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## COFFIN CONTAINED BODY OF T. C. DRUCE

### Exhumation in London Cemetery This Morning Brings to an End Great Fight For Portland Millions.

London, Dec. 30.—The body of Thos. Charles Druce in Highgate cemetery was exhumed this morning, just 43 years to a day after its burial. The coffin was found to contain the remains of a human body, thus exploding the romantic tale told by Robert C. Caldwell and others who swore during the recent hearing of the Druce perjury case that it contained a roll of lead. The official statement given out by representatives of the home office and others who were officially present at the exhumation, not only definitely disposed of the lead myth, but seemed effectively to confirm that the body buried in 1864 was actually that of T. C. Druce. The authorized statement follows: "The coffin was opened and found to contain the body of an aged bearded man. The plate on the coffin bore the name Thomas Charles Druce." "The scene at Highgate cemetery this morning when the vault was opened was remarkable. Constables seemed to spring from everywhere; every tree apparently hid an officer. Entrances to the cemetery were surrounded by cordons of police. Only those persons who had passes from the home office were admitted to the grounds. "George Hollamby Druce, who claims to be the rightful heir to the Portland dukedom and its vast estate, tried twice to get into the cemetery, but was met with a stern refusal. "The operation began at daybreak

### COAL OIL TRAGEDY.

Husband Left Cup on Stove Which Exploded Killing His Wife.

Napinka, Man., Dec. 30.—Mrs. John Yeomans, wife of John Yeomans, one of Medora's most promising young farmers, died suddenly this morning as a result of injuries received from the explosion of a cup of coal oil. A game hen had been arranged for New Year's Day, and the American heavyweights are promising to redeem their defeats of the past.

Mr. and Mrs. Yeomans had been married about a year and the tragedy has cast a gloom over the whole district. John Yeomans, the bereaved husband, is the son of S. Yeomans, one of the oldest farmers in the district. The late Mrs. Yeomans was Miss Lizzie McKay, formerly of Seaforth, Ont.

### CIRCUIT OF HORSE SHOWS.

Movement on Foot to Include Spokane, Calgary, Seattle, Portland and Denver.

Calgary, Dec. 30.—A number of horse breeders, American and Canadian, have set a movement on foot looking to the organization of an annual circuit of horse shows, beginning in 1908. W. B. Linn, the big horse breeder of Lafayette, Indiana, who is to have a large exhibition of horses here, and the Dominion fair next June and July, suggests that such cities as Spokane, Calgary, Seattle, Portland and Denver make up the circuit for these annual shows.

### INCENDIARIES AT WORK.

Three Fires, Totalling Loss of \$50,000, Occur Within Two Days at North Battleford.

North Battleford, Sask., Dec. 30.—The city of North Battleford was visited by a serious fire on Saturday night, when a number of business houses in the heart of the city were destroyed. The fire is believed to be incendiary, as there were out of the way points which all pointing to the same cause. The total loss will be in the neighborhood of \$50,000, while the insurance is only some \$10,000.

### CHINESE TELEGRAPHS.

Amoy, China, Dec. 30.—Active construction work has begun on the telegraph lines which are to connect Amoy with the two other cities of this province, the Njoufu, fifty miles to the north, and Chang Chou Fu, thirty miles to the west. The construction and operation of these lines is entirely under the control of the Chinese government.

### DIED AT FOURSORE.

Montreal, Dec. 30.—Madame Paul Truchess, mother of the Archbishop of Montreal, died yesterday, aged 76 years.

### PANTHER SPRANG AT BABY.

Exciting Experience of Household in New Brunswick.

Macadam, N. B., Dec. 30.—A panther entered the house of Ed. Irvine, C. P. R. ticket agent, on Saturday night. The door had been opened to admit air, when the animal entered and sprang at the baby. Mrs. Irvine swooned when she saw the beast, and it was three minutes before she could get up. The panther was shot and its head, which it was unable to locate the animal.

### EXCITEMENT KILLED HIM.

(Special to the Times.)  
Vancouver, Dec. 30.—George Home, a well known farmer of Chilliwack, dropped dead from excitement this morning after fighting a fire in Street Row's door factory.

### BLOOD ON CLOTHES NIGHT OF MURDER

### Alleged Damaging Evidence Against Manitoban Charged With Brutal Crime.

Gretna, Man., Dec. 30.—As a climax of a week's investigation into the brutal murder at Neche, N. D., of Fred Leclair, the young railroad mch, James O'Brien, the son of Deputy Collector of Customs O'Brien, was arrested last night and formally charged with the crime. "I do not think there are many grounds for pessimism, as I feel confident that the position of western Canada is more favorable in a business sense than almost any other part of the world. I am merely paying a flying visit to my son, but naturally cannot help being aware of prevailing conditions throughout the country. "He predicts that the state will persist in its efforts to legalize the hospitals, suppress the Catholic orders that still remain, and put an end to schools. Continuing, the cardinal complained that while a few of the faithful have been aroused to impotent indignation, the majority of them are wedded to their pleasures and business, and devoid by the newspapers have shown themselves indifferent to what is happening. I leave for the Atlantic seaboard to-morrow."

### NORTH WEST B. C. SWEEP BY GALE

LENORA SANK OFF  
MINSTREL ISLAND

Little Steam Tug Disappeared During Storm Leaving no Trace Behind.

(Special to the Times.)  
Vancouver, Dec. 30.—The worst storm that ever occurred on the northwestern British Columbia coast within the memory of the oldest settlers was that of last Monday. A series of cyclones swept over the Mainland and the northern end of Vancouver Island, cutting clean cut avenues, hundreds of feet wide, in the heavy forests. Several large steamers were blown down, and the greatest damage was apparent. Steam tug Lenora, of Vancouver, was left anchored while her crew went ashore at Minstrel Island. The vessel was sunk so quickly that when the captain and mate hurried to the shore not a vestige of the vessel was to be seen, and her hull has not yet been located.

### CHRISTMAS HILL IS NOT VOLCANIC

### Prof Burwash Visited Spot To-day and Made Geological Examination of It.

The hypothesis that Victoria was nesting under the base of a dormant volcano, arrived at after Factor McVoy's startling discovery of what appeared to be a crater on Christmas Hill, was exploded this morning, when Professor Burwash, an eminent geologist, visited the scene. The orifice at the top of Christmas Hill is not the nest of vapor, lava and other death-dealing weapons of nature. There is no trace of subterranean disturbance and the sole responsibility of the alarm is laid at the door of Jack Frost, who caused the crater-like appearance during one of his frolics ages ago. "The formation is purely of a glacial origin and there is absolutely no trace of anything that would tend to support the volcanic theory," declared Professor Burwash to a Times reporter this morning. "The rock, which I closely examined, is composed entirely of crystallized schists rounded off and worn off by the pressure of the ice. The formation is the same as that on other hills surrounding Victoria which bear trace of the great pressure of the ice." In concluding, the professor remarked that the appearance of the orifice is phenomenally like a crater, but further reiterated his utter scorn that anything that would prove a menace was hidden in its bowels. The party which started out early this morning consisted of Professor Burwash, who is connected with Columbia College, New Westminster; Rev. Mr. Kliney, and A. J. Brace, secretary of the Y. M. C. A.

### 22 YEARS WITH C. P. R.

Fort Arthur, Ont., Dec. 27.—George Dent, one of the oldest employees of the Canadian Pacific railway in this city, died yesterday. Mr. Dent entered the employ of the C. P. R. at Owen Sound at the time the steamers Alberta, Athabasca and Algoma were built. He came here in the year 1884, since which time he has been constantly in the employ of the company, being for the past eighteen years foreman of the local freight sheds.

### WEST IS LAND OF OPPORTUNITY

### BEST COUNTRY FOR CAPITAL IN WORLD

### Belgian Capitalist Is Highly Optimistic Over Future of Saskatchewan and British Columbia

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 30.—"I believe, in fact I am convinced through experience," said Ferdinand de Jardiis, a Belgian capitalist who is interested in investments in various parts of the world, "that western Canada offers the best opportunities for the capitalist of any in the world. "As you may know, I am intimately concerned in the Land and Agricultural Company of Canada, the chief shareholders of which are interested in investments in many quarters of the world. In western Canada the company is chiefly interested in the wheat lands in Saskatchewan and in fruit lands in British Columbia. At the present time I am merely paying a flying visit to my son, but naturally cannot help being aware of prevailing conditions throughout the country. "I do not think there are many grounds for pessimism, as I feel confident that the position of western Canada is more favorable in a business sense than almost any other part of the world. I am merely paying a flying visit to my son, but naturally cannot help being aware of prevailing conditions throughout the country. "He predicts that the state will persist in its efforts to legalize the hospitals, suppress the Catholic orders that still remain, and put an end to schools. Continuing, the cardinal complained that while a few of the faithful have been aroused to impotent indignation, the majority of them are wedded to their pleasures and business, and devoid by the newspapers have shown themselves indifferent to what is happening. I leave for the Atlantic seaboard to-morrow."

### FRANCE TO SHAPE MOROCCO'S DESTINY

### Will End Anarchy in Vicinity of Casa Blanca—General Druce Re- called.

Paris, Dec. 28.—It is already apparent that the replacing of General Druce by general d'Amade marks the beginning of a more energetic policy in Morocco. There is reason to believe that General Druce's recall is due as much to dissatisfaction with his hesitating course as to illness. France has reached a complete understanding with the foreign board of Morocco. The rebellion under the leadership of Mual Hafid is no longer formidable, and the French government has decided that the time has come to take a bolder position. General D'Amade will be given reinforcements, and will be expected to put an end to the anarchy prevailing in the vicinity of Casa Blanca. "The Temps to-night declares that 1908 will witness an important change in France's Moroccan policy. While the government intends to keep within the limits of prudence and fulfill its international obligations," the paper declares, "it purposes also to repair the errors committed in the past and to regain the time lost."

### GALE DEVASTATED THE WEST COAST

### Hundreds of Acres of Timber Lands Were Ruined by Storm at Quatsino.

Hundreds of acres of timber in the limits near Quatsino Sound were razed by the terrific gale which prevailed on Monday last, according to news from the west coast brought by the steamship Amur, which arrived in port last night from Cape Scott and way ports. The Amur put into Quatsino during the gale, and while there those aboard could hear the crash of the falling forest giants high above the howling of the wind. At a conservative computation at least a million dollars' worth of timber was blown down along the coast, the larger trees destroying others which had not attained the full size for felling. Very heavy weather was encountered both ways by the Amur, but the crew and passengers were being slightly by the United States consular service.

### SAD TRAGEDY ON CHRISTMAS EVE

### LOGGERS DROWN UNDER SNOW-COVERED BOOM

### Two Men Were Bound to Rock Bay to Spend Holiday Among Friends.

On their way to celebrate Christmas with their friends at the Hastings lumber camp, Rock Bay, Johnson straits, two loggers, M. McOscar, aged 40, and Kenneth Matheson, aged 26, were drowned in seven feet of water while crossing a snow-covered boom after dark on Christmas eve. The men had been out in the woods and were heading for the camp along a trail which led to a small lake in the vicinity of the logging camp. They came upon a boom covered with snow, and in attempting to cross this death-trap both fell into the water. The boom closed over them, and they were unable to get a grip on the slippery, ice-coated logs. No one was near to hear their cries, and both of them drowned in only seven feet of water. The bodies were found next day by a party which went in search of the men, and were brought to Vancouver on the steamship Queen City, which arrived in port this morning. Rock Bay, where the double fatality occurred, is over one hundred miles up the east coast. Little is known about the two men, but it is said that McOscar's wife and family are on their way to Vancouver, where they were to join him. The Queen City had an uneventful trip. She brought 60 passengers down to the Terminal City and a small quantity of freight, afterwards calling at Ladysmith for a scow load of coal, which was brought to Victoria. The steamship sails north again on Wednesday night.

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### BISMARCK'S FRIEND GAVE EVIDENCE

### PROFESSOR TOLD OF VON MOLTKE'S VIOLENCE

### Further Revelations in German Court Scandal—Degeneracy in High Circles.

Berlin, Dec. 30.—The reassembling in this city to-day of the court which is hearing the Harden-Von Moltke libel suit, attracted a small attendance. Harden appeared to be very unwell, while Count Von Moltke was exceedingly cheerful and keenly interested in the proceedings. The evidence of Prof. Schweigener, who was physician to the late Prince Von Bismarck, was read to the court. The professor declared that he had no ill-feeling against Von Moltke, in spite of the coolness existing between the count and Mrs. Schweigener. Harden, the professor said, had not been very much astonished when, following the appearance of the articles in Die Zukunft, the excitement against Harden broke out. He could not understand the reason, as the articles were not intended to have a personal, but only a political significance. Prof. Schweigener, who is now 37 years old, was for 25 years a notable figure in Germany because of his intimacy with Prince Von Bismarck. This began when Schweigener was about 20 years old. The young man became Bismarck's physician for a year, and this led to confidential and personal relations which made Schweigener a political personage until the old chancellor died. Since that time, the professor has quietly pursued his professional duties in the university of Berlin. The reappearance of Schweigener recalls to the German public the days when he was regarded to be one of Bismarck's most able advisers. Continuing, Schweigener said he considered Mrs. Von Elbe, the divorced wife of Count Von Moltke, to be mentally sound and not likely to suffer delusions. He consequently believed her original assertions. She had related many incidents of the count's violence, in which he alone appeared to be blameable. The professor had heard rumors of the perversity of Prince Philipp Lu Eulenberg during the life of Bismarck, but the name of Von Moltke was never mentioned in connection with these matters. Mrs. Von Elbe told him that her former husband, the count, loved Zu Eulenberg more than he did herself. The state then introduced a number of witnesses whose testimony tended to discredit Mrs. Von Elbe. Her former paid companion, Miss Mai, said Mrs. Von Elbe was an unreliable woman, and that she had suffered much at her hands. She misjudged everybody, was often excited and quarrelsome without reason, and it was her custom to talk to respectable young girls concerning the most depraved acts. The count suffered greatly from his wife's disposition, but he was patient with and to the countess, no matter what she did. Mrs. Von Dem Marwitz testified that Mrs. Von Elbe's mother, Mrs. Von Veyden, once confided to her that her daughter was ill-advised and untrustworthy. "Mrs. Von Veyden poured out her heart to me and complained bitterly about her daughter," the witness said. Baroness Swazzen then testified that Mrs. Von Elbe during her first marriage with Von Krause acted disloyally. She mentioned very many details. Countess Danskellann swore to circumstances detrimental to Mrs. Von Elbe and to Count Von Moltke's enthusiastic admiration to his fiancée during their engagement. When he was first engaged to be married he wrote of his "brilliant good fortune" in winning such a remarkable woman."

### VICTIMS OF LAMP.

Father Suffocated and Son Died of Burns in Ottawa Fire.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 30.—In a fire on Nelson street, Saturday night, Mr. Desloges, a writer at the government bureau, was suffocated, and his son Alexander, seven years old, died from burns on Sunday morning. The fire was caused by the upsetting of a lamp by Mrs. Desloges.

### CHOPS LED TO TRAGEDY.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 30.—Edward Prados was shot and instantly killed yesterday by his brother Milton over a pan of chops which the mother of the young man was frying for Milton. Edward threw the chops through the window. Later on Milton shot him, claiming self-defense. A knife was found in the hand of the dead man.



PEROR OPENED JAPANESE DIET

DIAL RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN POWERS

Operations on Fiscal Measures of Importance--Brilliant Scene in Tokio.

Dec. 28.--The 24th Diet was opened at 10 o'clock to-day by Emperor, who delivered the speech...

opening scene in the Upper House was a brilliant one. The 377 members, composing the House, were in full regalia dress, while the rest of the diplomatic corps were in uniforms.

Emperor was driven to and from the palace in a closed carriage, under the escort of a company of lancers.

replies of the two Houses to the Emperor will be presented to the Emperor in the palace later in the day which the presidents of both will report back to their respective Houses the Emperor's approval and both Houses will adjourn for two weeks, at which time the session will commence.

overwhelming majority of the members in the Diet makes it improbable that there will be any extended discussion, although there may be some finance and other bills.

ALYZED, FAR FROM HUMAN AID

Anhungered, and Athirst a Coola Settler Died Stotly After Aid Arrived.

Coola, Dec. 18.--Suffering all the throats and hunger, unable to stand or sit, John Johnson, an settler, lay in his shack in a Coola valley for six solid days help came. A man past the all-hire score years and ten, he died struck by paralysis and the floor.

he was assailed by cold, thirst, hunger, condemned to die a lingering death. His blankets lay within at of him; water stood in a pall corner, and food on the table, any could find no form of ex-

even speech was beyond him. man waited for death with joy, the unfortunate settler. It did not until the sixth day, in a week med like ages. Then he was carried by a mail carrier, the latter his weekly rounds, and shortly the unfortunate man was embraced the shadow he had waited for.

ELL HANG O'LEARY,

for Convicts Who Break Into Jail and Refrain Against Unpopular Warden.

on, Ont., Dec. 27.--It has leaked that there was a lively time all night at the penitentiary. The reason the convicts when placed in the cells, began sang Deputy Warden O'Leary; and O'Leary on a sour apple.

FIRE WIPED OUT THE BUILDINGS

AT THE EXHIBITION GROUNDS LAST NIGHT

The Cause of the Conflagration is a Mystery--Insurance Was \$12,000.

(From Friday's Daily.) Last evening the exhibition building, together with a number of the accessory structures, were completely wiped out of existence. The main building, from the very character of it and the style of architecture, lent itself an easy prey to the flames once the fire got underway. The scene was a grand one, a strong wind blowing from the south-east, the fire was at its height the central part of the city was lit up as by day. The fire broke out shortly after 8 o'clock in the southwestern portion of the main building, in the section occupied at the last exhibition by David Spencer, Ltd. In a short time the fire was beyond control, and a strong wind blowing from the south-east, very soon the flames had run up the entire height of the building, and there was one mass of flames. This did not last long. With numerous windows broken by the heat the wind played through the structure and made short work of the building. Then the burning timbers fell, leaving the front entrance as the last to be demolished by the flames.

Thousands of citizens made their way to the scene by tramcar, by carriages, automobiles and on foot. How the fire started is a mystery. J. Bothwell, the caretaker at the grounds, who lives in a small house near the grounds just before dark. He saw no one about of a suspicious character. The building was all locked up, and nothing indicating that there was anything wrong. He says that about 7 o'clock he noticed the fire. Evidently Bothwell was wrong in fixing the hour at 7, as it was more likely 8 o'clock. He unlocked the door and entered the place to find that the fire located in the southeast section, and flames also in the central part. Bothwell thinks the fire started at the first mentioned spot and had spread to the central part by tattered remains of drapings. He is not sure, however, that the fire started at the first mentioned spot, as the start made in the central portion. At that time, he says, he could have put it out had he had time to attach to the hydrant, located quite close to the front entrance. No hose, however, was kept there, and this precaution resulted in the loss of the building.

W. McIntosh, superintendent of the Old Men's Home, was also on the scene at once notified the fire department of the fact. He then made as fast time as possible to the building. During the past few months Mr. McIntosh has been constructing a launch during his odd moments. He had permission to use the machinery hall, which east, and main building, and detached from it. The launch was nearing completion, and it was with difficulty that Superintendent McIntosh was able to get out of the building before the flames spread to it. As he was he lost some of his tools.

On receiving the alarm at the central station, Chief Warden for the scene for the scene in his buggy. He reached the scene in about fifteen minutes, but was unable to do anything when he got there. The distance was too great to hope to accomplish anything when the hose arrived.

The hose cart drawn by the greys made a fast run, but the whole place was in flames when it reached the spot. The remainder of the apparatus never got to the scene. The chemist engine from Yates street, which had crossed the culvert which spans the small stream flowing back of the Willows, on the road leading to the grounds. There the wheels sunk in the mud and which covered the water leading to the grounds. The engine was completely put out of business, the wheels on one side sinking to the axles. In the meantime the John Gray engine was being hauled to the scene by one of the big teams. The immense weight and the condition of the streets along the route made the task a severe one, and the building had fallen long before the Willows was reached. Proceeding along the same street leading to the grounds, the wheels of the engine likewise got on the line of the water main laid last summer, and went down to the exiles, putting it out of commission. It was not until 11 o'clock that the engines were got out and taken back to the stations.

With the main building burned to the machinery hall, the building used as a restaurant, the poultry house and adjoining structures all burned to the ground, the flames ran along the horse sheds, threatening to wipe them all out.

The few firemen not engaged in the work of salvaging the apparatus turned their attention to putting out the fire there. A body of John Gray engines, realizing the situation, also tore away a portion of the sheds so as to give a fighting chance. The fire was put out, however, before it reached the gap created.

The main building was erected in 1881 by the Agricultural Society at an initial cost of \$25,000. Since that time it has been improved by the putting in of cement foundations and strengthening of the central part, so that with the auxiliary buildings the cost represents a very considerable increase over the \$25,000.

The insurance was made up of \$8,000 on the main building, \$2,500 on the sheds and horse stalls, \$1,000 on the poultry house, \$500 on the machinery hall and \$500 on the office, making a total of \$12,500.

The sheds were only partially destroyed, so that it is probably the loss collectively will be about \$10,000. Mayor Morley seen this morning in regard to the fire, said he did not know

whether or not there was any hose at the building. He thought the caretaker should have known, and if there was not any he should have notified the executive. He did not know who was responsible, if there was not any there.

DISCLAIMS KNOWLEDGE.

Montreal, Dec. 27.--Oliver Asselin, editor of the Nationalist, has written a letter to the press declaring that he knows nothing about the alleged forged cable from the very character of it and the style of architecture, lent itself an easy prey to the flames once the fire got underway. The scene was a grand one, a strong wind blowing from the south-east, the fire was at its height the central part of the city was lit up as by day. The fire broke out shortly after 8 o'clock in the southwestern portion of the main building, in the section occupied at the last exhibition by David Spencer, Ltd. In a short time the fire was beyond control, and a strong wind blowing from the south-east, very soon the flames had run up the entire height of the building, and there was one mass of flames. This did not last long. With numerous windows broken by the heat the wind played through the structure and made short work of the building. Then the burning timbers fell, leaving the front entrance as the last to be demolished by the flames.

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DEVELOPMENT OF NANAIMO FISHERIES

Capitalist May Erect Herring Curing Plant and Use Steam Trawlers in Straits.

(From Friday's Daily.) "J. C. W. Stanley, a well known Englishman, is in Nanaimo this week on a visit. Mr. Stanley has promoted many large industries throughout the country and is on the island looking over opportunities here," says the Nanaimo Free Press. "He is directly interested in the fishing and it is to investigate primarily the Nanaimo fisheries that he is here.

"It is his present intention to enter at a large scale, using English capital. It would be the purpose of the Nanaimo plant to cure the best fish by Mr. Stanley's own processes for the markets he already has, and he has a large stock of herring here, and also use one or more steam trawlers on the principle of those employed in England. These trawlers are 100 feet long, 26 foot beam and 8 foot draft with powerful engines, making 12 knots an hour.

"A small net weaving plant would also be established in connection with the fisheries. "If present plans mature, Mr. Stanley hopes to start work on the local plant at a very early date. He is thoroughly enthusiastic of the possibilities of the industry here, and believes in a man who has handled many big things and has made a success of them would not doubt do much towards the development of the fisheries here.

"Mr. Stanley recently organized the British Canadian Wood & Pulp Company at Vancouver for the utilization of waste products."

MICA DEALER'S CLOSED DOWN.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 27.--Owing to the failure of several large houses in the United States, which formerly bought their supplies of mica from Gattineau Valley dealers, the latter in some cases have been forced to close their doors and in other cases their stocks are being sold by auction.

PHYSICIAN COULD NOT CURE HIMSELF

Dr. J. F. Peasden Succumbs to Lockjaw--Beggad That End be Put to His Life.

Chicago, Ills., Dec. 27.--Dr. J. F. Peasden, employed by the Chicago packing firm, died last night of lockjaw, resulting from a fracture of the nose which occurred a week ago. Dr. Peasden fell down a stairway in the laboratory of the packing plant, the vein over the nose was broken and the wound became infected with tetanus germs. Among those who contributed to the programme, were Mrs. M. Lowry, who was suddenly stricken with lockjaw. He diagnosed his own case and with the aid of pencil and paper directed his family to send him to a hospital. He then sent for his lawyer and made his will.

During his illness he constantly joined with hospital physicians in their consultations and gave it as his opinion several days ago that he could not recover, and asked the surgeons to put an end to his life. The immediate cause of death was said to be heart failure following a convulsion.

COUSINS' TRAGIC QUARREL.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 27.--A special to the Constitution from Elliday, Ga., says: "In shooting near a John Southern's store, in the town of Gilmore county yesterday, R. M. Reese was shot and instantly killed by his cousin, Floyd Reese, who was also fatally wounded. After being shot six times, it is said Robert shot and fatally wounded his cousin.

NOSSE IS NOT IN "ROYAL RAGE"

JAPANESE CONSUL ON FRIENDLY RELATIONS

Characterized Winnipeg Dispatch as Fabrication--Said "An Revoir, But Not Good Bye"

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 27.--Before leaving last night for his native land the attention of Japanese Consul-General Nosse was called to a dispatch which appeared in the Winnipeg papers of Monday alleging that he had charged the Dominion government with a breach of faith in the immigration question and that he is in a "royal rage" with the authorities at Ottawa. Mr. Nosse characterized the dispatch as fabrication from start to finish. He remarked: "I have never said to a living soul that the Canadian government has been guilty of any breach of faith. My relations with the authorities at Ottawa at all times have been of a most friendly character. I am not in a 'royal rage.' On the contrary, at this joyous season of the year I have nothing but feelings of good will towards all men. I am leaving Ottawa to-night for a visit to my native country and in doing so shall carry with me the kindest feeling for the people and the government of Canada, realizing at the same time that I have made many friends in the Dominion during my many years' residence. I hope in the future as in the past to continue my efforts to promote closer relations between Japan and Canada, commercially and otherwise. To all my Canadian friends I offer the Japanese farewell, 'Sayonara,' which may be interpreted as 'Au Revoir, but not good-bye.'"

GRANBY SMELTER IN FULL BLAST

Satisfactory Agreement Between Company and Employees--Rejoicing in Grand Forks

Grand Forks, Dec. 26.--A satisfactory agreement has to-day been made between the Granby Company and its employees, and the smelter will resume operations to-morrow. About two hundred men went to work at the Phoenix mines to-day. There is much rejoicing to-day in Grand Forks over this final termination of the labor trouble. It is understood that the full blast of eight furnaces will be in operation at once. Both the C. P. R. and the Great Northern are getting their ore trains in shape for the Phoenix run, and everything now looks prosperous.

IN AID OF HOME.

Orphanage Will Receive the Proceeds From Disposition of Two Well Bred Dogs. C. H. Wilson, a dog fancier of repute, who lives at the corner of Hillside avenue and Cook street, has two English dogs of good stock that he intends to give to the Protestant Orphan Home. Mr. Wilson does not propose to hand the dogs over to the institution literally but has arranged for the printing and circulation of 150 draw-tickets which are to be disposed of at \$1 each and may be purchased at the Hub cigar store, Government street. On Friday next two tickets will be drawn and the holder of the first number will have first choice of the two valuable dogs, the second holder taking the remaining set. Both of the dogs are worth over \$25 and come of English stock. All the proceeds will be handed over by the proprietor of the Hub cigar store to the Orphanage and it is hoped that all friends of the institution will help to dispose of the tickets in order to raise the \$150 intended.

CHRISTMAS WEDDING.

Mr. J. A. Brewster and Miss Ellen White Were United in Matrimony. On Christmas night a quiet wedding was solemnized at the residence of Mr. Samuel Verge, Third street, the contracting parties being Mr. James Archibald Brewster, of Victoria, and Miss Mary Ellen White, of Cumberland. The Rev. Mr. Tapscott officiated at the ceremony. The bride was dressed in pink silk and looked very charming. The bridesmaid wore cream silk. The brother and sister of the groom were present at the ceremony. After the wedding feast the evening was passed with songs and music. Among those who contributed to the programme, were Mrs. M. Lowry, who was suddenly stricken with lockjaw. He diagnosed his own case and with the aid of pencil and paper directed his family to send him to a hospital. He then sent for his lawyer and made his will.

HOCKEY RESULTS.

Winnipeg, Dec. 27.--Last night's hockey games resulted as follows: At Kenora, Strathcona 14, Kenora 7. At Winnipeg, Portage is Prairie 2, Wanderers, Montreal, 1.

G. T. R. AND TWO CENT RATE.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.--The railway commission has given until March 1st to the Grand Trunk to appeal to the privy council against the two cent rate.

\$1,000,000 IN ROLLING STOCK.

Amount Spent During Past Year in North America--Orders For 1908 Show Falling Off.

Chicago, Ills., Dec. 27.--Railroads of the United States and Canada have spent approximately a million dollars for rolling stock this year. This covers only the cost of the products of car building concerns and does not include cars and locomotives constructed in the railroad shops. According to the Railroad Gazette the effect of the financial slump will be felt by the car builders next year. Orders for new equipment to be delivered during 1908 have fallen off greatly. The total number of cars built in the United States and Canada this year is 239,445 against 243,905 in 1906. Of those built this year, 248,133 were freight cars and 6,467 passenger coaches, the output of locomotives was 7,082 against 6,852 in 1906.

HALIFAX MEMBER.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 27.--A petition has been returned to the return of John Standfield, Conservative, in Colchester. Mr. Standfield's return was returned to the return of John Standfield, Conservative, in Colchester. Mr. Standfield's return was returned to the return of John Standfield, Conservative, in Colchester.

ENTIRE FAMILY WAS CREMATED

FIVE LIVES LOST IN BOSTON HOLOCAUST

House Razed to Ground When Firemen Arrived on Scene--Bodies Recovered

Boston, Mass., Dec. 27.--Five persons were burned to death in a fire which destroyed a house in the south suburb early to-day. Every member of the Clark family met death in the flames. The dead are: Clark, his wife and three children, 70, aged 11, Phillip aged 9 and Doris aged 2. The cause of the fire will never be known as the flames had made great headway when first discovered by neighbors shortly after 1 o'clock. The house was two miles off the centre of the town and by the time the firemen had reached the scene, the house had been burned almost to the ground. The firemen were able to locate the bodies of the father and two boys, but the mother and little girl were not found until the ruins of the house had cooled off sufficiently to permit a more thorough search. Mr. Clark was a salesman in a wool store on Fanuel square, Boston. The house was valued at about \$5,000.

FIRE DESTROYED ROUND HOUSE

(Special to the Times.) Grand Forks, Dec. 26.--The round-house of the Great Northern railway at Grand Forks has been destroyed by fire. Three engines were burnt as well as the round-house, which was entirely consumed. The loss is estimated at \$25,000.

PETTIBONE CASE.

Boise, Dec. 26.--Judge Wood decided to-day that the Pettibone case must go to the jury.

TRAINS COLLIDE IN HEAVY FOG

Three Persons Killed and Eight Injured on Elevated Tracks of Pennsylvania Railroad.

Camden, N. J., Dec. 27.--Three persons were killed and eight others were injured in a head-end collision on the elevated tracks of the Pennsylvania Railroad to-day a short distance from the station in this city. The cars were so badly smashed that it will be several hours before the exact number of persons caught in the collision will be known. The trains involved are the express from Atlantic City and the Pemberton accommodation train. These trains are due in the Camden station at 8:31. There was a very thick fog when the accident occurred and it is believed that this condition is the primary cause of the collision. The express train was made up of two baggage cars, one parlor car and three coaches, and the accommodation train consisted of a communication car and four coaches. Both trains, it is said, were running cautiously as they approached the station. The dead are: C. H. Sontagen, Stanlich, N. J. T. L. Webster, Mount Holly, N. J. T. L. Webster, Merchantville, N. J. Several of the injured may die. All those killed and injured were passengers in the first car of the Pemberton accommodation.

PISTOL BATTLE WITH ROBBERS

Smithboro, Ills., Dec. 27.--In a pistol battle following the robbery of the Vandalla passenger depot here early to-day one of the robbers was shot five times and Ernest Brown, city marshal of Sorrento, Ills. was wounded twice. Both men are in a serious condition. The companion of the robber, who was shot and wounded, was also shot and wounded. After being shot six times, it is said Robert shot and fatally wounded his cousin.

DEADLY RACE WAR FEARED

OKLAHOMA TOWN IS UNDER ARMS

Lynching of Negro Led to Trouble--Blacks Camped 10 Miles From Henrietta.

Henrietta, Okla., Dec. 27.--With every available fighting man sworn in as a deputy and only 1,200 rounds of ammunition in the town, Henrietta is fearing a deadly race war as the result of the lynching of James Garden, a negro. The firing of a small negro shack owned by a white man near the Price station yesterday, caused a call to arms. Within five minutes after the fire alarm was given, nearly 100 armed men were prepared for an attack. Three citizen patrols have been established. Thirty-five negroes heavily armed passed through Wild Cat yesterday inciting the blacks to revolt. They are camped on the river within 10 miles of Henrietta. More than 30 armed blacks have gone from Wild Cat, one of the thickest negro settlements in the coal fields. About fifty stands of small arms were purchased in by negroes.

CANADA'S TRADE WITH WEST INDIES

Conference Will Be Held at Barbadoes to Promote Better Relations Between Countries

Ottawa, Dec. 27.--A conference will be held in Barbadoes on January 14th, with the question of better trade relations between Canada and the West Indies will be considered. All the West India colonies will be represented. Canada will be represented by Ed. Jones, a prominent merchant of Halifax, and C. H. Farnesley, deputy minister of trade and commerce.

MAY BE CHAIRMAN.

E. A. James Said to Be Slated for Important Position in Western Section of Railway Commission. Winnipeg, Dec. 27.--E. A. James, late manager of the Canadian Northern, who has been in Victoria for the past two months, is expected to return to Winnipeg this week. His health has been much improved by his stay at the coast, and it is expected that he soon will be in harness again. There is a rumor in local railway circles that Mr. James is slated for an important position on the western section of the Canadian railway commission, which is to be created with headquarters in Winnipeg. It is stated that if he is selected as a member of this branch of commission he will be made chairman.

"LYNCH HIM."

Binghamton, N.Y., Dec. 26.--Joseph Frank, who has been employed as a strikebreaker in the Erie shops at Susquehanna, was arrested late this afternoon charged with the murder of John Sullivan at that place at noon to-day. It was with difficulty that the officers succeeded in getting the prisoner to the jail through the large crowd that had congregated, and from which heard cries of "lynch him," "string him up," Coroner Merrill empaneled a jury and began an inquest into the shooting.

TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTY CREDITORS.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 26.--Newton Baum to-day filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. The liabilities amounted to \$300,000, with assets of \$35,000. Two hundred and sixty creditors were involved, and every state east of the Mississippi river is represented.

SUCCESSORS TO HEART DISEASE.

Chatham, Ont., Dec. 27.--Rev. Robert McCosh, rector of Christ Church in Toronto, died from heart failure shortly after partaking supper last night. He was about 58 years of age.

ONE OF THE SUBMERGED.

Toronto, Dec. 26.--Gustav Hobercker, a fur dealer, committed suicide by shooting to-night. He left a letter saying he could no longer stand the blackmail and slander. He failed in business a year ago.

NOVEMBER IMMIGRATION.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.--Immigration returns for November show an increase of about eighteen per cent over the same month in 1906. The total arrivals for the month were 13,588, an increase of 1,074. There were 9,088 immigrants by ocean ports, compared with 7,225 in November of last year. Arrivals from the United States were 3,500, a decrease of 369.

STREET CAR COLLISION.

Several Injured in Slippery Rail Accident at Montreal.

Montreal, Dec. 26.--Two street cars collided on Westmount boulevard yesterday afternoon, and as a result Chas. H. Nelson, president of the Semi-Ready Clothing Company, to-day lies in his home severely injured; Motorman Louis Greleau is badly crippled, and several other persons bear cuts from flying glass or bruises from impact. The collision was caused by slippery rails.

PRICE OF BREAD.

Bill Introduced in New Zealand Parliament to Prevent Commodity Rising Too High. Ottawa, Dec. 26.--Canadian Trade Commissioner Larkie reports the introduction of a bill in the New Zealand parliament to prevent price of bread and other commodities from mounting too high. By it if prices reach a point judged improper by a court of arbitration, government may abolish the duty on the said commodities. The government may also, after an interval of three months, reimpose a duty.

KILLED BY EXPLOSION.

Halifax, Dec. 26.--The third victim of the explosion at the Day Street this morning. The young man's name is Samuel McDonald. He was a native of Prince Edward Island.

DEATH CLAIMED LADY BEAUMONT

Wife of One time Commander-in-Chief at Esquimaux Was Well Known in Victoria

London, Eng., Dec. 13.--Unstinted sympathy is expressed with Sir Lewis Beaumont, commander-in-chief, Devonport, at the sad bereavement he sustained through the death of Lady Beaumont. Lady Beaumont was well known in the service. She was a daughter of Mr. C. C. Parkes, of Bowley, Newport, Rhode Island, while Sir Lewis (then a commander) was serving in the battleship Bellerophon on the North American station. The marriage took place in 1888, when he had been promoted to captain for his service in the Arctic expedition. After attaining flag rank, Sir Lewis was commander-in-chief of the Pacific station, his flagship being the Warspite. While her husband was thus engaged, Lady Beaumont resided for some time at Victoria, British Columbia, and on Sir Lewis being appointed commander-in-chief of the Australian station in October, 1900, she went to Sydney. She was highly popular with all.

REVOLUTION FORESTALLED.

Washington, Dec. 25.--A cablegram received at the state department to-day from its representative in Quito, the Ecuadorian capital, is to the effect that an attempted revolution there was quelled by the arrest of General Toral, formerly Ecuadorian minister to Great Britain, and twenty of his adherents, who were charged with attempting to overthrow the government. The initial step was the seizure of the telegraph office, the capital through the conversion to the revolutionary movement of the soldiers at the garrison.

PANAMA'S PRESIDENT.

Colon, Dec. 26.--Joseph E. Deobald and other high officials of the Panama Republic came here to-day from Panama to welcome Dr. Manuel Amador, president of Panama, who arrived at noon by steamer from New York. Dr. Amador has been absent for some months in Europe, during which time Senator Deobald was acting president. Colon was decorated in honor of the return of the chief executive.

MURDERER'S NAME.

Brampton, Ont., Dec. 27.--John Torrance is the name of the man who shot and instantly killed Wm. Curry, the aged farmer on Wednesday night.

BODY OF T. C. DRUCE FOR ROLL OF LEAD

Exhumation of Famous Coffin in Highgate Cemetery Takes Place Next Week. London, Dec. 27.--The consistory court to-day granted permission for the opening of the grave of T. C. Druce in Highgate cemetery to determine whether or not it contains a body or a roll of lead. The actual date of the exhumation is being kept a secret in order to avoid attracting a crowd, but there is reason to believe that Monday or Tuesday of next week will see the mystery of the coffin cleared up. The court has refused the application of George Hollamby Druce, grandson of T. C. Druce, who is bringing a charge of perjury against Robt. Druce to substantiate his claim to the title and vast estates of the Duke of Portland, to be present at the opening of the grave on the ground that it is desirable to limit to the utmost the number of persons present at the exhumation. G. Hollamby Druce, however, will be officially represented.

ROBBED IN CHICAGO.

Chicago, Dec. 26.--Five men, one of whom carried a revolver, to-day robbed two other men of \$15 in the waiting room of the LaSalle street station, which is situated in the heart of the business district of the city. Two of the robbers were arrested within a few minutes after the attack, and a third two hours later. The others escaped.

CHRISTIANITY IN THE EAST

MARKED PROGRESS IN CHINA AND JAPAN

Robert E. Lewis Tells of the Great Work Which is Being Accomplished.

(From Friday's Daily.) "Newspaper reports to the contrary, I can assure you from personal experience that Christianity in the Far East is progressing surely, steadily and far from slowly," was the reply given by Robert E. Lewis, who has spent the last ten years in the Orient as traveling secretary for the International Y. M. C. A. movement, to a Times reporter's query to-day.

Mr. Lewis was recently relieved from his arduous duties in China, having been appointed state secretary for the Y. M. C. A. in Ohio, where, with his family, he is now going. He was a passenger on the Tanga Maru, which reached port yesterday morning.

Mr. Lewis, in speaking of the Y. M. C. A. movement in China, said: "About the last work that I completed for the association was the organizing of the new branch in Shanghai, where I resided while in China. The new building, completed in October this year, was built at a cost of \$100,000, and the cost of maintenance will amount to \$15,000 a year. Nearly all this money is supplied by Christian Chinese, and they maintain the branch without any assistance from the International American and Canadian Y. M. C. A., which, as an appointee of the international committee, I represented. Now is that not a proof of the wonderful growth of Christianity in China? Few people realize what proportions the Y. M. C. A. movement has attained in the Orient, but when I tell you that the association has 42 branches, colleges and universities in China and over 50 in Japan, and that the association is given sole permission to form branches in the Japanese government universities, and the army by virtue of an imperial edict, you will see at once that the Christianizing of the Orient, and especially the expansion of the Y. M. C. A., is almost astounding."

"No other Christian society has been favored like the association in the Orient, one of the reasons for this being the influence for the better which has been exercised upon the Japanese army by the Y. M. C. A., which had somewhere about twenty or thirty branches in the Japanese army during the last year. The Japanese government, to conduct these branches went out with the divisions to the front, and half of them were Japanese who had embraced the Christian faith, and the other half were Christians. The Mikado's government granted \$50,000 yen to assist the association.

"To give you an idea of the progress which the Christian faith is making in the Orient, let me tell you of some of the men who are at the head of the religious movement. In Shanghai, Taotai Wong, Chinese imperial railroad commissioner, a wealthy man and a great leader in Christian thought, is chairman of the board of directors at the new Y. M. C. A.

"In Tokio I spent an evening with Professor Sakai, the leader of the Church of England movement in Japan. He is a refined and intellectual man, having received his education in America. In March he will attend the great International Conference of the Church of England delegates at Oxford, and will tell this representative gathering of the wonderful progress which Christianity has made in the Far East during the last decade. While in Tokio I addressed the national committee of the Y. M. C. A. in Japan, and there were present the Japanese leader of the United Methodist church, Bishop Honda, and Dr. Iwaka, president of the Tokio college. Another noted figure in the native church movement was Dr. Motoda, who will probably be appointed to the position of first bishop of the Church of England in Japan, about March. It is easy to see that, with such progress, it is not surprising that the Christianizing of the East is a very real thing."

Mr. Lewis, during his ten years' residence in China, experienced many exciting incidents. He was with the relief that relieved Peking during the Boxer outbreak. He is the author of a few works on the Orient, the most notable being "The Education Conquest of the Far East," which was published three years ago, and was widely read by all interested in the progress of thought in the Orient.

SON KILLED HIS FATHER.

Buffalo Youth Interfered in Conjugal Quarrel With Disastrous Results. Buffalo, Dec.

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WATER WORKS IMPROVEMENT.

Engineer Adams' latest report has done a great deal to clear the way for action in respect to Victoria's water supply. The public is now in a position to comprehend at least approximately the capacity of the four sources from which it is possible to draw an adequate supply of water and the cost of any scheme which may be selected as affording the most satisfactory service.

There is little doubt that as a result of Mr. Adams' report, Elk Lake has been all but, if not completely, restored to public favor. He says the water is about as wholesome as any supply of water can be and that sufficient can be stored for a population, under severe restrictions, of between fifty and sixty thousand.

We admit the necessity of having the water problem solved with all the speed possible. It is a realization of this fact which prompts us to suggest to the Mayor and council to proceed with discretion in laying a by-law before the people for endorsement. It is apparent that there is a good deal of distrust of the present civic administration fermenting in the minds of the people of Victoria.

TAXATION IN CANADA.

The Toronto Globe of a recent date printed a very interesting digest of the federal estimates for the financial year 1907-08, showing the uses to which the money was to be put and comparing taxation in Canada with the burdens laid upon the people of less favored countries.

As a matter of fact, Canadians are taxed at a remarkably low rate, when the totals are compared with those in the budgets of European peoples. In Great Britain, for example, the army and

navy cost \$315,000,000 last year, or \$7.40 per head of the population. The same service in Canada costs about 90 cents per head. The British debt interest and sinking fund charge last year was \$135,000,000, or about \$3.14 per head of an estimated population of 43,000,000.

Great Britain does not own a mile of the railway lines of the United Kingdom. Canada operated 1,483 miles of railway, with a revenue of \$7,950,000 in 1906. This has been materially increased during 1907. The railway revenue passes through the Dominion government's books, but it is not taxation, nor is it spent on government's machinery.

The national government in Canada does a very uncommon thing in gathering from the people by customs taxes much of the money used to maintain the Provincial Governments. This year the various Provinces will get a little over \$9,000,000 from the Dominion Treasury toward the cost of Provincial services.

There is, of course, nothing of the sort south of the line, and yet comparisons are frequently made between the cost of the national governments at Ottawa and at Washington. Many other departments of the public service bulk largely in the estimates, yet do not involve any taxation. Of this nature is the Postoffice, which accounts for over \$8,000,000 of the total.

Our American friends, having started their great Armada on its trip to the Pacific Coast, are now speculating about getting it back again. It appears that after all the world subject to impressions has been duly impressed with the prowess of the greatest fleet of fighting ships that ever has been, Admiral Bob Evans will have to keep up his impressionist work until Congress votes him money to pay the expenses of the return journey—that is, supposing fighting has not added to the frolic which has commenced so auspiciously and with such expressions of unbounded admiration. It is evident that, cruise will culminate in something more serious than a frolic also, if the admiring jingoes in the midst of our enthusiastic neighbors can do anything to precipitate war.

The winter, we are told, has been an exceptionally mild one in the East. The weather has been about as usual out here in British Columbia. The heavens have been storing the fields with moisture and Elk Lake and the Goldstream dams with a more or less abundant supply of water in anticipation of a possible dry summer. Still the sun is rising to an increasing height every day in the horizon. We are permitted to see his genial face occasionally just as a reminder that whatever else may change, the seasons come and go with unflinching regularity.

The Druce mystery appears to have been solved. Apparently it was no mystery at all, merely the airy fantasy of a morbid or speculative brain. A body has been found in the coffin which was said to contain nothing but a quantity of pig lead. The claimants to the Portland estate will now drop their suit, we suppose, although that is by no means certain. The passion for litigation is oftentimes very wayward.

Where did the analysts at Ottawa obtain the supply of milk which has brought discredit upon British Columbia? Certainly not from the neighborhood of Victoria. To the credit of our dairymen, it must be conceded that the milk supply here is of the highest class. We have heard an entirely different story about Vancouver.

TOWN HEAVED UP LIKE VESSEL

APPALLING STORY OF KARATAG EARTHQUAKE

Thousands Buried Alive in Bokharan Catastrophe—Scene of Desolation and Death

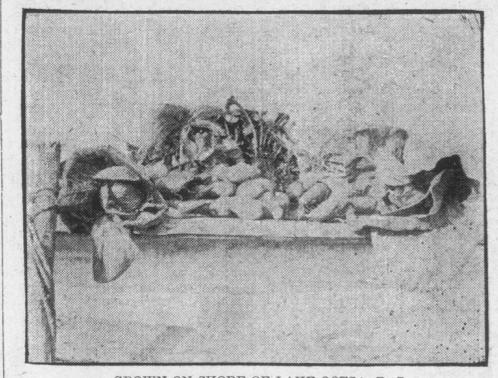
One of the most awful stories of earthquake told for many years is related by the St. Petersburg correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph, who for the first time gives details of the terrible upheaval in Bokhara on October 21st last. He deals especially with its effects at Karatag, which until the earthquake occurred was one of the most thriving cities of Central Asia.



PACK TRAIN LEAVING BELLA COOLA, B. C. This cut illustrates a pack train leaving Bella Coola for the interior. Such pack trains leave almost daily during the summer months.

day the sky was lowering, the breeze turned icy cold, and suddenly increased in violence to a storm. The dogs howled unceasingly, the kine and oxen lowed, the horses paced the ground, and many of them in fright broke loose from their stables.

Monday morning dawned sullen and raw, cloud mingled with cloud in deep masses. The wind roared malefocently, from time to time blinding lightning cleft the gloom, and the thunder boomed now in the distance, now near at hand, the echoes resounding through the snow-cleft mountains. All at once the houses cracked to the wild storm-wind, and rocked like ships on the tempestuous sea.



GROWN ON SHORE OF LAKE OOTSA, B. C. That the possibilities of the northern interior of British Columbia are great no one can doubt after seeing the above photograph of cabbage, corn, carrots, etc. They were planted in the late spring on the shores of Ootsa lake, and the results are all that could be expected. They were grown by Messrs. Barker, Morgan and Bennett and others in that district.

MUNICIPAL CAMPAIGN.

Two More Candidates in the Field in Wards One and Two.

Two more candidates have appeared for the position of aldermen of the city of Victoria. The latest announcements are those of Harry Maynard, who will run for Ward Two, and Alex. Watson, who for a second time will contest Ward One.

Mr. Watson announces that he expects to receive a good deal of support; that he did not receive last year. Mr. Maynard is an old resident of Ward Two.

NO U. S. AGENT IN LETHBRIDGE.

Lethbridge, Dec. 28.—C. I. Bowman, U. S. consular agent here, has received word from the consul in Calgary that this agency will be discontinued.

ACCIDENT ON GEORGIA.

Vancouver, Dec. 30.—The Canadian-Mexican liner Georgia is lying in English Bay with her steam-steering gear smashed. She will make repairs before coming here.

New Liskard, Ont., Dec. 28.—About eighty English immigrants, out of employment and with no money, started to walk from McDougall's Chutes, 100 miles north of here, to Toronto, a distance of 280 miles. Three of them were brought to the hospital here in a pitiful condition.

They all tell of hard usage received at the hands of some contractors on a railway line north of here.

Advertisement for David Spencer, Ltd. featuring 'OUR 30th ANNUAL SALE Commences THURSDAY NEXT, January 2nd, 1908.' The ad includes a call to 'See Catalogue and To-morrow's Papers for Particulars' and lists various items for sale.

TELEPHONE LINE IN BELLA COOLA VALLEY

Company in Process of Formation to Link up Points—Doings in Northern B. C.

(Special Correspondence of the Times).

Bella Coola, Dec. 18.—A telephone company is being started to run a line the whole length of the valley. Shares are now for sale at \$10 each and quite a number have been sold.

On Wednesday Nov. 20th, here was a grand concert held in the new school house in aid of school funds, the building being well filled and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Rev. E. A. Green, inspector of Indian schools, was in the valley inspecting the Methodist Indian school. He gave at the concert a very interesting address. Mr. Renwith, who represents the Ames Holden company, gave some very fine selections on the flute.

A welcome visitor arrived in the home of Mr. Brynildsen on the evening of November 29th; both motor and boy are doing well.

The steamer Venture came in on the 14th, bringing a number of passengers, among them Mr. J. McDonald and his wife; also Mr. Johnson with his wife and family. Mr. Johnson with his wife and family, Mr. Johnson with his wife and family, Mr. Johnson with his wife and family.

There has been a great deal of dissatisfaction regarding the mail service. However, the Boscowitz Steamship Company has promised to bring the mail in on the 1st of each month.

The Olga Copper mine has shut down for a few days. The plant has been working night and day for some time and has some good showings. There is a great deal of dissatisfaction regarding the roads. In many places they are simply impassable.

Sam Gladhill, the newly appointed mail carrier, has just returned from his first trip to Anaham Lake. He reports two feet of snow on the summit.

"GREATEST NAVAL SPECTACLE."

The departure of the little bunch of American warships from Hampton Roads is described by the New York Herald as "the greatest naval spectacle the world has ever seen in peace times." There were sixteen battleships only. The British home fleet alone consists of twenty-four battleships and ten cruisers, and it may be seen cruising around any old time.

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HIGHER PRICES RULE IN MARKET

Dealings on New York Stock Exchange Light, But Tone is Firmer.

OPERATOR GUILTY OF WRECK.

Brocket Collision on C. P. R. Due to Negligence of Keyman.

MacLeod, Alta., Dec. 28.—An inquest was held here yesterday to ascertain the cause of the death of F. Ormsbee, the brakeman who was killed in a head-on collision on the C. P. R. near Brocket, Alta., on the morning of December 22nd.

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"Accidental death" was the verdict returned by the coroner's jury at the inquest which was held on Saturday in the city hall, touching the death of David Don.

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FINCH & FINCH

JUST RECEIVED A Fresh Shipment OF Men's Overcoats IN MANY DIFFERENT STYLES.

DEAN OF LITHOGRAPH ARTISTS.

Winnipeg, Dec. 28.—The death occurred yesterday of R. A. Mathias from the effects of a paralytic stroke which he suffered on December 12th, as he was about to start to work in the morning. The deceased was known throughout the west as the Dean of the Lithograph Artists.

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Irresistible USA

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Owing to the illness of R... of the Canadian Fire Under... his report has not... presented to the city council... made exhaustive tests of the... thing appliances of the city... will be in answer to the req... city council, who asked for... for the advance of thirty-fiv... in the rates in this city.

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With the idea of provid... room at their sanitarium at... the executive of the Anti-Tub... Society are considering the... erecting two more cottages... each accommodate from three... people. At present the cott... full. Many people are unabl... admission.

Canadian Order of Forest... Columbia, No. 824, at the reg... ing, elected the following offi... Evans, Past Chief Ranger; J... Vice-Chief Ranger; A. E... Financial Secretary; R. W. C...

The police believe that they were suffocated by the intense fragrance of magnolias and tuberoses in the conservatory and suspect that some one locked the door upon them.

This theory led to the arrest of the marquiss's wife.

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**BARRISTERS HAVE BEEN REMEMBERED**

Five K. C.'s Named by Provincial Government--Appointments Made During the Week

This week's Gazette contains notice that five barristers have been remembered at Christmas time by being made K. C.'s. They are: George Henry Barnard, of the city of Victoria; Robie Lewis Reid, of the city of Vancouver; Richard Thomas Elliott, of the city of Victoria; James Albert Harvey, of the city of Cranbrook; Archibald Dunbar Taylor, of the city of Vancouver.

The following appointments are announced: Graham Rosoman, of the city of Enderby, to be a stipendiary magistrate for the Okanagan electoral district, and to have jurisdiction under the Small Debts Act in and for that portion of the Okanagan electoral district lying north of a line which forms the southern boundary of townships 15, 11, 7 and 4, produced easterly to the eastern boundary of the Okanagan electoral district, including the territory embraced within the city of Enderby.

William James Parham, of Sandon, to be a justice of the peace in and for the province of British Columbia; Herbert Charles Rayson, to be acting government agent, acting district registrar of births, deaths and marriages, and acting registrar of voters for the Alberni electoral district; acting assistant commissioner of lands and works for all that portion of Vancouver Island and adjacent islands within the Alberni electoral district, not included in the Nanaimo and New Westminster land recording districts; acting registrar of the county court of Nanaimo, holden at Alberni; acting deputy assessor and collector for the Alberni assessment district; acting recording officer for the Alberni cattle district, and acting gold commissioner for the Alberni, Clayoquot and Quatsino mining divisions in the place of A. L. Smith, resigned.

Charles William Grain, of 150-Mile House, to be acting mining recorder for the Quasnel mining division; acting deputy assessor and collector, and acting collector of revenue tax for the Queen's Forks assessment district, and acting provincial constable, during the absence on leave of William Stephenson. Such appointments to date from January 1st, 1908.

Matthew John Knight, of New Westminster, and Henry Albert McCarthy, of Comapix, to be justices of the peace in and for the province of British Columbia. The board of examiners for the different collieries for 1908 are named as follows: Cumberland Colliery. Appointed by the owners--Charles Matthews; alternates, David Walker and David Neilist. Appointed by the lieutenant-governor-in-council--John Keesley. Elected by the miners--Joseph W. Horbury; alternates, Alexander McNeil, Thomas Leeman; secretary of the board, John Kesley, of Cumberland, B. C.

Extension Colliery. Appointed by the owners--Alexander Bryden; alternates, Alexander Shaw, William Jones. Appointed by the lieutenant-governor-in-council--W. G. Simpson. Elected by the miners--James Glen; alternates, Thomas Doherty, William Anderson; secretary of the board, W. G. Simpson, Ladysmith, B. C.

Nanaimo Colliery. Appointed by the owners--George Wilkinson; alternates, Charles Graham, John Newton. Appointed by the lieutenant-governor-in-council--Thomas Budge. Elected by the miners--John Carr; alternates, George Moore, Daniel Livingston; secretary of the board, Thomas Budge, Nanaimo, B. C.

Michael Colliery. Appointed by the owners--John Bastian; alternates, Joseph Thomas, John Newton. Appointed by the lieutenant-governor-in-council--Robert Middleton. Elected by the miners--Thomas George Harris; alternates, Frank Campbell, Charles Fuchs; secretary of the board, Robert Middleton, Michel, B. C.

Coal Creek Colliery. Appointed by the owners--David Martin; alternates, John Hunt, Harry Mlad. Appointed by the lieutenant-governor-in-council--John McMillen. Elected by the miners--Robert Adamson; alternates, Joseph Lane, Abraham Brown; secretary of the board, John McMillen, Coal Creek, B. C.

Presented Distributed Among Scholars of Harmony Hall Sunday School. The annual treat and Christmas tree of the Harmony hall Sunday school was held on Thursday evening last when the scholars rendered a selection of carols suitable to the occasion. A. Campbell, who presided, read a report from the superintendent, Robt. W. Clark, who was unable to be present through illness, and afterwards certificates were distributed to the scholars who had distinguished themselves by regular attendance, etc. Six special prizes were awarded to scholars who had committed to memory the largest number of Bible texts and the prizes were obtained by Ethel Verge 504 texts; Marie Verge, 498; Alma Irving, 488; Marjorie Jenkins, 297; Violet Watson (6 mos.) 297; Clara Hodnett, 297. During the evening a short address was given by G. H. Little, late of Manchester, Eng. after which the proceedings were enlivened by the appearance of Santa Claus in Arctic costume, who arriving by way of the chimney, duly distributed the prizes and good things from the Christmas tree, thus concluding a very enjoyable evening for young and old.

**THE LAND OF THE SPHINX.**

Interesting Lecture Given by Prof. Burwash on Saturday Evening.

(From Monday's Daily.) "Egypt, the Land of the Sphinx," was the subject of a very interesting lecture by Professor Burwash, of Columbia University, in the Y. M. C. A., on Friday evening last.

The lecturer first set out to show the relation of civilization to prehistoric times, and the evolution of man, and edge through its varying stages to prove how much was owed to the ancients. He exhibited a number of lantern slides on manuscripts and papyrus of unusual interest, forming as they did the very latest developments of archaeological discovery in the land of deserts.

This valuable data was secured through the courtesy of Professors Petrie and Corally, two eminent historians and archaeologists at work along the Nile. Burwash pointed out how materially the Greek civilization, which more immediately followed it, had merely improved upon earlier conceptions of the Egyptians in almost every branch of human knowledge. The earliest Hebrew records, which are but fragmentary, go back but 2,000 years before Christ. The Egyptian records available give a fairly complete history of Egyptian civilization from a date going back as far as 5,000 years before Christ. This has been gradually coming to the notice of the French occupation of Egypt under Napoleon when the discovery of the "Rosetta Stone," with an inscription in Greek, another in hieroglyphics and a third in the ordinary running hand of the Egyptian scribe gave a clue to the alphabets of the latter two.

A brief account of Egyptian religion brought the lecture to a close. How from a system of totem worship a pantheistic creed of a high order was evolved, and how this degenerated into a mere form of animal worship. Among the most curious of the ancient beliefs was that man was composed of six parts. Embalming was the outcome of their supposition that these were reunited after death.

**THE CONDITION IN GOLDFIELD CAMP**

Visitor Who Has Been Living There Does Not Want to Return.

G. E. Ellis, of Goldfield, Nevada, is registered at the Driad hotel. In conversation with a reporter this morning, Mr. Ellis expressed the opinion that it would be two years before conditions were satisfactorily settled in the great mining camp. Personally he says he has had enough of the excitement to do him for awhile, although he maintains that the trouble is essentially a good one, and that its progress will be assured with the restoration of confidence.

It is a difficult matter to locate the exact cause of the uneasiness in Goldfield, Mr. Ellis says, although the Western Federation of Miners is generally blamed for it. It is quite possible that the trouble is due to the nature of the community, which under the propulsion of great mining excitement, attracted in large measure the lawless elements of humanity, which from one cause or another were thrown into commotion before any system of local administration had been perfected.

Mr. Ellis was a guest in the next room when Sullivan was shot in a Goldfield hotel some time ago.

**LAI D AT REST.** Funeral of Late A. W. Smith Took Place Yesterday.

(From Monday's Daily.) The funeral of the late Alfred W. Smith, ex-M. P. for Lillooet, took place at Ross Bay cemetery yesterday afternoon at 2:30. The service was conducted by Rev. F. W. Gladstone. The floral tributes were numerous, and many friends of deceased attended. The pallbearers were: Hon. D. M. Edwards, H. D. Helmeck, K. C. Lindley, H. Hastings, James Moore and A. Holmes.

**OFFICERS ELECTED.** Employees of Street Railway Hold Half-Yearly Meeting.

(From Monday's Daily.) The half-yearly meeting of Capital Division, No. 106 of the Amalgamated Society of Street Railway Employees took place at midnight Saturday, when business for the year was concluded. The secretary's report shows that the past year was a very prosperous one and that the financial condition of the division is all that can be desired. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, W. H. Gibson; vice-president, R. Ward; secretary, George Gardiner; treasurer, L. Cates; com., W. Nunn; warden, R. Barr; sentry, W. Duncanson; correspondent, to the Motorman and Conductor, F. Polley; executive board members, W. H. Gibson, (chairman), D. Dewar, V. Dempsey, J. Kenny, H. Walker, Erskine M. Phelps, Arthur S. G. Giff, and G. B. Giff, V. Dempsey, R. A. Ritchie.

**PHELPS SPRANG ALEAK.** With every man of the crew taking his turn at the pumps and all on board in an exhausted condition, the American clipper ship, Erskine M. Phelps, from Seattle for Honolulu, put back to sea Saturday yesterday in a badly battered and leaking condition. One of the finest sailing ships afloat, and about the last of the American clipper craft, this staunch vessel was unable to cope successfully with the terrific gale and hurricane which have beset the Pacific ocean for the last few weeks.

The Phelps is owned by Eastern capitalists and is the sister ship of the Arthur Sevall, which has been given up for lost. The vessel was built by Arthur Sevall, of Bath, Me., and has a capacity of 2,125 tons.

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**LOCAL NEWS**

The funeral of the late David Don will take place from the Hanna parlors on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

G. Jennings Burnett has been presented with a handsome cut glass bowl by his piano pupils in appreciation of his services.

W. T. Andrews, formerly of the B. C. Paint Works, and later in business for himself, is liable to enter the municipal contest for aldermanic honors.

The fire department acknowledges the receipt of Christmas presents in the form of cigars from the following: ex-Mayor Hayward, H. Dallas Helmcken, Queen's Hotel, Watkins Bros and G. E. Gilmore.

On Christmas morning the Salvation Army band paraded through a large portion of the residential district, playing Christmas carols, and received liberal recognition by those to whom they played. The bandmen greatly appreciate the kindness of their friends on this occasion.

(From Saturday's Daily.) J. E. Ainsworth, who yesterday pleaded guilty to issuing bogus cheques with intent to defraud, was again remanded until Monday next when he will come up for sentence.

John H. McKay, son of Mrs. McKay, of 32 Rae street, Victoria, who has been passed on the head of the list. He is one of the young men who failed to pass the Victoria board last spring.

The funeral of the late Robert Reid will take place on Sunday afternoon at 2:30. It will be under the charge of the Oddfellows of the city. Leaving Hanna's undertaking parlors the procession will proceed to the Oddfellows hall where services will be held.

The merry-go-round owned in this city was destroyed by the fire at the exhibition grounds last night. It was in the machinery building, the last of the group to be destroyed, but could not be got out. W. McIntosh's launch was got out by four men with difficulty.

The two children who have been making their home in the lock-up during the past week have been enjoying themselves to their full capacity. Many invitations have been received and they have been visiting at a number of different houses in the city. The probability is that they have never had such a good time before.

Thomas Catterton this morning applied for a permit to erect a bungalow on Sunnyside avenue, Victoria West, for Mrs. C. B. Innes, at a cost of three thousand dollars.

The Quadra street cemetery is already being improved and the city has just received from the provincial government the thousand dollars promised by them to be devoted to the same work. Most of the grave stones will be moved to the back of the cemetery and then the land will be properly prepared and seeded down.

Owing to the illness of Robert Howe of the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association, his report has not yet been presented to the city council. He has been suffering from the effects of the fire fighting appliances of the city. The report will be in answer to the request of the city council, who asked for the reason for the advance of thirty-five per cent. in the rates in this city.

The Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Esquimalt, will hold a New Year's tea and concert under the auspices of the good templars on Wednesday, Jan. 1st, when a good programme will be rendered.

(From Monday's Daily.) The W. C. T. U. ladies will give the annual at home on New Year's Day when all friends of the mission are invited. The reception will be held during the afternoon and refreshments will be provided.

Y. C. Maddock and company report several large sales of city property in James Bay district. The negotiations were completed this morning, the property being purchased by local investors.

A Canadian patent was received during the past week through the agency of Rowland Brittain, patent attorney of Vancouver, granted to R. M. Kemp, of Durham, Australia, on a sub-soil cultivator for attachment to ploughs.

With the idea of providing more room at their sanitarium at Tranquille, the executive of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society are considering the plan of erecting two more cottages. They will each accommodate from three to four people. At present the sanitarium is full. Many people are unable to gain admission.

Canadian Order of Foresters, Court Columbia, No. 524, at the regular meeting elected the following officers: T. J. Evans, Past Chief Ranger; F. G. Wyatt, Chief Ranger; J. Le Seuer, Vice-Chief Ranger; A. E. Haynes, Financial Secretary; R. W. O. Savage,

**REGIMENTAL ORDERS.**

Changes in the Force--Parades Announced for the New Year.

Regimental orders promulgated by Lt. Col. Hall, of the 5th Regiment, C. G. A., are as follows: The following extract from G. O. 174, November, 1907, is published for general information: "Fifth British Columbia Regiment--Chaplain and Honorary Captain the Rev. W. W. Bolton is permitted to resign his commission, 9th October, 1907."

The following men, having qualified in the regimental school of instruction just concluded, will be issued certificates of qualification as under, the first two named being a tie will divide the first and second cash prizes offered by the officers: For Sergeants--No. 79, Gr. G. H. Swarbrick; No. 47, Gr. H. R. Selte; No. 87, Gr. W. B. Smith. For Corporals--No. 38, Bom. W. C. Thompson; No. 27, Bom. S. L. Wilson; No. 24, Gr. C. Bridgen; No. 106, Gr. H. Mathews. For Bombardier--No. 193, Gr. W. G. Eden.

All acting rank is hereby cancelled from this date, excepting Acting Sergeants F. Richardson and H. Earle. The regular drill season will commence on January 6th. The company drill nights being as follows: No. 3 company on Mondays, No. 1 company on Tuesdays, No. 2 company on Wednesdays.

Recruits will parade on Tuesday evenings commencing on the 14th January, under Co. Sergt.-Major-Instructor Macdonald, R. C. G. A. O. C. companies are held on Wednesdays, at 8:30 p. m. Dress, dress uniform.

Office will be held as usual on Wednesday, commencing on the 3rd January at 8:30 p. m. The officer commanding will be pleased to meet the sergeants of the companies, mess, company associations, and bands on Wednesday, the 15th January, at 9 p. m., in the orderly room.

**FAMINE IN TURKEY.**

Arabs and Armenians Driven by Hunger to United States.

Boston, Dec. 28.--Additional advice from eastern Turkey and Armenia received to-day by the American board of commissioners for foreign missions indicates that the famine prevailing there is more severe than was at first reported, and the tide of emigration to America was never so strong as at present.

Secretary Harry Wade Hicks writes from Harpoot that on returning to that city recently he met hundreds of Arabs and Armenians going in the direction of Sassoon, and eventually to America. All these people were young or middle-aged, able-bodied men, representing the strongest element of the population in that country and sufficiently well off to make the necessary "right" to leave Turkey and pay their passage to America.

It is estimated that 1,200 families have left the vicinity of Harpoot since last April, and the tide of emigration is continuing to rise.

**IRISHMAN BEATEN.**

New York, Dec. 27.--It took Willie Lewis, the East Side fighter, less than a minute to kick the championship pugilist, April, and the tide of the emigration is continuing to rise.

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During the evening a short address was given by G. H. Little, late of Manchester, Eng. after which the proceedings were enlivened by the appearance of Santa Claus in Arctic costume, who arriving by way of the chimney, duly distributed the prizes and good things from the Christmas tree, thus concluding a very enjoyable evening for young and old.

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**SENTENCED TO-DAY.**

Hainsworth Was Given One Year for Passing Bogus Cheques.

J. Edwin Hainsworth, who a few days ago was remanded on a charge of giving bogus cheques with intent to defraud, was this morning sentenced to six months' imprisonment for each of two offences, the same to run consecutively. The two charges were for issuing a cheque to the amount of \$40 to B. Williams & Co. in payment for a suit of clothes and articles of attire, and another for \$3.15 which he gave in payment for a pair of shoes and a pair of rubbers to the Baker Shoe Company. The cheques were drawn on the Bank of Commerce, where the accused had never had an account.

William Munn, of the B. Williams Company, and Joseph P. Archibald, of the Baker Shoe Company, gave evidence against Hainsworth, but he had nothing to say in his own defence. He pleaded guilty to both charges and was sentenced as above. Since he was in the city before, Hainsworth has taken off his moustache and is now allowing his beard to grow.

**MADE PORT ON XMAS DAY.** After a tempestuous voyage by way of the Cape of Good Hope, the overdue French barque Bourganville, 133 days out from Swansea for San Francisco, struggled into the Golden Gate on Christmas afternoon. The barque was several weeks overdue and was quoted at 10 per cent. for reinsurance. She brought 3,000 tons of coal for Balfour, Guthrie & Co.

**IROQUOIS BROKE RUDDER.** The steamship Iroquois, on the Vancouver run, arrived in Seattle late on Christmas night with a broken rudder chain. Some trouble with the machinery made her run slowly soon after leaving Vancouver and when she struck the straits the wind and waves put her rudder out of commission. A temporary device enabled her to come into port under her own steam.

**LARGEST VESSEL IN WORLD.** A short dispatch from Belfast, Ireland, states that the construction of a steamship of 40,000 tons has been commenced at the Harland & Wolff shipyards. The vessel will be the largest in the world and will have a speed of 22 knots. It is being built for the White Star line.

**"SANDY GRANT" DEAD.** Mrs. J. R. Marshall, Who Won King Edward Coronation Poem Contest, is No More.

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There was one achievement of which Mrs. Marshall was justly proud, and that was the winning of the prize for the best poem on the coronation of King Edward, and for which she received a personal letter of thanks from His Majesty.

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**TORONTO BLAZE.** Toronto, Dec. 30.--Fire on Saturday did damage to the extent of \$15,000 to a building occupied by Geo. H. Hees, Son & Co., and other firms on Bay street. The insurance was about \$5,000.

Herbert Cuthbert left last night for Vancouver on a business trip. He will return to the city to-morrow night.

**MINNESOTA NOT INJURED.** Further details regarding the blaze which occurred in one of the cargo

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**FOR REEVE**

To the Electors of the Municipality of the District of Saanich, Ladies and Gentlemen--

At the request of a number of electors I have the pleasure of announcing myself as a candidate for Reeve at the forthcoming municipal election, and solicit your votes and influence. Yours respectfully, A. G. SNELLING.

**CANADIAN-AUSTRALIAN LINE.** Vancouver Board of Trade Protests Against Withdrawal of Subsidy.

A special dispatch to the Times from Vancouver this morning states that the Vancouver board of trade to-day passed a resolution protesting against the action of the Dominion government in withdrawing the mail subsidy from the Canadian-Australian line of steamships operated between British Columbia and the Antipodes by the Union Steamship Company, of New Zealand.

President Pauline, of the Victoria board of trade, informed the Times to-day that, although the board has not yet considered the subject, it was likely to be discussed at the next meeting of the council, when the latter body would decide whether it should be recommended to the next general monthly meeting in January for consideration.

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RIM MURDER ON MARSH LAND MELLY VICTIM OF A BRUTAL CRIME

Body of Woman Submerged in Icy Waters of New Jersey Pond.

work, N. J., Dec. 23.—A murder... body of the victim, a woman... was found nearly submerged in the icy waters of a little pond.

Only the feet projected when the passerby broke the ice in which the body was submerged. The body was found in a shallow pond...

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SANTA CLAUS AGAIN ABROAD

ENTERTAINMENTS BY THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Children of Different Churches of City Enjoyed Themselves Last Night.

(From Saturday's Daily.) Happy little Sunday school children took possession of the city churches last night while the elders held their own...

In the Metropolitan Methodist church the pupils were entertained by the teachers. Despite the inclement weather, the children turned out in large numbers...

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CLAIM AGAINST LADYSMITH COUNCIL

Father Wants \$500 for Death of Child—Numerous Slight Accidents in Football Field

(Special Correspondence of the Times.) Ladysmith, Dec. 27.—The weather locally at Christmas, proved vile enough to put a damper on even the effervescent spirit of the great Christian festival.

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Craft Came Under Her Own Power and Proved Herself Highly Satisfactory.

The splendid motor-lifeboat, purchased for the Benfield Creek life-saving station by the Dominion government, sailed into the harbor at noon to-day and tied up at the marine and fisheries wharf, after covering the twenty-five miles between Sidney and this port in two hours and forty-five minutes.

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COMMUNICATION WITH PACHENA WIRELESS STATIONS EXCHANGE MESSAGES

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PROGRESS ON ALASKAN ROAD

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Resumption of Hearing in the Great Harden Von Moltke Scandal Trial.

Berlin, Dec. 27.—The hearing of the Harden-Von Moltke case was resumed here to-day with doors closed.

The witness declared that the former countess was most hysterical and that her charges against Von Moltke were based upon fantasy.

Dr. Liman, editor of the Leipziger Neueste Nachrichten, who is the time had rather intimate relations with Prince von Bismarck, and who since the death of the prince had been one of the chief apostles of the Bismarck cult, was then called upon by the court.

Prince Zu Eulenbergh, who had come into the court room with the assistance of his two sons, here asked permission to make a statement. This was granted and the prince then spoke as a representative of the foreign office, but he took oath that he had never sought to obtain political influence over His Majesty.

The prince spoke with deep earnestness amid the profoundest silence of the court. Continuing, he said he had invited Raymond Lecomte, formerly Charge d'Affaires of the French embassy at Berlin, to Eulenbergh at the wish of the Emperor, not with any idea of introducing him surreptitiously to His Majesty. The invitation would have been the function of the French ambassador.

Prince Zu Eulenbergh then declared he had not interfered in politics since resigning from the Vienna embassy in 1899, except at the time of the Moroccan difficulty. Being in Berlin at that time and having obtained from M. Lecomte sole and highly interesting information regarding the feeling in Paris, he communicated this news to the Chancellor von Buelow. "This is all I had to do with the Morocco affair. I never spoke one word to His Majesty about Morocco. Indeed I very seldom spoke to him of politics at all, except occasionally during visits to Romontan, the Emperor's hunting lodge on the Russian frontier. I might have referred to some burning questions."

Owing to the fact that Harden showed signs of weariness, the court then adjourned.

REVOLVER FIRED BY A MASKED MAN

John Meldram of British Columbia Electric Company Had to Run With Funds.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

A hold-up man evidently had designs on the funds of the B. C. Electric Railway Company late last night when John Meldram was returning with the proceeds of the sale of tickets from Frank LeRoy's cigar stand to the offices of the company. Mr. Meldram was coming along Langley street when he saw a man in the door of Hiram Walker's liquor store. He became suspicious and on coming nearer he noticed that the man was masked and apparently carried a pistol.

M. L. Harby, the night clerk, rushed into the street but no one was to be seen and the police were then called, but by this time the man had entirely disappeared. Constable Webb was called from the scene at the time and he heard the pistol shot but thought the sound came from the opposite direction.

Harby is inclined to think that the man was waiting for him as he usually brings the cash, but last night he was busy and the other man went instead of him. Had the man been expected Meldram he would have attacked him sooner.

PORT ARTHUR SUICIDE.

Teamster Ended His Life With Revolver Bullet For Apparently No Reason.

Port Arthur, Dec. 27.—Jack Cannon committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself in the head with a .38 calibre revolver. Cannon was around in the morning seemingly in the best of spirits. For years he had been in the employ of George Hunter, a contractor, and in the past few weeks had been employed in doing odd jobs around the city.

In the afternoon Mr. Hunter wanted Cannon to come some work, and went to the Aldine restaurant, where he resided, to find him. He went to his room and was horrified to find the body of Cannon lying on the bed with blood oozing from a wound in the head. Coroner Brown was notified and found the body still warm. He had been dead but a short time.

Cannon had gone home and had procured his revolver in which there was but one shell. Taking the gun he placed the muzzle to his right temple and pulled the trigger. There was a gap in the head from which the life blood of the victim oozed out, forming a pool on the floor. The bullet did not go through the man's head.

CHOLERA WORKS HAVOC.

Constantinople, Dec. 27.—The cholera is committing great havoc among the pilgrims to Mecca, the deaths at Mecca, Medina and Yembo averaging one hundred a day.

BODIES FROM DARR MINE.

Jacobs Creek, Dec. 27.—At 10.15 a. m. to-day 175 bodies had been recovered from the Darr mine.

A FINE OF FIFTY DOLLARS IMPOSED

J. Barnswell Will Have to Pay For Defeat He Sustained in Recent Fight.

Jimmie Barnswell was on Friday fined \$50 by Police Magistrate Jay for engaging in a fistie encounter at Goldstream contrary to the law.

There was a good attendance at 10 police court as soon as it opened at 10 the case was called, nearly an hour later, after the city business had been disposed of.

George Morphy appeared for Barnswell, and W. Moresby for the referee. The only witness called was the referee, August J. Baynton, a barber, who told of Barnswell having come to his place of business on the afternoon previous to the day in question, and asked him to act as referee in an encounter with Theodore Fischer, as they had differences to settle. He agreed, and the fight took place at a hall near the Goldstream hotel on the following morning. A ring was formed and the fight took place with bare knuckles, which lasted about five minutes. That closed the fight, as Barnswell refused to fight any more, he not being fit to continue. Before the fight commenced witness announced that the affair would be for points under the Marquis of Queensbury rules. No admission was charged.

In answer to the magistrate, Baynton said that there was considerable rivalry and ill-feeling between the men. He did not know of any money being put up. There were good reasons for his present. He received no remuneration for his work of refereeing. Barnswell had told him that they had a previous fight.

W. C. Moresby, in addressing the court, said the previous encounter took place in a saloon. The men were at that time somewhat under the influence of liquor and were not to continue the fight. No arrangement was made at that time to renew the contest. He thought that as the man Barnswell had never before given credit for a fight, he was not to be made very light.

The magistrate stated that accused had twice been up before for drunkenness and as his second offence he imposed the maximum penalty of \$50.

WHALING AND FISHING.

Apropos of the recent talk in British Columbia ports about the relative effects that the whaling and fishing industries have on each other when conducted in the same waters, a Times correspondent, writing from Dublin, refers to the fact that a Norwegian company has taken an extensive plot of ground at Burtonport, County Donegal, Ireland, to erect buildings for the purpose of developing the whaling industry.

The correspondent gives the following quotation from a London newspaper: "The enterprise is viewed with very mixed feelings, as it is feared it will affect or destroy the herring fishing industry, in which a large amount of English and Scotch capital is sunk."

ARMADA AT TRINIDAD.

Vessels of U. S. Fleet Engaged in Coaling—Service Squadron ON California.

Port of Spain, Trinidad, Dec. 26.—The captains of the American battleships and their staffs were entertained at luncheon to-day by Sir Henry Moore Jackson, the governor of Trinidad, and later were the guests of the governor at the horse races. The weather was ideal and the race course thronged with officers and men of the fleet, with a holiday crowd.

The ships will have finished coaling by to-morrow noon. Thousands of the blue-jackets will be given shore leave. Most of them undoubtedly will find their way to the race track, where the contests have been more than ordinarily exciting.

Special Service Squadron.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Admiral Schrevel's special service squadron, made up of the armored cruisers Tennessee and Washington, has arrived at Pechiniquo, off the southern coast of the peninsula Lower California. Their next stop is expected to be at Magdalena Bay.

SURVEY WORK AT ALBERNI

SEVEN MILES REMAIN TO BE LOCATED

Popularity of A. C. Brewer, M. P., in His Constituency—Debate Held on Women Suffrage

(Special Correspondence of the Times). Alberni, Dec. 26.—The C. P. R. survey camp is now located on the old Tinkley homestead, two miles from town. Efforts are being put forth to complete the locating survey to deep water before the end of the year, but it is hardly expected that this will be accomplished, as there are some seven miles of the route to be laid out yet.

At the last semi-monthly debate held under the auspices of the Albert Social Club, the subject was "Women Suffrage." The leaders on the affirmative side were W. H. Maroon and A. French, while the views of those opposed were set forth by R. J. Burde and C. M. Pincio. The three judges selected to decide which side expressed their opinions with most logic, gave their award to the negative province. Thereafter the debate became general, and when put to a general vote of the meeting the motion in favor of extending the suffrage to the ladies was carried by a majority of the chairman, J. M. Motion. The next debate will take place on the 7th of January, and the subject will be the rival advantages of town or country life.

Prosperous Condition of New York State Institutions in Spite of Heavy Demands.

New York, Dec. 26.—Under the call of the state banking department for reports of their conditions of December 19th, twenty-one trust companies and twenty-nine state banks of Greater New York have filed their formal statements. While the effects of the recent storm are plainly evident, estimates made by the department are most directed, the statements as a whole bear testimony of the quick recovery generally made since the unemployment confidence of the great body of depositors.

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The Barclay Sound closed down. The sawmill at New Alberni has been shut down for an indefinite time, pending an improvement in the lumber market.

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Today was the day of the expiration of most of the sixty-day withdrawal notices required by the savings banks at the height of the panic in October last. The banks expected heavy demands, as they were convinced the feeling of financial unrest was practically universal. Last week an account of \$1,000 was bid in by the owner at 65 cents on the dollar.

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Toronto, Dec. 27.—Dr. Fleming has been appointed city analyst, in succession to Prof. Shuttleworth.

JOKE OR MYSTERY?

The marine and fisheries department has received an envelope found in a bottle that washed ashore near Seven Mile river in the "vicinity of Carmarbach" by a government employee and forwarded to the local department, but so far the staff has been unable to discover anything about the bottle or the overboard as a joke.

The envelope bears, on the reverse side, the inscription "German steamer Aiera, from Hamburg." On the back is the name "Italian Doctor Luigi Perrini, Vancouver, 8-8-07." There was no message in the envelope and it is believed that it is the hope of playing a joke on the finder.

The Mera left Seattle on August 7th, the day before the envelope was dated, and has since arrived at her destination. The question arises, did the Italian doctor have the bottle overboard as a joke, or to test the strength of the coast current, or was it thrown overboard by the "friend of Carmarbach" that he could have the pleasure of reading his name in a newspaper?

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THE CLIMATE OF THE NORTH

RECORD KEPT BY TWO RESIDENTS ON NAAS

They Contradict Reports Concerning Conditions in British Columbia—Country Promises Well.

There are two old-timers down from Northern British Columbia who are prepared to dispute the suggestion so often heard that the country must contend against climatic disadvantages.

One of these gentlemen, J. E. Stark, is located in the extreme northern part of the British Columbia coast. The other, Frank Roundy, hails from Naas River, about 25 miles north of the projected terminus of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway. Both are prospectors and miners, who have had experience in many regions, extending from California to the present place of abode.

A suggestion from the reporter that the north country might be alright if it were not for the rain, evoked a protest from both visitors this morning at the Angel hotel. And the newspaper man was forced to admit that he had merely accepted the idea of people who were forming impressions of the northern country.

Mr. Stark and Mr. Roundy had records to produce in evidence. Their records made to while away lonely moments in camp contained accurate data concerning a period of years concerning the climate of the country in which they have lived.

Mr. Roundy showed the reporter a journal kept by him in the Naas River country in which the following weather results were tabulated for the present year.

January—Four days snow; the balance of the month clear and cold. February—Two days snow; ten days on which rain fell; otherwise fair weather.

March—There were seven days on which snow fell, and it rained part of one day. This records the bad weather leaving the month there were two days during which snow fell and four days which were marked by rain.

May—There were five days in that month on which snow fell, and on the other days the weather was clear and warm.

June—Rain during seven days; balance of the month fair. July—Four days rainy.

August—There was some rain fall during nine days of this month. September—There were thirteen days on which rain fell; in October 21 days; November 17 days, with two days evening.

September—Up to the time Mr. Roundy left Naas River, on the 20th, there had been five days rain, and one day on which snow fell.

Mr. Roundy says that Northern British Columbia is misunderstood. He believes that it is climatically about the same as parts of the Kootenays—in fact which he has resided—and that its productiveness in mineral and the fruits of the soil will prove greater in some respects than any other part of the province. And Mr. Stark corroborates this view. In the production of small fruits, such as gooseberries and strawberries, Mr. Stark believes the Northern British Columbia will excel all other parts of the province, and mentioned several striking instances of their successful production there. Apples also attain to their finest perfection in the northern climate.

Messrs. Roundy and Stark are prospectors as well as settlers in the north. They report that there is considerable promise in the mineral resources of Portland Canal, Observatory Inlet and other regions of the upper coast. A company, largely represented in Victoria, has done considerable work on a copper property on Observatory Inlet, and has promise of one of the best mining propositions in the province. The property in which C. H. Dickie is interested on Portland Canal is also well spoken of in the north.

LOST HER BEAUTY.

A young Paris lady is at present suing a doctor for damages for the loss of her beauty, which she alleges was caused by him. She was soon to have been married, but her sweetheart was showing signs of coolness, owing to an inelegant moustache appearing on her upper lip. The doctor subjected her to X Ray treatment, and their use was disastrous to her beauty. Five thousand dollars is the value she sets on her lost good looks.

HEAVY GRAIN TRAFFIC.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—Over 25 million bushels of grain passed through the St. Lawrence canal to Montreal this year. This is a very much larger traffic than recorded in previous years.

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ENDORSED MEMBER.

Duncan Ross is Congratulated by the Greenwood Liberals for His Course.

An enthusiastic and well-attended meeting of the Greenwood Liberal Association was held recently in the office of G. R. Naden, President Mathison in the chair.

The following resolution was passed unanimously: "That this association heartily endorses all the actions of Duncan Ross, M. P., in the House of Commons and congratulates him on his exceedingly effective work for the constituency and the country."

"That this association expresses its extreme gratification at the splendid success which has attended his straightforward and outspoken course on every question of public importance."

BORN IN TRAFALGAR YEAR.

Youngstown, Ohio, Dec. 27.—Rev. John Shaffer, 102 years old, is dead at North Benton. He was born in Westmoreland, Pa., on Nov. 22, 1805, and became a minister in the Lutheran church at the age of 21.

EXHIBITION FINE.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 26.—Fire of unknown origin at Pine Beach, near the west boundary of the Jamestown exposition grounds early today destroyed many frame structures, including several small hotels, with a loss between \$5,000 and \$30,000.

GRAPPLING WITH WATER QUESTION

City Council Will Have Opportunity of Dealing With Subject at Next Meeting.

On Monday next Ald. Henderson will introduce a by-law to give effect to the recommendations of Expert Adams in regard to the water supply for the city. The intention of the council is to have it passed in time for it to be voted on at the time of the election next month.

When asked about the scheme this morning, Ald. Henderson stated that the \$100,000 to be voted, only \$90,000 would be actually expended on the lake improvements, the balance being for a redistribution system and for the reservoir.

The council practically decided that they would abide by the recommendations of the expert, and this by-law is the logical result of their previous action. Should the by-law be accepted by the people work would be commenced on the reservoir and the new main leading to it at once, so that it would to a great extent solve the water question. It is not likely that the work would be done in time to affect the supply for next summer, as it would probably not be finished until the autumn.

The by-law is being prepared, and will be distributed among the aldermen possibly to-day. It will therefore be possible to pass on the by-law on Monday evening.

His Worship gives notice that he will ask for a by-law to be submitted to the electorate asking if it is the wish of the people that Sookie be used as an auxiliary water supply to Elk lake.

HEROIC CLERGYMAN.

Vicar Dies of Overwork in a London Slum Parish.

In the course of a sermon at St. Martin's, Ludgate Hill, the Bishop of London brought to light a pathetic story of a young clergyman, who heroically sacrificed his life in rescue work among the inhabitants of one of the roughest and poorest districts in the metropolis.

"I am a most enthusiastic lover of the Church of England," declared the bishop, "but I must confess that we as a church cannot do whatever in any Christ church since the beginning of 1898, was taken ill a fortnight ago. His condition became so serious that he was carried to a local hospital to undergo a serious operation, which was successful. In a few days, however, he collapsed unexpectedly, and an urgent message was sent to the Bishop of London who had previously visited him while lying ill at his vicarage."

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NEW YORK CONCERN FAILS

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ork, Dec. 26.—A valuation of twenty-five million dollars in real estate, owned by the Company, included offices, apartments and hotels in parts of New York

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# MANITOBA IS CRIMINAL UTOPIA FOUL MURDERERS ESCAPE PUNISHMENT

### Supineness of Police Alleged to be Due to Parsimony of Attorney General's Department.

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—Considerable comment has been heard on the streets lately owing to the number of men charged with serious crimes who have so far escaped punishment.

The police say there are a number of men wanted on charges of murder, but no systematic plans have been made to apprehend them.

It is claimed that the police department is seriously handicapped owing to the attorney-general's department declining to approve the spending of the necessary money to detect criminals or to bring them to justice.

Some weeks ago two Chinamen were brutally murdered on Salter street, and the chief of police, in his anxiety to secure the capture of the perpetrators of the murder, engaged a detective familiar with eastern methods, and put him to work to detect the criminals. Higher officials, however, declined, it is said, to authorize the expenditure of the money even to secure the capture of the perpetrators of one of the coldest blooded murders ever occurring in the province. From a number of men charged with murder and other very serious offences, and who have escaped, Manitoba seems to be a regular Utopia for the culprits.

At the present time, the police are supposed to hold warrants for three men wanted to answer a charge of murder. In July, 1905, H. Wilson Todd is alleged to have murdered a girl called Elron in a city hotel, but for some reason he seems to have been allowed to get clean away, and it is doubtful if the attorney-general's department now even remembers the incident.

Since that time a Galician named Slobjan, wanted for murder in the north end of the city, has escaped, and not even a whisper is heard of any attempt by the crown's law officers to secure his apprehension.

Within the last three months the grand jury returned a true bill against "Doctor" Oscar Margole, wanted on a charge of murder of a girl, and although the doctor was in the city about the time of the inquest on the girl, and was since known to be in Montreal, no

serious effort seems to have been made to apprehend him.

Another case that cropped up within the last year or so is that of an American named Charles Douglas, who was charged before Mr. Justice Mathers with conspiracy to defraud a number of farmers at Morris, South, of land, etc., valued at over \$12,000, and the indictment was quashed owing to being faulty. As soon as the indictment was quashed he walked out of the court a free man, and was allowed to escape, owing to the law officers of the crown neglecting to swear another information against him. The second warrant for his apprehension was not issued for three hours after the quashing of the indictment. It is said that this man can be secured by the police in a very short time if his arrest is desired. It is not thought, however, that he will be arrested.

Another case in which justice seems to have been evaded was that of a Jew named Levi, who was sent to jail by Magistrate Daly on a charge of using a bath house on King street for immoral purposes. He appealed against the magistrate's decision, and the appeal was dismissed by the Judge. Through some blunder of the officers of the crown Levi walked out of court and left the same night for Chicago. He is said to be still there, but that he is not very anxious to return to Winnipeg.

A number of other cases can also be cited, where the defendants seem to have been able to get clear away.

It is said by those in a position to know, that the police are willing to do everything possible to arrest the fugitives if proper facilities are granted them to do so.

### FIRED FLOUR MILL

Trial of Alleged Incendiary in Wapella, Saskatchewan.

Wapella, Sask., Dec. 23.—The preliminary trial of R. J. Lund was held here to-day. Lund is accused of setting fire to the flour mill of this town, which was burned down on August 22.

The chief witnesses were George Amer and J. T. Knowles. The former swore he saw Lund through an opening in the basement light bags which were supposed to be saturated with coal oil. J. T. Knowles swore that Lund promised to discharge a considerable amount of indebtedness if he would set fire to the mill, as the defendant told him he was in financial difficulties. Lund was committed for trial.

Levi Thompson, of Wolsey, crown prosecutor, prosecuted, and J. T. Brown, of Moosomin, appeared for the defendant.

### GREAT AERO CONTEST.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—The Aeronautique Club of Chicago announced to-day that it will hold an international balloon contest here on July 4th. Two valuable cups will be given for the longest distance and for the greatest time in the air. The race will be open to the world.

# Treasures Found in Our American Forests.

That our American forests abound in plants which possess the most valuable medicinal virtues is abundantly attested by scores of the most eminent medical writers and teachers of this and other countries. Even the untamed Indians had discovered the usefulness of many native plants before the advent of the white race. This information, imparted freely to the whites, led the latter to continue investigations until to-day we have a rich assortment of most valuable American medicinal roots.

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To aid in healing old sores, or ulcers, apply Dr. Pierce's All-Healing Salve to them while taking the "Golden Medical Discovery" to purify and enrich the blood. Dr. Pierce's All-Healing Salve is cleansing and pain relieving. It destroys the bad odors arising from suppurating, or running, sores and puts them in the best possible condition for healing.

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In treating all open sores, or ulcers, boils, carbuncles and other swellings, it is important that Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery be taken persistently to purify the blood and thereby remove the cause of the trouble. It is in the blood that the great battle of health has to be fought. The ulcer and the sore are simply the scarlet flowers of disease, with roots running down into the blood. These roots must be eradicated or the disease will break out afresh. "Golden Medical Discovery" cleanses the blood of all foul and poisonous accumulations, pushes out the dead and waste matter, and thus purifies the entire life current. Disease in the flesh must die out when it is no longer fed by foul blood. "Golden Medical Discovery" effectively cures disease in the flesh by curing the cause in the blood.

Not less marvelous, in the unparalleled cures it is constantly making of woman's many peculiar ailments, weaknesses and distressing derangements, is Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, as is amply attested by thousands of unqualified testimonials contributed by grateful patients who have been cured by it of catarrhal pelvic drains, painful periods, irregularities, prostrated

### WOMAN RESCUED.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 23.—Slavery is not dead. Daily the traffic in human souls goes on. Only a short time ago a number of Chinese were arrested as they attempted to smuggle young girls from Canada into the United States. In Eastern countries, the slave trader plies his vocation in the market place. Some go into another kind of slavery—unknowingly—yet make a valiant effort to escape. Ottawa is a scene over the wonderful escape of one of her charming matrons from that physical slavery, Rheumatism. Mrs. R. C. Small says: "I was a constant sufferer from rheumatism for over seven years. I used many treatments—consulted doctors—tried hot baths—used almost every known mineral water—but nothing did me any real good. The pains were in my joints and back, and I had frequent headaches and bad indigestion. About a year ago I saw 'Fruit-a-tives' advertised and decided to try them. After I had taken two boxes, I was much better. Altogether I took seven boxes. I have had no rheumatism for over six months now and feel that I am quite cured. I have gained over ten pounds in weight."

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### SLUMP IN DEMAND FOR BULLION

#### Active Securities Have Depreciated Nearly Two Billion During Past Year.

London, Dec. 23.—There is considerable comment in the London bullion market over the apparent cessation of the demand from the United States and Germany for gold and speculation as to whether this implies an improvement in the recent state of affairs, though there will be \$5,000,000 of gold available in the bullion market on Monday which the Bank of England is expected to secure and a generally favorable interpretation is placed on the slackened demand for the metal.

The Statist expresses the opinion that the probability is for a very large addition to the reserves of the New York associated banks and a return of a portion of the gold recently sent from London. The Statist also thinks that the depression of England is expected to secure and a generally favorable interpretation is placed on the slackened demand for the metal.

According to the Bankers Magazine there has not been for twenty years such a depression of stocks as during the year 1907. It gives a list of 387 stocks, representative of active securities dealt in on the London stock exchange, having a nominal capital value of \$17,155,000,000 in which during the year there has been a net depreciation of \$1,710,000,000 or an average fall of nine per cent. The decline in seventeen American securities alone, the Bankers Magazine says, amounted to \$775,000,000 or 3 per cent.

### WAR MUNITIONS FOR PHILIPPINES

#### U. S. Government Shipping Large Quantities of Material to Eastern Possessions.

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—Two thousand tons of war material, including over six million rounds of cartridges, much equipment for submarine mines, and seventy-five hundred Springfield, and seventy-five hundred M1903 rifles, start for the Philippines this week. Army officers at first denied its presence.

### RAID ON ITALIAN CABIN.

Hold-up Robbers Repulsed—One Killed and Others Wounded.

Everett, Dec. 23.—As the result of an attempted robbery last night about 7:30 at Snohomish, one hold-up man is dead, his partner seriously injured and three Italian railroad laborers of a company of seven are in the hospital, victims of the bullets of the highwaymen's guns.

The dead man was killed by a blow from an axe, wielded by one of the Italians, and a spade used effectively led the other hold-up man torn and bleeding and minus an ear. The wounded hold-up man recovered sufficiently to give his name as William Carroll and says his dead partner's name is George Miller.

Shortly after supper time at the Italians' cabin a knock was heard on their door and two masked men stepped into the room. An order was given the Italians to throw up their hands and turn their faces to the wall. The Italians showed fight and a volley was opened from the highwaymen's guns. Three men fell, and in the mixing a spade and an axe were secured by the hold-up men. One of the hold-up men in the little room of the cabin. Finally the elder of the two hold-up men was laid low by a blow from the axe cleaving his skull and spattering his brains over the floor. In the unequal contest, the other highwayman was felled by a blow from a spade.

Sheriff Beard was notified of the tragedy and placed the Italians under arrest pending an examination by the coroner which will take place to-morrow.

### CARBERRY HOTEL GUTTED.

Carberry, Man., Dec. 30.—Fire has destroyed the Duffin hotel here with a loss of \$15,000.

### UNRAVELLING A MURDER MYSTERY

#### Identification of Body Found in New Jersey Pond—Tracking Suspected Criminal.

New York, Dec. 23.—The veil of mystery enveloping the tragic death of the young woman whose nude body was found half submerged in the water and mud of a lonely pond near Harrison, N. J., on Thursday, is being rapidly lifted, and detectives working on the case believe that the slayer of the woman, who was identified to-day as "Annie O'Keefe," or Nevins, will soon be run down and taken into custody.

The identification of the woman was first made to-day by Mrs. Margaret Wright, who conducts an employment bureau in Montclair, N. J. She said that the woman had called on her earlier in the month and asked, for employment, that she was Annie Nevins, but did not state where she lived. Late this afternoon her identity was partly corroborated by Sergt. Draybell, of Orange, N. J., who said the woman was Annie O'Keefe, and that he knew her well two years ago, when she was employed in the home of Thomas Nevins, a contractor in Orange. Since that time Sergt. Draybell states that the woman was employed in the capacity of a maid in several places in and about Orange. Recently, he said, he had lost trace of her.

Draybell informed the police that the closest friend that Miss O'Keefe had with Miss Nevins, a niece of Thos. Nevins, and that undoubtedly she took the woman that she had been acting as a housekeeper for two young men in Brooklyn.

The Harrison police have learned much of Miss O'Keefe's movements since the murder of the woman by Thomas Flanagan, an elevator man in a New York department store, who, after a visit to the morgue to-day, declared with positiveness that Miss O'Keefe had been in the store on Christmas eve, and had asked him if a man had inquired for a woman in a red dress. He said that Miss O'Keefe appeared very nervous, and after stating that she had an appointment with the man, remained about an hour. Afterwards, Flanagan says, he saw and spoke to her in a Chinese restaurant, and she told him that she had been unable to find the man. He stated that the woman left the restaurant shortly before midnight.

The police say there is no doubt that the man that she had an appointment with, remained about an hour. Afterwards, Flanagan says, he saw and spoke to her in a Chinese restaurant, and she told him that she had been unable to find the man. He stated that the woman left the restaurant shortly before midnight.

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### GRIM CONDITIONS IN ARMENIA

#### Kurdish Bandits Terrorize Inhabitants—Entire Town Isolated—Wholesale Robberies

St. Petersburg, Dec. 23.—A dispatch from Urumiah, in Persian Armenia, which was brought out by a detachment of Russian troops, states that for the last eight days that town has been entirely surrounded and isolated by bands of Kurdish raiders, who have attacked caravans and driven hundreds of loaded camels to the mountains.

A caravan escorted by the guards of the Russian consulate at Urumiah, which was the first to get through, was attacked by 50 bandits. The robbers were repulsed, many of them being killed or wounded.

Complete anarchy prevails at Urumiah. Russia is planning to strengthen the consulate guard there, but it is declared at St. Petersburg that the time for actual intervention has not yet come.

### ELOPING PASTOR IS NOW LABORER

#### Left Aristocratic New York Church With Heiress—"Happiest Eight Months of His Life."

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—Rev. Jere Knobe Cook, pastor of the aristocratic St. George's church on Long Island and a Yale man, whose elopement eight months ago with Loreta Whaley, an heiress, caused considerable excitement, was spotted here yesterday afternoon by a Call reporter. The couple have an infant. Cooke has been making a living as a common laborer and says the past eight months have been his happiest. A warrant on the charge of abduction awaits him.

#### KILLED HIS MOTHER.

Eight-Year-Old Boy Perpetrates Matricide in Cold Blooded Fashion.

Stroudsburg, Pa., Dec. 30.—Mrs. Geo. Hoedshilt, of Scranton, was accidentally shot and killed here yesterday by her eight-year-old son Lewis.

#### FOR CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

Million Fund Donated by Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy is Sufficient.

Boston, Dec. 28.—The following statement regarding the charitable purposes of the fund of \$1,000,000 recently given by Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, the founder of the Christian Science church, was issued to-day by Alfred Farlow, of the Publication Committee:

"There seems to be an impression that contributions to the fund are desired. This is a mistake. Since the announcement of Mrs. Eddy's enterprise, she has been in receipt of many letters of approval from all parts of the world, commending her efforts. Many of these letters have been accompanied by cheques sent as contributions to aid the fund. "It should be well understood that Mrs. Eddy has set aside the entire amount necessary for this fund, namely \$1,000,000, and donations from others have not been used for nor accepted."

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