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TO INVESTIGATE DEPARTMENTS

Prospective Members of New Commission to be Appointed for Purpose of Looking Into Civil Service Work

NO HAMPERING BY RESTRICTIONS

Hon. Martin Burrell Arranging for Fruit Convention to be Held in Ottawa Early in New Year

OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—It is reported tonight that the government has decided upon the men who are to conduct the investigation into the several departments of the public service at Ottawa. The names mentioned are those of the A. B. Morine, K. C., of Toronto, Richard S. Lake, of Grenfell, Sask., and G. N. Ducharme, of Montreal.

Mr. Morine is regarded as peculiarly well fitted for the work of investigation by reason of his lengthy experience in administrative affairs of Newfoundland and of his high standing as a member of the bar. Mr. Lake represented the riding of Qu'Appelle, in Saskatchewan, in the last parliament, but was defeated in the September election. He is a practical farmer with a wide knowledge of business affairs, and has made a study of civil service questions. Mr. Ducharme is a wealthy man who has had a long and creditable business career in Montreal. It is expected that Mr. Morine will be chairman of the commission.

No authoritative information in regard to the work of the commission is obtainable tonight, but it is to be expected, following the attitude repeatedly taken by Hon. R. L. Borden in parliament within the last five years that the inquiry will be wide open, and that there will be time enough allowed for the commission to make the inquiry thorough and complete. The present premier repeatedly protested while in opposition against the restrictions placed about the proposed investigation whereby the Courtney and Cassels' commissions were circumscribed.

The Courtney-Pyshe-Bastardo commission, appointed in 1907, dealt chiefly with the Marine department, but reported that there was no time to go into the work of the other departments. At the same time they pretty clearly indicated their opinion as to what investigation into other departments would reveal. The Cassels' inquiry, which followed, had to do only with the work of the marine department officials. The big printing bureau scandal followed, revelations in that case being made after the inquiry by the then Secretary of State during his spare moments. The probabilities that the new commission will take up and complete the work begun by the other commissions, whose hands were tied by the orders-in-council appointing them, the probe will go deeper under the enlarged powers of the commission now being established.

Before adjournment of the house the minister of justice gave notice of a bill to amend the Criminal Code, enabling the commissions to employ experts who could be entrusted with some of the details of the work of the investigation. This amendment, it is believed, will bear directly upon the investigation to be made by the new commission.

Fruit Convention

Arrangements are being completed by Hon. Martin Burrell for the holding of a fruit convention in Ottawa early in the new year. The gathering will be a large one, and will be representative of the fruit-growing interests of all Canada, the various associations and administrative bureaus. The convention will be held some time in February, and there will be in connection with it a fruit exhibition, which promises to be something better than any fruit display ever before seen in this country, inasmuch as it will represent the best results in every branch of the industry, as far as the season will allow.

A convention somewhat on these lines was held in 1905, but next year's will be upon much broader lines and more comprehensive in its scope. The reorganization of the fruit section of the agriculture department will probably be postponed until the ideas of the convention are heard.

Extradition Too Costly

SALT LAKE, Dec. 19.—Unless Canada marks down the price of extradition after Christmas she will find A. T. Wells, an alleged swindler, still in stock. Owing to the high cost of prisoners, Governor Spry refused today to issue a requisition for Wells. The man was arrested at Calgary, Canada, after a long chase, on the specific charge of defrauding an Oregon bank of \$150,000 by means of bogus checks. Governor Spry found that it would cost about \$1,000 to send an officer and the identifying witness required by Canadian law to Calgary. Wells, therefore, is safe, as long as he remains across the line.

MANY HOLD-UPS

Winnipeg Has Long Series of Robberies and Assaults—Ten Victims Arrested by Police

WINNIPEG, Dec. 20.—An epidemic of hold-ups has afflicted this city during the past two weeks. Every part of the city has been visited, and many citizens were compelled to deliver up money and valuables. A prominent contractor was held up and stabbed on Cathedral avenue on Monday. A man crossing the Elmwood bridge was relieved of \$200, three citizens at St. Boniface last night were beaten senseless; water works employees were relieved of their month's wages. The police have not been idle, and today arrested ten vagrants, all Americans, who have been identified. When searching for money and valuables were found, and in some instances the accused confessed. All are young men, 19 to 25 years of age.

Steamer With Chinese Crew

SYDNEY, N.S.W., Dec. 20.—The railway men of New Zealand have refused to discharge a steamer having a Chinese crew, and the owners have now entered action against the government for damages.

Watch Case Combustion

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—The federal government today filed suit in the United States court against the Keystone Watch Case company, declaring it an unlawful combination in violation of the Sherman anti-trust act, and asking that it be restrained from carrying on an alleged monopoly in the sale of such material.

GREAT NORTHERN TRAIN WRECK

Eastbound Express Has Head-on Collision with Oriental Limited Near Spokane—Six Men Are Injured

SPOKANE, Dec. 19.—Six men were injured and two locomotives smashed when the westbound Oriental Limited crashed head-on into No. 44, eastbound, at Spokane, 75 miles west of Spokane, at 9:45 o'clock this morning. The accident was caused by a misplaced switch.

The injured: Engineer Rogers, Oriental Limited, broken ankle; Fireman Bryan, Oriental Limited, right foot cut and body bruised; Fireman Kysart, No. 44, right foot smashed and body bruised; Express Messenger Dyson, No. 44, slightly injured about back and head; Philip Lang, helper on Oriental Limited, cut small cut, lame back, bruised about body and cut; James P. Harper, regular mail clerk Oriental Limited, arm cut and bruised leg and shoulder.

Harper, Lang and Dyson reside in Spokane, and Kysart, Bryan and Rogers in Hilliard. The Oriental Limited carried eight cars and No. 44 six cars.

The blame for the accident has not been fixed. The Oriental Limited was started out of Colesia when the collision occurred. The eastbound train was running about 25 miles an hour, and was slowing down rapidly, which accounts for the few injured. The Oriental Limited had just got steam up and had moved less than 50 yards.

MINERS' CONVENTION

Annual Meeting of District No. 6, of Western Federation, Held at Ymir—Resolutions Passed

YMIER, B. C., Dec. 20.—At today's session of the annual convention of District No. 6, Six Western Federation of Miners, which is proving the most important and successful in the history of the organization, resolutions were passed urging that the boiler inspection act be so amended that men operating electric motors and compressed plants, and particularly electric hoists, be compelled to become qualified by examination in the same manner as stationary engineers; that in the event of failure of the Kraus appeal before the Privy Council, the legislature be asked to amend the workmen's compensation act so as to make clear the claims of foreign dependents; that efforts be maintained the three dollar per day minimum wage scale be made, the executive to devise ways and means for maintaining such scale when considered advisable by the members of the district.

The convention decided to advise the locals to admit wives of members and their children over sixteen years of age to the deliberations in order to acquaint them to the problems with which the family bread-winners are dealing. This was introduced by Mrs. Chenoweth, of the Rossland Woman's Auxiliary, the only woman in the convention.

The treasurer's report for the quarter showed a balance to the good of over \$2,500. The cost of the Kraus case to date was stated to be \$3,300. It was decided not to affiliate with the United Mine Workers of America at the present time, it being considered inopportune, though the step was generally favored.

PERTH, N. B., Dec. 20.—Miss Martha MacLaughlin, aged 20, of Ortonville, was fatally shot last Sunday by her brother-in-law, Frank Crane, a lumber camp thirty miles from Edmonton, as he was cleaning his rifle.

RUSSIA LIKELY TO GET HER WAY

Persian National Council Accepts Cabinet's Proposal to Appoint Commission to Deal With Ultimatum

MEANS DISMISSAL OF MR. SHUSTER

Five Deputies Clothed with Full Power to be Chosen to Handle Affair—Pressure from Regent

TEHRAN, Dec. 20.—The cabinet has won an important victory over the National Council, which forebodes the acceptance of Russia's demand for the dismissal of W. Morgan Shuster, the American treasurer-general of Persia, unless public opinion proves too strong. The National Council in a session that lasted from 3 o'clock last night until after midnight, finally accepted the proposal to appoint a commission of five deputies with plenipotentiary powers to deal with the Russian ultimatum. Sixty members were present, and the proposal was submitted by Voooghod-Dowiah, the foreign minister, and was adopted by a vote of 29 to 19.

The composition of the commission has not yet been announced. Voooghod-Dowiah's proposal was hotly opposed by the Democrats, who declared that such a commission was in violation of the constitution. It is said that the regent, Nasir ul-Mulk, earlier in the day, summoned the moderates and threatened to resign unless the cabinet's proposal was accepted.

The dismissal of Treasurer General Shuster was demanded by Russia in her ultimatum dealing with the Persian difficulty. The foreign minister reported to the council on December 18, that the plight of Persia was desperate, as Russia had refused to abate her demands; but the deputies in spite of his appeals, insisted on the retention of Treasurer Shuster as Persia's only hope.

ATLANTIC LINES IN COMBINATION

United States Circuit Court Rules Against Companies' Demurrer in Case of Atlantic Conference

AGREEMENT AFFECTS U. S. COMMERCE

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The full bench of the United States Circuit court today over-ruled the demurrer interposed by the Hamburg-American steamship company and other transatlantic lines forming the "Atlantic Conference" against the government's suit for the dissolution of the "conference."

The government's contention is that the conference by reason of an alleged pooling agreement on passenger rates, is a trust in restraint of trade, and an injunction is asked to restrain the companies from further execution of the agreement.

Judge Noyes, who read the opinion, said the transportation of passengers between the United States and Europe forms part of the commerce of the United States with foreign nations, and that congress had the power to prohibit all contracts, combinations and conspiracies in restraint of the foreign commerce of the country. He declared that the agreement between the companies affects foreign commerce, because its operations must divert a part thereof from the natural channels of free competition into fixed channels assigned to the parties to the agreement.

"The different lines," the judge added, "obtain not that which would come to them from their separate efforts, but precise and certain percentages of the traffic."

Judge Noyes said the contention that the combination was formed in a foreign country was immaterial, as it affected the foreign commerce of this country and was to be put in operation here.

"Citizens of foreign countries," he added, "are not free to restrain or monopolize the foreign commerce of this country, by entering into combinations abroad, or by employing foreign vessels to affect their purpose."

The defendants were cited to answer the government's complaint in February.

ALBERNI CONSERVATIVES

Largest and Most Enthusiastic Meeting Yet Held—Election of Officers for Year

ALBERNI, B. C., Dec. 20.—The most enthusiastic annual meeting and the largest ever held by the conservative association here, now boasting a membership of one hundred, was held last evening, when officers were chosen as follows: Hon. President, Premier McBride; Patron, Mr. H. S. Clements; M. R. President, Dr. A. D. Morgan; elected Vice-Presidents, H. S. Browne and G. G. C. Wood and honorary secretary, Leonard Frank; for a seventh successive year, the new executive includes also W. W. G. McAllister, E. Frank, Edward McLeod, M. A. Ward and R. W. Hespall.

A special feature of the meeting was the action taken in requesting Mr. Clements, the district's representative at Ottawa, to use all possible activity in an endeavor to secure the earliest rebuilding of the Alberni public wharf.

Illness of Hon. E. F. Pearson

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 20.—Hon. E. F. Pearson, who has been seriously ill with kidney trouble for the past ten days, has taken a turn for the worse.

Authoritative Speaker

SYDNEY, N.S.W., Dec. 20.—Following the disorderly scene in the New South Wales legislature, when the speaker was threatened with violence, comes the order by Speaker Willis for the suspension of the chief Hansard reporter, for refusing to alter the proofs of the proceedings of the assembly as the speaker wished. The suspension, however, is ineffectual until confirmed by the president of the upper house.

GOOD NEWS FOR NORTHERN PEOPLE

Mr. H. S. Clements Brings Back Government Promises for a Better Telegraph Service and Reduced Letter Rate

Look for some improvements in the Dominion telegraph service and a reduction in the rates to bring the schedule in line with the other services, particularly in regard to the night letter rates, and also keep an eye upon the government method of dealing with the provinces, which have hitherto had to depend upon the sole support of the provincial legislature, despite the fact that they have been all the time under the jurisdiction of the Dominion.

That is the text in brief of Mr. H. S. Clements, M.P., for Comox-Atlin, who arrived in Victoria on the night boat in the course of his parliamentary vacation, and left again on the night boat for Vancouver. Mr. Clements, who is a young parliamentarian, has come back from Ottawa imbued with the spirit of optimism prevailing there.

"How do you think the government is likely to regard the claims of British Columbia?" was the first question asked him.

A cheery smile prefaced the reply: "So far as British Columbia is concerned, there is nothing to fear from the government. The government realizes what it owes to British Columbia—a solid representation on its benches and a provincial sentiment greatly in excess of its representation—and the government is not likely to forget it. I may say that the minister in the cabinet is mostly kindly disposed toward the Western province, and it is certain that any movement for its advancement will not meet with opposition from the government side of the house. Most of them also realize that in the past they have been 'gone with, and in the course of the evening things up again her claims will not be crushed out of sight."

"And the particular constituency of Comox-Atlin; what of it?"

"I am delighted with the prospect that I have brought back with me in regard to the betterment of my constituency. The government has promised every assistance for a better telegraph service to points in the north that have suffered in this respect in the past. No detailed plan has yet been made, but I am content to take the will for the deed in the meantime. As you know, the northern points of the province have been neglected in the past in regard to a telegraph service, and its improvement was one of the leading planks in my platform at the recent election. Well, the matter has been submitted to the government, and the promise I mention has been made."

"At the same time, I might state that the attention of the department has been called to the present condition of the mail service throughout the more remote parts of the constituency, and as a result of a simple explanation of the prevailing circumstances a promise has been made to inaugurate, probably by subsidy, a weekly service to places which at present have to rest content with a three-weekly service. This last particular will, I expect, be taken up, and it will be disappointed if the improvement I have suggested is not carried out. As far as that, something will certainly be done to improve the present conditions."

Talking of telegraphs raised the question of the rates and in reply to (Continued on page 2.)

NOTHING SHORT OF REPUBLIC

Firmness of Chinese Revolutionary Leaders Convinces Yuan Shi Kai's Representative at Peace Conference

TOO LATE TO SAVE MANCHU DYNASTY

Determination of Southern Country Not Properly Understood at Peking—Conference Proceedings Fruitless

SHANGHAI, Dec. 20.—"I am convinced that the abdication of the Emperor and the establishment of a republic is the only thing that will satisfy the people of China and prevent further wholesale shedding of blood," declared Tang Shao Yi, representative of Yuan Kai, the premier, after the session of the peace conference today. Continuing, he said: "Peking is not aware of the depth of extent of popular feeling in the south. Even I am astonished to find such a change from an attitude of patient forbearance to dogged patriotic determination. It now appears too late to save the dynasty."

"It will be difficult to persuade Yuan Shi Kai to abandon the plan for a limited monarchy, but we must use every endeavor to secure peace and end this awful bloodshed and the suffering among my people."

Tang Shao Yi expressed the belief that the situation might have been saved at one time by a conference with the revolutionary leaders and prompt assurance of adjustment of wrongs, but he now considers it too late. He also is convinced that there must be no foreign interference in the way of loans or otherwise.

The foreign powers, Great Britain, the United States, Germany, Japan, France and Russia united today in presenting an identical note to Tang Shao Yi and Wu Tang Feng. While the exact wording of the note has not been made public, it is said that it would go much farther than expressing the good will (Continued on page 2.)

WESTERN STEEL CREDITORS MEET

Three Prospective Bidders for Property of Corporation Appear—Action is Deferred Until February 20

DEBTS INCLUDE TAXES DUE IN B. C.

SEATTLE, Dec. 20.—Three prospective bidders for the property of the bankrupt Western Steel corporation appeared at the meeting of the creditors today. The Metropolitan Trust company, of New York, which had previously submitted a tentative proposition to take over the property, was represented by an attorney, who said that the plan for reorganizing the corporation had not been fully worked out, but would be ready for submission to the creditors in a short time.

A. L. Richmond, of New York, Chicago and Pittsburgh interests, asked that the sale of the property be postponed two or three months until the people he represents could send experts to go over the property and form a better idea of its value.

A telegram was also received from N. W. Jordan, formerly president of the American Trust company of Boston, and one of the largest stockholders in the defunct steel company, which was capitalized at \$20,000,000, saying that James A. Moore, promoter of the corporation, is in New York consulting with eastern stockholders with a view to reorganization. Mr. Jordan said that he had the utmost confidence in Mr. Moore, and asked that a sale of the assets be postponed.

Acting upon these proposals, the creditors voted to defer action until February 20, when another meeting will be held.

The creditors authorized the trustees to issue certificates against the assets of the company to pay off pressing debts, including \$4,000 taxes due the British Columbia government on Graham Island mineral lands.

Death Sentence

RIVIERE DU LOUP, Que., Dec. 20.—Jules Fournier, murderer of Louis Dion, of Honore, was today sentenced to be hanged on March 3. His brother, Ovide, who gave him the cradle, got ten years in the penitentiary.

B. C. ELECTRIC

Several Changes in Staff at Vancouver are Announced—Mr. Purvis Has Resigned

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 20.—Several changes in the management of the British Columbia Electric Railway were announced today. The resignation of Mr. Allen Purvis, who took over the management of the interurban system two years ago, has been accepted, and Mr. G. H. Franklin, local manager of the Esquimalt lines, has been appointed in his place. Mr. Franklin has been in the employ of the company for about 25 years. Mr. Stirling, who has been divisional superintendent at the Lulu Island office, will succeed Mr. Franklin. Mr. H. Wilson's resignation as local manager has also been accepted. As yet no successor has been appointed. Previously to joining the staff of the B. C. E. R., Mr. Purvis was superintendent of the Kootenay division of the C. P. R., with headquarters at Nelson.

Olympic Held Responsible

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The admiralty court has found that the White Star line steamship Olympic was responsible for the collision with the British cruiser Hawke near Osborne Bay, on the north side of the Isle of Wight, on September 20th last.

Wreck Inquest

ORTONVILLE, Minn., Dec. 20.—Half a dozen men who may be held responsible for the wreck of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul train on Monday, when ten persons lost their lives at Odessa, Minn., testifying at the coroner's inquest tonight, shifted the blame to one another. The inquest was concluded late tonight. The jury is expected to report in the morning.

PLANNING MUCH ROAD BUILDING

Hon. Thomas Taylor Says Government Will Inaugurate Comprehensive Policy at Coming Session

The government will at the approaching session of the legislature, inaugurate a broad and comprehensive policy for road building in various parts of the province, and that large expenditure will be made in improving transportation facilities in the outlying sections which are now beginning to attract settlers, is the inference to be drawn by a statement made yesterday by Hon. Thomas Taylor, minister of works in the provincial administration.

Mr. Taylor is just back from an extensive tour of the mainland, having visited Revelstoke, Golden and Kamloops and intervening points, his business being chiefly the collection of information which might be helpful to him in preparing for the opening of the legislature in the course of a few weeks.

Mr. Taylor mentioned that last session the appropriations for roads and road improvements in the province amounted roughly to about five and one-half million dollars. But there is a strong probability that there will be a much larger appropriation this year.

Last year the estimated revenue was 7 1/2 million dollars, but the actual revenue was about ten millions. At the last session the legislature made the appropriations based on the estimated revenue and as consequence the government finds itself in the enviable position of having ample funds on hand to provide adequately for the benefit of the country.

It may be taken as a certainty, therefore, that the appropriations for new roads and the maintenance of the highways already constructed will be much larger than last year, and perhaps the largest in the history of the province. In preparing his estimates, Mr. Taylor will take into consideration the fact that settlers are pouring into the fertile northern belts with great rapidity, and that the appropriations for road building to provide transportation facilities for the newcomers upon which the upbuilding of the province so much depends.

TARIFF LEGISLATION

Committees of Two Houses of Congress to Consider Proposed Measures After Holidays

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Congress will begin consideration of tariff legislation in the committees of the two houses, after the holiday recess, though Democratic leaders of the house say no measure will be ready to report for some weeks.

Republican leader Penrose, of the senate, said the finance committee would begin its work in advance of the house, while Democratic leader In- denwood said the bill would not be whipped into final shape until February. The committee, he said, must decide just what rates should be fixed, after thoroughly comparing its own data with the facts submitted by the tariff board in the report which President Taft submitted to congress today.

Senator Penrose announced that he hoped Republican senators would be able to formulate a bill to comply with the tariff board's views.

MILITIA REFORMS ARE PROMISED

Minister Hughes at Banquet in Montreal Mentions Changes Which He Expects Soon to Make

WOULD INCREASE TRAINING SCHOOLS

Rifle Instruction and Uniforms to be Attended to—Hon. F. D. Monk in Sympathy with the Minister

MONTREAL, Dec. 20.—The Minister of Militia and defence, Hon. Colonel Sam Hughes, was banqueted tonight by a large and enthusiastic gathering of the officers of the local militia regiments.

Colonel Hughes made a speech outlining numerous reforms to be undertaken, and was heartily endorsed by his colleague, Hon. F. D. Monk, who stated that he and Colonel Hughes now saw eye to eye and were working together for the good of the country.

Colonel Hughes outlined a few of his ambitions. "It is my ambition," he said, "to see that training schools are not centralized in distant parts, but placed at the door of every regiment in Canada. It is the desire of Mr. Monk and myself to see proper armories and drill sheds located throughout the country."

He declares that the men on the R. O. list should take great interest in military affairs of the country, and that he would give them every opportunity to do so and arrange matters so that their valuable services should not be lost. He would also improve the rifle training system, he would improve the uniforms and would have the unfair duty on uniforms not procurable in this country removed.

He referred to the western visit with Major General Mackenzie, and said his municipalities there had offered valuable sites for armories and drill sheds and that he had seen enough to convince him that the people of the west, whether British born or otherwise, were united in the work of defending their country and empire.

Referring to cadet work, he stated that next summer the country would arrange to drill as many cadets as would turn out, 25,000 or upwards, as expected at the various summer camps, and he would transport, ration, uniform and instruct them.

LOSES PROPELLER

Fishing Steamer Flamingo Picked Up and Towed to Vancouver—Rough Weather in North

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 20.—The fishing steamer Flamingo, of the New England Fish Company, was picked up near Bella Bella on Monday morning with a broken tail shaft and minus her propeller by the steamer Caspian, of the Union Steamship company, the latter and her tow arriving in port this morning. The accident came as the ship was on a very rough sea. The Flamingo being en route home with only 25,000 pounds of fish for twenty-one days at sea. The northern waters have been too rough for much fishing lately, the New England having been out thirty-one days and returning with only 6,000 pounds. The Flamingo is now out thirty days with no days with no report.

BANK STATEMENT

That Issued For Past Month Show Difference in Form—Expansion in Business Indicated

OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—The bank statement for the month ending November 30, issued today, shows a decided alteration in form. While the tables are in the same order, the title is printed on a more comprehensive scale which will be a convenience to those who make use of the report.

An outstanding feature of the commercial situation as revealed by the report is a gradual expansion of the business upon a sound and healthy basis. In comparison with the statement for October, the report shows an increase of nearly ten million dollars in demand deposits, and of nearly one and a half millions in notice deposits. An increase of \$1,874,411 in current loans is also recorded during the month. Bank notes in circulation on November 30 amounted to \$171,943,086, a decrease of \$3,911,965 compared with October.

Deposits on demand totalled \$341,710,265, an increase of \$9,766,708. The savings deposits show an increase of \$88,451,480 to \$582,942,142. Call and short loans in Canada stood at \$2,040,882, an increase of \$2,845,028. There was a decrease of \$1,232,975 in the volume of similar loans made abroad. In current loans there were \$70,769,470 out, an increase of \$1,874,411.

In Vancouver the election of Mrs. Peter McNaughton as a member of the public school board for 1912 is already generally conceded.

PRINCESS ALICE THE VESSEL

Latest Addition to the C. P. R. Fleet Shows Improvements Over Other Steamers of Local Service

While the whistles of the steamers in port shrieked a welcome, the new steamer Princess Alice, latest and best of the C. P. R. fleet at Victoria, reached yesterday morning...

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LOSE MUCH TIME FOR FUNERALS

Miners at Broken Hill Abandon Their Work All Day When Any of Their Number is Buried

MELBOURNE, Dec. 19.—The miners' union of the Broken Hill silver field have adopted a way in which to mourn the death of a brother that is not approved by the mine owners. The union adopted a resolution, at the instigation of the Socialist members, that in the event of death of a member, all the men shall cease work on the day of the funeral. If the obsequies fall upon a Sunday then the men stop work on Monday.

During the year there have been 23 fatalities in the field, which meant a loss of 195,000 hours. All the miners are idle today, owing to the death on Sunday of one of their comrades.

DYNAMITE CACHED

Unpleasant Discovery Made in Garden of Los Angeles Merchant's Residence

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 19.—Twenty-three sticks of high power dynamite were found late today buried in the shrubbery at the residence of Arthur Letts, owner of two of the largest department stores in Los Angeles. The find was made by a gardener employed by Mr. Letts.

After an investigation the police announced that they believed the dynamite had been placed in the yard by some one who wanted to get rid of it. There was nothing to indicate that any attempt had been made to remove the sticks. No fuses were found. Two men who were seen loitering around the Letts residence at noon are being searched by the police, but the latter admit that the can containing the explosive had been buried several days.

New Diamond Field

LONDON, Dec. 19.—A Johannesburg despatch to the Express reports a diamond rush at Bloemhof, a farming district on the banks of the Vaal river, not far from Kimberley. A canvas town with a population of 15,000 has sprung up within a month. Twenty thousand claims will be officially announced on Sunday.

SMALLPOX EPIDEMIC

Cases of Disease Reported from Many Points in Saskatchewan—Precautions at Winnipeg

WINNIPEG, Dec. 19.—Reports from all parts of the West received here by the health department show that an epidemic of smallpox exists at widely separated points in Saskatchewan. There are hundreds of cases. A hotel at Kerrobert with thirty guests is quarantined. It is especially violent at this time of the year, and the city authorities are watching incoming trains closely and inspecting all hotels and boarding houses daily. Some cases have been reported from British Columbia points also.

Mr. Lloyd George's Assailant LONDON, Dec. 19.—Allan Ross McDougall, who hurled a brass-bound box at Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer, while the latter was attending a women's Liberal meeting Saturday evening, striking him in the face with the missile, yesterday was sentenced in the police court to two months at hard labor.

Abercrombie Case Dismissed STEVENSON, Dec. 19.—After a hearing of the case of Samuel Abercrombie, charged with the murder of his wife, came to a sudden termination this morning, when Magistrate Faulkner dismissed the case on the ground that there was nothing in the medical evidence submitted by the crown to justify his committal for trial on the charge against him. Mrs. Jane Abercrombie was found dead in bed at her home on November 18.

MISSIONARIES SAFE

Siege of Chentu Ended and Foreigners Left Free to Proceed Down River to Shanghai

TORONTO, Dec. 19.—In the opinion of the Methodist Mission Board, the siege of Chentu, China, by the rebels in Wu Chung province, which lasted for four months, has been raised or ended by the success of the rebels. In Chentu were cooped up about a hundred Canadian Methodist missionaries and their families, besides about a hundred other foreigners.

PROSECUTOR OFFENDS

County Official at Indianapolis Ordered to Appear in Court on Charge of Contempt

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 20.—Asserting that Robert J. Foster, a detective engaged by the National Erectors' association for the dynamiting investigation, was interfering with him, County Prosecutor Frank P. Baker today forcibly took Foster before Judge Joseph Markey of the criminal court, and asked for protection. Judge Markey, who was conducting a murder trial, reprimanded the prosecutor for interrupting, but Mr. Baker persisted, and snatching a club from a policeman, threatened Foster. Court officers drew Baker away, and Judge Markey ordered him to appear in court tomorrow to show cause why he should not be held in contempt.

Immediately after the incident, Mr. Baker was subpoenaed to appear tomorrow before the federal judge to testify in the government's inquiry into the dynamite cases.

YATES AND LANGLEY STREETS CORNER SOLD

Vancouver Men Pay \$50,000 for Property Formerly Owned by Mr. G. Gies—Probable Hotel Site

The realty movement in Victoria recently included a \$50,000 sale. The property involved in this transaction is situated on the corner of Yates and Langley streets and has hitherto belonged to Mr. Geo. S. Gies. It has a frontage on Langley street of eight-one feet and comprises the Bank Exchange Bar, the Victoria Dairy Lunch, and the Oakland rooms. The purchasers are Messrs. George Stevens and J. Burton, of Vancouver. The Dominion Business Exchange, Green Block, conducted the negotiations.

Although nothing has been stated definitely as to the object of the purchasers it is suggested that the newly acquired property will be used as an hotel site, for which, in view of its central location and proximity to all the car lines of the city, it is admirably situated. Messrs. Stevens and Burton have been in the city for several days looking out for good buys and it is authoritatively stated that they have made several purchases, but the one referred to here is the largest they have yet interested themselves in in the city.

The price obtained for the property, \$50,000 is regarded as sustaining the recent run of quotations, and is therefore regarded as a good augury for the condition of the market once the present holiday season is over and the steady influence of the new year is ushered in.

Among other properties sold by the Dominion Business Exchange is the Turkish Bath frontage on Fort street, for which a good price was obtained.

Settlement House for Blind

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—With a silver trowel handed him by a blind woman, President Taft laid the corner stone this afternoon of the first settlement house for the blind in the world. A crowd of several thousand persons congested the street to get a glimpse of the president on the site of the proposed building, and several hundred more looked down and cheered from the house tops. Miss Winifred Koak, through whose efforts the proposed building had been made possible, Mr. Choate, Governor Dix and others participated, in the ceremonies. At the conclusion of the corner stone laying, the president motored to a jewelry store for Christmas shopping.

Aviators Have First Fight PARIS, Dec. 19.—M. Vedrines, the hero of the Paris-Madrid race, and a German had a dispute some time ago, in the course of which they came to blows. The German had challenged M. Vedrines, and the latter ignored it. The following morning the dispute was renewed, and the German, thinking that he was threatened, took out a revolver. M. Vidart and other aviators disarmed him and threatened to give him a good hiding. M. Vedrines claimed the right to do all that himself, and he and the German had a hand-to-hand fight. The outcome was that both lodged a complaint, and the court of Rheims has now given its decision. Each of the aviators have been found guilty and fined. M. Vedrines in the sum of \$3.50 and the German in the sum of \$10.00. The German's culpability in the eyes of the court was that he had been carrying a prohibited weapon.

SHARP ENGAGEMENT

Italian Troops Sent Out to Reconnoitre Encounter Body of Turkish Soldiers

TRIPOLI, Dec. 20.—A small force of Italians passing out of Anzara to reconnoitre, encountered a body of Turkish troops who retired after a short engagement. The Italians remained on the ground until this morning, when they returned to Anzara. The engagement was severe, and Colonel Fara, the Italian commander, sent a messenger to summon help. He managed to hold out in spite of the fire of the Turks, which was kept up through the night. At daybreak the enemy withdrew.

Smallpox at Delhi

LONDON, Dec. 19.—A wave of alarm swept over London, especially in official circles, today upon receipt of news from Delhi that Capt. Leslie Chesape of the British army had died in Delhi of smallpox. Fears for the safety of King George and Queen Mary, who left Delhi several days ago at the conclusion of the Durbar, were openly expressed.

Heavy Snow in Texas

WICHITA FALLS, Tex., Dec. 20.—Snowflakes were ordered out in Texas today. Two feet of snow on the level along the Panhandle route of the Fort Worth and Denver railroad. Preceded by heavy rains the blizzard appeared to be travelling southeast.

Strikers Shot

Brandon, Man., Dec. 20.—Arthur Ellsford, a Grand Trunk striker, was fatally shot and John Gibbons, another striker, was also slightly wounded at Rivers, Manitoba, this morning. The shooting was done by a strikebreaker, Alfred Thomas, from Toronto, who is alleged to have shot in self-defence when attacked by strikers on his way to work. Both wounded men are in the hospital. A dental party on the rough wooden platform.

Car Shortage Trouble

WINNIPEG, Dec. 20.—The Winnipeg board of trade today discussed the alarming car shortage in Western Canada. A committee, which has been working on the subject for some weeks, reported, and the board decided to petition the railway commissions to see if some solution cannot be arrived at. The board claims the railways have failed to fulfill their duties as common carriers. The congestion resulted in the deterioration of grain in transport.

Protection for Pictures

PARIS, Dec. 19.—The Louvre authorities are experimenting with a new mechanism which has been proposed to them for preventing the theft of pictures. The device of the scheme is that an iron bar shall be firmly riveted to the wall, that every picture shall be locked to it, and that a single lock shall suffice for faster or unfasten all the springs simultaneously. The secret of the lock, of course, will be jealously guarded, and only trusted officials will be allowed to handle the key. By this means it will be a simple matter to release the pictures for removal in the event of fire, whereas, to take a picture from its place before it is released will entail a good quarter of an hour's noisy work. Dresden, as well as Paris, is engaged in examining the ingenious system.

BLUE DRESS SUITS

Departure in Men's Fashions is Noted by London Styvageur—Widespread High Society Approval

LONDON, Dec. 19.—"Quite" in the London Observer says, "there is no doubt whatever about the arrival of the blue dress suit. The color is very dark, but it is quite distinct from the mere blue-black cloth, which only the abnormally inquisitive can distinguish from black. I looked for 'practical confirmation of the new vogue at Hammerstein's opera on the opening night, knowing that on that occasion there would be many men of fashion present, and in the grand lounge, during an interval, I saw at least a dozen blue dress suits, one being worn by a gentleman who was with the Marquis de Soveral's party."

"I would lay stress on this, because the Marquis has for many years been regarded in society as the leader of the best-dressed-men brigade, and it is not easy to imagine one of his friends having sufficient courage to go into his presence attired in anything likely to be considered daring, or in any way opposed to good taste. In short, I regard this admission of blue dress cloth into the de Soveral circle as the highest possible confirmation of my recent announcement of it as the new style."

"I would like to put on record, as a postscript the interesting fact that a well known patron of opera appeared in the stalls at Hammerstein's on that wonderful opening night in a dress suit which, of a dark-blue vicuña, had velvet buttons to it, there being four small ones on the sleeves, the cuffs of which were marked by a thin velvet piping. The collar, too, was of velvet."

"On a man inclined to jewelry and fancy socks or tinted waistcoat, this suit would undoubtedly look glaringly conspicuous. But, as I have so often pointed out, so much in these matters depends upon the wearer. He whose coat I have described was tall, slim, middle-aged and clean shaven, his waistcoat was of white linen and not too pointedly out in the forepart; his studs and waistcoat buttons were plain white enamel."

"I was pleased to observe a scarcity of grey dress waistcoats. Indeed, I saw only three in all the great assembly, two being worn by foreign musical critics, and the remaining one decorating the facade of the composer-conductor, M. Nougues."

Extending into California

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—Increasing its capital stock from \$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000, the Eastern Oregon Railway company today filed incorporation papers to extend its line into California with the secretary of state. The railroad company proposes to connect its line with the Southern Pacific through the medium of the Central Pacific Railway at Weed station from a point near its line at Orlati. It is proposed to start from Natron, Oregon, with branches to Klamath Lake View and south 150 miles to Goose Lake on the border of Oregon and California, thence to Weed station in Siskiyou county. The company was incorporated in Oregon in 1906.

Mrs. Vermilyea Indicted

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—An indictment containing thirteen counts charging Mrs. Louise Vermilyea with having murdered Policeman Arthur Blasonette, by poisoning him, was returned by a grand jury yesterday. She was ordered held without bail.

Player Reinstated

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 20.—Player Garland ("Jack") Stahl, mentioned as the probable manager of the Boston Americans next season, was reinstated without a fine by the National Baseball Commission today. Stahl was suspended a year by the commission in 1911 by failing to report to the Boston Club, to which he was under reservation.

Cunard Increases Capital

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 20.—The Cunard Steamship company today voted its approval of a \$4,500,000 increase of capital to be expended chiefly in carrying out the recent purchase of the control of the Anchor Line.

Sir Charles Still Improving

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The condition of Sir Charles "Tupper" is distinctly improved and the family is more hopeful.

Chief of Police on Trial

SHERBROOKE, Quebec, Dec. 20.—Chief of Police, Robert Davidson must stand trial at next session of the court of the King's bench on a charge of forging the name of Magistrate Guay to a committal warrant.

Crabbrook will expend \$5,500 next year to provide manual training in connection with the public schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong of New Westminster, last week celebrated their wedding golden.

The provincial police are seeking to apprehend a man who last week made a daring but unsuccessful attempt to hold up the collector of customs, at Quebec.

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In our Coat section are some excellent values in suit coats, up to \$21.00, \$25.00, \$32.50, \$37.50

BELTS, BLOUSETTES AND FANS

Belts in velvet, suede and elastic. Fancy Fimbel Belts in gold and silver. Any shade to match your suit or blouse. Prices from \$2.50 to \$5.00

Blousettes in white and cream lace, tucked net and imitation tucks. Prices, \$2.00 to \$5.00

NOVELTIES

Glove and Handkerchief Boxes, in embroidered silk. Price, each \$1.75 and \$2.00

Ladies' Work Boxes, in hand-painted silk, at each, \$1.00 and \$1.50

Jewel Boxes, in embroidered linens, each 90c and \$1.00

Neckwear de Luxe

Such an array of beautiful exclusive neck-ties, we have never before seen. To describe them is out of the question they must be seen.

Among the most recent—only unpacked last Friday—are the new Chiffon and Lace Collars, with side frills attached. These show the new pearl heading. Prices range from \$5.75 to \$12.25

Then there are the Real Irish Crochet Jabots and one to a hundred of other pieces, shown and priced in a way characteristic of "Campbell's"

Embroidered and Lace Lawn Collars, with detachable Jabots, ranging in price from \$4.00

The New Side Frills, very prettily embroidered and net trimmed. Prices, \$1.25, 90c and \$1.75

Side Frills, with collar of very fine lawn trimmed with insertion and lace. Prices 75c, 50c and \$1.00

The Best of Sailor and Dutch Collars, of white, muslinette, spotted muslin and fine lawn, edged with heavy lace. Prices, 90c, 75c and \$1.00

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All umbrellas priced up from \$3.90 have the detachable handles, which are so convenient for traveling.

Regular \$3.50 to \$9.00, reduced price \$2.25

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Regular \$5.35 and \$5.75, reduced price \$4.90

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Regular \$7.50, reduced price \$6.75

Regular \$8.50, reduced price \$7.50

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Regular \$7.50 to \$8.75, reduced price \$6.75

Regular \$9.75 to \$10.75, reduced price \$8.50

Regular \$10.00 to \$11.75, reduced price \$9.75

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Just Unpacked—French Hand-Made Children's Dresses, ages 6 months to 2 years.

Infants' Shortening Dresses, tucked and trimmed with lace and insertion, at prices ranging from \$3.25 down to \$1.75

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\$20.00 Suits for \$10.00

\$22.50 Suits for \$11.25

\$25.00 Suits for \$12.50

\$30.00 Suits for \$15.00

\$35.00 Suits for \$17.50

\$40.00 Suits for \$20.00

\$45.00 Suits for \$22.50

\$50.00 Suits for \$25.00

\$55.00 Suits for \$27.50

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Maggioni Kid Gloves, very good quality in all shades. Per pair \$1.50

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EXTRA SPECIAL—French Kid Gloves, regular per pair \$1.00. Special price \$90c

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12-button White Glace Kid Gloves, special, per pair \$1.75

Fowne's and Trefousse's Glace Kid Gloves, in black and white, 12-button, per pair \$2.50

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THE EVE OF GREAT THINGS

Victoria is on the eve of great things, of a future that will equal the most sanguine expectations of any of us. The strategic value of the port is about to receive most tangible recognition, recognition that will attract the attention of the whole Dominion and of the people beyond the borders of Canada.

When we look backward from ten to fifteen years in the history of Victoria, we recall that the community was divided into three classes of people. The majority, who were convinced that the city would never be anything more than it was then, and who were indifferent to all plans for future progress; a minority, who were actively in opposition to every scheme for advancement, and openly discouraged every person who aimed at accomplishing anything for the general benefit; and a yet smaller minority who had faith in the city and labored persistently to awaken the people to the necessity for action.

A great damper was put upon the expectations cherished by an earlier generation of Victorians, when the Butte Inlet route for the Canadian Pacific was abandoned in favor of that to Burrard Inlet, and it is not at all surprising that many thought the outlook hopeless. There was a brief period of activity after the completion of the Canadian Pacific, but this was terminated abruptly by the smallpox epidemic, and before the citizens had had time to recover from its paralyzing influence, the Point Ellice bridge disaster smote the community and brought it face to face with present sorrow and unknown future liabilities.

And now, what remains to be done? What else is there that we as a people can do in view of the splendid prospects opening before us? Many things, no doubt; but, first and foremost, we can stand together in an unbroken phalanx and work for everything that is for the city's advantage. The thing that we ought first to do is to show to the government at Ottawa that we are a united people in the matter of harbor improvements. There ought not to be a discordant note. Much will be done for a united people, but even the most friendly administration may hesitate if there is discord among those who are to be benefited by any great public work.

Many people will remember the feelings of the citizens when news came that the good ship City of Kingston had been in collision in the harbor of Tacoma and had gone to the bottom never to be raised again. We all had a kindly feeling for the Kingston, for she represented to us the last word in ferry service to the Mainland. When her place was taken by the little Rosalie and the indescribable Utopia, there were many people who thought that, instead of progressing, Victoria had got upon the down grade. These boats gave us connection with the sound cities; the Charmer was often more than sufficient for the Vancouver run. In those days the colonist used to get from the purser of that good ship on her arrival a list of the passengers and consignees, and the two together would take up two or three inches of space, and often less. In those days the E. & N. railway used to run a mixed train each way daily, and the reckless person who ventured to talk about car-ferry was looked upon as an idle dreamer. We had about a hundred feet of paved sidewalk in the whole city and not a foot of paved street. The tide flats were an evil-smelling place, and traffic across the bridge used to be stopped periodically while repairs were being made. Even so late as the time when the filling in of the flats began to assume definite shape, the colonist printed a letter from an indignant correspondent protesting against the irreparable damage that would be done to the soap factory and furniture factory situated above the bridge. It is well to think about these things, for they did not happen so very long ago. The recollection of them serves to show by contrast with present conditions what progress Victoria has made.

Information has been received by the provincial government of the passage of two important orders-in-council at Ottawa. One vests in the province all rights held by the Dominion in the former Songhees Reserve and to the fore-shore thereof. The other vests the control of water-powers within the Railway belt in the provincial government.

The prompt manner in which these two important matters have been disposed of is in striking contrast to the pointless delay which marked transactions between the two governments during the Laurier regime. There is

unfortunately little room for doubt that, however much the former Prime Minister might have been disposed to view favorably representations made to him on behalf of the province, he permitted himself to be influenced by certain persons whose only conception of political sagacity was to thwart as long as they possibly could every attempt made by the provincial authorities to secure recognition of provincial claims. The Borden ministry has been less than three months in power and the number of matters relating to British Columbia that have been brought to a satisfactory conclusion cannot be surpassed by any three years record of the Laurier ministry. If a similar policy prevails in respect to the rest of Canada the practical gain to the whole Dominion by the change of government will be difficult to estimate.

Less than ten years ago the people of this city began to think very earnestly about what could be done for their own city. The far-away fields had been found to be as green as they appeared, and the people began to realize that progressive effort, like charity, ought to begin at home. Since that time there has been splendid progress. Those whose hopes of the city were based upon its attractiveness as a residential city have seen their fulfillment proceed at a rapid rate and have witnessed the inauguration of plans for far greater development than anyone expected only a very few years ago. Those who believed the city would become a tourist resort have seen this come about, and have also seen the beginning of railway and highway construction that will add immeasurably to its possibilities in that line. Those who hoped to see the city prosper because of the opening of Vancouver Island by railway are in some cases, we are glad to say, even now enjoying the benefit of that prosperity directly, and we all are feeling it to our advantage. Last but not least, those who, conceding all that could be claimed for the city along the lines mentioned above, held fast to the faith that the unrivalled position of the port of Victoria would one day be recognized and the necessary steps would be taken to utilize this great advantage, an advantage of incalculable value not only to the city and to Vancouver Island, but to the whole of Canada, are about to witness the beginning of the projects necessary to bring about that most desirable consummation.

DOING THINGS

In common with the other members from British Columbia, Mr. Shepherd seems to have accomplished a good deal during the short time he was at Ottawa. He has succeeded in rectifying one grievance which for some time past has been a source of great heartburning among the residents of the Islands. The C. P. R. has been awarded the mail carrying contract on that route, and that company is willing to make a schedule which will as nearly as possible meet the needs of the residents. The member for Nanaimo has also been successful in arranging for the establishment of more patrols on the West Coast. At present he is working on a programme of providing life-saving facilities, which, when complete, will make the waters of Vancouver Island among the best protected in the Dominion. For this he will earn the thanks of all shipping interests, and the people of the entire province. It is well to know also that he is keenly interested in the development of Victoria's harbor facilities. In this connection he points out a feature of the proposed work which probably was unnoticed before. That is that the breakwater project will be principally carried out within the limits of his own constituency. In advocating the needs of this port he worked hand in hand with Mr. Barnard, and there can be little doubt that he is entitled to some of the credit. Many other matters of great moment to his constituency are engaging his attention, among them being legislation which will serve to preserve the herring fisheries for people of the white race. The Nanaimo district has in him an earnest advocate, and we believe that the hopes of the people of that constituency will in large measure be realized during the period that he is their representative.

A NEW COMPLICATION

President Taft has notified Russia that the United States desires to terminate the treaty of 1822 with that country. The treaty is a commercial one and its abrogation will not of itself involve any serious misunderstanding between the two powers although it has been said that in that event the Russian ambassador will leave Washington in protest, leaving the embassy in charge of a secretary of Legation. This is not quite the same as the breaking off of diplomatic relations, but it is the next thing to it. There is no likelihood of an actual rupture between the two countries and it may be assumed that negotiations for a new treaty will not be long delayed, for it is hardly possible that strained relations between two such powers can be allowed to continue indefinitely.

The disagreement between the two governments arises out of the refusal by Russia to admit American Jews into the country, even when properly vouched for by the government at Washington. It is certainly rather a severe slight to put upon an American citizen that he will not be permitted to enter Russia if he happens to be a Jew. The general opinion at Washington seems to be that if the treaty is abrogated by a simple formal resolution Russia will not take offence and will be ready to proceed at once with the preliminary steps towards a new agreement, but that the resolution of Senator Selzer, which charges the Tsar's government with a breach of faith, will be very greatly resented at St. Petersburg, though not to the extent of provoking hostilities. It is very probable that a course will be taken by the Senate which will accomplish everything that is desired without giving needless offence to Russia.

In using the expression "National Port" in regard to Victoria, the colonist has meant to imply a port that would be a national centre of commerce; but it was not in this sense that Mr. Monk, Minister of Public Works, employed it when he spoke of an expenditure of a very large amount of money in establishing "National Ports." He had in mind, and so stated, national ports in the sense in which they were spoken of by the Transportation Commissioners, who visited Victoria in 1905; that is as ports the facilities of which would be owned and maintained by the government, all private property having been acquired by the government by purchase or otherwise. The Commissioners recommended a number of localities on both ocean frontages of Canada where such ports might be established, and Victoria was one of them.

We are as a city on the eve of great things. The Victoria that is to be will be far different from the Victoria that has been. It will not lose those features that have gained for it the name "Beautiful," but will retain them amplified by works of human ingenuity and good taste. It will retain all its charm as a place to which strangers will come for a holiday, increased manifold by the enlargement of the area in which pleasure-seekers can find enjoyment. It will see the "Treasure Island," of which it will be the distributing centre, developed by modern means of transportation. It will see the great wealth of this marvellously wealthy 16,000 square miles contributing to its material progress in ways that no one can foresee. It will become a great ocean port, one of the greatest of all the ports on the Pacific ocean—that ocean which the wisest statesmen of both hemispheres have foretold will be the scene of the greatest activities of mankind.

Information has been received by the provincial government of the passage of two important orders-in-council at Ottawa. One vests in the province all rights held by the Dominion in the former Songhees Reserve and to the fore-shore thereof. The other vests the control of water-powers within the Railway belt in the provincial government.

INTERESTING NEWS

The prompt manner in which these two important matters have been disposed of is in striking contrast to the pointless delay which marked transactions between the two governments during the Laurier regime. There is

unfortunately little room for doubt that, however much the former Prime Minister might have been disposed to view favorably representations made to him on behalf of the province, he permitted himself to be influenced by certain persons whose only conception of political sagacity was to thwart as long as they possibly could every attempt made by the provincial authorities to secure recognition of provincial claims. The Borden ministry has been less than three months in power and the number of matters relating to British Columbia that have been brought to a satisfactory conclusion cannot be surpassed by any three years record of the Laurier ministry. If a similar policy prevails in respect to the rest of Canada the practical gain to the whole Dominion by the change of government will be difficult to estimate.

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CITIZENS WELCOME Inauguration of ment on Island and Represent Passengers— PORT ALBERNI, B Without any sounding or flamboyant speeches orthodox accessories of special events, regular Port Alberni extension Pacific's Vancouver B unostentatiously inaugu noon, when, on time to the first train to reach report in Canada p View westernmost railway to great Dominion. The formal opening of served for the early of Alberni and Port Alber day demonstrated their of the historical as w mercial importance of the ing out in masses at greet the dawn of a new Vancouver Island, and enthusiastic welcome t Benworth, who had con by from Montreal to E. R. company on this and who lost not a mo short stay here in acq by personal observation vailing conditions bear pany's varied interests Many Passes The vice-president's p oose was attached to t coach train, well filled of whom no fewer than through from Victori terminate points. M guests included Capt. B trual; Mr. A. C. Flumr Mr. Ernest McGaffey, Vancouver Island Deve and Mr. William Norri the Nanaimo board of t members of the offic Rupt. Beasley and Ass tudent Goodfellow, of t and Divisional w the latter of w nted a section of

First Through Train Reaches Port Alberni

CITIZENS IN LARGE NUMBERS WELCOME E. & N. VICTORIA SPECIAL

Inauguration of Service Marks Epoch in Railway Development on Island—Vice-President Bosworth, Mr. R. Marpole, and Representative Party of Local Citizens Are Among Passengers—Residents of Terminal Celebrate Arrival

PORT ALBERNI, B. C., Dec. 20.—Without any sounding of trumpets, or flamboyant speeches, making the orthodox accessories of such distinctly special events, regular service on the Port Alberni extension of the Canadian Pacific's Vancouver Island road was unostentatiously inaugurated this afternoon, when, on time to the very minute, the first train to reach a true Pacific seaport in Canada pulled in to this

miles in length, through from Wellington, an enduring monument to his professional ability. Conductor Fletcher and Driver Austin had the honor of commanding the first Canadian train through to the Western ocean. Alberni's welcome, congratulations and good wishes were suitably expressed to Mr. Bosworth by President McNaughton, of the Port Alberni board of trade, Mr. R. F. Burde and other prominent citizens, while whistles screamed both

of now being able to reach their customers on the seaboard without breaking bulk of shipments or dual handling. As for Alberni's gain, one has but to look a timber map of the continent to realize that this new terminal port of the C. P. R. commands, with direct water or rail transport facilities, the very largest compact area of merchantable timber on the continent, a fact of itself sufficient to assure the substantial commercial greatness of Port Alberni and the contiguous territory, especially with due regard for the new trade opportunities created by the opening the Panama Canal.

Well Constructed
As an example of railroad building, the new extension is much of a revelation. One naturally looks in a virgin road for at least a suggestion of pioneering discomfort. Roadbeds do not settle into instant perfection at command, and new lines usually, like new motor cars, are inclined to a little stiffness. Hence, to the surprise of the Port Alberni extension, for, but for the indisputable evidence available, the traveler would judge it by its smoothness and his own consequent comfort to be a road years under operation.

base of Mount Arrowmith, is certain to become almost immediately a popular tourist resort and place of summer residences, while ocean points must also leap into popularity with the establishment of direct and comfortable connection facilities from Victoria and Vancouver. The daily trains for the sea coast from Victoria, even by next summer, will therefore boast their parlor and cafe cars, providing all luxuries in rail travel, and quite a new complexion will be given thereby to summer life on Vancouver Island.

Departure from Victoria
Though the proceeding was bare of all formality, the animated scene at the depot of the E. & N. railway company yesterday morning, when at 9 o'clock the first regular train for Port Alberni pulled out of the station, indicated that the officials of the company and the larger crowd than usual which had assembled felt that the occasion was one bound to become of historic interest. Long before the hour set for the departure of the train the platform held groups of spectators and the number of outgoing passengers is said to have constituted a record for a day on which there was no excursion. Many of the passengers, of course, did not go through to the west coast port, but the number who did so from Victoria was considerable. The ticket agent reports having sold 25 tickets, but there were complimentary tickets issued. At numerous points up the line the crowd bound to Alberni was swelled by those who had made arrangements to make the trip.

The various boards of trade of the island and the lower mainland will at a later date be invited to be present at a formal opening of the line to traffic. It is only the unfavorable season of the year which prevented the company from acceding to repeated requests to have an adequate celebration yesterday. It may be added that all classes on the island hold the conviction that the new road will usher in a new era in the development of this section of the province, and the resultant benefits will be immediate and great.

Port Alberni's Resources
Port Alberni has weighty reasons to adduce for its faith in its future as a seaport which may compete at no distant period for a large proportion of the trade of the west, and as a manufacturing centre.

In the Alberni district there are at least 640,000 acres of land, including 358,000 acres of the finest standing timber in the province. For this Port Alberni is the natural milling centre. The lumber is estimated to cruise at 25,000 feet to the sea for a total of twelve billion feet.

In the valleys drained by the Somass river and its tributaries, Sproat, Stamp and Ash rivers, it is estimated that there are about 30,000 acres of productive land, of which not more than 1000 acres have as yet been cleared.

Thin coal seams underlie the town itself. Two outcrops are reported from up the valley, and a four-foot seam closer in on Ridge creek.

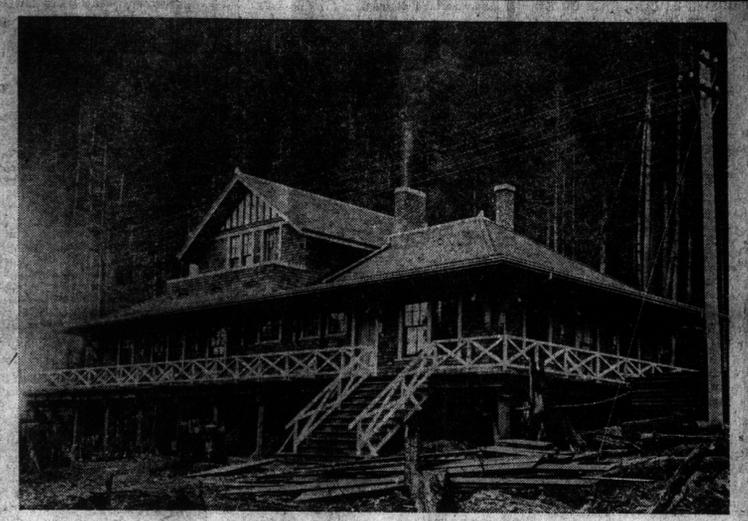
To convert this timber into rough lumber 12,500 men would be required to work continuously for some forty years, earning wages of approximately \$2,100,000 a year. Dressing and manufacturing the rough material into sash and door, barrel and furniture should require many hundreds more, and the consequent necessity for greater transportation facilities will lead to increased employment by railway companies. It has already been demonstrated that the land will grow potatoes, strawberries, gooseberries, red currants and best of all peaches, and with the clearing an agricultural population of 7000 may be expected to grow up, making its living out of the soil, while many more will draw high wages if the mineral wealth fulfills the expectations formed of it.

Port Alberni has all the requisites for an important seaport, fresh water in her harbor, in which as good as ever, a magnificent roadstead and outlet to the ocean; and the C. P. R. to supply transportation by land. There is 1000 acres of level waterfront property, Chilly creek can supply the town with excellent water capable of being brought into it under an available head of 800 feet, and, lastly, the waterfalls of Ash, Stamp and Sproat rivers can supply fifty thousand horse-power—a force sufficient to light and drive the wheels of every industry that can arise.

Port Alberni is the natural port for Comox coal and then there are two things more, both potent factors in attracting visitors who come to enjoy themselves and stay to invest—the scenery and its game.

Harbor Facilities
Port Alberni's harbor is an excellent one. As long ago as 1892, when there were no signs of a townsite it was surveyed and is marked on the Admiralty charts as a place of safe anchorage. Even then it was noted as likely ocean port of the future, and yesterday's ceremony has undoubtedly brought this very near to realization. The waterway from the ocean entering at Cape Beale is clear of all dangers even for the largest of vessels. The landfall is excellent, there being no off-lying dangers in the track of shipping and the shore and waters of the Alberni canal are both bold and honest throughout with very deep water. As an ocean port, Port Alberni will compare most favorably with Portland and San Francisco. This at least is the substance of an authoritative report by Captain Walbran, lately in command of the Dominion government lighthouse and revenue cutter Quadra.

He points out that Portland is a long



The comfortable chalet at Cameron Lake.

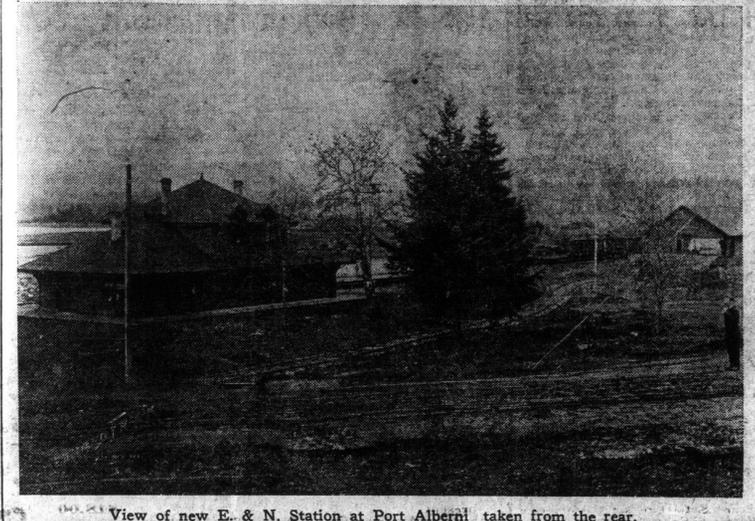
way up a swift river, the Columbia, at the entrance of which is a most dangerous bar with ever-shifting sands, which cause the navigable channel to be constantly changing, and therefore, though most carefully buoyed by the United States government, can only be safely navigated by the most experienced pilots. San Francisco, says Captain Walbran, has no dangerous bar to cross but the entrance to the harbor is contracted subject to strong tides and is also subject to extremely frequent and dense fogs. He considers with all confidence, that Port Alberni harbor as an

2,000 and 3,000 feet high. At the head, however, the land becomes low and fertile, a large extent being fit for cultivation. The depths to within one mile of the head vary from 160 to 40 fathoms, and the shores of the inlet are everywhere free from danger.

those drawn from its immediate hinterland this new Pacific port must prove an important factor in the development of the island, not only as a distributing centre but as a place where great self-supporting industries will grow up and flourish contributing to an ever increasing population and making generally for prosperity.

C. P. R. Activities
The C. P. R. has reached Port Alberni and the Canadian Northern Pacific will have its rails laid to there during the coming year. With two great railroads running there the new Pacific port will undoubtedly command

P. J. Carrigan, the prospector who was mangled from Edmonton to Prince Rupert last year, has met death by accident on a Washington railway. A branch of the bank of B. N. A. is being opened at Lytton.



View of new E. & N. Station at Port Alberni taken from the rear.

westernmost railway terminal of the great Dominion.

The formal opening of the line is reserved for the early spring, but the Alberni and Port Alberni citizens today demonstrated their full recognition of the historical as well as the commercial importance of the event by turning out in masse at both stations to greet the dawn of a new era in southern Vancouver Island, and to extend a most enthusiastic welcome to Vice-President Bosworth, who had come out especially from Montreal to represent the C. P. R. company on this great occasion, and who lost not a moment during his short stay here in acquainting himself by personal observation with the prevailing conditions bearing on his company's varied interests in this section.

Many Passengers
The vice-president's private car Nanose was attached to the regular four-coach train, well filled with passengers,

on land and water, and the assembled people of the related terminal towns cheered long and lustily.

An Important Road
The new road is one of which Vancouver Islanders, as well as the C. P. R., have every reason to be exceedingly proud. Not only is it certain to prove of immense direct benefit to the island as a colonization stimulating artery and as providing a way for the harvesting of the vast known timber and reputed mineral wealth of a highly important section, but it is also destined to prove an especially popular summer scenic route and to divert through Vancouver Island a considerable portion of the transpacific and transcontinental traffic carried by the original sea-to-sea Canadian railway system. Mails, passengers and baggage during certain seasons will hereafter be handled with obvious time-saving by their embark-

The alignment from Wellington via Nanose Bay as far as Cameron Lake is virtually straight, while a maximum gradient of 1-1/2 per cent. has been secured for the entire distance from Victoria, save for one half mile pull, or thereabouts, when Cameron Lake is left behind by trains as they speed on to the very last west. There is, too, but one curve worthy of the name on the entire line, and bridges, trestles and roadbed represent the superlative of safe solidity. Messrs. Jans and McDonnell, contractors for the final Pacific section, delivered to the company an admirable grade, and under Mr. Bainbridge the company's own forces have in the surfacing and track-laying produced a railway fit at the outset to carry transcontinental traffic. Of course, in process of time the heavy fills will be multiplied, and many of the substantial trestles filled up. There are no fewer



New E. & N. Station at Port Alberni, taken from the main track.

ocean port is an extremely safe one for all classes of vessels. Here is a quotation from the Admiralty sailing directions. "Alberni Canal runs in a northerly direction for 22 miles, with a breadth varying from two cables to one mile, and terminates in a fine spacious anchorage at its head. The shores on either side are rocky and rugged, rising abruptly from the sea to mountains,

large share not only of the island's trade but of that from Vancouver and other Pacific Coast ports. In the scheme of railroad building by the Canadian Northern the city at the head of the Alberni Canal will undoubtedly be a divisional point and distributing centre for the traffic that should eventually develop as new towns spring up along the west coast. With the resources which it possesses and

Heavy cave-ins have lately occurred at the Middleboro mines, no fewer than eight miners sustaining injury.

A little lad of Vancouver named Deuschew is at the point of death at St. Paul's hospital, Vancouver, having been accidentally shot by his father "in mistake for a pheasant."

A. T. Garland, F. E. Archer and Mayor Selous are rival candidates for the chief magistracy at Nelson.



The trackage leading to the wharf at Port Alberni.

of whom no fewer than 76 were ticketed through from Victoria and major intermediate points. Mr. Bosworth's guests included Capt. Birchall, of Montreal; Mr. A. C. Plummer, of Victoria; Mr. Ernest McGaffey, secretary of the Vancouver Island Development League, and Mr. William Norris, representing the Nanaimo board of trade. The other members of the official party were Capt. Beasley and Assistant Superintendent Goodfellow, of the E. & N. division, and Divisional Engineer Bainbridge, the latter of whom has just completed a section of railway some 57

ation or debarkation at Port Alberni, crossing the island by the just completed line of steel, and utilizing a direct ferry connection promised for next summer between wondrously beautiful Nanose Bay and the mainland and terminal at Vancouver. Victorians have also much to gain in the way of business through the opening of the new transport agency, being thereby given virtual command of the West Coast island trade, if they exert themselves to capture or retain it through the enjoyment of common freight rates with Vancouver plus the distinct advantage

than 57 of these between Cameron Lake and Port Alberni, which will vanish utterly or give place to permanent bridges of stone and steel, but as it is today the new road is a masterpiece in sound railway construction, well worthy of the C. P. R. During the present winter season it is expected that the through traffic will justify not more than twice a week trains each way, but with the advent of summer daily service may confidently be looked for. That very picturesque mid-island gem of water, Cameron Lake, in its primeval forest setting at the



New E. & N. Station at Cameron Lake.

GOOD FISHES FROM POWERS

Consuls at Shanghai on Behalf of Their Governments Present Notes to Leading Peace Delegates

SHANGHAI, Dec. 20.—The consuls of the six powers called this morning on Tang Shao Yi, representative of Yuan Shi Kai, and Dr. Wu Ting Fang, as member of the provisional government, and presented their notes, expressing the goodwill of their respective governments and the hope that the peace conference now in session would be successful.

The presentations, first at the headquarters of Tang Shao Yi and then at the home of Dr. Wu Ting Fang, made an impression.

The German consul was the first spokesman at each place. The American representative, Consul General Amos P. Wilder, seconded the German's address, and was followed by the other four diplomats in order of their seniority as determined by the length of residence at Shanghai.

The presentation of the notes to Wu Ting Fang is especially pleasing to the adherents of the revolution, who regard it as the first official recognition of their status as belligerents.

The Main Question

The personality of Yuan Shi Kai dominates the peace conference. The great fight among the delegates will be as to whether the form of government to be imperial or republican. If an empire, Yuan will be first president. The revolutionary delegates believe that they will be victorious in their demands for a republic. Even the staunchest of imperialist delegates admit that the Manchu rule is doomed.

The meeting was brought from the north many bureaucratic Chinese, who after 24 hours in Shanghai, express astonishment at conditions south of the Yangtze. Tang Shao Yi's delegates evidently are impressed with the widespread demand for a republic, but they still hope that the combined authority of Tang Shao Yi and Yuan Shi Kai will prevail. The action of the powers undoubtedly will have weight in the negotiations.

The minister of communications in the republican provincial government, Yang Tso Hie, this morning tried any attempt to obtain foreign intervention would only make matters worse in China and endanger foreign interests. His party would not consent to the restoration of the Manchu rule, but upon a limited basis, and would insist upon the establishment of a republic. The government, he said, was prepared to provide for Manchu officials and to offer Yuan Shi Kai the presidency of the republic, but he added, Yuan Shi Kai must accept before it is too late.

Cabinet's Proposals

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 19.—A despatch to the Novo Vremya from Peking gives a list of twenty-two proposals drawn by the Chinese cabinet for submission to the Shanghai peace conference. This scheme would make China a republic in everything but name. All executive power would be vested in the president of the republic, legally elected, and two chambers.

Rendering Assistance

TOKIO, Dec. 19.—It is authoritatively stated that the British and Japanese position in China, in official language, is that of "rendering benevolent assistance," not mediation.

Premier Yuan Shi Kai first approached Sir John Jordan, the British minister to China, for assistance, in which Japan was invited to join. Neither Japan nor Great Britain has any idea of imposing suggestions, much less of imposing terms on either party.

TRAPPER SHIPWRECKED; RESCUED BY S.S. OTTER

The C.P.R. steamer Otter, while passing Mountain point in the Johnson straits on Friday last, had her attention attracted by several rifle shots fired from the shore, and made out a man, evidently in distress, signaling for assistance. Chief Officer Schock took a boat ashore and brought off William Bertrand, a trapper, who had a very rough experience to relate. On the previous day he had started in a skiff from Powell river bound for Bella Bella, but running into a heavy squall his boat was upset and he had a hard struggle to get ashore. This he managed eventually to do, landing some two miles to the east of Mountain point, and from there made his way to the old Enterprise logging camp, where he built a fire and camped for the night. The rescued man is a native of Germany, twenty-two years of age, and has been in Canada for the last seven years.

PENETRATING THE OKANAGAN VALLEY

Rapid Progress Being Made on the Construction of the Kettle Valley Railroad—President in Town

Of considerable interest to British Columbia is the announcement that the Kettle Valley railway is being constructed at a great rate, as by the operation of this new line the transportation of freight into the Okanagan country will be greatly facilitated and the settlement of that gloriously fertile region of B. C. immeasurably quickened. Thirty miles of the road at the Merritt end has now been completed, and it is anticipated that the entire road will be in operation by the middle of 1913.

This promising announcement was made to a Colonist representative yesterday. Mr. J. J. Warren, president of

HARBOR WORKS EXTENSIVE ONE

Mr. Coste Has Scheme Developing for Thorough Improvement of Inner Harbor and Extension of Outer.

Plans for a comprehensive scheme of harbor works for the port of Victoria are now being formulated by Mr. Louis Coste, M. I. C. E., the engineer who came from Ottawa, under instruction of the Dominion government to investigate the requirements to adequately provide for the rapidly growing shipping trade of this city. The plan is a progressive one, allowing for future expansion, and comprises not only adequate outer harbor works, with breakwaters, sheltering piers, but for the improvement of the inner harbor by clearing out all obstructions and deepening the whole area to a uniform depth sufficient to allow of the free navigation of vessels.

Yesterday the steamer Sloop placed at the disposal of the Board of Trade by Messrs. Bullen, took Mr. Coste and members of the committee of the Board of Trade and others to the outer harbor. Those on board with the engineer included Messrs. H. G. Wilson, president of the Board of Trade, F. A. Pauline, chairman of the harbor committee, C. H. Laurin, J. J. Shallock, Beaumont Boggs, Capt. J. W. Troup, Capt. W. H. Logan, Capt. George Robertson, H. F. Bullen, H. B. Thompson, M. P., and P. H. Shepherd, M. P. The Sloop headed out to Brodie's Ledge and swung around toward Macaulay Point and Mr. Coste was given an opportunity to look over the proposed harbor. He is now formulating his plans and will meet the Board of Trade again on Friday afternoon.

Mr. G. A. Keefe, engineer of the public works department, is expected to arrive from New Westminster tomorrow and he will provide the engineer for the whole inner harbor, and other information relating to the inner harbor, and a scheme will be prepared to provide for more efficient work of removing obstructions and dredging. Mr. Coste said he would recommend that the whole inner harbor be cleared and uniformly deepened so that the whole water area will be available for shipping.

A plan will be provided without delay properly, marking the harbor limits of the inner harbor, and the launch of the council will probably be passed fixing these limits, beyond which riparian owners will not be permitted to extend their wharves, piers, or other structures, and a general plan will be made for the improvement of the inner harbor, which work will be undertaken without delay.

The soundings given on the last chart show that there is a depth up to ten fathoms at the extreme point of the inner harbor, and the depths gradually increasing from the shoreline to about 80 feet, a depth which offers no great difficulty for construction.

H. B. Co. Veteran

EDMONTON, Alta., Dec. 19.—There "crossed the divide" a few days ago at Edward, Alberta, at the age of ninety-one years, Samuel Whitford, the elder, one of the earliest of the pioneers of the west and the founder of the old settlement of Victoria, now known as Pakan.

Mr. Whitford was born in the Red River settlement, Manitoba in the year 1819, and for many years was employed in the service of the Hudson Bay Co. Later he accompanied the independent spirit who desired the more that harsh rule of the great company, then the absolute rulers of the west, he removed to what is now Portage la Prairie in Manitoba, and founded a settlement of his own, independent of the rule of the "Council of Assiniboia." The new colony was governed by a council selected from the people, consisting of a chief magistrate and four minor trustees, of which the late Mr. Whitford was one.

Early in the '60's Mr. Whitford with his young wife moved westward to the then unsettled Upper Saskatchewan valley and founded the settlement of Victoria in the present province of Alberta. The hands of the west at this time were still the property of the Indians to treaties having as yet been made with them, and a grant of land where the settlement of Victoria now stands was made to Mr. Whitford, the noted Cree head chief, Broken Arm, to induce him to settle there.

There survive him his widow, Mary, who is now 80 years of age, and his daughter, Mrs. Jos. Turner, of Port Saskatchewan; Mrs. Ed. Anderson, of Edward, and Mrs. John A. Mitchell, of Pakan.

TWO RARE BEAR SKINS FOR VICTORIA

Mr. E. S. Cunningham, of Fort Eslington, has secured two superb specimens of Kermode.

Two superb specimens of the rare Ursus kermodei, a very small brown colored bear said to have been discovered ten years ago on Gribble Island by Mr. Fred Foster, the well known Victoria taxidermist and sportsman—were shown a Colonist representative by Mr. E. S. Cunningham of Fort Eslington yesterday. Mr. Cunningham, with characteristic enterprise and enterprise secured these two beautiful beasts from an Indian trapper at Kit-sumkum, on the Skeena river. One is a male, which was shot in that district late last fall, while the other is a female, which was killed in the spring. The Indian who killed these two said that they were the first he had been able to get in 50 years' hunting.

This species is particularly small in size, scarcely larger than a grizzly bear, the skin being of a creamy white color. The ears are very small and the hair upon them short and rather

RUSSIAN FORCE WILL ADVANCE

Refusal of Persian National Council to Accept Cabinet's Conciliatory Proposition Brings Crisis Nearer

TEHRAN, Dec. 18.—The national council has refused to accept the cabinet's proposals regarding a solution of the Russian difficulty, and the Russian troops are preparing to advance on the capital.

It is believed the advance will begin on Thursday. The people are apathetic, and only the women continue an active boycott. The officials' attitude suggests passive resistance, but the provincial sentiment is strongly opposed to the Russians.

The former shah, Mohammed Mirsi Ali, is at Guomez Tarpe.

The former minister in presenting the question before the national council today made an attempt to secure the support of the council. He represented that the cabinet made every effort to retain Mr. Shuster, but the plight of the country was desperate.

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Will Leave for the North Again on Friday After Being Repaired at B.C. Marine Railway Yards

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MAIL FACILITIES

E. S. Railway to Give Double Daily Service to Nanaimo Throughout the Year

In future a double daily mail service will be maintained between Victoria and Nanaimo throughout the entire year. Hitherto it has been the custom to discontinue the afternoon mail during the winter months. Yesterday Mr. H. G. Wilson, president of the Board of Trade, took up the question with Mr. G. M. Bosworth, vice-president of the C.P.R., and Mr. Marpole, president of the E. & N. Railway company. Mr. Wilson was able to tell the board officials that Mr. F. H. Shepherd, the member for Nanaimo, would today forward to Ottawa the name of an applicant for the position of mail carrier on the afternoon train. The fact that the government had not hitherto made such an appointment was one of the reasons why the afternoon mail was discontinued during the winter months. The mails handled on the way hampering the railroad authorities.

AWA MARU LEFT FOR THE ORIENT

Japanese Liner Left the Outer Wharf Yesterday Carrying a Heavy Cargo to Ports of the Far East

With a cargo limited only by her capacity, the Japanese steamer Awa Maru of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha left the outer wharf yesterday afternoon for Yokohama and other ports of call in the Orient. About 200 Chinese embarked on the deck at the rear of the Royal City. The deck was crowded with Chinese machinery, etc. Tomorrow the R.M.S. Empress of Japan of the C.P.R. is expected to reach the outer wharf from the Orient and the Sado Maru of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha is also expected to reach the outer docks the same day. The following day the Teucer of the Blue Funnel line and the Stratford of the West Line are expected. The latter of the West Line is expected to leave the outer wharf on Monday at 1 p.m. The liner was 3045 tons and 1322' west, approximately 300 miles from Esquimaux. The white liner is bringing a small complement of passengers and a rich cargo, including a big shipment of silk.

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A small penknife was the weapon with which W. R. Stewart Clarke committed suicide this morning in one of the sheds at the rear of the Royal City mill. The deceased was a commercial traveler, left his home apparently in his usual health.

Otto Swanson, a Swede, took poison and was found dead in a lane. He came from the United States, as a patient of naturalization was found on him.

MR. GOODWIN SETTLES CLAIMS

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United States District Attorney Miller said today it was probable the evidence would be in within a month.

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Anton Johannsen, organizer for the state Building Trades Council of which Treitmore is secretary-treasurer...

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Chinese at Los Angeles Alleged to Have Tried to Corrupt Immigration Officials

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Wong Sui, Ng Gin Bo and Ng Foo Sal, were accused of having given Harris B. Lee, Oscar Miller and Joseph H. Morrow \$100 to obtain the release of a Chinese couple smuggled into this country.

Ng Foo Sal and Ng Gin Bo also were charged with Ng On and Louis Sim with having bribed and having tried to bribe the same officers with \$45.

The accused Chinese expressed great indignation when arrested at not having their total of \$60 returned to them.

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Attempt to Cross Ottawa River in Small Boat During Heavy Snowstorm Proves Fatal

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The City of Puebla was bound up cargo for Seattle to Vancouver to pick up cargo for San Francisco.

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"S.O.S." calls were sent out by the wireless operator and were picked up by the Canadian government station at Victoria...

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LONSDALE IN DOCK

Canadian-Mexican Liner Floated into Esquimalt Drydock to be Repaired and Overhauled

The steamer Lonsdale, of the Canadian Mexican line, was floated into the drydock at Esquimalt on Sunday to be surveyed and repaired.

The damaged some plates by falling upon a rock as she tied up in the harbor at Guaymas on a recent voyage.

It is expected that the Canadian Mexican liner will spend about three weeks in the Esquimalt dock.

CANADIAN TRIES FOR PARLIAMENT

Captain D. F. Campbell, Unionist Candidate in North Ayrshire, Said to Hail From This Country

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Anglo-Canadianians hope that Wednesday's election in North Ayrshire will add another to the growing band of Canadians in the British parliament.

The Unionist candidate, Captain Duncan Frederick Campbell, speaks of himself as a Canadian. It is understood that he is one of the Campbells of Simcoe, a relative of Lord Archibald Campbell.

His opponent is the newly appointed solicitor General for Scotland, who had at the last election a majority of 251 in a total poll of 14,200.

PRINCE RUPERT AND VENTURE FROM NORTH

G. T. P. Liner Has Change in Schedule for the Holidays—Venture Left Last Night

The steamer Prince Rupert, Capt. Johnson, of the G.T.P., reached port on Sunday morning from Prince Rupert and left again for the northern port yesterday morning.

The Venture of the Hovevitz Steamship company, also reached port from northern B. C. ports on Sunday and left again from Swans, Coleman and Evans wharf last night.

A change in the schedule has been made for the next two trips of the Prince Rupert in order to allow the crew to spend the holidays ashore.

News was brought by the steamers from the north that good progress is being made on the caissons for the Skeena river crossing near Hazelton.

Langford and McVes

SYDNEY, Dec. 18.—A fight has been arranged between Langford and McVes on Boxing Day in the Sydney stadium.

The men entering the ring at 10 a.m. McIntosh has also arranged for Jack Lester to fight Dave Smith of Sydney on New Year's night.

MR. BOSWORTH VISITS VICTORIA

C. P. R. Vice-President, Accompanied by Mr. Marpole and Mr. Reed, Will Inspect Island Improvements

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templated rail extensions Mr. Bosworth has nothing to say.

"These are out of my special department," he observed, "and Mr. Marpole can speak of them out of a fuller knowledge than I at present possess."

Concerning the general improvement of the company's rail facilities on this island, he is not, however, so reticent.

"We can do nothing toward the betterment of railway facilities here just now," he remarked, "for the simple reason that the government has not as yet made it possible for us to get the acreage which we require, and which we had hoped to obtain on the old reserve for terminals here. We can do nothing in this connection without land, and I do not know just what the present status of affairs is with respect to the advantageous partition of the reserve. It seems to be up to your premier. That something should be done to improve matters is a plain duty, and I have no doubt that one hundred carloads of freight now held up between this city and Ladysmith, and many more at Vancouver."

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Of course they all signed articles for the trip and these same articles are treasures. None of them would lay a hand to a dime until they had been sworn in as it were, after which their consciences were easy and their hearts free.

"Yes it was a great trip, one of the greatest I have ever made. There is just another word I would like to add and that is that in its new atmosphere and new role the Egeria will be doing a great work. The training of boys is one of the greatest of undertakings in this workaday world and I am assured that with the Egeria at Vancouver equipped and commissioned for that specific purpose the work will be done well."

Russia's Deadweight

ODESSA, Dec. 18.—The three Russian Black Sea dreadnoughts whose keels were recently laid at Nikolaieff, are to be named the Imperatritsa Ekaterina II, the Imperatritsa Maria and the Imperatritsa Alexander III. They are being built under covered slipways, one at the Franco-Belgian Chantiers Navals and two in the Admiralty yards. It is not expected that the new vessels will be ready before the early spring of 1912. They will be completed early in the following year.

Loose Ends Bradford

The "Loose Ends Bradford," the gasoline schooner which foundered off Entrance Lighthouse in November, has now been located by divers. She lies in twelve fathoms of water on a steep sloping rock, with her stern inclined upwards. A gang of men are already at work raising her. The schooner is the property of her skipper, Captain Bradford, and when the accident occurred was engaged in towing gravel scows from Gabriola to Nanaimo.

Confesses to Shooting

SINGLETON, Pa., Dec. 18.—Frank M. Calhoun, of Portland, Ore., tonight confessed that he had called Benjamin P. Galloup, the former Kansas farmer, to the latter's door late on Saturday night and had blown off the top of his head with a shotgun. He said he shot Galloup because Mrs. Galloup was being abused and because he feared for his own life. Galloup, who is sixty-six years old, by a remarkable display of vitality, is still alive in the hospital, although part of his skull and brains have been shot away.

Charged with Assault

SEATTLE, Dec. 18.—Malcolm C. Patterson, son of former Governor Malcolm R. Patterson of Tennessee, was bound over to the superior court of Kitsap county on a charge of assault in the first degree at his preliminary hearing held at Port Orchard today. Patterson was shot by T. Seal, a Port Orchard live streamer during an altercation ten days ago. Seal is in a hospital at Bremerton, where he will probably recover. It was announced by the defence today that the superior court will be asked to appoint a committee to pass on the sanity of Patterson's bond was reduced to \$2000. He is still in the King county jail, where he was brought several days ago.

TRAGEDY ON GRAHAM

Body of Settler Who Died on the Trail to a New Hope Found

News was brought by the steamer Venture of a tragedy on Graham Island. The remains of a recently arrived settler, Ernest Parks, an army pensioner, were found, a few days ago, on a trail leading from Masset Inlet to a pre-emption on the Nade river. Near the body was a quantity of household effects which the deceased had been attempting to pack to his late home upon pre-emption, about two miles inland. The discoverer of the body notified the authorities; but it was not considered necessary to hold a post-mortem examination or an inquest.

The deceased arrived at Masset about a year ago. He was about fifty years of age and was a pensioner of the British army, having served in India, where it is believed he was connected with the 185th regiment. He was a very eccentric man and suffered from the effects of a sunstroke. On the arrival of the deceased in Masset he made several attempts to reach the spot on which he located, building a raft and afterwards a sled, on which he attempted to move his effects from the townsite to a hollow log, in which he first made his home on Woden river.

Middleweight Meets

AKRON, Ohio, Dec. 18.—George Joe Gorman, champion middleweight of the Pacific Coast, was knocked out by George Chipp tonight in the fifth round, which was to have been a twelve-round bout.

Wells Knocks Out Starbeck

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Bombardier Wells, whose scheduled fight with Jack Johnson last September was prohibited by the authorities, appeared in the ring of the National Sporting club tonight and defeated Fred Starbeck, the heavyweight champion of South Africa. A big crowd had gathered to see the bout, which lasted eleven rounds, Starbeck being knocked out.

Nelson Defeats Howard

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Battling Nelson easily had the better of Willie Howard in a ten-round bout in Brooklyn tonight. While the bout was all Nelson's on points, the blows he landed were weak.

Home Rule Campaign

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Eighty club has appointed a special committee to organize a campaign in England in support of the government policy of Home Rule for Ireland. A circular has been issued to the local Liberal associations that the club will provide speakers who have made a special study of the Home Rule question. No expense will be incurred by the associations for traveling and similar expenses of the members of the club. The club announces that an important book on Home Rule is in course of preparation, and will be ready in February next. Some of the leading members are contributing articles on different aspects of the question. Professor J. H. Morgan at London University is the editor.

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The King to His People

Messrs. Williams and Norgate published, by permission of His Majesty a volume bearing the title "The King to His People, Being the Speeches and Messages of His Majesty George V. as Prince and Sovereign." (Price 5s. net.) There is a special appropriateness in issuing the volume at this moment, since so much of it consists of speeches delivered during His Majesty's different tours through the Empire, while he is on the eve of starting on another and even more memorable journey—the first visit that any British Sovereign, as Sovereign, has ever paid to India. The speeches cover a singularly wide range of subjects, Imperial, naval, military, educational, and social; and it may be said without flattery that all of them are just what might have been expected from the occasions which called them forth and from him who uttered them. They illustrate at once the King's devotion to the interests of his Empire in their widest sense, his keen practical intelligence, and his gift, so rare among Royal speakers, for touching even well worn subjects with phrases happily and freshly turned.

The following extracts, given in chronological order, the early ones dating from 1907, will afford some indication of the character of the book:

"Have Courage, Be Thorough!"

The following is from a familiar address, delivered to the Victoria Scottish College: "My young friends on these occasions we are, I think, sometimes apt to forget the unsuccessful. Many of these have no doubt been equally assiduous, thus maritng no less praise than their more fortunate competitors. They, also, have my best wishes. We cannot all be winners. I would say to them, Have courage, and to all, Do not relax your efforts. Let both success and failure stimulate to new endeavors, for this is an age of keen competition, intellectual and physical; and we look to you, the rising generation, not only to hold and to keep what your forefathers have bequeathed to you, but to push ahead, ever striving to promote what is good and what is beneficial to the cause of civilization, and to moral and material progress. Public school life develops in many ways that characteristic which conduces to national greatness. From it we learn discipline, whether in the class room or in the playing field. It generates manliness and that courage which begets truthfulness, esprit de corps, and the faculty of sticking together, the combination of which qualities, whether in men or nations, must tend towards pre-eminence."

The Federation of Canada.

After visiting South Africa the Duke and Duchess crossed the ocean direct to Canada, and on September 20 the Duke spoke as follows in the Parliament Buildings at Ottawa: "Standing here in the capital of Canada, in the shadow of this noble pile, it is impossible without a feeling of pride to reflect how far short of the actual results were the hopes and aspirations of that day, now more than forty years ago, when the corner stone was laid by my dear father. Ottawa was then but the capital of provinces yoked together in an uneasy union. Today it is the capital of a great and prosperous Dominion stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean, the centre of the political life and administration of a contented and united people. The federation of Canada stands pre-eminent among the political events of the century just closed for its fruitful and beneficent results on the life of the people concerned. As, in ancient times, by the union of Norman and Saxon the English nation was produced, so by the federation of Canada the two great nations which form its population have been welded into a harmonious people, and afforded free play and opportunity to contribute each its best service to the public well being."

"Wake Up, England!"

Then came the return home, the more than hearty welcome, and the speech at the Guildhall on December 5, a speech which is still vividly remembered from the emphatic way in which the Prince of Wales, to give him the title just conferred upon him, summed up the lesson of his tour in the words, "Wake up, England!" After speaking of the loyal welcome which he and the Princess had everywhere received, the Prince proceeded: "If I were asked to specify any particular impressions derived from our journey, I should unhesitatingly place before all others that of loyalty to the Crown, and of attachment to hear the invariable references to home, even from the lips of those who never had been or were ever likely to be in these islands. And with this loyalty were unmistakable evidences of the consciousness of strength, of a true and living membership in the Empire, and of power and readiness to share the burden and responsibility of that membership."

And he concluded in the memorable words: "To the distinguished representatives of the commercial interests of the Empire whom I have the pleasure of seeing here today I venture to allude to the impression, which seemed generally to prevail among their brethren across the seas, that the Old Country must wake up, if she intends to maintain her position of pre-eminence in her colonial trade against foreign competitors. No one who had the privilege of enjoying the ex-

periences which we have had during our tour could fail to be struck with one all-prevailing and pressing demand—the want of population. Even in the oldest of our colonies there were abundant signs of this need—boundless tracts of country yet unexplored hidden mineral wealth calling for development, vast expanses of virgin soil ready to yield profitable crops to the settlers. And these can be enjoyed under conditions of healthy living liberal laws, free institutions, in exchange for the overcrowded cities and the almost hopeless struggle for existence, which, alas, too often is the lot of too many in the Old Country. But one condition, and one only, is made by our colonial brethren, and that is, "Send us suitable emigrants." I would go further, and appeal to my fellow countrymen at home to prove the strength of the attachment of the Mother Land to her children by sending to them only of her best. By this means we may still further strengthen, or, at all events, pass on unimpaired, that pride of race, that unity of sentiment and purpose that feeling of common loyalty and obligation which knit together and alone can maintain the integrity of our Empire.

"The Object of My Life."

The last extract which we shall give from this very interesting book is from the short but most touching speech delivered by the King on his Accession: "Standing here a little more than nine years ago our beloved King declared that, as long as there was breath in his body, he would work for the good and amelioration of his people. I am sure that the opinion of the whole nation will be that this declaration has been fully carried out. To endeavor to follow in his footsteps, and at the same time to uphold the Constitutional Government of these realms, will be the earnest object of my life."

A LEGEND OF OLD DELHI.

Thousands of people are now hastening to India to be present at the Delhi Royal Durbar. Most of those who visit the ancient seat of the Government of the Moguls will make a point of seeing the famous tomb of Adam Khan, which is close to the city. The following story by Mr. J. F. Keene in the London Standard, deals with an interesting legend connected with the Pathan general.

The collector had given me a sumptuous lunch in Adam Khan's tomb. It would have struck me as a queer place to feed in at one time, but a few weeks' sojourn in the neighborhood of Delhi had changed my views about tombs. Eastern potentates apparently spent their leisure hours in building fantastic edifices of marble and sandstone, encrusted with gems, as possible burying-places at some future date for themselves or their favorites. As often as not they used them as summer palaces.

"Adam Khan was one of Akbar's generals," said the collector. "He came of a fighting breed. Showed no mercy when in luck; and expected none when the tables were turned. The guide books will tell you about him. You can study them while I go off and do some work."

The guide books didn't interest me long. Dry details had no charm for me. It was pleasant to lie back in my long chair, and with half-closed eyes picture to myself the stories of long ago. In a country where so little has changed in the centuries, this is easy. In the distance I could see the peasant plowing his land as it had been plowed in the days of Akbar. He wore the same fashion of garments, and cursed his bullocks in the same terms as had been used by his remote ancestors. It required very little imagination to bring a horde of stern-faced warriors on the scene. I could see the village lanes running with blood, the fields strewn with corpses.

The battle was over. Where the dead were thickest lay the Rajput Prince. The shield had dropped from his nerveless arm. The broken spear lay by his side. No one had yet ventured to ask leave of the conqueror to carry the body to the funeral pyre. The conqueror was asleep, and must not be disturbed. The widowed Princess, when she heard of the disaster, would have gone forth at once to seek her dead lord, and lay herself, as was the custom of her house, by his side on the burning pile. But her palace was surrounded by hostile soldiers, and it was impossible for her to leave.

All night she lay on the floor and wept, and her women watched round her. They did not offer her any consolation. There was no consolation for a widowed Rajput Princess. The light had gone out of her life. The glory had departed from her house. She herself, in happier days, had written in inspired verse of the despair and emptiness of life which must be the portion of the woman who had lost her lover.

There was only one possible comfort, that was the knowledge that she, too, must die.

And this comfort was denied to her. Her women dared not tell her that the young and beautiful were not allowed by the conqueror to choose death as their portion. A messenger from Adam Khan had already bid them prepare their mistress to receive him. But how could they give such a message?

As the night wore on the sobs of the Princess had grown fainter. At last, worn out with fatigue, she slept. The old nurse, who had squatted moaning by her side, lifted the

beautiful head and laid it on her lap. Tears ran down her furrowed cheeks as every now and then she stroked the raven hair. The other attendants, one by one, left the room, but the nurse watched throughout the long night. The first rays of the morning sun streamed through the lattice windows. They fell on jewels and silken raiment scattered about the floor, and on the fair face of the Princess. She turned uneasily, and opened her eyes. For the moment she had forgotten her misery, and looked in surprise at her nurse and the disorder around. Then remembrance came, and she lifted herself.

"Why do I lie sleeping here?" she asked. "Where is the body of my lord? I must lie by his side. Call together my maidens. Bid them bring out all my jewels and my wedding garments, and prepare me for my last bridal. Before today's sun sets I shall sleep with my lord for ever."

The old nurse did not move to obey the command. She bowed her head still lower over the little bare feet of her mistress.

"Arise, Ghagu," said the Princess. "The time for weeping is over."

But the old nurse only sobbed more bitterly.

"What is it? Why do you not do as I bid you? Because my lord is dead am I not still mistress in this house?"

"My lord is dead in battle," said the nurse. "He died as a Rajput should die," said the Princess, "facing his enemies."

"Yes, but his enemies are alive. Even now Adam Khan is in the King's palace hard by. He has sent you a greeting, O Princess."

"Does the murderer dare to send a greeting to the woman he has made a widow?"

"He bids you dry your eyes, Princess, and wash the dust from your head. He says the dead are dead. But you are alive. Your beauty was not intended to rejoice one man only."

The Princess turned passionately on the old woman.

"And you, my nurse, dare to bring me such a message? Shameless one! Had my lord been alive and heard you say such words, he would have had you thrown from these walls."

"Princess, the dead are dead. We are helpless in the hands of the living."

"I am not helpless. Tell Adam Khan that I scorn his insolent proposals. A Rajput Princess will never enter his harem, nor bear children to the bastard descendant of Pathan freebooters."

"Adam Khan, Princess, scoffs at your message. You cannot leave this place. No one can go out except he wills it. He comes this afternoon, according to his word. He will take by force what he wants."

"In all my palace, among those who have lived on my bounty, is there none to save me?"

"The warriors are all slain in battle. Only the women and feeble-bodied are left behind. Look out on the plain below and you will see Adam Khan's army; raise the purdah from that arch and you will see his soldiers standing outside your chamber."

The Princess was silent for some minutes. Then she spoke in a dull, even voice.

"If it must be so, nurse, it must. I never thought to show my face to any man but my lord. Fate has willed it otherwise. I had intended to bedeck myself for the funeral pyre. Instead I must prepare to meet a new bridegroom. So be it. Tell Adam Khan I shall receive him at the hour he appoints, and look to it that I am in all respects dressed and bejeweled as becomes a Rajput Princess. But —" and the princess spoke now with the fiery passion of her race, "make it known to all, O Bhagu, that a Rajput Princess does not go unavenged to the arms of her husband's murderer. Living I may be helpless. There may be no Rajput arm raised to save me now. But the gods will hear my prayer. They will see my shame, and they will strike for me. Adam Khan will live to rue the day when he called down on his head my curse, for I curse him, and I see the time coming when, like a dog, he will cringe before his master and beg for life—and he shall die the death of a dog."

Adam Khan smiled when he heard the Princess would receive him at the hour appointed. He knew there could be no other message. By the right of conquest he seized all that belonged to the dead. It was his luck to have as part of the spoil a Princess renowned through the country for beauty and wit. He washed off the signs of blood and war, combed and scented his hair, and made a triumphal progress to the palace.

On his arrival some of his guards guided him to the women's apartments. Dismissing them outside the room where he was given to understand the Princess awaited him, he drew aside the heavy purdah, and paused a moment on the threshold to look, well pleased, at the scene within.

Pillows and rugs, covered with rich silks, had been piled up in the centre of the room. On these the Princess was lying, feigning sleep. Adam Khan could see from where he stood that every alluring art known in Eastern harems had been employed to make the loveliness of the Princess more enticing. A little paint had been laid on the face. The lips were a deep red. The long black lashes of the closed eyes lay on the soft, round cheeks. Strings of costly pearls were twined in the silky hair. With a light laugh, the conqueror stepped up to the couch and took the small jeweled hand in his. Then he gave a cry, and staggered back. For the hand he had touched was cold, and the face he looked on was the face of the dead.

"So the Rani poisoned herself; and what was the end of Adam Khan?" I asked the collector, when he came back.

"Pretty bad. He was thrown over the parapet of the palace by Akbar's order. The first fall didn't kill him, so he was hauled up to the top and thrown down a second time. That did the trick."

Motorists and Citizens

Sooner or later the most ecstatic devotee of motoring must become chastened by the thought which Dr. Johnson expressed in unwontedly laconic terms when Boswell inquired whether the dictum, that man is never happy for the present except when he is drunk, should not be qualified by the addition "or when driving rapidly." "No, Sir," was the reply, despite his confessed delight in fast road traveling, "you are driving rapidly from something or to something." Speed in itself is nothing apart from a world in three dimensions, ruled despotically by the conditions of space and time, says a writer in the London Times. But this world is so constituted as the scene of human activity that, though it be the most costly of achievements, speed has proved itself in one phase or another to be perhaps the most vital element in human welfare. Its command invests individuals with such a large measure of what seems to be power that, when it is compassed in a fresh and unexpected manner, as it has been by help of the motor-car, men are liable to the illusion that there is a singular bliss in mere speed by itself. The illusion may persist as an abstraction in the same way that the abstraction persists in the minds of those who cry out against what is termed the tyranny of speed. Still it must eventually yield to the realities of the world that is traversed, and then speed is seen to be but an element in the interplay of human conditions, desirable only because it aids arrival at something better or departure from something worse.

Police Traps.

When this corrected point of view has been attained, a member of society who has been privileged to be associated with the speed of motor-cars will come to understand that even in this particular connection he is a citizen first and a motorist afterwards. It is because he occupies the highways in order to move from place to place in a long settled country under the rights and obligation of a citizen that he is capable of owning and driving a motor-car. Sweet though the uses of celerity be, it can carry ugly and venomous features if these fundamental conditions are neglected. And it is only because the world has lately become aware that what was originally acclaimed as a sport is nothing but a phase of that bitter-sweet process of "driving rapidly from something or to something," that it has consented to regard the motorist as first of all a citizen.

This favorable attitude has caused the present season to be noteworthy in one important respect. This is the first year that the practice of working police traps has been abandoned except in rare and peculiar cases. A point seems to have been reached where the standard set by the careful driver has come to be regarded as satisfactory by the general public. Probably that sort of a driver would not now be suffered to travel 150 miles in the daylight of a winter's day unless some eager spirits had insisted on trying to travel with safety 300 in the same time. Probably, again, those ardent ones would have succeeded in wrecking the whole movement if on many roads the police trap had not for a time intimidated the scorching and reassure the public. The present writer has driven motor cars for fourteen years without once coming into conflict with the police, and his case is quite a common one; but his immunity has been quite as much to objectionable demonstrations by successful scorchers as to equally objectionable trappings by the police. The present recognition of motor-car speed well illustrates Pope's line—

Extremes in man concur to general use.

Civic Economy in Motoring.

Nothing has so much tended to confuse in the public mind the practice of motoring with the idea of sport as the notions current respecting its cost. Now cost is a relative matter, and even when the element of speed has occupied a subordinate position locomotion and transport have always been expensive services to mankind relatively to other factors in human existence. When they have been highly developed the cost in the past has been astonishing, whether in animal life and energy as used up on the great caravan routes or in labor and organization as lavished on the monumental roads of the Roman Empire. But to this aspect we have now become so accustomed that we hardly heed its import, and when we speak of the expense of motoring we refer to its cost relatively to other means of traveling. For a time, indeed, it was supposed that automobilism could never become a serious factor in civic economy on this account alone. The motorist, it was believed, could only be out for so-called sport, and his place as a sober citizen would not know him more till he had returned home again. Gradually this prejudice has given way on one side before the improvement of the machines themselves and the commercial success of taxicabs and motor-buses.

This year the prejudice has been attacked on another side. The world has at last been led to understand that the older means of transport and locomotion compared with which motor-cars had appeared unduly expensive, were after all being run on the cheap, and indeed in some respects below cost price. Competition and legislative enactments had reduced fares, rates and charges to a point where capital and labor would soon cease to carry on the services with tolerable efficiency. On the other hand automobilism is in the happy condition in which every one employed by it is well paid. It may seem a costly business compared with the finely-cut tariffs of the railways, the shippers and the carmen. But it is certain that this appearance would prove to be deceptive if the standard of remuneration recognized by motorists were extended to

those engaged in the heavier transport services. And we all know that from suburban traffic to ocean liners a general start has been made towards raising rates to a permanently higher level, even if a new coin has to be introduced for the purpose.

Henceforth, therefore, motorists may claim that their expenditure can no longer be regarded as a prodigal diversion of society's resources. Their outlay must be audited as if they were strictly partners with their fellow citizens in the all important business of maintaining the state's various means of locomotion. In particular branch young and vigorous as it is possesses special qualities that must necessarily involve charges apparently heavy if appraised by the irrelevant standard of mere ton-miles, then its cost will appear to be no more than is commensurate with the values current in our multifarious society. As yet we can but dimly perceive how precious to the public is the use of a perfectly fluid force of transport. We can only see how readily it is paid for at present rates, how rapidly it is being adopted as opportunity allows, how ardently it insinuates itself where the old rigid organizations fail to occupy the field. Those who individually profit by its use, maintenance, and expansion are every whit as much in partnership with their fellow citizens as are the shareholders of our railway companies.

Motor Cars and Civic Emergency.

The truth that motor traction is especially serviceable to society by reason of its fluidity, indicates that in cases of emergency it could be turned from its usual channels into any course which seemed likely to mitigate temporary difficulties. This capacity would alone justify from the standpoint of civic economy the expense attending the manufacture, upkeep, and driving of high-grade machines as well as the maintenance of efficient roads. The volume of this locomotive force is in course of being increased to an enormous extent by the general acceptance of the fact that commercial motor vehicles have now passed the trial period, as light cars did some few years ago. But even at the present moment the moving power of our mechanical road vehicles is very considerable; and as they can sustain, if necessary, forced travelling and treble shifts their use to society in certain contingencies might be of cardinal importance if full advantage were taken of their peculiar abilities. A very limited acquaintance with what motor-cars did for tiny circles during the late brief suspension of railway service yielded hints of what signal aid might be forthcoming from that quarter in case of really urgent need. An instructive example was afforded by the instantaneous change in the traffic along fashionable seashores thronged daily with pleasure cars ambulating along in sun and breeze. As soon as the railway service had become curtailed these roads became almost deserted. The latent powers of those crowds of trifling vehicles had been mobilized suddenly to serious purposes. Fears of a shortage of petrol proved to be premature on that occasion, and it is probable that they will not recur. But before time allowed for the ordering of public service vehicles, commercial motors, and private cars to the relief of public needs, things resumed their normal course. Happily Lord Montagu seized the moment to raise the question of preparing betimes for worse eventualities in the future.

In this country ideas regarding claims of the state and liabilities of individuals have always been extremely hazy inasmuch that popular language eagerly filled up a gap in its vocabulary when the Boer war offered it the word "commandeer." On the other hand, a disposition to volunteer personal and pecuniary assistance towards public purposes has been a noble feature of the national character in modern times. Notwithstanding somewhat fierce individualistic tendencies ready to break out on small provocation, and which found occasional expression when Lord Montagu's proposals were canvassed in the motoring Press, it is characteristically English to volunteer and co-operate in order to combat a public danger. Unfortunately hasty discussion led to the use of the word "strike-breaking," to indicate the end to which motorists might offer assistance. No description could be more misleading. No idea could be more foreign to the motives of motorists as citizens, or more impossible for them to put into practice. The peril to be combated might be equally exigent if it were caused by war, fire, flood or earthquake, paralyzing for the moment the transport of persons and necessities vital to the existence of helpless citizens. An industrial conflict might or might not, be the proximate cause of such momentary paralysis. Measures to mitigate its most distressful effects are certainly within the powers of motor traction, and are as certainly incapable of affecting either the main issues of a strike or the tremors of an earthquake. The public service to be rendered is indeed as remote from political or industrial strife as the service rendered by a volunteer fire brigade.

A kid in a Georgia rural constituency whose father has just been elected to the legislature of that state, said the other day: "Ma, pop's a pretty big man now, ain't he?"

"Oh, I dunno," answered his mother.

"If he makes a good record they'll send him to Congress, won't they, ma?"

"I dunno. Maybe. I ain't ever had much use for Congress sence they wouldn't pay for the cotton that was stole durin' the war. Still, if they want to send you pa up there it don't make no difference as fur's I'm concerned. They can't swat Congress too hard to suit me."—Atlanta Constitution.

Store Open Friday and Saturday Evenings

Thursday's Christmas Shopping News

STORE OPEN FRIDAY AND SATURDAY EVENINGS

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Muffs and Furs Suitable for Christmas Presents at Low Prices

Today we are showing a fine line of Furs and Muffs, made of lynx, blue wolf, sable, mink, marten, squirrel, fritz, sealette, and many other popular furs. This is as large and interesting a showing as you would wish to see, and the prices—when compared with quality—are well below the average. Quality, Style and Economy are well combined here, and we invite your inspection. Prices start as low as **\$7.50**

Children's Fur Sets from \$2.50

Here you will find a display that will be of interest to all mothers of tiny people. They are in a variety of shapes that will delight the little girls, and are made of Thibet, Imitation Ermine and Foxaline. You will find this display in the Mantle Department on the Second Floor. Ask to see them. The prices will please you. Prices, per set, \$7.00, \$5.75, **\$2.50**, \$4.50, \$3.75 and

Japanese Dressing Gowns are Ideal Gifts for Women

MANY DAINTY STYLES AT PRICES STARTING AT \$5.75
A better gift than one of these Dressing Gowns would be hard to find, especially among the gifts that are really useful, and be purchased at a price that is within the reach of most women. They are handsomely trimmed with colored embroidery, are well quilted, padded and covered with good silk, in a variety of colors. There is a wide range here to choose from, and all sizes are included. No better values at **\$5.75**



House Coats and Dressing Gowns For Men

SOME SPECIALLY GOOD VALUES ON FRIDAY
Men's Dressing Gowns—These garments will be much appreciated as Christmas gifts by most men, and at these low prices we should make a speedy clearance of our stock. There are plain colors and fancy checks to choose from, and the prices start at \$18 and range down, according to quality, to **\$5.75**
Men's House Coats—Made of heavy blanket cloths and meltons, in colors green and brown. They are lined with flannel, and finished with quilted facings. There are many qualities to choose from, the prices ranging from **\$3.75** \$18 down to as low as
Men's Fancy Vests—These are knitted from good worsted, have knitted fronts and backs, and come in a variety of colors. There are only a few of these left, and early shoppers will secure them on Friday at, each, **\$3.50** and

MEN'S HATS

All the latest blocks in Hard and Soft Hats are to be had here at prices that are low for the quality of the goods. All sizes, and you are sure of securing a becoming and serviceable hat at a saving price. Prices ranging from \$1.75 up to **\$5.00**

MEN'S UMBRELLAS

These are now being sold in the Men's Clothing Section. All are special values for the Christmas sale and the variety is so large that you are sure to find one that will suit your purpose and pocket.
AT **\$1.00** AND **\$1.50** there are some with strong cotton covers, steel frames and rods, and fitted with neat hardwood handles.
AT **\$2.50** AND **\$3.50** there is quite an assortment, some having horn handles, steel frames and rods.
AT **\$2.00** we are offering a good line. There are several styles to choose from, and all are of a reliable quality.

Comfortable Slippers at a Low Price

All-Felt Slippers for Women—There is an enormous stock of these slippers here for you to choose from, including all the newest styles and colors. There are all sizes, and you are sure of securing perfect fit and satisfaction. Per pair, \$1, 75c, 50c and **25c**
Jaeger Style Slippers for Women—All sizes and a big assortment to choose from. Per pair, \$1.50, \$1.25, \$1 and **75c**
Babies' Booties—With soft soles. A great variety of colors and combinations of colors to choose from. Per pair **75c**
Juliet Slippers—These are in sizes for girls and children, have leather soles, and come in colors red and blue. Prices start at per pair **65c**
Women's Felt Slippers—In the Juliet style. These have leather soles, and come in a variety of colors. Per pair, \$1.50, \$1.25 and **\$1.00**
Men's Leather Slippers—These come in black and tan, are strong, light, comfortable. All sizes, at prices starting at \$3.50 and range down to **\$1.25**

35c and 50c Arm Band and Garter Sets for 25c Today

Silk Sox—These come in plain colors and black, are suitable for evening wear, and are a specially good value at the price. Pair **50c**
Lisle Thread Sox—You can choose from a variety of fancy stripes and plain colors at, per pair, 50c and **25c**
Combination Garters and Arm Band Sets—Made up in fancy boxes, and will make good Christmas presents. They are made of good elastic and are a specially good line. Today 35c and 50c values **25c**
Cambric Handkerchiefs—Full sized and a fine quality. Per doz, \$2, \$1.50 and **\$1.00**
Handkerchiefs—These are made of plain linen, are full size and a specially good value. Price each, 35c and **25c**
Silk Initial Handkerchiefs—Any letter to be had in this line. Suitable for men or boys. Per pair, 50c and **25c**
Tan Kid Gloves—In all sizes, lined with wool and representing a good example of Spencer's Special Values. Per pair, \$1.25 and **\$1.25**

Women's and Children's Underclothing

Fleece-Lined Vests—These are in white and natural colors, have high neck and long sleeves, and are a very warm and comfortable garment. All sizes. Per garment **50c**
Women's Combinations—Fleece-lined, have high neck and long sleeves. Colors white and natural. Per garment \$1.15 and **\$1.00**
Women's Combinations—Have low necks, short sleeves and are tight at the knee. Price, per garment, 65c and **75c**
Children's Fleece-Lined Vests—High neck and long sleeves. These come in white and natural, and drawers are to be had to match. Per garment, 25c and **50c**

Interesting Items from the Book Department

BOOKS ON BEAUTIFUL BRITAIN—PRICE 50¢
Stratford-on-Avon
English Lakes.
North Wales.
The Thames.
Wessex.
Isle of Wight.
Canterbury.
Oxford.
Windsor and Eton.
Channel Islands.
The Trossachs
Isle of Man.
The Firth of Clyde.
Romance of London.
BOOKS BY THE MUSIC MASTERS—PRICE 35¢
A Day With Beethoven.
A Day With Mendelssohn.
A Day With Schubert.
Booklets of Extracts Entitled:
With Burns.
With Thackeray.
With Dickens.
With Keats.
With Tennyson.
Christmas Calendars and Cards at All Prices
BOOKLETS BY VAN DYKE—PRICE 50¢
Poetry of the Psalms.
Joy and Power.
The Good Old Way.
Ships and Havens.

Table Linens—Newest Designs and Dependable Qualities

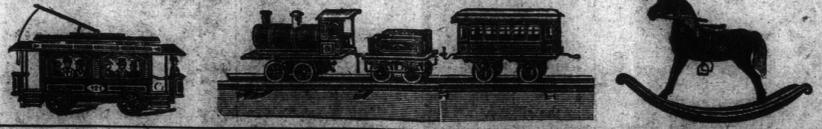
Damask Table Sets—This set consists of a table cloth, size 2x2½ yards and six napkins to match. Various patterns to choose from, at, per set **\$2.50**
Linen Damask Sets, consisting of cloth, size 2x2½ yards, and one dozen napkins, size 22x22 inches. These are specially good values, at per set **\$3.75**
Linen Damask Table Sets—The cloth measures 72x90 inches and half dozen napkins to match. These are a good heavy quality and smooth finish. No better value, at **\$5.00**
Huckaback and Damask Towels—These are made of pure linen, some have hemstitched ends and are embroidered, while others are plain. Size 25x43 inches, at the following prices, **\$1.75**, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and
Pillow Slips—These are pure Irish Linen and have hemstitched and embroidered ends. Per pair, \$3.00, \$2.85 and **\$2.65**

Brass and Art Metal Furniture at \$1.90 Today

In this assortment there are Smokers' Sets, News Racks, After Tea Sets, Jardiniere Stands and numerous other useful articles. This is the way we encourage early morning shoppers. If we told you the regular prices, the chances are that you would not credit it, but here are the goods and they tell their own story. All one price **\$1.90** today

Big Reductions in the Toy Department Today

50c ELECTRIC RAILROADS AT 25c
A strongly built toy with about 5 feet of track and a car fitted with clockwork movements. No better toy at this price **25c**
CLOCKWORK FIGURES
A novelty toy that has three movements—flaps its wings, moves its head and runs along the ground, cooling all the time. These are an exceptionally good value. Price **25c**
Model Railroads—There is a good assortment left and the prices are below the average for these goods. They are fitted with good clockwork movements and some have stations, tunnels, signals and many other interesting fittings. Prices from **50c**
GLASS TOYS AND ORNAMENTS FOR CHRISTMAS TREES
These are in boxes that have been selling at 75c, but having an extra big stock on hand we are making this reduction. They are in a variety of hand-designed and colors. Price per box **50c**
Humorous Toys—This lot includes the man with the eccentric walk, the gymnast, the tennis player, clowns at various antics, the rabbit on skates and a variety of other interesting and novel toys. Prices start as low **75c**



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OTTAWA, Dec. 25
strong probability that investigations to be made commission the "dump" abolished. Under the tax was imposed, no all countries, but act United States, whose according to complain government, had been surplus products in the ket at sacrifice prices.
The dumping tax where an article of future is sold in Canada a fair market value in origin, the difference ed as a special tax up ad valorem. Except where the regular dut per cent ad valorem, goods are subject in Canada, as in the refined in Great Brit twine or harvest bin New Zealand hemp.
It is said that the takes the view that fizes the Canadian buy petition and bears he Canadian consumption cumbersome in operat
The first exchange greetings between over took place Friday. Si premier of New Zeala mier Borden: "Season yourself and colleag Borden sent back: "T congratulations to you leagues."
Hon. F. Cochrane, ways, has nothing to port that General Gutellus is to leave the Canadian Pacific to of the government wit of the department of canals. Mr. Cochrane ed nor denied the stor
The majority of the ters will not take any days at all but will attend council meet isters will foregather of public business on ing the holiday, but New Year. These with the city for the hol Hon. Robert Rogers Roche, who have gone Hazen, who will go to Christmas in Toronto Burrell who left last Catharines.

SENTENCED

French Soldier Who O to Stay in Comra Must Be
PARIS, Dec 21.—A ful incident occurred court martial held at ed over by colonel com regiment of Mounted O the prisoners was an named Mortals, who while in the penitenti he threw his wooden of the visiting surg brought up for trial sorry for his offence comment to the evid gon and chief warder
A third witness w person of a trooper x who had also been in for desertion. While self a native of Havr up a very warm frie tals, and conceived t mitted a similar crime the same punishment, so as not to be asp comrade. Accordingly been brought into e sprang on to the step which the officer were his kept violently in president, accompany abusive epithets.
On the colonel aski sorry he replied that presently to do what he and there he was arr a superior officer, and liberation he was se while Mortals was giv labor. When Boursie taken back to prison deemed in his absence verdict, he grew pale ed away.
The extraordinary sentence must serve ample of the strict ne is the French army.