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GLENFARG HITS VANCOUVER REEF

GROUNDS WHEN AVOIDING COLLISION AT NARROWS

Vessel Discharging Cargo—Coming to Dry Dock for Repairs.

(Special to the Times.)
Vancouver, Dec. 7.—In an effort to avoid a collision with a tug in the fog last night in the Narrows, the Canadian Pacific, Oriental line Glenfarg, outbound, struck a reef. She immediately returned to her wharf here and to-day is discharging fifteen hundred tons of cargo, which will be sent by some other vessel to Oriental ports. The liner will go into drydock immediately. Two plates only are believed to have been smashed, and practically no water got into the hold, up to this morning.

"ALL FOR LOVE."

Jape Flight For White Girl—Restaurant Scene in Los Angeles.
Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 7.—Two Japanese fought for the love of a white girl in the Nippon restaurant, 128 East Second street, on Saturday, and one of them shot the other four times, inflicting serious wounds. Rinzo Kashara, employed as a domestic at Redlands, fired the shot at Raku Takahashi, a waiter in the Nippon.
The girl lives in San Bernardino, where Takahashi was formerly proprietor of a restaurant and waiter. Kashara is said to have come here purposely to slay his rival.
Entering the restaurant on Saturday, he cried out: "I am Kashara I am Kashara!" and opened fire. He is now in jail.

VICE CONSUL SUICIDES.

Prussic Acid Route Chosen by Swedish Representative at St. Louis.
St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 7.—Chas. A. E. Prussic, Swedish vice consul at St. Louis, committed suicide by the prussic acid at his home here to-day. Mr. Echterman came into public notice some time ago through a controversy with federal officials, which resulted in the revocation of his executor by President Roosevelt. Later he was reinstated in the good graces of the administration and resumed his official duties here.

VERDICT IN INGERSOLL CASE.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—The supreme court of the United States to-day decided in favor of Mr. Ingersoll in the case of Mrs. Eva Ingersoll, widow of the late Robert G. Ingersoll, against Joseph Coran and others, involving a claim of \$100,000 by Mrs. Ingersoll on account of services rendered by her husband in breaking the will of the late Andrew J. Davis, a Montana millionaire.

SUICIDE BY SHOOTING.

St. Louis, Dec. 7.—C. W. Blow, manager for the American Linsed Company, shot and killed himself at his home here this morning. At the scene the report of Mr. Blow's death was confirmed, but those in the house would make no statement as to the reason for his act.

SOAP DEAL LAGGING.

Calgary, Dec. 7.—The sale of the Standard Soap Company of this city, by the Royal Crown Soap Company, of Winnipeg and Vancouver, has not been put through. A hitch arises as to the value of property.

BRITAIN FACING BIG DEFICIT.

London, Dec. 7.—Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd-George has admitted for the first time that the deficit for the next fiscal year, in March, England will be spending \$100,000,000 annually more than it takes in. He also admitted that there will be a heavy increase in taxation soon.

BUILDING OF NAVY IS HER OWN BUSINESS

Animated Discussion on Programme in Reichstag—Celebrity in Construction.

Berlin, Dec. 7.—The debate in the Reichstag on Saturday on the imperial budget resulted in an animated discussion of the naval programme. Several speakers of various parties criticized the increased celebrity in building battleships, a fact that was taken as a challenge by other nations.
Herr Basserman, National Liberal, declared that Germany had never objected to the military and naval plans and armaments of other nations, and that she rejected energetically all suggestions from abroad regarding her army and navy, which she would arrange according to her own wish.
During the debate, Lieut.-Col. Colts, a commissioner of the federal council, suffered an attack of hysterics, and had to be carried, shrieking and sobbing, from the building.

LIFEBOAT ADRIFT, MAY MEAN SHIPWRECK

(Special to the Times.)
Port Townsend, Wash., Dec. 7.—Capt. Lindbaum, of the Borealis, which has just arrived in port, reports that 90 miles off Cape Flattery he passed a large white boat half-submerged in the water, so that he was unable to discern the name. He says it appeared to be a large lifeboat of an ocean steamer.

SOLDIERS DIE IN EXPLOSION

MAGAZINE AT CALCUTTA BLOWS UP; 37 CASUALTIES

Eleven Killed and Number of Others Are Fatally Injured.
Calcutta, Dec. 7.—An explosion in the magazine at the military station here to-day resulted in the killing of 11 men and the wounding of 26 others. Most of the injured will die. The casualties were all soldiers and non-commissioned officers.
At the time of the explosion the men were engaged in converting ball cartridges into blank cartridges.
It was at first reported that the accident was the work of agitators, but this rumor was quickly disproved.

STEEL-COAL CASE.

(Special to the Times.)
London, Dec. 7.—The Steel-Coal case argument was concluded before the Privy Council this morning. Messrs. Nesbitt and Danckwerts speaking.

ONTARIO PROTESTS.

(Special to the Times.)
Toronto, Ont., Dec. 7.—The Nipissing protest will probably be a saw-off with the rest of the province.

DIAMOND THIEVES TAKEN.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 7.—The police have captured four notorious diamond thieves.

MANY REBUFS TO ASQUITH GOVERNMENT

May Appeal to Country Next Year—Colonial Representation in Lords.

London, Dec. 7.—The Conservative politicians and press are raising a chorus of joy over the defeat of the government's education bill, and are prophesying the early termination of the Liberal administration.
The collapse of the government's two most pretentious and most carefully prepared measures, within a few days of each other, together with the Liberal defeat in the Middleton parliamentary election, following several successive rebuffs at the polls, give support to the assertion that the Liberals have lost the country's confidence. On this ground the government's opponents are urging it to invite a vote of confidence by going before the country in a general election, and are taunting it with being afraid to do so.
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HARBOR ABLAZE.

Burning Oil Flows Over Waters of Bay at Davenport, N. J.

Bayonne, N. J., Dec. 7.—The explosion of a 75,000 gallon oil tank of the Eagle Oil Works Company, a subsidiary of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, at Davenport, N. J., on Saturday, and the efforts of the Eagle Company's forces to fight the spectacular conflagration that ensued, kept the entire population of the vicinity in a state of ferment until a late hour when the flames were brought under control. The burning oil found an outlet into the waters of the bay, and the spectacle of the blazing harbor surface held hundreds rooted to the spot for hours. The loss is estimated at \$50,000.

CONGRESS IS IN SESSION

CROWDS FLOCK TO SEE MEMBERS ASSEMBLING

Estimated Expenditure for Year 1910 is Nearly 850 Millions.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—The ever-interesting spectacle of the convening of a congress to-day brought to the Capitol building the usual throng of on-lookers, and the other where the opening exercises of the second session of the sixtieth congress were held. For many days the demand for cards to seats in the respective galleries has been so great that when the doors of the massive structure were thrown open at 9 o'clock a crowd more than sufficient to take up the entire seating capacity of the two chambers had assembled. From that time on they came in droves, the corridors on both floors being filled with people surging back and forth, while long lines of men and women stood outside each gallery awaiting an opportunity to get even a peep into the senate or house.

In both bodies among the most interested spectators were the members of the diplomatic corps who were present in goodly numbers. Numerous high officials of the government likewise occupied seats, and they too displayed the keenest interest in the proceedings. The house was called to order at noon. When Vice-President Elmer H. Sherman entered the chamber he was accorded an ovation by his Republican colleagues. Speaker Cannon also received an ovation.

Estimates For 1910.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—The secretary of the United States treasury to-day transmitted to congress the book of estimates of appropriations required for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1910. The total estimates for the year 1910 is \$848,468,485, which exceeds the estimates for 1909 by \$77,900,670.

RAILROADS AND PASSENGERS.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 7.—All railroad companies in the state have been ordered by the public service commission to file with the commission on or before January 1, 1909, a statement as to the methods employed by them respectively in the transmission, filing, arrangement and checking at stations of schedules showing rates, fare, and regulations, applying to the transportation of passengers or property.

LITERARY TREASURES.

London, Dec. 7.—The sale at auction of the first part of the famous library collected by Lord Amherst was concluded on Saturday afternoon. The proceeds from the three days' aggregate were \$80,000 and \$100,000. The highest price paid on Saturday was \$3,250 for a thirteenth century musical manuscript.

DIGNITY ADDED TO ROOSEVELT'S HUNT

Next Year's Tour Now Described as Scientific Expedition.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—President Roosevelt on Saturday, in a statement prepared by Secretary Wadsworth of the Smithsonian institute, made his first announcement regarding the trip to Africa, on which he will start within two weeks after he retires from the presidency. The official statement says in part:
"In March, 1909, Theodore Roosevelt will head a scientific expedition to Africa, outfitted by the Smithsonian institute, and starting from New York city. This expedition will gather natural history materials for the government collections to be deposited by the Smithsonian institute in the new United States national museum at Washington."
"Besides the president and his son, Kermit Roosevelt, the personnel of the party on leaving New York will consist of three representatives of the Smithsonian institute, Major Edgar E. Keams, medical corps United States army (retired), Edmund Heller and J. Allen Loring. On arriving in Africa, the party will be enlarged by the addition of R. J. Cunningham, who is now in Africa preparing the presidential route. He will have charge of a number of native porters, who, with necessary animals, will be formed into a small caravan. Mr. Cunningham is an English fieldman, who has guided numerous parties in Africa."
"The party will reach Mombasa in April, 1909. No detailed itinerary has been decided upon, but the general route will be up the Uganda railway to Nairobi and Lake Victoria Nyanza, a distance of about 650 miles by rail, thence crossing Uganda, and finally passing down the Nile to Cairo. Much of the hunting will be done in British East Africa, where the Uganda railway can be used as a base of supply, and means of ready transportation. At least one great mountain, possibly Mount Kenya, will be visited."
"Khartoum will be reached, if all goes well, about April, 1910. The expedition may be expected to spend about one year on African soil."



THE DAMAGES SUSTAINED BY THE CHARMER

The picture on the left shows the vessel approaching the wharf of the Marine railway. The patch put on by the Salvage Company, after the collision with the screw in the narrows at Vancouver, is seen on the port side of the steamer.

To the right the Charmer is shown being hauled up on the ways. The patch on her bow is partially shown above the water.

FRANTIC SEARCH FOR HIS WIFE'S OPERA GOWN

Amusing Scene on New York Pier—Found in Twenty-first Trunk.

New York, Dec. 7.—The press to-day says: "Twenty-one pieces of baggage were opened on the French liner pier yesterday by one man in an effort to find one gown to be worn by his wife to go to the grand opera in this city, and by the time he was through he had exhausted the Spanish 'cuss' words and drawn heavily on the supply of English."
Both he and his wife knew the opera gown was in one of the twenty-one trunks they had brought with them. Neither knew, however, which trunk contained it. The burden of the search fell upon the man. Cold as the weather was, the perspiration was pouring down his face when finally the twenty-first trunk was opened and the beautiful piece of apparel was uncovered.
The hero who made the search, Leopold Tanco, of Bogota, Colombia, brother of the Colombian minister to Brazil. He and his wife landed here yesterday on the French liner La Touraine.

PRESIDENT DENIES REVOLUTION IN SALVADOR

Says Country is Perfectly Calm—Inhabitants Gathering in Coffee Crop.

Washington, Dec. 7.—President Figueroa, of Salvador, has cabled Minister Mejia, declaring that the reports regarding the alleged sedition spreading in that country are sensational, and that while there was an incipient movement, those implicated were promptly arrested. The leader, former Vice President Prudencia Alfaro, managed to escape, and is now supposed to be making for the frontier where he probably will be captured.
The country is perfectly calm, says President Figueroa, and the inhabitants are busily engaged in gathering the coffee crop.

FIGHT ABOARD SCHOONER.

Salor in Critical Condition Through Being Struck by Iron Bar.

New York, Dec. 7.—In a rough and tumble fight, last night aboard the schooner James Lamphrey, from Philadelphia, anchored at Ellis Island, between Mate George Bailey and one of the crew, and August John Dekrauz, a big Portuguese sailor, Dekrauz is alleged to have hit the mate over the head with an iron bar and cracked his skull. Bailey is in a hospital here in a critical condition. Dekrauz was overpowered and taken ashore a prisoner. He is being held to wait the result of Bailey's injuries.

ELECTION PROTESTS NUMBER SIXTY-SIX

Thirty-five of These in Quebec, Where Feeling Runs High.

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Dec. 7.—Information has reached headquarters here that in all sixty-six protests have been entered. Of these, thirty-five are in Quebec, and it is the general belief that in few cases will any of the petitions ever come to trial, except in Quebec where party passions are running high.

BIG SUBSCRIPTION FOR PANAMA BONDS

Canal Issue Sells at Good Figure—Bids Amounting to \$30,000,000 Accepted.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—Secretary Cortelyou, of the United States treasury, to-day announced that the Panama canal bonds had been sold at a severe shake-up. The lowest accepted bid was at \$102.2778. There were 159 accepted bids amounting to \$30,000,000. Six hundred and seventy-two bids were rejected, amounting to \$7,808,800. The total number of regular bids therefore was 331, subscribing for \$102,808,800.

ELECTION PROTESTS IN WEST.

(Special to the Times.)
Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 7.—Electoral protests have been entered in Manitoba in every seat except Souris and Provost, in Alberta in all but Victoria, and in Saskatchewan only against J. G. Turill in Assiniboia.

NEW IRISH UNIVERSITY.

Dublin, Dec. 7.—The title for the new university, which has been the subject of an acute controversy for some time, was settled to the satisfaction of all parties, when King Edward issued letters of patent constituting it as the National University of Ireland.

TURKEY EXTENDING BOYCOTT.

Berlin, Dec. 7.—A special dispatch received here from Constantinople says that the boycott committee is threatening to extend the existing boycott on Austrian products to German goods in the event of Austrian exports being transferred to warships of France were not sufficiently supplied with ammunition.

FOLLY OF OTSPOKENNESS.

Paris, Dec. 7.—Vive-Admiral P. L. Germinet, commander-in-chief of the French Mediterranean squadron, has been relieved of his command because of the publication of an interview in which he was alleged to have declared that the warships of France were not sufficiently supplied with ammunition.

KING SOLOMON LODGE.

Cochrane, Alta., Dec. 7.—On Friday evening a new Masonic lodge was instituted at Cochrane under the name of the King Solomon lodge.

SATURNALIA OF SUFFRAGETTES

Women Chain Themselves to Chairs—Chancellor of Exchequer Interrupted.

London, Dec. 7.—The gulf between the suffragists and the suffragettes, the latter being the term generally used to describe the militant section of the female agitators, who believe in street riots and attacks on cabinet ministers as the quickest means of attaining the suffrage for women, was further widened on Saturday afternoon by a fierce demonstration indulged in by the suffragettes at Albert Hall, against David Lloyd-George, chancellor of the exchequer.

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The chancellor was addressing a suffrage meeting under the auspices of the Woman's Liberal Association. He was then beyond announcing the intention regarding the problem of woman suffrage, when a great uproar broke out. Strident voices from all parts of the hall shrieked: "We want deeds, not words."
The stewards of the hall, and there were 350 on hand to deal with the anticipated disturbances, at once moved down the aisle on the women who had interrupted the speaker with the idea of ejecting them. They found them chained to their seats.
There then began a confused struggle between them and the women, but finally the chains were cut and the suffragettes expelled. But the numbers of the disorderly element were so great that the hall, and some of the women were armed with whips, and they repelled vigorously every attempt to eject them. There were fierce tussles every few moments in different parts of the hall, and every time Mr. Lloyd-George made an attempt to speak his voice was drowned by mingled groans and cheers.

SIX-DAY CYCLE RACE AT MADISON SQUARE

International Event Started This Morning—Wild Sprinting During Seventh Hour.

Madison Square Garden, N. Y., Dec. 7.—Smashing all hour records except the fifth, sixteen teams kept up a terrific gallop all night in the six-day international bicycle race which began at four minutes after midnight. Madison Square Gardens this morning. The races slackened up a little at the end of the sixth hour, but by continuous sprinting during the seventh hour they established the new figure of 163 miles, 5 laps, which is 5 laps ahead of Elkes, of Montreal, who set the record of 150 miles in a wild sprint, started by Moran just before the end of the eighth hour, and which continued for 27 minutes the standing of the leaders was given a severe shake-up. Faber and La Fourcade led 12 laps, being outdriven all the way. Brocco and Labrousse, who had already lost one lap, lost six more. Root, Devonovitch and Drobach, and Galvin and Wiley, lost one lap each during the sprint. Every man in the sixteen teams was on and off the track a dozen times during the 27 minutes.

PREMIUMS ON LIFE INSURANCE.

New York, Dec. 7.—All the speakers at Saturday's session of the association of life insurance agents agreed that the premium tax should be the same in all states of the union. Equal taxation for both local and outside insurance companies in Canada had proved beneficial, said L. Goldman, of Toronto, and he believed the arguments were even stronger for a pursuance of that policy by the various states of the union.

PARIS SEIZES ISLAND.

Paris, Dec. 7.—Minister of Colonies La Croix has confirmed the report that Oeno island had been taken over by the British consular agent at Tahiti. The island, which is located in the Pacific, ninety miles north of Papeete, of the Tuamotu group, is considered a French strategic point on the Panama-Tahiti route. It is announced that the matter will be made the subject of diplomatic negotiations between France and England.

MEN AND HORSES FALL WITH BRIDGE

Two Members of Artillery Detachment Killed Outright—Number Injured.

Lawson, Okla., Dec. 7.—Privates Bryant and Maxwell of the United States Field Artillery at Fort Sill, were killed outright, and Private Hicks, of the same battery, is not expected to survive, as the result of the breaking of a bridge over which a detachment of artillery were riding on Saturday afternoon.
The party of 25 artillerymen were making a run to a prairie fire northeast on the bridge over Cache creek, when it went down. Some had leaped over and several other men were injured, but not seriously. It was necessary to be saved an impassable condition for several days.

HADDON HALL ARRIVES TO-DAY

BRITISH BARQUE HAD TRYING EXPERIENCES

Lives of Crew in Danger From Collision, Continuous Gales and Shifting Cargo.

(From Monday's Daily.)
After having been in collision with another vessel on the Atlantic, tossed about for six weeks in the South Pacific when rounding the Horn, and with her cargo moved so that she almost foundered, the British barque Haddon Hall, 249 days out from Liverpool, arrived in port this morning and is now tied up at the outer dock. She has a weather beaten appearance and Capt. Pookes admitted this morning that it was the worst voyage he ever made. She has a general cargo consigned to Robert Ward & Co., and has been expected for some time.
The Haddon Hall left Liverpool on April 2nd and had a fair run across the Atlantic altogether devoid of adventure until just about in latitude 40 near the coast of South America, making for Cape Horn. There she collided with the steamer Amsterdam almost end on, and suffered serious damage. One of her ports was knocked in and the water rushed in at such a rate that the ship was in danger of foundering. So great was the danger that the boats were provisioned and all made ready for lowering. It took a long time to put on a patch for the Haddon Hall on an iron vessel and it is difficult to mend holes in such craft. A frame-work had to be built around the hole and then a cement plug put in. The accident took place at half past five in the evening, and it was morning before the water was stopped from pouring in. The boats were once more stowed and sail set for Montevideo. A good deal of damage was done to the ship other than to the hull. The top gallant mast was brought down from the force of the impact. The upper topsail yard was also broken and the foremast washed off the slings.
The repairs took nearly two months to complete. The ship was once more under way on Cape Horn. Here the troubles again commenced. They had passed the Horn and just turned north when she was met by a nor-westerly gale against which she made no headway. For six weeks she remained in practically the same spot except for one bolt north which, however, did her no good as she was driven back to the starting point again. Twenty-two gales followed each other in quick succession and the crew suffered terribly. Sometimes the cabins were washed out of bed and then snow and sleet would follow. On one occasion the cargo shifted, chiefly the pilgrim, of which she carries a good deal. It was washed over so that the cabins were half under water and the deck rail was out of sight. The crew worked like Trojans, behaving splendidly under these trying circumstances.
On September 1st the ship got away running before a southwest gale under lower topsails and for two days continued on her course, making 300 miles or more. Then they were met by a norwester which carried her back to almost the spot from which they started. Then there was a winding around, in and out, so that her course marked on the chart looks as intricate as a puzzle maze. At one time no less than five hands were laid up as the result of the water and there was out of time when one or two were not lying in their beds. The mate, steward, carpenter and sailmaker were the only ones left.
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AMERICAN LINE... Heavy Damage to G. T. R. Property... Docks Ablaze at Portland, Me... Steamers Moored to Wharves Endangered—Large Amount of Freight Destroyed... Education Bill is Withdrawn... FATE OF MEASURE BEFORE BRITISH HOUSE... No Solution to Deadlock Between Government and Church... FRAMING CODE OF LAWS FOR NAVAL WARFARE... Conference of Powers Called By Great Britain Opens Sittings in London... VENEZUELAN SINK BRITISH STEAMER... Strange Action Follows Confiscation of Lady Kensington—Crew Imprisoned... NORTHWEST MAY SHIP WHEAT TO MEXICO... C. P. R. Will Give Reasonable Rate to Coast Good Prospects for Trade... FOUND GUILTY OF RESTRAINING TRADE... Verdict in Salt Lake City Railroad Conspiracy Case... CLOSING SCENE IN WAR WITH TOBACCO TRUST... Independent Manufacturers Awarded 20,000,000 Pounds—Fight Lasted Two Years... RIVER ENCROACHING ON PINE BLUFF, ARK... Government Dyke Gives Way Through Force Caused by Dynamite... POLICY OF CHINA... BOISE SCHOOL GUTTED... Deaf, Dumb and Blind Pupils March Out in Perfect Order... MURDER OF SUICIDE... DRUGS AND CRIME... DIPHTHERIA IN LUMBER CAMPS... G. T. P. APPOINTMENT... MONTREAL, DEC. 4.—A circular issued yesterday by the Vice Consul announced the appointment of A. B. Smith, manager of Grand Trunk Pacific telegraphs, as superintendent of time service and watch inspection, with headquarters at Winnipeg.

DOCKS ABLAZE AT PORTLAND, ME.

HEAVY DAMAGE TO G. T. R. PROPERTY Steamers Moored to Wharves Endangered—Large Amount of Freight Destroyed.

Portland, Maine, Dec. 4.—A fire broke out in the freight shed of No. 1 dock of the Grand Trunk railroad early this morning, gained great headway and half an hour later had spread to No. 2 dock, and fanned by a strong easterly breeze threatened to sweep across all the eight docks owned by the company. Help was asked from Livingston, Auburn, Bath and Biddeford to fight the fire.

At 1.45 a.m. the freight shed on No. 1 and No. 2 docks were burning fiercely and the entire fire fighting force of the city seemed powerless to prevent a much greater destruction of property. Three steamships—the Ervona, of the Thompson line; the Cornishman, of the Dominion line, and a whaleback tramp—were tied at the wharves, but it was thought that none of these would be damaged. The Cornishman, which was in dock four, nearest the fire was wrapped into the stream and preparations were made to remove the other vessels from the docks about the fire spread dangerously near them. Two conveyors or runways attached to the elevators were torn down to prevent the flames from the freight shed from communicating with these structures. The elevators are valued at upwards of \$2,000,000.

The flames spread from No. 2 to No. 3 dock, but at this point seemed to be under control. The steamer Cornishman caught fire at one time, but the blaze was extinguished with very little damage. The loss at 2.30 o'clock was confined to docks Nos. 1, 2 and 3, which were practically destroyed with their freight sheds. Two of these sheds were well filled with flour, baled hay and other valuable merchandise, intended to form the cargoes of the Cornishman and the Ervona.

The loss in freight will probably amount to \$100,000. The docks were estimated to be worth \$10,000 each. The entire property of the Grand Trunk here is valued at \$6,000,000.

BRITISH STEAMER Strange Action Follows Confiscation of Lady Kensington—Crew Imprisoned.

St. Vincent, B. W. I., Dec. 4.—Capt. Jewett, of the British trading steamer Lady Kensington, arrived here on Wednesday from Caracas, Venezuela. This steamer was seized some ten weeks ago by the Venezuelan authorities of Margarata, an island in the Caribbean sea, belonging to Venezuela and the crew and passengers were detained as prisoners.

Capt. Jewett yesterday said that on November 25th the Venezuelan government sent the passengers and crew home by steamer via Colon, but that the Lady Kensington had been reported that the steamer has been liberally sent by the Venezuelan officials at Margarata. An inquiry into the whole occurrence is being conducted here and the statement of Capt. Jewett has been taken down by the local administration.

G. T. R. EARNINGS. Montreal, Dec. 4.—Grand Trunk railway traffic earnings for the period ending November 30th decreased by \$151,469, the total being respectively \$1,022,381 for 1908, and \$1,164,440 for 1907.

GERMAN CONSUL FOR WEST. Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 4.—Hugo Carstens, owner of the Der Nordwesten, has been appointed German Consul for the three Western provinces.

VIRDEN BY-ELECTION. Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 4.—Viriden Conservatives have nominated H. C. Simpson as the government candidate in the by-election, made necessary by the death of Hon. J. H. Agnew.

EDUCATION BILL IS WITHDRAWN. London, Dec. 4.—In consequence of the inability of the government to come to an agreement with the church party regarding the education bill, the measure has been withdrawn from the House of Commons. This announcement was made by Premier Asquith in the House of Commons to-day.

FATE OF MEASURE BEFORE BRITISH HOUSE. With the deadlock between the government and the church, followed the demand made by the Archbishop of Canterbury for a larger grant for non-rate aided schools than the government was willing to allow.

FRAMING CODE OF LAWS FOR NAVAL WARFARE. Conference of Powers Called By Great Britain Opens Sittings in London.

London, Dec. 4.—The conference of the powers, called by Great Britain, for the framing of a code of laws for naval warfare and for the information of the International Prize Court recommended by the Hague congress, was opened at the foreign-office to-day.

At the request of the British government, the powers which accepted invitations to take part in the conference have forwarded a list of subjects, which they consider should be discussed. The United States, France, Great Britain, Germany, Italy, Austro-Hungary, Russia, Spain, Holland and Japan will be represented. The American delegates are Rear Admiral Charles Stockton and Prof. Geo. Grafton Wilson, of Brown University. Great Britain will be represented by the Earl of Desart and Captain L. O'Leary, director of naval intelligence and secretary of the committee of imperial defence.

An address of welcome was delivered by Foreign Secretary Grey. At the suggestion of Germany the powers discussed their views on various points. Great Britain, the United States and Japan are agreed in principle, at least on the most important proposals, and they may be expected to work in accordance with the probable support of France.

There are wide differences of opinion between those powers and the other six countries represented. Great Britain stands alone in supporting the rights of a belligerent to search neutral merchantmen proceeding to an enemy's port under the escort of a warship flying the same flag. She claims the right of search under these circumstances, while the other powers contend that the guarantee of a neutral power should be sufficient to protect its vessels from molestation. It is probable, however, that Great Britain will concede this in return for some other she considers more essential.

SHAH FAVORS A CONSTITUTION

PERSIA'S RULER MAKES DEFINITE ANNOUNCEMENT. Gradual Development of System is Necessary—Situation in Tabriz.

Teheran, Dec. 4.—His Majesty the Shah of Persia granted an audience yesterday afternoon to the local representative of the Associated Press and expressed a keen desire to dissipate some of the false impressions regarding his attitude on constitutionalism. His Majesty asserted his belief in a constitution in emphatic terms.

"I consider the institution of a constitution as essentially necessary for the advancement of Persia and the wellbeing and prosperity of the Persian people," he said. "I realize what a great source of progress parliamentary government has been to the other nations, but the deplorable results of the recent institution at Teheran of the Mellis (national assembly) give ample proof of the necessity for a gradual development of the system in this country. The Mellis proved to be actually retrogressive instead of progressive, and the experience of the people with the Mellis led to a widespread movement against a revival of the constitution, under which the intelligent masses anticipated a return of the evils to which they were subjected under the first assembly.

"It is necessary that the people be brought gradually to appreciate the value of these institutions, and this may be done by the fact that there are two parties in the country, one for and one against a constitution, but it is precisely for this reason that I fear a hasty decision might lead to disturbances which I am anxious to avoid. The work of the last Mellis caused sufficient trouble and bloodshed.

The council of state which I have summoned will deal with all these questions. It is true that the members of this council are not deputies, but from this small beginning I hope that the council ultimately will develop into an important assembly. I hope to train my people properly to appreciate a larger constitutional regime."

Referring to the existing situation at Tabriz, His Majesty said: "It is a mistake to suppose that the population of this city wants a constitution, and that it would be pacified, were one granted. Similar disturbances were prevented a year ago in Tabriz, while the population of this city, the people of Tabriz, are naturally revolutionaries, including, as they do, a large number of Caucasians."

NORTHWEST MAY SHIP WHEAT TO MEXICO. Calgary, Dec. 4.—Assistant General Freight Agent Halstead has this to say regarding the grain situation in Mexico.

"We are very desirous that Alberta grain dealers and shippers should find possible markets, and at present Mexico promises to be an extensive importer of wheat. The C. P. R. is prepared to set a very reasonable rate on grain shipped to that country. We have connections with Mexican ports by steamship lines on the Pacific coast, and can so operate as to give a rate which would be well worth while.

"On the other hand, should the duty be removed from flour, or sufficiently reduced, western Canadian millers can easily compete in the Mexican flour markets. I am following the situation closely, and expect to be able to furnish further information about the Mexican flour market shortly. We are particularly anxious that the millers of Alberta should co-operate with us in this matter."

SAFE CRACKERS IN LIMBO. Minneapolis Police Believe They Have Rounded Up a Dangerous Gang.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 4.—A special from Minneapolis says: Nine men, supposed to be members of a gang of professional safe-crackers, wanted in various towns of the Northwest and from points in Canada, were captured here in a raid on rooms at 23 Eastman avenue, the Nicollet Island, by a Pinkerton detective, Ole Ringdahl, of St. Paul, and four Mill City officers. A complete outfit of explosives and various accessories commonly used by safe-crackers was confiscated.

The catch is considered by the police of the Twin Cities to be most important. The men under arrest give these names: G. E. Howard, Thomas Burner, Edward Leburg, Harry Dean, W. J. Stols, Joseph Brown, Mike Birmingham, John Baker and Gustaf Peterson.

RAILWAY COMMISSION TO COME TO COAST. Members Will Investigate Disputed Questions in British Columbia.

Ottawa, Dec. 4.—The board of railway commissioners will make a mid-winter trip to the Pacific coast to deal with matters in dispute at various western points. Announcement to this effect was made by Chairman Mabee, in connection with the hearing of the application of the Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern Railway and Navigation Company for authority to take additional lands for the diversion of their road in the municipality of Delta, in New Westminster district.

The board decided to take under consideration the complaint of the Board of Trade of Guernsey, Sask., that the C. P. R. rates on grain to Fort William and points east discriminate in favor of other shipping stations in the same territory. The board of trade was not represented before the commission. On behalf of the C. P. R. it was stated that a shorter-line to Guernsey is being built, and when it is completed that station will get better rates.

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SEVENTEEN DIE IN TERRIFIC STORM

FISHING VESSELS WRECKED ON NEWFOUNDLAND COAST. Ten Vessels Driven Ashore—Most of Them Dashed to Fragments.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 4.—Seventeen persons perished in a storm which lashed the Newfoundland coast for 48 hours.

In all, ten fishing vessels have gone ashore, most of them breaking into fragments on the rocks. The victims of the gale were members of the crews of three of these craft.

The fishermen were all residents of Newfoundland fishing villages. The storm began on Tuesday evening and developed into a blizzard. A northerly gale caught many small schooners and sloops off the coast, and in scudding for harbor before the blast many of the crews lost their bearing in the thick snowstorm.

IMPROVING CALGARY. Calgary, Dec. 4.—On Wednesday the city paid out \$7,055.58 for two weeks' pay to the city employees as follows: Gravity system, \$2,700.45; electric light, \$1,377.60; new mains, \$1,333.45; and public works, \$1,483.58. During the month of November Grain Inspector Hill inspected 773 cars of grain, against 400 cars in the same month of 1907.

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STANDARD OIL PROSECUTION. Suit Against Company in Ohio Comes to Sudden Termination.

Pindlay, Ohio, Dec. 4.—Standard Oil Company prosecution in this county came to a sudden termination to-day when, at the request of Prosecuting Attorney David, all the indictments against the company were "quashed."

PROSECUTOR: David's action resulted from the fact that all illegal practices that he sought to have corrected are thought to be eliminated, and further that suits against the Standard company are now being prosecuted by the attorney-general of the United States, and the attorney-general of Ohio, and in the federal courts of Missouri.

TO MAKE LORDS ELECTIVE BODY. PLAN OF REFORM IN BRITISH UPPER HOUSE. Suggested Representation From Canada and Other Parts of Empire.

London, Dec. 4.—The report of the select committee of the House of Lords appointed to suggest a plan for the reform of the upper house was issued yesterday. The committee finds it undesirable that the possession of a peerage should of itself give the right to sit and vote in the House of Lords, and it recommends that qualifications should be the main test of admission to the reformed house.

It then sets forth that all hereditary peers should be formed into an electoral body for the purpose of electing two hundred of their number to sit and vote as the Lords of parliament, not for life but for a single parliament; that the spiritual lords of parliament be reduced to ten, to be elected by the bishops, the two archbishops sitting during the tenure of their sees, and the other eight for the duration of parliament; that Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa have official representation in the House of Lords; that a number of hereditary peers, estimated at 120, possessing certain qualifications should sit without the necessity of election, these to include men who have held the post of cabinet minister, viceroys, governor-general of Canada and governor-general of any of the larger colonies, and naval and military officers of high rank, and that twenty years' service in the House of Commons shall entitle one to a seat among the peers.

This plan will give the reformed House of Lords about 350 members, namely, three peers of the royal blood, 200 peers to be elected, about 130 qualified hereditary peers, 10 spiritual lords and 8 judges.

The report adds that the commission feels that the party in power in the House of Commons should be able to count on a substantial following in the House of Lords, but as opinions as to the best means of attaining this object are so diverse, it is unable to make any recommendations.

CLOSING SCENE IN WAR WITH TOBACCO TRUST. Independent Manufacturers Awarded 20,000,000 Pounds—Fight Lasted Two Years.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 4.—Practically the closing scene and transaction in the great, bitterly-fought Burleigh tobacco war with the Tobacco Trust, during the last two years, was witnessed here to-day when the representatives of the independent tobacco factories in all parts of the country met to appoint the tobacco secured by the Independent Manufacturers' Association. The quantity secured by the Independent Manufacturers' Association was 25 per cent or 20,000,000 pounds, which will be divided among the independents.

ITALY'S VIEW OF BALKAN QUESTION

EX-PREMIER OPPOSES AUSTRIAN ACTION. Will Increase Military Defences to Guarantee Peace—Rumors of War.

Rome, Dec. 4.—In the chamber of deputies to-day ex-Premier Fortis, who is now head of the majority in the present cabinet, delivered a remarkable address, in which he openly opposed the recent action of Austria-Hungary in the Balkans. Italy, he said, had not claimed compensations because the Italian government hopes that the day will soon come when Italy will be in a position to say to Austria-Hungary that she must stop increasing her armaments or that both countries will resume their liberty of action.

Signor Fortis said that Italy foresaw war only through her allies' warlike preparations, and he added that the whole country is agreed upon the necessity of making new sacrifices for military defence so that peace must be guaranteed.

The address of Signor Fortis was received with enthusiasm, indicating Italy's intention of remaining a member of the triple alliance only on condition that she be free from threats resulting from Austrian action.

Warlike Rumors. The latest advances received here from Constantinople indicate a more peaceful condition.

Bombardment Story Denied. Buda Pesth, Dec. 4.—The reports current here to-day that Montenegrin forces began bombarding Cattaro, an Austrian seaport in the Adriatic sea, dominated by Montenegrin territory at 9 o'clock this morning, have been declared by the way of Nice to be absolutely without foundation.

CHANCE REMARK LEADS TO RECOVERY OF NECKLACE. Gems Worth \$15,000, Stolen at Memphis, Ark Found in New York.

New York, Dec. 4.—A chance remark to Police Inspector McCafferty, of this city, by the young son of one of his friends that he knew a man who had a nice necklace for sale, led to the recovery to-day by Garrett E. Lamb, of Clinton, Iowa, of a pearl necklace said to be worth \$15,000, which had been lost since last February.

McCafferty called to see the necklace and seized it. He was told by the man who had it in his possession, a dealer in musical instruments, that a Los Angeles pawnbroker had sent it to him for disposal here. After diligent inquiries all over the country on the part of the New York police, a circular was obtained offering a reward of \$2,000 for the return of just such a pearl necklace as the one that had been seized here. Then followed the visit of Mr. Lamb to New York, accompanied by a representative of the Chicago jewelry firm from which the necklace had been purchased. Identification by both men was complete.

RIVER ENCROACHING ON PINE BLUFF, ARK. Government Dyke Gives Way Through Force Caused by Dynamite.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Dec. 4.—The government dyke against which the force of the water was thrown by the dynamiting of the opposite shore of the Arkansas river last night, gave way and the steep bank at this point is fast crumbling. Dynamiting has been resumed in an effort to relieve the present endangered section of the city.

POLICY OF CHINA. Pekin, Dec. 4.—An imperial edict issued yesterday pledges the throne to continue the policy inaugurated by the Emperor Kwang-Su, and especially the programme which provides for the granting of a constitution for the Empire at the end of nine years.

BOISE SCHOOL GUTTED. Deaf, Dumb and Blind Pupils March Out in Perfect Order.

Boise, Idaho, Dec. 4.—The school temporarily occupied by the forty deaf, dumb and blind inmates, was burned this morning, the forty marching out in perfect order. Many state records were destroyed. The loss is estimated at ten thousand dollars.

MURDER OF SUICIDE. Vancouver, Dec. 3.—The decomposed body of a Japanese, not yet identified, was found floating in Coal harbor this afternoon. The throat revealed a great gash, the neck indicates two wounds as from a knife, while several front teeth are missing, the jaw bearing marks of violence.

DRUGS AND CRIME. Toronto's ex-Water Rate Comptroller Found Guilty of Stealing \$2,200.

Toronto, Dec. 4.—Geo. Adamson, former water rate comptroller for the city of Toronto, was found guilty of stealing \$2,200 from the city and remanded for trial. Evidence was adduced that Adamson suffered from mental weakness induced by the use of drugs.

DIPHTHERIA IN LUMBER CAMPS. Prince Albert, Sask., Dec. 4.—An epidemic of diphtheria has broken out in the lumber camps. Three are quarantined and about twenty are ill.

G. T. P. APPOINTMENT. Montreal, Dec. 4.—A circular issued yesterday by the Vice Consul announced the appointment of A. B. Smith, manager of Grand Trunk Pacific telegraphs, as superintendent of time service and watch inspection, with headquarters at Winnipeg.

ASHCROFT DISTRICT IS MAKING PROGRESS

Land Being Sub-divided* for Fruit Growing—Mining Outlook.

(From Saturday's Daily). Dr. George Sanson, of Ashcroft, who was on the steamer Charmer at the time of the collision, arrived here yesterday on the Princess Victoria on private business, and will leave for his home to-night.

This spring, he says, there will be over 1750,000 worth of land in Ashcroft subdivided into five and ten acre lots for fruit raising purposes. On Langley's ranch 3,000 acres are to be subdivided, while owners of smaller acreages propose to act in the same manner.

Towards the subdivision of the large land area in the Ashcroft district, he says, the owners are now building extensive flumes for the purpose of conveying water on to each lot for irrigation purposes, which another land owner is getting a ditch surveyed from the Bonaparte River to land proposed to be subdivided.

A high grade copper property in the Highland valley about 27 miles from Ashcroft is now under bond to a Butte mining company, which will ship ore by sleighs this winter. The proposition shows an eight foot ledge with average assays of nine per cent. Prospecting in the Highland valley has been going on for years, but the low price of copper has acted as a hindrance to development. The people, however, are now going in in numbers and with the Nicola coal near for smelting purposes the mining outlook is, in Dr. Sanson's opinion, extremely good for the district.

The Nicola coal people intend building a coke oven at once and to follow it with a smelter to take care of the output from the mines. This will cause a big impetus in mining in the district. The mining investors of the Highland valley have extremely good facilities with regard to transportation, as from their position they only require a three-mile road to connect with the main wagon road to Nicola and Ashcroft.

The prospects for fruit growing, says Dr. Sanson, are equal to any locality in the province. Ashcroft, being situated in the dry belt, can grow all classes of fruit successfully, and in season two weeks earlier than any other fruit raising district of the province. With the subdivisions proposed, and the opening up of the copper claims, a great impetus to the industries of the Ashcroft district is expected.

The C. P. R. has decided upon a reduction in rate by the steamer Joan between Vancouver and Nanaimo, as was asked for by a representative delegation from Nanaimo. The fares will in future be \$1.60 single and \$2.50 return. The old rate was \$2 and \$3. The Ashcroft commercial agents have reduced from \$1.25 to \$1.20, and for the theatrical companies from \$1.20 to \$1.30.

By request of Mrs. Dunsmuir the date for the fancy dress Cinderella for children and young people at Government House has been changed from Tuesday, December 29th, to Monday, December 28th. The account of the Cinderella dance are now on and may be obtained from the Daughters of Pity, Mrs. Hasell, Challoner & Mitchell, Redfern, Hibben, and at the Alexandra Club.

The manager of the Home for Aged and Infirm acknowledges with thanks the following donations for the month of November: Mrs. H. K. Prior, stationery; Mrs. Reid (Oak Bay), Lloyd's Weekly; Mrs. L. J. Quagliotto, San Francisco papers; Mrs. H. D. Helmsken, illustrated papers and magazines; Mrs. E. W. Pearce, illustrated London News; Mrs. J. M. Perkins, clothing; Mrs. H. T. Knot, two boxes reading matter; A. Friend, clothing and Collier's Weekly; Sons of St. George supper committee, bread, cakes and sandwiches; N. Shakespeare, reading matter; Jas. Morrison, reading matter; Mr. Allen, London Weekly Dispatch; Standard Stationery Company, magazines; Messrs. Hibben & Co., magazines; Victoria Daily Times and Colonist; Peoples' Press, Western Clarion and B. C. Poultryman.

Notwithstanding the popular opinion to the contrary, women have, as a rule, much coarser hair than men.

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Built of wood, the St. Croix is 240 feet long and has ninety staterooms and a capacity for about 400 second-class passengers. She was built at Bath, Me.

The vessel will be placed in the Seattle-Nome passenger and freight service when she reaches the Pacific. It is expected the St. Croix will sail this month, but her departure may be delayed a few days because of negotiations with a party of Middle Western merchants and manufacturers, who wish to go around in the vessel to the Pacific for business reasons, stopping off at important South American cities on both east and west coasts.

(From Monday's Daily.) Steamer City of Puebla arrived from San Francisco last night, bringing 98 passengers and about 200 tons of freight. Among this was a shipment of the Victoria Chemical Works. The following passengers departed here: Geo. H. Stevens, H. W. Wheeler and wife, Frank Lebarde, A. Humphrey and two second class.

Tom Richardson, the well known manager of the Portland's Commercial Club, will be able to come to Victoria in January. A message from him, dated of which was made in Saturday's Times, Mr. Richardson has written the honorary secretary of the Tourist Association that he will be able to come to Victoria some time in January if it so desired.

"HONEYMOON SHIP."

Princess Charlotte Receives Nickname—C. P. R. Asked to Furnish Wives.

That graceful vessel, the Princess Charlotte, now on her way to Victoria, has already been nicknamed the C. P. R. Honeymoon Ship owing to the bridal chambers that were fitted up in her by Fairfields for the benefit of British Columbia, says the Standard of Empire. But bridal chambers are apparently not enough. The railway is now being asked to supply the wives as well. Here is a letter received from a well-known mining centre by one of the C. P. R. agents:

"Dear Sir,—I have been making a study of the Japanese woman, and I have decided that she makes a good wife. It is upon this subject I write to find out if possible the best method to pursue to get acquainted; also if the buying of girls from their parents is still customary among the middle class. It is my intention to visit Japan before long. I expect to go via your line, and any information you can give me I assure you will be gratefully received. At the same time you in advance, I am yours sincerely, etc., etc."

MANY STREETS GETTING PERMANENT PAVEMENT

Road Improvements Going Ahead Rapidly—Government Street Next.

Good progress is being made with the street paving works at present in hand. Broughton street is completed from Douglas to Wharf except for a couple of yards at the lower end. Courtney street has been finished from Douglas to Government streets, and the workmen are now busy on Gordon street, between Broughton and Courtney streets.

The block-paving on Government street, continuing on from the end of the new pavement at Johnson street, will be taken hold of next week. Work has been held back until the double system of water mains had been laid for the domestic and high pressure fire protection services had been put in, but as this work has been done all is ready for the paving.

DEATH OF PROMINENT RESIDENT OF CITY

Gordon F. Grant Passed Away After Prolonged Illness.

(From Monday's Daily.) On Saturday, Gordon F. Grant passed away after a prolonged illness at his home on the Saanich road. Mr. Grant was very well known in this city, where he had made his residence for many years.

He was a native of Pictou, Nova Scotia, where he was born 66 years ago. About forty years ago he came to the Pacific coast and as a marine engineer was identified with the shipping on the coast during all that time. He was engaged in connection with the construction of the drydock at Esquimalt and later was associated with the late Capt. Deveraux in the bucket dredge, which for some years did service here. When put in commission Mr. Grant became chief engineer and later went to England to act as chief engineer in the Quadra built for Dominion government service. In this capacity he acted up to about a year ago, when falling health forced him to retire from his position on the government steamer.

About a month ago he took a decided change for the worse, as he passed away on Saturday.

He is survived by his widow. Two sons, W. Pollard Grant and Gordon M. Grant, live in Vancouver. Of his daughters, Mrs. N. Rant lives in Victoria, Mrs. A. Davey in New York, and three are unmarried residing at home.

The funeral will take place to-morrow at 2 p. m. from his late residence, 964 Saanich road.

LAID AT REST.

New Westminster, Dec. 4.—In accordance with the last wishes of the late John A. Paterson, reeve of Delta municipality, the remains were yesterday interred in the I. O. O. F. cemetery in this city, the service being conducted by St. Andrew's church and the graveside by Rev. W. M. White, of Ladner, assisted by Rev. J. S. Henderson. The funeral was very largely attended by relatives and the many friends of the deceased both from the city and district, and large quantities of flowers covered the grave. The pallbearers were all residents of Delta and close friends of the deceased: H. N. Rich, N. A. McDiarmid, R. McKee, J. B. Elliott, J. Honeyman, W. Smellie.

CREMATED THROUGH SMOKING.

Niagara Falls, Ont., Dec. 5.—William Allott, a hermit who lived alone with a dog in a hut near here, has been cremated. He was an inveterate smoker, and is supposed to have set the shack afire while smoking in bed.

CATALOGUE FREE

Office, Greenhouse & Seedhouse 3010 Westminster Road VANCOUVER, B. C. Branch Nurseries, Malibu Hill and Northey, Vancouver.

CONDEMNED PRISONER ATTACKS THE WARDEN

Assault Made Upon Official of Jail at New Westminster.

(From Monday's Daily.) Superintendent of Provincial Police Eusey this morning received a telephone message from the provincial jail at New Westminster to the effect that Warden Brymner had been severely assaulted this morning by one of the three prisoners occupying condemned cells. At the time of the assault the warden was making an inspection and was set upon by the prisoner and attacked with a piece of broken glass. Severe injuries were inflicted, and the warden's life saved by the quick actions of those near him. He will be under medical treatment for some time, as he was badly cut about the face and suffered from considerable loss of blood.

COUNTY COURT.

Cases That Will Come Up For Hearing at Next Sitting.

(From Saturday's Daily.) The December term of the County court opens on Monday, and there are twenty-two cases down for hearing. In addition to adjourned cases and judgment summonses there are the following new cases set down:

Frank Crompton vs. B. C. Electric Co.—An action for \$1,000 damages for an electric shock received while sawing wood in the cellar of his residence, the saw coming in contact with a lightning wire. The defence is that the accident was the result of plaintiff's negligence or was an unavoidable accident. J. A. Alkman, for plaintiff; McPhillips & Heisterman, for defendants.

G. E. R. vs. Oliphant—An action for \$101.94 balance alleged to be due on a freight bill through a lower rate having been charged than should have been. G. A. McMullen, for company; McPhillips & Heisterman, for defendant.

Victoria Machinery Depot vs. Joseph Suatras, master of steamer Delta.—An action for \$155 for goods supplied. Sydney Child, for plaintiff; Moresby & O'Reilly, for defendant.

Jay & Garrard vs. Sutton.—A suit for \$500, amount of a cheque given in payment for lands and stopped at the bank. Defendant claims that plaintiffs did not carry out their agreement, and counter claims for \$140. Bernard Robertson, for plaintiffs; McPhillips & Heisterman, for defendant.

Touiden vs. Turk.—Action for \$17 by waitress for wages. Defendant pleading no agreement, and that plaintiff left in the middle of the month without notice. Bradshaw & Davis for plaintiff; George Morphy, for defendant.

Wetenhall vs. Brackman & Ker.—A suit for \$300 damages for breach of contract, defendants denying any agreement. C. J. Prior, for plaintiff; Bernard Robertson, for defendants.

Richard vs. Kynaston.—Action for \$480.46 for work done and materials supplied for a building. The account is disputed and \$500 of a counter claim filed. J. A. Alkman, for plaintiff; A. J. Kitto, for defendant.

B. C. Marine Railway Co. vs. Stewart & McEachern.—Action to recover \$200 secured by a bond given to the sheriff in a replevin action. Eberts & Taylor for plaintiffs; McMill & Bird, Vancouver, for defendants.

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STEAMERS FOR G. T. P. COASTING SERVICE

Report From Montreal Says Company is to Place Orders for Two Vessels.

Further confirmation that the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company is to put a line of steamers on the coast run between Prince Rupert and Victoria, calling at intermediate points, is contained in the following dispatch from Montreal: "Early in the coming year orders for two steel-built ocean-going vessels will be placed with a firm in the British Isles. The contract will call for their completion early in 1910. The proposed steamers will incorporate the latest improvements in ship-building. They will have a maximum speed of twenty-one knots an hour."

The G. T. P. according to the above dispatch are not going to allow their waterfront property in Victoria to remain idle long. Recently they gave notice to those concerned that they wished immediate possession of the property which indicated that work was likely to be done on the valuable frontage they bought this summer in the Inner harbor.

COUNTY COURT JURIES ARE CONDEMNED

Judge Lampman Paid Compliment to Them—Disposition of Cases.

(From Monday's Daily.) Victoria County court juries were highly commended this morning by Judge Lampman as the best that can be had. It was the first day of the December term and his Honor was fixing dates for trials. One of the cases to come up is that in which Frank Crompton vs. the B. C. Electric Railway Company for \$1,000 damages for injuries sustained by coming in contact with a lightning wire in his cellar.

J. A. Alkman, for the plaintiff, asked for a jury trial, and H. G. S. Heisterman, for defendants, suggested a special jury. It was pointed out, however, that County court juries are selected from the common and special jury panels, and it was decided to proceed with a jury trial.

"And you get the best possible jury in that way," commented the judge. "I have always found the juries we get in this court exceptionally good, and I have never heard any lawyer or litigant complain."

The trial was fixed for Wednesday, December 16th. Other dates fixed were: Geiger vs. Morton (Duncan), Thursday, December 17th; Richard vs. Kynaston, Friday, December 18th; Touiden vs. Turk, Friday, December 18th, 11 a. m.

B. C. Marine Railway Company vs. Stewart & McEachern, Tuesday, December 15th, 11 a. m. Richard vs. Kynaston, Friday, December 18th, 11 a. m. Wetenhall vs. Brackman-Ker Company, Tuesday, December 22nd, 11 a. m. Verrinder vs. Lamb, settled out of court.

Dickenson vs. Merrifield, Allen vs. Grant, Terry vs. Grant, Morris vs. McCallum and C. P. R. vs. Oliphant, stand over until January term.

International Text Book Company vs. Robertson, Toys vs. Sutton and Victoria Machinery Depot Company vs. Quatros, stand for date to be fixed.

METHODIST CHURCH TAKES REVERE HOUSE

After Much Litigation Possession Was Taken of Premises To-day.

(From Monday's Daily.) The "Corona," formerly known as the "Revere House," 837 Pandora street, this morning passed finally after considerable litigation, into the hands of the Methodist church, which took possession of the property. The Missionary Society have purchased the property for the purpose of turning it into a Japanese temple.

The Revere House was one of the first built in Victoria. It passed through the hands of various tenants, until finally taken over for use as a boarding house by Mrs. George Rosch. The sale to the church was made at the end of about a year and a half tenancy of Mrs. Rosch, when the trustees asked for possession of the property purchased. Mrs. Rosch declined to give possession without six months' notice, and legal proceedings followed. It was decided by the court that thirty days' additional notice should be given to the tenant. When this was not given later the trustees took the matter into the county court and obtained a verdict between two and three months ago from Judge Lampman. Mrs. Rosch, however, required time to move her business into another suitable establishment, and for the last two months has been making plans. These, however, have not matured, and the church requiring the premises on Saturday last informed Mrs. Rosch they would take possession to-day, which they did, and removed the furniture to storage rooms. Some thirty old boarders were surprised this morning at the sudden notice, and went out into the rain to seek fresh quarters.

CONFIRMATION SERVICES.

(From Monday's Daily.) At Christ church cathedral last night Bishop Ferrin conducted confirmation services, at which there were confirmed nineteen boys and fifteen girls. There was a very large attendance present. Hymns appropriate to the occasion were sung and the bishop delivered an impressive address to those who were present.

TUG HOPE SALVED AT DODD'S NARROWS

William Joliffe Went to Her Assistance Saturday Night.

The tug Hope, belonging to the J. Sayward mill, went ashore on Saturday at Dodd's Narrows, about fifteen miles from Nanaimo, on Saturday night. The William Joliffe, of the B. C. Salvage Company, had only just come in with the Charmer when the news arrived, and she was at once dispatched to the scene, where she arrived late on Saturday night.

Work was at once commenced, and the tug was soon raised and taken to Ladysmith, practically undamaged.

WHARF AT PRINCE RUPERT.

Provincial Government Will Not Give Companies Permission to Build.

The local government has refused to grant the request of various companies desiring waterfront at Prince Rupert on which to erect wharves.

After consideration had been given to these applications, and the whole situation at the northern railway terminus reviewed, the government decided to refuse to grant any of the applications for waterfront.

It was further decided to build a wharf, to be owned and managed by the government, as well as afford the necessary facilities for shipping and place all the companies on an equal footing. The section of wharf to be built first will be about 600 feet in depth of water of 20 feet at extreme low tide. The wharf will be located on the government's land situated about the centre of the business section of the town.

JAMES BROWN PASSED AWAY THIS MORNING

Well Known Resident of Victoria Died at Advanced Age.

(From Monday's Daily.) This morning at the advanced age of 83 years James Brown, for many years a familiar figure on the streets of Victoria, passed away at the home of his son, J. G. Brown, Gladstone avenue, Scotchland, and early in life took up his residence in Glasgow, where he was a foreman in a large weaving establishment. Failing sight, as a result of cataract of the eyes, forced him to give up his trade, and about 25 years ago he moved to London, Eng., where he lived until about 18 years ago, when he came to Victoria and made his home with his son. Up to almost the last he retained his identity of the man with the form of the old gentleman on the streets was familiar to many. He had many friends who will lament his death.

Three members of the family reside in this city—J. G. Brown, of the Dominion public works; Walter, of Wilkerson & Brown, and Mrs. G. E. Wilkerson. Of the other members of the family, James, the eldest, resides in Glasgow, and Mrs. Sutcliffe in London. A granddaughter, Mrs. Fisher, is also a resident of Victoria. The funeral will take place to-morrow at 2 o'clock from the home of J. G. Brown, 1285 Gladstone avenue.

NANAIMO COMING.

Rugby Team Will Play Here on New Year's Day.

W. Moresby, manager of the Victoria Rugby team which beat Vancouver Saturday, this morning received a telegram of hearty congratulations from James McKinnell, the backbone of Nanaimo Rugby football. From the telegram the feeling in Nanaimo is very strong over the victory recorded by Victoria.

Mr. Moresby has also received from Mr. McKinnell information to the effect that Nanaimo Rugby team will visit Victoria on New Year's Day, and play a game at Oak Bay against the local team. The attendance Saturday numbered about 400 and a word of praise is due to the management for the satisfactory manner in which the field was lined out, and roped from the crowds that stood around the playing area. The arrangement was satisfactory to players and spectators alike.

PERSONAL.

C. A. Harrison, formerly proprietor of the Driad, is in the city.

Dr. Graham has returned from Regina and will spend some weeks here.

W. Means, of Cowichan, and Mrs. Means, are registered at the Dominion hotel.

D. Nicholson, mayor of Ladysmith, is in town. He is registered at the Dominion hotel.

J. S. H. Matson returned to-day from England, where he has been engaged in business connected with the estate of the late Mr. Joan Dunsmuir.

WORLD'S BIG CITIES. The century just passed has witnessed an enormous multiplication of large cities and their rapid growth. In 1801 there were in all Europe but twenty-two cities of more than 100,000 inhabitants, of which only London and Paris had more than 500,000, and none reached a million. At present there are 100 cities of more than 100,000 inhabitants, fifty-five above 500,000, and seven of more than a million. In the entire world there are thirteen cities of a million or more inhabitants, including the European seven. M. de Foville, a French student of comparative statistics, attributes this unprecedented increase to the fact that the combined efforts of science, industry and invention have actually changed the face of the world. Chemistry, steam, and electricity, railways and steamers, sold and credit have all appeared during this period and have given both men and to affairs an impulse like the stroke of a magic wand.

AMERICAN BOAT VIOLATES LAW.

Will Be Seized by Canadian Cruiser If Found Within Three-Mile Limit.

(Special Correspondence.) Prince Rupert, Dec. 4.—The Canadian fisheries cruisers Restraint, Freedom, Restless, tied up at the wharf on Sunday, leaving again early Monday morning to patrol the halibut fishing grounds. It has been learned that an American fishing boat put into Alert Bay last week and purchased bait contrary to the fishing laws. The cruisers are now after her, and if caught within the three-mile limit she will be seized.

ROUMANIAN USES KNIFE ON COUNTRYMAN

Hearing of Evidence Was Not Proceeded With—Adjournment Until Thursday.

(From Monday's Daily.) Martin Hopcoln, a Roumanian, was charged in the police court this morning with cutting and wounding a fellow countryman, Eli Helo, who is in the hospital as a result of his injuries, and the case was adjourned until Thursday for his appearance.

The affray took place in the bar of the Colonial hotel, Johnson street, at 5 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, and Hopcoln was arrested at 10 o'clock that night in the Princess of Wales saloon, where he had been telling some news, and acquaintances of the affair, and was inquiring as to the chances of getting away as a fireman on a steamer.

So far as Sergeant Walker has been able to ascertain from the friends of the men five Roumanians live in a couple of rooms behind the bar of the Colonial hotel. They had all been drinking pretty freely on Saturday afternoon, and Hopcoln and Helo got into an altercation. What the trouble was the other men do not know, and Hopcoln refuses to say anything. All but he left the room and continued to drink at the bar.

After a time Hopcoln came out and passed along behind the quartette as if he was going out into the street. When he had got past them a step or two he turned and walked back until he was directly behind Helo. Then he whipped out a knife which he had concealed and plunged it into his comrade's back, disappearing through the street door almost before the others had realized that anything had happened.

Helo's cry of pain was the first thing that called their attention. He was caught in the arms of a man beside him and carried to his room, where his friends endeavored to take his clothes off, while Dr. Robertson was telephoned for by the bartender and the police patrol wagon called. Helo was sent to the Royal Jubilee hospital in the wagon.

With no very definite description of the man Sergeant Walker started out on the hunt for Hopcoln. He finally located him and identified of the man was established beyond doubt by the testimony of some of those around to whom he had been retelling his story. Hopcoln was in the centre of a group of longshoremen and stokers, from whom he had been trying to find out the chances for getting away by that means. He made no secret of his having stabbed a man when talking to them and was constantly under the influence of liquor. He made no resistance to arrest, but refused to talk of the affair. There was no knife found on him when he was searched.

Helo is reported, on inquiry at the hospital this afternoon, to be doing nicely. He will be about again in a few days.

CADET CORPS MARCH TO CHURCH SERVICE

Smart Turn Out of School Boys—Excellent Advice Given Them.

(From Monday's Daily.) There was a smart parade of the cadet corps of University college and the Collegiate school yesterday morning to Christ Church cathedral. The combined turn-out was nearly ninety, about half from each institution. The buglers and drummers accompanied the boys, and played a bugle march. Staff-Sergeant Clark, of the Fifth Regiment, was in charge of the parade.

The University corps, under command of Captain W. J. Bowser and Lieutenants K. Corsan and H. Hillout, were the first to start, marching to the college and being joined there by the Collegiate corps, under command of Captain P. Lowenstam and Lieutenants R. A. Smoth and J. A. Grant.

The cadets made a fine appearance, marching smartly and in good time, and looked splendid in every way. Many favorable remarks were made on their turn-out.

At the cathedral the boys had places in the south aisle and joined heartily in the service. Canon Beauland was the preacher, and his sermon was based on the story of David and Goliath. It was an excellent talk to the boys on the lessons to be learned from the story. The preacher made reference to the cadet system and to its great value in the training of boys and young men. It instilled principles of discipline, thoroughness, steadiness, self-control and self-sacrifice, and had besides a large place in the preparation for the defence of Canada should it ever be necessary.

At the conclusion of the service the cadets marched back to their schools.

THE REAL THING.

Mrs. Bluehouse—"Who is your favorite writer, Mrs. Shopleigh?" Mrs. Shopleigh—"My husband." Mrs. Bluehouse—"It wasn't aware that he was of a literary turn." Mrs. Shopleigh—"Oh, yes; he writes cheques."

WIRELESS STATIONS FOR PRINCE RUPERT

Two Plants Probably Will Be in Operation Within Four Months.

(Special Correspondence.) Prince Rupert, Dec. 4.—Within a few months Prince Rupert will have two wireless telegraph stations in operation, affording splendid telegraphic communication with all coast cities, and connecting with the land lines at Victoria and Seattle. In addition to the wireless station to be installed here next spring by the Dominion government, it is reported on good authority that an American company will also enter the field and erect a wireless station at Prince Rupert.

The Western Wireless Company of Seattle is now securing the necessary information to this end, and if satisfactory arrangements can be made with the Electric Light Company to supply the power required the work of installing the plant will be proceeded with at once.

SWIFTSURE BUOY HAS BEEN RECOVERED

Drifted Into Barclay Sound and Picked Up by Leebro.

The buoy that went adrift from the Swiftsure reefs owing to the severe storms on the West Coast has been picked up by the steamer Leebro in Barclay Sound, where it had drifted. The Leebro is now on her way to this city and will be here this evening or to-morrow morning. The buoy will be replaced as soon as preparations have been made for securing it in position. In the meantime mariners are warned to remember that the buoy is not in position.

The provincial librarian has recently sent out four new traveling libraries. They have been dispatched to Salmon Arm, Whonnock, Slooan City and Port Haney. The latter makes the seventy-first place to receive a library since the system was inaugurated.

Application is to be made at the next session of the legislature for an act to incorporate a company to be called the Victoria & Barclay Sound Railway Company to build from this city by way of Otter Point and San Juan to Barclay Sound, near the Sarita River.

The death occurred Friday at the family residence, 2648 Grahame street, of Clarence Fenshelt, aged 2 years, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Jewes.

THE HOUSE OF QUALITY.

The Timeliness of Diamonds

Diamonds are timely ALWAYS. But they have an added charm when associated with the gladdensomeness of Christmas.

The Diamond as a Present

Means giving "the best the whole world affords"—if it be a "Whitney" gem. And when one's heart and thought are in the giving, nothing but the best will serve.

Quality is as assured in a \$10 purchase here as one at \$20. We will be favored should you allow us the privilege of showing you these gems of the first water.

J. M. Whitney Co.

Diamond Merchants, Jewelers, Silversmiths and Opticians. Old Number 39 Govt. St. New Number 1003 Govt. St.

Hair Brushes

From 25c to \$7.50. We have a most charming collection, fine imported goods, with fine wood, highly polished backs, genuine Ebony, etc., with highest grade bristles. Brushes which would make

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POLICY NEEDED FOR PUBLICITY

TOURIST ASSOCIATION OUTLINES SITUATION

Council Urged to Adopt Continuous Plan for Advertising City.

The financial situation of the Tourist Association was placed before the members of the city council Friday evening by a deputation of prominent business men, representing the executive association and the committee recently named by the board of trade to consider matters relating to the development of the island.

The executive were present on the invitation of the council in order to confer as to a general scheme of continuing the work of the association, and also to devise some means of lifting over the interval between the close of the year and the striking of the estimates for 1909. It was urged on the council that unless the exceedingly valuable work which the association has been able to do for the city is to be allowed to lapse the council must come to its assistance financially.

In view of the large amount of travel to the Pacific coast, which is expected next year in connection with the holding of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition in Seattle, it was pointed out that no effort should be spared to place the Tourist Association in a position to effectively carry on its campaign of publicity among these visitors, who will come from every part of the continent. The appropriation made by the city for the work of the association this year has been exhausted, and by the time next year's estimates are struck the estimates it will be too late for the association to resume its work.

The gathering could not be called a conference, although it was supposed to be one. The talking was all on one side. Business men who have given their time freely to this work told the council what they thought should be done—and then the council promised "careful consideration," and said good-night. There were present A. W. McCurdy, George Carter, John Nelson, Alexander Peden, C. H. Lugin, Colonel E. G. Prior, Herbert Kent, H. Goldie Wilson, C. Penderay and W. T. Williams.

The work done this year. A report on the year's work, prepared by the honorary secretary, John Nelson, was submitted. It was as follows:

"Gentlemen,—As the year is almost at an end and our tenure of office about to close I take the opportunity of placing before you in a brief form as possible the nature of the work carried on by us this season.

You will recall that it was late in the spring (April 24th, 1908), before we knew what sum the city council would be able to place at our disposal, owing to the unexpected and extraordinary demands made upon them, the city fathers, when they finally struck their estimates, were able to place to our credit only \$4,000. With but a few dollars to the amount of over \$500 to settle it was at once obvious that we could not, with such an inadequate sum continue our affairs on the basis upon which they were formerly conducted. The difficulties which later presented themselves compelled us to abandon the idea of securing proper assistance, and we were forced to decide between allowing the association to lapse or undertaking the work voluntarily for this year. This course was finally adopted in the hope that by 1909 an adequate appropriation for our work would be available and the city would be placed in the position of taking advantage of the opportunities for publicity which the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition at Seattle next year will afford.

"These being the conditions the work has been prosecuted by the executive and a small clerical staff, and although in many ways unsatisfactory, good results have been attained.

Covered the Continent. Ten thousand new and revised "Outposts of Empire" and 30,000 "Impressions" have been printed, a good portion circulated at grand lodges and firemen's gatherings, at exhibitions in the Canadian middle west, but principally through the medium of reply to enquiries through the post office. These letters were sent out as rapidly as they were received, and the result of the advertising campaign was carried on from the Mississippi westward, in the cities of St. Paul, Helena, Butte, Anaconda, Denver, Salt Lake City, Spokane and Portland. In the interior of Washington and Oregon a campaign was also conducted in the smaller places, and the whole series was productive of many enquiries. Each enquiry was sent to send five cents to pay for postage on any booklets he wished, and in this way we kept the enquiries down to a bona fide basis.

"Throughout Canada a similar campaign was waged from Winnipeg west, and in Toronto and Montreal newspapers and magazines. In England four or five similar mediums were employed, all with good results. During the life of the advertising from eight to ten letters therefrom were daily received and answered.

"Visitors to the rooms during the summer averaged from twelve to twenty per day.

"Lantern slides for lecturers, articles for newspapers and minor forms of publicity have also been employed, and although the tourist trade this summer was light the preparatory work for next year's exhibition has been of a most important character.

"In addition to assisting in the entertainment of lodges, etc., we have been active in our efforts to secure the meeting here in 1910 of the Methodist General Conference—one of the largest

and most important conclaves to be held in Canada that year.

"The financial statement of the hon. treasurer indicates that notwithstanding our limited appropriations we have been enabled by the economy and care throughout the year to close the season with a small balance.

A Continuous Policy.

"The experience of this and previous years has demonstrated unmistakably that there must be continuity of our publicity policy; that our revenues in consequence must be on an assured basis; and that as the work expands the necessary efficient service must be procured to direct the general operation and policy of the association. Moreover it is patent that as the general effects of municipal publicity as well as other advertising advantages that we should either never have embarked on a campaign to attract people to Victoria, or, after having maintained that policy for a term of years we should decline to drop the same. To do so is to forfeit our investment. It is really unimportant who does the work or under what name it is prosecuted, but it is of prime importance that Victoria's fame be heralded next year as never before.

"The requisites of this seem to be: (a) an organization, of the public, of the council, or of the board of trade, or representatives of all three, which will manage the work and provide the funds therefor; (b) a capable and experienced publicity commissioner for the city who will give Victoria, in that capacity the same expert advice and service as she obtains and pays well for in her other departmental offices; (c) the institution, under the publicity commissioner of a press bureau which shall supply newspapers and magazines with articles on Victoria; (d) the incorporation of such a plan as a feature of municipal policy which while it could not be made binding on future councils would not be lightly disregarded by them, and would insure to a degree that continuity of action without which efficient work cannot be done."

The Financial Position.

The following statement of the financial position of the association, prepared by the honorary treasurer, Edwin C. Smith, was also submitted:

Gentlemen,—I beg to hereby submit, for your consideration, a statement of the receipts and expenditure of your association for the year 1908 to the 30th November, as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Receipts (1907 balance, 1907 subscriptions, City grant, etc.) and Expenditure (1907 accounts, Printing and advertising, Office expenses, etc.).

The financial condition from November 30th, 1908, to December 31st, will be as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Income (Cash on hand, Three months' rent, etc.) and Expenses (Three months' rent, Salaries, Advertising, Telephone, etc.).

The accounts due in connection with the reception and entertainment of the Arctic Brotherhood amount to \$127.25, and will, if assumed by this association, lower the balance at December 31st, 1908, to \$15.48.

A Return in Dollars and Cents.

Mr. McCurdy pointed out that the work of the association would have to cease at the end of the month for lack of funds unless the present council enabled the work to go on until next year's council has time to decide what it would do. The question was simply one of whether or not the campaign of publicity should go on. That what has already been done to make Victoria and its great advantages better known is bringing in a return in hard cash, Mr. McCurdy proved by some interesting figures. The records of the city assessor's office showed that in 1904, a year after the association was instituted, the city's total assessment for land and improvements was \$17,881,980; in 1905 it was \$18,148,154; in 1906, \$18,376,155; 1907, \$21,945,880, and in 1908, \$24,946,185. From 1904 to 1906 the average yearly increase in the city's total assessment had been \$384,185 or an increase of approximately two per cent. From 1906 until 1908 the average yearly increase was \$5,035,385, or an increase of sixteen per cent.

In addition to this, Mr. McCurdy said, the adjoining districts had also benefited. This could be no doubt, that this showing could be largely attributed to the publicity given Vancouver Island and Victoria in particular, in which work of publicity the Tourist Association had been the most active agent. Its members believed that if the work was continued still better results would follow. Everyone was of the opinion that the city should, therefore, aid the work generously.

Nothing Like Advertising.

Mr. Wilson declared himself a thorough believer in whether for a business or a city, and still adhered to the views he had expressed to the city council a year ago as to the good to be derived from accurate statistics are obtainable.

This was the statement that Medical Health Officer Underhill was able to make when he completed the health and mortality statistical returns for November.

that by seeing what great benefits other cities had secured by such judicious publicity. Mr. Wilson hoped that the council of 1909 would work with the association to inaugurate a broad and well-financed scheme, and until that time, he said, it was imperative that the present council contribute enough to keep the campaign in progress.

Col. Prior, chairman of the board of trade committee, said no one acquainted with all the facts could doubt the good that had been accomplished for Victoria by the work of the Tourist Association. Good water, sewerage, roads and street car service were needed by a city, but just as much it needed to be well advertised. Victoria was in the happy position that it possessed exceptional advantages which could be made the subject of advertising. Col. Prior mentioned some of the favorable comments he had heard elsewhere on the methods of the Tourist Association. As a property owner and a business man he was satisfied that the city council should aid the association and he believed that citizens would supplement this by liberally contributing to other large cities which spent large sums on advertising because they found that it paid handsomely.

Testimony From Without.

Mr. McCurdy read the following letter received from the past couple of days by the honorary secretary. From Tom Richardson, manager of the Portland Commercial Club, in response to an invitation from the board of trade to come to Victoria, and address a gathering of business men on municipal publicity:

"My dear Mr. Nelson—I can assure you that I appreciate your invitation which shall supply newspapers and magazines with articles on Victoria; (d) the incorporation of such a plan as a feature of municipal policy which while it could not be made binding on future councils would not be lightly disregarded by them, and would insure to a degree that continuity of action without which efficient work cannot be done."

For the information of those who intend forwarding Christmas presents to points outside of Canada, the following information which has been sent to all postmasters, will be of value:

It is important that the public should understand that Christmas presents and other articles of merchandise addressed to the United Kingdom, the colonies and places abroad (except the United States), must be forwarded by parcel post and prepaid the full parcel post rates and have a customs declaration of contents and value affixed to each such parcel. These customs forms will be provided by the postmaster. A special exception to this regulation is that in the case of small packages addressed to the United Kingdom. These may be prepaid at letter rate if the weight is less than 4 oz., and no customs declaration is required in these cases.

It is a frequent practice for persons mailing such articles to inquire at the post office as to the rate of postage without mentioning destination, and the postmaster naturally gives the domestic rate of such matter, viz. 1 cent per ounce. Packages prepaid at that rate are stopped by the dead letter office and held until the proper postage has been collected and the customs form affixed. This is annoying both to the public and the post office, and the department trusts that attention will be given to this notice.

BOYS LEAVE CITY.

Watson and Medina Have Complied With Court Order.

(From Monday's Daily.)

The Watson and Medina boys have left the city, Magistrate Jay was informed this morning by W. C. Moresby, who appeared on behalf of the parents. James Watson has gone over to a farm on the mainland and Paul Medina has been taken to his step-father to Tacoma, where it is hoped that a berth will be found for him on an outgoing vessel.

The magistrate expressed satisfaction that the boys were taken into custody and everything possible done by the council.

QUADRA ARRIVES FROM TRIP NORTH

Routine Work in Connection With Lighthouses and Buoys Occupies Her Time.

Steamer Quadra arrived from the north Friday night where she has been replenishing lighthouses and buoys. She has been away a month and did little except routine work. In Hecate Straits the steamer encountered a severe gale which swept away her awning.

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There was a good deal of rain while the steamer was in the north making the trip rather unpleasant. She visited all the stations on the Queen Charlotte and found everything in good running order. The large amount of rain had the effect of increasing the size of a large number of the waterfalls along the coast, giving a very pleasing effect.

The Quadra is at present tied up at the wharf and her future movements are uncertain.

PIONEER RESIDENT DEAD.

Vancouver, Dec. 6.—General regret will be felt at the announcement of the death of Mrs. A. Morris, of Central Park. The deceased lady was very well known, having been a resident of the city for a number of years. She had been returned from Victoria, where she had been for some time, and Friday night passed away at the residence of her sister, Mrs. J. M. McGuire, 1532 Sixth street west, Dalrymple. The deceased was aged 82 years 8 months. Besides a sorrowing husband, there are left two children, both married.

VANCOUVER'S LOW DEATH RATE

Vancouver, Dec. 5.—"Vancouver is to-day the lowest average death rate of any city in the world wherefrom accurate statistics are obtainable."

Ask Your Neighbors



So many people scattered all over the American Continent have been cured by Dr. Pierce's Family Medicines that there's scarcely a hamlet where some of these grateful people are not to be easily found—ever ready to say a good word for the medicines which cured them and which very likely may cure you, if similarly afflicted. Look them up. They are walking advertisements for Dr. Pierce's medicines—ever ready to pass the good news along that these medicines cure when many others fail. Little advertised NOW, because their record of 40 years of cures makes great displays of their merits unnecessary. The great American people, As a Stomach and Liver invigorator, and Blood cleanser

"GOLDEN MEDICAL DISCOVERY" IS PAR EXCELLENCE THE REMEDY NEEDED.

For Woman's Peculiar Weaknesses and Derangements, DR. PIERCE'S FAVORITE PRESCRIPTION

Still Stands at the Head of the Line. IT MAKES WEAK WOMEN STRONG, SICK WOMEN WELL.

Get the People's Common Sense Medical Adviser by R. V. Pierce, M. D.,—the People's Schoolmaster in Medicine—revised and up-to-date book of 1000 pages—which treats of diseased conditions and the practical and successful treatment thereof. Cloth-bound sent post-paid on receipt of 50 cents in one-cent stamps to pay cost of mailing only, in strong paper covers for 31 stamps. Address WORLD'S DISPENSARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, R. V. Pierce, M. D., President, Buffalo, N. Y.

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POSTOFFICE RATES TO PLACES ABROAD

Information Relative to the Mailing of Christmas Presents.

For the information of those who intend forwarding Christmas presents to points outside of Canada, the following information which has been sent to all postmasters, will be of value:

It is important that the public should understand that Christmas presents and other articles of merchandise addressed to the United Kingdom, the colonies and places abroad (except the United States), must be forwarded by parcel post and prepaid the full parcel post rates and have a customs declaration of contents and value affixed to each such parcel. These customs forms will be provided by the postmaster. A special exception to this regulation is that in the case of small packages addressed to the United Kingdom. These may be prepaid at letter rate if the weight is less than 4 oz., and no customs declaration is required in these cases.

BOYS LEAVE CITY.

Watson and Medina Have Complied With Court Order.

(From Monday's Daily.)

The Watson and Medina boys have left the city, Magistrate Jay was informed this morning by W. C. Moresby, who appeared on behalf of the parents. James Watson has gone over to a farm on the mainland and Paul Medina has been taken to his step-father to Tacoma, where it is hoped that a berth will be found for him on an outgoing vessel.

The magistrate expressed satisfaction that the boys were taken into custody and everything possible done by the council.

QUADRA ARRIVES FROM TRIP NORTH

Routine Work in Connection With Lighthouses and Buoys Occupies Her Time.

Steamer Quadra arrived from the north Friday night where she has been replenishing lighthouses and buoys. She has been away a month and did little except routine work. In Hecate Straits the steamer encountered a severe gale which swept away her awning.

At Prince Rupert the officers report that work is going on at a good pace. There was a delay, however, in some of the work owing to the workmen's supplies not being arrived. These are now on their way north and progress will be more rapid.

There was a good deal of rain while the steamer was in the north making the trip rather unpleasant. She visited all the stations on the Queen Charlotte and found everything in good running order. The large amount of rain had the effect of increasing the size of a large number of the waterfalls along the coast, giving a very pleasing effect.

The Quadra is at present tied up at the wharf and her future movements are uncertain.

PIONEER RESIDENT DEAD.

Vancouver, Dec. 6.—General regret will be felt at the announcement of the death of Mrs. A. Morris, of Central Park. The deceased lady was very well known, having been a resident of the city for a number of years. She had been returned from Victoria, where she had been for some time, and Friday night passed away at the residence of her sister, Mrs. J. M. McGuire, 1532 Sixth street west, Dalrymple. The deceased was aged 82 years 8 months. Besides a sorrowing husband, there are left two children, both married.

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DEATH OF C. E. MELLISH.

Vancouver, Dec. 5.—The death occurred at Vernon, early yesterday morning, of Charles E. Mellish, traveler for the firm of William Erland & Co. The deceased leaves a wife and son to mourn his loss. The funeral has been arranged for Tuesday, 8th inst., at 12:30 p. m., from 547 Grandville street, and the United Commercial Travelers' Association, of which the deceased was a member, will attend in a body.

PUBLIC HALL TO BE BUILT AT CLAYOQUOT

Agent Neil is Investigating Mysterious Death of Indian.

(Special Correspondence.) Clayoquot, Dec. 4.—The settlers of Clayoquot propose to erect a public hall. A mass meeting has been called for Saturday to discuss ways and means.

CARS COLLIDE.

Vancouver, Dec. 5.—A rear-end collision between interurban cars occurred on the Vancouver-Westminster line in a fog at noon. The vestibules of the cars were smashed, but no one was injured.

MCLEAN, ACCUSED OF MURDER, REMANDED

Kamloops, Dec. 5.—Johnny McLean, who, with Francis Ganning, was captured at Elverado, Wash., a few days ago by Constable J. Bunbury, was given a preliminary hearing Thursday afternoon before E. T. W. Pearce charged with the murder of Michel LeCamp and with two cases of horse-stealing.

CHINAMAN BLOWN TO PIECES.

Vancouver, Dec. 5.—Shin Kee, a Chinaman, was blown to pieces while thawing out dynamite shortly before 9 o'clock yesterday morning. The accident happened on Harris street in the East End.

LOST RELATIVES.

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ARION CLUB CONCERT TO-MORROW EVENING

First Entertainment of the Season Arranged by Local Musical Organization.

(From Monday's Daily.) The Arion Club, a musical organization of which Victorians are all proud, will give the first concert for this season to-morrow evening in the Victoria theatre. This is the seventeenth season of the club and never was it in better shape.

For the opening concert it has been arranged to have a number of local musicians assist. Mrs. Herman Robertson and E. H. Russell will give Mendelssohn's Concerto Op. 25. Mrs. Pooley will also assist with vocal selections.

The entire programme for the concert is as follows:

- Canada C. Lavallee
Barcarole Protheroe
Der Wanderer (by request)..... Schubert
Mrs. Harry Pooley.
Silent Recollection J. Pache
Concerto, Op. 25, (for two pianos, Mendelssohn
Mrs. Hermann Robertson and E. H. Russell.

Legend of the Bend Sin Bow..... G. Bantock
With solo by Mrs. H. Pooley.

Part II.
Cavalier Song G. Bantock
Since First I Met Thee Rubinstein
Mrs. Harry Pooley.
Nocturne Protheroe
Idyll Mongolienne Stevenson
(a) Des Abends Schumann
(b) Spinnweben Mendelssohn
Mrs. Hermann Robertson.

The Song of the Viking Chadwick
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Smith (Walter), formerly of Pimlico, was last heard of at Onemee, Canada, in 1865. Brother Harry asks.

PASSENGERS TEL OF ACCIDENT

CHARMER'S DAMAGES QUITE EXTENSIVE

Those on Board Vessel She Filled Very Quickly.

(From Friday's Daily.) This afternoon, when the Time to press, the steamer Charmer still ashore near Brockton Point the gale from the north and with the tide alongside, putting on a sea they expected to raise her on tomorrow's tide sometime after 10 o'clock, and if she gets off so fully she will be around to Esquimalt tomorrow by noon.

Further particulars received Vancouver state that the hole in the Charmer's side is larger than first thought. Thirty feet long and wide are the dimensions now ascertained by the passengers who came over on the Princess Victoria and who were on her when the accident happened. The Charmer was in the harbor in tow of the tug when she was struck. The tug was side toward the Charmer. The passing tug clear when a strong current struck the Charmer at the stern, struck the Charmer at the stern on the bows, with the result fore described.

One of the passengers, who the Charmer was in tow of the tug, said that they felt a terrible jar which threw them in their seats, but none of the people who were eating their meals thought anything of it, so they used their meal. Very soon a came down and told them all was deck, but by the time they got vessel had been beached. No one was injured, but the crew were very cleverly done according to accounts.

Mr. Halliday, Indian agent at Bay, was one of the passengers aboard the Charmer at the time of the collision. He was in the dining room eating his dinner at the time did not see what actually occurred. Those on deck, he says, started to run, but were unexpectedly stopped by the collision. It was a blow that was struck, and it was felt as though a log had been thrown at the vessel.

Little later one of the crew called upon all in the dining room on deck, as the captain had ordered. On deck all was in perfect order. The crew were in splendid discipline, and the style of the crew responded in his proper place and was a fine example of discipline.

Mr. Halliday says too much to be said in praise of the discipline of the Charmer. No panic showed result of the collision, which was a result of the collision. He says he himself did not put a preserver, as he felt it was necessary as he is a good swimmer. In adjusting the life by number of persons, the amusing side was given to by a man who was partially canted, and persisted in applying belts. He succeeded in getting three on, one upon his own neck, and the passengers inter-

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Owing to the accident the Vancouver route has been abandoned, and the Princess Victoria will run on the route to Esquimalt, leaving here at 6 p. m. Princess Royal leaves here at 11:30, and returns at 8:30 a. m. here about 1 p. m.

AUTO DRIVER MUST PAY HEAVY FINE

Maximum Penalty Imposed on Chaffeur Who Killed Down Pedestrian

Vancouver, Dec. 3.—Magistrate yesterday morning in the case of the young man who killed a pedestrian, Eric McLeod, at the corner of Granville street and the street, and who was partially canted, and persisted in applying belts. He succeeded in getting three on, one upon his own neck, and the passengers inter-

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Further particulars received from Vancouver state that the hole in the Charmer's side is larger than was at first thought. Thirty feet long by two feet wide are the dimensions now given. According to the passengers, who came over on the Princess Victoria, and who were on her when the accident happened, the barge was passing into the harbor in tow of the tug, and lashed to her side. The tug was on the side toward the Charmer. They were passing quite clear when a tide rip swung the barge around so that the stern struck the Charmer a sweeping blow on the bows, with the result before described.

One of the passengers, who was in the dining room at the time of the accident, said that they felt a considerable jar which threw them forward in their seats, but none of the twenty people who were eating their dinners thought anything of it, so they continued their meal. Very soon a water came down and told them all to go on deck, but by the time they got up the vessel had been beached. No one was left in the beaching, the work being very cleverly done according to all the accounts.

Mr. Halliday, Indian agent at Alert Bay, was one of the passengers on board the Charmer at the time of the collision. He was in the dining room eating his dinner at the time and so did not see what actually occurred. Those on deck, he says, stated that the screw veered unexpectedly, causing the collision. It was a gliding blow that was struck, and to him it felt as though a log had been encountered.

A little later one of the waters sailed upon all in the dining room to go on deck, as the captain had so ordered. On deck all was in perfect order, he says. Captain Brown exercised splendid discipline, and the members of the crew responded in excellent style. Every man seemed to drop into his proper place and was ready for any emergency.

Mr. Halliday says too much cannot be said in praise of the discipline on the Charmer. No panic existed as a result of the collision shown by the captain and officers. Mr. Halliday says he himself did not put on a life preserver, as he felt it was not necessary as he is a good swimmer. He aided in adjusting the life belts to a number of women passengers. An amusing side was given to the affair by a man who was partially intoxicated, and persisted in appropriating plenty of belts. He succeeded in getting three on, one upon his arm.

The beaching of the Charmer was accomplished, he says, none too soon. When they reached the shore the main deck was below water in front and the propeller was partially out of the water. In ten minutes or so time he thinks she would have sunk. The Joan, attracted by the whistles of the Charmer came to the rescue, and took the passengers into Vancouver.

The Princess Victoria arrived this morning, carrying the passengers who were on the Charmer, about one hundred in all. Owing to the accident the Seattle-Vancouver route has been temporarily abandoned, and the Princess Victoria put on the same run that the Charmer had, leaving here at midnight and arriving back at Seattle tomorrow. Princess Royal leaves here for Seattle to-night at 11:30, and leaves Seattle to return at 8:30 a. m., getting here about 1 p. m.

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WHITE DEER SHOT. New Westminster, Dec. 3.—A white deer has been shot on Sumas mountain by a party of sportsmen out on a white's shooting. The rare specimen has been brought here and is now on exhibition.

HYDROGRAPHIC WORK IN NORTH

CANADIAN SERVICE HAS HAD BUSY SEASON

Capt. Musgrave and Staff Have Added Materially to Charted Area.

The return of the Canadian hydrographic steamer Lillooet a little time ago, has been followed by the staff under Capt. Musgrave getting down to work for the winter months in the office, arranging in shape for the use of navigators in the form of charts the surveys made during the summer. The staff of the office consisting of Messrs. Pariseau, Davies and Cowley, are now busy on the work which when completed will, with that done by the Egeria, give to the harbor of Prince Rupert and the adjacent waters a very perfect set of charts.

The Lillooet was found most useful by that teaming panorama of life, movement and color. Memory of the scene is a kaleidoscope jumble of broad effects and the grouping of detail amid which many points stand out sharpened into keen prominence. The whole setting was one to detain the eye, even in the sombre dimming of the November afternoon. The background of autumn verdure across the Hamoaze was mellow of tint. Upon the tide-dance of the stream the lavender-colored warships dashed the scene with flickering rainbows of bunting.

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OLD-TIMERS OF KOOTENAY ORGANIZE

Association Formed at Revelstoke—J. C. Montgomery Elected President.

Revelstoke, Dec. 3.—An "Old Timers" Association of Revelstoke has been formed, and officers elected. Mayor Landmark presided at a meeting in the council chamber, when it was decided to organize. Exception was taken by A. McRae and others to the word "Old Timers" being used as not being a suitable term in the full meaning of the word, and after discussion it was moved by J. M. Kelle, seconded by A. Dick, that an association called the "Old Timers' Association, of Revelstoke," be formed.

The qualification is "males of fifteen years' residence in the Kootenays, or of arrival in the Kootenays prior to 1893, and their male descendants over 21 years of age." Enrollment of members then took place, the following signing in chronological order the dates of their arrival in Kootenay: J. C. Montgomery, 1866; A. Dick, 1882; J. E. Griffiths, 1883; J. M. Kelle, 1884; C. Holten, 1884; J. A. Stone, 1884; Gus Lund, 1884; N. T. Edwards, 1884; J. Abrahamson, 1884; T. Kilpatrick, 1885; F. McCarty, 1885; R. W. Green, 1885; S. E. Needham, sr., 1885; Alex. McRae, 1886; E. Picard, 1886; F. B. Wells, 1886; H. E. R. Smythe, 1887; F. L. Clark, 1887; S. Bickerton, 1888; T. Lewis, 1889; Rev. C. A. Frocunier, 1889; H. Hooley, 1889; Rev. C. A. Frocunier.

A fine new launch has been built for E. B. Marvin & Co. to be used in their ship chandlery business. She was launched last week, but is not yet quite completed, although she has been tested and found perfectly satisfactory. The launch was built by the Victoria Boat and Engine company. She is 48 feet long, 8 feet beam, and has a 40-horsepower engine, which will give her a speed of something like 10 knots or perhaps more. She is strong and serviceable and will be ready for use in the course of a week or two.

northern coast line of Porcher Island, have all been surveyed. The coast line northward has all been covered also to Tree Bluff, the point to which H. M. E. Egeria carried out the surveys. With the splendid survey which the Egeria has done in the north which includes the waters lying outside for most part a comprehensive survey extending from the Cape of the Horn to Porcher Island and out beyond the Dundas Islands.

The Lillooet crew made an exact survey of the waters about Hodgson reef, which has always been regarded as specially dangerous. Now the exact location of the reef, which off shore between Metlakatlah and Tree Bluff, has been ascertained and a buoy placed on the outermost point so that vessels have a sure guide. Taking advantage of the Lillooet made a survey of the waters about Metlakatlah during the summer correcting errors which were found to exist on the old charts previously in use.

Speaking of the results accomplished during the season, Capt. Musgrave said it was quite up to what he had laid out, although it required very steady work to carry it out and the prolonging of the season a little. Just what will be the programme for next year he is not yet able to say, but the annual address, prepared by the surveys already done and the information available it will be possible to begin at once next spring, coupled up with the surveys now accomplished.

Speaking of the harbor of Prince Rupert and the advantages it possesses, Capt. Musgrave says that at no point is there a tide of more than two miles. The waters of the harbor have so many avenues by which they pass out that currents are not encountered and at no point is there more than two miles of a current.

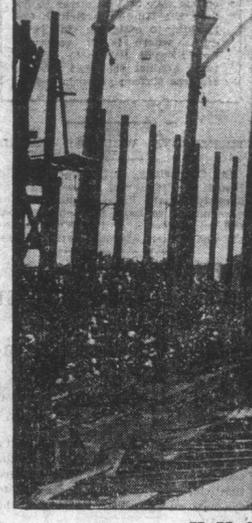
PUGET SOUND SHIPPING REPORT

Port Townsend, Wash., Dec. 4.—The monthly report of James Knox, shipping commissioner for the district of Puget Sound, furnished to-day shows a decrease of 483 seamen held during November as compared with the same month last year. A total of 2,888 seamen were shipped, received and discharged during the month, according to the report. A deficit of 1,267 names is shown in the total business handled the preceding month.

Tenders for school supplies for the year 1909 have to be in the hands of the secretary-treasurer by the afternoon of Tuesday, December 8th. They will be opened at the meeting of the school board next Wednesday and referred to the committee which has been appointed to examine them, consisting of Trustees McNeill, Stansland and Mrs. Jenkins.

There are nearly 3,000 stitches in a pair of hand-sewn boots.

Launch of Largest Battleship



H. M. S. COLLINGWOOD, LATEST ADDITION TO BRITAIN'S NAVY

The launching took place at Devonport in the presence of 20,000 spectators, the christening being performed by Mrs. Asquith, wife of the British Prime Minister. The vessel took the water in fine style amid salvoes of artillery from the warships in the harbor, music from military bands and cheers of the crowd. Colonial wine was used at the christening. The Collingwood, which was laid down in February last, is the sixth battleship of the Dreadnought type now afloat, but is larger and better protected than the Dreadnought, and when completed will be the most powerful warship afloat.

Herbert Russell writes of the launch of the battleship as follows: "The birth of a battleship is a spectacle wrought with a wonderful wealth of appeal to what Tennyson calls the finer fancy. It is a clear-cut incident in our modern naval story called as 'Hurryhury' as the history of her supremacy of the sea."

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HOME NURSING SOCIETY ELECTS OFFICERS

Statements Presented at Annual Meeting Showing Record for Year.

The Home Nursing Society met Thursday afternoon in the city hall, the regular business of the year was transacted. Mrs. G. H. Barnard was re-elected president, and the other officers were elected for the year: President, Mrs. Toller, Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Fred Jones, secretary, Mrs. Harold Robertson.

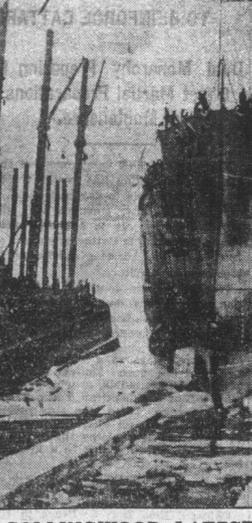
The committee consists of honorary members: Miss Perrin, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Goepel, Mrs. McQuade, Miss Carr. Working members: Mrs. Beaven, Mrs. Brooker, Mrs. Berkeley, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Nicholls, Mrs. C. E. Todd, Mrs. Hardie, Mrs. W. Wilson, Mrs. Fern, Mrs. Chas. Wilson, Mrs. D. M. Rogers, Mrs. Pemberton, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Cameron and Mrs. Selater. In the annual address, prepared by the committee, it was pointed out that the society had not been as large as the year previous. At the same time, without impairing the usefulness of the society, the expenditure had been reduced. Great praise was given Mrs. Brooker, who collected \$151.70.

Secretary's Report. Mrs. Robertson, the secretary-treasurer, presented her report, which was as follows: "The annual report of the Home Nursing Society must necessarily each year contain very similar facts—as much the same work goes on year after year—but I am very happy this year to be able to report what has perhaps been a more than usually successful year's work. Our nurse, Mrs. Herbert, has been enabled to continue her excellent work without intermission all year, taking her annual holiday not until October. We all, I think, feel it a subject for congratulation that the society is fortunate enough to possess the services of so competent a nurse and excellent worker as Mrs. Herbert, who is never failing in her constant and kind attentions to all our sick and needy, and who is so popular and beloved amongst them all. During the year she has paid some twelve hundred (1,200) visits, nursed ten maternity cases, besides several other comparatively long cases, not to mention the many chronic ones who expect and need constant visits and little attentions. A very great number of clothes

have passed through the hands of both the nurse and Mrs. Brooker, who is good enough to distribute a great quantity of garments every year. The special cases have happened to come up at such convenient times that we have in only one case found it necessary to employ the services of an extra nurse. The Home committee have been indefatigable in their constant work and attention, and we feel very grateful to those new members who have joined our ranks during the past year, and have done such invaluable work.

The financial statement shows a slightly lower expenditure this year than last, while the receipts are very much the same. As has been the case for so many years, practically all the collecting has been confined to three or four members, and really the success of the society is largely due to their unflinching efforts. A few names have been struck off our list of subscribers owing to death and absence from town, but many new ones have been added. Thanks are again extended to the corporation of Victoria for their generous donation of \$50 to Mr. C. F. Todd for his monthly subscription of \$5; to Mr. A. T. Goward, manager of the B. C. Electric Railway Company, for a monthly donation of tickets; to Mr. J. L. Raymer for kindly auditing the books; to the press for inserting notices and reports; to those members of the medical profession who have so kindly given their help and advice; to the Friendly Help Society for food and clothing; and to all who have so kindly given generous donations of clothing. The committee again offer their most sincere thanks to all those who by their subscriptions and donations have enabled the work of the society to be carried on, and they trust that the work done may be considered sufficiently satisfactory to insure their constant support and assistance during the coming year.

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scarcely immersed, she still looked a shape of noble symmetry as she went leisurely gliding out upon the caressing breast of that element whereof lies her future mission. With the sudden booming of guns, the screech of sirens, and the clanging of bells, the warships afloat clamored their greetings to the newcomer, as she swung slowly, like a sentient creature bewildered by the novelty of her new surroundings, to the taunting grip of her cable at the anchor which those on board had let go. The foreground looked strangely vacant for her going. From the band crashed forth the measures of a swinging melody, but the multitude was too engrossed in gazing after the waterborne monster to pay any heed to it. Till suddenly they became conscious that the admiral superintendent, waving his cocked hat over his head with an air of contagious enthusiasm, was calling for cheers. On which the subsiding roll of applause swelled again into a veritable tumult, and hats and handkerchiefs flourished like the waving of a flower garden to the passage of a wind squall. And then nothing remained but for the crowd to disperse, and to carry home with them the recollection of the birth of another great British battleship.

For my own part, I lingered awhile, gazing upon the scene that was rapidly taking a deeper tinge of grey in the gathering November dusk. A little procession of dockyard tugs, with yellow funnels and torrential paddle-wheels, came swooping down upon the straggling galleons. After what gave one the impression of a very sharp tussel, hawsers were attached and the Collingwood was borne away. As she vanished around the bend in the Hamoaze borne to her berth alongside the north jetty, I turned to go.

CHEMAINUS MILLS RUN 12 HOURS A DAY

Company Busy Filling Orders From Prairies and Abroad.

(Special Correspondence.) Chemainus, Dec. 3.—The mills of the Victoria Lumber Co. are running twelve hours a day. The company has considerable foreign business on hand, and is also shipping considerable to the prairies. The British barque Inverclyde is loading a cargo for South Africa, and will probably complete taking cargo in about a week's time. The British ship Ditton is loading for Port Adelaide, South Australia. The British ship Grenada is due at the mill to load for Australia, about December 10th, and the schooner W. Eowden is due about the same time. The Allely line steamer Indravelli has also about 700,000 feet of lumber to load for New Zealand about the last of December.

The Lumber company have just completed a new blower system in their planing mill, for conveying the shavings and saw-dust from planing mill to boilers.

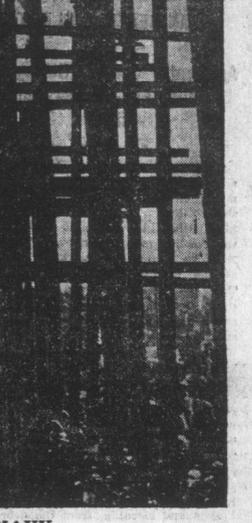
A meeting of Victoria Aerle, F. O. E., No. 12, was held on Wednesday evening last when officers for the ensuing year were elected. There were over 200 members present and this indicated the growth of the order. Following are the officers elected: Past worthy president, Peter Shandley; worthy president, Frank LeRoy; worthy vice-president, W. H. E. Sweeney; worthy chaplain, J. Moody; worthy financial secretary, James Penketh; worthy recording secretary, J. M. Hughes; worthy treasurer, D. D. Barnhart; worthy inside guard, A. Barnhart; worthy outside guard, F. Christensen; Aerle musician, F. Billingsly; Aerle physician, Dr. Geo. Hall; trustees, W. B. Smith, W. H. P. Sweeney and W. H. Blair.

During the past four months 5,802 strays cats have been rescued in the streets of London.

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CARS CRASH; SCORE INJURED

DISASTROUS COLLISION ON SEATTLE ELECTRIC

Accident Occurs During a Heavy Fog—Motorman Killed.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 5.—At least a score of persons were injured, Motorman Gus Olsen is dead and two others may be fatally injured, when the outbound University car crashed into the inbound car at Roanoke street, on East Lake avenue, at 7.40 o'clock this morning. The desperately hurt were removed to the Seattle General hospital as fast as ambulances and automobiles could be summoned.

The exact cause of the wreck is not known, but it is claimed that owing to a heavy fog the motorman on the inbound car missed the block light on the single track, and ran almost on the inbound car before he saw it. When he applied the brakes they failed to work, and the next moment came the crash. Motorman Olsen, of the inbound car, tried to jump when he saw the other car was bearing down upon him, but he was too late, and was taken, broken and bleeding, from the debris. The inbound car was heavily laden with passengers and many were crowded in the forward part. The crash came without warning, and those in the inbound car had not a chance to escape. Several women fainted and the screams of the injured filled the air.

TRANQUILITY IN PORT AU PRINCE

GENERAL SIMON TO MAKE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

New President is Popular Among Lower Classes—Ministers Fleeing.

Port Au Prince, Dec. 5.—General Simon with his army is at the very gates of Port Au Prince, only awaiting the morning to enter the capital triumphantly at the head of his 6,000 men. Had it not been that yesterday was Friday, a day that to superstitious Haytiens is one of ill-omen, the 15 miles separating them from the capital would have proved no obstacle and last night the victorious revolutionists would have been within the city.

The delegation sent out from Port Au Prince yesterday met General Simon to-day at Carrefour, where he is lodged at the Villa Monrepa, a fine house built by ex-President Hippolyte. The general assured the delegates that his men were well disciplined, and would make a peaceful entry into Port Au Prince.

Among the lower classes General Simon is very popular. The better classes are more reserved in their opinion of him and would have preferred a man more refined than he to the presidency. They are resigned, however, to accepting General Simon. General Leconte, former minister of the interior, will embark for St. Thomas, D. W. L., on a French mail steamer to-day and proceed to Cape Haytien, where he will land Sunday. General Firmin is on board the steamer Virginia, bound from St. Thomas for Port Au Prince, by way of Kingston. No news has been received here concerning the movements of General Fouchard.

Gen. Jules Colcoz, military chief of Port Au Prince, to-day took refuge in a seminary. Threatening groups stood in front of the building for a while, but soon were dispersed. The city of Port Au Prince is tranquil, and from the country districts there have come no reports of disorder.

Given Ovation. Port Au Prince, Dec. 5.—(Later)—The revolutionary army of 8,000 men marched into Port Au Prince at 8 o'clock this morning. General Antoine Simon went to the head, and he was given an ovation by the people of the city. The entrance of the soldiers was orderly and discipline is being maintained.

MYSTERIOUS SUICIDE.

Leduc, Alb., Dec. 5.—A very sad affair occurred at Carleton place, here, on Thursday. Richard Duncan, about 60 years of age, after driving his wife and family to a school entertainment walked a mile up the road and shot himself with a rifle. Neighbors found the body on Friday. No cause is assigned for the rash act.

DEATH OF REAR-ADMIRAL.

New York, Dec. 5.—Rear-Admiral Joseph B. Coghlan died at his home in New Rochelle, N. Y., at 7.30 o'clock this morning. He was in command of the New York navy yard from 1904 to 1907. He removed to New Rochelle only about two weeks ago.

BIG IRON MERGER.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 5.—The Canadian Iron Foundry Company has been bought by an \$8,000,000 merger which will be known as the Canadian Iron Corporation. The new company has taken over a number of iron plants in Canada, including the Canada car wheel works at Montreal, and the works at Three Rivers, Fort William, St. Thomas and London.

STEAMER FOUNDERS IN LAKE SUPERIOR

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 5.—Steamer Tampa, owned by Detroit, and bound to Fort William with a cargo of 3,200 tons of coal, has gone to the bottom. She left here on Sunday in the teeth of a gale.

NEW PHONE COMPANY.

Chicago Capitalists Subscribe \$1,500,000 to Canadian Concern.

Ottawa, Dec. 5.—The Independent Telephone Company of Canada has secured a capital of a million and a half from Chicago capitalists. This has been deposited in the Bank of Hamilton. It is hoped by this means to end the Bell monopoly.

EXPANSION OF CANADIAN NORTHERN

Three Branch Lines to Open on Sunday — Company Now Operates 3,100 Miles.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 5.—On Sunday the Canadian Northern opens three branch lines in Western Canada. The Brandon-Regina line will be opened with thirty-one new stations. The Rosburn extension to Russell with three stations and the Goose Lake extension from Saskatoon with twelve stations. This company now operates 3,100 miles of railway in Canada.

MILLOY MUST NOW FACE MURDER CHARGE

One of Four Men Shot at Dryden Succumbs—Several Arrests Made.

Kenora, Ont., Dec. 5.—Richard Dennis, who was one of the four men shot by Joseph Milroy at Dryden on Wednesday night, died yesterday, and Milroy will now have to face a charge of murder. The other three men are doing well.

Several arrests have been made in connection with the affair. The preliminary hearing takes place to-day.

From reports received it does not appear that there was any quarrel before the shooting. Fourteen men were in the house, when suddenly, without warning, Milroy drew a Browning automatic pistol and started firing.

Milroy was arrested by Constable Rollo, of Dryden, who found him in the bush. He remarked that he would have shot the lot if he had had time.

ENGLISHMAN MISSING.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 5.—The disappearance of a man whose name was given to the police as Herbert Russell, of Bridgeport, Eng. and Spokane, Wash., was made public to-day when detectives admit a search of two weeks had been unsuccessful. He was reported missing a fortnight ago by Mrs. Russell when her husband failed to return to his hotel in this city, and at her request the matter was taken in hand. Mr. Russell has been in the United States for a year inspecting his timber interests.

PLANS OF COQUITLAM DAM ARE SUBMITTED

Government Promises to Give Proposition Consideration at Early Date.

R. H. Spelling, managing director of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company, accompanied by J. D. Schuyler, consulting engineer of the company, Thursday waited on the executive council at the parliament buildings and put before that body plans in reference to the proposed new dam at Lake Coquitlam, explaining the proposal to build a twenty-five foot dam at the lake. The executive council took the matter under consideration and will give an answer to the request at a later date.

There is some opposition to the proposal of a dam by residents which has been duly communicated to the authorities. Mr. Schuyler is not a stranger to British Columbia, as he was called by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company as an expert witness in a famous landslide case on the Thompson river at Black Canyon near Ashcroft, in which the court accepted his views as correct, and he was given the somewhat unusual distinction of a personal compliment from the judge in his charge to the jury reviewing the case.

WOOLLEN TRADE IN U. S. A.

New York, Dec. 4.—Treasurer Arthur M. Cox, in making his report to the American Association of Woollen and Worsted Manufacturers yesterday, declared that there had been a marked improvement since the national election in this trade, in which four hundred millions of dollars were involved. Two hundred mills were represented at the meeting. Much of yesterday was taken up with a discussion of the traffic. There was a considerable sentiment in favor of a reduction on raw material.

BASEBALL IN JAPAN.

Tokio, Dec. 4.—The All-American baseball team left yesterday for Kobe where they will play three games with the Japanese. The American team won the entire series her

WARLIKE RUMORS IN EUROPE

AUSTRIA SENDS TROOPS TO REINFORCE CATTARO

Dual Monarchy Preparing to Offset Martial Preparations of Montenegro.

Vienna, Dec. 5.—Two steamers of the Hungarian-Croatian line with troops aboard left Fiume to-day under sealed orders. Two other steamers will follow to-morrow. It is supposed that their destination is Cattaro, a seaport of Austria on the Adriatic, contiguous to Montenegrin territory.

Warlike rumors continue in circulation but on official denials to-day press on the Bourse advanced considerably. An optimistic feeling prevails in official circles. With reference to a reported frontier fight between Hungarians and Montenegrins at Bliek, in which it was alleged that a Hungarian, Lieut. Treiter, had been killed, the government last night made an absolute denial of the reports. It explains that Treiter committed suicide owing to a love affair.

PEACE AMONG TEAMSTERS.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 5.—Peace in the ranks of the Canadian teamsters is said to be assured by the amalgamation, after a split of two years duration, of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters and the United Teamsters of America, which is announced to-day.

HALLETT IS RELEASED.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 5.—J. Hallett, brought back from Toronto, charged with the death of Miss Polson, who was run over and killed a few weeks ago, has been released.

ALBERTA LAND SEEKERS.

Calgary, Dec. 5.—Messrs. Crapo and Robinson, of Parker, Idaho, land agents of the Canadian Pacific Irrigation Colonization Company, are in the city with a party of land seekers.

G. T. P. WANTS POWER TO INCREASE CAPITAL

Application During Coming Session of Parliament— Grand Trunk Debentures.

Ottawa, Dec. 5.—The Grand Trunk Pacific gives notice that it will apply to parliament during the coming session for power to issue further bonds or perpetual or terminable debenture stock. The amount is not specified. The Grand Trunk gives notice of its intention to ask the right to issue additional consolidated debenture stock and four per cent guarantee stock.

INJURY TO A HAGGART.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 5.—Alex. Haggart, M. P. elect, is very restless. His broken shoulder blade, the result of a fall, is paining him severely.

DOMINION REVENUE.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 5.—The revenue was \$8,877,000, a decrease of \$1,500,000 over last year. The falling off was principally in the customs. For eight months the revenue was \$85,000,000, the total decrease being \$11,500,000, chiefly in the customs.

BOARDER'S REVENGE.

Woman Fatally Injured in Hoboken Lodging House. Hoboken, N. J., Dec. 5.—Shot four times in evident mistake for her sister, Mrs. Leneasy, who she was visiting in her boarding house here, Miss Annie Turner, was removed from her sister's home to St. Mary's hospital in a dying condition yesterday. Stanislaus Leysman, a boarder who had been requested to leave, was arrested for the shooting.

EXPLOSION IN SCHOOL.

Winnipeg Children Escape From Building With Expedition. Winnipeg, Dec. 5.—A triumph of discipline was accomplished at the Macbray school yesterday. Owing presumably to the heat of the building, a bottle of methylated spirits in one of the rooms exploded. The word was immediately given for the children to go outside, and the first alarm was rung in. It took out one minute and ten seconds for the last child to leave the building, which was nearly two minutes before the arrival of the fire brigade. Fortunately nothing caught fire from the explosion, and there was nothing for the firemen to do on their arrival.

LIGHTING ON TRAINS.

Railway Commission Provides For Inspection of Cars. Ottawa, Dec. 5.—An order issued by the railway commission specifies that henceforth only Flathead compressed oil gas, or acetylene gas under the absorbent or commercial acetylene system, shall be used for the lighting of passenger cars on all Canadian railways.

CAPITAL OF \$17,000,000.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 5.—The Winnipeg Union Stock Yards Company has been incorporated with a capital of \$17,000,000, the directors being A. M. Watson, J. D. McEwen, J. A. M. Alkin, W. Harvey, Winnipeg, and Darcy Tait, of Montreal.

M. J. ALGUIRE DEAD.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 5.—M. J. Alguire, owner of the King Edward hotel at Neepawa, died this morning.

ELECTION PROTEST.

Bristol, Que., Dec. 5.—A protest has been entered against the election of G. F. Hodgins (Liberal). Disqualification is sought.

TO INDUCE HINDUS TO EMIGRATE

(Special to the Times). Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 5.—Col. Swayne writes he is in Ottawa on his way to Vancouver to induce the Hindus in British Columbia to emigrate to Honduras, where the government, Col. Swayne led three expeditions against the Mal Mullah. He was sixteen years in India.

TO IMPROVE WELLAND CANAL.

St. Catharines, Ont., Dec. 5.—The Board of Trade will unite with the Kingston board in an appeal to the government to have the enlargement and improvement of the Welland Canal undertaken without further delay.

GERMANY'S POLICY IN THE FAR EAST

Reported Agreement With Japan in Course of Arrangement.

London, Dec. 5.—The Morning Post's Shanghai correspondent says that the Chinese Foreign Board has learned that Germany and Japan purpose to conclude an agreement relating to the Far East.

The Morning Post suggests editorially that the report of its Shanghai correspondent be accepted with caution. Officially Denied.

Berlin, Dec. 5.—The report that Germany and Japan purpose to conclude an agreement concerning China, similar in terms to the American-Japanese understanding, is without foundation. It was said at the foreign office to-day that neither country had taken any steps looking to such negotiations, and that it was improbable that anything of the kind would occur at least in the near future, as Germany had no intention of submitting a proposal.

POLITICIANS INDICTED.

Chicago, Dec. 5.—Startling allegations were made yesterday in the report of the special grand jury, which, after several weeks of delving into charges growing out of Chicago's first primaries, returned 81 indictments against two scores or more of politicians and other persons. The investigation, owing to physical limitations, merely scratched the surface of the situation, according to the report, and doubt is expressed that there has been an honest city or general election in Chicago for years.

SENTENCED FOR A "JOKE."

Hamilton Men Must Serve Time For Tampering With Ballot Boxes.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 5.—Harry Dillabaugh and Wm. Lawson, charged with tampering with the ballot boxes at the federal elections, were found guilty by Justices Anglin and Clute. The amount is not specified. The men claimed the affair was a joke.

CONTRADICTORY REPORTS ABOUT REVOLUTION

San Salvadorean Revolutionists Said to Have Captured Three Cities.

San Salvador, Dec. 5.—In no single instance have the revolutionists had the semblance of success. The rebellion that started early this week was immediately and completely put down. The country generally is quiet and the usual order is being maintained. Popular opinion seems to be on the side of President Figueroa in the controversy.

"Cities Captured." Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 5.—A revolution has begun in Salvador under the leadership of former Vice-President Prudente Alfaro.

The cities of Ahuachap, Uaulutan and Santana have been captured by the revolutionists.

WESTINGHOUSE AFFAIRS.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 5.—The receivers of the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Company and the Sureties Investment Company were discharged in the United States circuit court by Judge James S. Young. No accounts of the receivers are required to be filed by the order of the court.

LUMBERMEN MAY CONVENE.

Calgary, Dec. 5.—The local board of trade is in receipt of a letter from the Mountain Lumbermen's Association, of Nelson, B. C. The association is taking up the matter of holding a lumbermen's convention in Calgary in February next.

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VICTORIA WEST IS GROWING

MANY IMPROVEMENTS SHOWN IN SUBURB

Street Improvements Are in Progress and Many New Homes Erected.

One of the districts that has made more progress than perhaps any other in the city during the past year is Victoria West. For many years the complaint of the residents in that part of the city was that their needs were ignored by the city council and scarcely any development work was being done. The people of Victoria West continually complained that they were without sewers, the lighting was poor, the streets were worse. Property in that suburb was lower in value than in the other districts. Now, however, this is being changed. The streets are being made, sewers constructed, sidewalks built, new subdivisions opened up, and houses built in every direction.

The part that shows more change than perhaps any other is that bounded by Catherine street on one side and by Craigflower road on the other, where several new streets have been opened. The streets named, McPherson avenue, Fullerton avenue and Langford street, are on the old Bulkeley Orchard subdivision. The property was put on the market by McPherson and Fullerton Brothers and very lot, 60 in all, has been sold. On these fifteen houses have already been completed and two more are in course of erection. The real estate firm does not own a single lot in the sub-division at present. The streets are graded, cement sidewalks are built on both sides and sewers and water pipes are laid.

The older streets also show much improvement. On Catherine street the sidewalks have been built of cement on the northern part, and the workmen are now clearing up that part in front of Mayor Hall's house, south of the Methodist church. A fine house has been built on the corner of Skinner and Russell streets for Mr. Harper, costing in the neighborhood of \$6,000. At the corner of Craigflower and Pine streets J. H. Painter has a fine two-story residence, while on Russell street there is another new house built by Mr. Kennedy. On this street too, is the fine new school recently built at a cost of \$20,000, an institution which was very badly needed.

Farther along, near the Gorge, a number of new houses are either completed or in process of erection. There is the fine house built by the late Richard Collier, which cost at least \$10,000, and others being built for Mr. Grubb, the real estate broker; A. Westcott, dry goods merchant; E. Whittington, contractor and lumber merchant; Thomas Nicholson, and John and Gunson & Rigby. There has also been some building out in the direction of the B. C. Pottery works and the old Esquimaux and Sailor's Home. The latter is a new building on Esquimaux road to the pottery works.

At Esquimaux the government has been building some streets back of the Esquimaux and Sailor's Home. The principal of these is Lisle street, and on it and the smaller streets running out of it, a good deal of building has been done.

In the neighborhood of the city limits Arthur Cole has a very fine new residence built on a block facing on Stanley street, and running through to Dunsmuir road. This house cost in the neighborhood of \$10,000. An Esquimaux road Mr. Harvey, Dr. Fagan, A. S. Barton, Stanley McE. Smith and a number of others have erected residences, very pretty places, which are a great improvement that part of the district.

On Head street George R. Robson, of the Hudson's Bay Company, is just finishing a fine house, when completed, will have cost at least \$4,000. On Lampton street a number of new houses have gone up, among them being one for Mr. Cherry, of Weller Bros., and there are a couple of new residences opposite Mr. Pooley's residence.

BACK FROM HOLIDAYS.

Sergeant Murray of Provincial Police Has Returned to Duty.

Sergeant Frank R. Murray, of the Provincial police force, has returned from a holiday and is back at his post. The sergeant had a pleasant trip through California, spending a good deal of time in San Francisco.

He describes the city as building up rapidly in the burned districts, and with a much superior class of buildings to those which were destroyed. The city having got over the financial crisis created by the earthquake and fire, that disaster is really proving a blessing in many ways. Chinatown and other squalid parts of the city were wiped out and the new Chinese quarters is going to contain fully modern buildings.

All the new structures that are going up are of steel and concrete construction, and as a rule run from ten to fifteen stories in height. The people of Frisco are abounding in optimism and are working like Trojans to recover lost ground.

Sergeant Murray missed the shooting of Francis J. Heney by Maurice Haas just five minutes. He had been spending a couple of hours listening to the Ruef trial, but it was a very slow morning and when the court took the ten-minute recess during which the shooting took place, he decided to leave. The affair made a tremendous sensation in the city, the sergeant says, the more so as the people are greatly worked up over the "graft" disclosures.

Sergeant Murray had a conversation with Chief Biggs on Saturday evening last, about 24 hours before the head of the police department was drowned in the bay.

"Pleasant a holiday as I have had and beautiful as are the places I have seen, it is good to be home again," said the sergeant to the Times Friday morning.



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GIRL MUST GIVE BACK ENGAGEMENT RING

Windsor Court Bases Decision on Judgment in Reign of Charles II.

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 5.—In the case of Bellemeare, the druggist who sued Miss Whiteley for the return of a diamond ring given as pledge of betrothal which was subsequently pawned by the girl, the court has decided that the ring must be returned to the plaintiff, basing its decision upon the judgment in the English court in the reign of Charles II.

SENSATION FOLLOWS HERMIT WOMAN'S DEATH

Valuables Disappear in Mysterious Fashion From Philadelphia Residence.

New York, Dec. 5.—A special dispatch to the Herald from Philadelphia says: Jewelry valued at \$75,000, a copy of an old masterpiece valued at \$15,000, Paris gowns and opera cloaks are included in the valuables reported missing from the residence of the late Mrs. George Wood, since her death on October 13th, in her home at 1230 North Broad street.

Mrs. Wood lived alone and she died alone. She was eccentric. Though she had hosts of friends and acquaintances she spent her days and nights in the gloomy house unattended. On October 13th, in her home at 1230 North Broad street.

The alleged disappearance of the valuables has created a small sensation among Mrs. Wood's friends. The dead woman was sixty years of age, and was the widow of George Woods, a former American manager of a foreign insurance company. Her handsome home was well furnished and contained treasures gathered from all home and abroad.

Mrs. Woods was found dead in a chair at her home and the coroner's physician assigned heart disease as the cause. There was no one in the house when she died.

The will left by her appointed the Guard Trust Company, and two women friends as executors of the estate, and when it came to the distribution of the beneficiaries many articles mentioned in the will were found missing.

It is not alleged that the articles were stolen as there is no positive evidence of during the lifetime of the woman. It was a peculiarity of Mrs. Woods that her things were kept in great confusion. Since her death valuables and ornaments have been found hidden away in trunks, tucked behind furniture, and poked in out of the way corners.

The police are firm in their belief that the alleged missing articles were not carried away by professional thieves. They further declare that Mrs. Woods' wealth was largely imaginary and that she was in debt when she died.

SIMCOE SHOOTING AFFAIR.

Simcoe, Ont., Dec. 5.—Constable Williams, the victim of a murderous shooting Monday night, is expected to recover, though none of the four bullets have been extracted. Chief Constable Maloney is suspected of the crime.

There are 20,000 dangerous criminals in Paris who are capable of committing murder, and 100,000 who live by dishonest means.

W. T. R. PRESTON SUES FOR LIBEL

HE BASES ACTION ON COLONIST ARTICLES

Canadian Trade Commissioner in Japan Institutes Proceedings.

News has been received from Japan that W. T. R. Preston, trade commissioner, representing Canada, in that country, has instituted actions for libel against the Japan Herald and the Kobe Chronicle, papers published in English. The ground of action lies in the publication of statements relative to Mr. Preston, published by those papers and copied from the Colonist or this city.

Mr. Preston has considered the articles so scandalous in character, that he immediately took legal proceedings and had a writ for libel issued. Mr. Preston at some length has explained his position through the press of Japan on the charges leveled against him, some time ago. He denies that he is antagonistic to the foreign commercial community of Japan, but denounces the policy of certain papers in Japan, printed in English, to belittle everything that is Japanese and thus stir up animosity on the part of that people.

As interested in promoting Canadian trade he says he has advised and will continue to so advise that Canadian merchantile interests should be "kept out of this maelstrom."

PLAYWRIGHT IS DIVORCED.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 5.—Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson Mariani, daughter of Mayor Tom L. Johnson, has obtained a divorce from Frederick Mariani, of New York, a playwright.

GUN-A-NOOT SPENDS TIME TRAPPING

Indian Friends Keep Fugitive Supplied With Food and Ammunition.

New Westminster, Dec. 4.—Gun-a-Noot, the fugitive Indian murderer of the North, is reported to be camped for the winter in the vicinity of Fort Connelly on Bear Lake, about 100 miles north-west of Hazelton. On the old Hazelton-Port Graham and Findlay River trail, Gun-a-Noot is spending his time trapping, having a regular Indian trapper's district with his fellow fugitive, Simon, on the next trapping post, some 50 miles north. Indian friends are seeing that necessary supplies of flour, ammunition, etc., reach the men and are selling their furs for them and their presence in the district is pretty well known among the Indians.

Such is the report brought down by Bert Glassey, a Findlay River prospector and miner, who arrived in New Westminster yesterday, and who intends informing the provincial police department of Gun-a-Noot's whereabouts.

The fugitives' retreat is in a country most difficult for white men to travel across with speed or certainty, it is wild and cut up with mountains, rivers, lakes and dense timber growth. Hazelton, upon which Hazelton, Connelly is located, is near the head waters of the Skeena, about midway between Hazelton and the Findlay river and is in the northern part of the Babine country. It is considered improbable that the arrest of the fugitives could be effected in the country by ordinary means as nature affords every possible opportunity for escape, and a travel would of necessity be slow. Indians could easily send word ahead of the advent of any officers or suspicious white men in the district and thus give the fugitives timely warning. In order to effect the arrest or even catch sight of the men those who know the country assert that the greatest strategy will have to be exercised.

HON. MR. SIFTON'S SEAT.

Brandon, Man., Dec. 4.—A petition was filed yesterday against the return of Hon. Clifford Sifton for Brandon.

Bygone Days of British Columbia

The Story of the Indian Reserve

BY R. E. GOSNELL

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(Continued from Saturday, Nov. 28.)
Under the terms of Confederation the charge of the Indians, their trusteeship and the management of the lands, were assumed by the Dominion, and the latter was to pursue as liberal a policy as had been pursued by the colonial government prior to union.

For the purpose in question the provincial government bound itself to convey suitable lands for the use and benefit of the Indians upon application of the Dominion government; and in case of disagreement as to the quantity of land reference was to be made to the secretary of state for the colonies. The above was the basis upon which the land for reserves was handed over to the province; but the conditions were materially modified by the understanding arrived at in 1873 or 1876, whereby each reserve shall be held in trust for the use and benefit of the nation to which it has been allotted; and in the event of any material increase or decrease hereafter of the numbers of a nation occupying a reserve, such reserve shall be enlarged or diminished, as the case may be, so that it shall bear a fair proportion to the members of the nation occupying it. The extra land required for any reserve shall be

our rights in the lands now occupied by the Indians.
It took a long time for the two governments to agree upon a method of dealing with the Indians. The clause in the terms of union governing was vague and indefinite. A "policy as liberal" as had been pursued by the colony of British Columbia before union was in itself very difficult to determine, and the areas of land to be handed over by the province on application of the Dominion were equally as uncertain.

When the case of the Indians was transferred to Canada the government at Ottawa began making inquiries in order to obtain a statistical basis for a policy of administration.

Hon. James Howe was then secretary of state for the provinces, a portfolio not afterwards continued, and Dr. J. W. Powell appointed as superintendent of Indian affairs for the province. It was not until the 6th of January, 1876, that final agreement was reached. The correspondence published and unpublished is voluminous and reveals a lot of "haggling." Naturally, the government at Ottawa looked at the question from a different point of view from that taken by the local government. There were several good reasons for this:

haustively and somewhat vigorously combated by the local government in a memorandum prepared by their attorney-general, Hon. G. A. Walkem, and approved on the 19th of August, 1875, and in a memorandum prepared by Hon. (afterwards Sir) J. W. Trutch, chief commissioner of lands and works, and submitted to the Earl of Granville through Governor Musgrave, in reply to a letter on the condition of the

Indians of Victoria

by Wm. Schlicht Green, secretary of the Aborigines Protection Society. This society, the missionaries and some of the clergymen of the day were the chief critics of the local government, and their criticisms, of course, had their due weight with the "higher" authorities. The missionaries of all denominations, although many of them undoubtedly did excellent work among the Indians, in many ways, some of them were rather meddlesome, and the correspondence and reports show that the officials of both governments regarded them as a source of constant trouble as far as the relations of the Indians with the government were concerned.

It is quite impossible to go into the details of the report made by Attorney-General Walkem. It was an able and exhaustive defence of the local government's policy—it reviewed the policy pursued by the government of Sir James Douglas as the basis of what had been continued, that as far as possible, consistent with the financial resources of the colony, reserves had been laid out, large expenditures of money had been made for various purposes, caused by

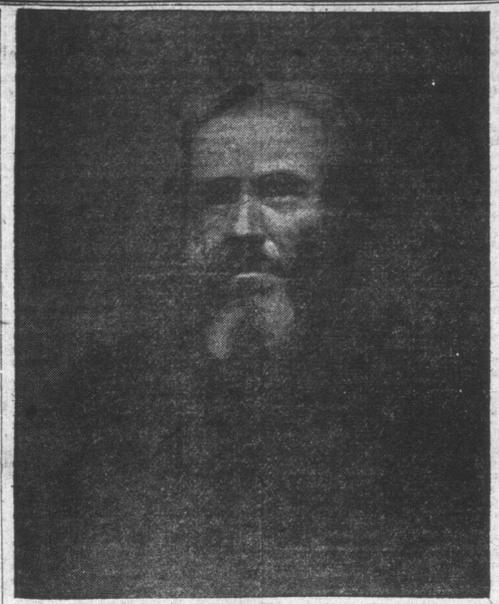
"Indian Outrages," in settling boundary and other disputes and whites, in suppressing the liquor traffic, in fighting and preventing smallpox, in giving aid to sick and destitute, in paying rewards to deserving natives, in making "gifts," and in various other ways. On the other hand, the Indians were exempt from paying tolls, direct taxation and customs dues. Their rights were strictly guarded by law and the guardians of the law, and they were placed on an equality without discrimination with the whites, save in their own interests. And so on and so on. The fact that 30,000 or 40,000 Indians had for years been handled without serious trouble, and that the Coast Indians in particular, by a policy of encouragement in self-reliance and habits of industry, had been able to earn wages and provide amply for themselves was proof that they had not been neglected or had suffered in comparison with Indians in other parts of Canada.

Sir Joseph Trutch, in his communication to the Earl of Granville in 1870, referred to, said: "The strongest motives of duty and interest combined to press upon the government, as upon each honest individual member of our community, the urgency of our striving by every means in our power, to advance the material and moral condition of our Indian population. By such influence may we hope so to change their habit of mind, that in a following generation they may become susceptible of appreciating the truths of revealed religion; although, and I state it most regretfully, in my twenty years' experience among aborigines of this coast, I have not yet met with a single Indian of pure blood whom I consider to have attained to even the most glimmering perception of

The Christian Creed.
In fact, the idiosyncrasy of the Indians of this country appears to incapacitate them from appreciating any abstract ideal, nor do their languages contain anything by which such a conception could be expressed.
"But I consider that the policy which has prevailed in British Columbia since its settlement by Europeans, has been essentially benevolent towards the Indians; that the degree of civilization which we have introduced into their country has in fact conferred infinite benefits upon them, although bringing with it all the evils incidental to its vicin; and that this system needs not change or reform, but only increased means to bring out its real merits and capabilities."

Dr. Powell on taking office as Indian superintendent, set about getting information for his government, and prepared a report fully covering the whole situation. Among other things it contained a census of the Indian population by tribes. Unfortunately, I have been unable to lay my hands upon a complete copy of this, although extracts are contained in the annual report of 1874. In this report the Indian population is placed at 28,520. Presumably a more complete census in 1873 places the population at over 35,000, and at this figure it remained for some years practically without change until about 1891, when a revision showed about 25,000 or 26,000.

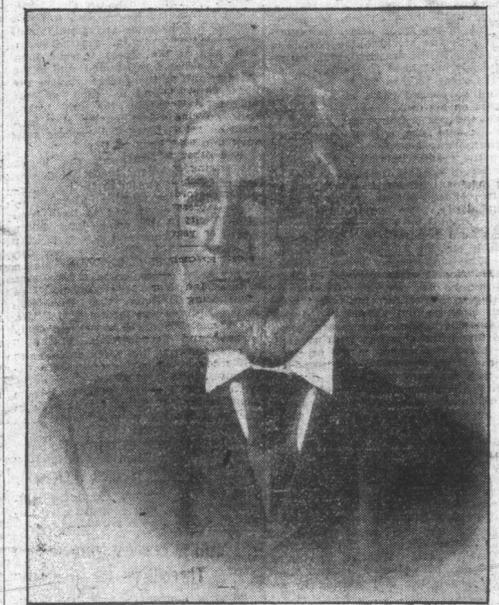
At the time the discussion became acute between the two governments, the provincial wanted to give Ten Acres to Each Family of five on an estimated population of 40,000. The Dominion made a request for five or ten acres for each family of five. A compromise was finally reached on the basis of 240,000 acres in all. In the end, however, as the result of much discussion and sundry reports the entire basis was changed, and early in 1876 the adjustment was referred to three commissioners, one appointed by the Dominion, one by the province, and one jointly. These were to visit each Indian nation (that is, those speaking the same language) and determine on the spot their special requirements as to land, etc., etc. No basis of acreage was to be fixed, and each nation being dealt with separately, the commissioners were to be guided by all the circumstances with a view to a liberal policy being adopted; the ex-



ARCHIBALD MCKIMLEY
Member of the Indian Reserve Commission.

cesses of the commissioners were to be borne jointly and more or less equally. The other terms of the convention have already been alluded to in the beginning of this article, as to the land being held in trust, and its ultimate reversion to the province. When the surrender of the Songhees reserve was proposed and the removal of the In-

can, missionary at Malakachita, were Messrs. A. C. Anderson, Gilbert Malcolm Sprout and Wm. McKimley. This board did not carry on throughout the entire programme, as the expense incident to three salaried men travelling over the province was considered too great by both governments, and a recommendation that one land commis-

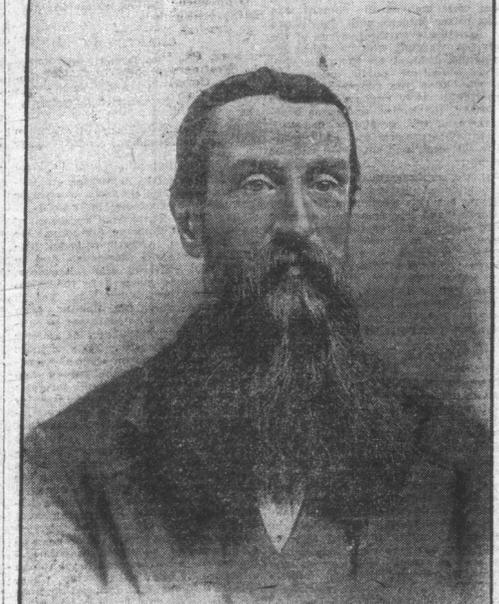


A. C. ANDERSON
Member of the first Indian Reserve Commission.

dians elsewhere first contemplated, I have it on good authority that Sir John Macdonald, then head of Indian affairs, had not heard of this arrangement and was surprised that it should have been made.

The Indian land commissioners appointed under this agreement, which by the way, had been largely brought about on the suggestion of Wm. Dun-

stoner should act instead of three, was adopted, Hon. Peter O'Reilly being appointed and acting in that capacity until his resignation in recent years. After a long term of service, Dr Powell resigned as Indian superintendent, and was succeeded by the present incumbent of that office, Mr. A. W. Vowell, familiarly known among his friends as "Judge" Vowell.



MR. TAIT
An early Indian official, New Westminster

OPTIMISM IN THE DOMINION

VISITORS REPRESENTING CANADIAN MANUFACTURERS

Report That Chargeur Reunis Liners Will Not Go to Puget Sound.

(From Friday's Daily.)
J. E. Walsh, manager of the transportation department of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association; R. W. Broadner, manager of the traffic department of the association, and R. H. H. Alexander, secretary of the B. C. Manufacturers' Association, are visiting Victoria. Mr. Broadner, speaking on the general situation of the country as observed by himself during his trip across the continent, says there is a feeling of optimism on all sides. This is borne out by the fact that the vessels from Fort William and the elevators all along the line of the C. P. R. are handling grain to their fullest capacity. The shortage of cars complained of, he says, is practically without foundation. There is the usual kick, which is bound to occur every year, as all the wheat cannot be shifted at once, but at every point passed he found an abundance of cars waiting to tranship the crop to the coast.

The eastern visitors were recently in Seattle, where Mr. Walsh discussed transportation matters with representatives of various steamship and railway companies. He was informed while there, on good authority, of a likely change in the Chargeur Reunis ports of call, which is said to be the result of a contract made by the shipping company with the C. P. R., which would thereby be enabled to secure a share of the land haul on freight, whether destined to Canadian or American points.

The report that the French line of vessels will eventually dock in Esquimalt harbor is supplemented by a statement made by Mr. Walsh. He says it is reported in Seattle that the French boats will soon discontinue calling at all Sound ports, but will visit Victoria and Vancouver.

He also obtained confirmation of previous advices that a lot of freight from Europe and the American Atlantic seaboard was not being sent over the new Teahutepec railway to connect on the Pacific. This course is being taken in view of the recent increase in certain schedules of transcontinental rail rates.

Mr. Broadner says the Canadian Manufacturers' Association is strongly against reciprocity, which he declares would mean the commercial ruling of Canada by the United States. The motto of the association is "Canada for Canadians," the establishment of home industry, and the purchase of such goods as cannot be secured in the Dominion from British countries.

The duty on logs from British Columbia going into the United States and of a duty on lumber from the United States coming into Canada, finds favor with the officials. It should, they think, have the effect of preventing the dumping of second grade lumber in the prairie provinces from the United States.

Mr. Alexander is travelling with the Canadian Manufacturers' Association representatives for the purpose of introducing them to local manufacturers' associations in the cities visited. They will wait on the local body this afternoon for the purpose of informally talking over matters of import to merchants and manufacturers and to become acquainted.

REVOLUTIONARY LEADER'S TRIUMPHAL MARCH

General Simon to Enter Port au Prince To-morrow.

Port au Prince, Dec. 4.—The night passed quietly in Port au Prince. There was no disorders of any kind and indications are that normal conditions will soon be restored.
General Simon, the leader of the revolutionary movement, has decided to postpone his entrance into Port au Prince until to-morrow, because Friday is regarded as a day of ill omen. Furthermore, it is his purpose to make a triumphal entry at the head of all his troops, 5,000 or 6,000 men, and his entire force has not been concentrated. The general is to-day about 15 miles from Port au Prince.

EXCURSIONS FROM PRAIRIES.

First Contingents on Cheap Rates Are Now on Their Way.

The C. P. R. excursions from the prairies have commenced, the first leaving Fort William on the 1st of December, but with stopping off privileges. This means that very few will arrive here for some days yet. The excursion rates of two dollars above single fare for the round trip were issued on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of December, and will come into effect just after the middle of the month. There are also two excursions in January, one at the beginning and the other about the middle of the month.
As the cheap rates are good all the way from Fort William to Lagan, it is expected that large crowds will avail themselves of the privilege. Practically all the ticketance will read Victoria, as there is no extra charge for crossing to Vancouver Island.
It has been intimated that in all probability the Prairie Club will rise to the occasion and do some good missionary work for the city of Victoria. Most of the visitors will doubtless drop in at the club in order to get in touch with friends from the prairies, and special efforts will be made to impress those who intend to settle in the west with the desirability of remaining here.

In the early stage of the game there had been a previous board of Indian commissioners. Mr. Lenihan, to whom I referred in last letter, was sent out from Ottawa by the Liberal government to act with the lieutenant-governor and the Indian superintendent, presumably as an advisory board, but it was not considered a practicable arrangement, and it really never went into effect. Mr. Lenihan was then appointed, and acted for several years, as superintendent in New Westminster.

The preliminary discussion of the question, while it did not actually develop "strained relations" between the two governments, was carried on with a good deal of evident "spite" on both sides. Added to the natural irritation existing between two governments

Not Very Much in Harmony on the subject, there were the difficulties arising out of settlers seeking lands over which the local government had exclusive jurisdiction, claimed or wanted by Indians, and the interference of the ever-ready self-constituted advisers of the natives. At one time, as is apparent from official documents, there was a serious danger of Indian trouble, contributed to by the uncertainty and delay in settling the land question, which to the Indian was paramount. He saw two representatives of one crown, a local king and a federal king, sparring with each other, and each claiming him that the fault was the other's.

As soon, however, as the contending parties settled upon a policy and got to the real work of allotting lands, relations assumed a much more friendly aspect, and the effect upon the Indians themselves was soon apparent in the spirit of contentment shown in the Indian superintendent's report. No regard was made to the "average basis" of reserves, and, curiously enough, the Indian reserves of the province now represent an area of considerably

Over Half a Million

acres, or very nearly what the Dominion asked for in the first instance. Many say that the province was too liberal, (and it is now more or less beyond the best and most valuable in each district, or rather a number of reserves in a district, is in charge of a local agent, who is guide, philosopher and friend to the different tribes. "Clings" among them, knowing each tribe, if not each individual, the repository of their grievances and their confidences, he has naturally great influence with them. He must be their friend and not the "other fellow's," to retain his influence, and consequently he must exercise the greatest amount of tact to lead them in the right path when they are inclined to go the other way. The system, though slow of evolution, has proved to be a good one. Practically speaking, there is now no Indian problem in this province.

The question which has recently been raised is not one of Indian administration but of reverendary rights in the land as it becomes removed from Indian use and occupation. It is a most interesting and important issue, but as it is now more or less before the courts, and as its discussion might be said to involve "politics," the consideration of the issues must be left to the courts.

SEEKING INCREASED GRANTS TO SCHOOLS

Effort Made to Have Government Pay Additional Sums Locally.

There are several teachers of special subjects on the public school staff who, while thoroughly capable, are not "properly certificated" teachers in the language of the School act. For this reason there has not been any grant made for them, as there is for all certificated teachers.

For some time the city school board has had this matter up with the department of education, endeavoring to secure the payment of the same grant for the instructors in such subjects as domestic science, music, typewriting, drawing and physical training as is allowed for the teachers in the ordinary scholastic subjects. Stress was laid on the fact that as these special subjects are prescribed by the department in the school curriculum the board should be treated in regard to them as to other teachers.

The department has agreed to make the grant in one case, amounting to \$536.65, an assistant teacher in the high school, and is considering other cases which have been laid before it. The board will also ask for a grant towards Superintendent Paul's salary on the ground that, while not teaching, he is responsible to the council of public instruction for the efficiency of the city schools.

SHRINERS VISIT SEATTLE.

An Enjoyable Time Spent at Foundation of New Temple.

Members of the Mystic Shrine from this city have returned from a gathering held in Seattle on Wednesday night. The occasion was the first one upon which such a gathering has been held in Seattle, and marked the opening of a new temple, "The Nile." One hundred and twenty-five candidates were initiated. The local Shriners were represented by about twenty-five members, including Max Lelser, R. F. Green, George Courtney, W. Skene, George Perdue, Capt. Brown, Capt. Bloomquist, J. A. Worthington and E. E. Leeson.

At the wharf the Victoria delegation was met by a committee headed by J. Lytle, the popular purser of the Alaska Steamship Company, and escorted to the hotel. The ceremonies took place in the Moore theatre, and after the business a vaudeville programme was given. About 800 were in attendance. Supper was served in the new Washington hotel. The local visitors all speak in the highest terms of the hospitality meted out to them in Seattle.

A letter received by C. E. Redfern, of this city, from South Africa, states that on October 28th last the government buildings at Bloemfontein, the capital of the Orange River Colony, were destroyed by fire. The loss was not stated but they were insured for \$120,000.

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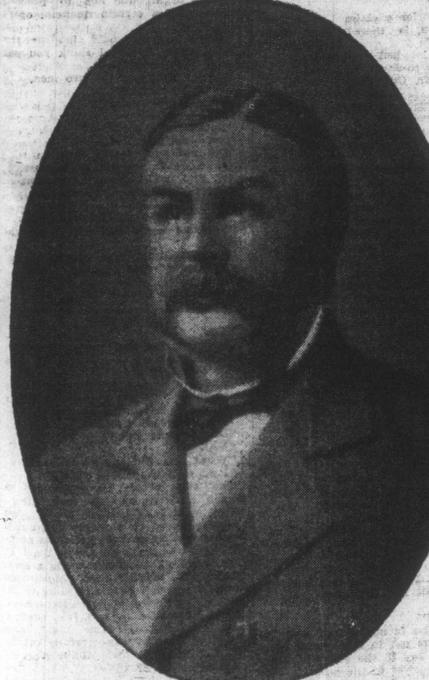


HON. JOS. HOWE
Secretary of State for the Provinces, 1871.

lotted from crown lands, and any land taken off a reserve shall revert to the province."
The terms of the convention in question are not part of the treaty of union, but are confirmed by order in council by both governments, and are part of the terms of the understanding by which it was possible for them to arrive at a settlement of

First, at that period, over 85 years ago, the information of the federal government with regard to British Columbia, was of the most limited character. Second, judgment of the latter was formed from experience with the Indians of Eastern Canada, and the difference between those and the Indians of British Columbia was as wide as the poles. Third, there was a variety of representations from the province itself as to the conditions and requirements of the Pacific Coast tribes.

On the part of the Dominion government the opinion was expressed that the colonial government had not done anything in particular for the Indians and, therefore, had evolved no "policy" which might be adopted as a standard by the Dominion. This view was ex-



GILBERT MALCOLM SPROUT
Indian Lands Commissioner

"The Statue"

By Eden Phillpotts and
Arnold Bennett

CHAPTER IV.—(Continued.)

Emilie hurriedly hurried off. It was a remarkable sight to see this middle-aged and luxuriously-tended woman, whose every daily habit was soothful, bland, and changeless—regular, hastening across the grounds over wet grass at five o'clock in the morning, Emilie wondered what strange complication had happened within the hour to cause her at such an hour from the amiable torpor in which she passed her existence.

She did not give him time to speak first.

"Emilie," she called out, while they were yet thirty yards apart, "have you seen my husband?" With one plump hand she was holding up the folds of a beautiful but fragile pelignon. Despite her years she made an extraordinarily graceful picture of pathos as she halted in an attitude of helpless, childlike appeal, waiting for Emilie's reply.

"Madame," he said, in just the right tone, "that is precisely what I was going to ask you. When did you see Mr. Courlander? Why are you here so early?"

"Oh!" she cried, "I heard such a flying word out of bed to tell my husband. You know I always get up and tell him when I can't sleep." (In that naive confession was a hint of all that Carl had been to her.) "And he wasn't in his room. Then I looked out of the window and I saw you and Maurice running down the garden. I rang my bell, but no one answered. I was so frightened I came after you. What are you doing out here? I do wish—"

"Pardon me, madame, when did you just see Mr. Courlander?"

He used the somewhat formal manner which he invariably adopted to his hostesses, and which, indeed, she somehow inspired in most persons.

"I saw him asleep in bed at half-past one this morning," said Lady Mary. "Asleep in bed?"

"Undressed?"

"Why, yes! He had evidently told Curtis not to stay up for him, because his clothes were laid out for him."

"What clothes, madame?"

"His dress-clothes, of course."

"You are sure, madame, that this was last night? Was it not the night before last?"

"You know perfectly well, Emilie, that the night before last my poor Carl spent in town. I tell you I saw him in bed last night—I mean this morning. Emilie, what is it? What has happened?"

"Something must have happened," Emilie temporized.

"She sank to the ground without the slightest warning, and hid her face. 'I know he's dead!' she exclaimed, patting her face with a little handkerchief. 'I know he's lying dead up at the statue. Why doesn't Maurice come to me?'"

"But, madame—"

"Yes, mother," said a low voice behind them, "he is dead. It was Maurice. He raised her gently and supported her; and they exchanged eyes."

"He's been murdered," she whispered. Maurice drew back. "How did you know?" he queried in a brief gust of excitement.

"I didn't know, I guessed."

"But you must have had some—"

She shook her head, "I just guessed." She was gently weeping. "Nothing that your father could do or that could happen to him would ever surprise me. I finished being surprised twenty years ago. I must go to him."

"No, mother," he said in a trembling voice. "You must go back to the house to Millicent."

"Maurice!" she protested.

"Yes, please," he said authoritatively. "Emilie, will you go up there and keep watch?"

Emilie went instantly.

"I won't let you leave me!" Lady Mary sobbed.

"I'm not going to leave you," said Maurice. "I will take you. Come!"

He led her in the direction of the house.

As they walked side by side, she told him, in little patches of rapid talk, interrupted by tears, what she had told Emilie. He made no comment.

"I thought I heard that new bell of your father's about two o'clock," she said brusquely to his mother.

"Go yourself to Millicent and tell her."

"And you? What are you going to do?"

"I'm going to father's bedroom."

They went up in the lift together. In Carl's chamber, of which the blinds were drawn, and would now remain drawn, the presence of the dead man seemed imminent. It was as if his spirit permeated it. The room was perfectly in order, save for a white necktie that lay on a chair. In its costly and large simplicity it was the very expression of Carl Courlander's taste. The electric button by which he rang for Curtis, his man, and the switch for the reading light. A copy of "Marcus Aurelius" was open, face downwards on the pillow. On the marble top of a chest of drawers in a corner lay a coil of wire and a bell; also a box. But there was no attachment; the bell was not fastened to the wire nor the wire to the wall. Lady Mary must have been deceived in fancying that she heard ringing in the room. Death had evidently cut short Carl's intentions with regard to that bell.

What was the bell meant for? Was it part of an uncompleted composition with the statue? No other conjecture could present itself, for the statue loomed over the tragedy in a sense more than physical. Why did the statue exist? That enigma which had agitated every breast hung like a

cloud in the poignant atmosphere of the room. The one being who could dissipate it lay dead under the statue itself? The air was full of problems and queries. Carl Courlander had done everything, attended to everything. No one else had any real duties. The vast organism of Tudor Hundreds had been kept in proper activity by Carl alone. All things were referred to him, who bore the burden so lightly. And the same applied to the house in Hamilton Place, and, of course, in her firmer degree, to the business of the firm of Courlander. One single brain there had been. And now that brain was eternally quiet.

Every object in that brain's functions and immense responsibilities stood in the bedroom looking at the bed, mysterious, inactive, moody, identifying by his demeanor the enigma of the situation.

A few hours since, the son had been holding an argument with his father—his father who was so vivacious, and so calm in his vivacity. And now the light was extinguished in the room before the bed which the father had quitted, with such strangeness and in such silence, to meet death at the foot of the statue.

Every object in the room seemed to demand: Why at the foot of the statue?

The door communicating with Lady Mary's bedroom opened, and Millicent came in. Her face was extremely pale; her eyes were not yet fully awake. But her brain was aroused, and she was entirely collected. She spoke very quietly, very gently.

"Is it true what mother says?"

He nodded.

As he answered her questions, he could not but admire her profoundly; she was so mistress of herself, so equal to the occasion, so touching in her restrained anguish. But he answered dreamily.

"What shall you do first, Maurice?" she asked him. "I must look after mother. I told her not to come to me."

Her tone now expressed a serene confidence in him, an immense reliance on him as the natural head of the family. A deep advisory respect for what ever his decision might be. It seemed to draw him magically from his dream.

"I must have Curtis," he said decisively. "We can't telephone yet; the exchange at Dunstable doesn't open till eight. I shall get Emilie to run over to the police station there on his bicycle, so as to have no fuss in the stables or the garage. He can also bring a doctor to us as soon as a car has been telephoned to Scotland Yard and to Beakbane."

"But the—"

"The body? Leave that to Curtis and me."

Then he leaned across the bed and pushed the button which would arouse Curtis. It was his first definite act as head of the family.

A CURIOUS PHENOMENON.

Breakfast was usually served at nine o'clock precisely at Tudor Hundreds. At nine o'clock precisely Maurice entered the breakfast-room with his famous table of inlaid ebony.

The table was bare.

He rang the bell which was answered not by a butler, but by a footman.

"Why is breakfast not ready?"

"There is no Mr. Maurice here now."

The interruption was curt and cold. "Did Bonini imagine that no one was going to eat to-day? Let the meal be ready half an hour exactly. And inform Mr. Berger."

"Certainly, sir."

What struck the footman was that the formidable Italian chef, who posed as an artist and had invaded the kitchen, treated as such, was now summarily described as "Boncini." Not "Signor Boncini!" Not even "Mr.!" In one minute the kitchen and the servants' hall hummed to the kitchen, from the dark-eyed, dark-haired master of the Hundreds was already showing his mettle, and that his father's declaiming, without his father's gravity, might be expected. The kitchen and the servant's hall recovered magically from the excusable slackness into which they had been thrown by an invariable pleasure in Maurice. From the severity descended from grade to grade, becoming harsher at every step, and resulting finally in the whimpering of scullery maids. A sad, stout August figure was to be seen hurrying upstairs immediately afterwards. It was the housekeeper on her way to Maurice's rooms to satisfy herself personally that no fault could be found with their condition should he happen to enter them.

Maurice and Emilie Berger breakfasted alone together, eating little of the meal whose perfection proved that Signor Boncini was anxious not to lose a post worth two thousand a year and all found. Lady Mary was prostrate in bed, and Millicent had charge of her. The two young men talked as sparingly as they ate, discussing merely what necessary formal things were arranged, and what remained to be done. Emilie who was much affected by grief, seemed to take his cue, cautiously, from Maurice.

Less than five hours had elapsed since the discovery of the murder, and already an astounding transformation had occurred in Maurice. From the dreamer he had developed into a resourceful and effective force. The situation which he had been called upon to meet was trying and complex in the highest degree. But he was meeting it with entire adequacy, by the starting sudden exercise of that organizing power, that directive activity at once broad and minute, which had so strongly characterized his dead father. He had taken command and everyone was obeying him—obeying him, moreover, with alacrity that comes from awe. Emilie, his intimate, was not a stranger to this feeling. For not even Emilie had been designed to be confidential; not even to his capable and self-

controlled, tragically-eyed sister! He was a changed man. He had become the sort of person whom acquaintances would discuss in a whisper when his back is turned.

His secretive and brooding demeanor had offered no shadow of a surmise as to the identity of the criminal. The faint stigma that imposed itself on Tudor Hundreds like a heavy cloud through which all objects were seen distorted and terrifying, seemed not to exist for him. Apparently he was too alert to be so affected by the consequences of the crime to trouble himself with its causes.

The immediate consequences had commenced with the arrival of the police, followed by a local doctor on horseback, and the coroner's office about seven o'clock. At eight o'clock so rapid was the march of things, an order for a post-mortem had been obtained, the inquest arranged for the following day, and the coroner's inquest and telephone messages dispatched to Scotland Yard and to Beakbane. Emilie had himself taken a note from Maurice that breakfast was to be served at ten o'clock. It was during that breakfast that the post-telegram came, the scattered flakes prelude to a snow-storm, descended on the house. They came from Scotland Yard, from the cashier—the Bank of England, and from two newspapers. Already the news was afloat in London. By eleven o'clock the storm had burst in full fury, and Maurice had installed himself in his study, to deal with the post-telegram. Emilie and a clerk from the household accounts office constituted his staff.

The butler, gifted with a slow and distinct manner of speech, was telephonically seated in a chair at the telephone.

At noon half the special reporters of Fleet street were assaulting the portals of Tudor Hundreds. At half-past two, a stream of motor-cars, cabs and letters lay in piles on the left hand; a hundred and seventy missives still unanswered lay to his right. Emilie and the clerk were writing at a table set in, direct by train from London, and in the room, the desks, the desks, exterminated by administrative order of Maurice.

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a great wine that was offered only to the finest connoisseurs.

The reality differed somewhat from this vision. In boyhood Sibthorpe had failed for the navy; a little later he had attempted oranges in Florida, and it was only by sheer hazard that he had entered New Scotland Yard. Some detectives may be born; a french-pooler or a maker of glass-eyes may be born. But Sibthorpe was not born a detective. He made himself a detective, and one early success established his reputation. When, at thirty, his girl began to increase, the Yard was alarmed. As his girl went on increasing the Yard was scandalized; that girl was contrary to tradition; but as his girl still went on increasing, from a scandal, became a joke.

After all, why should a detective not be fat since the science of detection has long since discarded the infantile dog of disguise? He was standing on the Yard, and his wife regarded him as a fat fool. His age was fifty.

Maurice, who corresponded much more nearly than Sibthorpe to the popular notion of a detective, remained standing a moment, mutely regarding the inspector.

"Will you sit down?" he said at length, in a resigned tone.

"The early rapidity with which himself what was the most precious thing in the world, and decided that it was a genuine start. One might have parted, too proud to admit that a note should be sent in to Maurice.

Maurice was unaware of such episodes. He sat now, as he had sat during the day, calm and collected, and absorbed at the broad desk in the vast study. Except Curtis, there was not a soul in the house who did not know more grief than Maurice. Two hundred and seventy missives, cables and letters lay in piles on the left hand; a hundred and seventy missives still unanswered lay to his right. Emilie and the clerk were writing at a table set in, direct by train from London, and in the room, the desks, the desks, exterminated by administrative order of Maurice.

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"I don't think that is strange," said Sibthorpe.

"You suggest—"

"No, I simply mean that he has been requested to hold himself at the disposition of the police in Dunstable."

"Yes, I intercepted him."

"He's in custody?"

"Not quite."

"How does he explain about the empty car?"

"He doesn't explain. He hasn't been asked to explain. He doesn't know that we—that I know. I'm waiting to see if he will say anything that falls to fit in with the empty car."

Sibthorpe's smile of satisfaction was his own applause.

"But why should Beakbane want to kill my father?"

"I would be easier to find reason why Emilie Berger should have killed your father."

Maurice jumped up. It seemed as though he was prepared to play the self-controlled role he had up to a point, and as though Sibthorpe had passed the point.

"Berger!" he cried in violent protest. Sibthorpe also rose, and waved his hands deprecatingly.

"Let me beg you," he murmured, "not to give way to nerves."

Maurice sat down, humiliated by the detective's soothing, patronising manner.

"Please sit down," said the detective, commanding, as soon as Maurice had sat down. "Thank you."

"No one knows what Berger was doing in the early hours of the morning. Why was he out so early?"

"Let me remind you," said Maurice, grimly, "that the question is not why he was out so early, but why he should kill my father."

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OPEN LETTER BY W. T. R. PRESTON CANADIAN COMMISSIONER MAKES POSITION CLEAR

He Explains That He is Inter- ested in Promoting Trade Between Countries.

In a recent number of the Japan Advertiser, published in Yokohama, W. T. R. Preston, Canadian Trade Commissioner in Japan, addresses an open letter to A. I. Wolley, secretary of the Kobe foreign chamber of commerce, in reply to a letter of the latter which had been published previously. In the communication Mr. Preston makes his position clear. The controversy arose over an article written by Mr. Preston in the National Review and which was published in the Times during the late election campaign for the purpose of refuting the false representations which were made by the Colonist with respect to it.

Mr. Preston in his article upon the Japanese and the conditions prevailing in Japan took exception to the anti-Japanese policy pursued by certain papers printed in English in Japan. The wrath of some of these papers and their supporters has apparently been aroused against Mr. Preston, who in reply to these attacks, has written the letter referred to and which is as follows:

Canadian Government Office,
No. 14 Bond, Yokohama,
4th November, 1908.

Dear Sir—My attention has been directed to a letter in the local press that was sent by you to members of the Kobe foreign chamber of commerce, intimating that a memorial had been transmitted to Ottawa complaining about my alleged "animosity to the foreign mercantile community of Japan."

I notice it is said that you have addressed your communication to the minister of trade and agriculture of Canada. Allow me to say that there is no minister with that title. The head of the department in which I hold office is the Right Hon. Sir Richard Cartwright, G. C. M. G., minister of trade and commerce, Ottawa, who will be pleased to receive anything you may have to write on the subject.

I do not know whether you will consider that I am asking too much, in requesting you to kindly let me have a copy of the official complaint that you have addressed to Ottawa in regard to myself. Your letter will, no doubt, be sent to me by the department in due course, but, in the meantime, if you would kindly favor me with the copy, it is possible that misapprehensions may be more quickly removed.

Allow me, however, to say, in the meantime, that you are laboring under an altogether erroneous view about my attitude towards the foreign mercantile community of Japan. I have never expressed any such opinion as I am credited with in the communication which you have given to the press, nor have I formed a judgment which in any way could be a basis for the expression which appears in your letter.

I have no hesitation in giving a distinct and unqualified denial to the charge which you have formulated about my views; and I have considered it better to address you in order that you may be prepared for a request which must inevitably be made, both by the department of trade and commerce of Canada and myself, that you shall produce evidence justifying such an expression.

It will not be out of place for me to refer to certain matters which may possibly have assisted in prompting this official action on your part as secretary of the Kobe foreign chamber of commerce, but which I believe have not, by any means, been the main reason for your action.

In the course of an address to the

associated chambers of commerce in Tokio a few weeks ago, I expressed an opinion about the desirability of the Canadian producers and the Japanese consumers being placed in communication with a view of encouraging direct trade between Canada and Japan. In one of my monthly reports to the department in the summer, I also pointed out the necessity of producers and consumers in Canada and the Orient being brought into closer commercial relationship.

The principal reasons that gave occasion for these suggestions were: 1. The fact that Canada had been making efforts for a considerable period to increase the volume of trade with Japan, and had not been altogether successful. The result was partially due, in my opinion, to the fact that the principal products that Canada had to export to Japan entered into competition with similar products from other countries, and which, under more favorable facilities, at present hold the market here. I arrived at the conclusion that Canadians could only hope to secure a foothold in Japan for several of our important products by getting our prices down to the lowest figure, and to do this it is necessary to avoid addition to local prices by such things as the unexpected slipping of the handwriting on the wall by the shrewd westerners, who have been here for less than a month, ought to prove a warning to the banqueting anti-Japanese section of the foreign mercantile community as to the cause for the presence of this Nemesis at the gate of their supremacy.

The commercial instinct of these visitors is only discovering the effect of a course that has long since been only too evident to impartial observers, and to which I am humbly endeavoring to direct your serious attention. I have not expressed my views as fully as I am now doing, either to my government or even in private letters. I had hoped that the mild reference that was made in my contribution to the National Review would have possibly revealed to certain classes the extraordinary situation which is being created here. But instead of that result the interested journalists, hiding themselves behind their ink-bottles and paste pots, seem to have succeeded in slipping into the line such a representative institution as the Kobe foreign chamber of commerce, and are endeavoring to make this reputable body pull their chestnuts out of the fire.

You will perhaps allow me to say, that I have said in private letters, my personal resentment at your action in sending an official to Ottawa. In fact, I court the fullest possible inquiry. It may interest you to know that everything that I have said or written on the subject of Japanese trade has been transmitted by me to Ottawa. I have nothing to regret, nor anything to apologize for. But I cannot avoid expressing my surprise that a representative institution like the foreign chamber of commerce of Kobe, containing as it does so many estimable, reliable and responsible business men, should not inquire more carefully into the matter, before sending themselves to be stamped into a line of action which a personal examination of the facts must prove to themselves as entirely unjustified, and contrary to the actual facts.

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To say that officers and men were glad to be in port would be expressing it altogether too mildly. Although the day was drizzly and unpleasant it seemed better than the finest sunshine in Seattle, who had been so long at sea. Immediately they landed they were supplied with fresh meat and vegetables and they ate the best dinner they have had for many a day.

SALVED U. S. CRUISER SINKS AT ANCHORAGE

Warship Yankee, Floated From Reef, Meets With Worse Mishap.

New Bedford, Mass., Dec. 5.—The United States cruiser Yankee, which was floated yesterday after having been aground on a reef at the western entrance to Buzzard Bay, several weeks ago, sank early to-day off Penikese Island. The 150 members of the crew were landed safely.

The Yankee was proceeding under tow to this city, accompanied by the naval collier Lebanon and two tugs. It was intended, as soon as the cruiser had been freed from the reef to tow her to New York, but a nasty south-east gale made such a plan impracticable and the cruiser and her convoys started for this port. When darkness set in, the officer in charge of the cruiser deemed it imprudent to proceed further, inasmuch as the Lebanon draws more than twenty feet of water and it was thought that it would be hazardous to bring a vessel of such draught into New Bedford after dark. The Yankee was then towed to an anchorage in the lee of Penikese Island.

It was about 7 a. m. when the Yankee went down. Although no details were available at 8:30 a. m., it was understood that the vessel had turned turtle. She is reported to have sunk in fairly shallow water with her funnels showing above the surface, and it was thought that she could be raised again.

The sinking of the Yankee was the termination of an unfortunate cruise from Newport to the neighborhood of Martha's Vineyard to attend the submarine flotilla, in their fall manoeuvres. While on her way from Curryhan to Newport for a supply of coal, the Yankee struck on Spindle rock at the western entrance to Buzzard's bay in the night of December 3rd. After persistent efforts by the government to free the cruiser had failed, John Arbuckle, the New York sugar refiner believed that he could float the vessel by use of compressed air. He offered his services, and a contract was made between Mr. Arbuckle and the navy department, by the terms of which the former was to get \$37,500 if he floated the Yankee, while, if he failed, he was to receive \$25,000 as partial payment for his services. A long difficult task was presented, but yesterday the Yankee was floated. Up to the time when the cruiser foundered to-day, Commander Charles Marsh had left her deck but once, and on that occasion he went to Newport to consult with naval officials on the plans for saving the vessel.

How She Sank.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.—Commander Marsh, in command of the Yankee, to-day advised the navy department of the sinking of the vessel after it had been raised and was en route from the Hen and Chickens reef to New Bedford.

"After floating," he says, "the ship had a list to starboard which increased until it broke her deck and port flooded the compressor room and fire room. The ship listed steadily and sank deeper. I was on the open deck and all hands were sent away in tugs and we had no chance of saving anything in 62 feet of water. The wrecking company will renew operations at once."

A committee will be appointed to establish the responsibility of Commander Marsh, or other officers of the Yankee, for the accident.

PETITION FILED IN NANAIMO ELECTION

Ralph Smith's Election Has Been Protested by Con- servatives.

A petition has been filed with the registrar of the supreme court against the election of Ralph Smith, M. P., for the Dominion riding of Nanaimo. It has been known for some time that this step was contemplated by the Conservatives if any protest was filed in the city case, and sure enough it was all ready for presentation as soon as the customary deposit of \$1,000 had been filed. H. H. Barnard's election had been filed.

Barnard and Robertson are the lawyers acting in the case and the papers were filed by H. B. Robertson, who put up the Alexandria Club. There will be a charming musical programme, and a very pleasing function in connection with this event.



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Cruise Along Venezuelan Coast Said Not to Be a Naval Demonstration.

The Hague, Dec. 5.—The government of the Netherlands has declined to dignify the movement of three Dutch warships, the battleship Jacob Van Heemskerck and the cruisers Gelderland and Priesland, along the coast of Venezuela from Puerto Gabello to La Guayra, as a naval demonstration. It asserts that this manoeuvre was only an ordinary exercise cruise.

Officials to-day point out that anything in the nature of a blockade must be duly notified to the powers before being undertaken. They say that no such notification has yet been sent, nor has the necessary notice been given to parliament of any proposed warlike action. The government has received no information concerning the statement that four American warships are expected at Curacao during the beginning of January, but it is thought here that now the presidential election is over, the United States may possibly lend Holland more effective assistance than the oral support already promised.

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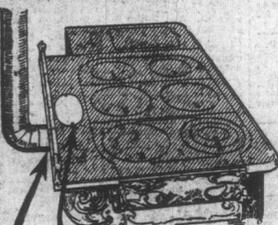
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HELD CONFERENCE.
Representatives of Canadian Manufacturers' Association Meet Local Members.
(From Saturday's Daily).
J. E. Walsh, manager of transportation, and R. W. Breauder, manager of the traffic department of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, Toronto, yesterday afternoon met the members of the local branch of the association here and held an informal talk in the board of trade rooms. There were present E. A. Pauline, the vice-chairman of the B. C. branch, in the chair; Messrs. H. J. Scott, D. R. Ker, E. C. Mess, James Leigh, W. J. Pendray, H. Smith, W. E. Staneland, J. J. Lemon,

H. B. Thomson, M. P. P., and W. Trewartha James, of the Tyee Copper Company.
R. H. H. Alexander, secretary of the B. C. branch, was also present, in company with the eastern visitors.
The visitors addressed the members on the working of the various departments of the association, setting forth what advantages the community as a whole, and the members individually, gained through a central organization watching the interests of merchants through Canada and other countries. Similar conferences have been held through the route the delegates have traveled. Messrs. Walsh, Breauder and Alexander left for Vancouver last night, and will proceed to New Westminster.

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CASTRO LANDS ON FRENCH SOIL

HOPES TO SMOOTH OVER MATTERS WITH EUROPE

Dislikes Diplomatic Ceremony
So Will Settle Disputes in Person.

Bordeaux, Dec. 10.—President of Venezuela, disembarked here from the French steamer Guadon which he sailed from La Guayra November 20th. The landing president and his party was without incident.

A representative of Foreign Minister Pichon boarded the steamer after an interview with President Castro after which the president and the members of his party came up to Bordeaux on a private car. The president greeted at the railway station, Venezuelan colony. The party then into autos and were driven to the landing of Castro at the city. The president was surrounded with a certain mystery. As soon as the president docked a French commissary boarded and insisted on speaking to the Venezuelan president alone. At an hour during which he left the commissary departed. He had to come only to inquire on the government concerning Castro's detention and as Castro had replied he had come to land.

A member of the president's staff expressed the opinion that the various government very much surprised when he heard the president in the possession of Castro was shown to their belief that things will soon right his absence from home. He was in excellent shape. Acting President Gomez is regularly competent to handle the situation.

When one of his aides was of the reported revolutionary situation under Generalis Rolando nandez, that is said to be now officer of organization at Curacao smiled and declared that left matter in utterly abortive. Dutch naval demonstration coast of Venezuela, but he was in command. All the president's Guadeloupe who was President Castro on the trip of greatly impressed with his intelligence and his strong personality. The allegations that Castro was an interview once that proud of the fact that his was on had terms with most powers of Europe is not known. He thought that he create a confederation of the North and South America Europe and the United States explained by one of his President Castro regarded tional relations as business be attended to in large measure, and the president patience with the diplomatic and "protocol." He had been by the character of some of sign representatives sent to considering the section to a slight upon the dignity of The president was represented tively confident that there was no attempt at revolution in during his absence.

French Attitude.
Paris, Dec. 10.—The French government apparently is reconsidering attitude towards President Foreign Minister Pichon was with the question of his France the entire morning. statement probably will be in the day.

7 YEARS FOR COUNTER.
Milton, Ont., Dec. 10.—Thorton Crozier pleaded guilty to a charge before Judge Magee raised here yesterday for the trial on charges of counterfeiting was sentenced, the father years in Kingston penitentiary the son to one year in the prison. Six weeks ago Thomson was sentenced to nine years penitentiary and Milton Crozier years. These sentences were on a technicality and a granted.

STILL NO VERDICT IN RUE.
Jury Out Since Yesterday
Afternoon Has Not Reached Agreement.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 10.—In the trial of Abe Ruef, on having bribed Supervisor For United Railways, the jury head trouble franchise, was at 1 o'clock this morning, having reached a verdict after having since 3.30 in the afternoon. Various reports as to the jury. The best opinion is that the jury is guilty and will be Juror Murphy frankly admitted court when the jury came to listen to the reading of testimony that they could not to how much weight should the evidence of an accomplice be given. The jury relies to secure the conviction that given by the supervisor.