

MARINE AFFAIRS FURTHER PROBED

Judge Cassels Inquires Into Work Done By The Police of Toronto

COMMANDER SPAIN'S LOAN

Favored Kingston Contractor Who Got Payment in Advance of Work

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It was next shown by Mr. Watson that the Police firm tendered for repairs to the Aberdeen for \$17,000, but their final account for the work was \$45,432.

Mr. Watson then took up the allegation made at Halifax that a condenser and propeller had been ordered but not delivered, but Miller said he was sure this was not the case.

J. B. Davis, of Kingston, had vague accounts regarding \$4,400 repairs to the government boat Scout. He said no details were kept of the work, and a lump bid was made and similar account rendered.

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Want Investigation. Princess Rupert, Dec. 15.—At a full meeting of the executive of the Princess Rupert Liberal association it was decided to ask Premier Laurier to send Judge Cassels and his investigating committee to the Pacific coast to investigate into the methods that have prevailed in purchasing supplies for the public works department, and the marine and fisheries department in British Columbia.

FOUR MEN INJURED

Premature Explosion of Powder in Hull Quarry—Laborers Unable to Escape

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—As the result of an explosion in one of the Portland cement company's quarries at Hull this afternoon, four men are lying in Water street hospital, one of them in a serious condition, and two others slightly injured.

The injured are: Thomas McKinstry, Wrightville, aged 32, fractured foot; Alphonse Belanger, Hull, aged 47, skull crushed and fractured; Selphus Biggs, Gatineau Point, aged 19, fractured shoulder and arms; Louis Guivremont, Ottawa, fractured leg. These men are in the hospital. William McEwen and J. Tremblay, of Hull, were less seriously injured.

Thos. McKinstry was connecting fuses for a blast at the bottom of the quarry and the blast occurred prematurely. The laborers had not time to clamber to a safe distance before the explosion occurred.

U. S. TARIFF

Preparations Made to Examine Steel Magnets Before Committee—Probable Action

Washington, Dec. 15.—In drafting the new tariff bill to be introduced at the special session of congress, the House committee on ways and means is giving special consideration to the steel schedule. Chas. Schwab, the steel magnate, appeared before the committee today. Andrew Carnegie, who has been subpoenaed, it is believed will not appear until other steel men including E. F. and E. G. Gary, have testified before the committee.

When the majority members of the committee complete their report, it is expected that the Democratic members. The latter will offer the House a minority report unless the bill reported by the committee is amended, or the reductions that the Democrats favor. The main difference of opinion will be on the lumber, metal and pulp and paper schedules.

DICKSON RETAINS BEAVER FRANCHISE

Boy Manager Will Stick With Championship Team

Vancouver, Dec. 15.—A. R. Dickson, the boy manager who won the Northwest Baseball league pennant for Vancouver, this year, will again direct the team at the local club next season. The proposed deal whereby A. G. Halstead was to take over the franchise has fallen through and Dickson retains possession. Mr. Dickson wanted \$7,000 for the franchise and players, but when the bidders failed to come through Dickson decided to retain the club at the club.

Dickson was not anxious to sell, anyway, as he looks for the best season in the history of the Northwest League next year. He was asked to put a price on the club and he did so, but nothing came of it.

LAWYERS LEAVE NELSON

A Number of Legal Practitioners Decide to Settle in Vancouver

There seems to be a general exodus of lawyers from the thriving town of Nelson, the reason appearing to be that they feel like wandering forth into wider fields. Most of them are making for Vancouver.

Not very long ago R. W. Hannington, who was at one time the partner of S. S. Taylor, K.C., in Nelson, left the Kootenay capital for Vancouver where he has law firm of which J. A. Russell is the head. Rex Macdonald, another old time practitioner of Nelson, not long ago came to Vancouver and has entered the firm of Bowser, Reid and Wallbridge. S. S. Taylor, K.C., when in Vancouver last month in attendance upon the sitting of the court, was in the city on the occasion of coming to Vancouver to practice in the spring, and now comes the news that W. A. Macdonald, K.C., is also leaving Nelson for Vancouver. He is joining the firm of Geo. H. Cowan, M.P. Besides being M.P.-elect and having a large general practice, Mr. Cowan is solicitor for the city of Vancouver.

Women Fight. London, Dec. 16.—Mrs. Taylor, an American who has been living in London with her daughter, a two Stirling, pending the conclusion of the latter's suit for divorce against her husband, who is an officer in the British army, was today in an extraordinary assault suit in a London police court this afternoon. The plaintiff is Mrs. Atherton, who has been cited as respondent in the Stirling proceedings. According to the story related in court, Mrs. Taylor obtained an entrance to Mrs. Atherton's residence in a fashionable section of the city, and proceeded to ill-treat Mrs. Atherton, seized her by the throat and attempted to throttle her. The police were called in to separate the two women. In court this afternoon each woman was bound over to keep the peace.

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Confessed to Murder

Vancouver, Dec. 15.—Lee Chung, condemned to hang on the 18th, confessed today to having murdered Yung Ah Hing on July 27th.

Argentine Armament

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 15.—The Chamber of Deputies today, meeting in secret session, adopted the armaments bill, which authorizes the expenditure of \$75,000,000.

Government Records Burned

Washington, Dec. 15.—Government records, charts, maps and photographs valued at more than \$20,000 were destroyed tonight in a fire which broke out in the United States Geological Survey building in this city. The damage to the building itself was slight.

Toronto Men's Heavy Loss

Danville, N.Y., Dec. 15.—Fire destroyed the Danville mill, a building and part of the material of the Danville paper mill this afternoon, causing a total loss estimated at more than \$100,000. It is not known what insurance was carried. The plant was owned by J. H. McNair, of Toronto, Ont., who conducts a large wax plant in the Canadian city.

Quebec Man Dies in Fire

Quebec, Dec. 15.—About 8 o'clock this evening fire broke out in the store at the head of Mountain Hill, occupied by C. E. A. Lamont, agent for the St. Leon Mineral Water company. After about three-quarters of an hour of work the fire was got under control. In searching for the cause of the fire, the body of Mr. Langlois in a back room, he evidently having been asphyxiated by smoke. Deceased was 65 years of age, a bachelor and a well known citizen. The remains were removed to the morgue, where an inquest will be held. The damage to the building and contents was about \$1,500, covered by insurance.

BANKS IN TROUBLE

DEPOSITORS GRIEVE

New Hampshire Cashier in Default—Ohio State Bank Assigns

Somerset, N. H., Dec. 15.—The doors of the First National bank of this city were closed today following the discovery of a shortage placed at \$85,000 and Fred M. Varney, the cashier, was arrested on a charge of being a defaulter. The trouble was discovered by national bank examiner N. S. Bean, of Manchester. According to Mr. Bean, the cashier of the bank, Varney has now admitted that he took large sums from the bank which had been lost in speculation and which had been accumulating for the last several years. Varney was given a hearing late this afternoon. He pleaded not guilty and turned bail of \$10,000 for his appearance before the United States circuit court at Portsmouth in March. Examiner Bean regards the case as a serious one, but says the directors declare inability to make up the shortage and have requested a liquidation. Last night Mr. Bean was appointed temporary receiver by the controller of the Currency.

Napoleon, Ohio, Dec. 15.—Men cried and women faint for the arrest when they found a notice of assignment posted on the doors of the Citizens' State bank today. D. Shoyan was named as assignee. President of the bank is in a hospital in Minnesota. The failure is said to be due to loans to Judge Nelson and to the fact that the bank is capitalized at \$100,000. The deposits amount to \$837,000.

MORE MARATHONS

Long Distance Professionals Plan to Gather in Moose Jaw, From the Pacific

New York, Dec. 15.—Two more Marathon races are being arranged for at Madison Square Garden. The first is scheduled for the January 24th between Tom Longboat, the Canadian Indian, vanquisher of Dorando Pietri, and Alfred Shrubb, the English professional champion. The closing of the series will be the Marathon derby, with Tom Longboat, John Hayes, Dorando and Alfred Shrubb as the contestants.

After winning last night's race, Longboat challenged Shrubb to run over the Marathon distance, and under the same conditions that governed the two races held at the Garden. Shrubb wishes a shorter race, not more than fifteen miles, but it is thought that if sufficient interest are offered the Englishman will accept. Shrubb is a more scientific runner than either Hayes or Dorando. Dorando rested today. He is under contract to run at Buffalo in about ten days, and he will later run at Chicago, St. Louis and San Francisco.

Longboat was arrested today, feeling little effect of the race. He said there was never a moment from the start to the finish that he could not have done out and beaten his opponent, and he would have smashed the record had Dorando not slowed up during the last five miles. He ran according to the instructions of his manager.

Bank Profits

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 15.—The Bank of Hamilton shows net profits for the year ending Nov. 30, of \$40,328.45, as compared with \$487,700 last year.

Shipment of Cattle

Halifax, Dec. 15.—An amendment of the cattle shipping regulations has been issued under the authority of regulations vessels sailing from American ports could not ship cattle at Canadian ports within twenty-one days. The amendment makes this applicable only where United States ports of departure are known to be infected.

EXCITEMENT IN RUSSIAN DUMA

Conflict of Factions Leads to President Abandoning His Post

POLICE SYSTEM CENSURED

Deputies Offer Various Interpellations on Government Conduct

St. Petersburg, Dec. 15.—During the course of an exciting session of the Duma this afternoon, Nikola Khomyakov, a president of the duma, resigned the chambers and wrote his resignation.

Late tonight there was still much uncertainty as to M. Khomyakov's position, as he did not present his resignation to the chancellor of the duma, where it was declared that the incident might be regarded as closed. Possibly, therefore, M. Khomyakov reconsidered his decision to resign.

Schemes of excitement arose over the discussion in the house of a government bill to grant credit of \$500,000 for the benefit of the employees of the prisons administration who were victims of outbreaks while on duty, or of their families if the employees were killed.

The Socialists and Laborites hotly denounced the administration and the Rightists possessed the upper hand in political prisoners. Deputy Rosanoff, in a specially violent speech, asserted that as a result of the rigorous rule of the Rightists, the Rightist developed consumption. The Rightist deputies angrily protested against this, whereupon M. Rosanoff declared that he would not be held responsible for the Russian convicts on the eve of execution.

President Khomyakov in response to a stampede on the part of the Rightists, called upon Rosanoff to withdraw his expression. M. Rosanoff did so to the satisfaction of the Rightists, who then followed him and went to the president's room, where they insisted that M. Rosanoff must apologize for his remarks.

Thereupon M. Khomyakov wrote his resignation and left a chairman, Prince Volonsky, in charge of the duma. The credit was finally adopted. At the evening session the matter of an interpellation of the prohibition by the Rightists against the new regime was discussed.

Count Bobrinsky, president of the constitutional Conservative party, explained that the same did not mean to confuse the question of police prohibition of meetings with that relating to the annexation of the new regime. Practically every regiment in the Constantinople garrison will file the route under arms tomorrow when the Sultan drives to open the assembly. While school children stationed at vantage points along the way, will sing the hymns of liberty as the Imperial cortege passes.

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Nicola Coal Mines Closed. Nicola, B.C., Dec. 15.—All the Nicola Valley Coal and Coke Co.'s mines were closed Monday. Last Wednesday evening nearly all the miners employed by the Middlesex collieries organized under the United Mine Workers of America, Thursday they were laid off. About 50 men are affected. Frank Sherman, superintendent of the U.M.W. of America, of British Columbia, will arrive this week from Fernie to take up the miners' side of the question.

LAYS EMPHASIS ON TARIFF REVISION

President-Elect Taft Regards it as Chief Plank of Platform

New York, Dec. 15.—Bringing his stay in New York to a close tonight, President-elect Wm. H. Taft was the guest of honor at the twenty-third annual dinner of the Ohio Society in New York.

Mr. Taft took advantage of the occasion in a speech filled with more earnestness than any he has delivered since his election, to pledge his administration and his party, so far as he can control it, to a loyal adherence to the Chicago platform. He dwelt almost wholly upon the revision of the tariff, which he singled out as the most important declaration at the last national convention, and after having previously referred to the veto power of the chief executive, said with all the emphasis of which he was capable: "Better no revision at all; better that the new bill should fall, unless we have an honest and thorough revision on the basis laid down and the principles outlined in the party platform."

Mr. Taft also referred again tonight to the tariff, which he said had been declared for its enforcement at one of the Roosevelt policies that the party had pledged to carry forward.

NEWFOUNDLAND STORM

Iceland Colony Experiences Worst Blizzard of Year—Fishermen Fear

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 15.—The worst blizzard experienced in Newfoundland for many years has been raging for 48 hours, and heavy damage has been done to fishing vessels, a number of which have been blown ashore at various points. No loss of life has yet been reported, but it is feared that several schooners have been blown to sea or sunk. Traffic on land is at a standstill.

Canadian Northern Denial

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—D. B. Mann, of the Canadian Northern railway, denied today the railway commission's statement that the Wisconsin Central had taken over the Wisconsin Central to get into Chicago.

G. A. R. Encampment

Salt Lake, Utah, Dec. 15.—The next national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, as announced by the executive committee today, will be held from August 9 to August 14, in Salt Lake City.

Killed in Quarrel

Mattawan, W. Va., Dec. 15.—H. O. Smith, general superintendent of the Freeborn Coal and Coke Company, was shot and killed today during a quarrel with E. Conaway, station agent for the Norfolk and Western railroad at Dolores.

Coal Miners Strike

Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 15.—Nearly 10,000 coal miners in the West Virginia active mines in the Paint Creek territory went on strike today following a notice that their wages would be reduced. The national executive board of the United Mine Workers has endorsed the strike.

Swindled on Large Scale

Berlin, Dec. 15.—Charged with misappropriating \$2,000,000, two brothers, Adolph and Fritz Ebenbach, hotel company promoters, have been arrested, the former in Silesia, and the latter at Vienna. The men are charged with having founded a hotel trust with enormous capital, but which has since failed. The brothers disappeared, the shareholders receiving only two per cent of their investments. Proceedings for the extradition of Fritz, who is alleged to be the principal offender, are now going on.

OTTOMAN ASSEMBLY HOLDS ITS SESSION

Preparations Made to Celebrate Institution of New Regime

Constantinople, Dec. 15.—Turkey makes her bow as a full-fledged constitutional monarchy tomorrow, when the new Ottoman parliament holds its first session. This assembly was provided for in the constitution granted by Sultan Abdul Hamid last July, and is the first body of its kind to meet in the empire for over thirty years. The life of its only predecessor was brief, but hopes are entertained for the success of the new regime.

Tomorrow has been proclaimed a general holiday in honor of the parliament, and the city is doing its best to observe the occasion fittingly. The decorations are quite unprecedented, and most of the population is in the streets, eagerly discussing the prospects of the new regime.

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CANADA CUP

Royal Canadian Yacht Club, of Toronto, Withdraws Claim to the Cup

Toronto, Dec. 15.—The Royal Canadian Yacht Club has withdrawn its challenge to the Rochester Yacht Club for possession of the Canada Cup. This was done by a telegram sent to the Rochester club tonight, following a meeting of the executive and sailing committees of the R.C.Y.C. This was done in view of the fact that the Rochester club had reported the failure of their negotiations with the latter club. The telegram was as follows: "You having rejected the many suggestions of our committee to settle the differences of opinion regarding the intention of the deed of gift of the Canada cup by return to an independent tribunal, we hereby withdraw our challenge of 23rd September, much regretting the circumstances necessitating the same. This action is only taken after deep consideration by our executive and sailing committees."

PREPARING SCAFFOLD

Executioner Radcliffe Arrives at New Westminster to Make Final Arrangements

New Westminster, Dec. 15.—The public executioner, J. H. Radcliffe, his assistant, arrived yesterday morning. They will supervise the final arrangements for the execution of the three condemned murderers.

Parrella and Jenkins are both paying the benefits of religious instruction at the hands of Capt. Collier, of the Salvation Army. The Chinamen, receiving him from a fellow countryman who is a missionary at Esquimaux.

New York, Dec. 15.—Alice Neilson, an actress, long prominent on the comic stage, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy today. She gave her liabilities as \$7,200, and her assets at \$75.

London Times Retracts

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—In a cable message to Chairman Parent, of the National Transportation railway commission, Sir Charles Russell, Canada's legal agent in London, says that the London Times, in response to complaints, entered by the commission regarding the publication of letters reflecting upon it prior to the recent elections, has published a retraction, regretting that publication of a number of buildings, and slightest reflection upon the commissioners or on their integrity.

SMOKED RASHLY

Abbotsford Man Killed Through Taking Lighted Pipe Too Near to Gasoline

Abbotsford, B.C., Dec. 15.—Archie Baxter, aged 37, employed at the Abbotsford hotel, was fatally injured last night by an explosion of gasoline. He was in charge of the hotel's gasoline lighting plant, and had been smoking when he lit the gasoline shed, a short distance from the hotel.

At 5 o'clock a terrific explosion was heard. The national executive board of the United Mine Workers has endorsed the strike.

MEAT TRADE

Denial of Report Concerning Merger of Packing Plants—New Establishment Proposed

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—There is absolutely nothing in the report from Chicago of a merger of the packing plants of the industries of western Canada, so far as we are concerned. Despite the reports that have been published, we are not aware that any negotiations are being conducted in Chicago or elsewhere which affect us or our company. We do not intend to take any party to any negotiations of that character.

This was the statement made this morning by W. E. Fares, of the firm of Gordon, Ironsides and Fares, with regard to the merger said to be under negotiation at the Auditorium Annex in Chicago. Mr. Fares added that he did not know of any negotiations of that kind, and that he was not a party to any negotiations of that character.

COLLIE HILL FIGHTS

Victoria Pugilist Boxes Draw With Vinson at Nansaimo

Nansaimo, Dec. 15.—Collie Hill and Jack Vinson fought six rounds to a draw before a fair-sized audience last night. The last round was the best of the fight and ended just in time to prevent a riot. The fight was over several times from being put down and out.

According to the article of agreement in both men were on their feet at the end of the 15th round the match was to be called a draw. Throughout the whole 15 rounds, with scarcely an exception, Hill had the crowd and the referee through up to the tenth, Vinson had earned a decision. He forced the fighting and stood ready to take all that was coming at him. Collie Hill, on the other hand, contented himself with blocking Vinson's advances and looking for a sure thing. This did not prove popular with the crowd and Hill got into going form, and he was not able to hold his own. He was knocked out by the fifteenth. A knockout for him seemed impossible.

CARACAS REBELS AGAINST CASTRO

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Black Watch
On a Tag on a Plug of Black Cheating Tobacco
Stands for Quality.

NEW PHEASANTS BEING CARED FOR

Mongolian Game Birds Recently Imported Will Not Be Immediately Released

TO INCREASE NUMBERS

Proposed to Liberate Newcomers at Saanich and Among Gulf Islands

Twenty or more Mongolian pheasants reached Victoria from the Old Country a few days ago. The consignment consisted of double that number but half were kept by mainland sportsmen for liberation on the lower mainland. Those which were sent on to the island were distributed among A. H. Mitchell, of Chalmers & Mitchell; T. W. Paterson, and another Victorian. The former has placed his in captivity, allowing them the requisite amount of liberty, at his farm Saanich, while Mr. Paterson has had an aviary constructed for the accommodation of those which he has taken charge of on the grounds adjoining his residence, Fort Street.

It is proposed to adopt every known means to bring the birds back to perfect health, they having received somewhat hard treatment in the course of their journey across the Atlantic and the continent. While some died en route the others, it is believed, will survive until the attention they will receive. Their eggs will be hatched by bantam hens, it being one of the peculiarities of the Mongolian pheasant to refuse to "set" while caged. When what is deemed an adequate number of healthy birds have been propagated Mr. Mitchell will give those imported and raised by him their freedom in the Saanich district while Mr. Paterson will take his to the Gulf Islands.

The reason Messrs Mitchell, Paterson and others are so anxious to have taken this step toward the improvement of the game of southern Vancouver Island, was because the Mongolian bird, once established in the ring-necked Chinese pheasant, now found in this locality, producing just as fine a species of game for sport and for table use, as is procured in any part of the world.

A Timely Move.
It is the opinion of those who are conversant with the question that the move is well timed. They express the opinion that the ring-necked bird imported to British Columbia years ago and which has since then prospered is becoming "run down" because of constant inbreeding. They assert that during the past season there has been apparent a marked deterioration in the size and quality of the new broods and the only reason they can find is that mentioned. Therefore the importation of the Mongolian pheasant is believed, will furnish the new blood necessary to maintain the standard of the stock and, besides, will give the district in the vicinity of Victoria a species of game difficult to excel.

The choice of the Mongolian pheasant is pointed out, is peculiarly happy by those who have had experience in the Orient, the home of these birds, it is rare that one variety will cross with another. Thus in the wilds of China a sportsman finds in the course of one day's hunting three or four distinct classes of birds. The opinion of local authorities is that the Mongolian is practically the only pheasant which would serve the purpose for which they are primarily necessary, namely, the improving of the present game. On this account, also, they think that the public spirited gentlemen who have borne the expense of bringing out the new type are entitled to the thanks of all lovers of the chase and to general credit from those who are anxious to see the reputation of the hunter's elyrium field should be maintained.

VERY OLD FOOTPRINTS
Indications That People Once Walked on Clay That is Now Far Below Toronto Bay
Toronto, Dec. 16.—Workmen employed on the water works tunnel under Toronto bay yesterday found human footprints in the blue clay seventy feet below the water level. The find was in inter-glacial clay deposited from 50,000 to 100,000 years ago, and is considered the most important geological discovery relating to that period made in America. City Inspector W. B. Cullin was the discoverer. "It looked like a trail. There were over 100 footprints, from large prints to the print of a child's foot three and a half inches long. All were toed-in. You could not see the hollow between the ball and heel in many of them and they were all made with moss-covered feet. All pointed north, except where some turned out to the side."

Seattle customs officials have in their possession opium valued at between \$2,000 and \$3,000 which has been seized during the past several months. It is expected that the government will order this destroyed, although no such instructions have yet been received. Heretofore the government has disposed of the drug by auction, but under a new law which has been passed, it is to be sold in bulk in the possession of the customs officers and it will likely be ordered destroyed.

W. C. Davidson, of Seattle, is at the King Edward hotel.

SOUTHERN VISITOR AT SPECIAL MEETING

Tells of Success of Y. M. C. A. in Different Meetings—How Work Proceeds

(From Thursday's Daily).
A special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Y. M. C. A. Association, was held last evening to meet Wm. Sweet, the President of the Denver Y. M. C. A., who has spent the past couple of days in Vancouver and Victoria, on his way home from the great convention held at North Yaluma.

Yesterday was utilized in an extensive automobile trip in company of A. J. Brace and other friends. Mr. Sweet said, he was very much impressed with the evident and flattering future of active men in the city of the opinion that Victoria bids fair to become a very prominent factor in the life and the development of this city's business, particularly in the Government Buildings, and the Empress Hotel, whose service and appointments were warmly commended.

Mr. Sweet, as a general secretary of the Directors of the Vice-president, R. C. Horn, in the absence of the city of the president, took the chair, the other gentlemen present, Messrs Wm. Sweet, Scowcroft, A. C. Field, S. G. Clemence, D. D. S., J. H. Baker, E. Campbell, Carl D. Mitchell, F. Issler, W. W. Warren, W. McElhenny, A. T. Frampton and A. J. Brace.

Promptly at seven o'clock Mr. Horn introduced Mr. Sweet, as a gentleman who would address them upon Y. M. C. A. work in the north west, from the stand point of the practical business man, and give them the benefit of experience, which had been gained in securing a magnificent \$250,000, Y. M. C. A. building for the progressive city of Denver, Colorado.

Mr. Sweet who is a successful broker of Denver, in outlining a plan of the Y. M. C. A. building, emphasized the importance and facts that the erection of a properly equipped and suitable Y. M. C. A. building was after all a purely business proposition, and that such a building was distinctly a living and profitable civic asset, and that which in his eyes was moreover one of its most notable features is that it is being built in a city; for it had ever been found, that those who were ordinarily and markedly divided both in the matter of politics and in the matters of religion as well as upon other subjects became thoroughly united in the determination to secure the construction of a building, which would take proper and efficient care of the boys, the growing youth and the young men of their city.

Bible in Many Tongues.
Today the Bible exists in 500 languages, says a writer in The New York Sun. At the beginning of the last century it existed in only 50 different tongues at the most. "It went into more languages during the 19th century than in all the previous centuries." In some cases the Bible is the means of creating the first written forms of language and in others the majority of points while the translators, Bailey and Brown were the lucky ones in finding the basket.

The North Ward juniors defeated the High School in a one-sided game last night the score being 37 to 3. The first half ended in favor of North Ward 14 to 6. For the wards, all seemed to have a share in netting the ball, while for the High School Pike and Willenrodt did the most. The teams lined up as follows: High School: Willisrodt, Pike, Campbell, Riversome, Clarke, North Ward: Taylor, Sweeney, Brynd, Townsley, Walker.

IDENTITY REVEALED
Frenchman Whose Debts Were Heavy Lived in Vancouver Under Assumed Name
Vancouver, Dec. 15.—The veil was lifted in the supreme court today upon the identity of the Frenchman who lived in Vancouver for eight years as a resident of this city, as a language and music teacher and for a time secretary of the French club. The Frenchman, who was known as "The Frenchman," failed to put in an appearance and a scratch contest was arranged instead of the regular fixture.

Wilbur Wright's Success
Le Mans, Dec. 15.—Wilbur Wright, the American aviator, of Dayton, Ohio, attained a height of 2,600 feet here today in his famous flying machine.

School for Deaf Children
New York, Dec. 15.—Many city officials today witnessed the dedication of the first public day school for deaf children which has been opened in this city, and also many impressive demonstrations of lip-reading methods which the school has adopted to the utter exclusion of the old finger sign method.

H. F. Archibald, of Vancouver, is paying a business visit to the city.

VICTORIA RIFLEMAN SHOOTS IN SYDNEY

F. Fisher Comes Within Point of Capturing King's Prize at Sidney

Frank Fisher has had the honor of showing Australians the calibre of the rifleman produced by Victoria. In the past, residents of this city have shot in the British Columbia, the Ottawa, and the Bisley competitions with a success reflecting great credit on themselves and the community which they call home. But Mr. Fisher is the first local marksman who has essayed to uphold Victoria's distinguished reputation in the Antipodes.

Word was received from the victor by the last Australian mail to the effect that Mr. Fisher was one of the participants in the Sydney rifle competition. Purchasing a complete new outfit, including rifle and all paraphernalia, he left for Sydney, from a remote station to the city, and meeting an expense of some \$30 or more for entrance he went into competition with the crack shots of the Commonwealth and came within an ace of capturing the highest possible honor, the gold medal representing the King's prize in the southern hemisphere.

In order to establish such a record Mr. Fisher had to do some tall shooting. In the first stage of the big test he scored 299 out of 300, a possible 95 at the 500 yards, and a possible 85 at the 600 yards. He was in the way of making just as fine a score at the latter range as he was at the former, the bull's eye regularly hit towards the finish, just as the trigger was touched a puff of wind swept across the range and the Victorian only got credit for an "outer," which he played havoc with an otherwise remarkable average. However, he had got high enough to take a place in the second stage and was in the way of a better score. His score was 70 out of a possible 75, the gold medal being one point to the good.

BASKETBALL GAMES PLAYED LAST NIGHT
North Ward Intermediates Easily Defeated Victoria West—Other Matches
(From Thursday's Daily)
In the intermediate league game played at the North Ward hall the North Ward team defeated Victoria West by 25 to 19 points. The game was very clear from start to finish, and the referee had no trouble in officiating. The North Ward team led from the start and kept the lead throughout the game. The Victoria West team made a few good plays, but they were not enough to overcome the lead of the North Ward team.

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RUNNERS TRAINING FOR Y.M.C.A. RACE

Long Distance Road Competition on New Year's Day Attracting Athletes

A plan of the route to be followed by those who have entered the Y.M.C.A. New Year's road race is published today. While it is expected that it might be well to give a general outline of it in order that those interested may obtain a perfectly clear conception of the route, it is better to let them go to do. Starting at the Y.M.C.A. quarters on Broad street, at 10.30 o'clock on the morning of the first of January, the runners will start down that thoroughfare to Government, along the latter to Belleville street, thence following the inner harbor to Dalrymple street, where they will turn along Hill, around the mile track twice, along Douglas to Simcoe and down Simcoe to Government, north along Dalrymple street to the Victoria Hotel, and thence to the finishing point. The total distance is something over six miles. Already a large number of entries have been received. W. G. Finlay, the physical instructor of the association, expects that there will be no less than fifteen young men participating. There are also a number of entries from men and more are expected to declare themselves at an early date. All are training earnestly and it is thought that the contest will be a very interesting one. The winner will have his work out to maintain the supreme position.

COUNT BONI'S MOVE
Withdraws His Demand for \$50,000 a Year For the Maintenance of His Children
Paris, Dec. 16.—The last day of the hearing of the suit against the Princess de Sagan, brought out the fact that the count had decided upon a sudden change of front in that he withdrew his demand that the court award him a yearly income of \$50,000 for the maintenance of all classes. M. Bonnet, speaking for the count, read to the court a letter from his client, filled with indignant protests against the count's decision, and initiating the proceedings to obtain money, and in which the count abandoned his claim for the allowance above mentioned. The count's only object in wanting the children removed was the solitude for their moral and physical welfare.

It is expected that the count has recognized that the court has estimated the Princess de Sagan's enormous allowance and that the estimation of the court and his renunciation is considered a wise move. The proceedings were filled with allegations from both sides, the Princess de Sagan, who is the wife of the count, who developed little that was new. The public prosecutor will present his conclusions next week and the court will give its decision. It will either displace the child or grant him the custody of the children, or if doubt exists it may order the taking of testimony by a notary. The Princess de Sagan continues to be sanguine of a favorable decision.

THE LOCAL MARKETS
Retail Prices
Flour
Royal Household, a bag \$2.00
Lake of the Woods, a bag \$2.00
Koyal Standard, a bag \$1.75
Wild Rose, a bag \$1.75
Casagary, a bag \$2.00
Hungary, per 100 lbs \$1.75
Snowflake, a bag \$1.75
Kofetz's Best, per 100 lbs \$2.00
Drifted snow, per sack \$2.00
Three Star, per sack \$2.00

THE LOCAL MARKETS
Retail Prices
Eggs
Fresh Island, per dozen \$0.40
Newfoundland, each \$0.20
Camden, per lb \$0.20
Newfoundland, each \$0.19
Butter
Mantoba, per lb \$0.25
Best Dairy \$0.30
Victoria Creamery, per lb \$0.45
Cowichan Creamery, per lb \$0.40
Comox Creamery, per lb \$0.40
Hillside Creamery, per lb \$0.40
Alberta Creamery, per lb \$0.40

THE LOCAL MARKETS
Retail Prices
Fruit
Grape Fruit, per dozen \$1 to \$1.50
Oranges, per dozen \$0.50 to \$1.00
Lemons, per dozen \$0.25 to \$0.50
Figs, cooking, per lb \$0.05 to \$0.10
Apples, per box \$1 to \$1.75
Bananas, per dozen \$0.25 to \$0.50
Raisins, Valencia, per lb \$0.15 to \$0.20
Raisins, Malaga, per lb \$0.15 to \$0.20
Grapes, Malaga, per lb \$0.15 to \$0.20
Grapes, Concord, per basket \$0.75
Cranberries, Cape Cod, etc. \$0.25

THE LOCAL MARKETS
Retail Prices
Meat and Poultry
Beef, per lb \$0.10 to \$0.15
Lamb, per lb \$0.15 to \$0.20
Mutton, per lb \$0.15 to \$0.20
Lamb, per quarter, hind \$1.75 to \$2.00
Veal, dressed, per lb \$0.15 to \$0.20
Geese, dressed, each \$1.25 to \$1.50
Guinea Fowls, each \$1.00
Poultry, per lb \$0.15 to \$0.20
Chickens per lb, live weight, 12% to 13%
Ducks, dressed, per lb \$0.20 to \$0.25
Sausages, per lb \$0.15 to \$0.20
Hares, dressed, each \$0.75
Bacons, per lb \$0.20 to \$0.25
Pork, dressed, per lb \$0.15 to \$0.20
Rabbit, dressed, each \$0.50 to \$0.65

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Vegetables
Celery, per head \$0.05
Lettuce, two heads \$0.05
Garlic, per lb \$0.20
Onions, per lb \$0.10
Green Onions, 3 bunches for \$0.10
Cauliflowers, each \$0.20 to \$0.25
Cauliflowers, new, per lb \$0.02
Cauliflowers, old, per lb \$0.02
Green Peas, per lb \$0.08
Beans, per lb \$0.08
Kidney Beans, per lb \$0.05 to \$0.08
Tomatoes, per basket \$0.25
Beets, per lb \$0.05
Carrots, per lb \$0.05
Sweet Potatoes, 4 lbs \$0.25

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A QUESTION OF LOYALTY.

In the course of an article dealing with the causes of Mr. Templeman's defeat, which by the way seems to be magnified beyond precedent by the Regina Leader uses this expression: "It is a sign—and a welcome sign—that the Colonist itself at any rate hates to be considered as lacking in loyalty."

The Colonist's appreciation of loyalty is not that it is due to a man or set of men, who may happen to be in power at any time, not to any line of policy which any set of men, whether the constituents of the British or the Canadian government, may see fit to adopt.

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more imaginings. We are speaking of what every one knows would be the case, when giving the matter serious consideration. British Columbia is interposing herself between an influx of Japanese which, if uncontrolled, would sweep over the prairies like an ocean tide.

But we will be told that the Lemieux agreement restricts such immigration. This we have never denied, but the Lemieux agreement was not an issue in the ratification of the Japanese treaty as it stood, and second the attitude of Sir William Laurier as expressed in his Russell House speech. The people of British Columbia never had an opportunity to pronounce upon these things, and they took the first constitutional occasion of doing so that arose.

We have discussed this matter at some length because it seems right that the case as it presents itself to a majority of the people of this province, should not be misunderstood.

"God keep thee White by your own might, Your shamam a White Dahila, And may there be Race purity In loved Australia."

There is no mistaking what Oscar Walters has in mind, when, after telling what Australians have done for the Empire, he says: "But fiercer we'll fight in our country's war, when we fight for our homes, our land, our God."

"We have raised the White Man's Banner—yea have raised it to the sky. We have sworn to guard its honor, or, if has to be, die. So let every man be ready—let each father and each son, Rear the crimson wall-writings and be ready with his gun."

"The Cross and the Great White Star" begins with this stanza: "Red looming through the ocean haze Darken Australia's sky; But her hills and her headlands have the flag of the Cross and the Great White Star."

"True to our fathers' high behest, We guard the frontiers of the West From Asia's infamy. Though an Attila bring with his powers unknown At the Great White Star and the Great White Throne."

J. Alex. Allan writes "A Battle Hymn," in which these lines occur: "And the wrestling bayonets drive and rip For life and for land and a white wife's lip."

Editorially the Bulletin pleads for an Australian navy that "will incessantly patrol the Northern Seas," to keep the Orientals out, and says a poem called "The Battle," which contains this line: "The Brown Man's world in harness, The White Man's world at Bay."

DIVORCES.

The United States Census Bulletin dealing with divorce in that country prints a statement as follows: "The available data indicate that less than one marriage in twelve is ultimately terminated by divorce."

The Chicago News thinks the nation has gone in for experimental marriages, a divorce can be obtained in the States, the suggestion is not very far from the truth. In at least one State among the reasons for the divorce the opinion of the judge that the parties cannot live happily together, and this is around which is tantamount to making marriage a mere habit.

Alarmit despatches, purporting to come from India, are being published in the newspapers. We say purporting to come from India, because on the face of them are many indications that they are manufactured somewhere on the other side of the world.

Mr. Charles M. Schwab combats Mr. Carnegie's steel duty arguments, which may be taken as implying that while the law has not yet been made, he wishes there are other manufacturers who haven't.

Longport has proved himself "the noblest Roman of them all" in presenting the noblest Roman of them all in presenting the noblest Roman of them all.

The House of Lords has given a slight setback to the movement of women to gain the suffrage, by deciding that women graduates of the Scottish universities are not entitled to vote for the university member of parliament.

It is said that very shortly airships will be running on regular schedules conveying passengers from point to point in competition with the railways.

That between 20,000 and 30,000 people should have been killed and more than 2,000,000 people should have been injured in the United States among workmen while in the discharge of their duties, during the year, seems incredible; but such is the report of the investigations by the Bureau of Labor.

The announcement that the Admiralty has ordered the cruisers Ambur and Flora, detached from the Australian and China squadrons, respectively, for a visit to the southern ports on the Pacific coast of South America, reassures a special local interest, inasmuch as it raises the hope that we may shortly see these vessels in these waters.

good as settled. In Canada the tendency has been to treat his remarks rather lightly. Mr. Hill has in some respects the pardonable weakness of a man, who has lived long enough to feel that some one else should assume the burden of the work which he carried on with an energy and success, that easily marks him out as one of the greatest financial and constructive geniuses that ever managed in railway building in North America.

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SHOP EARLY SHOP HERE SHOP OFTEN. CHOOSE NOW AND LET US DELIVER LATER. CHRISTMAS HERE IN A WEEK. And now we are on the last week—six more shopping days. Just six short days, and think of the host of things we must attend to in that time.

Decorations for Your Christmas Table—Pretty Shades. Perhaps you are planning something unusual in the way of table decoration for your Christmas Table this Xmas. Then you'll surely need something in the candle or electric shade line.

Don't Miss Seeing Our Novelty Furniture Exhibition. Don't fail to see our showing of Novelty Furniture, especially desirable for gift giving. We are strong on these lines this season, and in Mission Designed Furniture we offer some splendid suggestions.

Turkey Services. Gifts for Men. Pretty Fern Pots. We have some excellent gift pieces in Silver Mounted Oak, such as Salad Bowls, Biscuit Jars, Butter Dishes, Tea Trays, Liquor Frames, etc.

Sensible Gift Suggestions. EVER-READY RAZOR, complete with 12 blades, \$1.00. SHAVING SETS, \$2.50 to \$5.00. MILITARY HAIR BRUSHES, \$2.50 to \$5.00.

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PROVINCE LOSES IN FISHERY CASE

Full Court Holds That It Has No Power to Prescribe Regu- lations

APPEALS ARE DISMISSED

Two Judges Also Hold That the Province Cannot Impose License Fees

(From Thursday's Daily)
Vancouver, Dec. 14.—The provincial fishery regulations were late today declared by the full court to be beyond the power of the legislature and wholly within the power of the Dominion parliament.

Justices Irving, Morrison and Clement were unanimous in this decision while both Justices Morrison and Clement in addition held that the province had not even the power to issue the present license revenue for revenue purposes. In this Justice Irving dissented, holding that the province could continue to exact this license fee from fishermen by way of a revenue tax. The province, however, could not impose with any conditions in the nature of regulations as to time and place for fishing, as these were solely within the competence of the Dominion government.

The result was dismissed with costs of both of the provinces' appeals in the long-continued case of North vs. Kendall.

It is understood that the province will carry the case to the imperial privy council, as it involves the whole of the tidal water fisheries. Being undisputed owner of the fish, the province contends that it has the right to say when and where fish may or may not be taken, while not disputing the right of the Dominion government to exact its present license for Dominion revenue purposes only. But in effect the decision of the court today is that as this is a field covered by federal legislation, the province cannot interfere and that the local law exacting a license fee and imposing regulations is ultra vires of the legislature.

John A. Kendall, fisherman, took out both a Dominion and a provincial license. He obeyed the conditions of the former, but disobeyed the conditions of the latter. He was fined in a provincial court and appealed to the North. County Judge Howay set aside the conviction, and today the province failed in its double appeal to have that conviction restored.

IRRIGATED LANDS SELLING RAPIDLY

J. S. Dennis Tells of C. P. R. Undertaking in Alberta

(From Thursday's Daily)
"We have east of the Rocky Mountains a solid block of excellent land," said Mr. J. S. Dennis, the C. P. R. irrigation expert, at a public meeting last evening, "containing fully three million acres, and stretching over a distance of some 100 miles in length and fifty miles in width. We have already constructed over 1,000 miles of irrigating ditches, taking our water from the Bow river, and we intend to build, before we finish this year, another 2,000 miles of ditches, or four times the mileage that can be found in any other irrigated system upon the whole North American continent. The C. P. R. has irrigated 1,400,000 acres of this land. The balance of this great tract, 1,600,000 acres, does not require irrigation and will, of course, be sold to purchasers and settlers as it stands.

"We are selling these irrigated lands at \$25 per acre, and are finding many willing purchasers. We have sold during the past two years, and since we began placing this property upon the market, 600,000 acres, and the buyers are perfectly satisfied with their purchases. Fully 100,000 people came into the great northwestern territories during the past season, and we expect to see at least 200,000 come into our country during next season, which is, at this moment almost upon us. We are selling the land, which does not need water, at \$15 per acre, and the irrigated and irrigated lands, as I have already stated, at \$25 per acre, with an additional charge of fifty cents per acre as a perpetual assessment charge for water. The fact that the water is taken from our ditches, I do not think that we will increase these prices, as they are fair in the market and purchased as well as quite satisfactory to ourselves.

Splendid Crops
"We have had phenomenal crops during the past season, and all the farmers in the northwestern country generally speaking, have done remarkably well, while the settlers upon our irrigated tract have in many cases achieved astonishing results. They are successfully growing winter wheat, and spring wheats, barley, oats, sugar beets, all the small fruits, etc., etc., and the yields in many instances are particularly high. Winter wheat, upon many farms averaging 55 bushels to the acre and 55 bushels to the acre, while upon one place an average of 82 bushels was secured. Spring wheat and barley averaged 48 bushels to the acre and oats 100 bushels to the acre, while sugar beets have yielded from 16 to 18 tons to the acre, with an average of 120 of sugar to the 100 pounds, and standing at 84.6 in point of purity. Average sugarbeets run as high as 14.5, and averaging 22 per cent, has been considered very favorable. This extraordinarily high percentage in saccharine matter, 13.8 is due to our late days, and the fact that we have an enormous amount of sunshine which is poured upon the plants, facilitating and forcing the growth and aiding in the ripening process. These are a preview of the sugar crop.

"We have already a sugar beet refinery established in the northwestern territory, and within a few years we will have two large refineries. I am confident, erected upon our own tract of land. We can, in these rich lands of our Canadian northwestern territory, produce all the sugar which can and will be consumed in the Dominion, and this is, moreover,

GREATEST SALE OF SEALSKINS

Pelts Valued in Neighborhood of \$1,000,000 to Be Sold in London Today

FURS FROM MANY PLACES

Tragedies Marked Taking of Some—Hardships of Pelagic Sealers

(From Thursday's Daily)

Today, London, Eng., the biggest sale of sealskins in 40 years, at which about forty thousand sealskins, worth in the neighborhood of a million dollars, taken by seal-hunters of many nationalities at cost of life and limb in many instances will be offered to the fur buyers that gather from all over the world to San Francisco at the metropolis for this sale. It is expected a good price will be realized this season. Last year the average price realized for the sealskins offered was \$21.56, a better price than the amount realized in 1905 when the highest prices were paid for the fur seal pelts by the bidders at C. M. Lamson & Co.'s auction, and the record price paid was in this year, 1905, when 13,000 Bering Sea and north-west coast sealskins from Victoria were sold on the market and there were few seals from Japan and the Russian islands, owing to the war then raging. It is anticipated that about \$2 million of sealskins will be sold in the whole of the Victoria catch will not be offered, owing to some of the schooners having returned late and their skins having been shipped to other markets in time for the sale. Last year practically the whole Bering Sea catch of 5,387 skins arrived too late for the sale and were held in London, when they were placed on the market, bringing a slightly advanced price over those sold at the big sale.

Whence They Come.
The skins to be offered today include 22,400 sealskins taken by the lessees of the seal islands of Bering Sea, including 7,444 skins, half of the seals taken on the islands of St. Paul and St. George during 1907 and the whole of the take on the seal rookeries in 1908 totaling 14,956 skins. The pelagic sealing catch of 15,000 skins, including 4,400 skins—all were on the market in time—taken by Victoria sealers in Bering Sea, and over 10,000 skins taken by the Japanese sealers in Bering Sea, off Copper Island, the Kuriles and in the Okhotsk sea. There will also be 2,000 skins taken on the rookery at Lobo Island, off the Argentine Republic, and the skins of 2,000 seals taken on the rookery at Cape Horn, off the Cape of Good Hope and the grounds off the Argentine coast and Cape Horn.

The Yanks' Monopoly.
A "Yanks' monopoly" has been written of the history of the manner in which some of the sealskins to be sold in London today were secured. Those taken on the rookeries and the pelagic sealers are protected rigorously by the United States government and the British government assists in maintaining laws made for the purpose of securing without difficulty, but there is a wealth of story in the taking of those appeared and shot on the high seas. The catch of the sealers of St. Paul and St. George is the property of the North American Commercial company, under a lease which expires in 1917 and under which they undertook for 20 years to pay the United States government \$60,000 a year, a tax of \$1 and fee of \$1.25 for each seal taken. The Japanese sealers that not more than 60,000 skins shall be taken, but the inroads into the herd has made it necessary to lessen the number and last year the Japanese sealers on the islands, where Aleuts in the employ of the company clubbed and skinned the seals which were driven in bands to the shore rookeries.

It is a different story that of the skins taken by the pelagic sealers. From Victoria eight schooners, the smallest of which are 200 tons, began with restrictions and unfair discrimination in favor of the Japanese having made it difficult to secure crews for more than this number of vessels. From Japanese ports 38 sealers were sent out, some to the North Pacific to hunt where the seal-breeds were blown from the Kuriles and north to Bering Sea. To collect the various tales of privation and starvation days in open boats while the chill spume swept over the waters, and the stories of danger and discomfort would fill a big volume. To tell of the risks of life and imprisonment taken to secure the valuable skins, and the larger one. Two Japanese sealers were seized, one of them, the Kinsei Maru, having like that noted craft of Kipling's sealing theme, faked papers, made smokestack and rig and spars to represent a revenue cutter while she lay off the Seapond rookery and sent her boats ashore. On the Copper islands several Japanese vessels were seized, and nine lives were lost in a veritable guerrilla war with the Russian guards for the skins. On several occasions raiders landed and stole what skins they could take before the guards fought them back to their boats and one schooner, the Bear Maru, lost nine of her crew when the Russian guards drove off the landing boats from the attempted raid by firing upon them as they came ashore. The long-lipped rollers of the Copper island bay. Six bodies afterwards drifted ashore with the bullet holes to show the manner of the attack and three others were drowned, all were recovered and buried on the rookery near the noisy seal herds they tried to log.

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Splendid Christmas Gifts for any "Her" from any "Him," or for one lady to give to another. Excellent presents for the friend away east or for the friend close home. You may not know the size of your friend's hand, even though she resides in Victoria, but our

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do away with this difficulty, because you send the Certificate to your friend and she brings it to us and selects her own Gloves. If she has already too great a stock of gloves she may choose any other goods instead of gloves. This fact makes a Glove Certificate particularly pleasing as a gift.

- Dent's Real Kid Gloves for ladies, each pair guaranteed, \$1.25 and..... \$1.50
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- Dent's Heavy Walking Gloves, per pair, at..... \$1.65
- Dent's Lined Gloves, per pair..... \$1.60
- Dent's Fur Top Lined Gloves, per pair, at..... \$2.00
- Dent's Gauntlet Gloves, per pair..... \$2.00
- Dent's Imitation Reindeer Mosquitaree Gloves, per pair..... \$1.25

- Dent's Twelve Button Gloves, per pair, at..... \$2.00
- Dent's Sixteen Button Gloves, per pair, at..... \$2.50
- Ladies' Kid Gloves, per pair..... \$1.00
- Gentlemen's Kid Gloves, Dent's famous make, guaranteed, per pair, \$1.50 and..... \$1.25
- Dent's Kid Gloves for Boys, per pair, \$1.00, 90c and..... 75c
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OPENS LARGE MARKETS IN CENTRAL MEXICO

Capt. Worsop, of the Mexican S. S. Co., Makes New Traf- fic Arrangements

(From Thursday's Daily)
Capt. T. H. Worsop, manager of the Canadian-Mexican steamship company, returned yesterday from San Francisco where he met by appointment representatives of the Central Railway Company, which was opened on Saturday by President Diaz, and completed a traffic arrangement which will give Victoria merchants access to largely populated markets in Mexico from coast to coast and offer an opportunity for competition from British Columbia and the coast generally with shipments sent by way of the Atlantic and the Atlantic terminus of the railroad at Tampico. Through bills of lading will be given on the first steamer of the Canadian-Mexican steamship line, leaving after January 1st for any point reached by the Mexican Central railway which crosses the republic from Manzanillo on the Pacific to Tampico on the Atlantic. The arrangement begins on January 1.

The steamer Lonsdale of the Canadian-Mexican line is about due from Salina Cruz and will bring the first shipment of general freight, mostly merchandise from Liverpool and Continental ports by way of the Tehuantepec railway. About 350 tons of general freight is reported to be on board the Lonsdale and other shipments are booked for the steamer Georgia.

The Lonsdale was in collision in the harbor at Salina Cruz with the steamer Virginia and had her bulwarks and some plating torn. Temporary repairs were made at the Mexican port and on the arrival of the Mexican line survey will be made on behalf of the owners and underwriters and specifications will be drawn up for the necessary permanent repairs. Tenders will be called here for the work. It is contended that the damage was caused by the fault of the Virginia and that vessel will probably be proceeded against for the cost of repairs.

FIND HUMAN REMAINS OF VERY GREAT AGE

Supposed to Be 170,000 Years Old—Men Who Walked on All Fours

Paris, Dec. 13.—Abbes Bouysson and Bardon, who are conducting excavations at Chappelle-aux-Saintes, in the Correez department, have discovered what is believed to be the oldest human remains, dating back 170,000 years, to the middle of the Pleistocene age, the latest period of geological history.

The skull presents a strong resemblance to that of a monkey, having a long jaw, and being devoid of canine teeth. The other bones are arched, showing that man usually walked on all fours. The skeleton has been acquired by the natural history museum of Paris.

BROUGHT LAUNCH FLO HERE DURING GALE

Little Craft Made Voyage from Port Angeles During Storm Blow- ing 60 Miles an Hour

The fast gasoline launch Flo, which was alleged to have been stolen from Seattle and taken to Vancouver, is in port, being brought here during the storm of Saturday by an adventurous young man, L. E. Schaffer of the firm of Blashope & Co., launch dealer of Seattle. He was sent from the Sound to take back the launch, for the theft of which Capt. Baldwin was placed on trial at Vancouver and acquitted. The little launch, which can make about fourteen miles an hour, was severely buffeted when crossing the Straits during the strong gale of Saturday afternoon. She will be taken to Seattle this morning.

ADOPT PERMIT SYSTEM

South Saanich Council Adopts Measure —Will Investigate Complaints Against Official

The municipality of South Saanich will follow the lead of the municipality of Oak Bay and insist that hereafter before buildings can be erected within the municipality, permits must be obtained, and the plans of the proposed buildings submitted for inspection. The bylaw which has been under consideration for some time was put through its various stages and made law. The bylaw prohibiting shooting within the bounds of the municipality was also considered and passed.

The trouble which has arisen between Municipal Constable Russell and the council following complaints which have been made by some of the councillors will be fully investigated. Constable Russell has been suspended pending the finding of a special committee consisting of councillors Holden, Mannix and Scott.

Owing to the fact that there is no local improvement bylaw in force in the municipality, the application of Messrs. Swinerton & Oddy, that sewer, mains and cement walks be laid in that portion owned by them cannot be entertained. Mr. Elliott will again be auditor of the municipal accounts for the year.

Lynn Gordon, of the Bank of Commerce, Victoria, Oregon, is spending his holidays with his parents in this city at Laurendine.

Holiday Attire

Xmas Specials

- HOLIDAY SUITS..... \$15 to \$35
- FULL DRESS SUITS..... \$25 to \$35
- OVERCOATS..... \$12 to \$30

Fancy Waistcoats

High grade, select patterns, but owing to their late arrival we have priced these vests at one-fourth less than their regular values..... \$2.00 to \$7.00

Gift Umbrellas

For Lady or Gentleman, a really good umbrella makes a most acceptable present. We invite you to call and inspect our umbrellas—note the quality and save twenty per cent on your purchase..... \$3.00 to \$15.00

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FIT-REFORM

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Exodus of Hindus.
A number of Hindus having found it difficult to adapt themselves to the climate and conditions of British Columbia, are leaving the country. Ten left for different points last week. Four were passengers by the steamer Tanga Maru to the Orient, an outfit of three left for San Francisco, while another trio will leave for the south by the next outgoing passenger vessel.

Secure Expert
Kirk & Co. Ltd., manufacturers of high grade carbonated beverages, have secured the services of Mr. Otto Herbert, an expert in the manufacture of soft drinks, of Cairo, Illinois, to take charge of their mixing-room and bottling works. Mr. Herbert comes from the Andrew Tohr Bottling works of Cairo, Illinois, the largest soft drink bottling works in the world, capitalized at \$450,000. He has been secured at a very large expense, and will be turning out his goods in a few days.

Man and His Collar
Man's first real step forward towards civilization was the assumption of a collar. It is true that the early collar was more like a necklace and that it was made of teeth or cowrie shells, the teeth being the spools of some man, such as a man of another tribe or a wild beast which it was a credit to have killed.

And it is a curious thing that the neck should have been the first part of the body to be decorated. It comes before the head, with the hand of grass or hide into which feathers were stuck, and which evolved into the crown in one direction and into the hat in the other. It comes before the wrist on which bangles have developed into bracelets and the kindred puffs; before the waist which has been known as the "Ruddy Owen" or the "Barnard."

George M. Perdue, of the local detective force, who has been spending the past week in Seattle on a holiday, returned to the city on Tuesday.

THURSDAY'S XMAS VALUES ARE GOOD

The holiday shopping is now at its height. A few years ago it was thought the proper thing to wait until the last day or two before buying. Now people buy a week or ten days before the time in the greatest numbers. You get better selections now and better service. We also urge shopping early in the day. We have a very large staff, but business in the latter part of the days taxes us to our utmost.

Today's Splendid Special Values

**A Sale of Beautiful Leather Turkish Easy Chairs.
Regular \$65.00 to \$75.00, Today \$48.00**

These are very rich, handsome Turkish Easy Chairs, upholstered in the very best No. 1 horsehide. The very highest class upholstery throughout, a magnificent line of the best grade goods at Christmas Sale Prices, regular values \$65.00 to \$75.00. Today **\$48.00**

Christmas Linens on Sale Today

The Most Acceptable Gifts of All at Savings

LINEN RUNNERS, size 18 x 54, scalloped embroidered edge, two rows of drawn work. Regular \$1.50. Today **75¢**

LINEN TEA CLOTHS, size 30 x 30 and 36 x 36, embroidered and drawn work, regular \$1.25 and \$1.50. Today **75¢**

LINEN TEA CLOTHS, size 36 x 36, embroidered and drawn work, regular \$1.50. Today **75¢**

LINEN TEA CLOTHS, circular style, thirty inches diameter, embroidered and drawn work, regular \$1.00. Today **50¢**

LINEN CENTRES, circular style, twenty-four inches diameter, scalloped and embroidered, regular 50¢. Today **25¢**

Men's \$1.50 Coat Sweaters Today \$1.00

This is sure to be good news for some men. These Coat Sweaters are the most popular and scarcest articles on the market today. This lot we got hold of at a snap, and offer them at this unusual price. They are in a good weight, colors grey trimmed with green, red trimmed with green, plain red, and navy trimmed with red. Regular value \$1.50. Today **\$1.00**

Today a Sale of Battenberg Linens

\$1.50 to \$4.50 Pieces, Today \$1.00

A Sale of Fancy Gift Linens, the Battenberg style. A handsome lot of splendid designs in centre pieces, size ranging from twenty-four inches square to thirty-six inches square. The centres are made of fine Irish linen, with deep borders of rich Battenberg lace, in handsome patterns. The regular values of the lines offered here are from \$1.50 to \$4.50, today's special price **\$1.00**

Some of the Values That the China Store Offers

AT 10¢—Pudding Bowls, Coat Hangers, Plates, Sauce Dishes, Cups and Saucers.

AT 15¢—Fruit Saucers, Pin Trays, Ash Trays, Cream Jugs, Tea Pot Stands, Glass Vases, Pudding Bowls, Pie Dishes, Tea Pots, Salt and Pepper Shakers, Candle Shades.

AT 25¢—Cream Jugs, Milk Jugs, Fruit Bowls, Pudding Bowls, Bon Bon, Teapot Stands, Pin Trays, Ash Trays, Olive Dishes, Spoon Trays, Nut Bowls, Soap Dishes, Shaving Mugs, Bread and Butter Plates, Dessert Plates, Cake Plates, Tea Cups and Saucers, After Dinner Cups and Saucers, Chocolate Cups and Saucers, Fruit Saucers, Hair Receivers, Fancy Mustard Pots.

AT \$1.00—Fruit Bowls, Salad Bowls, Brush and Comb Trays, Celery Dishes, Cracker Jars, Sugar and Cream Sets, Artistic Vases, Jardinières, Hot Water Jugs, Butter Dishes, Bon Bon Dishes, Tea Plates, Mayonnaise Dishes, Tea Cups and Saucers, Olive Dishes.

AT 50¢—Celery Trays, Spoon Trays, Bon Bons, Cream and Sugar Sets, Cream Jugs, Bread and Butter Plates, Dessert Plates, Salad Bowls, Fancy Vases, Fancy Tea Cups and Saucers, Chocolate Cups and Saucers, Moustache Cups and Saucers, Jumbo Cups and Saucers, Hat Pin Holders, Puff Boxes, Hair Receivers, Card Receivers, Toast Racks, Cheese Dishes.

AT 75¢—Cream and Sugar Sets, China Tea Pots, Cake Plates, Salad Bowls, Comforts, Celery Trays, Comb and Brush Trays, Biscuit Jars, Bread and Butter Plates, Dessert Plates, Tea Plates, Hat Pin Holders, Fancy Vases, Toast Racks, Water Jugs, Fancy Cups and Saucers, Spoon Trays, Hot Water Jugs, Fancy Milk Jugs, After Dinner Coffee Pots, Jardinières, Fern Pots.

Special Table of Toys—Most Attractive Values

At 25c	At 50c	At 75c	At \$1.00
NOAH'S ARK PIANOS VIOLINS REVOLVING CHIMES GUNS MUSIC BARRELS MECHANICAL MICE MECHANICAL ENGINES TOOL SETS SKIPPING ROPES TEA SETS WASH-SETS CASH REGISTERS BANKS HORSES AND CARTS ANIMALS METAL SOLDIERS FANCY DOLLS TOPS TOY GO CARTS	MAGIC LANTERNS BUILDING BLOCKS TOY SOLDIERS MECHANICAL ANIMALS MUSICAL TOPS PIANOS CHECKER BOARDS PICTURE BLOCKS NOAH'S ARK GUNS AND PISTOLS DRUMS SPRING TOPS VIOLINS DOLL'S TRUNKS SETS OF TOOLS DRESSED DOLLS	GAMES MECHANICAL TOYS UNDRESSED DOLLS BOATS TEA SETS ENGINES MECHANICAL HORSES BUILDING BLOCKS NOAH'S ARK MECHANICAL ANIMALS UNDRESSED DOLLS RAILWAYS MERRY GO ROUNDS ROLLER CHIMES PICTURE BLOCKS TEDDY BEARS DRESSED DOLLS GUNS FOR BOYS CHILD'S GO CART	TEDDY BEARS UNDRESSED DOLLS MECHANICAL RAILWAYS MAGIC LANTERNS STEAM ENGINES HOBBY HORSES ON WHEELS DRESSED DOLLS DOLL'S GO CARTS MECHANICAL TOYS CRADLES FOR DOLLS GAMES BARROWS NOAH'S ARK HORSES BUILDING BLOCKS MECHANICAL ANIMALS BOXES OF TOOLS And Many Other Articles.

If your shopping prevents you going home to lunch, we serve dainty ones at our Tea Rooms.

DAVID SPENCER, LTD.

A Cup of Tea does wonders when you are tired. The best served at our Tea Rooms.

Lace Ties and Fancy Ruffs on Sale Tonight

Handsome Chiffon Ruffs and Pretty Lace Ties on sale tonight at 7.30. It is hard to do justice to this kind of goods in an advertisement, so we would advise you to see them.

LACE TIES, plenty to choose from and good styles that were 50c, 65c, and 75c. 7.30 tonight **25¢**

LACE TIES, some beauties in this lot, and ties that formerly were up to \$1.50. 7.30 tonight **50¢**

CHIFFON RUFFS, a handsome lot to choose from, any one of which is worth twice the price asked, regular up to \$6.50. 7.30 tonight, choice for **\$2.50**

Christmas Handkerchiefs, All Kinds

SHEER LAWN HANDKERCHIEFS, lace edge, each **10¢**

SHEER LAWN CROSS BAR HANDKERCHIEFS, lace edge, each **10¢**

FANCY EMBROIDERED HANDKERCHIEFS, hemstitched edge, **15¢**

FINE LAWN HANDKERCHIEFS, lace trimmed, each **15¢**

FANCY EMBROIDERED HANDKERCHIEFS, hemstitched edge, good patterns, each **20¢**

SHEER CROSS BAR HANDKERCHIEFS, embroidered, special, each **20¢**

FANCY EMBROIDERED HANDKERCHIEFS, lace edges, each **25¢**

FANCY EMBROIDERED HANDKERCHIEFS, hemstitched or scalloped edges, each **25¢**

LINEN CROSS BAR HANDKERCHIEFS, embroidered in dainty designs, each **25¢**

SHEER LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS, hand embroidered initials, each **25¢**

IRISH LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS, embroidered and hemstitched **35¢**

FINER QUALITIES, richly embroidered, scalloped or hemstitched edges, prices ranging from 50c to **\$2.75**

HANDKERCHIEFS, in fancy boxes, half dozen in box, at \$1.00 and **\$1.50**

Men's Kid Gloves—A Christmas Assortment

DENT'S TAN COPE GLOVES, special at **\$1.00**

DENT'S DOGSKIN GLOVES, special at **\$1.25**

DENT'S DOGSKIN GLOVES, special at **\$1.50**

DENT'S DOGSKIN GLOVES, extra heavy, at **\$1.75**

DENT'S DOGSKIN GLOVES, hand sewn, at **\$2.50**

DENT'S "WESTEND" GLOVES, white stitched, at **\$1.50**

DENT'S TAN GLOVES, silk lined cape, at **\$1.50**

DENT'S GENUINE KID GLOVES, best make, all the newest tan shades, at **\$2.00**

DENT'S TAN MOCHA, at **\$2.00**

DENT'S TAN MOCHA, silk lined, **\$2.00**

DENT'S GENUINE REINDEER GLOVES, silk lined, at **\$2.50**

Book Department Items

Christmas Stationery, Cards and Calendars

CHRISTMAS STATIONERY, a splendid assortment at all prices, starting at **25¢**

CHRISTMAS CARDS, a tremendous assortment, at each, 2½c, 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c and **50¢**

CHRISTMAS POST CARDS, per dozen **25¢**

CALENDARS, a big assortment, nicely boxed, at prices ranging from **\$1.75 to 5¢**

CHRISTMAS CARDS, in boxes, at per box, 25¢, 35¢ and **50¢**

Christmas Books for Adults

LEATHER BOUND POETS, beautifully bound gilt tops, the following great poets, Shakespeare, Coleridge, Cowper, Burns, Scott, Dante, Gems of National Poetry, Wordsworth, Tennyson, Moore, Cook and Ingoldsby Legends, Price, per volume **\$1.00**

LEATHER GIFT BOOKS, a large assortment of titles, assorted covers, price **60¢**

LEATHER BOUND POETS, from \$1.00 to **\$3.75**

METHODIST HYMN BOOKS, 35c, 60c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and **\$1.75**

PRESBYTERIAN HYMN BOOKS, each, 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and **\$1.50**

BIBLES, cloth bound, each, \$1.00, 50c, and **25¢**

BILL NYE'S RED BOOK **75¢**

BILL NYE'S COMIC HISTORY OF ENGLAND **75¢**

COMIC HISTORY OF UNITED STATES, price **75¢**

HOW TO HUSTLE, price **75¢**

A HUSTLER'S YARNS, price **75¢**

TWENTY YEARS' HUSTLING **75¢**

WHAT HAPPENED TO JOHNSTON, price **75¢**

Christmas Books for Girls

Books by Louisa Alcott, for girls, We Girls, Shawl Straps, Little Men, Old Fashioned Girl, Lulu's Library, Silver Pitchers, Eight Cousins and others. Price, each is **50¢**

L. T. Meade, Rosa Carey, and Mrs. Wetherall Books for Girls, each **35¢**

Girls' Realm, price **\$1.75**

7.30 Sale of Wallpaper

A SPECIAL ASSORTMENT OF WALL PAPER on Sale at 7.30 each night in the Wall Paper Section. These papers are suitable for bedrooms, diningrooms and halls. Special each night at 7.30 p.m., at 7½c and **10¢**

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