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CASES, leather and ebony. Prices from \$2.50
G SETS, fitted with Sheffield made sciset cases. Excellent values for Christmas , \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50 nk and blue, \$1.00, \$1.75 Tooth Pastes, etc, and Hair Preparations

es on Fine China, Friday buying early we have marked a few things

or Friday \$3.50 tting of Tray, Tea Pot, Slop Basin and Icers. Friday Bargain \$2.75

ces on Blankets, Friday full single bed size, measure 56 x 76. et for the price. It has just a small persure satisfactory washing and sturdy wear. including heavy Colonial qualities, scloth blankets. Values from \$5.50 to \$6

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YOUR XMAS SHOPPING **EARLY**

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Cruiser Tacoma Ordered to Proceed to Bluefields at Full Speed

MARINES ARE SENT TO WEST COAST

President Zelaya's Strategy Causes Apprehension at Washington

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Disquisting news received from Nicaragua to the effect that there is danger of an attack by President Zelaya's forces upon Bluefields, where there are 150 mericans, resulted in orders being sent by Wireless to the protected cruiser Tacoma, with ten guns on board and a full complement of bluefackets, to proceed ender full steam to Bluefields, there to join the Des Moines and await further orders. The Prairie, now at Philadelphia, has been redred to take on board seven hundred marines under the command of Colonel Biddle and sail for Colon.

The importance and significance of these orders are minimized at the state department, where it is said the Tacoma has been instructed to look out for American interests at Bluefields. The most that would be admitted as to the mission of the vessels was that if any eventuality should make it necessary to use marrines or sailors on shore they would be in readiness for such emergency.

Apprehension Felt.

The news that Zelaya probably would avoid an engagement at Rama, and, making a detour, would strike Bluefields, the headquarters of the revolutionary army and provisional government was received in official circles here with some apprehension, and almost immediately a conference was held in the office of Secretary of the Navy. Secretary fevr, assistant secretary of the Navy. Secretary fevr, assistant secretary of the Navy officials today, while admitting that the marines are expected.

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composed of persons bound by solemn covenant to enforce their demands for money by means of bodily injury, as-sassination and destruction of prop-

sassination and error.

Six of the defendants are held in jail here. Immediately after the report of the grand jury, Judge Knappen issued warrants for the re-arrest of the others, and the bond was fixed at \$20.000 arch. \$10,000 each.

The trial here, probably next month, promises to be most vigorously contested. The indictment charges use of the mails in the extortion of money.

Shipwrecked Crew Saved ANTWERP, Dec. 11.—The steamer Vaderland arrived here today, having on board Capt. Bigelow, his wife and child and the crew of the schooner. Eugene Borda, who were picked up when their craft was wrecked off the coast of Nova Scotia. All of the party are well.

FOUR EARTHQUAKES

Guam and Other Shocks Registered on Seismograph at Dominion Ob-servatory.

less than four earthquakes registered on the seismograph at the Dominion observatory at the experimental farm

the Navy. Secretary Never assistant was a construction of fighting material to the danger point in Bluefields.

Navy officials today, while admitting that the marines are expected to laid from the Dixi at Colon today would be hurried across the Isthmus and put on board the Buffalo, stated that this vessel had received no orders to sail to Corinto, but it certainly means an immediate sailing as otherwise the marines aboard the Dixie arrive at Colon where they are expected this afternoon, they will find awaiting them orders to proceed to Panama immediately and go aboard the cruiser Buffalo at once. This to indicate that some movement of consequence on the Pacific coast of Nicaragua is in contemplation. Orders have not been issued for the depar-

consequence on the Pacific coast of Nicaragua is in contemplation. Orders have not been issued for the departure of the Buffalo, but it is believed the date of her sailing will be decided upon by the State Department and naval officials before the close of of the day.

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Reports from Port Limon indicate that Zelaya has completely outwitted Estrada, the revolutionary leader, avoiding an engagement at Rama and swinging around on Bluefields. The latter place is practically defenceless, and the revolutionary forces can hardly reach it in time to prevent its fall it is understood that American women and children in Bluefields are being hurried aboard the war, vessels lying at that point.

Prairie Also Going.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 11.—It was announced soon after the transport Prairie reached the navy yard that the vessel was not damaged and therefore would not be placed in drydock. It

NELSON't B. C., Dec. 11.—News has been received here that at the monthly meeting of the Granby Mining com-pany held in New York on Tuesday last Season Just Ended Has Bad a dividend of 2 per cent was declared upon the \$13,500,000 of common stock issued, the total to be disbursed in this way being \$270,000.

The chief topic of interest in mining circles at the present time is the convention to be held in this city on Wed-Record for Loss of Men

and Vessels

Past Week's Storm on Lake

Erie Alone Has Claimed

Fifty-Nine

result of storm and stress.

Speaking tonight of the recent marine disasters, President Livingstone, of the Lake Carrier's Association, said that this has been one of the most disastrous years in the freight carrying trade on the Great Lakes.

"I think it would be better," he said,

"for all interests concerned if the sea-son of navigation would close every year on December I. On an average of years, the carriers would be men and money ahead."

A Terrible Week.

Bad Liquor for Lumberjacks TORONTO, Dec. 11.-It is that a searching inquiry is to be in stituted into the charges that "doped

LIVES SACRIFICED

vention to be held in this city on Wednesday next, when the zinc problem will be taken up and dealt. with. Owing to the demand for spelter there is more than usual interest being displayed in zinc properties and in all matters relating to that branch of mining.

A deal has just been closed by New York capitalists for the Big Ledge zinc mines on the Upper Arrow lake, while George Wright, of New York, representing a number of capitalists of that city, is here at present arranging for extensive development work on the Highland-United property at Almsworth, which is also a zinc proposition. ARE 121 IN NUMBER

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The ore shipments for the week wet as follows: Boundary, last week, 40,267; year, 1,563,214. Rossiand, week, 4,998; year, 221,848. Slocan Kootenay, week, 3,844; year, 181,554. The total ore shipments for the week were 49,109 tons; year to date, 1,866,516 tons. The total smelter receipts were: 46,217 for the DETROIT, Dec. 11.—With the practical certainty that the men of the steamer Clarion and the Marquette and Bessemer car ferry Number 2 have gone to their doom, the toll of death taken by wind and wave since the official close of navigation on the Great Lakes one week ago, falls but five short of the official season's total.

Sixty-three men was the count up to last Saturday. This week's death list, 52 on Lake Erie and 6 on Lake Superior, already is 58. This total of 121 lives lost in 1909 is not far from four times the total of last year, when 33 men found watery graves as the result of storm and stress.

Speaking tonight of the recent maweek and for the year, 1,728,243.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 11.—Six vessels came down through Lake St. Clair today and seventeen have come down since noon yesterday showing that the ice blockade at the St. Clair flats is broken.

Going for instruction.

TORONTO, Dec. 11.—Col. Sir Henry Pellatt confirmed the report today that he was arranging to take six hundred members of the Queen's Own Rifles to England next August to view the British army manoeuvres. "We are going for a good solid military training, not for any picnic," said Sir Henry this morning when talking in regard to the plans for the trip.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Maintaining that the verdict of guilty against the \$4,000,000 American Ice Co. for forming a monopoly in restraint of trade, rendered yesterday, was unfair and against the weight of evidence, counsel for the company announced today that a speedy trial would be taken to the appellate division of the supreme court, and if necessary the case would go to the highest court. CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 11.—The terrible storm which passed over Lake Erie on Wednesday night and Thursday reaped a harvest of human lives and more than \$1,000,000 worth of shipping property. Late reports show that fifty-nine lives were lost, that four boats were destroyed and that one is aground and badly damaged.

Rhodes Scholar From Yale

NEW HAVEN, Conn. Dec. 11.—Elmer D. Kaith, a senior, of Brooklyn, N.Y., was elected this afternoon as the Rhodes scholar from Yale.

Believes in Dr. Cook.

COPENHAGEN Dec. 11—The explorer Knud Rasmussen, during the course of a lecture tonight on Arctic expeditions and Eskimos, referred to the little Eskimo tribe at Cape York and said that Commander Peary, whose severity was accompanied by many spood qualities, had done much to strengthen the Eskimos in the struggle for existence. Rasmussen, while declining to enter into the controversy, said that nothing had been produced or proved up to the present that was able to shake his confidence in Dr. Cook.

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Many Delegates Attend Annual Gathering Held at Kamloops

IMPRESSIVE SPEECH

Attitude in Regard to Better Terms and Asiatic Ex-

KAMLOOPS, Dec. 10.—There was a representation, embracing over two hundred delegates, from all sections of the province, at the annual convention of the Conservative association which opened here today. The assemblage received a tactfully worded welcome from Mayor Robertson on behalf of the city, and business was conducted under the chairmanship of Mr. Woodward, president of the association.

DEADLY WEAPON

Mr. McBride was particularly happy
In his address, his speech being interpersed with cheers throughout. He
served to the promise of development which was given in the policy of
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imperial defence was assented to, as also a resolution approving of the proposal emanating from the Dominion parliamentary leaders to hold a general convention of Conservatives at eral convention of Conservatives at Winnipeg next summer. It was given out that the preliminary arrangements for this convention will be settled at a party meeting to be held at Ottawa in January, and it was agreed that the British Columbia association shall concernic in every possible way to en-

sure its success.

Affirmation of confidence in Premier McBride and R. L. Borden were recorded amid tremendous enthusiasm.

The next annual meeting of the association will be held at Nelson.

Manchurian Railway

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LONDON, Dec. 11.—It is learned today that the British government has
approved in principle the American
proposal for the construction of the
Tsitsikhar railway, from Aigun in
Northern Manchuria to Chin Chow Fu.
Japan also would agree to participate,
but the Chinese officials, it is understood, differ as to the utility of the
line and some of them object to
Japan's participation.

One MAJORITY DROPS

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FIFTIETH YEAR

Motion of Censure Offered for His Retention of Two Seats in the House

TO TWENTY-NINE

Naval Bill Likely to Be Delayed Until After Christmas Holidays

it was a libelous publication, the city authorities seized every copy of the Industrial Worker, the organ of the Industrial Workers of the World, as it came off the press today. The papers were taken to the city hall, and it is stated they will be burned. The leading article is by Elizabeth Flynn, the young woman convicted this week of the young woman convicted this week of young woman convicted the young woman convicted th

culosis.

With three or four dissenting voices only, a resolution was carried declaring in favor of the public ownership of the telephone service throughout the province, and proposing that the government be memorialized to take into serious consideration the early achievement of this proposal.

Theatre Burned.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Dec. 11.—The Union Life Assurance Company will apply to particular this session for power to increase the capital stock to \$3,000,000. Theatre Burned.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Dec. 11.—The Grand Trunk railwatz will also apply for power to acquire by purchase or otherwise and dispose of the bonds, debentures and securities issued by the Ottawa Terminal Railway Company and by the G. T. P. Terminal fire started. The loss is \$125,000.

ROVINCIAL Enderby's new town hall is pra-A collection taken up by Messrs. Booth and Mahrer resulted in the funds of the Nanaimo general hospital being augmented by \$1,000. The bridge below Ladysmith, on the

The Kamloops city extension by-law voted on recently, carried by 62-56. An important strike has been made The new Lulu Island bridge has

Chilliwack amateurs are shortly to present Gilbert and Cellier's opera comique "The Mountebanks."

Four Japanese charged with assaulting a white man at Gray's mils last week have been sent up for trial.

Rev. J. J. Hastie has been inducted as minister of Ladner Presbyterian church.

The West End Methodists of New Westminster are considering the feas-ibility of erecting a new church home. Vancouver dairymen are preparing build a milk condenser at Chilli-

Chilliwack's municipal rulers pro-pose inaugurating a first class drain-

The government road between Har rop and Proctor has been completed. The community of Harrop has com-pleted construction of a combined church and school.

A compressor and power plant is to be put in the Dundee mine, at Ymir, owned by Rand Brothers of Vancou-

Construction of the Kamloops-quesnel telephone line will proceed orthwith, as a federal project, \$4,500 aving been voted preliminarily.

Walter Fenty, a Cranbrook sneak thief, has been sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment for plundering

New Westminster citizens are pe-titioning for the classing up of the Chi-nese cemetery, and the removal of the bodies of Chinese now interred there.

will be ready for opening by Feb-

erected through the co-operation of the Alberta and British Columbia governments for Pacific handling of the prairie wheat crops as the site for large elevators to

The Hedley Gold Mining Co. is pre-The Hediey Gold Mining Co. is pre-paring for a thorough overhauling of its reduction plant, which will neces-sitate a temporary shut-down of the mill. Mining operations will, however, go forward on the Nickel Plate and the Sunnyside all winter, an extensive de-velopment programme having been laid out.

The Belcher mine of Republic, whose ore is heavy in iron and makes a good flux for smelting purposes, has made a contract to deliver two cars of ore a week to the Consolidated smell Trail. The Belcher is owned by nipeg people, a number of whom visited the property this week.

The Consolidated Mining and Smelt ing Company has purchased No. 77 mine in Central Camp near Greenwood. Ald. A. E. Goodman will shortly be appointed librarian of the Carnegie library, Vancouver, Mr. Machin retir-The ore will be treated at Boundary Falls and a mill site of 16 acres has ing owing to old age.

Falls and a mill site of 16 acres has been bought in the creek bottom. The concentrator will be erected and running within a year and will add much to the prosperity of Greenwood and Boundary Falls.

A. G. Hamilton of Fort George has made arrangements to operate a bimonthly stage between Fort George and Quesnel.

Fernie is boastful because in point of voting strength, it has shown itself subordinate only to Vancouver and Victoria in the recent election.

Contracts for Revelstoke's concrete dam and gate house foundations have

Contracts for Reveistore's concrete chine free. the been awarded to Newman & Co. of Winnipeg, at a price of \$45,482, the work to be completed by May 10 next. Winnipeg, at a price of \$45,482, the work to be completed by May 10 next.

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Henry Hoy of New Westminster is and jailbreaking at Kaslo has been speck from four years in the Nechaco. Henry Hoy of New Westminster is back from four years in the Nechaco, to which he will soon return, and which he regards as one of the most promising districts of British Columbia.

J. M. Palmer was presented with an especially handsome silver tea service given away several fortunes. On the pose inaugurating a first class drainage system.

R. T. Tiffin of Cranbrook and Miss Johanna Beninger of Nelson have been joined in marriage.

The Methodists of Fernie have opened their handsome new church with coming ceremony.

The government road between Harriage and properties of the forthcoming convention in Nelson, not only zinc issues but too in Nelson, not only zinc issues but too since the coll window had been pried apart. He took the opportunity to escape.

At St. Paul's Church, Kamloops, a few evenings ago, Rev. H. S. Akchurst solemnized the marriage of Roy Henderson Bell and Miss Beatrice Maude Dayton.

Northern British Columbia logging camps have now closed down for the winter, the camps at Lasquetl, Menzies' Bay and Knox Bay being among the last to suspend operations.

A farm employee named Smith, working at the old Stuart ranch, was accidentally drowned last week, while accidentally drowned last week, while At St. Paul's Church, Kamloops, a few evenings ago, Rev. H. S. Akehurst solemnized the marriage of Roy Hen-derson Bell and Miss Beatrice Maude which, while it will not satisfy Mr.
Macintyre's claim against the fugitive, will at least pay for Mr. Bole's
services. The question as to whether or not the Dominion Government
is required to hand over the money
seeing that Bill Miner was sentenced
to life imprisonment is one, that will
be closely contested if Mr. Macintyre
sends instructions to Mr. Bele's firm
to further proceed.

Four at a Birth.

A farm employee named Smith, working at the old Stuart ranch, was accidentally drowned last week, while heing overtaken by a squall while crossing Cultus Lake. Mrs. Coutoun and her three children, aged respectively two, three and five years, were rescued with difficulty when their home was destroyed by fire in Rossland on Thursday last.

The British Columbia Copper Co., has decided to wait for still better prices before selling the metal on hand, amounting to about 1,500,000

E. & N. line, has now been repaired so that through traffic has been re-

street, Nelson.

Dr. Cecil French, the Washington

Favorable reports are brought back from the Doukhobor settlement near Castlegar by R. M. Winslow, of the department of agriculture. The settlers will next season largely increase Cariboo.

Numerous Conventions Conferences Arranged By Department

> The first week of February gives promise of being a week of marked activity for all interested in the related industries of farming, fruit rais-ing, poultry ranching, dairying and lated industries of farming, fruit raising, poultry ranching, dairying and stock raising in British Columbia, arrangements being perfected at the present time by the officials of the Provincial Department of Agriculture for a series of conventions and practical conferences that will bring to the Capital for the week in question several hundred of the foremost agriculturists, orchardists and stock breeders in British Columbia.
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> The date of January 31 has already been fixed for a provincial agricultural

view to having the busy week rounding out with the yearly meeting of that organization on the 5th.

Mr. Jull, the poultry expert of the department, has now gone to Enderby, to lend his assistance at a poultry show in which all parts of the Okanagan district are evincing the greatest interest. He returns to Victoria tonight, and tomorrow evening addresses a public meeting on poultry topics at Ganges Harbor, Tuesday also being devoted to Salt Spring Island. On Wednesday, Mr. Jull will speak at Pender Island, and on Thursday at Mayne.

OIL TANKS OF ST CROIX LEAKED

Former Engineer Tells Inspectors
Dangerous Condition of Reservoirs of Fluid Fuel. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.-The

Pour at a Birth.

QUEBEC, Dec. 11.—News comes from Saint Philippe de Neri, Kamouraska county, that Mrs. Louis Caron, wife of a bootmaker, has given birth to four children at a time. All are in an excellent state of health. the fuel oil tanks of the steamer St. Croix, which was destroyed by fire off the coast of Southern California, leakon Columbia street, New Westminster is delayed by the partial collapse of the walls on Thursday last.

It is the intention of the government to at once rebuild the traffic bridge over Chilliwack River (Veddar Creek carried away in the recent floods.

Local option returns to date show seventeen constituencies to have declared favorably, eight adversely, with ten still to hear from.

Over 75 miles of new road have been built and over 50 miles of old road repaired this year in the Nechaco country. The work was done altogether by the settlers, who gave exceptional value for the money distributed.

Strike Breakers Ask More Pay SUPERIOR, Wis., Dec. 11.—Strike breakers switching for the Great Northern today, made a demand for more pay because of the cold weather. Supt. Elliott adjusted the matter privately with the men, and they are privately made and particle was not on the fide and particle was not on the four children at a time. All are in the four children at a

privately with the men, and they are to sea aboard of her, and reft the company after completing his fourth trip.

Novel Claim for Damages

HAMILTON, Ont., Dec. 11.—Mrs
Sarah Fowler has given notice of an Sarah Fowler has given notice of an expensive Graefon began, and the former officers testi-

The Boundary Mining & Exploration Co. has sold a ten-acre tract to the Ingraham Creek Timber Co., who will recet a large sawmil.

At Peachland last Wedpesday, the marriage of George Boyce Phillips and Miss Effic Georgina Keyes was soleministed by Rev. T. N. Ritchie.

Rev. H. A. Solly celebrated the wedding last week of Hugh. Walton and Miss Mable Nettle, both of Summerland.

With much justifiable self-congratulation, the New Westminster Odd Fellows on Thursday evening rext.

The Great Northern's Vancouver-Seatule branch is still tied up, it is expected that repairs will be completed at the scene of the second wash-out at that traffic may be resumed tomorrow. Favorable reports are brought back and the first properts of the second wash-out at the reports are brought back.

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cated horse-power, and her speed is estimated at 25 knots, but will probably exceed this, as both the Boadicea and the Beliona steamed an average of more than 27 knots on their trial. She will carry a complement of 292 officers and men. The Newcastle is one of a group of five vessels of the protected cruiser type included in the naval programme for 1909-10, and that she was 430ft. long, 47ft. broad, of 4,800 tons displacement at load draught, and would be propelled by turbine machin-430ft. long, 47ft. broad, of 4,800 tons displacement at load draught, and would be propelled by turbine machinery of 22,000 horse-power, calculated to give her a speed of 25 knots. Following out the idea of the Territorial Association, the five vessels have been named after important cities in the United Kingdom, the four other vessels being the Bristol, Glasgow, Gloucester and Liverpool. The Newcastle was the last but one of her group to take the water, but she is further advanced and nearer readiness for trials than any of the other four vessels.

BRITONS AND TEUTONS IN SHIPPING WAR

Union Castle Line Invades East African Coast Where Germans Held Monopoly.

turists, orchardists and stock breeders in British Columbia.

The date of January 31 has already been fixed for a provincial agricultural association meeting at the Parliament buildings, at which regulations will be adopted governing all the smaller responsible to the perfected of a provincial body to generally control the autumnal fairs, improve the standard of their instructive quality, and assure systematic conduct so as to secure the very best possible results. This provincial body is expected to set dates in sequence for the fall shows throughout the first provincial body is expected to set dates in sequence for the fall shows throughout the list and 2nd of February, the Central Farmers' Institutes.

On the list and 2nd of February, the Central Farmers' Institute is to hold its annual convention here, when a largely increased representation of the agriculturists of the province is looked for On the 3rd, the convention of the British Columbia alove the 4th the annual meeting of the British Columbia Stock Breeders' Association. For each of these gatherings, programmes of especial interest and educative value are being arranged, speakers of note being brought here from the United States and Eastern Canada, as well as local men who have achieved conspicuous success in their several specialities.

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"Mr. Wells has resumed his duties at the Occidental Hotel, and is once more the familiar figure who presides over the thirst department by day."—

"Charlie Yundle, C. P. R. engineer, was seen with three deers Saturday night in Elko."—Fernie Free Press After the Battle.

"Much to our regret, we have been instructed by Mr. J. A. Buckham to discontinue his advertisement in the Star."—Similkameen Star.

Hot News Note. "A fine new stove has been placed the school."—Penticton Press. Solar Plexus.

"We welcome to our midst Mr. and son distict note, Vernon News. The Regeneration of J. Peck.

"It is reported that J. Peck Mac-Swain has taken the gold cure in Se-attle."—Greenwood Ledge. Boat Paddle Fights With Dog. "Miss Annie Moser of Mara killed a coyote with a boat paddle while it was fighting with her dog."—Armstrong

The Nervousness of Innocence. "It is a mistake to blow the fire whistle for practice, as many people

ladies of the town."-Hedley Gazette. The Onward March of Progress. "Mr. H. Hardy was engaged last week in making a driveway from his house to the road. We consider this a great improvement."—Peachland News.

Dangerous Dampness. "It is said that any unmarried couple

-Fernie Free Press. Wanderlust in His Eye. "We met Teddy Trafford in Fernic Sunday. He had his bag on his

on Sunday. He had his bag on his back and his dressing case in his hand."—Fernie District Leader. back and his dressing case in his hand."—Fernie District Leader.

The Coyness of Callanan.

"Mr. S. A. Rogers had quite a big house party for the election festivities, which included a dance on Friday night in honor of Mr. J. A. Fraser, M. P. P. Of Onesnel. Dr. Callanan did not wish in honor of Mr. J. A. Fraser, M. P. P. of Quesnel. Dr. Callanan did not wish to be associated with the ball as he is not a dancing man."—Cariboo Obser-

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—A severe earthquake occurred in Guam at 9 o'clock yesterday causing considerable damage, according to a cablegram received at the navy department today. The women's and children's hospitals

H. & P. Biscuits in Handsome Caskets

Just to hand, very choice, suitable for gifts; full of biscuits; can be used afterwards as biscuit boxes or tobacco jars; good

presents for ladies of men.
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Few Stories Culled From the Budget of One Week's Despatches

The old saying that "truth is stranger than fiction," is borne out by the experience of the news editor of almost any daily paper. Day by day he receives in the course of the regular news reports "stories" that read like chapters or incidents from fiction all of them actual occurrences. The following examples, chosem at random from the despatches of the past week will serve to illustrate the axiom:

At Lansing, in the state of Michigan, ea. Tv last week Deputy Game Warden Harrington, accompanied by his well-bred setter dog, was at the railroad station keeping an eye out for illegal station keeping an eye out for illegal shipments of partridges. There was shipments of partridges. There was very little outgoing express business. A man who was shipping the body of his brother, according to the death certificate he held in his band, was talking with the ticket cierk and the train was just pulling it. Suddenly the game warden's dog wrich had been hovering about the coffin basket in which the corpse was to shipped, came to a "point" focusing his gaze on the coffin Lin His action was 80 pronounced that Warden Harrington investigated. The basket was opened. It contained a corpse all right—not only one but 500—corpses of partridges. The birds was confiscated but the mar who was a manual range the body of his brother' had disappeared.

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At Belleville, Ont., one morning last week when a Grand Trunk railway train from Montreal arrived a man's cap was found on the draw-bar of the locomotive. Inquiry was made and it was discovered that the cap belonged to a man who had been killed the night previous just outside of Montreal. The cap had been carried 200 miles.

At Dundas, Ont., Mrs. Michael Cronin At Fullman, other as were bedridden as the result of paralysis for years, was found by a tradesman who happened to call at the house almost starved. Her husband who was her only companion in the house had died three nights before. The woman could not move hand or foot. No one responded to her calls and she lay, helpless, for three days by the side of her husband's corpse. She would soon have alled of starvation. died of starvation.

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in the adjacent province of where topographical conditions hampering, considerably more has been made in investigation of the condition of the mince several companies at work drilling for oil. I past year much attention drawn to the oil wells at Forsy, on the Athabasca, and Smith, of the Alberta government. nt. investigated department, investigated the there is few weeks ago. His port will shortly be issued berta government, but he slicly on his return that he should be the shortly on his return that he should be the shortly on his return that he should be the shortly on his return that he should be the shortly on his return that he should be the shortly of the shortly the indication for success as ally favorable. The most pre-erator in the district is A Hammerstein, who has be there for a considerable periof whose outfits has reache of some 1,200 feet and has several times. In a press at Edmonton on his return, stated with regard to "The indications of oil are ceedingly good. There is quantity of tar sands to the vicinity of McMurray.

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CAUGHT SMUGGLING

Victoria Man Gets Into Trouble With Customs Authorities at Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 11.—For smuggiing eleven ounces of opium, valued at rabout \$20 per can, and more than 120 places of fine Chinese sile esti.

Vancouver, and the subject of the two Chinamen who supported the two Chinamen who supported to the content of the two Chinamen who supported to the content of the two Chinamen who supported the two Chinamen who supported to the content of the charge of and was committed for trial on the charge of moving the morning by Magistrate Williams, who was committed for trial on the charge of the two Chinamen who supplied in the charge of the well along the wiscommitted for trial on the charge of moving the wiscommitted for trial on the charge of moving the wiscommitted for trial on the charge of moving the wiscommitted for trial on the charge of moving the wiscommitted for trial on the case. In his evidence Phillips said that Wayon accused to have desired to have the prisoner disconmitted for trial on the charge of moving the wiscommitted for trial on the charge of moving the wiscommitted for trial on the charge of moving the wiscommitted for trial on the charge of moving the wiscommitted for trial on the charge of moving the wiscommitted for trial on the charge of the work and them. J. A. Russell, Donovan's cousin, at tempted to have the prisoner discommitted for trial on the charge of the work man which such the constant the prisoner discommitted for trial on the charge of the work man when well as the prisoner discommitted for trial on the case. In his evidence Phillips said that Wayon accused the head on the ground at th at about \$20 per can, and more than 20 pleces of fine Chinese silk, estimated to be worth almost \$100, F. C. Donovan of Victoria, who claims to be a manufacturer of silver polish, at about \$20 per can, and more than "You've got me, the jig's up," Donovan of the per can, and more than over the per can, and more than "You've got me, the jig's up," Donovan of the per can, and more than over the per can, and the per can, a

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the meeting of the Executive of the Victoria Branch of the Vancouver Island Development Association yeslishing a City Market, where farmers think it is towards it, and towards it botany. In manner he is cold and can sell their produce direct to con- in a very noticeable way. sumers. No action was suggested and We do not refer to our correspondent ways courteous. It is said that he the subject was only treated in a in what we are now about to say, but has never been known to lose his general way. Reasons for and against to a certain class of critics, who la- temper. When it comes to action his the suggestion were put forward, and ment that nothing is being done to decisions are prompt. He consults nothe general opinion seemed to be that | bind the Empire together, and see in | body and tells nothing. He is 64 years such a market, while desirable, could each evolution of colonial autonomy a of age, but as indefatigable as ever and not be established wholly without dif- source of danger. These people really apparently good for years of hard ficulty. The question has been dis- injure the cause, which they undoubt- work. He hates the newspapers becussed in the press several times, but edly have at heart. The men, through cause reporters ask him questions. it is timely once more to invite atten- whose efforts the Empire is what it is | Speaking at the Lord Mayor's bantion to it. Several things militate today, were practical men, engaged quet Admiral Sir Edward Seymour, against the success of a market in this not in dreaming in dressing gown and who was careful to say that he no city. One of them is the Chinamen, slippers before a fire, but out in the longer had any responsibilities and who peddle vegetables from door to thick of public life, out in the hurly- held no brief, pronounced the condition door. Another is the general use of burly of business activities. These of the navy as "extremely satisfacthe telephone to order farm produce men are the true Empire-builders, tory." The officers, he continued, were at the grocery store. Another is the They deal not with theories nor with certainly much better trained, and he practice of many housekeepers of buy- questions that may arise sometime in believed were more zealous, than when ing vegetables in small quantities as the future, but with the actual prob- he joined the navy; while, on the they are needed. Many an Eastern lems of the present, solving them in other hand, the men were undoubtedly householder will buy a quarter of beef, the light of experience and with due more intelligent, and, Sir Edward adda carcase of mutton or pork, a dozen regard to the British tradition, which ed, "what was even a more important turkeys, geese or chickens, enough potatoes to last all winter and other farm produce in the same way. His frost- thinks that sentiment will not be sufproof cellar keeps the vegetables safe, ficient to bind the Empire together. and he can store his meat and poultry We tell him that sentiment is the only where it will keep frozen. Not many thing that will bind it; and that the people here buy vegetables in large quantity and practically no one buys meat or poultry that way. When did the fabric will be weakened. At the one of our readers, who lived at one same time we are gled to print our poet Watson wrote "The Woman With time in the East, have a chance of buying a 50-pound firkin of A1 farm made butter? Such butter may be rects attention. It is by taking thought made in the vicinity of Victoria, but that useful results are reached. not much of it gets to consumers. We mention these matters to stow that the custom of the community is not wholly favorable to a city market.

of the case by any manner of means; neither is the fact that so much fruit It attributes the result in part to the will believe that a fierce atack upon and dairy produce is handled by the excellence of the administration under the Prime Minister's daughter merely against a market. Many farmers would lies largely in his personality. We the time her father was about to aplike to have an opportunity of selling directly to consumers, and thus have directly to consumers, and thus have for themselves the profits of the middlemen. This is an aspect of the case which must be considered in connection with the movement to develop farming on small holdings. Markets are matters for regulation. We have in mind one market in the East in the least in the province in the in mind one market in the East in which, up to a certain hour in the morning, only householders may buy. After that hour dealers may buy, and after a later hour the farmers may carry their produce from door to door. The system works out very well. Often by 10 o'clock the farmers' wagons or clock will be empty and the farmers cults. After that hour dealers may buy, and after a later hour the farmers may carry their produce from door to door. The system works out very well. Often by 10 o'clock the farmers' wagons or clock will be empty and the farmers cults and often accompany it with a company is the same of the sleds will be empty, and the farmers cuits, and often accompany it with a glass of milk. A raw wind blowing by the Fraser and across the pentian. will be spending their money at the stores. The retail merchants make just as much money and do a very much more satisfactory business than if they bought the produce, for they seem such the produce, for they are satisfactory business than if they bought the produce, for they it honestly."

glass of milk. A raw wind blowing suffragist movement and her appearance upon a political platform is therefore all the more significant. Mr. Watson's poem has missed fire. hand isn't art with Dick. He came by it honestly." are saved the necessity of being over- To this the Sentinel adds the followstocked with vegetables. It is more ing observations of its own:

of vegetables by Chinamen. We will only add that the housekeeper, who has never gone into a full market to pick out a supply of food stuffs for the home, has missed a very interest.

All McBride owes his success to himself, to the fact that he has tried to serve the public interest, and that he still remembers those who were his associates in his early years. of vegetables by Chinamen. We will people. the home, has missed a very interest- associates in his early years. ing, profitable and satisfactory exper-

pire has passed can hardly be reckoned. Critical stages seem to be features of imperial development. ten at the time of the struggle for Re- Lord of the Admiralty has been re- far as to lead opponents of the governtold that there were timid folk who correspondent says: "Of all the ad- sage meant anything. We venture to thought the Empire could hardly last mirals of the world, Sir Arthur Wilson guess that if the man, who makes fun over night. When the British Trade is accepted master of the art of naval of the King's telegram, could by acciand foreign ships were given the same to say that as regards tactics the adprivileges as colonial ships in the com- mirals of the world are divided into cause of the pressure of his pride. merce of the United Kingdom, there were those who foretold the immediate dissolution of the Empire. There is in existence somewhere a petition setting forth this fact and asking that the British North American Provinces might be allowed to annex themselves to the United States. It has not been printed for a good many years; but if it were reproduced there would be a good deal of surprise at some of the names affixed to it. There were those who thought that Confederation was the entering wedge that was to force the Empire asunder, and Lord Lorne, when Governor-General, was satisfied that the National Policy would do the trick. Under these circumstances we are not greatly surprised that some excellent people think the grand smash is now at hand. Some of us, however, read our histories and sleep soundly. We have lately heard it said that, if Canada retains the right to say

whether or not the fleet, which she two classes-in the one is Sir Arthu may build and pay for, shall be em- Wilson, in the other the rest of the ployed in war, that will be equivalent admirals." In years gone by he used to departure from the Empire. To our to be known as "Tug" Wilson, after way of thinking it will be a step to- a famous pugllist of the time. He is wards imperial consolidation: It would described as a hard man, hard on his be very unreasonable to suggest that men; but he is harder on himself than the Dominion should build, man and any one else. He shirks no task no pay for a fleet and have nothing to matter how irksome or dangerous it say as to what should be done with it. may be, and is absolutely without the Empire, there must be some directing body in which we will be represented.

The same will held the represented. The same will hold true of Australia no favorites afloat or ashore, but he A CITY MARKET

Among the matters, mentioned at the meeting of the Executive of the people are so earnest in demanding.

The same will hold true of Australia and the other self-governing Doknows how to give credit to whom it is due and his subordinates have alminions. Thus will be brought about the very consolidation, which some the people are so earnest in demanding. He has managed to keep himself out of terday, was the desirability of estab- away from imperial solidarity; we for flowers, and he is a student of

is a vague sort of way of expressing a very great deal. Our correspondent

FRIENDLY COMMENT

The Orange Sentinel deals at consid-These considerations do not dispose bia elections, which it regards chiefly letter, but the coincidence is remark as a personal triumph for Mr. McBride. able, if it is accidental. Few people operative organizations conclusive his leadershop; but thinks his strength happened to be given to the press at

satisfactory to the farmer, because he sells for cash and buys for cash.

These are some of the advantages and disadvantages of the market system; but if it is going to be adopted in Victoria and become a success, it will be necessary to prohibit the peddling be necessary to Prohibit the peddling

THE EMPIRE.

A Montreal correspondent sends us a letter upon the best means of consolidating the Empire, which we print. He thinks the Empire 'has now got to a very critical stage." The number of critical stages through which the Empire has passed can hardly be reck.

THE NEW SEA LORD

The choice of Sir Arthur Wilson to be allowed to pass without a sneer; Those, who have read what was writ- succeed Admiral Fisher as First Sea but it seems that partizanship goes so sponsible Government, need not be ceived with a chorus of approval. One ment to ridicule the idea that the mes and Navigation laws were repealed, war. It is not an extravagant thing dent get one of the same for himself,

own, and if we are to remain in the demonstration, but attired in citizens taciturn; but at the same time is al-

thing, whereas a long time ago the appearance of a ship was considered more than gunnery and fighting, now the contrary was the case."

IS THIS THE REASON? Nearly everyone wondered why the

even more why he should have taken the unchivalric course of publishing a letter saying that he referred to Miss Violet Asquith, daughter of the Prime Minister. The fact that this lady has letermined to enter the political field in support of her father's administraerable length with the British Colum- tion may not explain the poem and the the ministry of which he is the head. rected the army, united South Africa and given the Utopian boon of old-age pensions, which some of us had releare Crusaders outside the walls of the

Miss Asquith is an opponent of the

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We agree with Premier Hazen, of New Brunswick, who says that Mr. McBride emerges from the campaign a national figure of importance who must

during every year of his life. One would suppose that the incident might

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Careful buying enables us to offer you splendid values. When we say that no such excellent china and values are to be found elsewhere in the West, it isn't just "newspaper talk"—we back it with "the goods." Just come in today

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OUR latest arrival in China is a big shipment of charming white and gold Prussian China. The shapes and the treatment of gold and the splendid quality of the china are such as to appeal at a glance to women who appreciate fine and handsome ware and artistic decorations. Hundreds of ideal gift pieces are shown—pieces that, while being delightful in appearance, serve a useful purpose in the home, two features most desired in Christmas gifts. We are offering special values in these at the prices we have marked them—the only reason being their lateness in arriving. Here are a few of the items shown-

Salad Bowls Tete-a-tete Sets Afternoon Tea Sets Chocolate Sets Sugars and Creams

Mayonaisse Dishes Cups and Saucers Plates

AFTERNOON TEA SET-A specially good value in this white and gold decoration. The china is of finest quality, and the decorations of heavy matt gold—a rich set fit for any table. Consists of two cups and saucers, teapot, sugar,

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Great Values in Trinket Sets, \$2.50. Chocolate Sets, \$7.50

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Another set consists of powder box, hair receiver, hat pin holder, ring holder and tray-7 pieces of china for \$2.50 Here is one of our best offerings in Chocolate Sets-a desirable gift to any homekeeper. One special feature of this set is the fact that a handsome china tray is included in the set, which consists of chocolate pot, six cups and saucers and tray. Priced low at\$7.50 Decoration is a pretty treatment of roses.

It would be impossible to enumerate the hundreds of new china pieces that have arrived during the past few days. The best plan is to come in and spend some time going through the stock. You don't have to buy.

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The mere mention of "Dresden" is sufficient to the collector of china—he or she is interested at once. We merely mention that we have some magnificent pieces of Saxe China with hand-painted Dresden decorations, that will satisfy the demands of those looking for a specially dainty piece of china for gift giving. Don't miss these. Salad, at Plates, at \$2.25, \$1.75, \$1.50 and \$1.35 Hot Milk Jugs, at each\$3.00 Orange Bowl and Stand, at ... \$10.00 Lunch Set, cup and tray \$4.00 Ice Cream Saucers, at each \$1.50 Marmalade Jars, at each \$3.75 Pudding Set, at\$8.00 Chocolate Set, jug and 6 cups and Tea Pot, at\$2.50 Jugs, at each, \$3.50, \$3.00 and . \$2.50 Chop Dish, at......\$4.00 Tea Cups and Saucers, at.....\$2.50 Compot, at\$3.75 Sugars, at each\$2.25

Royal Vienna Decorations-Handpainted Saxe China

Another decoration in hand-painted Saxe China is the Royal Vienna pattern. Charming shapes—the newest offered here. We couldn't adequately describe the decoration here, so we suggest that you visit the store and see for yourself this or two of each piece, in most instances.

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Lunch Set, cup and tray \$3.00	Creams, at each
Ice Cream Dishes, per dozen \$9.00	Sugars, at each
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Plates, at each, \$1.25, \$1.00 75¢	Chocolate Cups and Saucers, at per
Compots, at each\$2.25	dozen
Cake Plates, at each\$1.50	Chocolate Set, consists of jug and
Teas and Saucers, at each\$2.00	cups and saucers. Set \$14.00

Teapots, at each\$2.00 See This Magnificent Showing of Gifts For Men

ON THE MAIN FLOOR—close to the centre Government Street entrance—we have a special table laden with desirable gifts for the men folk. This table should be of special interest to everyone who is planning to purchase a gift for a gentleman. Dozens of suitable things are shown—things Mr. Man can use and WILL use. And when you get a man something that he finds almost daily use for, you have solved the gift problem. Here are some that'll satisfy-Shaving Brushes Tobacco Jars Book Racks

Brass Smokers' Sets Brass Ash Trays Liqueur Sets

Brass Pipe Racks Shaving Mirrors

Paper Clips Shaving Sets

Earthenware Steins Ink Wells

Tete-a-tete Set, consists of teapot,

Marmalade Jars, at each

Sugars, at each '

sugar, cream, 2 cups and saucers

Some Charming Xmas Gift Pieces in Sterling Silver You'll Have to Hurry Though, if You Want to Secure One of These New Pieces

Yesterday we priced some of the most attractive Sterling Silver and Sterling Silver Mounted Glass Gift Pieces it has ever been our pleasure to mark. We shall have these ready for you this morning—that is, those pieces that are left, for they were fast disappearing while the pricing was in progress. We list a few of the pieces received—there are dozens of other interesting gift pieces in our Silverware Department. These are packed in separate cases.

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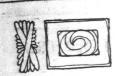
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THE HOME

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THE HOME STRETCH

It is a good plan to save a little speed for the home stretch. This is as true of life as it is of horse-racing. Just as sometimes a good horse loses because his unwise driver pumps all the speed out of him before he has got half way round the course, and comes in weary at the finish so many a man, and many a woman, too, spoils a life by wasting all the of Peace. energy at the outset, reserving nothing for after years. "Rejoice, O young man, in the strength of thy youth; but know that for these things God will bring thee into judgment." It was a very wise man who said this, and he spoke from an experience a good deal fuller than falls to the lot of any except a very few people. "God will bring thee into judgment." This does not mean that at some ndefinite period in the future an avenging Deity is going to visit with punishment those who start life at too fast a pace. We have no reason to suppose that Solomon believed in punishment after death. He had in mind the judgments of this life, or to put the matter operation of the law of cause and effect. There was once a man, not as wise as the King of Israel, who speaking to a lot of young fellows, who had been having what they called a good time, said: "Boys, you can trade of your constitutions for this sort of thing; but don't forget you can never trade back." It is right to have pleasure while we have the capacity of enjoying it; but it is a great mistake to suppose that the capacity for enjoyment is exhausted before, to use an exression from the race track, you have turned

into the home stretch.

These observations are directed not only to young people, but to those who have the rearing of young people. Enjoyment is a necessary part of existence; but it ought to be rational enjoyment. It ought to be enjoyment that will not impair the faculty for further enjoyment. There can be nothing more miserable than a man or woman, who reaches middle age having left behind the capacity to get anything out of life that is worth having, and yet there are hundreds of people who do that very thing. They have rejoiced in the strength of their youth, but have forgotten that there is always a day of reckoning. Unfortunately in very many cases the reckoning has to be paid not by themselves alone, but by those who come after them. The sins of the fathers and mothers as well are visited on the children, not by any special edict of the Creator, but because of the infallible working of the law of cause and effect. There is such a thing as being well born. We admit this in the case of our dogs and horses, our cows and cats we ignore it in the case of mankind, and then we have puny offspring, unable to withstand the first shock of arduous conditions, we blame it upon the Almighty. The other day there appeared in connection with some comments upon Watson's "Woman With the Serpent Tongue," a statement that the person referred to in it was one of a coterie n high social life, whose practices can be best described by saying that they cannot be described. Possibly this did injustice to the woman in question, but it is true of some women. They are satiated with life almost before they have begun to live. To this unhealthy condition of mind a school of modern s panders, and the result is a drift in society in a direction that leads to ruin. The tendency in certain cricles of young people of both sexes is to seek for sensations rather than for satisfaction that comes from wellordered lives. Every nerve is strained to make

the most out of the first quarter; nothing is left for the home stretch. This is an aspect of life that calls for more attention from teachers and preachers than it receives. It is vastly more important than the romulgation of doctrine, vastly more essential than the observance of church ordinances. The greatest peril in our civilization lies in the fact that we ignore the tendencies referred to above. The people of Christendom cannot continue as they are going without meeting with disaster. Let there may be no mistake on this point. A thousand churches, more or less, may point their spires to the sky; a thousand robed priests, more or less, may perform all the solemn ceremonies connected with worship. These things will not arrest national decay, unless we are able in some way to strike at the root of the evil, which is undermining the state. There are some who will say that the way to do this is to destroy the liquor traffic; but that is not a remedy. It is not the practice of the Colonist to discuss controversial questions on this page, and therefore the influence of the drink traffic upon society will not be further considered in this place. But the source of the evil, which is working such deadly harm, lies not in any habit of society, but in the fundamental principles, which govern the lives of young men and women.

Nearly two thousand years ago a man wandered through the wilderness of Judea, and his ery was: "Repent ye, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." Perhaps he himself did not know just what the "Kingdom of Heaven" meant. Today we think of it as a period of unalloyed happiness, and perhaps we wonder what John could have meant when he so preached. Perhaps we have often in our minds thought that the cry was one more proof that the Holy Men of Old were mistaken. necessarily not very reliable. We are told that But you will search the brief reports of the sayings of John for any proof that he meant larger than that of the Sun. One that was that the Kingdom of Heaven was coming with even larger is said to have appeared in 124 peace and happiness. It came; but it came with a sword. It came; but not with white-

and shed the blood of millions. The Kingdom of Heaven came, not in Bethlehem's stable in the form of a child; but out on the frontiers of the Roman Empire and it rolled across that great imperial fabric in clouds and darkness. Let us get this thing into our minds in the right way. "I come not to bring peace but a sword," said He whom we call the Prince

The Kingdom of Heaven may come again, and come as it then came in judgment. Let us have a care as a people. More virile races than our own are pressing upon our borders. Mental and moral dry rot are eating out the life of the higher strata of society. Wretchedness and poverty are destroying the lower strata. Why should we think ourselves immune from the dangers that destroyed other nations in the past? Who are we that we can defy with impunity the laws, for violating

which they perished? And so we come back to where we started, only now we ought to have a wider view of the application of what was said at the beginmore scientifically, he was thinking of the ning. A nation is no better than the individuals of which it is composed. There is no national existence apart from individual existence. If our young men and our young women exhaust themselves in early life, they also exhaust the state, and the civilized races are today in danger of complete physical, mental and moral exhaustion. The time has come for a change. The time has come when each individual should be taught that it is his bounden duty to save something for the home stretch, for by so doing he not only will serve himself well, but also serve his fellows. Doubtless it is sweet to die for one's country, but it is infinitely sweeter and more useful to live for it.

COMETS

There is some little apprehension concerning the appearance of Halley's comet, and it due to the wild suggestions of newspaper writers endeavoring to make a sensation out of one of the routine events of the Solar System. On the face of things it is reasonable to infer that the members of that System have assumed the several places occupied by them in obedience to some law, and that their relations are harmonious, so that there is extremely little likelihood of one of them interfering with another. Hence the probabilities of a collision between the Earth and a comet are exceedingly remote. There are many comets and, except in the case of Texel's, there is no reason to suppose that any of them has come into contact with any other member of the System. This comet came within the influence of the attraction of Jupiter and was drawn in among the satellites of that planet, without noticeable results in the case of either, except that the comet did not resume its former orbit, but took a new one. Between Mars and Jupiter there is a wonderful belt of asteror minor planets. About 150 of them have been discovered and catalogued. None of them are large, and the combined mass of those that have been seen is not more than one-fourth that of the Earth. These planetoids are spread out over an area measuring 250,000,000 miles in width, and in their revolution around the Sun they cross and recross each others paths; but they are never in collision. Through this host of little planets the comets dash on their way to the Sun and out again, and so far as any one knows, in no single instance has a planetoid been in the slightest degree affected thereby. The fact that the moons of Jupiter were not affected in any appreciable degree by Texel's comet indicates that even the planetoids might not be, no matter how close to them a comet came. This comet came comparatively close to the Earth, but its presence produced no effect whatever. The number of comets is unknown, for the reason that it is not always possible to be sure if one of these visitors has been seen before. Twenty of them have been tagged, so to speak, by astronomers, and none of them ever goes far away from the Sun as the planet Neptune. The period of their revolution varies from a little over three years in the case of Encke's to upwards of 761/2 in the case of Halley's, which now coming into vision. The comets do not all travel in the same plane. Thus Clausen's has a course, which, if laid out on card would show it to be very nearly on the same plans as that of the orbit of the Earth. De Vico's comes towards the Sun on a course nearly at right angles to the course traveled by the Earth. Halley's comet approaches the Sun at an angle of nearly 18 degrees to the Earth's orbit, and therefore at the time of its passage across our orbit it will be nearly 20,-000,000 miles away from it, which is the nearest it can possible come to the Earth under any circumstances, and it could only be as near as that if the Earth happened at the time to be directly in a line drawn from the comet parpendicular to the Earth's orbit. That is to say, there is one place where, if the movements of the Earth and the Comet were so timed, the two bodies would be within 20,000,000 miles of each other, but the chances against such a thing are almost infinite. This being the case, the coming of the Comet may be regarded without apprehension, although if it is as brilliant as it promises to be, it will afford a spec-

tacle long to be remembered.

The history of cometary appearances is not very complete, and the older accounts are in 134 B. C. a comet appeared having a disc B. C. In A. D. 117 another remarkable comet appeared, and in A. D. 479 there was one with but with flerce warriors out of the North, have caused an eclipse of the Sun. The the heaps and the sea deposits of sand, gravel the birds was always a characteristic trait of any at all.

with shouts of frenzy as they destroyed cities comet of A. D. 400 extended from the horizon or soil or growing trees or boulders from to the zenith, and that of A. D. 531 was even larger and more terrible in appearance. The comets of 1066 and 1505 had discs larger than that of the Moon. The accounts of these comets are all popular and not scientific, and it is possible that their appearance has been greatly exaggerated.

The finest comet, which people now living have seen, was Donati's, which appeared in 1858, and was visible nearly throughout the winter. It presented a most beautiful spectacle. Its nucleus was bright, though not large, and its tail was very brilliant. When the head was at the horizon, the extremity of the tail was on the Meridian, but north of the Zenith. To see that great band of light stretching across nearly a quarter of the sky was a sight never to be forgotten. This comet for a part of the time it was visible had three tails, although only one of them was noticeable by the ordinary observer. The main tail was curved like an aigrette. The last great comet observable in the northern hemisphere, and perhaps the last observable from any point on the Earth, appeared in 1882. It was in the northern sky, and though its tail was very long and fan-shaped, covering a considerable area in the heavens, it was not very brilliant.

In all, about 260 comets have been noted by astronomers. Of these about 60 move in elipses; the course of the remainder cannot be distinguished from parabolas; that is, they seem to move in great open curves, and may never revisit the Solar System. Biela's comet was supposed to visit the Sun once in every seven years or thereabouts. In 1846 it came on schedule time and looked about as usual, but as it approached the Sun it split into two parts. When it returned in 1852 these parts had separated widely from each other, and since that time it has not been seen, although a meteoric shower, which occurred about the time of its next appearance, was supposed to

be composed of cometary fragments. It is not known of what the nucleus of a comet consists, for none have ever been seen, because of an envelope of gaseous matter, which surrounds all nucleii. We have absolutely no data from which the character of the solid core, if there is such a thing, can be determined. The great comet of 1680 passed, according to Newton's calculations, not much more than 500,000 miles from the Sun, and would therefore be exposed to a heat which would convert any substance about which we know anything into an intangible gas. The envelope of the nucleus and the tail are so attenuated that the light of stars shining through it is not diminished. The spectroscope does not give much assistance in the solution of the composition of these bodies. The fact that a comet will whirl around the Sun in a few hours, and swing a tail many millions of miles long without deflecting it from its shape, seems to show that the tail cannot be composed of anything that we know anything about. The terrific speed with which the tail would swing would completely dissipate any solid or gaseous matter. Hence the suggestion finds favor with some astronomers that the nucleus of a comet acts as a lens and the tail is caused by the light of the Sun streaming through it. But there is nothing about which there is more scope for speculation than the nature of comets. They are wonderful things; when brilliant they are marvelous to look upon; their course through the sky is full of for no one can suggest why they should fly off to such vast distances and return again; but with, all the mystery surrounding them, and notwithstanding the fact that they have in all ages been regarded as objects of fear, a visit of a comet is only an incident of unusual interest and need cause no

BEGINNINGS OF HISTORY

The archaeology of the Northwest Coast is worthy of more study than has yet been given to it, and it so happens that in the vicinity of Victoria there are places where it might be investigated with every prospect of interesting results. At many places are large deposits of broken shells, as, for example, at the head of Esquimalt Harbor and along the highway road on the west side of the Saanich Peninsula at Union Bay. In places like these there are interesting fields for research, and a small party of students would be almost certain to discover something that would repay them for their labors. Lying on the table at which this is written is a stone bearing evidence of work-manship of a high order. It was taken out of a shell heap a foot or so below the trunk of a tree that was possibly a hundred years old. How far the shells extended below the place where the stone was found could only be ascertained by an investigation that was not made. A forest growing on a shell heap establishes the fact that the shells were placed there as long ago, at least, as the age of the oldest tree. Let us suppose that the oldest tree shows by its rings a hundred years of growth. We know that we will have to allow some time between the deposit of the last of the shells and the germination of the seed of the tree; how long would be a matter of guess work. It might be possible by careful study to reach some measure by which the time occupied in the accumulation of the shells could be roughly approximated, and in this way, by digging to the bottom of the heap, it might be possible to fix a date in a general way for the beginning of it. Having excavated to the bottom of the heap, the next step ought to be to compare the level of the bottom with the adjacent sea. In this way it might be learned if the land had sunk since the first Indians made the spot a rendezvous, or there might be found between

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The above are the general features that

might be examined; but in the course of the examination other things might be observed. The stone above mentioned was found near the surface and belongs to possibly the Neolithic Age. The workmanship is remarkably accurate, much more so than is the case with stone implements of the Palaeolithic Age. There is probability that by excavation to the bottom of this particular heap one might find stone mplements dating from the Eolithic Age. If this sort of investigation is undertaken a little preliminary study would be necessary. The first investigators into Eolithic deposits did not recognize stone implements as such. The first investigations of this kind made in America were in New Jersey, where in a great deposit of stones and other detritus there were found a number of stones which had been chipped away so as to form points more or less sharp. At first these were supposed simply to be accidental shapes, but the find became so numerous and they all bore evidence of the same general design, that no other conclusion was possible than that they were artificial. They were clearly designed for cutting purposes, and, when among them a chipped flint arrow head was found, all doubt was removed. Subsequent investigation showed that in the higher portions of the deposit the flint arrow neads became more numerous, until at length the implements formed from the softer stone disappeared, and only the flints remained. Here we have history in outline, the history of a people who, by slow stages, were advancing towards civilization. Results equally interesting might be obtained by the study of the shell heaps near Victoria.

The examination of such a shell deposit as found at Union Bay ought to take place at more than one point, for this heap is very long, and admitting that the number of Indians was at one time very greatly in excess of what it is now, and that clams formed the greater part of their diet, many centuries, apparently, must have been necessary for the accumulation of the fragments composing it. Such deposits ought to be cut transversely at points some distance apart, and the lower strata ought to be compared so as to warrant, if possible, some conclusion as to whether all parts of the heap are of equal antiquity. Thus t might be that one part of the heap only related to the Neolithic period, which, by the way. embraces the present day. Another part might go back into the Palaeolithic Age, and yet another to the Eolithic. Or it might be found that they are related to the later ages, in which case we would have to conclude either that all the earlier inhabitants had nothing to do with the formation of the particular deposit examined, or else that the aboriginal peoples of Southern Vancouver Island had already made some progress in civilization when they first came here. These observations may suggest to some readers an interesting field of research, and in a subsequent article mention. will be made of some discoveries made elsewhere.

A Century of Fiction (N. de Bertrand Lugran)

A CENTURY OF FICTION

Georges Sand, Baronne Dudevant-Born Aurore Dupin

If this talented woman had never written a line, she must have become famous through the seemingly endless influence of her remarkable prsonality. Alfred de Musset, Lizst and Chopin are all great names associated with hers, and they are only three of the many who came under the spell of her magnetism. There is no doubt that the deaths of de Musset and the talented young Chopin were hastened through the knowledge that their friend and companion had become weary of their worship, though the greatest of their works were probably inspired by her genius. She was a woman distinctly feminine in all that makes woman most charming, but with none of the weaknesses of femininity, and with far more strength and stamina than is the possession of most men. Her sympathy was unbounded, she entered instinctively and whole-heartedly. for the time being anyway, into the interests of her friends. She was an enthusiast of the broadest type, and her life was full of con-trasts, for all humanity interested her, she knew nothing of narrowness or bitterness. But to love her with the passion of a lifetime meant to suffer, for just as she seemed the embodiment of a half a dozen personalities rolled into one, so it was that the love that satisfies and completes the life of a normal woman could only be classed as one of the incidents in the life of this great writer.

Aurore Dupin was born in 1804 of illustrious ancestors, though the family escutcheon was not unsmirched. One of her ancestors was Augustus II., Elector of Saxony and King of Poland. Her grandmother was the natural daughter of Marechal de Saxe, and lived long enough to convey to her granddaughter the influence of her own musical and literary ability ,and the dignity and strength of her character. Her father, inheriting his mother's brilliant gifts, but also the family weakness, died young, after having married a girl very much beneath him, but one who had sinned through innocence rather than with any evil intent. And Aurore was the child of this union, with the blood of kings and that of the lowest class of Parisiennes in her veins. Her mother's its constant character. Where the earth posfather had been a bird-seller, and her love for

Georges Sand. The feathered folk instinctively trusted her, too, and, we are told, always surrounded her in her garden at Nohants, to perch on her shoulder or feed from her hand. We can see how all the prenatal tendencies went to form the complex and remarkable character of this wonderful novelist. She was passionately devoted to her ostracised mother, and loved all the sinful and suffering because she seemed to her as their representative. She inherited her grandmother's Voltairean and philosophical temperament, and yet, sent to a convent to be educated, she came under the influence of religious idealism, and almost decided to take vows. The wise nuns themselves did not encourage her, foreseeing the direful consequences attendant upon such a step.

Returning from school an avowed Catholic, she began to read philosophy voraciously, But nature-lover as she was, she flew when satiated with books, to the charms of the great out-ofdoors, riding and walking every day for hours; thus she kept her physical strength and health nimpaired.

She married, or rather was given in marriage to a man in no way congenial to her. Nevertheless she became the tenderest and most devoted of mothers, and a model of many domestic virtues. The ill-assorted couple lived together for ten years, and finally the court set her free and gave her the custody of the children, whereby we must conclude that the conjugal unhappiness was not the woman's fault.

It was to earn her living that she began to work at literature, and in the beginning she was in no sense successful. Her first novel she destroyed. "It was not good," she said; 'but it showed me that I could do better."

All her early stories are works of passion and decidedly extreme. It was the time of extremes in France, and the more bizarre a thing was the greater its share of admiration. The novelist at this time adopted male attire, though she insisted that it was only on account of convenience and not for the sake of the effect produced. She was a little woman with wonderful dark eyes and an abundance of brilliant dark hair. She cut off the latter, and in her odd costume looked like a lad in her early teens. She cared little for public opinion, and was at all times beyond the limitations of her

Her pastoral romances followed her more stirring and complex novels, and later she produced plays. But her last works of all are her best, which is surely as it should be. They have no trace of sensuality, and are all written under the stress of the most beautiful idealism.

When old age put its quieting touch upon this woman she welcomed it smilingly. "It is good of God," she said, "to calm us by taking away those stings of personality that are so sharp in youth. How can people complain of losing some things with age, when, on the contrary, they gain so many others? when our ideas grow broader and more correct, when our heart softens and grows larger, and our victorious conscience may look back and say, 'I have done my task"'?

All her large fortune was given to the poor, and she died believing that death was not the end, but one of the stepping stones to infinite peace with God.

Little Fadette

This is one of Georges Sand's best pastoral romances, and the charm of it lies in its many poetic descriptions and its simplicity. The deals with the life of two brothers, twins, who are so passionately devoted to each other that their parents decide to separate them for their own good. The stronger of the two leaves home and meets with success and happiness, but the one who remains home is idle and discontented. Later the two fall in love with the same woman, "Little Fadette," and the story is an outcome of this situation.

IN THE DARK OF THE MOON

(New York Sunday Magazine)

Many people have wondered why the part of the moon that receives no sunlight is often visible to us, the term being the "old moon in the young moon's arms." The dark part is easily seen as a copper-colored globe reposing in the bright crescent. This that we see is nothing more or less than the earthshine on the moon. We appear the same way to the moon when we are in that phase, and our dark part is where the moonshine appears and the bright part the sunshine.

The reason the copper color appears is because light has to traverse the atmosphere of the earth three times-once when reflected to the moon, and again on being reflected back to us. Our atmosphere possesses the peculiar property of absorbing the blue rays of this white light and allowing only the red and orange to go through, thus causing the appearance of copper color by the triple absorption.

An odd thing connected with the phenomenon, though having nothing to do with it, is this: That part of the moon which appears light to the moon at any specified time, and that part of the moon which appears bright to us corresponds to the portion of the earth appearing dark to the moon.

Of course, it is well known that the moon gives out no light whatever itself, the moonshine being merely the light of the sun on the moon reflected to us. The same applies with the earth in its shine on the moon, save that we do not give out glows, no doubt, around great cities at night, on account of the enormous number of lights. One thing, however, in which moonshine excels the earthshine is sesses varying clouds the old moon never has Bleached Table Damask, 58 inches wide.

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MR. ASQUITH TO ELECTORS

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Prominent Socialist Writer Interiects German Scare in the Campaign

LONDON, Dec. 10.—At a monster meeting tonight in Albert Hall, Premier Asquith laid down the policy on which the Liberal government is appealing to the country. He repeated what had been said by other ministers, that if they were returned to power, the government would demand the limitation of the power of the House of Lords, and then went a step farther and pledged the Liberal party to grant self-government to Ireland.

The meeting was marked by the

The meeting was marked by the greatest enthusiasm. The audience, which filled the vast hall, greeted Mr. Asquith and the ministers who accompanied him with round after round of applause. The audience was entirely male, women having been excluded in out, but they managed to get two male ptly ejected.

Mr. Asquith pointed out that just four reforms. The representatives of the people in the House of Commons had labored faithfully to carry into law the measures promised, but their will had been nullified, and, as a fitting climux. his lot to take up the burden. The ast time, he said, the government had eckoned without their host, but it was not going to make that mistake again. "I tell you in the name and in behalf Liberal party," Mr. Asquith pro

to bills, the premier said that the government stood, in the main, on the nciples of the bill which the House Lords rejected. The franchise law, limitation added, was still encumbered with of Lords.

Irish Self-Government.

tions proper of the second chamber and that the absolute veto must go. The government was unanimous, he said, in demanding the absolute control of the finances by the House of commons, the maintenance of free trade and an effective curtailment of limitation of the power of the House of Lords.

The meeting carried a resolution declaring unabated confidence in Mr. Asquitt's leadership. David Lloyd-George, the chancellor of the Ex-

at hand.

Socialist Sees Danger.

Mr. Robert Blatchford, editor of the Clarion, and foremost champion of Socialism in the press, has just returned from a tour of Germany, persuaded that the warnings of Messrs. McKenna. Asquith and Haldane, Sir Edward Grey, Lord Rosebery, Mr. Balfour and others about German warlike preparations, are more than justified.

He declares that a crisis imperilling the very existence of the Empire is Mr. Lloyd-George returned to London today from a remarkably emotional campaign among his Weish compatriots. He wound up with a great demonstration at Carnarvon yesterday, where he declared neither Ireland nor Wales would ever obtain their rights

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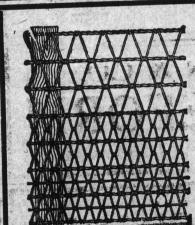
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To Expropriate

In the case of the remaining five properties, the government has decided to take advantage of its expropriation powers under the Public Works act, in order that no further delay may be experienced in carrying forward the improvement and enlargement programme that has been intermittently under consideration during almost a decade past.

An expert valuator, attached to the staff of the Eritish Columbia Land & Investment Agency, was accordingly requested to place a fair present-day market value upon the interested property owners, together with the tender of this fair value. A period of thirty days is allowed the property owners in which to advise the government of acceptance or rejection of its proposals, and in the event of negative replies being received, the government will at once proceed to obtain possession by arbitration of price, after the usual manner.

The Drill Hall

and papers necessary for the holding of the poll on the 25th of last month at Canoe river. Revelstoke district, failing to reach the deputy returning officer at that point in time for the memorable day, yesterday's issue of the British Columbia Gazette contains an-

vice of his Base order as follows:
"That the returning officer for the Bavelstoke electoral district be, and is Revelstoke electoral district be, and is hereby directed to arrange for holding a poll at Canoe River polling place, on Thursday, the 16th day of December,

Needless to say the total vote a Canoe river would in no way affect Hon. Mr. Taylor's election as repre-sentative of the constituency of Revel-stoke, nor if "plumped" for either of his opponents in the recent struggle, would it save for him his deposit.

In pursuance of the decision reached at a general meeting of shareholders of the Canadian Taylor Automatic Alarm & Call Bell Co., Ltd., held in this city on the 3rd instant, to wind up the affairs of that concern under

up the affairs of that concern index the provisions of the Companies Wind-ing Up Act of 1898, Joseph Peirson be-ing appointed liquidator, with Albion Jones and R. C. Wilson as inspectors, formal notice has been given to creditors to deliver particulars of their claims before the 8th of January, when the liquidator will proceed to distribute the assets of the company.

H. E. Miller and A. H. Miller left

Despite the reports current in Winnipeg of late, E. D. Martin, a well known resident of that city, who has many friends in Victoria, has definitely announced that he will not be a candidate for mayor to contest the relection of W. Sanford Evans at the impending civic elections in Winnipeg. The movement against Mayor Evans and the board of control is founded upon their handling of the social evil. The return to segregation under Mayor Evans rule, notwithstanding the fact that it was advised strongly by Chief of Police McRae as the only solution of a question that was fast becoming more than ordinarily serious in Winnipeg, displeased a certain faction of the citizens and while they admitted that they had, other than that little or no objection to Mayor Evans, they began to work up an opposition companien with Mr. Martin as the un-Drill Hall Will Be Only Portion they began to work up an opposition campaign with Mr. Martin as the unofficial nominee in succession to Mr. Evans.

Of Area to Be Acquired

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Checks of the government of British elimbia were vesterday tendered to clumbia were vesterday tendered to constant and connection with finan-Checks of the government of British Columbia were yesterday tendered to Mrs. Fraser, Frank Leroy, R. L. Drury and G. A. Richardson, the owners of the five remaining pieces of property contained within what future generations will know as British Columbia's Parliament Square, which are required to give the province possession of the entire city block in which the entire city block in which the government buildings of British Columbia are situate.

Other properties have been from time to time acquired, the last thus passing from private ownership to that of the public yesterday, when Hon. Justice Gregory accepted the province possession of the started too late, and that moreover many reliable citizens felt that those who were making the attack were not of education and there were good people who believed firmly that segregation was the better way to deal with the social evil. Such citizens might be accepted the nomination on the ground for Ottawa in connection with financing the exposition of 1912 whereas if he accepted the nomination on the ground for Ottawa in connection with financing the exposition of 1912 whereas if he accepted the nomination on the ground for Ottawa in connection with financing the exposition of 1912 whereas if he accepted the nomination to the five decepted the nomination on the ground for Ottawa in connection with financing the exposition of 1912 whereas if he accepted the nomination on the ground for Ottawa in connection with financing the exposition of 1912 whereas if he accepted the nomination on the ground for Ottawa in connection with financing the exposition of 1912 whereas if he accepted the nomination on the ground for Ottawa in connection with financing the exposition of 1912 whereas if he accepted the nomination on the ground financing the exposition of 1912 whereas if he accepted the nomination on the ground financing the exposition of 1912 whereas if he accepted the nomination of 1912 whereas if he accepted the nomination of 1912 whereas if he accepted the nomination of 1912 w

mayor. Mr. Martin's decision was a disap

The site of the federal-owned drill hall, with incidental buildings, will then alone remain to be acquired in order that the province may have a clear field in which to proceed with its important expansion plans, and this will most probably be a slower proceeding.

So soon as the desired area is in the hands of the government, the carrying forward of plans for the demolition of the buildings on Government. Superior and Menzies streets will proceed, Lands Minister Ellison being especially desirous of signalizing his entry into the administration of his department by carrying to completion a project which, ever since his first department by carrying to completion a project which, ever since his first association in politics with the then premier, Hon. J. H. Turner, has been very close to his heart.

It is expected that the arrangements to be reached with the Dominion government in respect to the drill hall will be in the nature of an alternative site being provided by the province, acceptable to the Dominion, and the erection thereon of a buildings. The additions to the parliament buildings on templated, to utilize a considerable in the North Thompson. From the Clearwater, which in turn empties into Northern route in the tit will traverse proven mining and agricultural districts like Cariboo and Lilooet. The line will run down the Clearwater, which in turn empties into Northern route in the North Thompson. From the Clearwater which in turn empties into Northern route in the North Thompson. From the Clearwater which in turn empties into the North Thompson. From the Clearwater which in turn empties into the North Thompson.

the superior class of the present armories and auxiliany buildings. The additions to the parliament buildings contemplated, to utilize a considerable portion of the newly acquired area, will be strictly in harmony with the parliamentary pile, in materials, type, character and dignity. It is also expected that the original proposal of Hon, Mr. Turner with respect to a botanical garden, including representatives of all shrubs and flowers indigenous to British Columbia will be kept in view during development of the beautification scheme.

AN ECHO OF ELECTION

Canoe River Polling Division Will Have Election Day of Their Own Next Thursday.

In consequence of the ballot boxes and papers necessary for the holding of the poll on the 25th of last month. The Constitute of the poll of the pol

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"On the recommendation of the Honorable the Attorney-General, and under the powers conferred by section 214 of the Provincial Elections Act, his honor the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia, by and with the advice of his Executive Council, doth order as follows:

"That the returning officer for the Revelstoke electoral district be, and is

No Opposition to Sanford Evans By E. D. Martin.

Thomas Shaughnessy England Now to Close Arrangements

IMPROVE SERVICES ON BOTH OCEANS

Canadian Northern Steamers For Pacific Being Overhauled

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the C.P.R., arrived on the Lusitania on Monday. It is understood that one object of his visit concerns the completion of as It is understood that one object of his visit concerns the completion of arrangements whereby the C.P.R. secures working control of the Allan steamships. The Glasgow interests of the firm, which held about three-quarters of the working capital, have been purchased with this end in view. The new plans give the C.P.R. the much coveted entry into steamship

The new plans give the C.P.R. the much coveted entry into steamship territory in Scotland, Ireland and France from which it is now excluded by conference rules. They also give the C.P.R. complete control of the Canadian mail contract, which is now shared with the Allans.

It is expected that the growing needs of the C.P.R. on the Pacific ocean will be met by the transfer to the Japan service of either the Empress steamers now on the Atlantic or the Victorian and Virginian of the Allan line service. It is also expected, in view of this transfer, that Sir Thomas Shaughnessy will make preliminary arrangements here for the construction of two new Atlantic steamers of the latest type, which will keep the C.P.R. at the head of the St. Lawrence passenger trade. Last season's White Star experience on the St. Lawrence proves that superlative results are obtainable from a combination of turbine and reciprocating engine system. It is expected this will be adopted on the new Canadian Pacific boats. In view of these changes fresh arrangements are in progress in connection with the Allans' shore superintendence service at Montreal.

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It is understood that it has not been definitely decided which port in Eng-land the Canadian Northern railway steamers will sail from. The Cairo and Heliopolis intended for Pacific service are now being overhauled in Glasgow and will be rehamed, appropriate Canadian names being selected. They are nineteen and a half knot vested.

Plaque Conditions. Plague Conditions.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9,—Attention to the plague conditions on the Pacific coast is given by the surgeon general of the Public Health and Marine hospital service in his annual report, which was made public today. No cases of human plague ocurred in San Francisco during 1903, he says, and there were but four cases of rat plague The effect of the inspection by the service in San Francisco he continues, service in San Francisco he continues, has been to place that city in a satis-factory sanitary condition.

WORLD'S NAVIES

Close Race Between United States and Germany For Second Place

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The navy year book for 1909, compiled by Put-nam Pulsifer, clerk of the senate committee on naval affairs, shows that the race for second place among the

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LOCAL OPTION PUZZLE No Decision as to Success or Failure of Referendum Until Official Recount.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 9.-Local option return continue to come in slowly, there being ten places yet to hear from. In most of the constituencies the total number of ballots cast for the candidates have as yet to be computed. The final result as to whether the

The final result as to whether the referendum has the necessary fifty per cent may not be known for some weeks. In fact it will not be definitely settled until after the recount upon spoiled ballots to be held before County Judge Lampman in Victoria.

The latest returns received by Dr. Spencer make welcome news for local option advocates. Chilliwack has given a majority of 165, the vote being 289 for and 124 against; while Richmond gove the fifty per cent with 140 to spare; Kamloops 60/majority; Grand Forks 74 and Columbia 40, with many spoiled ballots which will be claimed by friends of local option. Armstrong gave 166 for or fifty per cent, with 15 to spare.

Smuggling of Chinese. BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Dec. 9.—In the federal court here today eighteen indictments for conspiracy to smuggle Chinese into the United States in violation of the exclusion law were returned by the grand jury. Investigation revealed a concerted plan among the gulf coast for importing Chinese.

Saskatchewan University. SASKATOON, Sask, Dec. 9.—The governors of the University of Sas-katchewan finished a. long session last night the result of which is that last night the result of which is that a decision was reached to proceed at once with three of the buildings, the general university building, a dormitory and central power house, at a tost of \$350,000. Of the nine governors all were present except Arthur Hitchock of Moose Jaw and John Dixon of Maple Creek. The architect was also present at the conference, and after going over the plans in company with the governors it was decided to use the collegiate gothic style of architecture. Tenders will be called for early in the new year and building operations commenced with the opening of the season, and it is expected to have the university ready for classes in the fall of 1911. The motto of the university was selected motto of the university was selected as "Pro Dec et Patria," "For God and Country."

MANY DROWNED

One Steamer Founders and Another is Destroyed By Fire

BUFFALO, Dec. 9 .- In the wintry gale that has swept Lake Erie for twenty hours, the big freighter W. C. Richardson, of Cleveland, from Duluth terior, Hear Delbrenk, proving that to Buffalo with a cargo of flaxseed, foundered early today when she was within half a mile of the harbor entrance.

Similarly much use is being made of President Taft's assertion that the in-

The cause of the wreck can not a scretained until Captain Burke is brought ashore, but it is believed while he was trying to swing her around at anchor to ride out the storm her cargo shifted, causing her to list so badly that do all they can to institute the cause of the wreck in the cause of the cause she was awamped. Her prow and one funnel show above water. The insurance on the Richardson, amounting to \$250,000 would have expired at noon to

mam Pulsifer, clerk of the senate committee on naval affairs, shows that the processing of second place among the navies of the world is still very close, as between the United States and Germany.

Of fighting ships, (battleships and armored cruisers) built, building and provided for, the United States has 45 and Germany 46, but the aggregate tonnage for the United States has 45 and a lifeboat carrying Captain Bell and twelve of the crew is missing.

Germany 46, but the aggregate tonnage is 820,822 as against 785,687 for the United States, and her total tonnage is 820,822 as against 785,687 for the United States.

Germany's superiority in respect to all vessels is due largely to her torped boat destroyers, of which she has 97, as against 36 for the United States.

Germany also outnumbers in the matter of large guns, 203 against 180. Of the Mannage guns, 203 against 180. Of the fighting vessels built and in operation the American tonnage is 73,200 tons in excess of Germany.

Great Britain is shown to possess 104 fighting ships, but he tonnage is more their a thousand tons less than that of either the United States of Germany. The American vessels are the only once carrying 13-inch states or Germany. The American vessel and the United States and a large with a tonnage of 1,480,680. France has 46 fighting ships, but he tonnage is more their a thousand tons less than that of either the United States are the only once carrying 13-inch states or Germany. The American vessel sets are the only once carrying 13-inch states in the United States and the captain's boat, the Carlon took fire shortly after passing ships, but he tonnage is more their a thousand tons less than that of either the United States are the only once carrying 13-inch states are the only once carrying 13-inch states and lifeboat carr

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Promoter Rickards Made Definite Announcement Yesterday—Will Not Be Fake.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 9.—The Jeffries-Johnson buot will be held in Salt Lake City, and it will be no fake, was Rickard's positive declaration to the local sports today. "I will not have to fix any official in Salt Lake in order to pull the bout off there. Bankers, brokers and business men of the city want me to hold it there and give me all the nacessant will not feed the promise of the sum of the name as \$13.541.654.

Mr. Hill Repeats Warning.

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Winnipeg Block Burned

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loseph Chamberlain's Predicdiction in Regard to Present Contest

TARIFF REFORM IS KEPT TO FRONT

Lurid Epithets of Liberal Orators Will Get Audiences For Peers

LONDON, Dec. 9.—"I am looking with interest to the result of the general election, and I am only sorry that I cannot hope to take an active part in it. I think, however, that the Unionists are likely to win," said Joseph Chamberlain to a friend in Scarborough.

The Standard editorially says: "The count has been brough to the furning count has been brought to the turning point in its imperial destinies. Import-ant as are the industrial benefits to be anticipated from a scientific scheme of tariff reform, they are less momentous than the establishment of economic re-lations between the mother country and the overseas dominions. This is a case which should not only stimulate the commercial instincts of business, but should kindle sentiments of an imperial nature."

The scouts and guerilla fighters the election contest have opened the conflict on both sides, the leaders will now appear. Mr. Asquith's pronounce-ment at Albert Hall on Friday night is awaited with the keenest interest. M Balfour, although still confined to hi house with a cold, comes out at the same time with an election manifesto. A curious feature of the campaign is A curious feature of the campaign is the active part the peers are preparing to take. They have hitherto been ex-pected to retire to their spacious de-mesnes when the call to battle was sounded. In this election they will be in the thick of the fight. Lord Lans-

in the thick of the ngitt. Lord Lains-downe leads off at Liverpool, and a long series of other peers' meetings are being arranged. The election managers are finding that as the spithets of Mr. Churchill and Mr. Lloyd-George against Churchill and Mr. Lloyd-George against the peers grow more and more lurid, the electorate, and especially the working classes, desire to see and hear these much-abused Englishmen, who after all do so much to govern industrial, financial and agricultural England.

Another curious feature of the campaign is the part the United States and German statesmen are being made

and German statesmen are being made to play. When the free-traders declare that Germany is in a perilous condition under her tariff, the tariff reformers reply by declarations of the Reichstag and of the German minister of the in-

within half a mile of the harror entrance.

Five of the crew perished. The remainder, numbering fourteen, were rescued from the wreck by the crew of the propeller Wm. A. Paine, which had anchored on the Waverly shoals, just off the west breakwater an hour before the Richardson sank.

Tonight the Paine is still riding at anchor in the heavy seas, and the restunded men are all on board. She will be unable to enter the harbor until the storm abates. The only communication established with the Paine today was by Captain Farrell, of 'the tug Mason. Circling around the anchored vessel, he learned that Chief Engineer S. A. Maberry, Second Mate E. J. Clary and three deckhands or firemen had lost their lives.

The cause of the wreck can not be ascertained until Captain Burke is the learned that the product of the home office, representing the ministry says: "I will support any candidate, whether Liberal or Labor or Nationalist, providing he is with the people against the lords."

Mr. William Thorne, Labor and Socialist, says; "The Labor party will do all they can to insure the return of do all they can to insure the return of this support will appear later.

BREAKWATER DAMAGED

COQUITLAM DAM QUESTION Considered By the Federal Cabinet-Further Arguments Must Be Re-duced to Writing.

An Ottawa telegram to one of the Vancouver papers says that since the hearing by a sub-committee of the cabinet the other day of the arguments in reference to the Coquitlam dam question, there have been no further conferences. At that meeting the ministers after hearing arguments decided

Salt Spring Match Salt Spring Match
GANGES, Dec. 9.—The North Salt
Spring football team will play the representatives of the south end in a
football match on Friday, December
10th, The north end team will probably include the following: P. Lowther, W. Mouat, T. Speed, W. Lundy,
J. M. Regers (capt.), F. Crofton, H.
Mansell, R. Norton, B. Cartwright, H.
Emerson and P. T. Speed. South Salt
Spring will undoubtedly turn out a
representative eleven. The match beceptionally exciting. ceptionally exciting.

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NOTICE is hereby given that, 30 days after date, I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum on the following described lands, situated on Graham Island, in Skidegate Inlet: Commencing at a post planted at the northwest corner of Lot 1; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence north 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to the place of commencement; containing 640 acres. thence east 80 chains to the place commencement; containing 640 acres. Dated this 4th day of November, 1909. J. A. GRANT. Wm. Woods, Agent.

NOTICE is hereby given that, 30 days after date, I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum on the following described lands, situated on Graham Island, in Skidegate Inlet: Commencing at a post planted 80 chains south from the northwest corner of Lot 1; thence west 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence north 80 chains to point of commencement; containing

F. W. GRANT. Wm. Woods, Agent. Nothes.

PART IV WATER CLAUSES COMBOLIDATION ACT, 1897"

1. This is to certify that the "Vancouver Island Power Company, Limited" (specially incorporated pursuant to Part IV. of the above mentioned Act, on the 16th day of January, 1907), for the purpose of exercising the rights, powers, privileges and priorities in and by Part IV. of the said Act created, granted and conferred, has applied under section 87 of the above mentioned Act, to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, for approval of the proposed undertakings and works of the said Company; and that the said Company has filed with the Clerk of the Executive Council the documents as required by section 85 of the said Act, and also the plans showing the said act, and also the plans showing the situation of the proposed undertakings and works; and that the said undertakings and works, as shown by the said documents and plans, have been approved, and that the same are as follows:

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(a) The construction of a dam storage reservoir on, respectively. Creek and Alligator Creek, tribute of the Jordan River; the construction and diverting works at a point on Jordan River about 21-4 miles no east from the southwesterly borrof the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Rail Land Grant; the construction of a sage reservoir at the headwaters of Jordan River, known as the Jo Meadows; the construction of a storeservoir on Y Creek, a tributary of said Jordan River, and the construction of diverting works on the said said Jordan River, and the construction of diverting works on the said 'Y' creek to the main diverting works on a fume or ditch from the said diverting works on Y Creek to the main diverting works herinbefore mentioned; the construction of a regulating reservoir at some point upon the land held under timber license number 38,639, and to be known as Forebay Reservoir; the construction of a flume and ditch from said main diverting works to the said Forebay Reservoir; the construction in and upon some portion of Lot 9 Renfrew Dytrict, of a power-house, and the installation therein of electrical machinery for the generation of power; the construction of a transmission line about thirty miles in length to the City of Victoria, and the erection of suitable sub-stations and apparatus to carry out all things necessary for the proper transmission of power to be said City of Victoria, and the erection of suitable sub-stations and apparatus to carry out all things necessary for the proper transmission of power to be said City of Victoria, and the erection of the Company: the construction of roads, trails and in the Memorandum of Association of the Company: the construction of roads, trails and roldges, and all other works necessary for the undertakings and where deemed necessary, including the right to erect such poles along the sides of public highways, and to cross and re-cross said public highways and bridges, and the stringing of wires along the said poles not less than twenty feet from the ground; and, generally, the construction of such further and other works as may be necessary for the construction of such further and other works as may be necessary including the right to erect such poles along the sides of public highways, and to cross and re-cross said public highways and bridges, and the stringing of wires along the said public highways and the round of the complex carrying on of the aforesaid undertakings.

(b) The water power so to be generated, and the service such the said undertaking and works or exercises

the time within which the said capital, namely, to the extent of at least ten thousand dollars is to be subscribed is before the expiration of thirty days from the date hereof, and the time within which the said undertaking and works are to be commenced is before the expiration of sixty days from the date hereof, and the date by which the said proposed works shall be in operation is fixed at three years from the date hereof. Dated this 4th day of November, 1909.
A. CAMPBELL REDDIE,
Deputy Clerk of the Executive Council.

COAL PROSPECTING NOTICE.

Rupert District.

NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum on the following described foreshore lands covered with water:

Commencing at a post pranted on or near the northwest corner of Section Seventeen (17), Township Five (5), and marked "M Mc., N.W. corner," thence 40 chains north, thence 80 chains east, thence 120 chains south, thence west following foreshore of Section Eight (8) to point of commencement and intended to contain 640 acres.

MAURICE MCARDLE.

MAURICE McARDLE. Joseph Renaldi, Agent. June 22nd, 1909.

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Dated this 3rd day of November, 1909. W. B. MONTEITH.

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Dated this 3rd day of November, 1909. JOHN LANGLEY. Wm. Woods, Agen

Monkey Branci Soap removes an stains, rust, dirt or tarnish - but won't wash

A WET NIGHT

(Richard Someone was saying that in all their experie never remembered such visited with a few day rain "some" as the Y unable to agree with that it was the heavier experienced in the cour experiences which stick who have spent much wilds, experiences remar another, pleasant or other I shall remember for a live is a night spent in of a coast inlet not man the city of Vancouver.

It is the fashion to w ful experiences of the hu little of the hardships ar nothing will go right, an these times when the h pack as soon as we stra and remains with us an the end of the trip. But I kind are daunted by th hardships of the outdoor everything always went what a tame and unin would be?

It was November, month of the year in th Twenty miles from any camped at the head of an reason or other few men consequently game and was a place which I ha wanderings several seaso always been anxious to t ping and hunting. Righ inlet a river hurled itself after starting as a small heart of the Coast Rang tervals in a chain of litt gliding smoothly and s banks, for other whiles over a rocky bed, until, leaps and swirls it finally mighty plunge into the a stretched far between mo

Such a country seem for hunting. Deer were s we wanted fresh meat, little dug-out and padd the inlet in the evening seldom returned without of meat we used to shoo dow of our shack which edge of the salt water c falls. Rock cod were yards of our front door, to be seen scurrying al and coon were thick as

country.

Sounds almost too such it was. We had al and were already beginn but expected, by moving chain of lakes and run along the valley, in wh to get a better quality catching down on the s for fine weather and on days' grub and portage falls, and proceeded by through the lakes and mouth of the river at t lake, where we chose place on level ground more above water level. a camping place, I shou ture of the lake shore practically everywhere where the river mouth quite a bit of land on but the valley for a co land was practically a exact location of the no difference to its heig

The next morning the weather, the brigh before gave place to a noon a heavy snowfall had been hoping forwith what would show the wild creatures low sides. Snug inside the supply of fuel for our rubbed our hands with not appeal very stro everyone but as I say we wanted and had bee and we felt that Provi very kindly and were d

Towards the afterno ther god, being eviden way we took his mediand smacked our lips get even with us by cl spiteful suddenness he wind and simultaneous tap to the full. The r it did the other day steady without a break The change in our feeli and complete, but we significance of the wea it was too late to help

That lake was cor in the mountains with came down in torrents rise gradually inch by and we were still snug danger in our warm ter dark I ventured out i

PART IV WATER CLAUSES CONSOLIDATION ACT, 1897"

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1. This is to certify that the "Vancouver Island Power Company, Limited" (specially incorporated pursuant to Part IV. of the above mentioned Act, on the left had yo January, 1907), for the purpose of exercising the rights, powers, privileges and priorities in and by Part IV. of the said Act created; granted and conferred, has applied under section 87 of the above mentioned Act, to the Lieutenant-Governor in Counsell, for approval of the proposed undertakings and works of the said Company; and that the said Company has filed with the Clerk of the Executive Council the documents as required by section 85 of the said Act, and also the plans showing the situation of the proposed undertakings and works; and that the said undertakings and works; and that the said undertakings and works, as shown by the said documents and plans, have been approved, and that the same are as follows:

creek and Alligator Creek, tributaries of the Jordan River; the construction of main diverting works at a point on the Jordan River about 21-4 miles mortheast from the southwesterly boundary of the Esquimait and Nanaimo Rasiway Land Grant; the construction of a storage reservoir at the headwaters of the Jordan River, known as the Jordan River, known as the Jordan Readows; the construction of a storage reservoir on Y Creek, a tributary of the said Jordan River, and the construction of diverting works on the said "Y" creek, as also the construction of a flume or ditch from the said diverting works on the said "Y" creek as also the construction of a flume or ditch from the said diverting works on Y Creek to the main diverting works hereinbefore mentioned; the construction of a regulating reservoir at some point upon the land held under timber license number 38,638, and to be known as Forebay Reservoir; the construction of a flume and ditch from said main diverting works to the said Forebay Reservoir; the construction in and upon some portion of Lot 9 Renfrew Dyrict, of a power-house and the installation therein of electrical machinery for the generation of power; the construction of a plup-line from the said Forebay Reservoir to the said power-house; the construction of a proper transmission line about thirty miles in length to the City of Victoria, and the reaction of suitable sub-stations and apparatus to carry out all things necessary for the proper transmission of power to the said City of Victoria, and throughout the surrounding districts, and in and throughout the area as defined in the Memorrandum of Association of the said company; the construction of roads, trails and bridges, and all other works necessary for the undertakings and works of the said Company as hereinbefore set out; the erection of poles for the transmission of power, as also telephone pole lines and telephones when and where deemed necessary, including the right to erect such poles along the sides of public highways, and to cross and re-cr

electrical energy, and transmitted by copper or other wires to the required points of user. 2. Provided, however that the Company shall not proceed to construct the dams and reservoirs for the Fetention of water until the plans and specifications for the said works shall have been first filled in the office of the Chief Engineer of the Public Works Department, and the said plans and specifications have received the approval of the said Chief Engineer.

3. And this is further to certify that the "Vancouver Island Power Company Limited," shall at least have duly subscribed, before it commences the con-

Limited," shall at least have duly subscribed, before it commences the construction of its undertaking and works or exercises any of the powers in that behalf conferred by the "Water Clauses Consolidation Act, 1897." Part IV., ten thousand shares of one dollar each. The further amount of capital required to fully complete the undertaking and works to be provided by the issue of first mortgage bonds or debentures of the "Vancouver Island Power Company, Limited," up to the amount of three hundred thousand pounds sterling (#300,000), the principal and interest thereof to be guaranteed by the "British Columbia Electric Railway Company, and the control of the columbia Electric Railway Company, and the control of the columbia Electric Railway Company, and the columbia Electric Railway Company, and control of the columbia Electric Railway Company, and control of the columbia Electric Railway Company, and columbia Electric Railway Company, and control of the columbia Electric Railway Company, and control of the columbia Electric Railway Company.

Columbia Electric Railway Company, Limited, or be otherwise guaranteed and floated.

4. And this is further to certify that the time within which the said capital, namely, to the extent of at least ten thousand dollars is to be subscribed, is before the expiration of thirty days from the date hereof, and the time within which the said undertaking and works are to be commenced is before the expiration of sixty days from the date hereof, and the date by which the said proposed works shall be in operation is fixed at three years from the date hereof.

Dated this 4th day of November, 1909.
A. CAMPBELL REDDIE,
Deputy Clerk of the Executive Council.

HOME

COAL PROSPECTING NOTICE.

Rupert District. NOTICE is hereby given that 30 days ter date I intend to apply to the atter date 1 intend to apply to the Honorable Chief Commissioner of Lands for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum on the following described

foreshore lands covered with water: foreshore lands covered with water:
Commencing at a post pranted on or
near the northwest corner of Section
Seventeen (17), Township Five (6), and
marked "M. Mc., N.W. corner," thence
40 chains north, thence 80 chains east,
thence 120 chains south, thence west
following foreshore of Section Eight
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MAURICE MCARDLE. Joseph Renaldi, Agent

NOTICE is hereby given that, 30 days after date, I intend to apply to the Hon-Chief Commissioner of Lands for a license to prospect for coal and petroleum on the following described lands, situated on Graham Island, in Skidegate Inlet: Commencing at a post planted 40 chains east from the north-west corner of Lot 1; thence north 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence east 80 chains to the place of commencement; containo the place of commencement; contain

Dated this 3rd day of November, 1909 W. B. MONTEITH.
Wm. Woods, Agent.

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Dated this 3rd day of November, 1909. JOHN LANGLEY.

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HUNTING AND FISHING, HERE AND ELSEWHERE

A WET NIGHT ON THE COAST

(Richard L. Pocock)

Someone was saying to me the other day that in all their experience of this coast they never remembered such a deluge as we were visited with a few days ago. It certainly did rain "some" as the Yankees say, but I was unable to agree with him so far as to admit that it was the heaviest rainfall I had ever experienced in the country. There are many experiences which stick in the memory of men who have spent much time in the woods and wilds, experiences remarkable for one thing or another, pleasant or otherwise, and one, which I shall remember for a year or two longer if I live is a night spent in the woods at the head of a coast inlet not many hundred miles from

the city of Vancouver. It is the fashion to write only of the cheerful experiences of the hunter's life and to say little of the hardships and the times when nothing will go right, and I fancy we all know these times when the hoodoo perches on the pack as soon as we strap it on our shoulders and remains with us an unwelcome guest to the end of the trip. But how many of the right kind are daunted by this kind of thing, the hardships of the outdoor life are its salt and if everything always went right all the time what a tame and uninteresting things life

would be? It was November, of course, the wettest month of the year in this part of the world. Twenty miles from anywhere two of us were camped at the head of an inlet where for some reason or other few men ever came, and where consequently game and fur was plentiful. It was a place which I had come across in my wanderings several seasons previously and had always been anxious to try for a winter's trapping and hunting. Right at the head of the inlet a river hurled itself fifty feet into the sea, after starting as a small stream high up in the heart of the Coast Range, losing itself at intervals in a chain of little lakes, for whiles gliding smoothly and silently between level banks, for other whiles dancing and singing over a rocky bed, until, after a succession of leaps and swirls it finally threw itself with one mighty plunge into the arm of the sea which stretched far between mountain walls to meet

Such a country seemed to me to be ideal for hunting. Deer were so plentiful that I seldon troubled to go inland for them afoot when we wanted fresh meat, but used to take our little dug-out and paddle along the shore of the inlet in the evening or early morning and seldom returned without venison. For change of meat we used to shoot ducks from the window of our shack which was built right at the edge of the salt water close to the foot of the falls. Rock cod were plentiful within a few yards of our front door, mink were frequently to be seen scurrying along the rocky shores, and coon were flick as thieves all over the

Sounds almost too good to be true, but such it was. We had about half our traps out and were already beginning to reap a harvest, but expected, by moving up to the head of the chain of lakes and running a line of traps along the valley, in which the stream headed, to get a better quality of fur than we were catching down on the salt chuck. We waited for fine weather and one bright sunny day we packed up our tent and blankets and a few days' grub and portaged our canoe above the falls, and proceeded by paddling and poling through the lakes and river stretches to the mouth of the river at the head of the highest lake, where we chose a pretty little camping place on level ground a good eight feet or more above water level. When I say we chose a camping place, I should explain that the nature of the lake shore was steep and rocky practically everywhere except at the head where the river mouth was; there there was quite a bit of land on which to pitch a tent; but the valley for a considerable distance inland was practically a dead level, so that the exact location of the camp made practically no difference to its height above lake level.

The next morning there was a change in the weather, the bright sunshine of the day before gave place to a clouded sky and before on a heavy snowfall was doing just what we had been hoping for-covering the ground with what would show tracks and would bring the wild creatures lower down the mountain sides. Snug inside the tent, with a plentiful supply of fuel for our little "tin" stove, we rubbed our hands with satisfaction; snow does not appeal very strongly at all times to everyone but as I say it was then just what we wanted and had been mentally praying for, and we felt that Providence was treating us very kindly and were duly thankful.

Towards the afternoon however, the weather god, being evidently disgruntled at the way we took his medicine without a grimace and smacked our lips after it, determined to get even with us by changing the dose; with spiteful suddenness he let loose his warmest wind and simultaneously turned on the water tap to the full. The rain came down just as it did the other day in Victoria, heavy and steady without a break or let-up for a minute. The change in our feelings was just as sudden and complete, but we did not realise the full significance of the weather god's malice until

it was too late to help ourselves. That lake was confined in a rocky basin in the mountains with a narrow exit, the rain came down in torrents and the lake began to rise gradually inch by inch, the day wore on and we were still snug and apprehensive of no danger in our warm tent. As it was becoming dark I ventured out into the wet to see that

the canoe was safe for the night and was astounded to see the rapidity with which the water had risen and was still visibly rising. The warm rain was melting the snow in the hills and every little creek was now a foaming torrent disgorging volumes of water to swell the main creek of the valley which was filling the lake at a much greater rate than the water could possibly find an exit down to the sea.

At the rate at which the water was coming up things began to look serious; every now and then we would emerge from our shelter to examine the progress of the water upward and make mental calculations as to the possibility of its flooding us out before the morn-As the night hours wore on our anxiety increased, the river rose steadily with the relentlessness of fate and sleep was out of the question. The night was pitch dark and we had no lantern; to have attempted to make a camp on higher ground was out of the question, the only thing possible if the water reached us was to pack our stuff and paddle out into the lake and keep afloat till daylight-a pleasant prospect indeed, fraught with no little danger in a little dug-out barely big enough to carry us and our dunnage in the middle of a night of inky darkness. Imagine the hours of waiting and baling, shivering and swearing, until at last it should be light enough to see what we were doing and where we were go-

When the water was within a few inches of the level of our beds we bean to pack up the blankets; it had even begun to trickle into the pening of the tent, when, before we decided take to the canoe as to a life boat, we determined to take one last look, or rather to put our heads out once more to feel whether the rain showed any signs of abating; we could not tell from the drops on the roof as we were under big timber which had ceased to shelter us but shed its water on us in a steady shower. The hour was midnight when as suddenly as he started his mischief the weather god relented, and to our surprise and relief the rain diminished and finally ceased, the wind switched round, and the stars came out. The water ceased to rise and the situation was saved. With our feet on chunks of wood we waited and watched by the light of a candle until in the small hours of the morning the water had subsided enough for us to spread our waterproof sheets on our wet bough-bed and curl up for a few burs of much needed

THE BIG GAME OF BRITISH -COL-UMBIA.

Of the four varieties of sheep inhabiting British Columbia, one is a familiar name to everybody, one is well-known to big game hunters, and two are seldom mentioned, even in the pages of sporting publications. The first, the common bighorn (ovis montana), unfortunately not now common, are found in the uthern part of the province, where they are still fairly plentiful in certain localities. They follow the Rocky Mountain range and the Cascades north to Chilcotin, and are found in some of the sub-ranges of the above mountains. They are scattered throughout the Bridge River and Lillooet country, the Snow and Limestone ranges from Lytton and Spence's Bridge lcotin canon and Canoe Creek Whitewater and Cascades south-east of the Bella Coola River, Ashnola in the Similkameen district, and ports of Okanagan, East Kootenay, and Rocky Mountain range northward to beyond the Yellowhead Pass. For large and extra fine heads the East Kootenay is best; but it is a hard country to hunt in, the sheep ranges being accessible only to thorough mountaineers. In Lillooet sheep appear to be increasing in numbers, and Tyee Jimmie, chief of the Lillooet Indians, told me some time ago that as his men and the Chilcotins had ceased killing wantonly, this fine district would in future be a good country for big rams. Whether the bighorn can ever fully recover from the effects of stupid butchery in past years is a question with a probable negative answer; but Mr. Bryan Williams can be trusted to work up as good a supply as the changing conditions of the country allow.

In the northern part of the province three allied varieties of sheep-Stone's, Dalls and Fannin's-are found in considerable numbers. There was a report last year of the appearance among these sheep of a fatal disease, actinonycosis, but I have been unable to trace any outbreak, and presume that the report was either unfounded or based on a sporadic case. Stone's sheep frequent the eastern flanks of the Cascades in Cassiar, and the headquarters of the Stikine River and its tributaries; Dall's sheep the N. W. corner of British Columbia, Atlin district, and south to near the Nakina River; Fannin's sheep all the extreme northern part of the province, and extending into Yukon territory. A variety of these, almost whitesome with a light grey stripe along the backcalled line backs, is common on the Upper Liard, and may be found wherever the Fannini range. The Fannin sheep seem to arise from intermixture between the Dall and Stone sheep, and in some parts of Cassiar bands of sheep consist of animals showing all shades and arrangements of color, from almost pure white to deep grevish black of some of Stone sheep, while it is a common occurrence to see ewes with two lambs, one looking pure white at a little distance, the other quite black. Several fine heads of Cassiar sheep were obtained last year, the best measuring 14 in. by 44 in., and another 15 1-2 in. by 42 in., these sheep being noted more especially for length of horn

than for base measurement. So far as I am aware, only one species of

is possible that an occasional specimen of Kennedy's goat may have been obtained there. Goats are distributed throughout the province wherever the country is suitable. They range over the entire length of the Selkirks and Cascades, occupying both eastern and western flanks, and many of the sub-ranges and spurs of same. They are very numerous at many places on the coast from the American boundary to Alaska, and in the mountains along the Stikine, Skeena, and Fraser rivers and their tributaries, where they pass through the Cascades, as well as on the Bella Coola River, Lillooet River, the Snow Range between Lytton and Lillooet and along the west side of the Fraser, Lower Fraser around Hope, etc. Similkameen and East and West Kootenay are all more or less good districts for goats, and are likely to remain so, as many of the best ranges are accessible only by flying machine or other means of aerial locomotion. There are no goats on the islands along the coast, except in one or two cases, such as Pitt Island, but frequently they can be seen from the sea at the head of Jarvis or Bute inlets, and at numerous other points along the littoral. An exceptionally fine head of goat, giving a measurement of 10 in, for 11 in, of ength, was secured in the province last yeara head, by the way, of very unusual dimen-

As regards the wood bu3alo, there is considerable uncertainty whether any of these animals exist in British Columbia at the present day. Some men think that a few may be found in the extreme north-eastern corner of the province, but I have never been able to get on the track of anyone, white man or Indian, who has seen one there, and Mr. J. A. Teit, who knows as much as any man concerning game in British Columbia, is very skeptical. Formerly these animals abounded along that portion of the Peace River now included within the province, and as there is a possibility that a few may still be found somewhere in that region, I am comprising them in the list of British Columbia big game, although they certainly do not come in the category of

practical game animals. Owing to the fact that bears have become such a valuable asset to the province—a grizzly, when shot by a non-resident sportsman, being worth anything up to \$1000-steps have been taken to afford them a degree of protection. There is now a close season from July 15 to Aug. 31, and a further restriction that no one shall trap bears south of the Canadian Pacific Railway main line. The latter law is likely to prove very beneficial. Four varieties of bear are found in British Columbia-the grizzly, the brown or Alaskan bear, the white bear (Ursus kermodei), and the black bear. The first named (U. horribilis), known to hunters by various colour aliases, is found throuhout the entire province wherever the country is sufficiently rough and remote, being especially numerous in the northern part of the Cascades. There are also many grizzlies in the Selkirks, Rockies, and sub-ranges, as well as in some parts of the Dry Belt. None exist in Vancouver Island. Probably the finest grizzly bear hunting to be had on the North American Continent today is along the Naas, Stikine, and Skeena rivers, and up some of the long inlets which indent the coast; but sport almost equally good can be found in the more southern districts. A friend of mine, Mr. F. H. Cook, who went into an unknown and well-nigh inaccessible valley about 100 miles north of Golden, secured two very large grizzlies, two cinnamon, and two black bears the course of a short hunt; and Bob Stevenson, an old-timer who used to pack the mail into the Similkameen in the sixties, while on a prospecting trip recently saw seven grizzlies ten days, as well as over 200 head of other kinds of game. Respecting black bears, it may be said that there is still a plentiful supply in most parts of the province; they are abundant, but small, on Vancouver Island, while some of those found on the mainland are very large. The color varietes, known as the brown and the cinnamon bear, are confined mostly to certain parts of the interior. This brown variety must not be confused with the brown, or Alaskan bear, which is more akin to the grizzly, with which it is often classed. These Alaskan bears have been reported from the northern coast of British Columbia, but their habitat is as their name indicates. It is, however, possible that this Alaskan bear is more numerous in the province than is supposed, owing to loose classification by hunters. White bears (Ursus kermodei), a few specimens of which have been shot at points along the extreme northern coast, are confined to a very limited area; but a similar variety, ranging in color from almost pure white to a dirty grey, are seen or shot occasionally in the Western Cascades, from Bellacoola north to Taku River, including the lower reaches of the Skeena, Naas, and Stikine rivers. These bears are small in size, and are called by the various names of white bear, rock bear, white rock bear, blue bear, lacial bear, and ice bear. They are of little value as trophies, but are

rather interesting as specimens. This really completes the list of British Columbian big game. But as the panther is yearly increasing in sporting favor, it is fitting that it should be mentioned in an article of this scope, if only to presage its inclusion in the game list ere long. At present it is classed as a pest, but I feel sure that the courtesy now afforded the bear family will ultimately be extended to panthers. These animals are very abundant on Vancouver Island, and are rapidly increasing in numbers in the southern interior of the province. They range as high as lati-

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goat is found in British Columbia, although it tude 51, or a little beyond. Other animals that a sportsman may see occasionally while after game are wolves, coyotes, lynx, three varieties of wild cats, wolverines, and foxes. Of these timber wolves have decreased greatly during the past thirty years, and are now only in the north. Coyotes have also decreased, although in some winters they appear to be plentiful, and are certainly extending their range northward. Two species of wild-cat show a marked increase; but the reverse is the fact in the case of the fox and the wolverine. Incidentally I may say that beaver, owing to stringent restrictions are rapidly making good the disastrous results of long years of overtrapping. This will be good news to those who have regretted the threatened extinction of these animals, so romantically connected with the early history of Canada.-Lincoln Wilbar, in The Field.

A SPORTSMAN'S CREED

In all probability public sentiment in favor of the preservation of big game and wild life generally is more widely spread in the United States and British North America than in any other part of the civilized world. This is not difficult to account for, because the evils which have resulted from the extermination of the bison and the dangers threatening other species have been brought home to every naturalist and sportsman. These dangers, however, have been met by heroic treatment. The last number of the Bulletin of the New York Zoological Society is entirely devoted to this subect, and it is therein shown that since May last year nearly 1,800,000 acres in the United States have been set aside as game preserves. The precise localities and figures are: The Montana National Bison Range (20,000 acres), the Olympus National Monument, Washington (600,000 acres), the Superior Game and Forest Preserve (909,743 acres); to these must be added the East Kootenay Preserve in British Columbia (288,000 acres). These four great sanctuaries will greatly promote the permanence of the moose, wapiti, bison, mountain goat and sheep, grizzly bear, black bear, and

mule deer. The chain of protection for the pronghorn antelope is now practically complete, and good results have been already reported. In Arizona, after ten years of continuous close time, a band of about fifty was seen after an absence of nearly twenty years, and for the present at least this species appears to be out of danger, provided that the laws can be enforced. Mr. Madison Grant believes that sooner or later the development of the country at large will reach a point when there will be no room for the larger mammals, and for their preservation he advocates the establishment of refuges through the length and breadth of North Am erica. In his view whatever hunting future generations will enjoy must be on the borders of these retuges, which, if successful, will provide an overflow of game sufficient to stock the surrounding country. In what he calls "Sportsman's Platform," Mr. W. T. Hornaday, the director of the Zoological Park, has proposed the following fifteen cardinal principles affecting wild game and its pursuits:

1. The wild animal life of today is given to us in trust, for the benefit both of the present and the future. We must render an account of this trust to those who come after us.

2. It is the duty of every good citizen to promote the protection of forests and wild life, and the creation of game preserves, while a supply of game remains.

3. The sale of game is incompatible with the perpetual preservation of a proper stock of game; therefore it should be prohibited. 4. In the settled and civilized regions of

North America there is no necessity for the consumption of wild game as food, nor for the sale of game for food. The maintenance of hired laborers on wild game should be prohibited everywhere, under severe penalties. 5. An Indian has no more right to kill wild

game than any white man, and he should be governed by the same game laws as white men. 6. No man can be a good citizen and also be a slaughterer of game or fishes beyond the limits compatible with high-class sportsman-

A game butcher or a market hunter is an undesirable citizen, and should be treated as

8. The highest purpose which the killing of wild game and game fishes can be made to serve is in furnishing objects for tramping and camping trips, and the value of wild game as food should no longer be regarded as important in its pursuit.

9. If rightly conserved, wild game constitutes a valuable asset to any country which possesses it, and it is good statesmanship to protect it.

10. An ideal hunting trip consists of a good comrade, fine country, and a very few trophies per hunter. 11. In an ideal nunting trip the death of the

game is only an incident, and by no means necessary to a successful outing. 12. The best hunter is the man who finds the most game, kills the least, and leaves behind

him no wounded animals. 13. The killing of an animal means the end of its most interesting period. When the country is fine, pursuit is more interesting than

14. The killing of a female hoofed animal, save for special preservation, is to be regarded as incompatible with the highest sportsmanship, and it should everywhere be prohibited.

15. A fine photograph of a wild animal in its

haunts is entitled to more credit than the dead

trophy of a similar animal. An animal that has been photographed never should be killed, unless previously wounded in the chase.

These views, of course, are addressed primarily to American sportsmen, and some of them, doubtless, will not meet with universal acceptance. Nevertheless, Mr. Hornaday invites their adoption with notice to him of the fact, so that a register may be kept of the number of adherents. Five notable clubs in the States, with a membership of over 800, have already adopted this code of ethics and published it in their club books. The "platform" partakes largely of the nature of a "self-denying ordinance," but it sets up a lofty ideal, which will commend it to many who may not be disposed to adopt it in its entirety.

TELL-TALE FINGER PRINTS

A decidedly interesting exhibit at the Shepherd's Bush White City was the fingerprint impression display by the commissioner of police. It is unique in that it demonstrates in an exhaustive and practical manner the method adopted by the police for the identification of criminals.

This is the first time that Scotland Yard has ever sent material to an exhibition. For this reason alone the large framed exhibits, portraits, cases and relic which comprise this novel "Black Museum" will be inspected with more than ordinary interest. They occupy quite a large space just outside the entrance the Industrial and Machinery Halls.

Although the value of finger-print impressions for identification purposes has been known for some time, it was only adopted by the police some eight years ago-namely, in 1901. The fact is, one of the difficulties in putting the system into general use was that of classification. Until the impressions could easily indexed, this method of identifying a person was virtually useless. The method followed by Scotland Yard owes its inception to the efforts of the commissioner, Sir Edward Henry, who has devoted much time to the subject.

One has only to examine the inner bulb or tip of the finger to notice that there are a number of very fine ridges running in certain directions and forming distinctive patterns. After careful study it was found that these could be classified under four typesarches, loops, whorls and composites. Enlarged photographs show these various types. More remarkable still is the fact that these patterns persist in all their details throughout the whole period of human life, and in one case there are eight impressions taken at in-

tervals varying from ten to forty-nine years.

To prove the value of the system three portraits are shown of three different men. They are so much alike that it is virtually impossible to tell one from the other so far as facial characteristics are concerned, yet their fingerprints, which are reproduced under the portraits, are entirely different. It is a striking instance of how mistakes can easily be made

in identification. More interesting still is the case containing a miscellaneous collection of articles, the finger impressions on which have led to the conviction of notable criminals. There is a cash box which bears a blurred impression of a thumb mark. It was found in the bedroom his wife who were murdered at Deptford in 1905. This impression was photographed and enlarged, and led to the arrest of the brothers Stratton, who were found guilty of the murder. Alongside the cash box is a champagne bottle. This was found on the dining room table of a house that was entered by a burglar in Birmingham. It was brought to Scotland Yard and duplicate prints of the impressions left on the bottle were found in the records. The burglar was

arrested the same evening. There are many other exhibits containing finger-print impressions left on the scenes of crime which secured the detection of the criminals. There is a wine glass, in which a burglar helped himself to wine after breaking into a house in a west end square. He left two finger-print impressions on the glass, which resulted in his conviction and four years' penal servitude. In the same way there are panes of glass, tumblers, plates, bits of wood and other articles. If a burglar handles a piece of candle and leaves it behind it is a hundred to one he has left a valuable clue for the police.

It is interesting to note that since the introduction of the system in July, 1901, upwards of 40,000 identifications have been made, and, so far as is known, without error. Not only has the commissioner shown us the impressions of the human hand, but also those of two anthropoid apes, a chimpanzee and an orang-outang.—Tit-Bits.

VERY BAD FIRELIGHTERS

A service paper relates an amusing story of a major in the Indian army, who employed a native cook, skilful at curries, but not omniscient with regard to European cuisinerie. On one occasion the major received a present of some English rhubarb, and, being fond of this "You know delicacy, handed it to the cook. what to do with that, cook?" he said, and the native signified that he did. Dinner-time arrived, and the major returned from parade to be met by his cook with many salaams. "Sticks damp, sahib," he blurted distractedly, "no dinner ready. Fire won't light!" When the major went to the kitchen and found his cook had been trying to light the fire with the precious rhubarb his remarks at all events



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Humorous Scenes on Oratorical Eff of Peers

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The tion is developing with excitity. The pronouncement of tional directorate of the U tional directorate of the U League, advising Irishmen the government, is of little for it will only affect votes gone to the Liberals in pre-tests. What Mr. Redmond gone to the Liberals in prevests. What Mr. Redmond done is to put a powerful with hands of his bitter oppon in the Nationalist party who he has given away the citad securing guarantees as to mier Asquith really means, using with marked effect own previous declaration trule stands no chance at a place in the Liberal progrigiven to a bitterly contested drawn out constitutional cothe House of Lords and sutions as Welsh disestablishm if the Radicals are returned questions must occupy the sessions of parliament, leaving the merest crumbs from Lib Mr. Redmond's hope is that quith will be returned with majority as to leave the power in the hands of the cionalists, in which case the compel Mr. Asquith, at the political life, to place Home before the lords question.

Meanwhile the land schemes of Unionists and alike have been creating an with protectionist ambitions it is believed tariar r form streng appears to the country of the country of the country of the program of Mr. Asquith's friends are also insisting the land agitation against the L Radicals go to the country separate issues and win the own agliation against the L Radicals go to the country separate issues and win the be told that they have a clonneither.

Peers all over the country ing themselves into the ti fight, and are being sever by workingmen class audic

An elector wanted to knright Lord Kesteven control lages. Lord Kesteven recause I've put my money. Then as interruptions brok he went on, "I love all the joy and fun of fight at like." Whereupon some of Yes and you will have time too."

At Camberwell, Lord Ne
"What is the actual situa
one promptly replied, "H
lords and brewers," but
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Peer myself, for instance
ass of himself, is it open
mone to say that memb mons to say that mem House of Peers are all The audience laughed to reply. Lord Harris, end speak at a tariff reform Sheerness, found the of strong and ultimately lef indignation. As a rule, h peers are making a far than most people expected "Punch" hits off the significant cartoon today, central cartoon today, crowd of workingmen outs faced by the mildest of wording below the cartoo

"Average peer on stur and Gentlemen." "British workmen in those around: "Ullo ma 'is sinister eye and 'is r and bloodstained dagger, The cartoon is headed

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