the hotel. All the woodwork used must be from lumber grown in the province, sound and free from defects. The flooring throughout will be of terrazzo, a two-inch layer of marble laid on a ciner concrete base. Ample fire escapes will be provided, running continuously from the first to the sixth floor. The telephone system will, of course, be extended through the addition, and the lighting, heating and ventilation will be as perfect as in what will soon become known as the "old" portion of the hotel.

It is understood that construction is to commence at once upon the awarding of the contract. The addition, completed and furnished, will cost about \$150,000, and it is expected that it will be in use before the close of the coming year.

MANAGER FOR DUN.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 28.—A. W. Ferguson, who has been appointed general manager of the entire R. G. Dun Commercial Agency, is a native of Hamilton, Ont., and received his education in Galt college and Helmut college. He is 52 years old.

CAPTAIN JOHNSON ARRIVES FROM NORTH

Superintendent of Skeena River Steamers Speaks of Outlook.

Captain S. B. Johnston, in charge of the Foley, Welch & Stewart boats on the Skeena, is at the Empress hotel. Speaking Tuesday on the future of Prince Rupert, Captain Johnston said next season would be the busiest Prince Rupert has known. The grade of the first hundred miles of the G.T.P. would be finished in the spring and supplies for the second contract of one hundred and forty miles are being shipped in. The rails are landed and ready when the grade is finished. The company had five boats running this week and will have them all busy next season.

Prince Rupert is building up with cottages and other buildings and real estate is moving rapidly.

CANADIAN CROP VALUES.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—An increase of \$100,000,000 in the value of Canadian crops is shown in the final estimates of 1909 production. An area of 30,085,536 acres of field crops has yielded a harvest which, computed at local market prices has a value of \$532,892,100, as compared with \$432,894,000 from 27,505,663 acres last year.

Football has been played in the Old Country for more than 500 years.

NO TRACE OF THE SUSIE M. PLUMMER

FATE OF SCHOONER AND CREW UNKNOWN

The Minnie M. Cain Arrives in Damaged Condition—Captain Oleson Dying.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 28.—Shipping men here to-day are speculating on the fate of the schooner Susie M. Plummer and the 15 men who deserted her 100 miles off Cape Flattery. The Plummer and the 15 men have disappeared from the sea, leaving no trace.

The life-saving tug Snohomish returned to Seattle to-day. The Snohomish steamed near and far in the neighborhood where the abandoned schooner was reported by the Japanese liner Kaga Maru. Other tugs, keen for salvage, have ploughed back and forth, but failed to find a trace of the Susie M. Plummer, 33 days out of Everett, or trace of 15 men who were their chances in a small boat when the Plummer became water-logged.

The schooner sailed through the straits with the tug and 200,000 feet of lumber in the hold and piled on the deck. The next hour he was the report of the Kaga Maru of a boat water-logged and abandoned, south by west of Flattery. Now she has disappeared and her fate promises to add another ship to the long list of mysteries of the sea.

Encounters Typhoon. Hoquiam, Wash., Dec. 28.—With the captain dying and the crew in a deplorable condition from lack of food, the schooner Minnie E. Cain, 97 days from China, bound for Bellingham, has been towed into this port with sails torn to shreds and rigging badly damaged.

The vessel left Hypon on September 20th. Hardly had she gotten outside of port before the schooner ran into the teeth of a stiff gale and off the coast struck a typhoon, which tossed the vessel about helplessly for 25 hours. The bulk of the provisions were destroyed by the water and had to be thrown overboard. When the vessel arrived in this port few pounds of flour was the only article of food left aboard. According to members of the crew, they suffered greatly from hunger and exposure, and all the way across the Pacific they encountered terrific storms.

Mate Enderson, who weighed 200 pounds when he left China, reached this port weighing less than 150 pounds. Captain Oleson, who is in a dying condition from heart trouble, was removed to a hospital to-day. Physicians hold out little hope for his recovery.

BODIES OF NICARAGUAN SOLDIERS CREMATED

Many Carried to Funeral Piles Without Being Identified.

Bluefield, N.C., Dec. 28.—Hundreds of bodies of soldiers killed in last week's fighting in the vicinity of Rama and Reco are being burned to-day. Many of them were carried to the great funeral pyres without any attempt at identification. This was necessary because of the condition of many bodies.

From the interior of the country advice were received to-day to the effect that many of the inhabitants are in abject want and are suffering acutely because of food shortages brought about by pillaging by the soldiers.

MUST SERVE FIVE MONTHS IN JAIL

Man is Convicted of Attempted Burglary at Duncan.

Duncan, Dec. 27.—The man captured on Wednesday last after being chased from Mr. Cook's butcher shop, gave his name as George Denny. He appeared before Judge Lomas on Thursday morning charged with attempted burglary, pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to serve five months in the provincial jail.

W. F. Davidson, of Victoria, charged with trespassing and prosecuted because of giving a false name and address, pleaded guilty and was fined \$20.

The sad news reached Duncan on Saturday of the death at Victoria of Elias Castley, who met with an accident last week. Mr. Castley leaves a wife and six children besides several brothers and a sister. The sympathy of the whole community goes out to them in their sorrow.

JEFFRIES CONFIDENT.

Peoria, Ills., Dec. 28.—James J. Jeffries, undefeated heavyweight champion of the world, said to-day that after three weeks' more of theatrical training for his fight with Johnson, Jeffries is appearing here in a vaudeville act at a local theatre.

The prize fighter says he does not care whether he fights in California or Utah, and declares himself to be in 100 per cent better condition now than Jack Johnson, his opponent. Theatrical Manager Frazee, who has guided Jeffries' destiny on the vaudeville path, stated that he is so sure the big fellow is going to win the July match that he has already arranged for a world-wide theatrical tour for him later in the year.

EXPLOSION KILLS FOUR MEN IN MINE

Lives of Scores of Others in Danger—Gas Responsible for Accident.

Centralia, Ill., Dec. 28.—Four miners were instantly killed in a coal mine near here to-day in an explosion that partially wrecked the interior of the mine and endangered the lives of scores of miners, who were working in the gallery.

The bodies of the men were taken from the gallery soon after the accident. They were badly crushed by the falling coal and timbers, and the limbs of one of the men were found some distance from the trunk, having been blown off by the force of the explosion.

The cause of the accident is unknown, but it is supposed that a small pocket of gas caught fire from an open lamp in the hands of one of the miners and exploded the coal dust that filled the air.

HEAVY TASK PUT ON JAIL AUTHORITIES

Impersonation of Laziness, According to Police, Sentenced to Hard Labor.

The authorities at the provincial jail had a difficult task set them on Tuesday by Police Magistrate Jay McLaughlin, a young man who seems to enjoy life and lacks nothing in the matter of nourishment, was committed to jail for three months with hard labor.

According to the evidence given by the police the latter part of the judgment will be the one which will tax the jail authorities to carry out, and the guard will have harder labor to get McLaughlin to work than McLaughlin will have.

Sergeant Redgrave and Detective Heather gave evidence against McLaughlin, who was charged with being an idle disorderly person without visible signs of support. They testified that since early in November the accused had employed his time drinking liquor until he had become a nuisance even to saloon keepers. Drinking was his sole occupation when out of the lockup. Five times he had been arrested in that time. His laziness was pronounced by the lockup, he persisted in lying on the blankets continuously. He would faint sickness to avoid work and had got into the hospital as a means of having repose.

Magistrate Castro, who presided, accepted the opportunity to give evidence on his own behalf. "I came to this holy city with \$1,400," he began. "When out of jail he said he tried his best to enjoy himself walking about. He was surprised at the magistrate suggesting he should work, calling attention to the fact that it was holiday time."

Another case on which the police laid a charge of vagrancy was dismissed, as evidence was produced to show that the accused did some work at least and Magistrate Jay said he did not feel like convicting him, although the police felt had sufficient cause to be suspicious.

TAFT WILL BE ASKED TO INTERVENE

Further Efforts Being Made to Settle the Strike of Switchmen.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 28.—President Perham of the railway department of the American Federation of Labor, is en route to Washington to-day to make an effort to secure federal aid in the settlement of the switchmen's strike that has demoralized freight traffic in the Northwest for several weeks.

It was stated to-day that Perham would make a personal appeal to President Taft and endeavor to interest the chief executive in the matter. He will also try to induce the strikers before the interstate commerce commission.

CHANGES PROPOSED IN COLLEGE FOOTBALL

West Point Committee Urges Elimination of Undue Roughness.

New York, Dec. 28.—Fifty colleges are approximately eighty-eight in the intercollegiate Athletic Association have voted for the retention of the American football game, with the elimination of mass plays and other dangerous plays. The vote was made known to-day by the executive committee of the association.

Five institutions voted that the present game is sufficient except in minor details, seven favored the English game of Rugby, seven took a middle position, between the American game and Rugby, and nine voted that either changed or Rugby substituted. The executive committee, it was announced, favored the changes proposed by the athletic committee at West Point and will so report to the convention. The West Point committee has prepared a resolution declaring that football has developed dangers that are recognized to be intolerable and that it has become necessary to eradicate undue roughness.

CAMPAIN IN LANCASHIRE.

Manchester, Eng., Dec. 28.—The political trade ended to-day, when in front of a large audience the English display of goods made abroad to be sold in Britain, a protectionist started in to hammer the gospel into an unbelieving crowd. The police put a stop to the argument. The incident was only an evidence of the vigor of the tariff reform propaganda all over the cotton manufacturing region where it is undoubtedly making some headway.

DRY DOCK SCHEME UP

SWAN & HUNTER'S MAN AT OTTAWA

Chance for Board of Trade to Press Esquimalt's Claims.

The following special dispatch from Ottawa appears in a recent issue of the Toronto Globe:

M. De Sola, who has been in Canada for some weeks as representative of Swan & Hunter, the great British shipbuilding firm of Newcastle-on-Tyne, investigating the feasibility of establishing stockyards and shipbuilding plants in Canada, is in Ottawa conferring with members of the government relative to the conditions which may be relied upon in the matter of government subsidies for drydocks, orders for new naval vessels, etc. Nothing definite has yet been decided upon, but it is understood that the firm contemplates the establishment of drydocks and repairing plants both at Halifax and Vancouver.

Members of the board of trade who were shown the dispatch this morning agreed that it is of more than ordinary local interest and that some immediate action should be taken to direct renewed attention to the claims of Victoria in respect to the proposed drydock enterprise. It is believed that the mention of Vancouver, as one of the points where a dock may be established, may merely be in error, and that Victoria is the point alluded to, but in view of the supreme importance of the matter it is felt that no chances should be taken and that the board of trade should at once take steps to call the attention of the representative of Swan & Hunter to the case for Esquimalt.

ON BUSINESS BENT.

Former President of Nicaragua Visiting Mexico for Purpose of Looking After Investments.

Mexico City, Dec. 28.—Mexican government officials are preparing a cordial reception for former President Zelaya of Nicaragua who is expected to arrive to-morrow from Salina Cruz, to which port he sailed in his flight from Nicaragua.

According to Minister Castro, of Nicaragua, President Diaz of Mexico will attend the receptions planned in Zelaya's honor in person. These receptions are numerous, many of them under the patronage of Mexico's officials. Minister Castro stated that after Zelaya has remained in the country a few weeks looking after his investments he will sail for Belgium to take up his residence in the palace he owns near Brussels.

POISONED CANDY KILLS OPERA TENOR

Young Parisian Salesman is Arrested in Connection With Tragedy.

Paris, Dec. 28.—The arrest here of a young salesman in a department store has uncovered a poison-by-mail mystery.

According to the police, candies containing arsenic were sent through the mails to a person who refused to eat but an offensive guest, a tenor in an opera company, took some and died a few hours later.

The sender of the poisoned candy was discovered by pure accident, but the police refuse to divulge names.

ABERDEEN WILL HAVE LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAM

President Declares, However, City Will Not Be Dictated to by Other Clubs.

Aberdeen, Wash., Dec. 27.—It took representative business men of this city less than an hour last night to show conclusively that Aberdeen wants one will have a team in the North-western League next season, providing any semblance of fairness is shown by other clubs at the coming league meeting. In fact, the matter of finances proved but a minor detail, the only stumbling block apparently being what future action will be taken by the other clubs.

President McFarlane put the matter in concrete form when he stated: "Aberdeen has the money and the team. The city will be in the North-western League, but it will not be dictated to by anyone. Rather than that it will withdraw."

A soliciting committee of seven representative men was appointed and promised within the week to have a sufficient amount of the total sum needed to launch the team. The incident secured at the Memphis meeting by Manager Rowland. It is anticipated that practically the complete line-up of next season's team will have been settled within that time.

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SMOTHERED TO DEATH BY TONS OF SAWDUST

Fireman in Electric Power Plant overwhelmed by Rush of Fuel.

Aberdeen, Wash., Dec. 28.—George Jacobson, a fireman for the Grays Harbor Railway & Light Company, is dead here to-day from an unusual accident which overtook him at the plant last night when he was smothered by tons of sawdust.

The accident happened in the fuel bin near the engine and dynamo house, and was the result of Jacobson's efforts to loosen the flow of the sawdust which is used as fuel. Employees had instructions to enter the building from the top when necessary to push the fuel down, but Jacobson, although twice before caught and partly buried, went under the bin and was overwhelmed by a sudden rush of the fuel.

PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN.

Regina to Raise \$25,000 to Advertise the City.

Regina, Sask., Dec. 28.—The campaign to raise \$25,000 for publicity purposes is getting under way fast. Yesterday, in half an hour, \$5,000 was raised by the Greater Regina Club committee.

ENGINEERS TO CONSIDER PLANS

J. H. BACON TO CONFER WITH G. A. KEEFER

G. T. P. Proposed Wharves to Be Considered on the Spot.

J. H. Bacon, harbor engineer of the G.T.P., is on his way out here to look into the matter of the company's wharf plans. G. A. Keefer, resident engineer of the public works department, received word to that effect yesterday and will meet Mr. Bacon on his arrival at the coast. A conference will probably be held with the Board of Trade and other interested parties.

It is reported that the G.T.P. has made application to the government at Ottawa for a guarantee of four per cent, interest on a two-million-dollar loan, for the purpose of building its deep-water terminals in Victoria.

OFFICERS INSTALLED.

Vancouver-Quadra Lodge Held Installation Ceremonies Monday Evening.

A meeting of Vancouver-Quadra, No. 2, A. F. and A. M., was held Monday in the Masonic Temple when the installing officers for the ensuing year took place. Before a number of the members of the order the officers were installed by Deputy Grand Master Paul, assisted by District Deputy Grand Master Duncan and others.

The officers for the coming year are as follows: Worshipful Master, S. J. Willis; I. P. M., C. Crawford; Senior Warden, J. C. McNeil; Junior Warden, C. B. Deaville; Treasurer, John Langley; Secretary, R. B. McKicking; Senior Deacon, W. E. Staneland; Junior Deacon, W. S. Perry; Senior Steward, L. H. Hardie; Junior Steward, Chas. Harris; Chaplain, T. H. Hayward; director of Ceremonies, Geo. Glover; Inner Guard, Geo. Kirkendale; Organist, H. J. Johnson; Tyler, S. Stockham.

RETIREES FROM CONTEXT.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—P. M. Draper has retired from the contest for controllership. Mr. Draper is secretary of the Dominion Trades and Labor Council.

MERCHANT MARINE ABOUT TO BE ENCOURAGED

Advice Given by United States Secretary of Commerce in Annual Report.

In his annual report, Secretary Nagell of the United States department of commerce and labor, discusses at length the condition of American shipping. He says in the course of his report:

"The record output of our shipyards during the fiscal year 1908, as anticipated, proved to be the culmination of a decade of exceptional activity in shipbuilding. During the past fiscal year merchant vessels built and documented in the United States numbered 1,347 of only 238,000 gross tons, the smallest product since 1882, yet larger than the average annual output of the decade ended that year. Under normal conditions our shipyards may now be expected to complete annually about 400,000 gross tons, and unless the unforeseen occur an approach to that product may be looked for during the current fiscal year. Our shipbuilding is confined to the needs of coastwise or domestic transportation and to naval or government construction. Of late years we have built fewer steel steamships for foreign trade than ten years ago.

"Progress in constructing the Panama canal should encourage our shipbuilders. Under our coastwise laws this commerce will be conducted in American steamships and it is not too soon now to begin planning the types of steamships best adapted for trade through the canal. Last year only one coastwise steamship of over 4,000 gross tons was built.

"The creation of a merchant marine in foreign trade proportionate in any degree to our rank among nations must be a slow undertaking. The approaching completion of the Panama canal, as already indicated, will create some favorable conditions, but it also imposes the obligation of early action. Several measures to this end are now pending in congress."

PURCHASE OF THE RAINBOW

CANADA TO PAY \$250,000 FOR CRUISER

Naval Bill Will Probably Be Introduced in House on January 15th.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—It is understood that the government, with the approval of parliament, has agreed to pay \$250,000 for the British second-class cruiser Rainbow, which is to be used as a training ship for the Canadian navy. This amount includes the cost of repairs now being made in Great Britain. The Rainbow was built in 1891 at a cost of \$490,000.

The Laurier Bill.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier goes to Toronto next Tuesday, whereas he will be the guest of the Ontario club at a banquet on Wednesday evening. On Friday he will be the guest of the National club, returning to Ottawa on Saturday. In the early part of the following week the cabinet will meet to give final consideration to the naval bill which is to be introduced in the Commons on Wednesday, January 13th.

Australia's Navy.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 28.—Minister of Defence Cook, commenting on the naval question, said the whole position here was being patiently and thoroughly worked out. He was considering the advisability of asking for the privilege of having his permanent men for the new unit trained on vessels of the present squadron. He said he had a dearth of applications for positions in Australia's navy.

OVERCOME BY COAL GAS.

London, Ont., Dec. 28.—H. W. Vincent, his wife and family are seriously ill as the result of being overcome with coal gas in their home. All are expected to recover.

FRANCIS J. HENEY SUES MILLIONAIRE

Claims \$250,000 Damages From W. H. Crocker for Alleged Libel.

New York, Dec. 28.—The formal complaint in the damage suit of Francis J. Heney, the prosecutor in the San Francisco graft cases, against W. H. Crocker, for the purpose of building its deep-water terminals in Victoria, for \$250,000, on an allegation of libel, was filed here yesterday.

Mr. Heney bases his action on an open letter bearing Mr. Crocker's name which appeared in a New York evening newspaper on December 3rd, in which Mr. Crocker defended his action in first supporting the Heney prosecution and later withdrawing his support.

James M. Bey, counsel for Mr. Heney, said: "As soon as Mr. Crocker's letter was published Mr. Heney telegraphed me to bring suit. Mr. Heney immediately gave his life to the cause of exposing corruption of San Francisco grafters in an honorable and legitimate way. In the heat of the election contest in San Francisco many charges were made by irresponsible men against Mr. Heney, but when Mr. Crocker assumed the responsibility for these charges and gave them wider circulation in a responsible organ of public opinion, Mr. Heney felt that his opportunity had come to have a jury of his fellow-countrymen determine the justice or the injustice of the accusations against him."

"In San Francisco the graft prosecutions have so divided the people into hostile camps, that it would seem to me a matter of exceeding difficulty to secure a jury which would consider the questions involved with absolute impartiality. In New York, however, there can be no selfish interest in the issues which grew out of the San Francisco graft prosecutions, and here, therefore, a jury can be selected which can impartially and fearlessly judge between Mr. Crocker's grave accusations and Mr. Heney's account of his stewardship as a public official."

RECEIVES PROMOTION.

A. J. Hollyer Has Been Given Management of Almonte Branch of Bank of Montreal.

A. J. Hollyer, assistant manager of the local branch of the Bank of Montreal, has received intimation that he has been promoted to the management of the branch in Almonte, Ont. He leaves with his family next week to assume his duties there. Mr. Hollyer has been identified all his life with Canada's big financial house, joining its service when a lad, in London, Eng., and passing up through the different grades to his present position. He has been seven years in British Columbia and came to Victoria five years ago from New Westminster. He is thus thoroughly acquainted with western conditions and during his residence in Victoria he has won the esteem of the wide constituency with which the Bank of Montreal does business. His removal will cause general regret coupled with satisfaction that his merit is receiving recognition by promotion.

An application was made before Judge Langens some time ago on behalf of the Cassiar Gold & Copper Co. to set aside a judgment for \$402.15 which Wilson McLean had obtained against them by default. The matter stood over for the production of affidavits from both parties. On Tuesday D. S. Tait produced an affidavit from the plaintiff, but the defendants entered no appearance and their application was dismissed.

EMPRESS HOTEL MERRY DAYS OF HOT Beautiful So—Lis

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SCHOOL BOARD WILL ASK FOR INCREASE By-Law to Cover New Schools Requires to Be Made Greater.

At Tuesday's meeting of the school board it was found that when the board had asked the city for funds for the erection of the George Jay school and the Moss street school, that they tell considerably short in their estimate.

It was suggested by Mr. Jay that the city council, which is considering a by-law for school purposes amounting to \$184,000, and which is to be placed before the electors at the forthcoming city elections, be requested to include the above amount in the by-law.

Trustee Riddell, chairman of the building and grounds committee, however, pointed out that a great deal had to be done in the way of fixing up the grounds of both schools, and that money would be required for this.

The city council will now be requested to amend the present by-law to make provision for the sum of \$30,000.

The present by-law now calls for the raising of the sum of \$184,000, but the amount actually asked for by the board is \$174,000, the difference being made for the allowance of discounts in the debentures.

The suggestion made by Fire Chief Davis to the school board a short time ago will be followed out. It was to the effect that all the schools should be brought up to the standard in the matter of fire protection should be fixed up at once.

Trustee Riddell, to whom the matter was referred, reported that he had been in conversation with Chief Davis and that the latter had suggested several remedies to the school board.

Fire alarms of an up-to-date character will also be placed in the schools. The feature of these will be that when the alarm is rung it will not only give warning in each room, but also at the fire department headquarters.

The question of dealing with substitute teachers was also discussed. The subject recommended that the board should appoint four extra teachers, one for the North Ward, one in South Park and two at the Central schools.

After discussion it was decided to lay the matter over to a special meeting to be held shortly.

Miss Lillian Ross was appointed to the teaching staff at a salary of \$50 per month, her term to run for two years with the beginning of the new term.

GEORGIA UNLOADING CARGO AT VANCOUVER Not Expected in Dry Dock Until End of This Week.

The steamer Georgia of the Canadian-Mexican line arrived at Vancouver Tuesday, and is discharging 1,400 tons of general cargo there. She will come here to go into dock at Esquimalt for repairs to damages caused by a collision with the breakwater at Satina Creek in which she damaged several plates. The Georgia came north with several cement patches on her hull.

KILLED ON RAILWAY. Palo Alto, Cal., Dec. 29.—Mrs. Annie Jones, aged 54, was killed by a Southern Pacific train on the depot platform. Mrs. Jones attempted to cross the track in front of a fast train which does not stop at Palo Alto. She had cleared the rails and was two feet away when the train passed, running at high speed. The suction drew her against the cars, which struck her with such force that she was thrown ten feet, striking on her head. She died within a few minutes.

CITY IS FREE OF CROOKS CHIEF LANGLEY'S DRASTIC "MOVE ON" ORDER Many Undesirables Ordered Away During Past Six Months.

Notwithstanding that this is the one season of the year when men are most inclined to make merry and a number unfortunately, to an extent neither good for themselves nor the peace of the community, the holidays of 1909 are passing with but little necessity for action on the part of the police authorities of Victoria—a fact which reflects the highest credit upon the city in general and that department in particular.

Chief Langley, talking over the situation with a Times reporter on Tuesday, said the present holiday season was proving an exceptionally quiet one in police circles—a fact he did not in the least regret.

"The public have but faint idea of the amount of work that falls to the police department on cases that never reach the courts. We are constantly rounding up crooks who drift here from other places. We must have driven several hundred of such men but of town during the past six months."

The chief went on to tell of a case which happened the other day. "I got my eye on three tough-looking characters standing on the corner of Yates and Government streets. I did not like their looks and I thought I would take a chance. So I went up to them, and tapping one of them on the shoulder, I said: 'If you fellows are not out of town in 24 hours I will have you on the rock pile. I am the chief of police.' All right, chief," said the man I had spoken to—and the others also agreed to go."

The chief added that Victoria possessed in his judgment, the best identification system of any city north of San Francisco. The photographic gallery of crooks and bad men is kept thoroughly up to date, and it is rarely that a criminal with any "records" can come here and escape the police dragnet.

Chief Langley concluded by saying that Victoria, and in fact all points on the island, occupy a much better position in respect to facilities for detecting criminals than cities on the Mainland. Undesirables can walk into Vancouver if need be, whereas they must reach Island points by boat, and it is a comparatively simple matter to keep tabs on all who come down a narrow gang-plank. Then, again, Victoria bears the reputation of being the one city in the Northwest where stiff sentences to convicted criminals is the rule—and this exercises a very salutary influence.

On or about January 7th next the B. C. Electric Railway Company will commence the double-tracking of the old cables running over the causeway preparatory to the utilization of the cable laid in the subway. The unsightly poles at either end of the causeway are to be removed immediately.

The remains of the late William Starrett were laid at rest in Ross Bay cemetery Tuesday afternoon. The funeral took place at 2 o'clock from 785 King's road, Rev. T. E. Hoiling officiated. There was a large attendance of friends and many flowers were sent.

The first of the series of concerts during the winter months will be given by the Fifth Regiment band at the Victoria theatre on Sunday evening next. Bandmaster S. Rogers has arranged a very attractive programme.

The funeral of the late Arthur Charles Popham took place Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the residence of his brother, F. J. Popham, Mary street, where Rev. A. E. Roberts conducted an impressive service. The hymns "Rock of Ages" and "Nearer My God to Thee" were sung. A large attendance sympathizing friends was present and numerous floral offerings covered the casket. The following acted as pallbearers: S. Leiser, I. Lumsden, W. Rennie, I. Culross, W. J. Stevenson and H. E. Courtney.

The steward of the Nanaimo hospital desires to thank the donors of Christmas gifts to the institution as follows: Mrs. Hardy, books and flowers for the year and Christmas decorations; the Daughters of Pity, box of oranges, fruit cake and raspberry jam; Messrs. Burns & Co., turkey. The following firms through the kindness of Mr. H. Hardy: Messrs. R. P. Rithet & Co., Wilson Bros., Patterson Bros., the E. Wilson Co., Ltd., J. H. Todd & Sons, Hudson's Bay Co., turkey, apples, oranges, fruit cake, dates, raisins, figs and cigars. The Times and Colonist newspapers for the year, and the Illustrated London News from Mrs. Scott, of the Hamilton Powder Works for the year.

HON. R. LEMIEUX INDISPOSED. Ottawa, Dec. 29.—Postmaster-General Lemieux is confined to his house suffering from a tumor on the back of the head. He expects to be all right in a few days.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR METHODIST CONFERENCE Cheap Rates Have Been Promised From Points East.

The Toronto Globe, in its issue of December 22nd, had the following in reference to the forthcoming Methodist general conference in Victoria:

"The Toronto sub-committee of the Methodist General Conference special committee decided at its meeting yesterday that no further action could be taken in the matter of the place of meeting of the next General Conference, which is to open on the second Sunday in August in Victoria. Some object to the place named, to the expense of meeting in Victoria, which will be, it is said, some \$10,000 more than it would cost to convene in some more central city. In view, however, of the fact that the last General Conference, when it received the invitation of the British Columbia Conference, the Tourist Association and the mayor of Victoria city, left the matter to the judgment of the General Conference special committee to decide, it is deemed that it would be secured at such rates as would keep the expenses within reasonable bounds or to decide on some other place in case such rates could not be arranged, the sub-committee deemed that as somewhat better rates have been arranged for any convention that has gone to the Pacific coast in the past two or three years. It had no power to change the action of the General Conference."

A committee consisting of Revs. Dr. Carman, T. A. Moore, Dr. J. A. Rankin, Dr. R. N. Burns, Mr. Justice Maclearen, Mr. H. P. Moore and Dr. W. Earl Willmott, was appointed to prepare the agenda and other details for the next General Conference.

Postmaster Shakespeare was born at Brierley Hill, Staffordshire, on January 26th, 1838. The family trace descent from the Shakespeares of Warwickshire, becoming attached to British Columbia in 1864, when he was a young man. Mr. Shakespeare sailed from the Thames in September, 1862, on board the steamer Robert Lowe, a former troopship, Captain Congleton in command. There were 40 passengers on the steamer, including Mrs. David Spencer, the late Hon. Dr. Ash, Judge Woods, Mrs. (Captain) McCullough, William Anderson and the lady to whom he became engaged on the voyage and married soon after landing. The voyage around the Horn lasted four months and was an interesting one throughout. Some of the younger men were walking arm-in-arm and had national flags were thought the property of immigrants to Canada even more than that. The Robert Lowe moored at Esquimalt on January 11th, 1863. Mr. Shakespeare came out on a sailing vessel, the Napoleon III.

FARMER AND HIS WIFE FOUND DEAD Mysterious Tragedy Engages Attention of County Officers.

Washington, Ind., Dec. 28.—Whether William E. Ritter, a wealthy farmer, strangled his wife to death and then went to the cowshed and swallowed poison, thus ending his own life, or whether the aged couple were the victims of robbers is the problem for the sheriff here to unravel.

Mrs. Ritter's body was discovered in the living room. Her clothes, with the exception of a light undergarment, had been torn from her and there were marks on her neck that indicated that she had been strangled. Furniture was scattered about the room and the drawers of the dresser were rifled and the contents strewn over the floor.

Ritter's body was found in a milk house. It was in a slumping position, as if he had been ill before he died.

MAKURA PLANT IS BEING TRIED OUT Wireless Working Well—Spoke Vancouver 1,400 Miles Out.

The result of the test being made with the wireless plant aboard the Royal Mail S. S. Makura will determine whether or not the United Wireless Company will succeed in getting the contract to install wireless telegraph stations between Vancouver and the Australian states. The plant aboard the Makura is the most powerful in the world, and the company is confident that it will be able to maintain communication as long as possible on the way down to Suva.

The wireless plant on the Makura is installed for permanency. If the tests come out right, the company will be able to do the best stunts in talking then it will be removed. Operator Mulrooney, however, is confident that the plant will do as desired. Should the United get the contract to supply all the steamships it will mean also that the company will install plants on the Australian and New Zealand coasts. At present there are no wireless stations in those colonies of any consequence, but a law is being passed which requires that all steamships carrying passengers shall be equipped with wireless. This is doubtless the result of the mysterious loss of the steamship Varsity, which disappeared overnight with two hundred people aboard about five months ago. Had there been wireless telegraph on board, the vessel would have been found.

Operator Mulrooney expects to pick up the wireless station at Guam and also to get in touch with the Korea, which left Yokohama on Friday for Honolulu. On going further south he will endeavor to get in touch with the British whalers lying or cruising in Australian waters.

The Makura's wireless plant is located aboard in the same manner as that on the Korea. They have auxiliary storage batteries to back up the engines are put out of commission by water the storage batteries will enable the operator to send out his calls for assistance.

TO CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY. Toronto, Dec. 29.—The Queen's Own Rifles at a meeting in Sir Henry Pellatt's home last evening decided on a big celebration on the 60th anniversary of the regiment on June 16th next. The celebration will be a big affair, lasting several days, and old members of the regiment from all parts of the world are expected to be present.

MRS. NATION APPEALS. Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—Mrs. Carrie Nation has appealed the case in which she was fined \$100 for smashing the bar at the union station in this city some weeks ago, from the police court to the district court of appeal. Her attorney has raised several constitutional questions in her behalf.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Shakespeare Celebrate Golden Wedding.

and success that in 1882 he was elected mayor by a very large majority. The duties of this office he discharged to the general satisfaction of the citizens, and at the close of his term he was presented with an illuminated address. It was during his term of office that the Marquis of Lorne and Princess Louise visited this coast, and he had the honor of welcoming them to Victoria on behalf of the citizens.

Mr. and Mrs. Shakespeare are members of the Methodist church and are connected with the Centennial congregation, in the work of which they take an active part. Mr. Shakespeare has been a life-long temperance worker. He has filled all the offices in the gift of the Independent Order of Good Templars. In 1877-8, he was Grand Worthy Chief Templar of the grand lodge, whose jurisdiction included the then territory of Washington as well as this province. Sunday school work has also been one of the matters very near to Mr. Shakespeare's heart. He has filled the position of superintendent of one or other Methodist Sunday schools for twelve years; he was for eight years president of the British Columbia branch of the International Sunday School Association, and he is a member of the international lesson committee. In the work of the Y.M.C.A. he takes a great interest, and he has been president of the local association.

Mr. and Mrs. Shakespeare are receiving their friends from 7 to 10 this afternoon and from 8 to 10 this evening.

BRITISH STEAMERS WITH COAL REACH HONOLULU Barque Rene Chartered for Coal Loading Next September.

The British steamers Dunedin, 3,651 tons net register, from Norfolk, and Earl of Elgin, 2,811 tons, from Baltimore, have arrived at Honolulu with coal for the United States government, and in view of the coal strike in Australia, they will probably be ordered, says the Sound Press by special from San Francisco, to proceed to San Francisco to discharge. Neither vessel has an outward charter.

Charters announced this week are: Schooner Endeavor, for lumber, from Esquimalt to San Pedro, at \$45; the schooner Expansion, for lumber, from Columbia River to San Francisco, at \$4; and the schooner Luzon, for lumber, from Columbia River to Esquimalt, at \$4.

From the fact that early fixtures are being made it is believed by shippers apparently there will be a shortage of coal for the French barque Rene has been chartered to load coal next September at Newcastle. The Rene left San Francisco for England a month ago and will go in ballast from England to Australia.

The steamer Hawaiian, under charter to the American Hawaiian line, arrived on Monday at San Francisco and carried 70,000 cases of salmon for New York. She also had Honolulu cargo, which was transferred to the steamer Missouri.

ANDRE THEODOR DOING OWN CLEANING IN DOCK May Have Labor Trouble When Ready for Lining to Take Wheat.

It is reported from Portland, where the French barque Andre Theodor is on dry dock, that the barque's owners will have trouble in getting her lined for the reception of a grain cargo when she comes off the dock.

A contract for the work has been let, but it is said that her cleaning and painting is not being done by men and that the employees of the firm carrying the lining contract will refuse to work on her. The men complain she is being cleaned by the sailors of the crew, and that they are receiving only 25 cents per day.

Many applicants for positions in navy men who served on British warships submit their names.

TO TAKE \$225,000 IN CARGO OF FLOUR Knight of St. George to Sail From Portland This Week.

With the biggest flour cargo to be dispatched from Portland for more than six months the British steamship Knight of St. George, Capt. Stevens, will be ready to leave for Hongkong and way ports this week. The bread-making material part of her cargo will run close to 55,000 barrels and will be worth \$225,000. Aside from this she will take out 500,000 feet of lumber.

The Knight of St. George is under charter this trip to the Portland & Asiatic Steamship Company, having been engaged to take the place of the Oriental line's Solja, which bound from Portland on her last trip the latter struck a rock in the Inland Sea, Japan, and was disabled. She is now on route to Portland by way of Honolulu and San Francisco, and ought to reach that port January 8th. Before she puts in an appearance a full cargo of flour and lumber is expected to be awaiting her. She will leave on the outward trip the middle of the month.

RETURNING TO WORK. Butte, Mont., Dec. 29.—The striking switchmen, formerly employed by the Northern Pacific, notified the road's officials to-day that they will return to work to-morrow regardless of the outcome of the St. Paul conference. This action is taken here to mean that the strike in this section is broken absolutely. All Great Northern switchmen who joined the strikers have resumed work and freight traffic is fast resuming a normal condition.

Minnesota, Minn., Dec. 29.—The strike situation in Minnesota is at a standstill to-day awaiting the outcome of H. B. Forham's mission at Washington. Forham, who is an official of the American Federation of Labor, is in charge of its railroad branch, is said to have gone to the capital to lay certain of the strikers' demands before members of the interstate commerce commission.

Charles Holmes has received a commission from the supreme grand lodge, appointing him district deputy supreme grand president of the Sons of England for Victoria and district.

COAST TEACHERS TO MEET IN VANCOUVER Programme of Convention Arranged for Gathering Next Week.

The Coast Teachers' Institute will meet in Vancouver next week, the sessions opening on Monday and extending over Tuesday. The meetings will be held in Pender hall, Pender street, with the exception of the Monday evening session, which will be held in O'Brien hall, Homer street.

The officers of the association are: President, T. Leith; 1st vice-president, F. M. Cowperthwaite; 2nd vice-president, Miss E. Rogers; treasurer, Miss J. Patterson; corresponding secretary, G. E. McKee; executive secretary, Miss M. Lewis; executive, E. Fay, F. Harrison, L. Tait, J. T. Crowder and T. A. Brough.

The programme for the meeting of the institute is as follows: Monday, January 3rd. 10 a.m.—Reading of minutes, general business, entertainment, president's address. 2 p.m.—Nature study, "How to Deal with the New Text" Agriculture and Nature," Miss M. M. McKee; discussion, J. D. Buchanan, J. W. McArthur, R. Straight. 7 p.m.—Election of officers; literature in public schools; (a) "The Teacher's Aim," Miss A. S. Clark, principal Girls' school, Westmaster; (b) "The Public School Course," Miss E. C. McCoy; (c) "High School Course," T. A. Brough; discussion, Inspector A. C. Stewart, Wm. Burns, Miss A. E. Jamieson, H. B. King; resolutions.

Tuesday, January 4th. 10 a.m.—Address, W. P. Argue, superintendent of schools, Vancouver, "Present Day Tendencies in Education," "Impressions of a Visit to East-ern Schools," writing, A. E. Hutton; discussion, J. D. Buchanan, J. W. McArthur, R. Straight. 2 p.m.—Election of officers; literature in public schools; (a) "The Teacher's Aim," Miss A. S. Clark, principal Girls' school, Westmaster; (b) "The Public School Course," Miss E. C. McCoy; (c) "High School Course," T. A. Brough; discussion, Inspector A. C. Stewart, Wm. Burns, Miss A. E. Jamieson, H. B. King; resolutions.

MONTREAL MATORALITY. Montreal, Dec. 28.—The Citizens' committee have decided to support Dr. J. J. Guerin for mayor and F. L. Wanklin as one of the civic controllers.

TWENTY-EIGHT BURIED ALIVE. Madrid, Dec. 29.—Disappalling news received here says that 28 persons perished in a landslide caused by the floods in a village near Vienna, Navarre.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE "NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION ACT" (BEING CHAPTER 115 OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA, 1906).

Take notice that John Raymond, of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, in pursuance of Section 7 of the above Act, has deposited the plans of a wharf and a description of the proposed site thereof to be constructed upon part of and in front of lots 542A and 542A, Victoria City, in the Province of Ontario, and a duplicate of each in the office of the Registrar-General of Titles at Victoria, British Columbia, being the Registrar of deeds for the district in which each work is to be constructed.

And take notice that at the expiration of one month from the date hereof application will be made to the Governor in Council for the approval thereof.

Dated at Victoria, British Columbia, this 15th day of December, 1909.

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SECOND-HAND CLOTHING and jewelry bought and sold. We pay cash for your goods. J. Katz, 548 Johnson Street, removed from Store Street.

BUTLER, J. R.—Successor to A. J. Winstone, dealer in second-hand furniture, books, etc., etc., 801 Yates, corner Quadra. Tel. 1132.

WANTED—Old coats and vests, pants, boots and shoes, trunks, valises, shotguns, revolvers, overcoats, etc. Highest cash prices paid. Will call at any address. J. A. Aaronson's new and second-hand store, 57 Johnson Street, cor. doors below Government St. Phone 1747.

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STUMP PULLER—Made in 3 sizes, for sale or for hire; contracts taken. Victoria, Phone 4733.

Tentmakers

JEUNE & BRO., makers of tents, sails, all clothing, camp furniture. Warehouse, 510 Johnson St. Phone 738.

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PHONE 192 FOR JEPSON TRANSFER—Trucking and Expressing. Yates St. stand, above Broad. Orders left at Acton's, telephone 1061. Residence, 348 Michigan Street.

Turkish Baths

821 FORT ST.—Phone 1855. Will be open all 11 p. m. Ladies' days and Mondays from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m., and Fridays 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Swedish massage.

Watch Repairing

A. PETCH, 99 Douglas Street. Specialty of English watch repairing. All kinds of clocks and watches repaired.

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FOR THE BENEFIT of young women in or out of employment. Rooms and board. A home from home. 942 Pandora Avenue.

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DUSTLESS WAXINE—For floors, tiles, linoleums and carpets, 25 lbs. \$1; Am.berline Floor Oil, \$1 per gallon; Tylene Soap, removes dirt quickly from any surface, 5-lb. cans, 50c.; Acme Metal Polish, sample pint can, 50c. Special prices for quantities. Ask for free samples. The Imperial Waxine Co., 1602 Douglas St. (next City Hall). Travellers wanted and lady canvassers. Call from 6 to 9 p. m.

Incandescent Lamps

THE BRIGHTEST of all lamps is the Star Mantle Lamp. Burns coal oil; makes its own gas; three hours' brilliant light for one cent. Price 75c. complete. Free demonstration at your own home, or see it 6 to 9 p. m. at 1002 Douglas Street (next City Hall). Agents wanted. Thomas Wilkinson.

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Agents Wanted

MEN WANTED in every locality in Canada to make 25c. per week and \$2 per day expenses advertising our goods. Standing up shows cards in all conspicuous places and generally representing us. Possibility to make money. No experience required. Write for particulars. Royal Remedy Co., London, Ont., Canada.

Exchange

EXCHANGES—We have farms to exchange for real estate property, and also vacant lots to exchange for residence property. What have you to offer? Fortie & Co., Mahon Bldg.

For Rent—Houses

TO RENT—3 roomed modern house, 566 Pandora Ave., next to Quadra. Immediate possession. Rent \$20 a month. Apply E. C. endman, 1225 Government Street. 427 tel. 1182.

FOR RENT—5 roomed modern cottage, 1519 Amphion Street, rent \$18. Apply Duck & Johnston, 555 Johnson Street. 423 tel. 1182.

FOR RENT—1 roomed house, with large garden and stable, on Yates street, between Vancouver and Quadra, \$25 per month. Gillespie & Hart, 115 Langley Street.

FURNISHED COTTAGES TO LET, with electric light, bath, hot and cold water. Apply to Mrs. M. R. Smith, Sea View, 124 David Road. 427 tel. 1182.

For Sale—Acreage

AN XMAS PRESENT—10-acre farm, Salt Spring Island, close to three wharves, two hundred fruit trees, buildings, etc. \$2,000, easy terms. P. T. RICE, 527 tel. 1182.

FOR SALE—Section 25, Highlands District, 160 acres, crown granted, 60 acres good bottom land, flanking lake on west side, 1000 ft. deep. \$3,200. Write P. O. Box 583, Vancouver, B. C. 115

WANTED—To buy, prairie land in exchange for Victoria home containing 5 acres, large barn, chicken house, fruit trees, and fine water piped all over the place, plenty of fuel, land and buildings. Apply to P. O. Box 583, Victoria.

For Sale—Articles

FOR SALE—Cheap, a small grocery and confectionery store, with living rooms attached. Apply Box 17, this office. 512

FRANKLIN WOOD HEATER, good as new, cheap. 221 Spring Road. 431

XMAS PRESENTS—A chance to obtain your Christmas gifts at own price. Selling at 25c. below cost, every Saturday afternoon 2:30, and evening 7:30. Alaska Bazaar, 1120 Government Street.

FOR SALE—Tools, guns, clothing, crockery, light house work and help with furniture. Second-Hand Store, Oriental Alley, Johnson Street, opposite Panjara Theatre.

GREENHOUSES, flat bottom boats, long ladders, etc., for sale. Jones, Capital Carpenter and Jobbing Factory, 1003 Yates St., cor. of Vancouver St.

FOR SALE—Gents' gold filled chains, 18K, 20K, 22K, 24K, 26K, 28K, 30K, 32K, 34K, 36K, 38K, 40K, 42K, 44K, 46K, 48K, 50K, 52K, 54K, 56K, 58K, 60K, 62K, 64K, 66K, 68K, 70K, 72K, 74K, 76K, 78K, 80K, 82K, 84K, 86K, 88K, 90K, 92K, 94K, 96K, 98K, 100K. English rolled gold, 18K, 20K, 22K, 24K, 26K, 28K, 30K, 32K, 34K, 36K, 38K, 40K, 42K, 44K, 46K, 48K, 50K, 52K, 54K, 56K, 58K, 60K, 62K, 64K, 66K, 68K, 70K, 72K, 74K, 76K, 78K, 80K, 82K, 84K, 86K, 88K, 90K, 92K, 94K, 96K, 98K, 100K. New watches, \$1.50. All goods neatly packed for Christmas. Jacobson's, 572 Johnson St., 8 doors below Government, Victoria.

FOR ALTERATIONS, repairs and jobbing, call on J. W. Bolden, carpenter and joiner, corner Fort and Quadra. Tel. 1132.

CHOICE FUR DOORS, sash, mouldings, etc., at lowest prices. Moore & Whittington, Yates Street.

FOR SALE—One first-class cow, newly calved, in small pig; also buggies, light wagons, horses and harness. Apply to Mrs. J. W. Bolden, 572 Johnson St., 8 doors below Government, Victoria.

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FOR SALE—New five and six roomed houses on Third Street. \$2,500. Balance at the rate of \$20 a month; a good buy. Fortie & Co., Mahon Bldg.

A SNAP FOR MONDAY—\$1,750 buys a six roomed house on Third Street. \$2,500. Balance at the rate of \$20 a month; a good buy. Fortie & Co., Mahon Bldg.

FERNWOOD, ROAD—1 room cottage, bath, electric light, hot and cold water, stone foundation; price \$2,500; cash \$200, balance to suit. N. B. Maysmith & Co., Ltd., Mahon Bldg.

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BOYD ST.—Near Dallas road, 7 room house, all modern conveniences; owner going away and will sacrifice at \$2,000. N. B. Maysmith & Co., Ltd., Mahon Bldg.

FOR SALE—Eight roomed house overlooking Beacon Hill Park; all conveniences; fruit and ornamental trees. Price \$2,125. Phone 1406.

For Sale—Machinery

WE CARRY a large stock of shafting, hangers, belting, pulleys, ball-bearings, couplings, etc. The Canadian Fairbanks Co., Ltd., Vancouver.

For Sale—Wood

FOR SALE—Good wood, 4 ft., \$3.50; cut, \$4.50. Burt's Wood Yard.

Ready to Burn—Clean mill wood

READY TO BURN—Clean mill wood, large and small, to suit. Phone Hull, 1124.

Wanted—Miscellaneous

WANTED—By Single gentleman, board and lodging in private home; no objection to distance if convenient to car line; \$200.00 per month. No willows, not too far out; telephone preferred, but not indispensable. Write to Mrs. W. W. W. dress in. Apply, stating terms, to Box 5, Times.

WANTED—Business property, must be centrally located, as we have several clients both in and out of the city. Open for speculation. Fortie & Co., Mahon Bldg.

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For Sale—Lots

LAUNDRY FOR SALE—On Simcoe Street, block 25, lot 20, triangular shape, price \$4,000. Apply 1709 Government St.

A DRAWING for lot 60 x 120 with 2 cottages on Front Ave. will take place January 15th, at Maynard & Sons' auction rooms. T. Brooks.

A SNAP—Douglas street, 120 x 120, near Frances Ave., \$1,000. Terms. Apply to RICE.

INVESTORS—We have several good buys in Chinatown. Best rental and prime investment for investors. Fortie & Co., Mahon Bldg.

PRIOR STREET—Four lots, fronting on two streets, a beautiful building site overlooking the entire city and Stratis; price to-day \$2,000. N. B. Maysmith & Co., Ltd.

VIEW STREET—Near Vancouver Street, 60 x 120, price \$2,000. N. B. Maysmith & Co., Ltd., Mahon Bldg.

YATES STREET—Between Vancouver and Quadra streets, lot 60 x 120; price \$3,500. N. B. Maysmith

BEN TILLET MAKES PROTEST OBJECTS TO SURRENDER TO LIBERALISM

Labor Leader Declares Action is Betrayal of Trust.

London, Dec. 29.—With walls and fences covered with highly colored posters and placards, London is being turned into a vast picture gallery.

Among new phrases exhibited are the following: "Radicals should again labor in the Transvaal."

"Who shouted for Chinese slavery?" "Who shouted for Chinese pork?"

"Have you heard of Radical free trade in Chinese pork?" Ben Tillett, a well-known trade unionist leader, in the Leader, protests strongly against the surrender of Labor to Liberalism.

A well known Liberal is credited with saying that a half loaf is better than no bread, and it is better to have a majority of Socialists and labor men than no majority at all.

It is feared that through injury to his knee Lord Milner will be unable to address any meetings for a fortnight.

ACCUSED OF THEFT OF NAVY SECRETS Plans for Wireless Improvements Found in Room of Draughtsman.

London, Dec. 29.—The wholesale theft of wireless plans, models and sketches, which in the hands of an expert, would reveal all the workings and innermost secrets of the wireless service of the British navy, is charged against Richard Knowlden, who was placed on trial at Portsmouth yesterday.

The authorities attach great importance to the arrest of the accused man as they contend that if the documents abstracted from the Vernon had reached foreign governments all the labor of recent years would be rendered practically fruitless.

LAYS SANTA CLAUS AND LANDS IN JAIL Man Arrested on Warrant Sworn Out by His Divorced Wife.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 29.—Because he played Santa Claus for the enjoyment of his children, J. R. Merrill, of Spokane, is in jail here on a warrant sworn out by his divorced wife, charging that he has failed to carry out the provisions of the decree by paying her alimony.

Late on Christmas Day Deputy Sheriff John Stringer received a telephone message from Mrs. Merrill, stating that Merrill, who several months ago moved to Spokane, had returned to this city to bring the children some Christmas presents and that the complaint which she had previously sworn to against her former husband could be served if the officers watched the Merrill home. Officers succeeded in catching Merrill as he was concluding a visit to the children. Judge Gilliam committed him to the county jail until he had back alimony of \$200 paid.

Merrill told the court that he was almost penniless and that the commitment amounts to practically a life sentence.

MAY LOSE FEET Chicago, Dec. 29.—Rev. W. P. Buzick, a post graduate divinity student at the University of Chicago, will probably suffer the amputation of both feet, as the result of his courageous effort to walk twelve miles through a driving snowstorm last Sunday night in order to reach the Christmas celebration of a little Baptist church at Yorkville.

A pathetic feature of the minister's misfortune lies in the fact that he might have been saved from the suffering had he not been turned away from the door of a farmer's house at which he had applied for shelter and assistance before he had become exhausted in the deep snow and left he was freezing.

DREYFUS FIGHTS Paris, Dec. 29.—Major Dreyfus, who is now attached to the staff of General Ratin, military governor of Paris, and M. Boerner, a Royalist, met in the street yesterday and indulged in a violent altercation, culminating in an exchange of blows.

PLACE WANTED—By a man willing to do ordinary janitor's work, look after animals, or make himself useful about kitchen, bachelor premises. References given or country, at low wages, for the winter. Box 986 Times.



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N. P. WILL HEM IN MILWAUKEE ROAD

J. J. Hill Will Shorten Main Line Between Spokane and Seattle.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 29.—Two parties of N. orthern Pacific engineers, comprising 33 men, have been sent to Ellensburg, to start work on the surveys for the Ritzville cut-off, which will shorten the Northern Pacific main line between Spokane and Seattle 100 miles.

The project generally known as the Lind cutoff, has been contemplated by the Northern Pacific ever since the road was built. The line was originally planned to extend from Ellensburg to Lind, approximately 90 miles, but of late years, on account of the construction of the Milwaukee road, the plans have been changed and the line may be built into Ritzville.

It is believed the plans of the Northern Pacific whereby the line will run into Ritzville instead of Lind, were made in order that the main line of the Milwaukee may be boxed in by the two Northern Pacific lines. The country to the north of the Milwaukee road will be tapped by the cutoff and the country to the south traversed by the main line, which will be operated as a branch on the completion of the Ritzville-Ellensburg cutoff.

NEW YORK CHAMPION MUNICIPAL BORROWER Has Seven Times Indebtedness of Any Other City in United States.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—New York city is the champion municipal borrower, according to the statistics of the census bureau. The city has more than seven times the total net indebtedness of any other city in the United States.

If New York's debt was divided among the population of the city, each inhabitant would owe \$142.52. According to the census report, the only five other cities with a per capita debt of more than \$100, are: Cincinnati, Boston, Galveston, Pueblo, Colorado, (\$108.23) and Newton, Mass.

San Francisco has the smallest net debt of any municipality with more than 300,000 inhabitants, and that city decreased its indebtedness during the year.

Seattle is rated as the only city with more than 200,000 population which increased its debt over \$1,000,000. Seattle's debt grew \$5,791,058 during 1907.

THREE CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH Their Home is Destroyed by Fire During Absence of Mother.

Pratt, Kas., Dec. 29.—Mrs. Henry Blanton left her home and went across the alley to talk with a neighbor. When she next looked at the house it was a mass of flames and her three children were burned to death.

Mrs. Blanton ran for assistance, but when men were finally summoned it was too late to carry water for more than a block in boilers and washbats. They worked energetically, but their efforts were unavailing.

KILLED WHILE WAITING TO SEE DOCTOR Ballard Man Falls to His Death in Office of Building.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 29.—Al Gustavson, of Ballard, is dead at the Seattle General hospital of injuries he received when he fell from the second story window of a doctor's office. According to friends of Gustavson, he had visited the office of the doctor, which is located in the police station building and finding him out, sat on a balustrade to await his return. It is believed he was attacked with vertigo, lost his balance and fell backward to the floor below. Death resulted in the hospital from a fractured skull.

A meeting of the parks board of the city council is to be held on Friday afternoon to wind up some pressing business which requires to be dealt with before the close of the year.

PASS ENTRANCE EXAMINATION CANDIDATES WHO MAY ATTEND HIGH SCHOOL

Results of the Midwinter Tests at Different Centres in Province.

The midwinter high school entrance examinations resulted in 212 out of 382 being successful. Harry W. Mercer, of Nanaimo, heads the list in point of marks, obtaining 829 out of 1,100. The following were successful:

Armstrong Centre. Number of candidates, 2; passed, 0. North Enderby—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0. Salmon River—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0. Chilliwack Centre.

Number of candidates, 1; passed, 1. Lotbiniere—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 1. Gordon P. Dafeo, 665. Cumberland Centre.

Number of candidates, 6; passed, 3. Courtenay—Number of candidates, 2; passed, 0. Janet K. Stewart, 682; Janet E. Whyte, 625; Pearl V. Wall, 612. Enderby Centre.

Number of candidates, 4; passed, 4. Enderby—Number of candidates, 4; passed, 4. Sylvia V. Black, 701; Harold J. Bass, 683; John D. McMahon, 648; Henry A. Teece, 635. Grand Forks Centre.

Number of candidates, 3; passed, 3. Grand Forks—Number of candidates, 3; passed, 3. Edna M. Stewart, 769; Dorothy J. Covert, 648; Thomas H. Fraser, 623. Kelowna Centre.

Number of candidates, 9; passed, 9. Kelowna—Number of candidates, 9; passed, 9. Gladys M. Hinesley, 732; Ewen D. McLennan, 710; Wilson C. Thompson, 658; Douglas Thompson, 653; Fred J. Day, 644; Marguerite A. Feld, 604; Bertha M. Green, 593; Horace J. Fraser, 592; Clarence A. Jones, 572. Ladysmith Centre.

Number of candidates, 5; passed, 2. Ladysmith—Number of candidates, 5; passed, 2. Robert Wilkinson, 628; Janet Dunse, 596. South Wellington.

Private study—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0. North Oyster—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0. Nanaimo Centre.

Number of candidates, 21; passed, 18. Nanaimo—Number of candidates, 18; passed, 15. Mary W. Mercer, 829; L. Travers Davis, 771; Thomas Woodcock, 747; Lottie Manifold, 736; Henry P. Reile, 720; Leopold J. Maher, 716; Effie Godfrey, 712; Bertha Cavalsky, 711; Ethel Rogers, 706; Maria Newbury, 685; Murie S. Leicester, 667; Jerry Mout, 654; Catherine J. Dudley, 644; Ethel Bulman, 642; George V. Green, 630. South Cedar—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 0. South Nanaimo—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 1. Annie Stevenson, 603. Wellington—Number of candidates, 2; passed, 1. Gertrude Fox, 544. Private study—Number of candidates, 1; passed, 1. John McMillan, 588. New Westminster Centre.

Number of candidates, 6; passed, 3. Squitiam—Number of candidates, 2; passed, 1. Amy F. Corbett, 583. Millside—Number of candidates, 2; passed, 2. Martha E. Coulter, 668; Kathleen M. Taylor, 662. Peachland Centre.

Number of candidates, 8; passed, 5. Peachland—Number of candidates, 8; passed, 5. Alfred H. Houston, 724; Olive J. Pollard, 673; Gordon V. Whyte, 612; Herbert W. Vivian, 604; Valentine R. Hicks, 592. Rossland Centre.

Number of candidates, 18; passed, 10. Rossland—Number of candidates, 18; passed, 10. Lily Baxendale, 718; Ellen Keefe, 615; Meredith Michale, 648; Gordon C. Kenning, 635; Frederic Bazett-Jones, 605; Marcella Gregory, 603; J. Rebel Le, 591; Reginald Harper, 581; Floss West, 571; Ralph Ramsay, 587; Ernest Freeman, 573; John Dunsmuir, 564; Russell Richards, 556. Dawson I.—Number of candidates, 31; passed, 14. Hermine Botzger, 673; Harry McCrady, 657; Fred. Mathers, 643; Clyde Dow, 638; Vernon Hughes, 636; Dorothy Peck, 623; Hazel McTaggart, 617; Clarence Ryan, 611; Annie McIntyre, 607; J. P. Paul, 587; Edna Loutit, 568; Vera Warren, 550. Dawson II.—Number of candidates, 29; passed, 1. George Williams, 573. Fairview—Number of candidates, 15; passed, 11. Agnes Gregor, 627; Albert A. McLachlan, 715; Evelyn Hutchinson, 623; Bessie Laidlaw, 626; Neil Teiford, 623; Frances George, 612; Nellie Stevens, 606; Gordon Clendenin, 589; Alexander Mitchell, 596; Lachlan Elliott, 582; Winnifred Wainwright, 568. Grandview—Number of candidates, 5; passed, 2. Oscar Appleby, 581; Jessie E. Anderson, 569. Kistilano—Number of candidates, 10; passed, 8. Barbara E. Trembath, 740; George H. Hume, 645; Gertrude S. Creelman, 640; Rob Roy McGregor, 623; Gladys M. Fuller, 609; Walter C. Sherman, 604; Annie L. Mills, 595; Harold W. Horie, 570. Modie—Number of candidates, 23; passed, 19. Richard Bledsoe, 696; Min-

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CRIPPLED GIRL ROBS HER FATHER

Thefts Alleged to Have Aggregated \$30,000—Eight Accused of Conspiracy.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—An unusual story was outlined in the criminal court here in the opening statement in the trial of eight Italians, who were accused of conspiring with crippled 17-year-old Angelina Schiavone to rob her father, an Italian banker.

In his argument Assistant State's Attorney Fleming told the jury that Francisco Schiavone, uncle of Angelina, three years ago told the girl to get all the money she could from her father's bank, to bring it to him and he would save it for her so that she could marry his son Michael. The girl was employed in her father's bank, and it is alleged that her thefts aggregated \$30,000.

When money from the bank was found in her possession, she declared that, being crippled, she feared she might be unable to marry, and so had tried to win a husband with her father's money. Michael Schiavone, who is lame, is five years the senior of his cousin. The eight defendants to the conspiracy charge are all relatives of Francisco Schiavone. Angelina was also indicted and will have a separate trial.

RATES FOR PARCELS HAVE BEEN LOWERED

Arrangements Completed by Hon. R. Lemieux When in London.

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—Among the matters engaging the attention of Hon. R. Lemieux, during his recent visit to Europe were the arrangements for the exchange of parcels between the United Kingdom and Canada.

For many years past the charges have been 15 cents for the first pound or fraction of a pound, and 12 cents for each subsequent pound. The rate has now been reduced to a uniform rate of 12 cents per pound, with a maximum limit of weight of 11 pounds for a parcel.

Parcel post rates between Canada and Jamaica, Trinidad, Barbadoeh, the Leeward Islands and British Guiana have also been reduced to the uniform rate of 12 cents per pound or fraction of a pound, the limit of weight for one parcel being 11 pounds.

Lever Brothers, Toronto, will send you free a cake of their famous Planto Toilet soap, if you mention this paper.

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of Vancouver, B. C., occupation, real estate agent, intends to apply for permission to lease the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted on the north shore of Call Creek, about 3 miles westerly from the head of said Call Creek, thence following shore line easterly 190 chains, thence southerly 29 chains, thence following shore line 39 chains distant therefrom westerly 190 chains, thence to point of commencement. Located Nov. 26th, 1909. GILBERT OSWALD SMITH, December 29th, 1909.

Form No. 8. LAND ACT. FORM OF NOTICE. Victoria Land District, District of Victoria. Take notice that Earl Winton Clarke, of Victoria, B. C., occupation, clerk, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted on the north shore of Gouge Island, which lies a little to the west of Coal Island, situate at the head of the Spanish Peninsula, thence following round the shore line of said Gouge Island to point of commencement. EARL WINTON CLARKE, May 25th, 1909.

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Form No. 8. LAND ACT. FORM OF NOTICE. Victoria Land District, District of Victoria. Take notice that Earl Winton Clarke, of Victoria, B. C., occupation, clerk, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted on the south shore of Shell Island, which lies a little to the