

FLOODS FOLLOW OREGON STORM

RAILWAY TRAFFIC IS DEMORALIZED

Scores of Families Without Water and Light in Salem—Man Loses Life

(Times Leased Wire.)
Portland, Ore., Jan. 19.—Train service north, south and east out of Portland was demoralized, basements and streets flooded, telephone and telegraph lines are crippled as a result of a heavy downpour which began Tuesday night and only showed signs of ending today.

The total precipitation during the present storm up to 5 o'clock this morning was 6.25 inches, the heaviest since 1888. The weather bureau to-day predicted that the storm had practically ended, although small showers in the Willamette valley for possibly two days is looked for. All storm signals on the Oregon coast were ordered down today, as the hurricane which has delayed shipping for the last 48 hours is abating.

In the cascade the heavy rains caused a number of small landslides last night, which effectively stopped all east and west bound traffic over the O. W. & N. Floods washed out bridges north and south of Portland, stopped train service on the Southern Pacific and over the Northern Pacific tracks north to Seattle. Officials this forenoon stated that they were unable to say whether service would be resumed to-day. All trains were annulled last night.

The Willamette river is rising rapidly and this morning had reached the flood stage. It is expected that the highest stage, which is the danger line, will be reached by to-morrow afternoon.

ARE PREPARING A MEMORIAL

EXECUTIVE OF B. C. MUNICIPALITIES HERE

Decision of Electors on Referendum in Victoria Goes to Legislature

(From Thursday's Daily.)
Preliminary to presenting a memorial to the legislature, the members of the executive of the Union of B. C. Municipalities, an organization which undertakes to lay before the government each year all matters affecting the welfare of the various municipalities throughout the province on which legislation is sought, are to-day holding sessions at the city hall.

While in the city the party are guests at the Empress hotel. Those in attendance at the meeting of the executive are: Major Piana of Nopalmo, president; G. Boss, Surrey Centre; E. H. Bridgman and J. McNaught, North Vancouver; Ald. Enright, Vancouver City; Dr. Hamilton, Revelstoke, and J. Byrne, of Burnaby. Ex-Ald. Bannerman, of Victoria, a member of the executive as representing the city council here.

The questions which were included in the referendum submitted to the electors at the last recent municipal elections will go before the government in the memorial being prepared by the executive, but they will not be endorsed, as time was not given for the union to consider the same. These questions, which received affirmative answers, dealt with the abolition of taxes on improvements, the election of licence and police commissioners and the abolition of saloon and bottle licenses.

Last evening the members of the executive were guests of P. A. McDiarmid, city solicitor, at dinner at the Pacific club.



THE CHANCE OF A LIFETIME

OUR MR. ASQUITH—Five hundred coronets, dirt cheap! This line of goods ought to make business a bit brisker, what?
OUR MR. LLOYD GEORGE—Not half; bound to go like hot cakes.

STEAM SCHOONER GOES ON ROCKS

Crew of Fifteen Men in Danger—Attempts to Launch Lifeboats Fail

(Times Leased Wire.)
Eureka, Cal., Jan. 19.—With her crew of 15 men in imminent peril of their lives, the steam schooner Lakme, from Coos Bay, is pounding on the rocks today off Cape Blanco, and may go to pieces at any moment.

Wireless reports from Table Bluff say two attempts by the Lakme to launch a boat were frustrated by the high seas and one of the boats was dashed to pieces against the vessel's side.

The Standard Oil steamer Assunon, the passenger steamer Watson and the steamer Argyle are standing by the wrecked Lakme, but have temporarily abandoned all attempts to aid her crew.

NORTHCLIFFE CHANGES FRONT

HIS NEWSPAPERS ACCEPT LIBERAL PROGRAMME

London Daily Mail Denies Sensation Rumors That Ulster is Arming

(Times Leased Wire.)
London, Jan. 19.—Denial of the cause of the Conservatives by Lord Northcliffe and acceptance by his powerful newspapers of the Liberal programme, which hinges on Home Rule for Ireland, are seen here today in a publication by Northcliffe's paper, the London Daily Mail, of a story, saying sensational rumors that Ulster is arming to resist Home Rule were untrue.

The publication received a national sensation. It is admitted that the Mail's new attitude will do much to destroy the "Ulster county bog" designed to frighten the Lords into accepting the Home Rule measure sure to be passed by the Commons.

State Insurance Scheme.

Forecasts of Lloyd George's state insurance scheme are appearing in the press. The following appear to be the main outlines:

Compulsory insurance for sickness and invalidity for the whole of the working population of the country whose incomes are below the income tax level of £80 a year. The minimum amount of the insurance is to be £12.50 a week, this to be the limit of the state compulsory scheme; all insurance beyond this fixed minimum being a purely voluntary insurance by the member with the friendly society.

The minimum insurance of £12.50 a week will be guaranteed by the state, but the extra insurance will carry no guarantee. The period which the state insurance will cover will be the working years of life between 16 and 70. The age of 70 has been fixed for the cessation of the sickness insurance, because of the provision of the old-age pensions; but there will be no objection on the part of the state to a man insuring for a further sickness or superannuation benefit. The contribution of five shillings a week will be calculated by the government actuaries, and the cost will be met, one-half by the workman insured, and the remaining half in equal proportions by the employer and the state. The proposed scheme of insurance, being compulsory and universal in its application, so far as the whole of the working population is concerned, will accept the risk of all three, good and bad.

Home Rule Question.

Dublin, Ireland, Jan. 19.—John E.

RECORD YEAR IN WARSHIP BUILDING

STRUGGLE AMONG NATIONS CONTINUES

In 1911 New Dreadnought Will Be Launched Every Nine Days

(Times Leased Wire.)
London, Jan. 19.—Figures made public to-day by the British naval authorities show that despite the establishment of Andrew Carnegie's \$10,000,000 peace fund and the activities of The League tribunal, this year 1911 will smash all records for the launching of battleships.

From February 1 until December 31, a new dreadnought will take the water in some part of the globe every nine days. Thirty-six will be launched in all, or only two less than the number already afloat as the result of five years' launches.

Of these sea monsters, Great Britain will launch 11; Germany, 7; Russia and the United States, 4 each. France, Chile and Japan will each have two to take the water, and Italy, Austria, Brazil and Spain will each launch one.

The total value of the battleships and cruisers now on the ways of the world's shipyards is placed at the enormous sum of \$700,000,000.

WANTS WARSHIP NAMED "WINNIEG"

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SIR F. GALTON DEAD.

London, Jan. 19.—Sir Francis Galton, the noted explorer and writer, is dead.

WARD TWO HAS ORGANIZED

LIBERALS PERFECT WARD ASSOCIATION

Active Staff of Officers is Elected at an Enthusiastic Meeting

(From Thursday's Daily.)
A most enthusiastic organization meeting of electors of Ward two was held in the Foresters hall last evening when the Ward two Liberal Association was formed.

The new association, organized under such auspicious circumstances, starts with an earnest and hard-working set of officers. Ald. Humber presided and C. N. Tubman acted as secretary. After addresses from the popular alderman and from J. C. McInnes, city Liberal organizer, the meeting considered and adopted a constitution. The following officers were then elected:

Hon. president, Bob. William Temple; president, Ald. Humber; vice-presidents, F. W. Dempster and H. Petticrew; secretary, C. N. Tubman; executive, R. Lawson, Wm. Turpel, James E. Wilson, J. Clark, Thomas Furdy, Ed. Christopher, Len. Cousins, E. L. Cox, Robert Dwydale, J. T. McIlroy.

During the evening stirring speeches were made by F. W. Dempster, Joshua Kingham, Hugh Kinniburgh, A. Stevens, president of the Socialist Liberal Association; and T. J. W. Hick. Mr. Kingham recalled his first Liberal meeting in Victoria, twenty years ago, when he was told that he had committed political and business suicide by identifying himself with the party.

Additional ward meetings are fixed as follows for the ward: Ward three, Wednesday, February 22; Ward four, February 14; Ward five, February 23.

PREMIER KATSURA OF JAPAN RESIGNS

THREE OTHER MINISTERS FOLLOW THEIR LEADER

Action Due to Protests Against Death Sentence Passed on Socialists

(Times Leased Wire.)
Tokyo, Jan. 19.—Daunted by a storm of protests which poured in since the sentencing to death of 24 Socialists here yesterday for alleged conspiracy to assassinate the Mikado, Premier Katsura and three of the most powerful members of his cabinet to-day tendered their resignation to the Mikado. The effort to shift responsibility for the government's condemnation of the Socialists were Minister of Interior Hirata, Minister of Education Komatsu, and Minister of Commerce and Agriculture Oura.

The action of Premier Katsura and his ministers is hailed by the Socialists of Japan as an important preliminary victory in the fight they have already started to save Densiro Kotoku, Suga Kanryo, and the 22 other Socialists condemned to die. It is believed that their fate, now being directly in the hands of the Mikado, the protests against their execution will be more likely to succeed than if Katsura had stood his ground. The emperor now will come direct world-wide demands that a commutation of the death sentence be granted.

To add to the Socialists' confidence it became known to-day that a powerful anti-Katsura party will seize the occasion of the premier's tendering his resignation, to make desperate efforts to oust him from imperial favor. Any change in the government, they say, must be to the advantage of the condemned Socialists, as Katsura's pursuit of the alleged conspirators has been particularly bitter.

Throughout all Japan to-day petitions to the Mikado are being circulated praying for clemency for the Socialists. These will be in shape for presentation soon. Before the emperor can call together the "other statesmen," the unofficial body of whom he turns for advice in crises of moment, the petitions, it is expected, will be presented. To these "fathers of the nation" will be submitted the petitions in the favor of Kotoku and his comrades. Not until they have decided upon the plans to be followed will the fate of the Katsura ministry be known, it is believed.

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GRAND JURY INDICTS CITY OF TORONTO

Action Follows Complaint Regarding Unsanitary Cells in Police Station

(Special to the Times.)
Toronto, Jan. 19.—The city of Toronto was indicted by the grand jury in the sessions yesterday for the maintenance of a common nuisance in the shape of unsanitary cells at No. 1 police station in the centre of the city.

The matter was brought before the court by A. M. Hassard, barrister, who complained that a prisoner had been detained 19 hours in a noxious cell four feet wide by six long.

A peculiar feature of the case was that N. L. Drayton as crown counsel for the accused, had to sign the true bill while as corporation counsel he had to defend the city when the bill is called in April.

FOUR CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH

Lose Their Lives When Flames Destroy Home—Father is Rescued

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 19.—Four children of Gabriel Levi, Little Tancook island, Lunenburg county, lost their lives as the result of a fire in their home. The oldest daughter, who lost her life, opened the door of her room on the upper floor and cried out that the house was on fire. This was the last seen or heard of her alive. The father was rescued.

SLUM CONDITIONS IN TORONTO

Toronto, Jan. 19.—Dr. Hastings, medical health officer, has asked for the appointment of four women inspectors to investigate slum conditions in Toronto, with a view to the inauguration by the city of a systematic plan for the sanitary and hygienic betterment of the homes of the poorer classes. The board of control asked for more details before granting the request.

EMMA GODLMAN WILL SPEAK

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 19.—Emma Goldman, anarchist, was to-day invited to address the convention of the United Mine Workers, in session here. The county commissioner, in charge of the convention hall, refused to allow the address in their building. Undeterred by their action, Miss Goldman rented another hall in the city, where the miners will listen to her views.

SUSPECT ARRESTED

Man Believed to Have Been Implicated in Shooting Affair.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 19.—Mike Donnelly, said to be one of the three men who shot up the town of Acme in Whatcom county and killed A. A. Galbraith and W. B. Stevens, was arrested by Seattle and today taken back to Acme for identification. Donnelly confessed his guilt, the police say. Together with two others, Donnelly is alleged to have robbed a store in Acme. Stevens and Galbraith followed the men and were shot down by them.

THREE TRAINMEN SUSTAIN INJURIES

Conductor and Two Brakemen Severely Burned by Lamp Explosion

Portage La Prairie, Man., Jan. 19.—Conductor Howe and brakemen John Alexander and Frank Moore of the C. P. R., are in the hospital here, though none are seriously hurt. The cause of the trouble was the explosion of a lamp when the train was five miles west of this city. Owing possibly to the expansion from the heat they were unable to open the door, the car being filled with fumes and on fire. They finally broke the window and leaped out. The train was going at fast rate, but the depth of the snow saved them from serious injury. The fire secured a good hold on the car before it was noticed from the engine, but it was soon got under control. The men are suffering from severe burns.

CHINESE AVIATOR'S FLIGHT

Elmhurst, Cal., Jan. 19.—With a flight of more than a mile to his credit, Fung Joe, a local Chinaman, to-day stepped into the limelight as the first bona-fide Chinese aviator in America. Fung, in a machine made by himself and other Chinamen here, combining the Wright and Farman types, soared from a field on the outskirts of Elmhurst and for four minutes skimmed the air at an elevation of forty feet. The machine had a water-cooled motor of 15 horse-power.

SEEKING DAMAGES

Sokane, Wash., Jan. 19.—In less than two weeks after the Northern Pacific wreck at Cheney, suit was brought in the superior court yesterday asking \$25,000 for the death of Jno. Porter, colored, the porter on the Burlington train No. 42, who died within 30 minutes after the crash of the train and collision.

The suit is brought by Mrs. Mamie Porter, the wife of the dead porter, and her two children, aged 13 and 12 years. The plaintiffs allege that the wreck at Cheney on January 4 was caused by the defective fuse supplied by the company and negligence of the brakeman and dispatcher in charge, which follow the findings of the coroner's jury.

THURM FARMER ARRESTED

Accused of Having Threatened to Murder Neighbor.

(Special to the Times.)
Stonerville, Ont., Jan. 19.—John Prentice, a permit farmer living in Chaffey, is under arrest charged with threatening to murder Mrs. Stahis, a neighbor. Prentice has been living with his three-year-old child in a log cabin, which he refuses to leave and has a number of men on the place. Police chief Watson effected the arrest by sending two of Prentice's neighbors to see the recluses with an offer to buy some hay. While Prentice was talking with the two the chief entered and made the arrest.

STRIKERS REINSTATED

Stratford, Ont., Jan. 19.—The inquiry conducted by Judge Barron into the case of the Grand Trunk railway strikers has already resulted in orders for the reinstatement of some half-dozen men. The judge will report fully to President Hays.

EXPLOSION KILLS THREE

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 19.—Investigation into the deaths of Engineer Dwyer, Fireman Cook and Brakeman Foltz, Syracuse, killed in a locomotive boiler explosion at Watkins station yesterday, was begun to-day.

MEXICAN RAILWAY STRIKE

Mexico City, Jan. 19.—Traffic was suspended yesterday on 1,000 miles of the main lines and branches of the Southern Pacific Railway in Mexico as a result of the strike of American and native engineers.

Railroad officials said it was impossible to grant the demands that had been made for increases in wages. Superintendent E. B. Sharp of this city, is now making efforts to get a force of engineers from the National system, and if he succeeds will send them to Mazatlan by steamer from Manzanillo to take the places of the strikers.

PECULIAR FATALITY

Ottawa, Jan. 19.—A peculiar accident happened to Celestine Beaudin, 33 years old, of Hull, Quebec. He was walking home when he fell on the sidewalk and hit an inch of his tongue. Doctors failed to staunch the flow of blood, and he died a few hours afterwards.

CAPTURED

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COST OF COAL IN VANCOUVER

MEMBERS DEMAND ACTION BY PROVINCE

C. E. Tisdall and H. H. Watson Speak in Debate on the Address

Legislative Press Gallery, Jan. 19.

The price of coal is the same in Vancouver as it is here, but the people of that city seem very more agitated over this fact than the residents of the capital. Not that Victorians do not think the cost of coal is excessive, but probably because the people from across the Gulf have got into a way of making loud demands for what they want.

Ever since the session of 1908 this matter has been brought before the legislature by Vancouver members each session. Dr. McDevine in 1908 and 1909 was the mover of resolutions which were adopted, calling upon the Dominion Government to act in the matter by holding an inquiry into whether or not a combine existed.

There is almost a full attendance of members now, the only absentees being Mayor William Manson and Mr. Tisdall, who was detained in Prince Rupert by the municipal campaign, and Archibald McDonald (Lillooet), who is storm-stricken.

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and bridges. It had even gone outside its boundaries and subsidised a bridge between Vancouver and North Vancouver. Two others were badly needed, too far outside for the city to spend anything on them, and these should receive government aid.

The prosperity of the province was touched by Mr. Tisdall, and as a proof that wealth was reaching the rollers he said that savings bank deposits in Vancouver were now between thirty and thirty-five millions.

H. H. Watson (Vancouver) congratulated the province on the amicable relations existing between the province and the Dominion in the matter of fisheries, but insisted that more attention should be paid to the matter of fish Columbia and that the provincial government must handle them better.

There can be no doubt after hearing Mr. Watson that the cost of coal is without intent to be funny, as he said, a burning question in his city, and he demanded that some measure of relief be furnished the people by whatever government has the power to do so.

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Coal prices in Vancouver bother the consumer as much as in Victoria, and Mr. Tisdall warned the government that if it had no power to secure lower prices the people must go to a higher authority to seek a cure for the existing monopoly. Two measures which demanded careful attention from the House were one to regulate the trust companies which had been formed of late years, especially in Vancouver, and another to carry out the recommendations of the Fire Insurance Commission.

Deaths among the Chinese employees of the Harbin mills are likely to result in the infection being carried in the foodstuffs exported to Amur, and the maritimes provinces. Twenty-four bodies have been picked up in the streets here.

The victims in this city and Fundstalian number many hundreds.

President Lewis Denounces Strikes as Means of Organizing Non-Union Districts.

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 19.—In his annual report to the convention of the United Mine Workers of America, President Lewis gave prominence to a vigorous denunciation of strikes as a means of organizing non-union districts and bitterly assailed the Sherman anti-trust as ineffective and tending to the furtherance of combinations. The report strongly endorsed the proposed joint convention of miners and urged the American Federation of Labor to grant a charter to the Western Federation of Miners as a step toward amalgamation with the United Mine Workers. He pointed out that 398,960 members of the United Mine Workers had paid the dollar monthly per capita tax in December and endorsed the proposal that the joint convention of miners and operators be assembled to negotiate wage contracts.

AVIATOR ALIGHTS ON CRUISER'S DECK

Ely, in a Curtiss Biplane, Lands on and Departs From The Pennsylvania

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 19.—Skimming like a huge bird over the waters of San Francisco bay, Eugene B. Ely, in a Curtiss biplane, yesterday made a new mark in the history of aerial navigation when he successfully alighted on and departed from the decks of a cruiser—Pennsylvania. Thousands watched the feat.

Ely's landing and departure were made from a specially built platform constructed over the battleship's stern decks. The staging was 182 feet long. Throughout the whole twelve miles and more of the flight Ely at all times had his machine under control.

The aviator had two seven-foot pontoons and five hooks to cut the ropes on landing on the warship and one hydroplane, aboard his aeroplane, the latter being designed to prevent the machine turning a somersault should it strike the water.

When Ely landed he greeted the newspaper men with a smile. "Boys, it was easy," he said "and I do it every day. I'm going to do it again before the meet is over."

All along the harbor when the landing was made, vessels turned lobes their sterns and the big crowd which lined the banks and the anchored vessels, shouted themselves hoarse.

After remaining on the cruiser about an hour, during the greater part of which he was kept busy answering the questions of the navy men, Ely climbed again in to the saddle of his aeroplane, the engines whirred and the machine, rising lightly, skimmed over the edge of the platform.

For a moment it seemed as though the daring aviator was due for a plunge in the bay for, before his engines had developed their full speed, the aeroplane dipped down and only stopped its glide when within six feet of the water. Then gathering headway, it soared aloft.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 19.—If testimony from the world of shadows is to be taken at its face value, neither Cook nor Peary reached the north pole, though the Brooklyn doctor got nearer than Peary did.

William T. Stead made the declaration in a letter to Arthur Robinson Colburn, a Washington lawyer, who turned the document over to Congressman Roberts of Massachusetts. Stead writes: "With regard to the pole controversy, the only message we have received on the subject was one from Sir John Franklin. He did not say anything about Peary, but said he had personally conducted Cook nearly to the pole and then left him to continue the journey himself."

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RAILWAY MAIL CLERKS MAY STRIKE

U. S. Government Employees Object to Working Overtime Without Extra Pay

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 19.—A tie-up of the country's mail system and a walkout of the railway mail clerks is likely unless Postmaster General Hitchcock discontinues certain phases of his postal savings policy, according to members of the Twin City's Railway Mail Clerks' association.

Tentative plans for a walkout of the railway mail clerks have been made, it is said. This will be ordered, the clerks say, unless the practice of requiring the clerks to work overtime without extra pay is stopped.

CANADIAN RED MEN TO TOUR ANTIPODES

R. M. S. Makura Will Carry Band of Indians to Demonstrate in Southern Cities

When the Canadian-Australian liner Makura leaves on Friday, January 27, for the Antipodes, she will carry a band of Indians from the Canadian Northwest, on a tour of Hawaii, Australia, New Zealand and Tasmania.

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NANAIMO CITY COUNCIL TAKES OFFICE

Question of Power of Street Committee Raised—Presentation to Clerk

Nanaimo, Jan. 18.—The Mayor and aldermen, comprising the city council for 1911, were sworn in Monday night by Mr. Geo. Thomson, J. P., who, after administering the oath, complimented the successful candidates on their election and expressed the hope they would all work together in the best interests of the city, which he believed they would.

Mayor Plinta, on behalf of the council, thanked Mr. Thomson for braving the elements and giving up his time to perform the duty of swearing in the new board. Addressing the aldermen the Mayor welcomed all the new members, stating the work of the council was going to be far more important than last year's had been.

At a high rate of speed Ely swept over the water amid the cheers of thousands who lined the shores and swarmed on the masts of the ships in the harbor. Just as his machine neared the cruiser Pennsylvania Ely slowed down, hovered for a few moments, then settled down on the deck of the vessel as easily as a bird.

At the final meeting of the council of 1910 the thanks of the council were extended to City Clerk Gough, City Engineer Peary and all officials of the city in general. Ald. McRae, Ald. Busby and Mayor Plinta all spoke in complimentary terms of Mr. Gough's services to the city.

WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT

Victoria Meteorological Office, 11th to 17th January, 1911. Victoria.—Total amount of bright sunshine was 2 hours and 24 minutes; rain, 32 inch; snow, 54 inches; highest temperature, 46.9 on 17th; lowest, 14.9 on 13th.

CLYDE SHIPBUILDER VISITING CANADA

Looking Over the Situation in Connection With Naval Construction

Montreal, Jan. 19.—William Beardmore, of the Clyde shipbuilding firm of that name, is in the city. He said his business in Canada was to look over the situation in connection with Canadian naval construction.

GRIFITHS ARRIVES SAFELY

Quelling the anxiety of shipping men on Puget Sound and along the coast, the barkentine J. M. Griffith on Tuesday night arrived in San Francisco after a voyage from Puget Sound of fifteen and one-half days.

CHINESE INQUIRY

Vancouver, Jan. 19.—Yip Sue Poi was not committed for trial on a charge of perjury, at the Royal Chinese customs commission this morning.

"In justice of Yip Sue Poi," said Mr. Justice Murphy, as soon as the session convened, "I must say that Inspector Foster's testimony does not involve him at all."

Mr. Bowes stated that Collector Powell was virtually present at every examination of possible exempts, while he was in the service.

RUMORS DENIED

London, Jan. 19.—Reports that Ulster is arming against Home Rule, which story was recently given prominence in many Unionist papers, is denied by the Daily Mail. It says no arms are being imported openly or surreptitiously into Ulster, nor were any arrangements of such importations discovered.

LOCAL MARKETS

Pratt's Coal Oil 1.05
Goose 1.75
Hams (B. C.) per lb. 22
Bacon (B. C.) per lb. 22

WHOLESALE MARKET

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Hams 102.00
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Cheese 15.00
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Advertisement for Steadman's Soothing Powders, featuring an illustration of a woman and child, and text describing the product's benefits for various ailments.

Large vertical advertisement on the left side of the page, featuring various text elements and a large illustration of a woman's face, likely for a cosmetic or health product.

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CRITICISM FROM SOCIALIST

PARKER WILLIAMS SPEAKS ON ADDRESS

Takes Issue With Government Claims—Land Settlement Problem Pressing

Legislative Press Gallery, Jan. 16.—The business of the House today consisted of listening to a two-hour speech by Parker Williams, Socialist and member for Ladysmith. Mr. Williams' native wit and homely phrases were always enjoyed by the members of the House, and he is quite popular.

Mr. Williams, resuming the debate on the address, declared that he did not usually follow the crowd in the matter of general eulogy preceding members, but on this occasion he felt like remarking on the fact that the member for Kamloops (J. P. Shaw) had shown an amount of individuality unusual in a Conservative. Of the speech Mr. Williams said it was like every one of its predecessors, it contained anything one liked to put into it or nothing.

Of the late Capt. Tatlow the member for Ladysmith said he took a broad view of his duty as treasurer of a great province and not a member of a government; he was never too great to look into a small matter, and his word was absolutely reliable.

According to the report of the Indian department, Mr. Williams said, the Songhees band were being destroyed body and soul by their nearness to Victoria, notwithstanding all the religious effort being expended in their behalf. It was certainly time they were removed further away, but when they were it would be interesting to see who got the fat and who the lean in the carving up of the reserve.

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(Continued from page 3.) duly authorized by the said council, direct or by power to act conferred upon the board of control, as at present.

"The board of works to meet on Friday evening of each week at 8 o'clock. The council shall also sit on the same evening, or at such additional times as may be necessary, as an advisory board for the management of the health and morals, fire department, cemetery, home for aged and infirm, and legislative matters, the same procedure being followed as in the board of works, as to individual responsibility of each department resting upon an individual alderman for policy and recommendations. The final control resting upon the administrative committee of control.

"Administrative Committee.—To consist of the mayor and two aldermen to meet regularly each day at a stated time as a committee of control, to carry out the orders of the council, either direct or by either board empowered by the council.

Streets—Alderman Gleason, chairman. Sewers and Surface Drains—Alderman Ross, chairman. Parks and Boulevards—Alderman Humber, chairman. Light and Telephone—Alderman H. M. Fullerton, chairman. Fire—Alderman W. F. Fullerton, chairman. Health and Morals—Alderman Ockell.

To indicate that he has the power to make the suggested changes Mayor Morley appended to his report the following section of the act: "27. The council shall meet on the third Monday in January in each year, and thereafter as the mayor or reeve of the council may appoint.

SELF-CONFESSED FORGER IN JAIL

Admits Passing Some Forged Cheques in Tacoma, Spokane and in Missouri

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 17.—"For God's sake don't tell her. I've ruined her life. I don't care what becomes of me now."

With tears streaming down his face, J. W. Williams, alias A. W. McLeellan, alias C. W. Moran, alias H. W. Nelson, alias L. C. Hill, alias Albert Randolph, self-confessed forger, buried his face in a handkerchief in a cell at the jail yesterday and begged that a young woman, daughter of an insurance man, be kept in ignorance of his disgrace.

"I met her only a week ago," moaned Randolph, "but it was a case of love at first sight. Her parents are nothing to me, but now I suppose she will turn me down. I want her to come to me, but not in a prison cell."

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Saturday he turned up in Tacoma and succeeded in cashing a forged cheque on the Traders bank for \$200. He was arrested here Saturday night.

BATTLE OF WITS IN SCHENK CASE

Attorney for Defence Fails to Shake Testimony of Detective Nurse

Wholesale, W. Vancouver, Jan. 17.—The outcome of it all, everything will be all right," according to testimony here yesterday, was the advice given "Mrs. Klein," a detective nurse, by "Mrs. Laura Schenk, now on trial as a poisoner, who discovered the affair last year.

A great crowd of the curious was present when Mrs. Klein, who Saturday gave her real name as Elvora Zoelcker, resumed the stand in the Schenk case.

Three days prior to the arrest of Mrs. Schenk, the witness declared, the defendant was most evasive in her conversation and once asked Alma Evans, another nurse, to leave her alone with Schenk, who at that time was in a critical condition. During the time Mrs. Schenk was in the room, Mrs. Klein said, she heard high words pass and when the defendant left Schenk's condition was alarmingly worse.

After that experience, she testified, the nurse was instructed not to leave Mrs. Schenk alone with her sick husband.

On one occasion, Mrs. Klein testified, Mrs. Schenk declared "Dr. Huppless John (Mr. Schenk), is liable to drop dead at any moment. I am determined to stick it out and be as happy as can be."

On the night before Mrs. Schenk was arrested, Mrs. Klein stated she was alone with the defendant in the library of Prosecutor Handiam.

"I pretended to be disappointed at the outcome of affairs," Mrs. Klein said, "and remarked 'My God, Mrs. Schenk, what have you got me into?' She replied, 'Oh, shut up, you damned fool; he out of it. Keep quiet and everything will be all right.'"

On further questioning, Mrs. Klein admitted she had been instructed to leave nothing undone to give Mrs. Schenk the idea that she (the witness) was Mrs. Schenk's friend; to lie if necessary, and to leave no stone unturned to catch her, if possible, in the act of administering the poison which it was suspected was being systematically fed to the sick millinair.

PUBLIC HEALTH

DR. FAGAN MAKES HIS ANNUAL REPORT

Great Decrease in Deaths From Diphtheria—Improvement Slight in Others

In his annual report to the legislature Dr. C. J. Fagan, secretary of the provincial board of health, says in part: "The infectious disease returns do not in the main indicate much improvement over last year.

Diphtheria returns for last year show 235 cases with a death rate of 12.5 per cent. This year shows a diphtheria reduced to 130 cases and a death rate of 10.1 per cent.

This is a distinct advance and strong evidence of the care and energy of our medical men. If parents and guardians took more interest in their children by getting professional assistance, the fatal results would be still more reduced. With our present day knowledge and power it is certain that the diphtheria death rate could be still lower.

In the year 1880 Behring advanced the use of antitoxin. Since that date the methods of its preparation have been improved, and larger and more concentrated doses are now being used.

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PLAY WITH DYNAMITE

Prince Rupert, Jan. 16.—At the corner of McBride street and English avenue—half a stick of dynamite, owned by one on application to Mr. McParlane, sanitary inspector. The dynamite is a little whistling device, the teeth of a small girl who picked it up and began to chew it, thinking it was candy, and the little boy who was helping her, but it can no doubt be repaired.

WRECKAGE SIGHTED

Boston, Jan. 17.—Wreckage of an unknown sailing vessel floating in storm-tossed waters was passed about 200 miles off Boston light by the British steamer Inveric, which has arrived in port from Calcutta. Capt. Howie reported passing the wreck on January 3 in latitude 41.2 north, longitude 69.10 west. A few days before the Inveric had run into a hurricane which bent steel plates in her hull and burst her boiler.

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TRAMP OVER THOUSAND MILES

THE MACOUN PARTY REACHES WINNIPEG

Schooner Jeanie Wrecked on Shore of Hudson Bay—Story of Hardship

Winnipeg, Jan. 17.—After escaping over the ice as their ship was pounded to pieces on the bleak shores of Hudson Bay, Prof. Macoun and the geologist party of fourteen, arrived in Winnipeg yesterday, after experiencing hardships in their walk of 1,400 miles, with mercury averaging 60 below zero. The whole party had given up for dead. Captain Howard Bartlett of the destroyed schooner Jeanie, an old Arctic explorer, and his crew, were members of the party. Not a soul was lost.

Their wanderings led like a page of fiction, until they finally reached Fort Churchill, the Hudson Bay Company's post. For food during their journey from the place where they were wrecked to Fullerton, a hundred miles south, they relied on the Eskimos, who proved most friendly. The schooner, a vessel of a hundred tons, broke her anchor chains during a storm and was dashed on the rocks and was a total loss. The personal property of those on board, including what money they had, was washed overboard.

The story of the suffering, privation and hardship told by the party and crew of the wrecked Jeanie is almost beyond belief. Captain Howard Bartlett, the master, a lifelong Arctic captain and a member of the famous family of Arctic explorers, was engaged by the Royal Northwest Mounted Police to take the supplies north from Churchill to Fullerton and to land the portable houses that were to be put up at Eskimo Point, Rankin Inlet, Chesterfield Inlet and Wager Inlet.

Prof. J. M. Macoun of the geological survey, who was at Churchill, went north of the Jeanie. The other passengers were Superintendent Stearns, Dr. Marcellus and four members of the R. N. W. M. P. With the exception of Prof. Macoun and one policeman, all the party remained at Fullerton when the Jeanie went north. The night after the last portable house was put up at Wager Inlet the Jeanie, which was anchored down in the bay several miles from shore, broke her anchor chains and was ashore in the fiercest gale which was ever known on the Hudson Bay in the lifetime of the oldest resident on its coast. The storm was accompanied by snow and sleet and freezing rain.

During the whole day all on board had been praying that the last chain would break before dark, but the schooner held at anchor until midnight. Then when it was black day the chain broke and the schooner drifted the last voyage had been made as the boat filled fast and became swamped. Provisions and personal effects were swept away by each succeeding wave which rolled far over the half-sunk vessel.

After several hours of extreme anxiety, the keel struck the rocky bottom and the boat began to break up on the rocks, where it remained fast and pounding in the waves until the tide receded.

The coast is a rock-bound one, the only place at which a landing could be made with any apparent chance of safety, being at the bottom of a bay forty miles long and it was here that the brave captain succeeded in hitting the shore. It happened to be high tide and though the schooner had filled with water by daybreak the tide had fallen and the shore was reached in safety. The schooner was a total wreck and both lifeboats were smashed, involving a loss to the owners of upwards of \$10,000. The lifeboats were repaired and a week later the crew of the Jeanie, nine men and Professor Macoun, Jones the constable and three Eskimos, started for Fullerton, over 100 miles south.

After very many narrow escapes the whole party reached Fullerton. The whaling schooner A. T. Gifford, Captain George Comer, had gone into winter quarters at Fullerton a day before, but Superintendent Stearns promptly made arrangements with Captain Comer and the Gifford set sail the next day for Churchill, 500 miles south, reaching there on September 26. The wrecked crew of the Jeanie were given a tent and stove and supplied with warm clothing by Superintendent Stearns. Rations were served to them, the same quality and same quantity as is served to the police, and when winter set in a house was secured from the Hudson Bay Company.

Professor Macoun and Harry Ford, for many years interpreter for the R. N. W. M. P., with the Eskimos, agreed to leave Fort Churchill about November 24, but the river did not freeze over until December 4, and on December 5 they started in company with the Eskimos and his party of nine men, Macoun had two Indians and Bachand four. Very deep snow made travelling difficult as the trail to Split Lake had to be broken. The wrecked crew left Churchill December 8, in charge of Corporal Walker and reached Split Lake a few hours after the first party. The sailors were then given into charge of Sergeant Gifford, who brought them to Norway House. All the Churchill parties travelled together to Norway House.

At Norway House the wrecked crew were handed over to Sergeant Nicholas and brought by him to Gimli, where they arrived in perfect health. Those who know the difficulties of travelling in the north are anxious in saying that to bring eight men with no experience in winter travelling, from Churchill to Gimli, every man walking the whole of the 110 miles, was a great achievement, and it was not expected it would be accomplished without the loss of life.

OPPOSE PLANS FOR COMFORT STATION

Victoria Association of Architects Forward Letter to the City Council

In a letter from the Victoria Association of Architects, read at Monday evening's meeting of the city council, a protest was lodged against the action of the council in determining the location of the proposed comfort station at the north end of the causeway on the same line as the station in Seattle. The letter read as follows: "Gentlemen—On behalf of the Victoria Association of Architects, which has offered its assistance in any matter of public improvement in our city, I am requested to direct your attention to the proposed comfort station under contemplation, and for which tenders are now being invited.

"It is understood that the proposal is to place this at the northwest end of the causeway at a cost of some \$15,000, of a similar type to the comfort station in the lower part of Seattle. May we respectfully ask your consideration of the following points in connection with the proposal before commencing any contracts for the same: "1. Whether such a type of public convenience as may be suited to the lower end of a large commercial city like Seattle will be equally appropriate in such a conspicuous situation as the causeway."

"2. If such an eyesore must be constructed in that locality, whether it cannot be of a very much smaller character and entered, say from the landing of the existing steps leading down to the water, and another and larger comfort station constructed further up town in a more central position, and on somewhat different lines?"

"3. Before any definite steps are taken in the letting of a contract we would urge you to let the public have some idea of what is proposed, as it appears to us that there will be very strong objection to putting on the city's beauty spots to such an objectionable use."

Without comment the letter was received and referred to Aid. Ross, chairman of the buildings and surveys committee. Tenders for the erection of the comfort station were received from the following: For the plumbing, heating and venting, R. Menzies & Co., \$6,735; W. Cowass, \$5,000; Victoria Plumbing Company, \$5,804; Colbert Plumbing Company, \$5,897; R. J. Knott, \$6,832; J. H. Warner & Son, \$7,000; Hayward & Dods, \$6,500; A. Street, \$7,400. Tenders for the erection of the building were received from the following: Dinsdale & Malcolm, \$13,787; Parritt Bros., \$14,493; Luney Bros., \$14,936; Thomas & Hodgson, \$15,200; E. & B. Bart, \$15,738; city tender, \$12,893. The tenders were referred to Aid. Ross, the city engineer and the building inspector.

ANOTHER SENSATION IN SCHENK TRIAL

Doctor Admits He Sold Poison to the Wife of the Millionaire

Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 18.—Dr. J. W. Myers, a prominent physician of Wheeling, took the stand yesterday at the trial of Mrs. Laura E. Schenk, who is charged with having attempted to poison her millionaire husband. Myers swore that Mrs. Schenk only a few days before her arrest had unsuccessfully tried to purchase arsenic of him.

He said Mrs. Schenk declared, "I'll pay you a big price for it." The witness, said the defendant, told him she had previously bought arsenic from another physician and asked that he visit to the office of Dr. Myers be kept a secret. Dr. Myers admitted under pressure that he had at other times sold poison to Mrs. Schenk. He said on those occasions she had purchased bi-chloride tablets and a full ounce of sugar of lead.

This statement again stirred up a controversy in the court, as it is the contention of the prosecution that Mrs. Schenk systematically fed her husband both arsenic and sugar of lead.

TRADE WITH AUSTRALIA. Vancouver, Jan. 18.—In any trade preference which may be agreed upon between Canada and Australia, the Commonwealth the inclusion of lumber among the articles to be named in the basis of reciprocity is urged by the British Columbia Lumber and Shingle Manufacturers' Association, which has sent the following telegram to Sir Wilfrid Laurier respecting the proposed negotiations between the two dominions for a trade agreement similar to that now existing between Canada and New Zealand: "British Columbia lumbermen urge most strongly that lumber be included in Australian preference as most important to the interests of this province."

CLAIMS DAMAGES FOR LOST EYE

Kellett Against B. C. Marine Railways Commenced Before the Chief Justice and Jury

(From Tuesday's Daily.) A claim for damages for the loss of an eye, owing to alleged negligence by his employers and their servants, was commenced in the Supreme court this morning before the Chief Justice by B. R. Kellett, against the B. C. Marine Railway Company. The case is being heard before a special jury, the plaintiff being represented by J. A. Atkinson and the defendant company by H. B. Robertson.

The plaintiff claims that on July 12, 1907, he was employed at the Star yard working with the foreman of the yard, and was ordered to commence caulking a scow with a horsing iron and horsing beetle that were out of repair. He was sent by the foreman to a place where a horsing iron and horsing beetle were provided by the company, and having obtained them, he says, he drew the attention of the foreman to the fact that the beetle was out of repair. When the horsing iron was used, the foreman ordered another man to assist the plaintiff, and this employee on commencing the work also drew the attention of the foreman to the fact that the implement was out of repair. The foreman told them to "take a shot at it" and see how they got along with the tools.

While using the beetle a splinter of iron from one of its rings broke off and struck the plaintiff in the eye. He obtained medical advice in Victoria, and it was told that the necessary appliances were not here for treatment. He was advised to go to Seattle and take the magnet treatment. He did so, but the iron splinter had penetrated the eye so far that the magnet would not withdraw it. Meantime the other eye became affected, and the Seattle physicians decided that to save one eye the injured one would have to be removed. The plaintiff was again operated on, and the eye injured by the iron splinter was removed. The plaintiff is proceeding at common law and not under the Employers' Liability Act.

Plaintiff, when called this morning, had in court the implements which he claims caused the loss of his eye, and with them a demonstration was given for the benefit and instruction of the jury. In his opening address Mr. Kellett said the man who had relieved the iron would give evidence as to the condition of the tools. The jury consists of A. H. Walker (foreman), E. H. Daniels, T. Dick, J. W. Elliot, G. H. Hudson, W. F. Jones, Edward Jackson and A. Ainsworth.

NOTICE TO MARINERS

A gas-lighted beacon has been established by the Government of Canada on the extreme of Mary Anne point, Galiano Island, on the north side of Active pass. The light is now in operation. The beacon consists of a concrete cylindrical tank, standing on a black steel framework, and surmounted by a black steel pyramidal frame supporting the lantern. The light is white, automatically occulted at short intervals. It is elevated 32 feet above high water mark, and should be visible 10 miles from all points of approach. The illuminant is acetylene, generated automatically. The light is visible 10 miles.

A gas-lighted beacon established by the Government of Canada on the middle islet of the Crane group, New Channel, Queen Charlotte sound, was put in operation on the 14th of November. The beacon consists of a steel cylindrical tank, standing on a steel framework, and surmounted by a pyramidal frame supporting the lantern, the whole painted red. The light is white, automatically occulted at short intervals. It is elevated 32 feet above high water mark, and should be visible for 10 miles.

The January dance of the Althea Club proved an enjoyable affair Monday night at the A. O. U. W. hall, where a large number of ladies and gentlemen were present. Rutley's orchestra supplied the music, the refreshments were served by the ladies.

The funeral of the late Dorothy Banks took place from the B. C. Funeral Home, 1141 St. James street, on Monday afternoon, where a large number of friends of the deceased had assembled, bringing with them great numbers of beautiful floral offerings. At Christ Church Cathedral, Rev. Canon Cooper conducted the services. The honorary pallbearers were: Miss Proctor, Miss Almut, Miss Prior and Miss Robinson. The pallbearers were: J. Robinson, L. Hornbrooke, F. Hooper and George Prior.

An "at home" and recital of songs was given last Saturday at the Octagon Mansions by Paul Edwards, the well-known baritone, who is now resident in Victoria. Mr. Edwards made an artistic success of a well-chosen and interesting programme and was well backed-up by his accompanists, Mrs. H. Young and Mrs. Unsworth, both of whom did excellent work. Mrs. C. R. Sergeantson and Miss Eastman presided at the tea tables, which were prettily decorated. Among the large number present were the Bishop of Columbia and Mrs. Perrin, Dean and Mrs. Doull, Mrs. and Miss Scott, Miss Saunders, Mrs. Church, Mrs. McKellock, Mrs. H. Young and Mrs. K. Peters, Miss Fraser, Miss Phillips, Miss Kennedy, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. and Miss Trewatha James, Mrs. Cross, Miss Lawson, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Spratt, Mr. and Mrs. Birch, Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. Stevenson, Miss Nelson, Miss H. Peters, Miss Hargerty, Mrs. Vincent, Miss Hicks, Miss Sturgees, Mrs. Gidson, Miss Bell, Miss Crocker, Mrs. and Miss Fraser, Miss Phillips, Miss Kennedy, Miss Eastman, Mr. and Mrs. Sergeantson, Mr. Howard Russell, Mr. A. A. Watt, Mr. F. Waddington, W. Godfrey Booth, W. T. Curtis, Mr. T. D. Davis and others.

DRAWN PRIZE IN PROMOTION

CAPT. BARTLETT NOW COMMANDS FINE VESSEL

Well Known Holt Skipper Master of Ascantius on Australian Route

Through his promotion from master of the Blue Funnel liner Bellerophon to the command of the new steamship Ascantius, recently launched at Belfast for the Ocean Steamship Company, Capt. Thomas Bartlett drew a prize in writing to a Puget Sound shipping man, the captain of the new vessel as being "crack-a-jack," as on her trial trip between Belfast and Glasgow she developed a speed of 17 1/2 knots according to his statements she is the best vessel in the fleet, she is 12,000 tons capacity, and has accommodation for 400 first-class passengers.

Capt. Bartlett is one of the best known skippers who have been sailing for many years. He has been in the Puget Sound for many years, and has a large number of friends here. He is a well-known and popular skipper, and his promotion to the command of the new vessel is a great honor to him.

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Who, after seven years on Liverpool and Puget Sound, has been appointed to command the new Holt liner Ascantius.

On his last trip to the Liverpool and Puget Sound, he visited this city first on the Holt liner Ocea in the early part of 1907, visiting here with a large number of Celestians who were anxious to evade the tariff on the Holt liner. The tariff was enforced by the Dominion government. A courteous, dignified and well-informed gentleman, Capt. Bartlett was very popular here as well as at other points on the Sound, having made many friends during his visits to these parts. His removal to the Australian service, while regretted for personal reasons by his host of friends and acquaintances, comes as a new word of great success in his career with the great shipping company which he is employed.

Gradually he has mounted the ladder of success until now he holds the distinguished position of third in command of the Holt line skippers. Only by his energetic work has he risen to that position, his competency having been noted by his employers. He has met with great success as a skipper, navigating his vessels with skill and not having met a disastrous accident during his lengthy career.

Carrying the square shoulders and the print of determination upon his countenance, Capt. Bartlett is a typical seaman. While an efficient man on the sea he is also an astute business man on land. During his trips to the Pacific coast he invested in property in Seattle, Tacoma, Vancouver and Victoria, and all his investments proved winners. He bought wisely and sold wisely, and made considerable money on his transactions.

On his last trip to this coast Captain Bartlett made a special trip to Prince Rupert, investigating harbor conditions there for the Holt line, which will undoubtedly include the G. T. P. terminals of the Puget Sound. After the railroad has been completed, a peculiar coincidence has occurred in that, although the Holt company operates 72 vessels, A. Collier, who was mate on the Ocea under Captain Bartlett seven years ago, has been promoted to command the Bellerophon, of which Capt. Bartlett was appointed master as soon as she was launched, leaving the Ocea to S. Finlason, who sailed from here last spring on the Ningchow as mate, has been appointed mate of the Ascantius.

BY-LAWS CARRIED

Improvement Schemes Involving Over \$2,500,000 Approved at Vancouver

Vancouver, Jan. 16.—Of the nineteen money by-laws submitted to the people on municipal election day sixteen were carried and three went down to defeat. The total of the by-laws approved aggregated a sum of \$2,535,000, while those that were lost consisted of a combined amount of \$946,000. Those which received their deathblows were the propositions for the Dunsmuir-Keefer and the Burrard street-Kittling and bridges, and the proposed acquisition of the corner of Eighth avenue intersecting at Westminster avenue.

The total of money by-laws submitted amounted to \$3,471,000. The majority powers of the city council to \$4,715,000 so it will be observed that deducting the \$2,535,000 which the citizens have sanctioned there remains \$1,180,000 for contingencies during the present year.

By-law to amend of Hastings Town, slight and District Lot 20, which was consummated at the polls at the same time as the election of representatives for municipal office, \$110,000 will have to be provided according to the recommendation of the city council, which considered that such sum should be devoted to the two districts, District Lot 20 to have \$50,000 and Hastings Township \$60,000. The following are the by-laws:

By-law to raise by way of debentures the sum of \$750,000 for school purposes.

By-law to raise by way of debentures the sum of \$100,000 for land for school sites in the south side of the city.

By-law to raise by way of debentures the sum of \$285,000 for school purposes.

By-law to raise by way of debentures the sum of \$300,000 for the purpose of improving, repairing and macadamizing streets in the city of Vancouver.

By-law to raise by way of debentures the sum of \$400,000 for the purpose of extending and improving the waterworks system of the city of Vancouver and purchasing the necessary land required therefor.

By-law to raise by way of debentures the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of opening and rough grading lanes.

By-law to raise \$25,000 for the construction of a public morgue.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH

New York, Jan. 15.—At least temporary abandonment of the plans of followers of Mrs. Augusta Stetson to regain control of the First Church of Christian Scientists of New York, is seen to-day as a result of the election of church trustees. It was expected that the Stetsonites would make a fight for the offices, but they did not do so, and the five trustees to fill vacancies on the board of nine, were chosen by "regular" federation.

GRANBY OPERATING ALL ITS FURNACES

President Reviews Work of Year—Development Work is Being Continued

Phoenix, Jan. 16.—The publicity policy which the new management of the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power Company decided upon at the stockholders' meeting last October has taken concrete form in the first semi-annual statement, which was mailed with the dividend cheques last month.

George Martin Luther, president of the company, in his statement says: "Pursuant to a resolution passed at your last annual meeting the directors beg to submit the following brief summary of events since that date: "Until very recently we have been running at about half capacity and the profits have naturally been small, but sufficient in the opinion of the directors to justify the payment of a small dividend in December.

"Development work has been pushed vigorously. Diamond drill operations at the south end of the Knob Hill and adjoining claims at Phoenix copper disclosed a considerable body of ore, and it is expected that the drift from the present workings which is now being run will add materially to our reserves.

"Two options on new properties have been taken on attractive terms, one on the Cliff-Consolidated St. Elmo, at Rossland, and one on those of the Hidden Creek Copper Company on the coast of British Columbia, both of which are considered by engineers as likely to prove important. If the developments now in progress confirm our expectations in these cases the question of actual purchase will be referred to a special meeting of the shareholders. Everything indicates an energetic and successful campaign during the coming year."

At a cost approximately 10,000 cents per pound Granby produced in November 1,110,381 pounds of copper, compared with 1,184,234 pounds in October. Precious metal contents totalled \$2,228 ounces of silver and 2,537 ounces of gold.

In November six furnaces of the smelter were in blast. Early in December the seventh furnace was blown in and the course of a few days the eighth will be started, so that the entire battery will be operating.

For some time earlier in the year the smelter was running but half capacity, but in October orders were wired to blow in immediately two additional furnaces. When the entire plant is running 4,500 tons of ore can be treated daily.

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BUILDINGS IN CANADIAN CITIES

RETURNS SHOW LARGE INCREASE

Average Gain of 64 Per Cent in November Compared With Same Month in 1909

The winter season let up in building operations held in anticipation by the more pessimistic, has as yet failed to put in an appearance. Judging from the present state of activities, the Canadian building no longer cares the shadow of his finger for the frost, the snow or the sweep of the wind. Experience has taught him to meet weather conditions as they come, and his works no longer aim to special seasons, but aim to keep him busy from one end of the year to the other. Nothing more clearly demonstrates this than the comparative figures for the month of November, submitted to Construction Toronto, from 24 important cities throughout the Dominion. These figures show a most gratifying state of progress on practically all sides, with individual gains in some cases such as has never before been attained in the history of the community they represent.

An average gain of 64 per cent, representing an investment of \$5,051,000 as against \$4,791,000 in the corresponding month of 1909, tells the story of the month's progress in brief, and while the amount noted is slightly less than recorded in October, it nevertheless indicates a growth that is well-keeping with the remarkable development that has characterized the season throughout.

Possibly the most pronounced feature of the month's progress is the universal activity that obtained in general, as it was the heavy proportional gains made in all parts. Toronto, as its usual wont, stands well at the head of the list, with a gain of \$2,049,000, a splendid total to top off the year's successive gains already to her credit, while Vancouver registers an amount for permits issued of \$1,897,895, which is a most remarkable showing in view of this city's past performance. These totals are the largest reported for the month, and the gains are 5 per cent, and 211 per cent in order named.

Although three more losses are noted in the previous month, it must be remembered that the number of entries reporting is again one-third as great. Apart from Halifax's loss of 76 per cent, and the decrease in Lethbridge of 2 per cent, the remaining cities are all actively, but little affected the exceeding active conditions which otherwise prevailed. The highest increase for the month goes to Port Arthur, whose monthly development is reflected in a gain of 1,293 per cent, representing an investment of \$182,015 as compared with \$13,350 in the months of November, 1909. Ontario, in fact, turned itself into a good account in practically every respect.

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CITIES

B. C. BRANCH IS TO BE ORGANIZED HERE

Meeting Will Be Held to Promote Work of St. John Ambulance Association

(From Tuesday's Daily.) With a view to organizing a provincial branch of the St. John Ambulance Association a public meeting will be held in the office of Bevan, Gore & Elliott, H. A. Bromley was in the chair, and there were also present Hon. E. G. Prior, Col. Wadmore, D. O. C. St. Barbe, Maurice Cane, A. R. Sherwood, P. H. T. Drake, H. Sherwood, B. B. B. and P. S. Melkjohn. A decision based on broad and generous principles was arrived at as to admission, but it was made clear that participation in the dinner would constitute no precedent and would not be considered tantamount to a right to join the Public School Old Boys' Association which is to be launched at the dinner. A toast was agreed upon, The King, the United Services, Land We Live In and the Old Public School Boys' Association. Tickets for the dinner which is to be held in the Empress Hotel on Saturday, were obtained from A. R. Sherwood, Northern Crown Bank, C. St. Barbe, Balmoral Hotel; H. A. Bromley, Union Club; H. Sheridan-Bickers, Daily Colonist, and G. S. Cartwright, Victoria Times. The trouble will start at 7.30.

LOCAL NEWS

W. H. Craig, poundkeeper, has resigned, and the council Monday evening elected W. Atkinson, as his successor.

The Daughters of Scotland will hold a dance to celebrate Burns' birthday. Broad street hall, on Wednesday, January 25th at 8.30 o'clock.

On Friday evening next the city council will confer with a deputation from the Trades and Labor council, on the question of wages to corporation workmen.

The death occurred at the Jubilee hospital Monday at 10 o'clock, Mrs. Anna Hall, aged 74 years. She was born in Port George, now Winnipeg, Manitoba, and had been living in Victoria for about two years. She leaves a daughter, Mrs. Francis Stewart, 347 McClure street, and many other relatives in this city.

The electric light committee of the city council is now considering a report in respect to the matter of repairing the lighting system on the causeway wall. Mr. Hutchinson estimates that the work will cost \$200. The council, in view of the fact that the time and work done, if in their opinion this estimate is a fair one.

A coroner's jury Tuesday returned a verdict of accidental death, after hearing the evidence in connection with the death of Joseph O'Brien, who was killed by the E. & N. train at Ten Mile Point on Saturday night last. The inquest was held at the office of the provincial police. The funeral will take place from the Victoria Undertaking parlors to-morrow afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Rev. Gilbert Cook will officiate.

Two lads were before George Jay, Judge of the juvenile court, Monday afternoon, charged with damaging property in Beacon Hill park, and were allowed to go on suspended sentence. Two other lads who stole a horse and abandoned it later, leaving it on the highway, were allowed to go on suspended sentence subject to a regular report from their parents. The latter prosecution was instituted by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Edward Plowright, a fruit-grower of Strawberry Vale, was the defendant in a police court yesterday in an action brought by Dominion Fruit Inspector D. M. Robertson, under the Inspection and Sale act, section 230. The defendant was charged with not having marked the grade of fruit on the boxes exposed for sale at the warehouse on the Fruit Exchange, Yates street, on Dec. 13. He was found guilty and fined \$10. W. H. Langley appeared for the prosecution and M. B. Jackson for the defence. Another charge against J. Soule was similarly dealt with.

At Monday's meeting of the city council Brown & Simms, livery stable keepers, applied for a permit to erect a stable on Fisgard street. The mayor explained that the firm had made certain alterations to their premises without first obtaining a permit, and had been summoned by the building inspector for so doing. The latter had, however, expressed a willingness to withdraw the summons if the firm gave an undertaking to pull down the structure within four months. The latter was referred to the building inspector and the city solicitor for report.

Moore & Hamlet, proprietors of a garage, forwarded a bill to the city council yesterday, for \$400, the amount of damages which they allege one of their auto's suffered by being stalled on Vancouver street, on Saturday night last. They explained that the city engineer had seen the accident, that the auto had sunk in the mud right up to the running board and that the machine would be put out of commission for the next four months. The matter was referred to the city solicitor and engineer for report.

The recent unprecedented severe winter weather on the southern portion of Vancouver Island has caused a stoppage of the work in progress at the power plant undertaking of the B. C. Electric Railway Company at Jordan River. Because of this circumstance the company is unable to set any date for the inauguration of the power service to the city of Victoria, though work will be resumed with the utmost vigor as soon as weather conditions will permit.

PUBLIC SCHOOL MEN MAKE ARRANGEMENTS

Old Country Old Public School-boys Will Meet at Festive Board

A meeting of the executive committee which has charge of the arrangements for the Old Country Old Public School Boys' dinner, to be held in the Empress Hotel on Saturday, was held Monday in the office of Bevan, Gore & Elliott, H. A. Bromley was in the chair, and there were also present Hon. E. G. Prior, Col. Wadmore, D. O. C. St. Barbe, Maurice Cane, A. R. Sherwood, P. H. T. Drake, H. Sherwood, B. B. B. and P. S. Melkjohn. A decision based on broad and generous principles was arrived at as to admission, but it was made clear that participation in the dinner would constitute no precedent and would not be considered tantamount to a right to join the Public School Old Boys' Association which is to be launched at the dinner. A toast was agreed upon, The King, the United Services, Land We Live In and the Old Public School Boys' Association. Tickets for the dinner which is to be held in the Empress Hotel on Saturday, were obtained from A. R. Sherwood, Northern Crown Bank, C. St. Barbe, Balmoral Hotel; H. A. Bromley, Union Club; H. Sheridan-Bickers, Daily Colonist, and G. S. Cartwright, Victoria Times. The trouble will start at 7.30.

STORM SWEEP AWAY THE COLD WEATHER

Cold Wave From North Will Strike Prairies but This Province Will Escape

The southwest wind which raged all yesterday was felt along the coast from California to Prince Rupert, and at North Head reached a velocity of 60 miles. In Victoria the maximum velocity was about 35 miles. A remarkable feature of the storm was the rapid way in which it lipped up snow, which practically disappeared without undergoing the process of melting. The storm centering around Vancouver Island has broken up the cold wave in all parts of the province, and has even brought mild weather into the Cariboo, where the thermometer was many degrees below zero. In California the rain has ceased and the temperature is steadily rising. A prominent real estate man of this city, lately returned from California, says that in many parts of that state they had had no rain since April and the recent storm came as a great relief, inasmuch as it got good crops in the coming season.

E. Napier Denison, of the weather office, states that far to the north a decided cold wave has been reported, which will probably spread south into the prairie provinces. However, it is not probable that British Columbia will feel the effects of it. The weather here will be mild and unsettled, with rain.

Fernie Fire Losses. Fernie, Jan. 16.—Fire Chief McDougall, in his annual report, states that the number of fires during the year was 17. Total losses, \$7,473; total insurance carried, \$48,535; total insurance over losses, \$41,052.

The report continues in part as follows: A noticeable improvement has been made during the year by the purchase of hose and installing 13 emergency hose boxes, containing from 300 to 500 feet of hose each in different parts of the residential portions of the city. Provisions have been made during the year for the Gamewell Fire Alarm system to be installed, which at the present time is under construction. 12 hydrants have been added, which gives us 52 at the present time. The water pressure throughout the city is excellent.

It will be necessary for the Council of 1911 to consider the advisability of appointing two paid men, as the city is increasing to such an extent that it is advisable to make the said appointments.

The salaries of the firemen will be paid before they are getting sufficient remuneration for services rendered. It is therefore recommended that the following be given your consideration: The appointment of two full paid men. An increase of salary for our present volunteers. A horse and buggy be provided for the fire chief.

UNITED MINE WORKERS. Twelve Hundred Delegates Attend Annual Convention at Columbus. Columbus, O., Jan. 17.—Representing 350,000 miners of the United States and Canada, 1,200 delegates were in attendance here to-day when the annual convention of the United Mine Workers of America began.

John P. White of Iowa, is confident that when the teller's report is made at the end of the week, it will show that he has been elected to the presidency of the organization. President Lewis, his opponent, is equally confident that he will be chosen for another term.

OAK BAY COUNCIL. Only a formal meeting was held by the four members of Oak Bay Council present Monday night. Acting Mayor H. McGregor, Councilors P. D. Hillis, F. B. Pemberton and J. H. Hargreaves. After hearing the treasurer's report and engineer's report they adjourned until the committee are struck.

KILLED IN MINE. (Special to the Times.) Nanaimo, Jan. 17.—Charles D. Wright, electrician, aged 24, was run over by a motor on No. 10 level, No. 3 mine, yesterday afternoon, and instantly killed.

Instituted twenty-two years ago by S. Briggs, the annual Burns concert in First Presbyterian church will take place on January 25.

Building permits have been issued to A. A. Belbeck for a dwelling to be erected on Pine street to cost \$2,000; to Robert D. Lamb, dwelling on Boyd street to cost \$1,000; to Alexander Dale, stable on Graham street to cost \$50.

The Shawnigan Lake A. A. is arranging for a grand masquerade dance at the club house, Shawnigan, on Thursday, January 26. Dancing will commence at 9 p. m. and the music will be furnished by the Bantley-Thain orchestra.

TROPHY IS GIVEN BY MAYOR MORLEY

He Donates Handsome Cup for Competition Between Teams of New Soccer League

When the Island league is reorganized as a straight amateur body, the players who compete therein will have something more to play for than the mere honor and glory of the thing. At Monday's meeting of the Victoria branch of the B. C. A. U. it was resolved to appoint a committee to endeavor to obtain a cup to be played for by the reorganized Island League as soon as possible. The committee consisted of A. J. Bruce, Ed. Christoffer and Ben O'Sullivan, and they certainly did not let the grass grow under their feet. Their efforts were crowned with success and the result of their rustling has been that Mayor Morley has generously agreed to donate a suitable cup.

It will be called the City of Victoria cup and will become the absolute property of any team winning it twice. Winning it twice, they get that. Winning it twice in any way, not necessarily twice in succession; no siree, but just winning it twice, even though many moons intervene between the best winning and the second. Some teams may be back.

PORTUGUESE SITUATION. Report Received at Rome Results in Dispatch of Italian Battleship to Lisbon. Rome, Jan. 17.—Upon receipt of reports of conditions in Portugal, the Italian government yesterday dispatched a battleship to Lisbon. The warship sailed at 10 o'clock. The battleship of the armada received was the "Duilio."

KILLS FORMER SWEETHEART. Denver, Jan. 17.—Miss Anastasia Wunderly, 24, was shot and killed by M. Edgar Murphy, 34, former sweetheart. The shooting took place in the city streets. As the police officer Murphy said he was unable to identify the girl, he was released. Miss Wunderly's father had accepted his attention had proved a bad idea.

GOOD SHOWING MADE BY HEALTH WORKERS

Victoria Anti-Tuberculosis Society Held Annual Meeting Yesterday Afternoon

(From Tuesday's Daily.) The annual meeting of the Victoria Anti-Tuberculosis Society was held yesterday in the offices of Dr. Fagan, secretary to the provincial health department, in the Parliament buildings. In addition to Dr. Fagan there were present Messrs. Robertson, Mann, Tye, Coles, Raymond, Wilkinson, Carmichael and Fagan.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and the usual routine business disposed of, the question of the sale of membership tickets was taken up and it was resolved to do everything possible to push the sale of tickets, which cost \$1 each.

The annual report was read and approved. Mrs. Mann, the treasurer, submitted her financial statement, which was also approved. A discussion of local conditions followed and delegates were appointed to attend the meeting of the provincial society on February 10 in the city hall. A letter was read from the chief medical officer in charge of the society's hospital at Vancouver, showing that the patients were benefiting immensely from the fresh air cure and that many of them were sleeping outdoors even when the temperature was 28 degrees below freezing.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Frank S. Bernard; vice-president, Mrs. Robertson; secretary, Mrs. Mann; secretary, Mrs. Carmichael; executive committee, Messrs. Wilkinson, Coles and Fagan. The annual report was as follows: Madam President and Members: During the year the regular monthly meetings have been held and the attendance, while not large, was satisfactory in point of interest shown.

At every meeting local cases of consumption were considered and, where assistance was needed, help was granted. On behalf of the society our medical representative visited ten cases, and in each case instructions were given as to methods of living so as to prevent the spread of the disease and there was only call for heavy expenditure in two cases. The society announced that it is able and willing to assist any local case of consumption where such assistance is needed and would be grateful to the medical profession for reporting cases needing aid or help.

Annual rummage sale was held on March 11th-12th and was a great success, the sum of \$448.75 being realized. This money, as previously arranged, goes to the Tranquille maintenance fund. Every article presented for sale was clean and in good condition and goods were not accepted from houses where there have been infectious diseases.

The senior society assisted the junior society in presenting a café chantant given in the third week of November, taking entire charge of the refreshments, and from the proceeds we were given the amount to complete our grant for furnishing the dining-room at Tranquille.

Owing to the absence from town of many of our active workers, a "tag day" was held at a later date than usual, the sum of \$448.55 being collected.

(Signed) MARSHA BARNARD, President. ROSINA ROBERTSON, Vice-President. JOSEPHINE CARMICHAEL, Secretary.

GREAT HIGHWAY PROPOSED. Road Through Pacific States From Canada to Mexico Planned. San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 17.—Plans for a great highway which running through the entire length of the Pacific Coast states, would connect Canada with Mexico, are being boosted here to-day by Samuel Hill, son of J. J. Hill.

Hill, who is honorary president of the Good Roads Association of the state of Washington and vice-president of the national organization, looks to California to take the lead in working for the projected road. In touch with the leaders of public thought to that end.

EXPLOSION KILLS FOUR. Nabrara, Neb., Jan. 17.—Four persons were killed and four injured in an explosion in one of the hotels here. The fire ground a three-story frame hotel. The explosion was caused by a leak in a gas plant in the cellar.

COLD AT HALIFAX. Halifax, N. S., Jan. 17.—The temperature is 15 below zero here, a gale wind and humidity causing suffering.

FRESH GAME BIRDS FOR THE PROVINCE

Provincial Game Warden is Satisfied With Results of Past Year's Work

Provincial Game Warden A. Bryan Williams says his department is continuing its policy of introducing fresh blood to the pheasants, partridge, and prairie chicken of the province. Within the past two years about 1500 pheasants have been put out in the lower mainland and Vancouver Island and the good results in the improvement of the quality of the birds have already been seen. For some time the British Columbia pheasants had been deteriorating in size and quality and the department found this plan of improving the breed an excellent one. It is likely that more pheasants will be brought in this year, although the object aimed at has been practically accomplished.

Some partridge were turned out at Agassiz last year and are doing well. Fifty brace have now been ordered for distribution among the native partridge. The partridge in the province are increasing rapidly and it is for the purpose of having the quality of the stock kept up to the quantity that the game department is introducing new birds.

Prairie chicken have also been ordered from Saskatchewan to breed with the chicken now in British Columbia, which are spreading rapidly, especially in the Okanagan valley.

On account of the fact that grouse are almost impossible to secure no efforts are being made to bring any of them in, either willow or blue variety which are the most common here. The British Columbia grouse in any case have not shown any signs yet of material deterioration in quality.

Mr. Williams says that if the heavy snowfall in the mountains continues the grouse will be unable to find their winter game as well as the deer, which will become serious. A heavy snowfall would mean a scarcity of food and the deer especially would be driven to the mountains where they are more likely to become the prey of other animals and less likely to obtain food to their liking.

MEMBERS EJECTED. Disorderly Scenes in West Australian House As Result of Traction of Labor Party. Melbourne, Jan. 17.—Extraordinary scenes have marked the progress of a redistribution of seats bill introduced in a state parliament of West Australia. The measure incurred the hostility of the labor members of the House, and they resorted to obstructive tactics in order to delay its passage.

For twenty-nine hours they kept the house sitting, delivering speech after speech and argument after argument, until from sheer exhaustion they were obliged to give up. During the progress of the sitting six members of the Labor party were ejected from the House. One of the Laborites showed fight, and the services of the police were requisitioned to remove him from the chamber. The uproar at this got so great that the speaker was reduced to a state of helplessness.

Finally the Labor party withdrew from the House in a body, and progress having been made with the redistribution bill, the assembly rose. The bill will be carried into law in spite of the opposition of the Labor members.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 17.—The Democrats and Insurgents in the House combined yesterday afternoon in a fight and by a vote of 155 to 124 put the Cannon forces to flight.

The vote was a motion to lay on the table an appeal from the ruling by the Speaker. Twenty-one Insurgents joined with the Democrats and the motion was lost. The fight involved practically the same issues as last Monday, when Cannon was sustained.

SENT TO PRISON FOR EMBEZZLEMENT. Bank May Make Profit as Result of Former Employee's Investments. Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 17.—Joseph Fuhrmann, former paying teller of the National Bank Commerce in this city, was yesterday sentenced to serve six years in the penitentiary by Judge Donworth of the federal court for the embezzlement of an amount said to aggregate \$100,000.

Fuhrmann, who is only 26 years old, invested the money in various enterprises, including shingle mills and timber lands, and it is said that many will be the bank recover the full amount of his speculations, but will actually make a profit on Fuhrmann's investments.

IDAHO CENSUS RETURNS. Washington, D. C., Jan. 17.—The population of the following Idaho cities is announced by the census bureau: Coeur d'Alene, 7,281; Lewiston, 6,043; Pocatello, 5,110; Twin Falls, 5,258.

Roseburg, Ore., Jan. 17.—Eight business buildings were destroyed by fire in the little town of Gardiner last night, according to telephone information from Roseburg, Ore. The loss aggregates \$30,000. Gardiner is a town of 500 inhabitants, situated near the mouth of the Umpqua river, in Southern Oregon.

BULWARKS BATTERED IN BY HEAVY SEAS

Hallamshire Reached Port This Morning After Stormy Passage From Orient

With her starboard bulwarks on her after deck battered in for a distance of twenty feet, and seven of her stays crumpled and bent by a heavy sea which was shipped on the fifth day out from Yokohama, the steamship Hallamshire, Capt. Elliott, under charter to the Bank line, arrived in port this morning from the Orient after an extremely rough passage. She occupied nineteen days in making the trip, being forty-eight hours behind her schedule time.

The Hallamshire left Yokohama on December 30 and on New Year's Day was in the midst of a heavy gale, battered by heavy combers, a victim of tricky winds which kept veering from south to southwest and northwest and tossed around in royal style the big steamship was a mere plaything for the elements, which raged about her. The weather was so heavy that the crew was forced to remain in shelter and the cook was unable to transact his duties in an efficient manner. They claim that the passage was the most dreary one they have experienced.

Five days out from the land of the rising sun the Hallamshire was being pounded and labored so badly in the tremendous seas that she made little headway at all. About 10 o'clock in the evening when the storm reached its height a massive wave hurled itself upon the vessel and bent the heavy steel plates in her bulwarks. The bad weather continued until the meridian was crossed, when it dropped in force and fury. She began to pick up some of her lost time and conditions were favorable for her reaching port on time.

When two days out from this port, however, she was buffeted severely by a strong southeast gale. The wind blew at a velocity of 35 miles an hour and a blinding snowstorm was encountered. Her speed was reduced and again she was weathering a heavy storm. It was expected that she would be reported on Sunday but no word was received of her and yesterday also passed without any message. Last night she passed in at the cape and reached Quantines at 10 o'clock.

This is the first visit of the Hallamshire to Victoria. She brought from the Orient 6,000 tons of general freight of which about 200 tons was consigned for this port. She also carried a small shipment of silk.

C. P. R. RATES. W. F. Maclean Wants Steps Taken to Reduce Charges on Main Line. (Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Jan. 17.—In the House of Commons this afternoon W. F. Maclean moved a resolution asking that immediate steps be taken to secure a reduction on C. P. R. rates on the main line, in view of the company's declaration of a ten per cent dividend. Mr. Maclean urged that the time had come when the road could well afford and should be compelled to reduce rates. He reviewed the history of the partnership between the C. P. R. and the country, noting the special privileges given the road, and now demanded a return to the public in the shape of lower rates.

Hon. G. P. Graham, replying, said the company was under control of the railway commission and was on the same basis as all the other roads in Canada. He thought the commission could be trusted to reduce rates when the road could well afford and should be compelled to reduce rates. He reviewed the history of the partnership between the C. P. R. and the country, noting the special privileges given the road, and now demanded a return to the public in the shape of lower rates.

KILLED BY SNOWSLIDE. Kitchikan, Jan. 16.—Joseph Verschoyle, superintendent of the Silver Cup mine, was killed in a snow slide. His body was recovered later.

Frank Martin of Hazelton and the Babines report that Verschoyle was caught in the snow slide which buried his death while on his way from the No. 2 drift to the camp below. He was in the drift looking after the work, and remarking as he left for the camp that he would have some snow from the trail as he went down. Later when the men went down at the close of the day's work they were surprised to find that Verschoyle was not there. They then thought of the slide they had noticed as they came down the trail, and feared he had been caught in it. Upon returning to the hill they saw his cap in the snow, and immediately sent word in to Hazelton and the other camps. It is believed he caused the slide while shovelling the snow from the trail.

CHINESE INQUIRY. Vancouver, Jan. 17.—It is being emphasized here every day of the stern necessity of separating this business of Chinese immigration from the customs department. Somebody ought to look after it. From the evidence so far it seems to have been nobody's business.

At the Royal Chinese Customs Commission this morning the evidence given by Inspector Edward Scott Busby was most sensational. He read letters he had received from various sources, one was from Customs Collector McDonald of Prince Rupert, saying he had been approached with a view of seeing if things there could be worked out for every illegal entry \$20 was to be paid to Tip On and \$100 to the customs officials.

This was a bombshell and came just at the hour of adjournment. Inspector Busby was to be continued on the stand this afternoon, as he is proving to be a mine of information.

64 Per Cent Compared With 1909

Nothing more than the month of construction, important centres. These, affecting state of all sides, with the cases such as attained in the city they represent. 4 per cent, out of \$3,051,119 the correspond. In brief, and is slightly less. It is well in the case of the announced feature much the unexplained. Toronto, as is all at the head of \$2,040,000 of the best to her credit. An amount of \$7,592, which is in view of a. These reported for the 5 per cent, or named. Cases are noted that, it must be under of either third as great loss of 75 per cent in Letting. The exceedingly otherwise decrease for Arthur, whose reflected in a representing an compared with of November, turned itself to ally every 21. An increase of 44 per ahead by 1909. It is also noted William, which and this 11 na, which is 1909. Fort Will. \$411,480, which rious caravan, Ottawa, ons to the 4. Increase of 11 ds a gain of 2. The figures, per cent of \$23,846 noted in the ase of London. Under the decline. of the Dominion equally pro- sly mentioned orting for ganial manner in the est. took new writ- qual to a gain total, which l noted in these volumes to which amount, when cent; is noted unt; as was de- ize, whose de- sely stated. In- ina and Mos- eir figures to the investment. ximately \$50. is in a state but correspond revious year. Issues permit s a gain of 11 strides was- and Victoria- rder named. 1909. month in 1909.

EIGHT KILLED ON U. S. BATTLESHIP

(Times Leased Wire.) Washington, D. C., Jan. 17.—Eight men were killed this afternoon and one seriously injured by a boiler explosion aboard the battleship Delaware, according to a report just received here.

The explosion, which was caused by a boiler room with a chance for escape.

Those killed in the explosion were: Charles Hart, first class fireman; Thomas Porter, first class fireman; William White, second class fireman; Robert Brewer, second class fireman; George White, coal passer; Christian Brown, water tender. An unidentified man was also killed.

George Phillips, a first class fireman, was badly injured.

EX-MAYOR DEAD. (Special to the Times.) Northport, Ont., Jan. 17.—Ex-Mayor John Besic died yesterday afternoon. He was born in Peterboro, Ontario, and spent his whole life here. He spent seven years in the council, the last from 1906-06, as mayor, and took a prominent part in the inauguration of municipal civic works.

Pioneer Pioneers Away. Northport, Ont., Jan. 17.—Abraham Pioneers, one of Ontario's pioneers, died last Sunday night, aged 90.

Minister of Defence Criticized by Melbourne Trades Council. Melbourne, Jan. 17.—The Melbourne Trades Council is criticizing severely the minister of defence, Mr. Pearce, because of the cost of the cruiser now building in England has been increased by one hundred thousand pounds each. The council declares that the increase looks like robbery in the interests of somebody in Great Britain. Mr. Pearce declines responsibility in a caustic reply to his forwarded to the labor body.

Seattle Charterers of G. T. P. Steamer Failed With Conditions of Contracts. Lack of sufficient reservations, has caused the cancelling of the commercial excursion to Hawaii by the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, which was to have been taken by the G. T. P. steamer Prince Rupert. It was the intention of the directors of the affair to sell 210 tickets, but they failed in the attempt. They had arranged for the chartering of the Grand Trunk steamer, but being unable to secure a sufficient number of passengers to warrant the excursion the G. T. P. has called the trip off.

It transpires that the excursion agents, whose headquarters are at Seattle, were allowed until January 10 to fulfill the stipulated conditions, and when they failed to do so the time was extended until January 12 with no better results. The G. T. P. will be out considerable money on the transaction, as a large expenditure had been made in adapting the steamer Prince Rupert for the trip. She has been lying at the local wharf for several weeks undergoing a thorough overhauling.

Many Victorians who anticipated making the trip to the Hawaiian Islands in the midst of the festive season at the mid ocean port, will be greatly disappointed. The Grand Trunk officials are equally disappointed, but as no other course was open to them they regretfully had to cancel the charter on their vessel.

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TRADES COUNCIL ELECTS OFFICERS

J. C. WATTERS IS RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT

Labor Congress of Canada to Interview the Provincial Government

At a well attended meeting of the Victoria Trades and Labor Council held last evening officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

President, J. C. Watters; vice-president, A. P. Maxwell; recording and corresponding secretary, C. Sivertz; financial secretary, W. Clack; treasurer, G. H. Thibbits; sergeant-at-arms, F. Parrott; executive committee, Phil Smith, C. Sivertz and G. H. Thibbits; delegates to the British Columbia Federation of Labor, J. C. Watters, Laborers' Union, Frank Perrott, Palmers' Union.

The president announced that the B. C. executive of the Labor Congress of Canada would meet the premier and members of the provincial cabinet on Monday, the 23rd inst. Delegates McKenzie, Herburger and Miller were appointed a committee to represent the Victoria Council and accompany the executive.

Credentials were presented by J. L. Martin of the Laborers' Union, J. Forster of the Sheet Metal Workers, and George Beck, of the Plumbers.

The auditors' report was presented by Delegate Sherk and showed the treasury to be in a healthy condition. It made many recommendations for the better conduct of financial business of the council, all of which were adopted. Delegate Sherk also reported on behalf of the legislature committee.

The Barterers' Union presented a list of hotels and saloons that were fair union houses.

Under the head of new business the question of compelling all plumbers to pass an examination was discussed. Many of the delegates were of the opinion that the provincial government ought to pass an act to that effect, as is now the case with stationary engineers; others thought that all men who drove autos, foremen of all construction work and all workmen holding responsible positions—where human life is in danger—should pass examinations. It was finally decided on motion to appoint a committee with a view to having legislation enacted along the lines mentioned.

The Workmen's Compensation Act, which Mr. Hawthornthwaite has in charge, was discussed at some length. Mr. Hawthornthwaite's good services in connection with the bill were heartily appreciated—though many thought that the compensation proposed should be more liberal—and finally a resolution was passed endorsing the principle of the bill, and urging that the amount allowed in case of death should be raised from \$100 to \$300 dollars and the amount provided in case of injury should be raised to \$1000.

PNEUMATIC FURNITURE.

Inflated Seat and Back Cushions Insure Solid Comfort.

Now the pneumatic principle has been applied to furniture. A California man has adapted it to the inflation of seat and back cushions for chairs and sofas, and as may readily be imagined, it makes for solid comfort indeed. The original cushion, before the upholstery has been put on, is of rubber, and is built over wire springs to keep it from deflating too much as the air gradually escapes, which, of course, it eventually does. Each cushion has a nozzle, by which



air can be pumped into it when necessary, but it will remain inflated for a long time after one blowing up. To get the best results it is advisable not to inflate the cushions too much or the weight of the average person will not make enough impression on them to give comfort. The pneumatic seat and back yield to every motion of the body, and fit every angle and curve, which is something that the best of the old-style tufted cushion does not do.

CUMBERLAND CIVIC ELECTION.

Cumberland, Jan. 18.—The election here resulted as follows: Mayor—T. E. Bate.

Aldermen—T. E. Banks, J. N. McLeod, Alex. Maxwell, Chas. Fairbank, Robt. McNeil and Jas. Stewart.

For School Trustee—Robt. Henderson.

The result of the election may be regarded as a Citizen's League victory; the league's candidate for the majority, for school trustee and four of their candidates for aldermen being returned to the council board 1911.

QUESTION OF OATH.

Vancouver, Jan. 18.—Mr. Justice Murphy of the Royal Commission Commission this morning adopted all further operative methods so far as the examinations of Celestials on the stand go. Mr. McCrossan had done his best to examine Yip Sue Poi, the brother of Yip On, without avail.

"As soon as S. S. Taylor, Yip On's counsel, returns," said Mr. Justice Murphy, "we will have the 'chicken oath' administered to Yip On and Yip Sou."

This means a long Chinese ritual, during which a chicken is decapitated in open court. The witness then with the blood of the fowl signs his name to an affidavit in which he calls down the wrath of the evil spirits and the hope that he, too, will be found headless like the chicken if he tells a lie.

This will be bitterly contested by Mr. Taylor. This phase of the case came up last week when Yip On was under oath.

"The men have been over to our religion," said Mr. Taylor. "They are Christians. You have taught them to believe in your Bible. Now you virtually tell them that your teachings are not so, and for them to return to what you teach is 'un-Christian belief.' It is a very odd question in all the same. Mr. Justice Murphy says the 'chicken oath' will be administered."

POLICE INQUIRY AT PRINCE RUPERT

Graft Charge Against Sergeant Dismissed, but He is Asked to Resign

Prince Rupert, Jan. 18.—After hearing all the evidence in regard to the graft charges laid against Sergeant Regan of the city police force, the police commissioners closed the case and delivered their decision. While they held that the evidence adduced was not sufficient to sustain the charges against the officer, and accordingly dismissed them, they also held that it was desirable to ask for Sergeant Regan's resignation as it had been established that he had associated with the people with whom he was charged with protecting. Such action, in the opinion of the commission weakened the influence of the police force. The judgment also charged Chief McCarver to take necessary steps to have an improvement in the condition of affairs effected.

In dismissing the charge against Regan on the ground that the evidence was insufficient, Mayor Stork said: "There is one thing about this case which has been a revelation to the commissioners. We have evidently lots of people here whom we never suspected we had amongst us engaged in various doubtful forms of business. Evidence has been led that you have frequented these places of business and sat in one of them."

"We look for a high standard of moral excellence from the police force. We look at it in this way, that even while you were not on duty if you associated with these people, to a very large extent you weaken and destroy your influence with them. We have decided to dismiss the charge of graft but are going to ask you to give us your resignation on account of your association as brought out here. During the hearing of the evidence your chief has sat here and as well as the police commissioners in conversation with the state of affairs, and I would therefore charge the police with the responsibility of taking whatever steps are necessary to improve this condition of affairs."

At one point Mr. Regan endeavored to interrupt but he was silenced. Alderman Mobley concurred in the judgment delivered by the mayor and the court rose immediately afterwards.

BRUTAL MURDER IN CHICAGO.

Chicago, Jan. 18.—Hacked to pieces, the body of an unidentified Italian, found in an alleyway here to-day, has given the police a mystery to solve. The victim, believed to have been a tailor, is thought by the police to have been slain by foreign garment workers for having "scabbed" in the strike which has been on here for months.

The identity exhibited in the crime is almost unparalleled in police annals. With a short handle axe found beside the body, the victim had been chopped to bits.

Beside the axe lay a revolver with two chambers empty and marks all around, showing that the dead man had put up a struggle for his life.

MAY RETAIN QUEUES.

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 18.—To demonstrate that they are not immune from the spirit of insurgency, local Chinese will inaugurate a luke-warm revolution against the imperial edict issued last June directing that they cut off their queues February 2, the beginning of the Chinese new year, by refusing to obey orders. Tradition, fostered by the old men and vainly nursed by the younger, combined with an order from the Leon Tong of San Francisco, to which most of the local Celestials belong, will be the weapons with which they will resist.

SCHOOL QUESTION IN TURKEY.

Constantinople, Jan. 18.—There is grave trouble in sight between Turkey and a number of the world powers on the question of foreign schools in the Sultan's country.

Schools, whose pupils are wholly native, have been forced to submit to government supervision amounting to control, and now a vigorous campaign is being waged against those institutions engaged in part or entirely in the education of foreigners.

CHORAL SOCIETY VISITED DUNCAN

Repeated Concert Recently Given Here to a Delighted Audience Last Night

The Choral Society's Duncan concert was given last evening and proved an unequalled success. Sixty-five persons left Victoria on a special train at 6 o'clock with twenty visitors and duly arrived at Duncan at 7:30, supper, for those who had been unable to get something to eat before leaving.

The men have been over to our religion," said Mr. Taylor. "They are Christians. You have taught them to believe in your Bible. Now you virtually tell them that your teachings are not so, and for them to return to what you teach is 'un-Christian belief.' It is a very odd question in all the same. Mr. Justice Murphy says the 'chicken oath' will be administered."

ROOSEVELT MAY VISIT PROVINCE

Former President Has Long Contemplated Hunting Trip in British Columbia

(Times Leased Wire.) Vancouver, Jan. 18.—It is more than likely that ex-President Theodore Roosevelt will visit British Columbia in the near future.

A Bryan Williams, the provincial game warden, said yesterday that he was writing letters to the mighty hunter, which he hoped would result in a long contemplated visit being paid.

When Mr. Roosevelt was in England on his way back from South Africa, he saw the big game that had been shot by Mr. Graham of Sussex in this province. The ex-president declared that the "big" was the finest he had ever seen made on the American continent, and expressed a keen desire to come up here and try himself.

WEST VIRGINIAN SENATORS FLEE

Fifteen Republicans, Take Refuge in Ohio—More Trouble is Feared

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 18.—Declaring their absence from the West Virginia legislature is due to a desire to avoid such a tragedy as occurred in Frankfort, Ky., when Governor Geesb was slain, the 15 Republican senators who fled here, yesterday announced that they would remain in Ohio during the whole 45 days of the legislative session.

Charlestown is filled with Republican mountaineers who are prepared to avenge any attack upon the Republican state senators.

NOVA SCOTIA SUFFERS FROM COLD WAVE

Twenty-Two Below Zero on Citadel Hill—Incoming Vessels Coated With Ice

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 18.—Not for thirty-five years, when Halifax harbor was frozen over and the mail boat from England had to force her way through ice inches thick, has Nova Scotia experienced such bitter weather as has held this city and province in its grasp for the past 48 hours.

NEW CLUE AT LADYSMITH

Ladysmith, Jan. 18.—The club rooms of the athletic and social club recently formed are being fitted up. There are electric wiring and electric fixtures have been installed and the stove for the reading room has been put up.

CIVIC YEAR PROSPEROUS.

Jan. 18.—At the final meeting of the city council the reports of the heads of the different departments were read. The affairs of the municipality are in a flourishing condition, and most satisfactory progress was made in every department during the past 12 months.

SENATOR LODGE RE-ELECTED.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 18.—Henry Cabot Lodge was to-day re-elected to the United States senate, winning out despite the hardest fight of his political career, in which the personal animosity of Governor Eugene N. Foss and the ambitious efforts of Congressman Butler Ames were the backbone of a most bitter opposition.

WAR EAGLE TO SHIP.

Phoenix, Jan. 18.—The Phoenix Amalgamated (War Eagle) mine will enter the regular list of Boundary ore shipments next month. The mine is ready to ship, the tramway and ore bunkers having been put in shape, but a slight delay will be occasioned by the C. P. R. spur requiring to be ballasted. However, a construction crew started this work last week and the track will be put in temporary shape until spring, and then rehabilitated.

The property is owned by the Consolidated Company, and will commence with shipments of 100 tons a day to Trail smelter. There are about 18 most working at the mine, three drills are being operated, and the property is equipped with a ten-drill compressor plant. Phoenix Amalgamated is under the supervision of Charles Bligh, who is superintendent of the Snowshoe mine.

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AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.

Ottawa, Jan. 18.—In the Commons this afternoon A. E. Maighan moved a resolution declaring the time had arrived when there should be a substantial reduction in the duties on agricultural implements. He said that while both parties in the House were agreed on the maintenance of the principle of protection, a reduction on agricultural implements could be effected without injustice to Canadian manufacturers, who were reaping undue profits and that the farmers of the west had a right to expect a lowering of the tariff as soon as any industry was firmly established through protection.

Mr. E. Knowles of Moose Jaw, following, supporting the demand, and dealing extensively with the increased prices which western farmers were forced to pay because of the present tariff.

Mr. Roche also supported the resolution and the debate was adjourned when the House rose at 6 o'clock. The question will be further discussed in the budget debate. Western members are all in favor of the proposal.

COMMISSION CLAIM IN APPEAL COURT

Judgment Reserved in Case Important to Real Estate Men—Arbitration Matter

A real estate commission claim has reached the court of appeal and judgment has been reserved. The decision when it is handed down will set a rule for real estate agents in the future as to the legality of adding commission to a vendor's sale price, and judgment to obtain the added commission in the event of the sale being completed between the parties without the further assistance of the agent, once the latter has introduced the vendor and the purchaser.

The action arose out of the sale of a farm for \$105,000, on which the plaintiff, Rowlands, a real estate agent, claimed commission to the amount of \$5,000. He had been given the farm property to list and sell for \$100,000, his commission to be added. It was agreed between himself and the vendor, Langley, that he was to add \$5,000 for his commission, and he accordingly asked \$105,000.

Having secured a purchaser he introduced him to the plaintiff, and negotiations followed between these two. The purchaser asked the vendor his price and the latter said \$100,000, on which the sale was completed. Plaintiff applied to defend his commission and was refused. He then brought action against the owner and obtained a verdict from Mr. Justice Morrison for \$5,000.

It is from this judgment that the vendor appeals. He is represented by S. S. Taylor, K. C., and E. P. Davis, K. C., appears for the respondent. The farm lands in the action are situated near Vancouver, in which city the respondent does business.

The appeal court is hearing an arbitration appeal in which the plaintiff, Johnston, asks to have an award under the Water Act made a rule of court and to defend his commission on cross-motion to have the award set aside. The award was given by arbitration, but in the action an umpire was appointed who in the agreement was called an arbitrator, making the third arbitrator in the matter. The arbitrators disagreed and the third arbitrator, assuming himself to be the umpire, made an award. The defendant contends that there being a third arbitrator and not an umpire two arbitrators must join in the award, as provided in section 254 of the Water Act.

Mr. Justice Murphy, who heard the action, thought the matter should be sent back to the arbitrators for a new award on that basis. The ruling is appealed on the ground that the award should be set aside because it grants compensation for the use of the land, whereas the Water Act contemplates the taking of the fee, and that the matter should not have been referred back to the arbitrators because of the general terms of the agreement, which expired before the order appealed from was made, and no application had been made to extend such time.

PROMINENT JUDGE DEAD.

Toronto, January 18.—Hon. Hugh MacMahon, a Justice of the High Court of Ontario, died at 3 o'clock this morning after a month's illness which was regarded as hopeless from the first.

He was born in Guelph in 1836, he came a lawyer in 1865 and was counsel for the defence in the famous Bidolph murder trial. He was made a Judge in 1897 and presided over the Buchill murder trial at Woodstock in 1899. He was a Roman Catholic and an active Liberal before his elevation to the bench.

RAILWAY APPOINTMENT.

Toronto, Jan. 19.—George H. Shaw, former traffic manager of the Canadian Northern railway at Winnipeg, has been appointed general traffic manager with headquarters at Toronto. He will have charge of all traffic on both the railway and steamship lines of the company. This appointment is believed to mark an important step in the policy of amalgamation contemplated by the Canadian Northern.

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DEATH SENTENCE ON SOCIALISTS

WILD DEMONSTRATION IN COURT AT TOKIO

Prisoners, Accused of Plotting Against Mikado, Shot

Tokio, Jan. 19.—Sentence of death was passed here yesterday by Judge Joichiro Tsuru on 24 of the 26 Socialists and anarchists arrested for the alleged plot which aimed at the assassination of the Mikado. All were found guilty as the result of a special trial. They were given long prison sentences.

When the death sentence was passed in the Court of Cassation, the Socialists, the leader of the movement, and Kanno, his mistress, and her band each other and their relatives, well and the whole band joined in chorus, shouting devotion to the emperor, and the court was filled with the throng of spectators who joined in the chorus.

The two Socialists who were given prison sentences, Nitta and Nishio, joined in the wild demonstration. The severe measures by the officers of the court.

When the result of the trial was known, and it was learned that the sentence of death was to be pronounced on the whole party, and that the whole city was thrown into the wildest excitement, and if the sentence of clemency, a pardon from the Mikado falls, it is believed the most serious outbreaks here and throughout Japan will follow.

While the band of Socialists sentenced yesterday are dubbed mad dogs by the government of Maruyama, which has handed their case over to the court, they are generally regarded by the Socialists throughout the world as the world over will come against their execution.

Kotoku, who imbibed his ideas in America five or six years ago, and was the father of the movement in Japan, and his followers allege that the Socialists are like those of the American South, and that they represent the employment force in a new era of Free Thought, and a magazine, the Proletariat, which Kotoku published, these views were set forth.

Kotoku and his assistants were particularly severe in their strictures on the Katsura, Okuma, and Yamamoto, it is said by their partisans, to the determination of the authorities to stamp out the Socialist propaganda at all costs. Kotoku was arrested in the United States, and charged with being an iron hand, and charges were related by government agents that Kotoku and his friends had planned a reign of terror, so that they were treated as traitors, and the Socialists official buildings and the residences of the rich.

Within a few days of the spring of the dynamite rumors, more than 100 Socialists in Tokio, Kobe, and other cities were arrested, and twenty-five of the same as those condemned to-day were found guilty of treason by a special tribunal, and condemned to die. The twenty-five were imprisoned and incommunicado. They are still in prison.

No sooner was the news sent from Japan that the 24 Socialists were condemned to die than Socialists of the world over started a movement to save them. From every civilized country, and particularly from England, Germany and the United States, letters and telegrams were poured into the Katsura government demanding that the alleged anarchists be given a fair and open trial.

For a time the Katsura administration held stubbornly to their position, and declared that the Socialists were traitors and enemies of the state, and that they should die. Finally, pressure secretly exerted from the other countries, came too strong, and the Katsura ministry agreed to a concession to fairness and impartiality.

In the first tribunal no witnesses were publicly examined, and the government had no opportunity to call counsel. All newspapers were excluded, and only the announcement that the death penalty had been pronounced applied the world that the charge of high treason had been proved.

In the special trial which closed today with the resentencing of the 24 Socialists, there was a pretense of publicity. At certain phases in the progress of the case three specially selected newspaper representatives were admitted to the proceedings, but they were publicly excluded at the price of the court, and were not present at the hearing of any of the most important testimony of the secret agents on whose guilt the government depended for a verdict of guilty.

While all the members of Katsura's government yesterday refused to discuss the condemnation of the Socialists, the impression was created that the government will endeavor to order their execution summarily. It is believed that within 24 hours such a flood of protests from all over Japan will be brought to the attention of the government to at least delay its execution.

SIXTEEN INJURED IN WRECK.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 19.—Sixteen persons injured by the derailment of a train No. 1 on the Los Angeles and San Pedro railroad, near Los Angeles, were brought to Los Angeles on a special train yesterday for medical treatment. Eleven passengers and five members of the train crew were injured.

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MUCH WORK SET FOR COUNCIL
FRIDAY'S SESSION TO BE A BUSY ONE

Engineer to Report on Work Costing \$1,000,000 Already Authorized

Friday business is in preparation for Friday evening's meeting of the newly constituted board of works, and the will get a comprehensive idea of the nature of the tasks which will confront them throughout the year in respect to local improvements. City Engineer Smith will submit a complete and detailed report of what has been done and other work has been passed by the last council, what portion thereof has been completed, and what is still under way or not yet commenced. Last year's council passed an enormous amount of work and the engineer's report will deal with undertakings involving an expenditure of approximately \$1,000,000.

Ald. Humber will suggest the paving with asphalt of Vancouver street, between Pembroke street and Queen's avenue, and the construction of permanent sidewalks with curbs, gutters and boulevards, and the paving with asphalt of Cornhill street and Blanche street, the owners to pay four-fifths of the cost.

Very shortly the city council will be called upon to consider ways and means for the improvement of the sewer and surface drain systems of the city. If the council approves of a scheme which is now being prepared by the city engineer, a by-law will be placed before the ratepayers for the purpose of raising the necessary funds. The area in which the principal extensions will be undertaken is that lying north of Edmonton road and east of Quadra street, an area comprising the whole of the northern section of the city, including the Smith's Hill section. A main sewer will be constructed to run southeasterly past the rear of the Isolation hospital and emptying into Oak Bay. Laterals will drain the whole section into this main trunk sewer. In Victoria West the Indian reserve, when the question is settled, Burrell and other sections must be sewered, and also that portion of the city lying along the Gorge road north-east of the arm. Then there are numerous extensions in James Bay and other portions of the city.

FIRE AT TACOMA.

Fertilizer Plant of Packing Plant Destroyed—Loss \$50,000.

Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 18.—Fire destroyed the fertilizer and packing plant of the Carstens Packing Company last night, entailing a loss of approximately \$50,000. The blaze had gained considerable headway before it was discovered by a nightwatchman. It started in one corner of the three-story frame building and gradually made its way through the entire structure, leaving nothing standing except the walls. How the fire originated has not been determined.

Thomas Carstens, president of the company, said to-day that the plant would be rebuilt immediately.

HOME RULE QUESTION.

Donald MacMaster Speaks at Montreal in British Elections.

Montreal, Jan. 18.—Speaking on "British Elections" before the Women's Canadian Club yesterday afternoon, Donald MacMaster, member of the House of Commons, said there was apparently no reason for the last elections except that John Redmond promised to make the government to the mark, and did make them do so.

"Unquestionably there must have been a promise of Home Rule given him," said Mr. MacMaster, who was the only man who was present when the House of Lords would never have passed a Home Rule bill, and if the power of the Lords is reduced, but if the power of the Lords is reduced, then a Home Rule bill could be passed."

THE CZARINA.

Her Majesty Arrived Reported to Be in Critical Condition.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 18.—Confirmation of reports that the Czarina is again in a critical condition was obtained to-day from attaches of the palace. Her Majesty's recent trip brought only temporary relief, and her nervous system has since returned to its normal state, but her return to the palace.

ONTARIO COUNTY JUDGE DEAD.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Jan. 18.—Judge Johnston, senior judge of the District of Algoma, died here yesterday, aged 62. He was born in Goderich, studied in the law offices of the late Judge Snyder of Hamilton, and practiced in Goderich for 20 years with John Davidson, K. C. In 1880 he was made junior judge for Algoma.

"WHITE SLAVE" TRAFFIC.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 18.—With two alleged "white slaves" held in custody, San Francisco's police authorities have entered upon a crusade with the object of stamping out the traffic in women here, and, if possible, the arrest and conviction of the men "higher up."

Indications that the hunt will be pushed to a finish was found in the heavy body of \$30,000, in which Police Judge Shortall held Luke H. Orthman, whom the police charge with being a scout for the "white slave" powers, and who is accused of bringing a woman to a life of shame.

So far as has yet appeared, the federal authorities have not been active in the case, but it is understood they are acting in concert with the police of the different Coast cities, and that such a crusade against the traffic in women is to be prosecuted to a conclusion at once.

Every man truly lives so long, as he acts his nature, or some way makes use of the facilities of himself.—Sir T. Browne.

CONSENTS TO ADDRESS OREGON LEGISLATURE
THE CANADIAN CLUB

Joseph Fels, Noted Philanthropist, to Speak on "Problems of Poverty"

Frank I. Clarke, honorary secretary of the local Canadian club, received this morning that Joseph Fels, the millionaire philanthropist, has consented to accept the invitation which had been extended that he address the club during his forthcoming visit to Victoria.

The club has therefore arranged a luncheon to be held on Thursday of next week, January 26. Mr. Fels on that occasion will take as his subject "Problems of Poverty." The distinguished American philanthropist, who, by the way, amassed a huge fortune by the manufacture of the well-known household article which bears his name, is said not only to be a very capable and pleasing speaker, but to be master of the subjects with which he deals, mainly those having to do with the great social and industrial problems.

The luncheon will be held in the Broad street hall, and the tickets may be obtained from the secretary or at Hibben's book store.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

In the report of the annual meeting of the congregation of First Presbyterian church inadvertently omission was made of the fact that the secretary of the adult Bible class, reported that the number in the class is 48, that it is connected with the International Sabbath School Association of America, and the Presbyterian Bible Class Association of Canada from the members of which has chartered certificates, it meets for Bible study every Sabbath, immediately after the forenoon church service.

The president is D. A. Fraser; vice-president, Miss Gould; secretary-treasurer, H. B. Sangerson; corresponding secretary, Miss Ida McNiven. The teacher is J. McLorie, late of the city of Montreal, and of whom Dr. Scribner, principal of the Presbyterian college there, said there was no better Bible scholar nor a more beloved teacher among the laymen of that great commercial city.

ANTI-ALIEN LABOR LAW IS INVALID

Spokane City Ordinance is Declared to Be Unconstitutional

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 18.—As the result of a contest waged by Joseph Plastico, a wealthy Italian citizen, Spokane's so-called anti-alien labor law has run counter to the treaties of the United States with Italy. Word was received here yesterday to this effect from Governor Hay, who had been served with notice to that effect by Secretary of State Knox. This will probably end all further efforts at this time to enforce the ordinance, as but little public work is in progress at this time and on the jobs running nearly all of the aliens have been dismissed.

The ordinance, passed in August, 1909, was permitted to rest on the statute as a dead letter until about two months ago. It was passed at the request of the federal labor unions of the city, with a joint membership of fifteen hundred men, most of whom work at construction labor. No effort was made by Mayor Pratt to enforce the ordinance until on the eve of the city election in March, and now it is charged that politics has inspired the zeal. The ordinance not only bars aliens but non-residents who may be citizens of other states.

The validity of the ordinance has been called into question by one Hedberg, a Scandinavian, who was employed as foreman for years for one of the large firms of contractors. Hedberg has been in America ten years, but had not qualified as to citizenship. Judge J. D. Hinkle, of the Superior court, yesterday held invalid the city ordinance barring aliens from city work. He held that the ordinance was against both the state and national constitutions.

FIGHT WITH MADMAN.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 18.—Battling with a madman, W. Reichald, a steward at the Central emergency hospital, was choked almost to death here yesterday. Archibald entered the ward of James Alexander to prepare the patient's breakfast, and as he leaned over the bed the man seized him by the throat. A terrific struggle followed. Archibald, his throat compressed in the man's vice-like grip, was unable to call for help and he gradually choked to unconciousness, when a fellow steward heard the struggle. It was not until half a dozen attendants joined in the fray that Alexander was confined in a straight jacket.

AGAIN PREPARED.

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 18.—Standing under the shadow of the gallows for the fourth time, Louis Augustine, an Indian youth, sentenced to death for the murder of a Lake county sheriff, was yesterday reprieved by Gov. Johnson. In granting a reprieve, the Governor said that the case had been neglected by his predecessor, who had given the time to consideration of ill-considered appointments.

"It has been impossible for me to give the matter consideration," continued the Governor, "and therefore a postponement to February if it is necessary to enable me to look into the case involving the life of a fellow human being."

HEAR TWO LEADERS IN DEBATE ON ADDRESS TO PREPARE FOR THE YEAR'S WORK

City Council to Award Contracts for Twelve Months' Supplies

The city council at its regular weekly meeting to be held on Monday evening next will open tenders for the supplying of the various materials and goods required by the corporation for the ensuing twelve months. The expenditure thus authorized represents a very large sum, contractors being asked to tender on lumber, bricks, nails, iron work, wood, hardware, coal, fire hydrants, sand and gravel, sewer pipe, cement, wood blocks, forage, milk, bread, meat, drugs, washing and printing by-laws.

These various tenders must be handed in at the office of the purchasing agent not later than 4 o'clock on Monday afternoon next. Though they will be opened on Monday evening the contracts will not be awarded until a later date, as it is the practice to refer the bids to the purchasing agent and the head of the department interested for report.

With the break in the weather after a spell of unusual severity, the works or local improvement in various parts of the city are being carried out vigorously. A large number of workmen are engaged in the various sewer gangs, which have been running since work in the Fox Bay section, and in the other parts of the city, have been engaged on sidewalk construction have been put to work.

ORITARY RECORD

The death occurred at the Jubilee hospital on Monday, James Short Donald, aged 45 years, after a short illness. The deceased was born in Scotland and came to this city a few years ago. He was employed at the Bullen shipyard and was well known in the Esquimalt district.

Mrs. Mary Ancelet Waitt, one of the pioneer women of Victoria, passed away Tuesday afternoon at her residence, 1625 Quadra street. She was 75 years of age, was born in Boston, Mass., and came to Victoria in 1860. Her husband, Marshall W. Waitt, died in the year 1892. Ever since coming to this city, Mrs. Waitt had been most untiringly engaged in charitable works, and her many true friends will be grieved to hear of her death. She is survived by two daughters, with their families, Mrs. Herbert Kennerly and Mrs. Henderson, both of whom have lived with her for many years.

The funeral of the late Edna Lundberg took place at the B. C. Funeral Parlor, 230 o'clock, and 15 minutes later from Christ Church cathedral, where Bishop Perrin conducted impressive services. Interment was made in Ross Bay cemetery.

The death occurred in Seattle of Miss Edna M. E. (Tille) Stewart, aged 31 years. The deceased was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and lived for some time in Victoria, but during the past year had been in Seattle. Her untimely death has stricken with grief her many friends in this city. She is survived by a mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stewart, 947 McClure street; two sisters, Mrs. Mabel Stewart, of Kamloops, and Geo. Alex. and Stanley Stewart, of Portland, Oregon. Mrs. Anderson went to Seattle to attend the funeral, which took place Sunday morning at 10.30. Heartfelt sympathy is extended to Mrs. Stewart, who, in the last week, has been deprived of both a daughter, Miss Stewart, and a mother, Mrs. Anna Hall, who died in the Jubilee hospital last Monday night.

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UNFOUNDED RUMORS.

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REPAIRS COMPLETED.

Repairs to the engines of the steamship Northchall were completed yesterday by the B. C. Marine Railway Co., which secured the contract, and the vessel left for Vancouver for Grays, Mexico. While at Nanaimo loading coal, the engines were found to be defective and the crew here have them repaired. The work has occupied about a week, and it was being engaged to do so as not to delay the vessel more than possible.

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