

U. S. ATTITUDE IN CARIBBEAN

SURPRISE AT OUTBREAK AGAINST CASTRO'S RULE

Will Not Interfere in Venezuela Unless Monroe Doctrine is Violated.

A rumor is current on the New York Stock exchange to-day that Venezuela has declared war against Holland. Stocks are bearing up well, says the information, no confirmation of which can be obtained from Associated Press sources.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—The striking events in Caracas are somewhat of a surprise to officials in Washington where it had been generally expected that any manifestations of hostile acts by a foreign power against Venezuela would have the result of solidifying all elements of the people and make them rally vigorously to President Castro and his government. That they have not done so, but on the contrary have engaged in a riotous demonstration against his interests and those of his friends, is quite inexplicable to the authorities here.

It has been the common belief in Washington that had the United States taken any forcible steps against Venezuela in the efforts to have its claims against that country arbitrated, Castro would have become a veritable hero of the people there. It is possible even that anticipating such an attitude, the administration has been indifferent to pushing a demand for settlement. Now that Castro has left the country the strong influence he exerted over his people, in the minds of the officials, appears to be wanting.

Some interest is manifested at the state department in the unofficial reports that Castro might seek an alliance with Germany. The report lacks any substantial confirmation, so far as the state department advisors are concerned. The department has felt that the situation in Venezuela would gradually work itself out. For this reason there has been a present determination to ignore President Castro, and look with equanimity on the doings of foreign governments, in their efforts to get satisfaction from him. It is, however, so long as there is no interference with American interests and no violation of the Monroe doctrine.

Castro Still Ignorant. Berlin, Dec. 17.—The members of the entourage of President Castro of Venezuela, who has been in Berlin for several days past, still maintain an attitude of skepticism regarding the outbreak at Caracas against the president in the course of which an infuriated mob made a bonfire of the Plaza Bolivar of a collection of Castro's belongings and those of his closest friends. In spite of the well known fact that there is no telephonic communication between Caracas and the outer world, all cablegrams having to be sent by steamer from the capitol to Wilhelmstadt, Curacao or Port of Spain, Trinidad, and there placed on the alleged cable, declare that Castro is in receipt daily of communication from the government but that no reports have come in corresponding to the events described by the press dispatches.

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DEFALCATIONS LEAD

BANK TO ASSIGN

Cashier Admits Systematic Robberies—Liabilities of Nearly a Million.

Somerworth, N. H., Dec. 17.—The doors of the First National Bank of this city were closed yesterday, following the discovery of a shortage placed at \$85,000, and Fred M. Varney, the cashier, was arrested on the charge of being a defaulter. The trouble was discovered by National Bank Examiner N. S. Bean, of Manchester. According to W. W. Tebbett, president of the bank, Varney has now admitted that he took large sums from the bank which had been accumulating for the last several years. Varney was given a hearing late yesterday afternoon. He pleaded not guilty and furnished bail of \$10,000 for his appearance before the United States circuit court at Portsmouth in March. Examiner Bean regards the bank as solvent, but says the directors declare their inability to make up the shortage, and have requested liquidation. Late yesterday Mr. Bean was appointed temporary receiver by the controller of the Currency.

Women Depositors Faint. Napoleon, Ohio, Dec. 17.—Men cried and women fainted in the street when they found a notice of assignment posted on the doors of the Citizens' state bank yesterday. D. D. Donovan was named as assignee, President Heller of the bank is in a hospital in Minnesota. The failure is said to be due to loans to Judge Michael Donnelly, who is president of the Ohio German Fire Insurance Company, which recently failed. The bank is capitalized at \$71,000, and has an undivided surplus of \$21,000. The deposits amount to \$285,000.

CANADA TO ANNEX WEST INDIES!

London, Dec. 17.—Harry Symonds, K. C., of Toronto, writes to the press suggesting that the Barbadoes, and possibly the whole of the West Indies, should unite with Canada. The suggestion is viewed with considerable interest here.

T. J. HAINS' PART IN ANNIS MURDER

MODEL OF HAPPENING TO BE SHOWN IN COURT

Widow Tells on Witness Stand She Saw Her Husband Die.

Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Counsel for Thornton J. Hains declared to-day that the state's witnesses called to prove the charge that Hains was a principal with his brother, Captain Peter C. Hains, Jr., in the killing of William E. Annis, will be subjected to severe cross-examination. Hains' lawyers assert that the prosecution's witnesses were all close friends of Annis, and that there is little doubt they have rehearsed the tragedy with the design of presenting an unvarying story.

A new light on the case was shed this morning when Hains' counsel admitted that Thornton J. Hains had had some trouble with Wm. Annis over the publication of a magazine article last June. Thornton J. Hains submitted a manuscript to Mr. Ripley, the owner of the magazine in which Annis was employed, in May, and that Annis induced Ripley to return it. Counsel for Hains, states that the defendant then wrote a letter to Ripley, saying he knew why the manuscript was rejected, and concluded with the words: "I will get even with him yet."

What was the "challenging letter" referred to by Special Prosecutor Whitely in his opening address, according to counsel for Hains, who further states that they will show that there was no threat in the defendant's communications, and that the episode simply indicated Annis's feeling towards T. J. Hains. The lawyers state that they will prove that Hains some time previous to this affair, had Annis discharged from a position with a publishing company. It will be asserted when the defence presents its case, that Thornton and his brother went to Cayuga to locate a home, where T. J. Hains' young daughter, Molly, is suffering from a throat affection, might have the benefit of country air. The taking of evidence for the state was resumed with the opening of court.

When court opened Justice Crane said: "I have been thinking over night and I am not going to let you use this model. It is clear that this model is a fair representation of the facts, and I would suggest that you obtain photographs to show its correctness and then it may be used." Counsel for the defense noted an exception. The state then called Dr. Johnson MacLeod, of Fishburg, to the stand. Dr. MacLeod testified to having had Annis moved from the club boat, where the shooting occurred, to the Flushing hospital. On cross-examination Dr. MacLeod said he thought Dr. Jones, the house physician at the Flushing hospital, was now in Syracuse.

Dr. Leo Schmock, a physician at the Flushing hospital, testified as to the treatment given Annis. "What did Annis die of?" asked the prosecuting attorney. "From shock and hemorrhage brought on by some of the wounds I have described," said the witness. The defendant said he made no autopsy of the body.

Dr. Joseph Bloodgood, of Flushing, who also attended Annis at the hospital, took the stand. He related the treatment given to the wounded man and of the examination he had made. Mrs. Wm. E. Annis was then called to the stand. She was dressed in a heavy veil and wore a seal overcoat, a heavy veil was flung back over a large glaring black hat. She spoke in a quiet tone. She said: "I am the wife of Wm. E. Annis. My name is Ellen Annis. I was present at his death. Dr. Schmock was there."

"Did you see your husband die?" "Yes." "What is all," said the district attorney. Mr. McIntyre said that the district attorney should exhaust the witness upon all her knowledge of the case. Justice Crane said it was not necessary at this time. "Then I have no question," said Mr. McIntyre. Justice Crane drew from Mrs. Annis that her husband died about 7 o'clock on August 15th. Mrs. Annis then withdrew from the stand. A. (Concluded on page 4)

2,000 MINERS ON STRIKE

Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 17.—Nearly two thousand miners in the fourteen active mines in the Paint Creek territory went on strike yesterday following a notice that their wages would be reduced. The national executive board of the United Mine Workers has endorsed the strike.

ANXIOUS TO KEEP MR. TEMPLEMAN

OTHERWISE B. C. MAY LOSE CABINET REPRESENTATION

Montreal Herald Discusses Sir Wilfrid's Attitude in Ministerial Question.

(Special to the Times.) Montreal, Que., Dec. 17.—The Herald has the following to-day from its Ottawa correspondent: Ralph Smith, member for Nanaimo, left for the Pacific coast last night without the question of ministerial representation for British Columbia having been finally settled. William Sloan, M. P., is still here. It is well understood that Sir Wilfrid desires to retain the services of the Hon. Mr. Templeman, who was defeated in the general election by a few votes. There has arisen the difficulty of providing Mr. Templeman with a seat until he is able to follow up his protest and unseat the Conservative representative of Victoria. It is understood that Mr. Smith and Mr. Sloan are both pressing the claims of their constituencies to the portfolio, which is being held by British Columbia at the present time. However, there is a likelihood that if Mr. Templeman does not retain the portfolio it will go to another western province.

SHRUBB ACCEPTS LONGBOAT'S CHALLENGE

Famous English Runner to Meet Indian Over Madison Square Course.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 17.—Alfred Shrubb, the long-distance English professional champion runner, has accepted the challenge to meet Tom Longboat, the Canadian Indian, the conqueror of Dorando Pietri, in Madison Square, New York.

The race will be run on January 13th, at Madison Square Garden, New York. Whatever be the result of the Shrubb-Longboat contest it is said that the four-cornered long distance fight between Dorando, Shrubb, Longboat and Hayes will be held soon after.

Shrubb's records are as follows: Two miles, 9:07 3/5; three miles, 14:17 3/4; four miles, 19:23 3/5; five miles, 24:32 3/5; ten miles, 50:49 3/5; His best distance in one hour is 11 miles, 1:17 yards.

Longboat's record are: Five miles, 36:05; ten miles, 56:54; fifteen miles, 1:25:42 2/5; 20 miles, 2:24:50. At Belleville, on the indoor track, Longboat is said to have done five miles in 25:20; but the track was not authoritatively measured.

RECORDS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—Government records, charts, maps and photographs valued at more than \$20,000 were destroyed last night in a fire which broke out in the United States Geological Survey building in this city. The damage to the building itself was slight.

31 YEARS A MISSIONARY.

New York, Dec. 17.—News of the death at Yellandu, India, of Rev. Chas. E. Ward, for thirty-one years missionary of the Methodist Episcopal church in India, was received here yesterday. Mr. Ward leaves a widow in India and two sons, who are students at Syracuse university.

COLONIAL PEERS.

London, Dec. 17.—All the papers of South Africa give sympathetic approval to Lord Robb's committee proposal that the regular number of colonial peers should be admitted to the House of Lords.

ELIGIBLE FOR PRIVY COUNCIL.

London, Dec. 17.—In the Commons, the Privy Council Amendment Act of 1885, was last night amended to include any person being or having been a justice of the Supreme Court of Newfoundland.

SWISS COMMERCE MINISTER.

Berne, Switzerland, Dec. 17.—A. Deucher, minister of commerce, was elected president of the Swiss Republic for 1909 by the federal assembly to-day. He will succeed Dr. F. Brenner, whose term of office expired on January 1st.

BANKRUPT ACTRESS.

New York, Dec. 17.—Alice Neilson, an actress long prominent on the comic opera stage, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy yesterday. She gave her liabilities as \$7,200, and her assets at \$78.

PAPER MILL GUTTED.

Dansville, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Fire destroyed the building, machinery and part of the material of the Dansville paper mill yesterday afternoon, also 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. McNairy, of Toronto, Ont., who conducts a large wax plant in the Canadian city.

FINANCIERS AND GEORGIAN BAY CANAL

London, Dec. 17.—It was understood that syndicates of London and Canadian financiers have the Georgian Bay scheme well in hand, and work will be started shortly.

TWO RANCHERS DROWN IN LAKE CHRISTINA

Set Out From Cascade During Fog—Empty Boat is Found.

(Special to the Times.) Grand Forks, Dec. 17.—Ernest Downs and Archibald Wilkinson were drowned in Christina lake, 12 miles east of this city, some time between Monday night and yesterday.

The men were ranchers on the lake shore and started in their boat from Cascade for home in a fog, and it is supposed they were bearing. They were missed on Tuesday morning, but owing to the fog still being on the lake it was impossible to locate them or their boat. Their boat was found yesterday. Provincial Constable MacNeil leaves this afternoon to drag the lake for the bodies.

BRITISH TORPEDO BOAT IS COMPLETE WRECK

Cowes, Isle of Wight, Dec. 17.—Torpedo boat 959 ran ashore on the rocks while manoeuvring off Bembridge ledge, Isle of Wight, last night. The crew of fourteen had a narrow escape. Two feet of water was in the hold when the Bembridge lifeboat arrived in response to signals. The vessel is a complete wreck.

INCENSED, PRESIDENT OF DOUMA RESIGNS

Rightists Refuse to Accept His Ruling—Scene in Russian Chambers.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 17.—During the course of an exciting session of the Douma yesterday afternoon, Nikolai Khomyakoff, the president of the Douma, quitted the chambers and wrote his resignation.

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

Scenes of excitement arose over the discussion in the house of a government bill to grant a credit of \$600,000 for the benefit of the employees of the prison administration who were victims of outrages while on duty, or of their families if the employees were killed.

The Socialists and Laborites hotly denounced the administration and the industrial torturing methods of political prisoners. Deputy Rosenoff, in a specially vituperated speech, declared that as a result of the rigorous rule sixty per cent. of these prisoners developed consumption. The Rightists angrily protested against this, whereupon Mr. Rosenoff declared that the Rightists possessed less honor than Russian convicts on the eve of execution.

President Khomyakoff, in response to a stampede on the part of the offended deputies, called upon a number of the off to withdraw his expression. Mr. Rosenoff did so to the satisfaction of the president of the Douma, but the Rightists quitted the house in a body and went to the president's room, where they insisted that Mr. Rosenoff must apologize.

Thereupon M. Khomyakoff wrote his resignation and left a chairman, Prince Volonsky, in charge of the Douma. The credit was finally adopted. At the evening session the matter of an interpellation of the prohibition by the police of a lecture by one of the deputies on Bosnia and Herzegovina was under discussion.

Count Bobrinsky, president of the constitutional Conservative party, explained that the Douma did not wish to confuse the question of police prohibition of meetings with that relating to the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the interpellation was postponed.

The Douma adopted an interpellation to the effect that the government is violating the rights of the people, and that the government is violating the bonds of private railways without the sanction of the Douma.

The interpellation of M. Furshekevich relating to the persecution of Russian colonists in the Caucasus by native Armenians and Georgians was also submitted. This interpellation recounted a great number of alleged murders, attempts and other forms of terrorism aimed at making the existence of Russian Caucasian colonies an impossibility.

INDIAN UNREST IS DISAPPEARING

PROMPT MEASURES ARE SUPPRESSING SEDITION

Prominent Natives Assure British Commissioner of Their Allegiance.

Calcutta, Dec. 17.—The course adopted recently by the Indian authorities to cause the arrest swiftly and mysteriously of all native suspects of revolutionary activities, is having a good effect on the rest of the population. Instead of being deported the leaders taken into custody are being distributed to the various jails in India.

It is reported that powerful native secret societies are dissolving as a result of the energy displayed by the government. A delegation of prominent natives, supposed to be implicated in the revolutionary movement, called on the local commissioner to-day and assured him of their support.

Another result of the campaign is that the native newspapers are becoming extremely cautious in their comments.

BANK DISCOUNT RATE.

London, Dec. 17.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England remained unchanged to-day at 2 1/2 per cent.

SENIOR'S CHOICE DINNER GOES UP IN SMOKE

Wealthy Italian Suffers from Account of Cattle Embargo on Border.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Domestic officials boarded the private car of Senor De Aquero, a wealthy Italian of New York, yesterday and confiscated and burned the choicest of his viands, including dressed turkeys, chickens, ducks and a whole side of beef in the chief's quarters, because of the cattle and dressed beef embargo. Senor De Aquero vehemently protested that he and his party who were on their way to Cobalt had not set dinner, and would have no time to procure other establishments until they reached Toronto, but the officials insisted and the viands were burned in the Grand Trunk engine, and the vessels containing them left behind to be disinfected.

SITUATION IN HAYTI.

U. S. S. Tacoma Arrives at Port au Prince—Simon to be Elected President.

Cape Haytien, Dec. 17.—The American cruiser Tacoma arrived here yesterday from Port au Prince and will remain until the election of General Simon as president is completed. No serious disorders are anticipated, but to be on the safe side a number of the followers of General Firmin have been placed under arrest and a military organization has been temporarily deprived of its arms.

AUTO'S FATAL DASH.

Falls Through Open Bridge Carrying Two Men to Death.

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 17.—An auto containing three men dashed into the draw of the Melita street bridge early to-day and went to the bottom of the river, carrying two of the occupants to death. A third was rescued with difficulty.

ARGENTINE DREADNOUGHTS.

Government Authorized to Spend \$70,000,000 on Armament.

Buenos Ayres, Argentina, Dec. 17.—The chamber of deputies has sanctioned a bill authorizing the government to spend, not exceeding \$70,000,000, for armament. The bill provides for the construction of two large battleships, and authorizes a third if necessary.

DISASTROUS TUNNEL SMASH.

Passenger and Freight Trains in Collision in Algeria—Several Persons Killed.

Constantine, Algeria, Dec. 17.—In a rear-end collision between a passenger and a freight train in the El Achir tunnel to-day several persons were killed and injured. Details are lacking.

DEADLY QUARREL.

Mattawan, W. Va., Dec. 17.—H. O. Smith, general superintendent of the Freeburn Coal & Coke Company, was shot and killed yesterday during a quarrel with H. A. Conners, station agent for the Norfolk and Western railroad at Dolormo.

LUNATIC KILLS AGED MAN.

Montreal, Dec. 17.—William Boulton, manager of the Mimico asylum farm, died at his home in Mimico last night as the result of injuries inflicted by a patient, who attacked him on Monday with a spade. He was 80 years old, and had been connected with the asylum for 24 years.

PREMIER WARD ON PENNY CABLEGRAMS

London, Dec. 17.—A Wellington, New Zealand, dispatch says Premier Ward states that he feels confident that the sections of a cable between Great Britain and Canada and Australia could be made profitable under Heniker Heaton's penny word proposal.

SULTAN OPENS HIS PARLIAMENT

POPULAR ENTHUSIASM IN THE CONSTITUTION

Public Holiday in Constantinople—Death Blow to Despotic Rule.

Constantinople, Dec. 17.—With the meeting of the first Ottoman parliament to-day, Turkey formally breaks from despotic rule. Sultan Abdul Hamid, who granted the constitution last July, providing for the assembly, paraded through the city to-day at the head of an elaborate cortege to open the first session of the body. Everywhere he was greeted with cheering. There was no disorder.

The line of march of the Imperial party, a distance of five miles, had been swept and spread with fresh earth and for the passage of His Majesty. Every regiment in Constantinople was out. Arches spanned the streets, and the occasion had been made a public holiday, the city was crowded with people.

All the ministers of state, the senators and the deputies of the new legislative body assembled at the ministry of justice preparatory to marching to the hall of parliament. The foreign diplomats in Constantinople assembled at the British embassy and proceeded to the hall in a body. They all were dressed in their full official uniforms. The people's reception to the Sultan and their cheers for the new assembly are evidence of the deep interest taken by Turkey in this first step towards constitutional life.

The first Turkish parliament was assembled over 30 years ago, but its existence was brief and it was dissolved before any definite results were accomplished. The new parliament consists of a senate and a chamber of deputies. The senators and their president are nominated and appointed by the sultan. The deputies are elected by the people.

NEWFOUNDLAND BLIZZARD.

Traffic Tied up on Land and Several Schooners Believed to Have Suffered.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 17.—The worst blizzard experienced in Newfoundland for many years has been raging 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.

KENTUCKY PATRICIDE.

Trial in Hargis' Fend Murder Opens To-day.

Irvine, Ky., Dec. 17.—The trial of Beach Hargis, who is charged with the murder of his father, at Jackson, Ky., of his father, Judge James Hargis was called yesterday. Members of the Hargis family, which is one of the notable families in the Kentucky mountains, are on both sides of the case. The widow of Judge Hargis is using the money her husband left her with which to defend the patricide.

RECRIMINATIONS AFTER DEFEAT

Captain of Chicago-Cubs Accused of New York Giants of Disgraceful Treatment.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 17.—According to an interview with Frank Chance, captain of the Chicago National League team last season, published here to-day, alleged disgraceful treatment was accorded the Chicago team by some New York fans and players prior to the deciding game with the Giants on October 3th.

DINGMAN'S DAY.

Britons and Boers Join in Observing Public Holiday.

London, Dec. 17.—A Pretoria dispatch says that for the first time in history Dingman's Day was recognized as a public holiday in the other South African states, both white peoples joining in the celebration. It is rapidly becoming a day of thanksgiving for the progress of white civilization on the sub-continent.

TRAGEDY OF A REHEARSAL

Schoolboy Kills Companion in Mock Shooting Incident.

Dauphin, Man., Dec. 17.—During the preparation of a dialogue for a Christmas programme in the local school Gordon Galbraith, aged fifteen, was mortally wounded by a companion, Alfred Gray. In the dialogue there is a mock shooting incident. Gray picked up a rifle and aimed at Galbraith, not knowing the gun was loaded. The discharge entered the latter's stomach.

OVER EIGHT MILES OF BOULEVARDS

VICTORIA ADDING TO ITS NATURAL BEAUTY

Parks Board to Consider Scheme for Small Parks.

There are eight and a half miles of boulevarded streets in Victoria to-day. Even the members of the council who are on the parks board were astonished to learn from Supt. England's report yesterday afternoon that there is such an extent of thoroughfares improved in this way.

The superintendent's report was a short one, as he is preparing a detailed report on the work of the year for submission to the board at its next meeting. Considerable work has been done in the last couple of months in Beacon Hill park, in the way of clearing brush, seeding land, improving the animal pens and so on. The park is now practically new, and the dog nuisance is almost abated, although considerable loss was caused early in the year. The slope along James Bay and Bastion Square are now maintained by the parks board.

Of boulevards eight and one-half miles had been laid, on the following streets: Elliot street, part of Superior street, Michigan street, the whole of Median street, Clarence street, South Turner street, Belleville street, Humboldt street, Rupert street, Heywood avenue, the Park front, Mears street, Linden avenue, Ormond street, Lillard street, Richmond street, Rockland avenue, Third street, Hillside avenue, Garbally road, Duncald street, Vancouver street.

The final charge has been much below the estimate. The cost of maintenance would also come well within the estimate. The Quadra street cemetery had been laid out as a park and was a credit. Its transformation was a boon to the surrounding property and to the city at large.

The report was received, the Mayor remarking that it was very gratifying and satisfactory.

On the suggestion of the Mayor, Supt. England was instructed to draw up a scheme of making small parks out of vacant commons in the middle or such streets as Pandora and Blanchard, and the board will recommend to the new council that a fixed policy be adopted in this regard.

Supt. England mentioned the need of a railing along the top of the slope on Belleville street to prevent children rolling down.

The matter of a shelter at the Beacon Hill terminus was referred to the superintendent for report, and he was asked to consult Mr. Flinkey as to having it in connection with the tea room nearby.

A request from John H. Mason for leave to build a boat house on the beach, was referred to the same official. In other cases leave has been granted on payment of a small rental. The members of the board present were Ald. Henderson (in the chair), Mayor Hall, Ald. Cameron and P. B. Pemberton.

D. D. MANN DENIES RUMOR.

Toronto, Dec. 17.—D. D. Mann, of the Canadian Northern railway, denied yesterday the story that his road had taken over the Wisconsin Central to get into Chicago.

WILL MAKE TEST OF AERIAL WARFARE

Knabenshue to Illustrate Ease With Which Explosives Can Be Dropped on City.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 17.—Latest of all the daring aeronautic feats to which Los Angeles has been treated during the present season, will be the midnight flight to-night of Roy Knabenshue in his dirigible balloon in which he will attempt to demonstrate the ease with which a large city like Los Angeles can be destroyed by explosives dropped from the airship of an enemy. At intervals Knabenshue will drop illuminated missiles of a harmless nature.

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INSURRECTION IN VENEZUELA

INFURIATED MOB RUNS RIOT AT CARACAS

Movement Directed Against President Castro and Ruling Powers.

Caracas, Venezuela, Monday, via Willemstad, Curacao, Dec. 16.—The people of Caracas rose to-day against President Castro...

The people rounded up all the statues and pictures of President Castro from the clubs and other semi-public buildings...

In spite of Holland's warlike activity on the coast there have been no demonstrations against the Netherlands...

An enormous crowd of the inhabitants of the capital, swelled by people from the outlying country...

The first building to be attacked and looted was that of the lottery monopoly...

The crowd then moved to the printing office of the "Constitucional"...

The statues and pictures of President Castro were made into a huge bonfire on the Plaza Bolivar...

The attack yesterday on the officers of the "Constitucional" when the crowd was curbed by a guard of soldiers...

The funeral of Marciano Rojas, one of the killed by yesterday's riot, has been fixed for to-morrow...

Orders and rioting are expected.

EMPIRE LEAGUE ON AN AUSTRALIAN NAVY

Hopes That Mr. Deakin's Proposals Will Be Carried Out.

London, Dec. 16.—At the annual meeting yesterday of the Empire League Council the speakers hoped the negotiations between the British government and Australia would result in the acceptance of Mr. Deakin's proposal for the formation of an Australian navy...

ASKS FOR ACCOUNTING IN B. C. TIMBER DEAL

St. John, N. B., Dec. 16.—In the equity court on Tuesday next a hearing will be given to the suit by A. S. Puseley of Sussex, against B. W. Fowler and Rufus Pope in connection with timber limit deals in British Columbia...

LEAVING LETHBRIDGE

Lethbridge, Alta., Dec. 16.—J. W. Woolf, M. P. E., is leaving to reside in Salt Lake City.

HOW TO STEAL OPIUM TRAFFIC

RAISING OF POPPIES MUST BE CURTAILED

Mackenzie King Thinks Shanghai Conference Will Do Good Work.

New York, Dec. 16.—The problem of checking the opium traffic was discussed by Mackenzie King, member of the Canadian parliament, who sails for England to-day, to attend the international conference on opium to be held at Shanghai, China, beginning on February 1st...

"It is my opinion that the use of opium, in a harmful way, can only be checked by striking direct at the very root, the raising of poppies to so great an extent as to make impossible the spread of their produce as other drugs mere medicine...

"As for the opium traffic in Canada, I have pretty well obliterated it there. Last year there were as many as seven factories on our Pacific coast, fed by the raw product from India...

PREDICTS BESSEMER STEEL WILL BE USELESS

C. M. Schwab on Industry—Must Change Conditions Before Changing Tariff.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Disagreeing with the public views of Andrew Carnegie on the steel tariff, Chas. M. Schwab, former president of the U. S. Steel Corporation, testified before the House ways and means committee yesterday...

Mr. Schwab predicted that Bessemer steel would be of no use. The same is true of structural steel, as well as rails...

Mr. Schwab also declared that within ten years the open hearth process would be superseded by the electric system of manufacture, which was being developed in Germany...

Mr. Schwab stated that the Bethlehem Steel Company, of which he is president, imports all of its iron ore from Cuba...

Frank W. Taussig, professor of political economy at Harvard university, argued that certain raw materials should be admitted free, namely, coal, iron ore, lumber, hemp, flax, cotton and barley...

U. S. FLEET AT CEYLON

Colembey Ceylon, Dec. 16.—General R. C. Lawrence, commander of the British troops in Ceylon, entertained Admiral Dorey, of the American fleet, and his staff, at the hotel here yesterday...

INSANITY ON INCREASE IN UNITED STATES

One Million Inhabitants Are Admitted to Use of Opium.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 16.—Insanity grows three times as fast in proportion to the increase in population in the United States...

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Salt Lake, Utah, Dec. 16.—The tentative selection of Salt Lake City as the next meeting place of the Grand Army of the Republic was confirmed last night by the executive committee...



ALSO SPANKED

UNDISCOVERED MURDER MYSTERIES

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 16.—A report of the police department shows that 156 persons were murdered in Chicago in the year 1908...

WANTS BRAZIL TO REDUCE NAVAL ARMAMENT

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—Diplomatic circles here are watching with much concern the differences between the Argentine Republic and Brazil whose relations are strained because of the jealousy over naval armaments...

ARGENTINA ASSUMING WARLIKE ATTITUDE—Jealousy Rampant Between Republics.

Among the names mentioned for the vacant portfolio are A. E. McPhillips, K. C. of this city, Price Ellison, of Vernon, and Thomas Taylor, of Revelstoke...

DYING MILLIONAIRE SETS FIRE TO HIS WEALTH

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THE YEAR'S MUNICIPAL RECORD.

We think the general verdict in regard to Mayor Hall's account of his stewardship, delivered Tuesday evening, will be that it was eminently satisfactory and satisfactorily straightforward. There has been a decided advance all along the line during the year in municipal works and municipal business. Most of the great works which have become imperative as a result of Victoria's rapid growth of late years are under way and will be completed, the most urgent of them during the coming year, the remainder in due time. Whatever criticism may be directed against the present administration in respect of its responsibility for the moral tone of the community, no one familiar with the facts or whose zeal does not outrun his discretion will deny that in matters which are of greater moment than material progress Victoria is also advancing.

That the great majority of citizens have the utmost confidence in the business acumen of the Mayor and Council was amply demonstrated by the readiness with which funds were voted during the year for every project put forward. It was this confidence and harmony between people and representatives which made progress possible. That confidence must not be destroyed, it is perhaps needless to point out, if progress is to continue and the works which yet remain to be done are to be initiated and completed. The public will consequently learn with regret that two of the most efficient and painstaking of the present Board of Aldermen have announced their intention of retiring. We think we express the general sentiments of citizens when we say it would have been exceedingly gratifying had Aldermen Pauline and Cameron found it possible to continue in office for another year at least. Possibly if pressure were brought into action these most efficient servants might be induced to reconsider their determination. In any case, if their decision should be unalterable, let us hope that if successors equally experienced cannot be selected from the material offering, the justification of candidates may be satisfactory in other respects. According to a precedent which is seldom departed from, Mayor Hall is entitled to another term. But apart entirely from custom, on his record he should be elected without opposition. The work of a Mayor of Victoria can never be finished; but Mayor Hall should be permitted to complete his work as far as the conditions will permit.

PRESIDENTIAL WRATH.

His Majesty King Theodore, whose sceptre is the Big Stick, cannot be said to have carried off all the honors in the great combat of words with the New York World. Whatever credit there may be in bringing a huge vocabulary of sonorous epithets into action responds beyond question to Mr. Roosevelt; but the dignified reply of the editor to the presidential trade seem to prove that the awesome political war club of the White House has no terrors for the free and independent press of the United States. It may be quite true that there is no truth whatever in the New York World's story about funds voted by Congress for the acquisition of rights at Panama having been wrongfully applied, indeed the general opinion will be that it is merely a political yarn; yet surely it would have been the wiser part had the president preserved his dignity, and either treated the matter with contempt as a concoction of a yellow journal, or asked the House to investigate, get the facts, and publish the truth to the world. But that is not the manner in which President Roosevelt is in the habit of doing business. He is essentially a political warrior of the type which aims at crushing down criticism by the sheer force of vituperation and invective. He asks Congress to take up his quarrel with the whole of the might of the great republic to back it up. For what purpose? To lay a puny editor by the heels and make an example of him before the whole of the ninety millions of the United States and the whole world. It is the bringing into action of his great dreadnought into action to pulverize a mosquito. It may be doubted whether Congress will take the quarrel quite so seriously as the president does. The representatives of the people elected according to division may not look upon the dispute in quite the same light as does the elected representative of the selected people. The members are themselves sometimes aroused to jealousy by the sight of a waving Big Stick. They occasionally furnish evidence of a disposition to resent dictation. If Joseph Pulitzer has been actually guilty of lese majesty, the probability is that he

victim of his malice may be made to feel that such things are the natural fruits of "free institutions." The World man will hardly be reduced to the extremity of launching his bolts through the loopholes of a Bastille.

VICTORIA'S CLAIMS AND RIGHTS.

Mr. Lowe, in an interview accorded a representative of the Times, which was published last evening, very gently and succinctly explained the position of Victoria in the list of Pacific Coast cities and placed before our readers his views as to the action which should be taken to enhance her natural attractions. Mr. Lowe's judgment is practically that of every independent authority who has had the privilege of making a personal investigation of the facts. It is that there is no place upon the coast, not even excluding the cities of upper or lower California, which has more beautiful natural surroundings or a climate, taking the year round, which is more pleasantly attractive. The Times does not think it is necessary to resort to superlatives in claiming for this city supremacy in point of natural charms above all other points on the continent as a place of residence.

But when we speak of natural charms such as a genial climate and entrancing scenery, it must not be assumed that the last word has been spoken. The person of leisure, man or woman, in search of a home must not conclude that the attractions alluded to are suited only to such as have reached what may be described as the ruminative period of life. A person living in Victoria may sit down and dream dreams all the day if she or he be temperamentally inclined so to do. Indeed the charge has sometimes been laid at our doors that as a people we are too much inclined to that sort of thing for our own good. And possibly there is a substratum of truth in the allegation that the fevered rush characteristic of places whose inhabitants make haste to acquire wealth is regarded with philosophic calm by a happy and contented people. That is because they realize that the world has nothing more to give than is theirs from day to day. But there is recreation here, and of the right kind, for all temperaments, inclined to a life of activity. The woods abound with game and the streams and lakes with fish. If that is not sufficient to meet the requirements of all, there is golf, croquet, and lacrosse—field sports of every kind, adapted to the physical condition of all, besides literary and musical circles in which intellectual pleasures may be enjoyed with equal satisfaction.

However, these are merely matters by the way. The point at present is that Victoria has not internally been brought into complete harmony with her external surroundings. Much yet remains to be done at her for comparisons with the winter resorts of California. For the present it is admitted that, as a commercial centre, Victoria cannot hope to compete with the cities which have the advantage of direct rail connection with all parts of the continent. That being apparent, the thing for us to do is make the most of the advantages which we admittedly possess over these places. We are setting our streets in order, a task which will take some little time. That we shall do, and, having done, it is about all we can do because of the limits of our resources. If the work is to be carried to the point aimed at by the optimistic souls who see with the eye of imagination a Victoria of the future, beautiful in all respects, externally and internally, we must have assistance from the provincial government, just as Ottawa is obtaining assistance from the Dominion government, as every capital almost in the world receives assistance from the government of which it is the headquarters. If Victoria is not for the present designed to be a great commercial centre, she is eminently suited to be the educational centre, the centre of culture, not only of the province of British Columbia, but of the Dominion of Canada. The authorities took ample precautions, over the signature of Mr. Preston, a trade commissioner in that country, was typically unfair, and the editorial comments were wholly unworthy of the traditions of the Colonist. The hysterical appeal to Victorians to save themselves from the "hordes of brown men from the Orient, and such frenzied utterances as "The eyes of Japan are on Victoria at this time," and "It is Japan versus Canada on Monday," no doubt changed a few votes—Templeman's minority was very small—but the Colonist emerges from the conflict with distinctly lowered prestige.

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PORTUGUESE CABINET RESIGNS.

Paris, Dec. 17.—A dispatch to the Temps from Lisbon this afternoon says that the Portuguese cabinet has resigned, and that King Manuel is in consultation with the heads of all parties preparatory to the formation of a new ministry.

by letter, to which we beg respectfully to draw its attention.

The Conservative papers published on the Pacific coast—notably the Victoria Colonist and the Vancouver Province—are festive under the criticism which has been passed by the Free Press and the Province Globe upon the attitude of the British Columbia electorate in the late Dominion elections. This is a somewhat encouraging sign, because it shows that these newspapers, in the cold light of the month after, are a little ashamed of the part they played during the campaign. Their defence is, in brief, that the people of British Columbia, because they held certain views strongly, were entitled to send to Ottawa people who represent those views. The question of responsibility, however, can hardly be side-tracked quite as easily as this. That the electors of British Columbia held extreme views on the question of the relations which should exist between the Dominion of Canada and the Empire of Japan is a fact; and that, because they held these views, they should have voted against the candidates of the Dominion government, was perhaps inevitable. But the parties primarily responsible for carrying on the agitation which resulted in the electors of British Columbia reaching this state of mind, must bear their responsibility. Chief among those responsible is the leader of the Conservative party, Mr. Borden; the leaders of the Conservative party in British Columbia; and the Conservative newspapers of British Columbia, among whom in this matter the Province and the Colonist held a bad pre-eminence. These parties for the base purpose of securing party advantage, played deliberately a game which might have had serious consequences, not only for the Dominion but for the Empire.

"Even if, purely for argument's sake, it be conceded that Canada should not have made itself a party to the British treaty with Japan, it does not follow that in view of occurrences at the coast last year the Canadian government could have cavalierly denounced the treaty with Japan without incurring the penalty of a large loss of prestige at the moment. The Japan of to-day is a very different proposition from the Japan which years ago submitted with meekness to the discriminations of Natal and Australia. The Canadian government, when faced with a problem of serious world politics, dealt with it like statesmen competent to appreciate the importance of the situation and we have no doubt, if the secrets of statecraft were known, in accordance with the expressed wishes of the Imperial Foreign Office. Their solution of the difficulty, which was the best available at the time, was one which practically met the situation.

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Presbyterian: "British Columbia's Cabinet Minister, the Hon. Wm. Templeman, owes his defeat in Victoria to the energetic campaign waged against him by the Colonist. The mode of warfare adopted by this prominent newspaper was in some respects an offense against honorable journalism. In particular, the interpretation that it put on the article appearing in the National Review, over the signature of Mr. Preston, a trade commissioner in that country, was typically unfair, and the editorial comments were wholly unworthy of the traditions of the Colonist. The hysterical appeal to Victorians to save themselves from the 'hordes of brown men from the Orient, and such frenzied utterances as 'The eyes of Japan are on Victoria at this time,' and 'It is Japan versus Canada on Monday,' no doubt changed a few votes—Templeman's minority was very small—but the Colonist emerges from the conflict with distinctly lowered prestige.

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But, seriously, the establishment of a Parliament in Turkey is significant. It follows closely upon the relief of Russia, on paper at least, from the thraldom of autocracy. Whatever conflict there may be in Russia between the hereditary rulers of the people and the representatives of a people who are beginning to see the light of freedom in their institutions, neither the Russian Duma nor the Ottoman Parliament is likely to be snuffed out of existence at the word of despotism. Events will go marching on until the prerogative of the monarch shall be but a memory and the will of the majority shall be supreme in the affairs of the nation. This is a hopeful sign in portions of the world where but a short time ago internal discontent used to be accepted as a signal for a declaration of war, because aggressions upon neighbors were regarded, as constitutional methods for relieving the surcharged feelings of the populace.

The Colonist apparently thinks it has a grievance, because attention is occasionally called to its misrepresentations and garblings of the utterances of the Prime Minister during the late election campaign. The Times frequently during the campaign drew the attention of its contemporary to a fact, which it knew, that it was misrepresenting Sir Wilfrid Laurier in quoting him as saying he "did not care for" the sentiment of British Columbia upon the subject of Asiatic immigration. Yet it continues its dishonest and contemptible practice until its purpose had been served, then it feels regret and in the heat of convincing its readers that it really prefers truth to falsehood it publishes the correct report of the Prime Minister's speech. The Times would have been justified in drawing attention to the Colonist's conduct. Our contemporary is apparently not absolutely callous, because it appears to be somewhat put about now that almost the entire press of the country, regardless of party, is directing attention to this shameful conduct.

Let us see about those great modern Marathon runners. Did not Hayes beat Dorando in the race which was finished in the British States? Then Dorando vanquished Hayes in a race of the same distance in Madison Square Garden, New York. Tuesday. Longboat ran Dorando off his feet over the same ground. In the question of weight of the race it is the best man definitely settled. The fact that the first contest was limited strictly to amateurs, while in the others the champions were professionals, competing for bets and gate money, may throw some light into the dark places of the minds of persons who cannot understand the complexities of the situation. The attendance at the race between Longboat and Dorando was so large that there will undoubtedly be another contest for the benefit of all the dupes who have dollars to spare. Even a professional athlete must live.

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T. J. HAINES' PART IN ANNIS MURDER.

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Birchfield said the day of the shooting he saw two men and a water at the club house talking. He identified one of the men as the defendant, Thornton J. Haines, which one it was, he did not know. The water mentioned to me and the defendant, who was the other man, to come over and asked me if I knew Jesperson, a real estate man. I did not know Jesperson and I told him of some property that had been offered me. I told him that a Mr. Storm knew about it. Then the other man came up and called the defendant aside, and they went out. Later, the witness said, the pair stood near the string pier and he concluded: "I went down to the dock and talked with the defendant. He asked me if I had a one-design boat and he wanted to know which one it was, pointing out to the Annis boat coming down the bay. He asked me if Annis had come in before the race and I said that he did."

Birchfield described the shooting, after which he said: "I moved a little forward and the defendant said: 'Don't interfere, or you will get the same thing' at the same time pointing his gun at me."

Mr. Birchfield said that Mr. Annis came running down the runway screaming. At the bottom of the runway the defendant said something to Mrs. Annis and pointed with his revolver at her. She turned and ran back up the runway, still crying out. Birchfield said that he saw John Tanning, the boatman, run up and seize the defendant by the arm. The defendant rushed over to Tanning. "I don't know what was said or done, but I saw Tanning release the captain. They pulled Annis out of the water and I went to call a physician."

Adjournment was then taken for recess.

PRESIDENT ASKED TO PRODUCE HIS EVIDENCE.

Reply of Congress to Secret Service Statement in Annual Message.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—Chairman H. Perkins, of the House special committee, appointed to recommend a course of action relative to the suggestion of the president in his annual message concerning the secret service, to which members of Congress have taken exception, presented a report of that committee to the House to-day.

The report recommends the adoption of a resolution to support the president to supply the House with the evidence upon which he based his statement, and that the members of the House resolve principally concerned over the fact that the secret service men had been investigating members themselves. The House adopted the Perkins resolution without a dissenting vote.

HAYTI ELECTS HER NEW PRESIDENT.

Military Precautions Prevent Further Outbreaks in Port au Prince.

Port au Prince, Hayti, Dec. 17.—General Simon, the leader of the last revolution in Hayti, that resulted in the flight of President Nord Alexis from the capital, and who made his triumphal entry into Port au Prince ten days ago, was to-day unanimously elected president of the republic by the Haytian congress. As soon as the result of the election became known, the great crowd that had assembled outside the parliament buildings broke into cheers and salutes were fired from the forts and Haytian gunboats in the harbor.

Other applicants to the presidency did not come forward actively. The reason for this course was the fear that another outbreak of disorder would result in American intervention. The John and Winthrop has a capacity of 15,000 barrels and her new skipper is confident that they will come back filled. The last season of the John and Winthrop was a successful one and she could have filled more barrels if she had not equipped with them. Besides having everything in the way of first-class gear the John and Winthrop is manned by a picked crew.

Because of the food of whalebone on the market, the owners of the San Francisco steam whaling fleet have decided to lay their vessels up for a season. From the old-timers on the Beach, with the laying up of the steam-whaling fleet, Capt. Joseph has had his pick of the most experienced men, and before sailing he congratulated himself that he could not put to sea under more favorable circumstances.

LOCATES WRECK OF DIX.

Anchor of Tidal Survey Boats Catches in Sunken Craft.

Port Townsend, Wash., Dec. 17.—What is believed to be the wreck of the steamer Dix, sunk in collision with the steamer Jeani two years ago last month, has been located by the yawl Foam, which is engaged in tidal observation in connection with the steamer Patterson, of the coast and geodetic survey.

For two days the Foam was anchored in 612 feet of water about a mile off the bell buoy off Aki point. When an attempt was made to weigh the anchor it was found that the mudhook could not be raised. It was finally necessary to ship the line, and being buoyed so the location is marked. It was in this vicinity that the Dix went down. In the collision 54 people lost their lives and the spot where they were killed was never definitely located. The matter will be investigated.

U. S. ATTITUDE IN CARIBBEAN.

Castro's aides ignore the circumstance that the press communications originated at Caracas and they are trying to foster the erroneous idea that they came from Willemstad and are based on highly colored reports from the revolutionists and plotters against the president, who make the island of Curacao their headquarters.

COMPANY DIRECTORS' RIGHT TO COMMISSION.

Question is Now Being Argued Before the County Court.

That a director of a company cannot make any profit out of the sale of its shares was argued by Fred Peters, K. C., in the case of Black vs. Anderson, the hearing of which was resumed in county court this morning. David Black, a former director in the Canadian Northwest Oil Company, is suing Anthony Anderson, secretary of the company, for \$1,000 for commissions and expenses in connection with the sale of a quantity of treasury stock.

The plaintiff's case was completed by the reading, by his lawyer, H. B. Robertson of extracts from the minute-book, showing the position of affairs early in 1906. Anderson took the hearing of which was resumed in county court this morning. David Black, a former director in the Canadian Northwest Oil Company, is suing Anthony Anderson, secretary of the company, for \$1,000 for commissions and expenses in connection with the sale of a quantity of treasury stock.

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ONLY 'FRISCO WHALER TO GO HUNTING.

Barque John and Winthrop Sails for Southern Seas and Japan.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 17.—The barque John and Winthrop, the only one of the sperm whalers sailing from this port, left yesterday on a cruise to the South Seas and along the Japanese coast. She is in command of Capt. W. F. Joseph, who is well known as an experienced whaler and who has seen much service in both branches of the whaling industry, the sperm hunt off shore and the search for the "right" whale in the Behring Sea, and the Arctic. Capt. Joseph succeeds Capt. Shorey, who was in charge of the John and Winthrop for many seasons.

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WOMEN'S COUNCIL APPOINTS COMMITTEE.

The President Makes Clear Position With Relation to Work.

At the first regular monthly meeting of the Women's Council since the election of officers, held last afternoon, Mrs. E. C. Cooper, president, gave attention to points which she thought should be borne in mind by members to the following statement with reference to her own position and the relation between the council and the affiliated societies:

"While asking for the hearty cooperation and support of each one, both personally, and as delegates to our societies, I wish to emphasize what I think was made clear at our annual meeting, namely that the council has no right to control, censure the action or methods of societies which are affiliated to article 2 of our constitution. It is distinctly stated that 'no society of like local council shall thereby lose its independence in aim or method committed to any principle or of any other society in the country.' Hence it is plain that no individual can control or criticize societies through the medium of the council. On the other hand it is distinctly understood that this is in no way committed to the council, but that the council has no right to control, censure the action or methods of societies which are affiliated to article 2 of our constitution. 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PROVINCE WINS AT APPLE SHOW

F. R. E. DE HART MAKES WONDERFUL SWEEP

He Secured Over \$4,000—Two Women Also Capture Prizes.

F. R. E. De Hart, of Kelowna, B. C., winner of thirteen first and one second out of fourteen entries, with money and other prizes totalling \$4,420, won at the National Apple Show at Spokane last week, was in the city yesterday. He has established before judges of international repute and against the pick of the apple growing districts of the continent, the fact that British Col-

prizes thus coming to British Columbia. For the best individual plate exhibit of apples grown by women, Mrs. E. Lowe of Kelowna, B. C., took the first prize of \$50, worth of Burbank's crimson winter-rhubarb and a diploma. Mr. De Hart in referring to the show, aside from his successes, said it was undoubtedly the greatest apple show ever held in the world. The advantages that would be derived to British Columbia through the success of himself, Mrs. Smith and other exhibitors from the province could not be underestimated. There were present throughout the show expert apple buyers and growers from all over the American continent and from Europe. The judges were from American horticultural colleges, and all of them possessed international reputations. The attendance at the great armory, which Mr. De Hart says is the largest building in the Northwest, was twenty thousand persons every day. During the show the state band played a concert each day and continuous yuletides were given in portions of the building. The extent of the exhibits can be gathered, he says, from the fact that in the carload lots there were eight entries and that in the car which won

placed our results before the leading experts of America and Europe. Mr. De Hart spoke in high terms of the courteous treatment received by exhibitors and visitors, the warmest welcome being given all present. He was accompanied to the show by James Gibbs, of Kelowna, an expert packer. All Mr. De Hart's exhibit was packed by himself and Mr. Gibbs at the show. SHIPPING LUMBER. Schooner Going to Load and Barque Leaving Chemalupus Mill. The American schooner Lyman D. Foster passed up to Chemalupus Tuesday to load lumber. She is a small vessel of 692 tons, and has recently arrived on the Sound from Calcutta. It is not known here to what port she will take her lumber, but it is expected that she will take it to Calcutta. Steamer Belfast, carrying gypsum from Tacoma to Vancouver for Evans, Coleman & Evans, struck on a rock and sank in Deception Pass on Friday night. The crew escaped in boats and the vessel has since been raised and towed to Everett.

TESTING LIABILITY OF ELECTRIC COMPANY

Interesting Case Has Come Before Judge Lammman To-day.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) An interesting case, involving an important point of law, is before Judge Lammman and a county court jury to-day. Frank Crompton, Heywood street, is suing the B. C. Electric Railway Company for \$1,000 damages for injuries and loss of time resulting from a shock received on December 26th last from an electric light wire. The company sets up the defence that there was contributory negligence on the part of Crompton and that the accident was caused because it was not entered within six months of the occurrence. The plaintiff relies largely as to the liability of the company on a clause in the original contract under which the company is working in part, holding it responsible for all injury or damage sustained, thus doing away with the question of negligence on either side. In such case it would merely be a question of the amount of damage. This is the first time the point has been brought up. The following jury were sworn: E. H. Swinerton, foreman, A. Johns, Ernest D. Dowler, R. McFadden and E. W. Millington. J. A. Alkman is acting for the plaintiff and A. E. McPhillips, K. C., for the company. The plaintiff said he had been working in the B. C. Telephone Company's employ a year ago, apprenticed as an electric engineer. He went down to the cellar to cut wood and in some way his saw touched the wire. This was the last he knew for twenty minutes. His shirt sleeve was set on fire as a result. For two weeks the doctor treated him at home and then he had to go into the hospital to have some skin grafted on his arm from his leg. He was nearly four months out of work and lost his apprenticeship, besides being put to considerable expense. Cross-examined, he denied ever telling Mr. Goward that he had received a slight shock and then put on a rubber glove to handle the light. Mrs. Elizabeth Easton, who was a neighbor of the Crompton's and whose light wire came from the same pole, also received a shock on the evening in question. She put out her hand to turn the switch when she received a spark which threw her down. This was the plaintiff's case, the matter of medical attendance being admitted in the absence of town of Dr. Ernest Hall. A. T. Goward, local manager of the company, told of a visit from Crompton to complain of the accident. The young man said he had put his hand on the light to move it and got a slight shock, touched the wire with another arm, then went upstairs and got a rubber glove, with which on he moved the light. To Mr. Alkman witness said he had not admitted the company's liability nor had he promised to pay half if the city would pay the other half because a city air light wire crossed the company's. To further questions he stated that with a similar liability he would see if the city would do something. If it had the company would have paid something. Mr. Goward said he understood the witness had become cross-examined and that he was the first case of an accident of this kind in his seventeen years' experience. George M. Tripp, electrical superintendent of the B. C. Electric Railway Company, explained how wires got crossed. The trees in which the wires got crossed in this case were the property of the city, as the company found out on one occasion. The wires were in the work of trimming the trees. The pole opposite the Crompton house was the property of the company and the city placed an arc light wire on the pole, without permission so far as he knew. Wires could become crossed without touching by a wet branch of a tree forming the connection. The secondary wire, carrying 110 volts into the house, must thus have become crossed with the high pressure wire carrying 2,000 volts, for the city arc light wire. Juror Dowler asked if the fuse did not blow when too strong a current came along. Mr. Tripp explained that what the fuse prevented was the overloading of the wire, but it did not govern the intensity of the current. He says—Zam-Buk eased the pain and smarting, healed the cracks, and made my hands quite smooth. Finding it so good, I kept a supply handy, and have since given it as a really wonderful healer. It cures cuts, sores, or burns equally well, and I would not like now to be without a supply. Mr. Towers is only one of thousands who are glad they heard of Zam-Buk. There is no skin disease it will not relieve and cure. Its fame is spreading everywhere, and it is now regarded as Nature's great "miraculous" in work-shops. They will be disintegrated and necessary alterations made. This work will include taking down the topmasts and yards and altering the hatches to suit the ships for carrying rock. The St. James is discharging at San Francisco and will leave for Seattle in about ten days. The Big Bonanza sails for this port about the same time. The St. David will be ready to receive cargo in two weeks. The James Drummond is disengaged at Port Winslow while the Carondelet and Palmyra are anchored at Port Ludlow. The Coastwise Steamship and Barge Company has a two years' contract with the Northwest Contract Company to freight rock from the latter company's quarry at Port Orchard to Grays Harbor, where it has the government contract for building the north jetty. This work will keep the fleet of six barges busy for at least twenty-four months and under the terms of the contract they will be towing back and forth constantly. After this contract expires Mr. Griffiths expects to keep the barges engaged in freighting to and from Alaska. The barge company will not purchase

DISCHARGED PRISONER

Alexander Vied After Ten Days in Jail Is Set at Liberty.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) After hearing evidence against Alexander Vied this morning the police magistrate decided that he had been sufficiently punished by spending ten days in jail, and discharged him after telling him that it was against the law in Canada to carry weapons of any kind; that it was not necessary for anyone to carry them or use them to defend himself. Vied was one of the Roumanians who were engaged in a fracas in the Colonial hotel bar on December 8th, and he had an altercation with Martin Hauptmann, who is now awaiting trial for stabbing Eli Heio. During the fracas he drew a knife, but did not attempt to use it on anyone. W. C. Moreby defended Vied in the police court proceedings.

RALLY OF YOUNG VANCOUVER LIBERALS

Triumphs of Party is Theme of F. C. Wade, K. C.—Enthusiastic Gathering.

Vancouver, Dec. 16.—The dinner given in honor of F. C. Wade, K. C., by the Young Liberals' Association at O'Brien's hall on Monday evening, was thoroughly representative of the younger element of Vancouver Liberalism, with a large number of the elder members of the party and men prominent in its councils. About 100 sat down to the excellent repast provided, and among the well known Liberals who supported President George E. McCrossan at the speakers' tables were R. P. McLennan, Dr. Davidson, J. A. Slater, J. Duff-Stuart, E. Brown, J. N. Ellis, L. D. Taylor and J. E. O'Brien. President McCrossan, in introducing the speaker of the evening, said that he wished to point the objects of such functions, the social bringing together of the younger members of the party for the dissemination of the principles of Liberalism. He urged the younger members of the party to give a larger representation of the Liberalism of the city at the forthcoming meeting to be held hereafter in O'Brien's hall, beginning December 22nd. The subject of Mr. Wade's address, he said, was worthy of the closest study by all Liberals, and with the assurance of close attention he invited Mr. Wade to address the gathering on the "History of Liberalism." Mr. Wade endorsed the plea of the chairman for a keener interest and study of his subject and the principles of the party for the education of the incoming thousands of new people from other lands. In the course of his address Mr. Wade gave a very scholarly review of Liberalism from the union of the Canadas, at a time when there was only sixteen miles of railway in the country through Canada's great events, including the acquisition of responsible government, power to make independent trade arrangements, confederation, the acquisition of the Northwest territory, building of the transcontinental railway and the opening up and settlement of mid-Canada and the west by a vigorous immigration policy, the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific, inauguration of preferential trade and participation in the Box war. The first constituted the Charter of Canadian freedom. The second gave Canada almost national attributes in matters of trade. The third transformed the scattered provinces, and the fourth and fifth changed our proportions to those of a vast empire. Gordon Grant moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Wade, which was seconded by Mr. Found and enthusiastically acclaimed.

BRITISH SHIP HAS STORMY VOYAGE

The Monkbarns Sustains Damage on Trip From Liverpool to Sydney.

A long and sensational voyage of 123 days from Liverpool to Sydney was concluded just before the steamer Monkbarns left Australia. She arrived with some damage on deck, the rigging strained and a very tired crew. Captain Parry said he had hardly had a proper sleep out of his clothes for close on three months, as the ship was beset by frequent gales, which constantly required his presence on deck. The Monkbarns experienced fine weather to the Equator. On the 49th day out she ran into a hurricane, which raised mountainous seas, and tons and tons of water constantly thundered aboard, flooding and washing her fore and aft. She was then in 44 deg. W., and for two whole days she was handled unmercifully by the elements. The great seas, sweeping her decks, burst in the galley door and flooded the fore-castle. Other damage was done about the deck. At times the ship was running lee-ward under, although he was under a greatly reduced sail area. During the worst of the weather the ship laid over to such an angle that some of her cargo shifted. On October 27th another gale assailed her, and she got a severe tanning for a couple of days. Again on November 8th the weather became very bad, the point of the Monkbarns being then 41 deg. south 140 deg. east, and she was severely handled. These blows were interspersed with heavy weather, which kept the crew hard at it. Cape Otway was done about on November 16th and Wilson's Promontory was passed on the 8th. After that the Monkbarns fought her way up the coast in adverse weather.

SIX WINDJAMMERS FOR USE AS BARGES

To Be Dismantled and Employed in Carrying Rock.

Seattle, Dec. 15.—James Griffiths, president of the Griffiths & Sprague Stevedoring Company, and also of the Coastwise Steamship and Barge Company, returned from San Francisco last night, where he completed one of the biggest deals in sailing ships that has been recorded on this coast in years. The Coastwise Steamship and Barge Company Mr. Griffiths purchased six American wooden sailing ships. These will be dismantled and transformed into motor vessels in the next two years they will be engaged in freighting rock from Port Orchard to Grays Harbor to be used in the construction of the north jetty being built by the government. The vessels sold to Mr. Griffiths are: Ship St. David, barque St. David and ship James Drummond, by the California Shipping Company. Barque Big Bonanza, by James Madison, of the Golden Gate Shipping Company. Barques Carondelet and Palmyra, by the Puget Sound Commercial Company (Puget Mill Company). The first four vessels are registered in San Francisco and the sale was negotiated by Rinder & Matthews, shipbrokers. The Palmyra and Carondelet are registered at Port Townsend. Mr. Griffiths stated last night that the terms were private. However, it is understood that the vessels purchased from the California Shipping Company were offered at from \$10,000 to \$15,000. It is believed that the transfer of the six windjammers involves an investment of from \$50,000 to \$75,000. Negotiations for the sale were conducted without delay as Mr. Griffiths left here only a week ago to-day. Mr. Griffiths states that his purchases will be brought to Seattle within a short time. They will be dismantled and necessary alterations made. This work will include taking down the topmasts and yards and altering the hatches to suit the ships for carrying rock. The St. James is discharging at San Francisco and will leave for Seattle in about ten days. The Big Bonanza sails for this port about the same time. The St. David will be ready to receive cargo in two weeks. The James Drummond is disengaged at Port Winslow while the Carondelet and Palmyra are anchored at Port Ludlow. The Coastwise Steamship and Barge Company has a two years' contract with the Northwest Contract Company to freight rock from the latter company's quarry at Port Orchard to Grays Harbor, where it has the government contract for building the north jetty. This work will keep the fleet of six barges busy for at least twenty-four months and under the terms of the contract they will be towing back and forth constantly. After this contract expires Mr. Griffiths expects to keep the barges engaged in freighting to and from Alaska. The barge company will not purchase

IMPERIAL PRESS CONFERENCE

Journalists Visiting London Will Have Round of Entertainment.

London, Dec. 15.—It is learned that among the functions under proposal to show to the press representatives of the Empire at the press congress next year is a visit to Portsmouth and Aldershot. Both of these visits will be arranged. There will be a banquet at the Graton Galleries, a reception by the Duchess of Sutherland at Stafford House, 44, Victoria street, and a cruise on Sir Thomas Lipton's yacht Erin. Several other functions are suggested, but have not yet been decided.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

There is, says the London Chronicle, a fourth verse of the National Anthem with which very few Englishmen are acquainted. It was given, apparently, in all good faith, in an old English ballad, and was the darling of the last rhyme almost reconciles one to the shocking character of the sentiment: God save Great George our King; And all live our noble King; God save the King. Send us roast beef a store; It's gone send us more; And the key of the cellar door. That we may drink.

TRAVELER'S VALUABLE FIND

Traveling on the I. C. R. Mr. Harry Towers, St. Paul Street, St. John, N. B., found a box of Zam-Buk, the great skin-healer. He was suffering from badly chapped hands at the time so he bought the balm. He says—Zam-Buk eased the pain and smarting, healed the cracks, and made my hands quite smooth. Finding it so good, I kept a supply handy, and have since given it as a really wonderful healer. It cures cuts, sores, or burns equally well, and I would not like now to be without a supply. Mr. Towers is only one of thousands who are glad they heard of Zam-Buk. There is no skin disease it will not relieve and cure. Its fame is spreading everywhere, and it is now regarded as Nature's great "miraculous" in work-shops. They will be disintegrated and necessary alterations made. This work will include taking down the topmasts and yards and altering the hatches to suit the ships for carrying rock. The St. James is discharging at San Francisco and will leave for Seattle in about ten days. The Big Bonanza sails for this port about the same time. The St. David will be ready to receive cargo in two weeks. The James Drummond is disengaged at Port Winslow while the Carondelet and Palmyra are anchored at Port Ludlow. The Coastwise Steamship and Barge Company has a two years' contract with the Northwest Contract Company to freight rock from the latter company's quarry at Port Orchard to Grays Harbor, where it has the government contract for building the north jetty. This work will keep the fleet of six barges busy for at least twenty-four months and under the terms of the contract they will be towing back and forth constantly. After this contract expires Mr. Griffiths expects to keep the barges engaged in freighting to and from Alaska. The barge company will not purchase

A. J. MORLEY WILL SEEK MAYORALTY

He Decides to Oppose Mayor Hall at the Coming Elections.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) A. J. Morley is coming out as a candidate for the mayoralty of Victoria. He so informed the Times this afternoon, and will announce the fact to the newspapers in an open letter to them. The Dominion Express Company will keep their office open until 10 p.m. each evening from now until Christmas to receive and deliver parcels.



Fresh Fruit Display by F. R. E. De Hart at National Apple Show, Spokane.

umbra can grow apples exceeding in flavor and quality any on the continent. Mr. De Hart was the biggest individual prize taker at the show. His triumph was made with forty-three boxes of fruit of a commercial value of \$50, and he competed against the expert growers of Hood River, Idaho, Washington, and North Carolina as well as every other apple growing district of America. Among prominent authorities present was James L. Gibson, representing Shmoas Shuttleworth & Co., European receivers of American fruits. The exhibit of Mr. De Hart, therefore, served to place before the biggest export buyers the quality of British Columbia fruit. The show was opened in the Spokane armory on the morning of the 7th instant, by the greasing of a button by President Roosevelt at the White House, upon which signal all the bells and whistles in the city of Spokane commenced ringing. The success of the show is demonstrated by the fact that A. Z. Brown of Spokane, with the assistance of T. C. Terry, a Chicago millionaire, now proposes to have the entire display removed for exhibition to Chicago. A sale of apples by the show resulted in a portion of Mr. De Hart's exhibit, consisting of two boxes, bringing the highest price of any apples exhibited, he getting \$50 for two boxes. His prizes were as follows: First, ten boxes of Jonathans, \$1,250, a silver medal and 200 apple trees, and the sweepstakes for the best individual box of Jonathans in the show. Second, ten boxes Northern Spy, \$1,250, a silver medal and 200 apple trees. Second best display of fresh fruit, \$100. In this competition Mr. De Hart was beaten by the Western exhibit, which was much more comprehensive and contained, set out in apples of different colors, a replica of the Stars and Stripes. First, foreign countries, six boxes, \$100, and an orchard cultivator valued at \$50. First, two boxes, two barrels, two baskets, two jars and two plates of apples produced by any country, state, province or district, \$500 and the coveted silver loving cup which is solid silver lined with gold and stands over two feet high, presented by the chamber of commerce, and 100-pound keg of arsenate of lead and the privilege of selling two boxes of the fruit for \$25 per box. First, for the best packed two barrels, \$50 and \$50 spray pump, and one barrel of Niagara spray. First, seven plates of apples, first prize for each plate. He also secured several minor winnings, consisting of separate donations to the show. Mr. De Hart's display which won the loving cup was limited to but 48 boxes of fruit owing to the expense of transportation, is per hundred pounds, and he consequently did not have the number of varieties which the Western exhibit contained. The Jonathans exhibit was the only exhibit that got a prize away from him in any of the classes in which he was represented. Two British Columbia women were among the prize winners. Mrs. J. A. Smith of Spokane's Bridge, won a special prize of \$140 for her exhibit of apples. For the best box-pack of one or more varieties, Mrs. Smith got second \$50. The first was won by Mr. De Hart, and H. W. Collins of Carson, B. C. won third with \$25. All three

SENSATIONAL CHARGE

Chinaman Who Is Fined for Evading Poll Tax Says His Government Sent Him to Canada.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 15.—A sensational charge was made in court this morning by Lee Wah, who was fined \$500 or a year's imprisonment for evading the Chinese immigration law. He made the statement that he had been sent by the government. The official certificate for the receipt for the poll tax was in the name of Koonpong Sang. The government will be asked to hold an investigation.

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FIRST STANDARD GAUGE CAR AT PRINCE RUPERT

Railway Equipment Landed From Ferry Transfer Georgian.

Prince Rupert, Dec. 16.—To Northern Pacific railway flat car No. 6467, loaded with dump cars, belongs the distinction of being the first standard gauge railway car used on the Pacific coast end of the Grand Trunk Pacific. This was the first loaded car hauled on to the railway grade from the big ferry transfer Georgian which arrived from New Westminster on Tuesday in tow of McKenzie Bros, tug Escort No. 2, with two monstrous steam-shovels, four small locomotives mounted on flat cars, and some 40 dump cars. The run up was made in good time, and fine weather was experienced all the way. Temporary landing docks were built out from the dump and rails laid across them so that the steam-shovels, which are on their own trucks, as well as the loaded flat cars, could be run directly to the sidings prepared for them on the grade. The whole outfit has been unloaded and distributed at convenient points along the first mile of the road where there are some extremely heavy cuts to be made and briefly removed. The exact towing the Georgian, with the empty flat cars, returns to New Westminster where more steam-shovels and construction outfits are waiting to be brought north for service on Contract D. A. Rankin's piece

SCHOOL BOARD MUST INSIST COUNCIL WILL FRAME BY-LAW WHEN COMPELLED

A Bit of Red Tape Before Asking Authority to Borrow.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) Red tape has stepped in between the school board and the city council in the matter of the loan by-law which the board at its last meeting decided to ask the city to submit in January.

It is desired by the school board that the sum of \$60,000 be raised. Of this \$20,000 will be added to the balance of \$40,000 from the last year to complete the new Chambers street school. The other \$40,000 will be devoted to building a much-needed school in the south-eastern section, at the corner of Moss street and Fairfield road.

The mayor did not think the city could give a net amount. This was for the board to ask a by-law for whatever sum would, after allowing for the expenses of floating the loan, give them that net sum.

Recalling the fact that the board is short of money for Chambers street school for the reason that its \$70,000 loan last spring netted much less than the \$70,000 which the board expected to have, Aldermen Mable and Pauline wanted to know why this point had not been raised then, and why a sufficient amount of debentures had not been sold to give the board the net sum it required.

Mayor Hall replied that it was because the city was never asked to do so by the board. Ald. Cameron remarked that the board were profiting by their experience in the spring.

City Solicitor Mana said the council pay the expense of submitting the by-law and floating the loan. The board had to look to it to be financed, and the School Act stated that councils were bound to give school boards the amount they asked for.

Ald. Henderson thought it would be better to follow the course pursued in former years; that is, refuse the request on the grounds that the city had no funds and let the school board, as was its right, demand that the by-law be submitted which the School Act compelled the council to do.

The mayor took this view also. The city solicitor did not see any necessity for this. Aldermen Pauline and McKeown moved that the request be granted and a by-law be prepared, and this was carried.

The mayor is still assailed by doubts in regard to the necessity for a petition and so on. Later in the evening, after a consultation with the city solicitor, he asked council to reconsider the matter.

"I would now request," said his worship when the motion to reconsider had passed, "that a motion be passed disapproving of the school board's request, and that the board be notified accordingly. I will see the chairman of the board and ask that they make a request on my aid insist on us putting a by-law, the same as we have always done before."

Ald. Henderson made the necessary motion and it was adopted. It is understood the school board is meeting this week and the matter will come before it.

One of the world's asbestos supply, nearly nine-tenths is mined in Canada, the mines about Quebec producing 60,000 tons per annum.

PANAMA CANAL WORKS. British Employees Discharged For Refusing to Take Oath.

The Panama correspondent of the Daily Telegraph of Kingston, Jamaica, says that the canal commission contemplates closing down work in December for three months in order to give time to get a grasp of the situation.

The correspondent adds that he has good authority for saying that the reports of the progress of the canal are "moonshine." The commission is discharging British employees holding responsible positions in consequence of their refusal to take the oath of allegiance.

The Panama Canal zone is under the jurisdiction of the United States.

SAYS HINDU QUESTION WILL SOLVE ITSELF

Brigadier-General Swayne Declares it Would Be Unwise to Deport Them.

Vancouver, Dec. 14.—Brigadier-General Swayne, governor of British Honduras, came to the conclusion today that there is no chance of taking British Columbia Hindus to British Honduras. He will leave for the east in a few days. But he is very strongly of opinion that even Indians should not be deported because of the bad effect the move would have on the unrest in India.

"During my brief investigations I have been unable to find half a dozen indigent East Indians here," said Gen. Swayne after reviewing his interviews at various boarding houses. "If the Dominion government is anti-Indian, I am not reactionary, it is paradoxical, but true, that much of the discontent in India is due to over-education, due to England's liberality. If an educated Bengali cannot get civil employment in his own country, he is disappointed office-seeker becomes an agitator."

"But I am not one of those who foresee in the present discontent any possibility of British rule in India being seriously threatened. We met and overcame a situation just as serious less than fifteen years ago. The point to remember is that the native rulers are still loyal, and that the agitators and their followers do not represent the military races."

"It should be remembered also that the artillerymen in India are all whites save in a few mountain batteries. The white troops control the big centres of population, the lines of communication and ammunition. There will be no general mutiny."

"Thus far the Sikhs have proved absolutely loyal. I would not guarantee a continuance of this feeling if their countrymen in other colonies and dependencies receive ill-treatment. If these soldiers went on the warpath it would take an army of one hundred thousand seasoned white soldiers to subdue them."

COLLIERY FUND.

Ladysmith, Dec. 14.—The following are the disbursements of the Welling-ton Colliery A. & B. Fund for the month ending November 30th: Geo. Smith, \$30; C. Matson, \$30; Ben Berto, \$25; Robt. Bell, \$25; John Jones, \$5; Mat Al-ovitch, \$21; Wm. Andrews, \$5; Wm. Russell, \$5; E. Lowe, \$5; Geo. May, \$7; Jas. Shatpe, \$4.

POLICE OFFICERS AS COURT INTERPRETERS Council Decides That They Are Not to Draw Pay for Acting.

Members of the police force on duty must no longer be paid for acting as interpreters in the police court, even though the fee is paid by the defendant or not at all. So the city council decided last night on the motion of Ald. Gleason, who drew attention to the matter some time ago and asked the mayor to look into the matter.

A report was read from the police commissioners stating that the interpreter's fee was part of the fine. To avoid delay police officers sometimes acted as interpreters and got \$1. The regular interpreters got \$2.50. Where the accused goes to prison in default of the fee, in the case of the police officer, is not paid to him, but in the case of a regular interpreter the \$2.50 is paid by the city. Where the fine is paid the fee is paid in all cases by the accused.

Ald. Gleason wanted to know if he understood the purport of this report right that they did not mean to discontinue the practice. "We were not asked to discontinue it," replied the mayor. "We were only asked to investigate and report, if the council wants anything further done it is for it to say so and the commissioners will act upon it."

Ald. Gleason insisted that the commissioners were asked to have the practice discontinued, but the mayor advised him to consult the minutes. Ald. Mable said the whole thing was a matter of officers drawing extra pay, but it was now explained. It was compulsory to have somebody to act as interpreter, and if a police officer of duty did so he was entitled to be paid. In any case the city never had to pay anything out, although in the case of a regular interpreter it had to pay him where the accused went to jail. It was really a saving to the city to have a police officer to act, and looking at it from the practical standpoint he would leave the matter alone.

Ald. McKewen took the same view, and reminded the council that in many cases pay for extra work was allowed. Ald. Hall preferred to let an outsider have the little extra, and did not think it right, when there was extra work, for police officers to get employees to charge additional for it.

"If we cut out one we will cut out all," declared Ald. Mable, referring to a recent case in which a city hall official was given remuneration for special work done. "There will be no making fish and fesh here."

Ald. Gleason objected to any police officer getting additional fees, and moved, seconded by Ald. Hall, that in the opinion of the council the practice should be discontinued in the case of police officers while on duty. Ald. Mable, after a few minutes' discussion, told the council it was straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel, besides wasting half an hour's time.

The motion was passed, however, and hereafter defendants who happen to have a police officer act as interpreter and pay their fine will be in a dollar.

GLOBE SMASHER IS BUSY IN CITY

City Council Offers Reward of \$50 for Arrest of Vandal.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) A number of electric light globes have been smashed recently by vandals, and the suspicion is that they are not boys either. The city council has decided to offer a reward of \$50 for their detection, and any who are caught will be severely punished.

At last night's council meeting a letter was read in which the police commissioners recommended that the city offer a reward of at least \$50 for the discovery and conviction of the parties who smashed all the globes along Esquimalt road a week ago.

Mayor Hall explained that there has been a good deal of trouble with the breaking of lamps by the outsiders, and the chief trimmer was of opinion that the culprits were not boys. The commissioner thought a good sized reward would lead to the discovery of the guilty parties and enable an example to be made. These globes cost \$10 each.

Ald. Norman said he would like to see the reward extended to all public property, in view of the fact that there was a good deal of vandalism. Ald. Mable moved that the reward be offered for the apprehension of those who smashed light globes in any part of the city and at any time. The motion was adopted.

CUTTING CORNERS DANGEROUS.

Vancouver Shipmasters Say Large Craft Should "Open Out the Narrows." An echo of the Charnier's accident was heard at a recent weekly meeting of the Vancouver Shipmasters' Association. It was brought to the notice of the meeting that fast steamers operating from that port passed between the spar buoy, marking the Burnaby shoal, and Breckton point, instead of outside it. This practice of cutting corners is considered dangerous and the shipmasters were of opinion that a steamer should "open out the Narrows" before starboarding her helm. Accordingly the secretary was instructed to write the department of marine and fisheries and inform it that the shipmasters were of opinion that all vessels over 150 feet in length should be forced to go outside the buoy.

For dispatch carrying, the Russian army has trained falcons, which have a far greater speed than carrier pigeons.

MARKET FOR APPLES. Kamloops, Dec. 14.—Mr. and Mrs. David Hamilton, of Winnipeg are in the city on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gill. Mr. Hamilton, on seeing some specimens of desert apples grown in this neighborhood, expressed considerable surprise at the good and even quality of the fruit shown him. Mr. Hamilton enthusiastically recommended the shipment of a carload of British Columbia apples to one of the great eastern markets to serve the purpose of an introduction.

ORE SHIPMENT FROM KASLO-SLOCAN MINES

Output of Silver-Lead and Zinc for Year to Date Nearly 12,000 Tons.

Kaslo, Dec. 14.—The ore shipments through Kaslo for the month of November show a decrease owing to the topping off of the Sandon end of the K. & S. Only one property of the Silver City appears on the list. The total output for the month was 888 tons, of which 204 were silver-lead and 684 zinc. The latter ore came entirely from the Whitewater Deep, which mine also leads in silver-lead. One new shipper, the Comstock, up South Fork, appears on the list, while the Rambler output is not as large as usual, for which the low price of metals is undoubtedly the cause. But taking the depression and all other things into consideration the output of the Kaslo-Slocan section for the year to date is rather encouraging. It is close to 12,000 tons of silver-lead and zinc, and likely to reach close to 13,000 by the end of the year. The following are the shippers and output in tons for the month just passed: Silver-Lead—Whitewater Deep, 123; Rambler, 51; Whitewater, 40; Province, 40; Comstock, 20; Raco, 20; Total, 304. Zinc—Whitewater Deep, 684. Total Shipments to Date—Silver-lead, 4,834 tons; zinc, 6,555 tons. Total, 11,389 tons.

GREATEST OF DREDGES TO WORK IN MERSEY Will Load With 10,000 Tons of Sand in Fifty Minutes.

The Leviathan, the greatest of dredges, was launched a few days ago at Trawmear, in Mersey. An unceasing fight has been waged by Liverpool's harbor engineers with the never-ceasing inflow of sand by means of the dredge, which keeps all ordinary railway tracks—the burden of twenty ordinary heavy trains. Only an engineer can grasp the alteration of stresses in such a vessel as this by reason of the sudden strain into her of ten thousand tons of dead weight, and the even greater strain by the still more sudden falling out of the load through the great valves in her bottom.

There are four sets of triple-expansion engines necessary to work the gigantic pumps, an immense hydraulic installation, used for working the many enormous valves which keep all the "cargo" portion of the vessel in direct communication with the sea, steam winches apparently everywhere, and, of course, a complete electrical installation. In the captain's room there is a multiplicity of indicators, electric pushes, dials, telephones, and recorders, almost as many as in the conning tower of a battleship, all to keep him in touch with the working of every part of the mighty machine.

Behold him standing there, the gigantic laborer of the centrifugals below him making the web of the draught indicator showing how fast she is settling in the water. A bell rings, she is full. He presses a button, which is answered by the clangour of the windlasses ripping the anchors from their hold, more ringing of bells communications from the anchor-lifters to the engine-room. Away she goes with her load from the huge burrow-pit beneath at the rate of ten knots an hour. She reaches her marks. He who must be obeyed touches a button and there, she stops, shudders, and rises, free of ten thousand tons of weight, then turns and speeds back again.

ANOTHER MARKET FOR CANADA.

Governor of British Honduras to Seek Extension of Steamship Service to Capital. Vancouver, Dec. 14.—Brigadier-General Swayne, Governor of British Honduras, will on his return to Ottawa enter into negotiations with the Dominion government for an extension of the Elder-Dempster Steamship Company's service from St. John, N. B., south as far as Belize, the capital of British Honduras, great quantities of sugar will be brought north as return cargoes. Flour and pork can be sent from Canada.

NO SHIPBUILDING.

Industry in Norway is Languishing Owing to Lack of Orders. The shipbuilding industry in Norway is lifeless at present, and even the most reputable shipyards are practically without orders, writes the Canadian commercial agent in that country. The price of materials, coal and labor is low, so that as a consequence the price of the vessels are going down. This should under ordinary circumstances stimulate building, but as the freight markets of the world are suffering, the owners do not in most instances, receive common bank interest on their investments. There is, therefore, no inducement for building.

FIRE BRIGADE FOR PORT ESSINGTON Meeting Held to Discuss Organization—Man Injured by Explosion.

(Special Correspondence.) Port Essington, Dec. 10.—An Italian rockman, employed at a Grand Trunk Pacific construction camp up the Yven, was brought into town on Tuesday suffering from a broken leg and forearm and flesh wounds, the result of being struck by a rock flying from a blast. He was yesterday taken to the hospital at Prince Rupert. The victim of the accident was one of a gang of "station" men engaged on a rock cutting. An old stump near their work had afforded convenient shelter on previous occasions from the rocks flying from the blasts. But the stump was so rotten that when a rock struck it squarely the missile went clean through it into the faces of four men who were hiding behind it. Another effort is being made toward the protection of the town against fire. A meeting was held by the passing of the schoolhouse Tuesday night looking toward organization of a fire company, and at least some provision in the way of ladders and buckets for fighting fire. The sentiment prevails that something should be done at once, and this is a start.

FLOOD IN SQUAMISH VALLEY. Logs Swept Against Dikes Which Are Reported Damaged.

Vancouver, Dec. 14.—Blown by a southerly gale, which at times spurred up to the velocity of a hurricane, the sea last Saturday morning invaded the farming lands at the mouth of the Squamish river, the water pouring over the dikes lining the banks of the stream for a distance of about one mile from the point where it empties into Howe sound.

STEAMER TRANSIT TORN FROM MOORINGS

Freighter Compelled to Drop Anchors in Order to Withstand Gale. Prince Rupert, Dec. 14.—One of the worst wind and rain storms that has occurred on this part of the coast for some years, was experienced last week. For two weeks the weather was perfect and the harbor as calm as a mill pond, but on Thursday a strong southwest wind began blowing, which quickly developed into a hurricane. It caught the water up in sheets and tossed it in every direction until the whole harbor looked like a huge steaming cauldron.

The Inch and a quarter cables with which the steamship Transit was tied to the wharf were snapped as though they had been threads, and the big freighter drifted before the gale. The engines were started and an anchor dropped to hold her until a full head of steam could be got up. Several attempts were made to tie up in shelter of the G. T. P. warehouse, but without success, for the wire cables were snapped as quickly as they could be got ashore. The big ship finally dropped her anchors, which held her firmly, and waited until the storm had abated before finishing her loading.

M. Morrow Company's large floating slaughter house was torn from its moorings by the force of the gale, and drifted to the opposite shore, where it now lies piled upon the rocks. Although there was no cattle on board the loss through damage to the boat will be considerable. The tug native, and McKenzie Bros. tug Escort, which arrived Wednesday with a barge loaded with beam-shovels and engines from New Westminster, tried to save it, but were unable to get within reach before the boat drifted into shallow water and grounded.

OFFICERS INSTALLED. St. Andrew's Society Held Monthly Meeting Last Evening.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) At last evening's monthly meeting of St. Andrew's Society, held in Sir William Wallace hall, the officers elected were installed. The installation was in charge of E. B. Paul, M. A., who after a short speech installed the following: Honorary president, James Taylor; president, P. J. Riddell; 1st vice-president, D. McIver; 2nd vice-president, Edward Wishart; recording secretary, William Wishart; financial secretary, A. Man-ning; treasurer, James Angus; guard, Robert Wilson; marsh, James McIntosh; pipper major, D. McIver; pipers, N. P. McDonald (sergeant), Donald Cameron, John Ross, A. Chisholm, G. Smith, J. G. Burnett, J. Knox, Edward Wishart and Wm. Wishart.

BONDHOLDERS MEET Report is Submitted Regarding Assets of Mining Concern.

Greenwood, Dec. 14.—A meeting of the bondholders of the Dominion Copper Company, of which P. F. Roosa is the provisional liquidator, was held in New York city at the following is part of the report as given by the Boston Commercial: "After the appointment of a receiver, our general manager visited the mines at Phoenix and the smelter at Boundary Falls, and inspected the machinery, plant and stores."

The assets consist of the following: Mining properties, Boundary Falls, Brooklyn, Steamwinder, Montezuma, Standard, Mountain and Jackpot mining claims, owned by Dominion Copper Company, dated by the trust mortgage, together with mining claims formerly owned by the Montreal and Boston Copper Company, the Morrison Mine, Ltd., and the Athelstan Gold and Copper Mining Co., Ltd., and transferred to the Dominion company, including among others the Sunset, C. O. D., and Crown Silver mineral claims, and the Florence and Athelstan fractional mineral claims, machinery, plant, tools and equipment; smelter at Boundary Falls and machinery and plant connected; stores having book value of approximately \$200,000.

"It would appear that in addition to bonded indebtedness of \$800,000 and accrued interest there are outstanding claims for about \$75,000, inclusive of wages for August and September, aggregating \$20,000. The miners have filed liens against the properties."

"Pending sale the receiver has been authorized to borrow \$20,000 in priority to the trust mortgage, securing the bond issue to defray expenses of the receiver-ship, the principal item being cost of power and labor in keeping the mines open. The receiver estimates that his expenses will aggregate \$4,000 per month."

"It is not possible to say what time will be required to bring the properties to sale."

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INSTALLING AERIAL TRAM LINE Will Connect Volcanic Mountain Mine With Railway

Phoenix, Dec. 14.—An aerial tram line is being installed on the Golden Eagle Mining Company's mine on Volcanic mountain to the tracks of the Kettle Valley lines' north fork branch. The tramway will be a single track affair with a crossing in the middle to permit of the cars passing one another and will be worked by gravitation.

One of the furnaces at the Granby smelter is out of commission at present undergoing repairs. A number of experiments are being made at the smelter in the treating and fixing of ore and the furnaces are being run slower than usual while the tests are being made. The work of changing the remaining seven furnaces will not commence till after the first of the year.

NEW DRYDOCK FOR PUGET SOUND Work Will Commence at Bremerton at Beginning of New Year.

A telegram has been received at the navy yard at Bremerton from Rear Admiral R. C. Hollyday, chief of the Pacific yards and docks, to the effect that the secretary of the navy has signed the contract with Contractor G. J. Erickson, of Seattle, for the construction of the new \$2,000,000 dry dock at this yard. Mr. Erickson is in San Francisco making arrangements for supplies and machinery needed in the work. He has stated that he will be well started in the work by the first of the year.

According to the contract, Mr. Erickson must complete the dry dock in thirty-six months; he will be obliged to forfeit \$100 per day, according to the specifications, for every day required to complete the work in excess of the three-year limit. The building of the dry-dock will employ from 300 to 600 men.

DELAY IN LETTING GLENFARG CONTRACT

Lloyd's Central Office Thinks Price Too High and Hesitate About Closing. (From Tuesday's Daily.) The contract for the repair of the steamer Glenfarg has not yet been let and there is doubt as to whether or not she will receive any more than temporary repairs while here. Lloyd's central office at London is of the opinion that the tenders for the work were too high and have asked if temporary repairs cannot be made.

There were four tenders for the work and the lowest was that of the B. G. Marine Railway company. The other tenders were J. T. Heffernan & Co. of Seattle, the Victoria Machinery Depot and Marine Iron Works of this city. The amount of the tenders has not been made known, but it is understood that the lowest was in the neighborhood of \$35,000.

The amount of the tenders was called to London by Capt. G. D. Johnson and this morning a reply was received asking if temporary repairs could not be made. In the meantime T. G. Mitchell, Lloyd's surveyor, has gone to Vancouver. He was in one telephone for and is expected to arrive back on the Princess Victoria this evening. Just what action will be taken is not at present known.

CAPT. LITTLER DIES LIKE BRITISH HERO

Stood by Wheel of Burning Steamer—Killed by Falling Mast. Not even in the glorious history of British seaman-ship—a history which contains on every page the record of some deeds of heroism and self-sacrifice—has there been the story of a death more noble than that of Charles Littler, the captain of the ill-fated battleship liner Sardinia, which caught fire a mile from Malta recently. In the attempt to save the 200 persons on board Captain Littler worked the steering gear on the bridge until scorched by the flames. Then he went aft, and, by means of the emergency whistle, steered his vessel to the shore. At the last moment a falling mast struck him, and he perished amid the flames. Mrs. Littler is not eligible for a pension under Mr. Carnegie's hero fund, but Mr. Carnegie has been asked to extend its provisions to deeds performed outside the British Isles.

Captain Littler had been in the service of the Ellice Line for twenty years and was noted for his great skill as a navigator. He made innumerable friends, and on all sides the deepest regret is felt at his death in the prime of life. That he died fearlessly and bravely at his post has surprised no one who knew his character.

"Captain Littler was a typical British seaman," said one of his old friends. "He was as brave a man as one could wish to meet, and he was as cool as he was brave. I can well understand that he preferred to leave his ship in time of peril and that the fact that he remained there calmly giving orders to his crew, when he must have known that he was doomed to die, well, that is heroic heroism, isn't it?"

The suggestion that Mrs. Littler should be asked to receive a pension from the Carnegie hero fund is one which is sure to commend itself to everyone, and the facts have been called to Mr. Carnegie in America, in the hope that Captain Littler's noble conduct will be duly recognized.

There is one circumstance which may prevent the honor being bestowed, and that is the act of heroism was committed beyond the waters of the British Isles.

It is hoped, however, that Mr. Carnegie will remove this restriction in the case of the late Captain Littler.

British Barque Caradale was taken around to Esquimalt this morning where she will remain until chartered. The intention was to take her round yesterday, but the tug Lorne was not available.

Various small advertisements and notices on the far left margin, including mentions of 'SCHOOL BOARD', 'COUNCIL WILL FRAME', 'A Bit of Red Tape', 'SAYS HINDU QUESTION', 'Brigadier-General Swayne', 'POLICE OFFICERS AS COURT INTERPRETERS', 'ORE SHIPMENT FROM KASLO-SLOCAN MINES', 'GREATEST OF DREDGES TO WORK IN MERSEY', 'STEAMER TRANSIT TORN FROM MOORINGS', 'NEW DRYDOCK FOR PUGET SOUND', 'DELAY IN LETTING GLENFARG CONTRACT', 'Lloyd's Central Office Thinks Price Too High and Hesitate About Closing', 'OFFICERS INSTALLED', 'BONDHOLDERS MEET', 'Report is Submitted Regarding Assets of Mining Concern', 'STEEDMAN'S aim', 'To make children Happy & Healthy', 'STEEDMAN'S SOOTHING POWDERS', 'They prevent fits and convulsions, and relieve feverish heat', 'STEEDMAN'S THE DOUBLE EE YOUR GUARANTEE'.



AN INTERESTING RELIC. The above is the old worn-out mahogany chair which was formerly the property of Sir Walter Scott, the great novelist. It now belongs to Mrs. B. Cutbush of this city, having been bequeathed to Mrs. Cutbush's father, who was a relative of the author's. Some time ago the British Museum offered a considerable figure for the relic, but the present owner was unwilling to sell. A description of the chair appeared in the Times of recent date.

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FOR SALE—Fine lots on Cook street, splendid soil, only 1200; easy terms. C. H. Revere, 210.

Notice

Notice is hereby given that we intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria, at its next session, for a transfer of the license to sell intoxicating liquors on the premises situated on Store street, in the City of Victoria, known as the "Telegraph Hotel," from James Pugh to Walter Colwood, of the city aforesaid.

Notice

Notice is hereby given that, thirty days after date, I intend to apply to the Superintendent of Provincial Police for a renewal of license to sell intoxicating liquors on the premises known as the "Ouellet Hotel," situated at Colwood, B. C.

Business Chances.

A BETTER OPPORTUNITY for investment than has been offered recently in a present opportunity. A manufacturing and industrial business in Vancouver that paid 40 per cent. cash dividend last year is expanding and placing above on the market at par. Will bear the closest investigation at 100 good to be missed by those looking for a sound and highly profitable investment. For full particulars address Box 1126, Times.

Houses to Rent

TO LET—5 roomed cottage, 249 Market street.

Houses to Rent

TO LET—5 room house, with back kitchen, pantry, bath, hot and cold water, electric light, sewer, good garden, close to car, 25 monthly. Apply Bond & Clark.

Houses to Rent

TO LET—5 room cottage, 140 Market St.

Houses to Rent

TO LET—5 roomed cottage on Dallas road. Apply to Mrs. M. R. Smith, 104 Dallas road.

FURNISHED HOUSE FOR RENT

Apply 123 Quadra street.

Houses for Sale

FOR SALE—Six room cottage, 5 minutes walk from P. O. \$320. Apply owner, W. A. McGregor, 615 Fort street.

ROOM COTTAGE

In James Bay district. \$1,050; a snap; \$200 cash, balance on very easy terms. J. Greenwood, 270 Government street.

BEAUTIFUL HOME FOR SALE

7 room brick foundation, large basement, large lawn, etc., nice grounds, 2000 ft. lot, easy terms. Empire Realty Co., 612 Yates street.

FOR SALE

6 roomed cottage, first-class condition throughout, fruit and flowers. Apply 222 Blanchard avenue.

FOR SALE

a bargain, 6 roomed bungalow—new and modern, full sized lot, near hospital and car line, only 1200. Apply E. C. B. Bagshawe, 612 Fort street.

HOUSES, cottages, etc.

built at lowest contract prices consistent with good workmanship and material. Designs and estimates free. Box 525, Times Office.

NEW ONE AND A HALF STORY HOUSE

every modern convenience. Five rooms, full sized lot, ready for occupancy middle of December. Duchess street, near Fort street. \$2,500. \$200 cash. A. R. Sherwood, 612 Fort street.

FOUR BEAUTIFUL up-to-date houses

good location, to be sold at a great sacrifice. Also two up-to-date automobiles. Any party going into business might be able to make a deal by paying some cash and taking over the lease of one of the houses. One of the houses is a 2 1/2 story house, with 10 rooms, 1000 sq. ft. of floor space, 1000 sq. ft. of lot, and 1000 sq. ft. of garage. For particulars apply 1450 Grand street.

CHOICE LITTLE PROPERTY

near Victoria, fine situation, beautiful surroundings, well fenced and laid out with fruit and ornamental shrubs, stylish new house, with modern kitchen, bath, and laundry, dairy, full house and woodshed. The whole, including furniture, stock and complete set of implements, cow, buggy, wagon, etc., \$1,000 per acre; terms: Advance "P. C." Times Office.

SPECIAL

One of the best finished 9 roomed modern houses in the city, with 2 or more lots. C. H. Revere, 612 Truncheon Ave.

FOR RENT

OR SALE—House and one acre, stables and chicken house, at M. Tolmie, 533 William street, Victoria.

WANTED

First-class salesman to take charge of our real estate department. Maysmith & Co., Mahon Bldg.

STOCK SALESMAN WANTED

Salary and commission. Maysmith & Co., Mahon Bldg.

WANTED

Messengers, with wheels. Apply Hasty Messenger Co., 1212 Langley street.

Housekeeping Rooms

TO LET—Three unfurnished housekeeping rooms, with water, rear of 37 Fort street, between Blanchard and Douglas streets.

Lost and Found

LOST—English setter dog, eight months old, white with blue ticks, black spot on rump. Suitable reward. Finder, please bring to this office. Reward, \$10.00. R. Porter & Sons, Ltd., Douglas street.

Help-Wanted—Female

WANTED—A first-class lady stenographer, who has had some experience in office work. Box 611.

WANTED

A capable servant; must understand cooking. E. H. E. Douglas street.

WANTED

Female cook for small restaurant in Sidney. Address Wm. Munro Baker, Sidney, B. C.

Miscellaneous

FOR RENT—Cheap, four offices, from \$2 to \$6 per month. Inquire Room 8, 1234 Government street.

MAYSITH & CO'S PRIVATE EXCHANGE

MAHON BLDG. Open daily 10:30 a. m. until noon for the buying and selling of all kinds of stocks and bonds, western securities. If you are interested in investments, either buying or selling, see us. We charge no commission for buying.

HOUSES, cottages, etc.

built at lowest contract prices consistent with good workmanship and material. Designs and estimates free. Box 525, Times Office.

EVERY SUFFERER FROM RHEUMATISM

can be cured by wearing a Lion Anti-Rheumatism Collar. For sale by Redfern, Government street.

FOR FRESH CIGARS and tobacco

and all the latest news, see Joe McDowell, King's Road and News Stand, next to Pantages.

WANTED

From 2 to 5 acres improved land with buildings, for sale by J. Greenwood, 270 Government street.

MISS GALLACHAN, Dressmaker

412 Quadra street.

WHO, WHY, WHEN, WHERE, to make

profitable real estate investments, by the late Cecil Rhodes. Most interesting report free. Engineer, 708 Quay, Washington, D. C.

MISS WILSON, Dressmaker

has removed her workrooms from the Promis Block to her home on Calixto Bay. Phone 1265. House past Foul Bay road. Phone B166.

NOTICE

For the next six weeks I, the undersigned, will sell cordwood in the following lots and take selling machine to cut it in yards, alleyways and vacant lots in a section of 4 cords upwards, by the old way and see what you are getting. J. E. Grier, 322 Douglas street, Victoria, B. C.

HANBURY'S BAKERY

is the place to buy high quality goods.

TO LET

Offices in Bank of Montreal Chambers. Apply Bank of Montreal.

FOR SALE

South Wellington coal, the best mixed—less ashes, less soot, more heat. Order your ton from the Victoria Fuel Co., Ltd., 127, McPherson & Fiddler's Bldg., 515 Commerce ave., Victoria, B. C.

HAVE YOU TRIED Hanbury's "Mother's Bread"?

THE LATEST sheet metal, electric signs, markers, make in Victoria.

Miscellaneous Goods for Sale

FOR SALE—South African volunteer land warrant for half section of 160 acres, E. C. B. Bagshawe, 612 Fort street.

FOR SALE

One horse, 2 years old, heavy draught, perfectly sound and kind. John Durran, Heal Rd., B. C.

FOR SALE

20-foot launch, equipped with Fairbank's motor, everything first-class, whole outfit almost new. Apply Times Office for names of owners.

FOR SALE

English plain, dresses and stands, stoves, toils, tables, brass goods, etc., at the Curiosity Shop, cor. Fort and Blanchard streets.

FOR SALE

For coat and a gun. Apply Smith, Beaumont P. O., B. C.

J. GREENWOOD

REAL ESTATE AND TIMBER Above Northern Bank. Tel. A12.

ESQUIMALT DISTRICT

One Block From Car Line, 2 1/2 ACRES OF FIRST-CLASS LAND, All Cleared, Lots Are Selling as High as \$500 Each, Two Blocks Further Out, And Heavily Timbered at That, Will Sell This Excellent 2 1/2 Acre Block FOR \$15,000.

One-Third Cash

And Balance Arranged to Suit Purchaser.

THE GRIFFITH CO.

ROOM 11, MAHON BUILDING. REAL ESTATE, TIMBER, INSURANCE.

LOT ON WHITTIER AVE. FOR 225 cash

HOUSE OF 7 ROOMS ON KING'S ROAD—Will sell at a bargain on easy terms, or will trade for well located lots.

Your choice of three good buys in Victoria

WEST—GOOD HOUSES at \$2,100, \$2,850 and \$3,000. All in fine condition and all near car line.

We have a HOUSE ON BATTERY STREET

at \$30 that might interest you. Look us up about this. Just a step from the Park, and overlooking the Straits.

Property for Sale

ALBERNI LAND—Advertiser will purchase above property if price is reasonable. Apply Advertiser, Box 618, Times Office.

FOR SALE

44 acres finest land for fruit and chicken ranch, all fenced in, beautifully located, high and dry, plenty of water and 3/4 mile from city limits, your own terms. Mrs. Sorenson, Room 8, 1214 Government street.

FOR SALE

Ranch, 28 acres of the best land in Vancouver, 20 acres cleared, small house, good barn, 2 creeks (never dry), run through property, a section from salt water, 21 miles from Victoria; bargain at \$4,000. "First & Co."

TIMBER

Before buying or selling timber in B. C. call and see my list, comprising more than 100 of the best properties, aggregating a total cut of twenty-five billion (25,000,000,000) feet. A. T. Fennell, 1214 Government street.

FOR SALE

Good road, seven acres cleared, land for \$200 per acre; must be sold. Lee & Fraser, 11 Truncheon avenue.

FOR SALE

60-acre farm on Galliano Island, 21 miles from new government wharf, 20 acres good land, 20 acres cleared, 25 acres slashed, 2 roomed shack, 2000 ft. of good spring water, a good road to property, 700 has been laid by former owner in clearing and fencing, coal right goes with the land, two companies of men, 1000 ft. of good timber, \$2,500 cash, \$500 down, balance to arrange. Apply 733 Broadway street.

FOR SALE

10 acres house, out buildings, fruit trees, plenty of water. T. Morley.

FOR SALE

Eighteen acres good fruit land, eight miles from Victoria; all kinds of biggies, wagons, carts, horse harnesses, and other things, broken, and twenty-five young pigs. J. J. Fisher, Carriage Shop, Discovery street.

FOR SALE

Horse, young, sound and quickly quiet. "Thorp & Co., Ltd."

BIKES

and caps, all sizes, at Harris & Smith's, 1220 Broad street.

ENGLISH WHEELS

at great bargains, in order to make room for 1909 stock, complete bicycles, also bicycles, guns and ammunition. At Harris & Smith's.

FOR SALE

Incubator and brooder. Apply 123 Johnson street.

FOR SALE

Vicin, \$5; razor houses, 50c; pocket compass, 50c; silk watch fob, 50c; ivory 2 ft. ruler, \$4.50; diamond glass cutter, \$4.50; comb, 15c; folding pocket knives, 50c. Jacob Aronson's new and second-hand store, 78 Johnson street, four floors below Government St. Phone 117.

MILLWOOD and bark slabs

3 double load; woodcut, 1st quality, \$3.50. Hull, phone 1124.

FOR SALE

Horse, young, sound and quickly quiet. "Thorp & Co., Ltd."

A. COLQUHOUN HOLMES

REAL ESTATE, INSURANCE, 57 YATES ST., VICTORIA, B.

INNER HARBOR IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER PROJECT Thos. Sorby Outlines Some Features of the Proposition.

The Inner Harbor Association of Victoria met Tuesday afternoon in the city hall, when ten members were present with G. A. Kirk in the chair. There were present also Mayor Hall, Thos. C. Sorby, secretary, and Messrs. Raymond, Macdonald, M. Young, P. Raymond, Capt. Grant, F. W. Vincent, A. J. Bechtel, A. B. Fraser, and W. G. Winterburn. The secretary read the annual report as follows:

Your board of management begs to report, for the information of the members of this association, that work on the lines of the plan submitted by me, and adopted by the federal government has been steadily proceeding with.

The rocks that obstructed the entrance to navigation between Laurel Point and the C. P. R. wharf have all been removed and the bottom dredged clear to a depth of 20 feet at low water, and the dredge is now ready to start the work of deepening the channel to a depth of 30 feet at low water, and is expected to be 100 feet in width before the end of the year.

The work in the basin of upper harbor comprises the removal of about 1,250,000 cubic yards of mud and about 10,000 cubic yards of rock and it is proposed to utilize some 500,000 of this waste material over the low marshy land in the valley on the Indian reserve and in filling in the bays and indentations of the foreshore behind a concrete retaining wall forming a quay, the surface of which would be about six feet above high water mark.

The new dredge, Ajax, is making excellent progress deepening the entrance to the harbor at Laurel Point to 30 feet at low water. This steamboat channel is now carried through the bar out to deep water and is expected to be 100 feet in width before the end of the year.

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Ships time being valuable, they seek the quickest dispatch, the speediest and most economical repairs and a commodious harbor.

"7. During the last fifteen years the trade of the North Pacific ocean has more than tripled itself. Victoria is geographically the western gateway to Canada with every natural advantage in its favor, good open water, with few storms, and, with the improvements that are now being made in the waterways of approach (this making trade possible) these advantages and claims should be enhanced by good wharves, commodious warehouses, power cranes and cranes, with railway tracks along the wharves to facilitate the most rapid handling of merchandise inwards and outwards.

"8. We have to record our deep regret at the loss of the association has sustained in the lamentable decease of Captain J. G. Cox. We owe much of our success to his valuable assistance and advice and feel deeply his sudden death.

"9. It is the object of this association to advance the systematic improvement of the harbor, with a view to securing free and safe navigation over its waters and fostering the trade and industry of the port. We seek therefore the combined support of all persons interested in the commerce and industries of the city of Victoria as the best means of attaining the objects in view.

"10. The chairman, G. A. Kirk, said he was sorry the member for the city was not present. He had been invited to hear the views of the association. Union was strength, and there had been a lot done by worrying the government in the past, and the association would continue to worry them in the future. They would have quite a large harbor if the basin was dredged. The government seems to have the matter at heart and the commission has reported favorably on the matter. The appropriation last year was \$60,000 and he hoped the same would be appropriated this year. The original estimate for the work was \$180,000. There was no doubt there will be a great trade from across Mexico and the opening of the Panama canal would increase trade here. If they could get more members to push this thing along it would be for the good of the town.

Senator Macdonald thought an estimate of money spent and left should be obtained, and the balance of the grant applied for. They might get a share of the railway grant. He thought the report was satisfactory. Mr. Sorby explained he had written three times for the figures, but had not yet received them. He, however, was assured it would come. The Mudrakir report, considerable time in Nanaimo, had been a curious case of the kind. Expenditure was charged to the Victoria harbor.

Senator Macdonald said that ships of 5,000 tons could now come into the harbor, and that the property dredged. It was pointed out that the difficulty with the inner harbor was the turning.

INCURABLE HEART TROUBLE LOOKED FOR DEATH IN A SHORT TIME—ENTIRELY CURED BY 'FRUIT-A-TIVES'

"Gentlemen—The days of miracles are not all past and I feel that my complete recovery, from what seemed inevitable death, is practically a miracle. I suffered from severe indigestion and dyspepsia for nearly two years. I could not take food without fearful distress and I became almost a skeleton as the result of the suffering. I could not do any work and became so run down and weak that I could hardly walk. I was attended by two experienced doctors. They both pronounced my case heart failure and incurable, and I looked forward for death in a short time. I not only had the doctors but after they gave me up I tried many remedies and treatments but got no better.

"At this time my son asked me to try 'Fruit-a-tives', and from the outset of taking these wonderful tablets I was better and gradually this medicine completely cured me. I took a large number of boxes, perhaps a dozen, and now I am entirely cured and I have gained over thirty pounds in weight.

"I am now so well that I have sold my farm and bought 300 acres more land. I make this statement voluntarily for the sake of humanity, and I am convinced that 'Fruit-a-tives' is a wonderful remedy that will cure stomach trouble where doctors and everything else fail.

"(Sd.) Henry Speers, J. P." The doctors were all wrong. Mr. Speers had what we call "irritated heart." Indigestion and dyspepsia completely upset the stomach. Potholes of gas were formed which swelled the walls of the stomach and pressed against the heart.

"Fruit-a-tives" immediately strengthened the stomach, insured sound digestion and regulated the bowels. There were no poisons—no noxious gases remained in the system, and the heart was no longer irritated. Then the pain and suffering stopped.

"Fruit-a-tives" put up in two sizes 25c and 50c. If your dealer has not both, write Fruit-a-tives, Limited, Ottawa.

Switzer, Mrs. Hervey Bell, and the young ladies of the Fide scarf drill for so kindly providing evening entertainments; Mr. Frank Davis and Mr. Fuller for taking charge of the door; Capt. Farry, H. S. Edgar, for flags and lending sailors throughout the week; Captain Combe, oboist; ship restorer, for flags; the Hinton Electric Co. for extra wiring in the A. O. U. W. hall; the B. C. Electric Railway Co. for extra light; the members of the fire brigade for assistance in decorating; the Times and Colonist newspapers, for free advertising; the Canadian Bank of Commerce, for each night receiving the money taken in during the day. A special vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Ridgway Wilson, who made all arrangements for the construction of stalls and gave a great deal of time to seeing that the stall holders' wishes were carried out. Mention must also be made of the Christmas stamp, which was suggested and arranged for by Mrs. G. C. Howell, and sold by Miss Bowron. When one realizes that each stamp is sold at one cent only, it can be seen what an amount of labor is entailed in raising the sum with which Miss Bowron is credited. The stall holders wish to thank all contributors, and in particular the following: The Fairview Nurseries, Messrs. Hall and Lang, Mrs. E. L. Johnson, Flewings' Gardens, Woodward's Nurseries, the Jubilee Greenhouse, Mr. W. Bowness, Messrs. R. P. Rithet & Co., the Roller Skating rink, Mr. C. W. Rogers, Messrs. Porter & Sons, Messrs. Chaloner & Mitchell, Messrs. Barber Bros., the City Fair, Maclean's Bakery, Messrs. D. Spencer & Co., Mr. D. E. Campbell, Messrs. Colquhoun & Day, Messrs. Wellor Bros., Mrs. Groeger, Messrs. Popham & Smith, Messrs. Henry Young & Co., Messrs. Terry, Dick Ross & Co., Lenz Leiser, Jos. Sommer, Drake & Horn, Mrs. Aaronson, Mrs. Henry Clay, the Windsor Grocery, Tim Kee, Ishu, Mikado Bro., Wawal, and Nagano.

ORPHANAGE BOARD SELECTS COMMITTEES Officers for the Year Elected and Other Business Transacted.

The managers of the B. C. Protestant Orphanage met in the city hall Tuesday afternoon and organized for the year. The following were elected: President, Chas. Hayward. Hon. treasurer, B. S. Heisterman. Hon. secretary, Wm. Scowcroft. Committee of management—J. L. Beckwith, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, the Right Rev. Bishop Ordge, A. B. Fraser, sr., Lawrence Goodacre, Chas. Hayward, H. Dallas Helmecken, H. F. Heisterman, James H. Lawson, the Right Rev. Bishop Perrin, Wm. Scowcroft, David Spence.

ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS FAIR MADE MONEY Over \$2,000 Goes to Funds as Result of Function.

The Auxiliary of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society has wound up the business in connection with the fair held recently. The proceeds for the funds of the society show a total of \$2,005.90. It is the intention of the auxiliary to hold another fair probably on a grander scale in the future.

The election of officers resulted in the appointment of G. A. Kirk as chairman for the ensuing year. The retiring board, consisting of Messrs. Kirk, Capt. Grant, Sayerd, Bechtel, Capt. Troup and Sorby, with Mr. Rebbeck taking the place of the late Capt. Cox, was re-elected. Mr. Sorby was re-elected secretary.

Mr. Sorby proposed that a draft resolution be made by a committee for presentation to the government. The extension of the harbor was proposed, unless the ownership of the water front was obtained. A former estimate of the cost of securing this property was \$2,000,000. He thought this sum could be borrowed at a reasonable interest from the government. To improve the harbor would enhance the value of the foreshore and be of the greatest value to the city.

OFFERS TO INSTALL SEWERAGE SYSTEM Chicago Firm Submits Proposal to Ladysmith City Council.

Ladysmith, Dec. 14.—The meeting of the city council passed off very quietly last night. There were a number of inquiries from various parts of the Dominion and the United States as to the nature of the bonds the city is issuing. One letter in particular from a Chicago firm seems on the face of it, to vouch for the installation of a city sewer. This firm wrote that they had specialized in sewer work, and were equipped to handle any size of contract. If satisfactory terms could be agreed upon they would put in the whole system here and take up the debentures in payment. Mayor Nicholson pointed out that this was the best offer that had ever been made to them. Of course they had called for tenders on their bonds, and they could go no further with the matter until the end of the month. He was not forgetting that they were trying to sell both electric light and sewer debentures together, but he took the view that if a firm such as this in Chicago would take the debentures in payment for their contract would be the best possible advertisement the town could get, and would certainly forward the sale of the electric light bonds. The letter was filed for further reference. The only other business taken up was the starting of a laundry on First avenue. A Chinese man bought some property and set about fitting it up for laundry purposes. There were complaints from the residents. Aid Campbell was appointed to look over the property, and he reported that there was no means of getting the waste water away. Mayor Nicholson pointed out that according to their by-laws a laundry could not be started up on an avenue in such premises as these under question. It was decided that the owner should be notified that if he proceeded with the laundry business he would be prosecuted.

The clerks in the town are striving for the continuance of the Thursday half holiday, and the closing of the stores at six o'clock every night except Saturday. The clerks have enjoyed these privileges for two years and the public have raised no protest. One or two of the stores, however, have shown a tendency to break away from the agreement or custom, and the clerks are organizing a vigorous crusade to retain their privileges.

The Parrott bowling alley is being transferred into a skating rink. Under the auspices of the Football Club the "Waltzing Tennessee Jubilee Singers" will give a concert in the opera house on Thursday evening. After the concert the Star orchestra will give a dance.

Sir Sandford Fleming Has Praise for Attitude of Hon. P. Lemieux.

London, Dec. 15.—Sir Sandford Fleming, writing to a London friend, expresses delight at the attitude of the Hon. P. Lemieux regarding the state owned Atlantic cables, which Sir Sandford thinks is the first step. The rest, he says, will follow step by step.

London, Dec. 16.—General Wm. Booth, commander-in-chief of the Salvation Army, was operated upon this afternoon for cataracts, and the doctors are hopeful that he will completely recover his sight.

DRS. KENNEDY & KENNEDY Successors to DR. KENNEDY & KERAM NERVOUS DEBILITY CURED Excess and indiscretions are the cause of more sorrow and suffering than all other diseases combined. We see the victims of vicious habits on every hand—the pallid, pinched face, dark circles under the eyes, the form, stunted development, painful, muscular complaints and timid bearing, peculiar to all the world his folly and lack of bright intelligence. Our treatment positive, cures all weak men by overcoming and removing the effects of former indiscretions and excesses. It stops all drains and quickly restores the man to what nature intended—a healthy and happy man with physical, mental and nervous power complete.

Everything You Need For Christmas LARGE SPANISH OLIVES, per bottle, \$1, 75c, 50c and 25c STUFFED OLIVES, exceptionally nice, per bottle.....25c JAPAN ORANGES, per box.....75c CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS, each, \$1, 75c, 50c, 25c and.....10c FRY'S CHOCOLATES, in handsome boxes, \$1, 50c, 35c, 25c and.....10c THE TURKEYS ARE COMING A fine shipment from Smith's Falls, Ont. Sure to be good. Come in and place your order for a nice young bird.

ONLY LADY MANAGER OF A STEAMSHIP LINE Mrs. F. A. Alley on Visit to Coast—Does Not Find Duties Exacting.

Abroad the Canadian-Australian liner Makura, which arrived in port Tuesday, was an interesting personality in Mrs. Richard A. Alley, who joins the unique distinction of being the only lady manager in the world of a steamship line. Mrs. Alley took over the reins of management of the Alley lines Indravelli and Den of Ruthven, which ply between this port and New Zealand, about a year ago on the death of her husband. Prior to his death she had acted as his secretary, and thereby gained an insight into the managerial duties which she now regards as quite simple. She is a comparatively young woman and extremely vivacious.

CASTRO HAS HEARD NOTHING OF TROUBLES Very Ignorant of Doings in Venezuela—Kaiser Sends Him Message.

London, Dec. 16.—The foreign office today sent a representative to call upon President Castro, of Venezuela, to express the Emperor's thanks for Castro's telegram of greeting. Members of the President's entourage said today that he had received no news of the capture of Venezuelan vessels by the Dutch warships on the coast or of any insurrection in Venezuela.

KING REVIEWS WORLD EVENTS PROROGATION OF BRITISH PARLIAMENT Deep Regret at Conspiracy of Evil Disposed Persons in India.

London, Dec. 21.—King Edward and to the present session of British parliament to-day. Only small muster of members was present to attend the brief prorogation of the session. The King's speech made special reference to the recent visit of American battleship fleet to Australia waters, which His Majesty said "Evident warm feelings of cordiality in dominions, in that quarter of the globe, and was a source of gratification to myself and my government in referring to the conclusion of several important agreements which eliminated causes of contention tending to the consolidation of peace." King says, "among these may be mentioned the treaties with the United States for general arbitration and regulating certain questions between the United States and Canada an agreement for the maintenance of existing territorial status of regions bordering on the North sea."

Continuing, His Majesty expressed gratification at the visit to England of President Fallieres of France and King and Queen of Sweden. Referring to the events in the Balkans, "as calculated to disturb the provision of the Treaty of Berlin," speech says: "There is reason to think that wise and conciliatory courses prevail and that an amicable settlement will be reached with the consent of the Powers who are parties to the treaty."

MILLIONAIRE LEADS ILLINOIS FIRE FIGHT Joe Leiter and His Wife Help Combat Flames in Zeigler Mine.

Zeigler, Ills., Dec. 21.—With a born fire slowly fighting back but of men who have been ceaseless work for days seeking to save the supply of the great Zeigler mine, Chicago millionaire, and beautiful young wife, have been with the workers and are bravely combating the flames. Yesterday Leiter and his wife, former Juliette Williams, of Washington were at the scene of the conflict, was leading the workers with spring energy while on the line, tired but determined, was serving the almost exhausted men coffee and sandwiches, and encouraging them by her presence. Mr. and Mrs. Leiter arrived at Zeigler on a train.

A PSYCHIC CHALLENGE London, Dec. 21.—An unnamed man of Plymouth announces his willingness to accept the challenge of American Society for Psychic Research which offers \$5,000 to a man who, blindfolded and with the spirit medium only, tells the number of oranges that will be spilled on a place some distance behind the man undergoing the test. "My spirit friend and I can go to New York and return again," said, "that is in a spiritualistic way. From my own house I will tell the oranges placed on a table in York."

WHAT SHALL IT BE FOR CHRISTMAS? Here are three of the finest suggestions from the old country. In their particular line, they cannot be equalled anywhere—dollar for dollar they represent the biggest value. The folks at home are buying them this Xmas—have done for years—they enjoy them so well that they recommend them to their kin across the sea. May your Xmas feast be an enjoyable one—it will be if you buy CADBURY'S COCOA and MILK POWDER. King Edward's Chocolates. Milk and Nut Milk Chocolate. THE TEMPTING FLAVOR OF THESE DELICIOUS SWEETMETS IS INDISCRIBABLE. ROLL AROUND YOUR TONGUE—THE FINE NUTS AND THE FLAVOR OF THE MILK CHOCOLATE FAIRLY TANTALIZE THE PALATE. YOUR STOREKEEPER SELLS IT. IF YOUR STOREKEEPER ASKS "WHAT SHALL IT BE FOR XMAS?" SAY Cadbury's OF COURSE. Agents: W. H. MALKIN & Co., Ltd., 57, Water Street, Vancouver, B.C.

Black Watch Remarkable for richness and pleasing flavor. The big black plug cheving tobacco.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 16.—Local option carried in ten municipalities, of Manitoba yesterday and was defeated in the others. Emerson town went dry, but in Morris, Selkirk, Carberry, Russell and Swan River the liquor interests won.

LADIES RINGS One very strong point in our business—perhaps the strongest—is LADIES' RINGS. We pay special attention to this line and consequently show a large and very choice selection. DIAMONDS, PEARLS, RUBIES, EMERALDS, SAPPHIRES, OPALS AND TURQUOISE. Set singly and in combination in all the newest and most approved styles. The values, too, are the very best, and are made possible by personal selection. OPEN EVENINGS. THE J. M. Whitney Co. Diamond Merchants, Jewelers, Silversmiths and Opticians. Old Number 39 Govt. St. New Number 1003 Govt. St.