

U. S. FORCES READY FOR ACTION

ARMY AND NAVY ACTIVITY AT SAN DIEGO

It is Believed Japan Will Figure Prominently in Developments

(Times Leased Wire.)
Washington, D. C., March 13.—Although no official here would accept the responsibility of being quoted, there is a growing sentiment to-day that the next few days will produce developments that will cause Japan to loom up as an important factor in the army and navy mobilization in the Mexican trouble zone.

What trend events are likely to take place, however, and the attitude of the branches of the state and war departments indicates concern. It is rumored that Pacific coast reports tend to connect other forces than the Mexican government with the military demonstration.

Oriental Complications.
London, March 13.—London newspapers to-day are prominently displaying a special cablegram from the Cypriot Gazette suggesting oriental complications as a reason for the mobilization of American troops.
"Americans generally are suspicious of the Japanese," says the cable. "Whether the mobilization of the American army is due to fear of Japan or to the actual events in Mexico cannot be stated owing to the United States government's secrecy."

Ready to Move.
San Diego, Cal., March 13.—Despite the usual dearth of official information every indication in both the army and naval branches of the mobilized forces here to-day is that action is expected within a few hours at most. What that action will be is still problematic, but the advance of part of the army forces to the American Tia Juana, the dispatch of the destroyer fleet down the Mexican coast and the announced arrival of the Buffalo's 500 marines with 14 days' provisions at Magdalena are only some of the indications of developments soon to come.

As part of the prediction that General Bliss' headquarters will soon be at Tia Juana, if not across the Mexican line, is cited the fact that military officers for days have been calling for information as to routes and water supplies in Diaz' last report. Yesterday was put in by Captain James Longstreet, of the eighth infantry, chief of advance officer, and chief engineer and other officers, along the Mexican line. These activities of the army men have convinced observers that they have reason to expect a move southward very soon.

The probability of a dash down the coast by the destroyers was taken from the fact that Commander Richardson, in command of the mosquito fleet, and Admiral Thomas, passed almost all of yesterday in conference and last evening again in council of command of the torpedo boats, destroyers and submarines was held.

"There has been no change in the situation yet," said Admiral Thomas to-day. "As all can see, steam is up on all the ships and we are ready to start anywhere on a moment's notice."

That the Buffalo will soon follow the Yorktown down the Mexican coast and that she will land her 500 marines with 14 days' provisions at Magdalena Bay, is confidently predicted. Since the Buffalo's arrival not one of her officers or men has been ashore.

Expectations of an early departure by the Buffalo are based on alleged reports from the gunboat Yorktown which is said to have sent wireless messages off Ensenada. The Yorktown sailed late Saturday night. These reports, it is said, have urged on Admiral Thomas to put the Buffalo in Mexican waters. He refuses to talk on the question. No information has yet been given out as to the Yorktown's ultimate destination.

Fresh confirmation that a campaign of some length is anticipated by the United States army now stationed here is seen to-day in the information that the steamer Roanoke of the North Pacific is being refitted.

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SHOULD ALTER SEA WALL PLANS

CONVICTION GROWS THAT MISTAKE WAS MADE

Special Meeting of City Council May Be Called to Deal With Matter

(From Monday's Daily.)
Large numbers of people yesterday visited Dallas road and inspected the work which has already been done on the sea wall, being erected on the section running from Montreal street to Menzies street. So much publicity having been given to the fact that some doubt has arisen as to whether the plans under which the wall is being constructed have been properly drawn, nearly everybody who inspected the work yesterday had an opinion to offer as to just what ought to be done to meet the situation. There was a remarkable unanimity of opinion, however, that if the present plans are followed and the wall finished with a straight "face" it would not long stand against the breakers which roll in from the straits with great force during stormy weather.

Many former residents of England agree with Ald. Humber, that the work should be stopped pending a revision of the plans, and that the amended scheme should call for the construction of a concrete wall some eight or ten feet further toward the sea than the line of the present work; that this wall should have an "apron"—that is, a concave face which turns back the waves by its curvature. There are said to be many of these walls in England, where the problems of foreshore erosion have had to be grappled with for many years, and that they are giving the best of satisfaction. It is argued also that if the plans are amended in the way suggested a large amount of valuable land would be reclaimed, as Dallas road would be widened a distance of eight feet between the two points mentioned.

So serious is the situation affecting the construction of the wall, in the opinion of the mayor and some of the aldermen, that it is not impossible a special meeting of the council may be summoned this week to deal with the matter. At the last meeting of the board the mayor was favorable to stopping the work at once, but in view of the fact that Edward Mohun, C. E., of the public works department, is preparing a special report, it was decided to defer further consideration for a week.

It may be added, in passing, that no adverse criticism is directed by anybody against the manner in which the Pacific Coast Construction Company, the contractors for the wall, is carrying out the work. The company has followed the plans as laid down and has made such progress with the work that it could complete it in three months' time.

In view of the great public interest which is being taken in the matter of the construction of the sea wall, the full text of the city engineer's report on the same, presented at the last meeting of the board, is published for general information as follows:

(Concluded on page 4.)

SOLDIERS SET FIRE TO TWO HOUSES

Serious Clashes Between the Troops, Mexicans and Negroes at Galveston

Galveston, Texas, March 13.—Galveston is under a form of martial law as a result of soldier riots in the Mexican and negro sections of the city. In order to prevent a renewal of attacks on Mexican residents, 1200 soldiers are restricted to the camp and provost guards patrol the Mexican and negro quarters.

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A BIG STICK FOR MEXICANS.

DEATHS MARK RAILWAY STRIKE

ELEVEN KILLED; NEARLY SCORE WOUNDED

Negro Firemen Shot in Their Cabs While They Were Passing Through Mountains

(Times Leased Wire.)
Somerset, Ky., March 13.—Today's toll of death is eleven and of injured nearly a score in the strike on the Queen and Crescent railroad. Traffic on the line, both here and at Chattanooga, is at a standstill as a result of clashes between striking firemen and strikebreakers.

The strike resulted in the refusal of the negroes to give assurances to the white firemen that they would have preference over negroes in the line of promotion.

The dead include nine negro firemen and two white deputy sheriffs. Five of the negroes were killed yesterday, having been picked off in their cabs by sharpshooters while the engines were passing through the mountain districts.

Four negroes and the two deputies were slain in battle last night near Glenary, Tenn.

Railroad officials were served with an ultimatum by the mountaineers that unless the negroes were discharged they would be killed and the company's bridges blown up.

Cincinnati, Ohio, March 13.—Armed mountaineers have held up three Queen and Crescent freight trains near King's Mountain, Ky. 1200 miles from Cass, Grand, this engine is believed to have been the result of President Diaz' order suspending the personal guarantee provision of the Mexican constitution.

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RUSH TO CANADA ALREADY IN PROGRESS

Ten Thousand Immigrants Will Arrive From Great Britain This Week

(Special to the Times.)
Montreal, March 13.—Several hundred immigrants of a good class, the advance guard of over 10,000 arriving this week from Great Britain by various steamers, reached Montreal to-day. The majority of these are bound for western Canada.

Extra Steamer on Route.
London, March 13.—The Allan line steamship company is running an extra boat this week to cope with the phenomenal rush to Canada.

DETERMINED TO CRUSH REVOLUTION

DIAS MAY ADOPT MORE DRASTIC MEASURES

Rebel Leader Orders His Men to Grant No Quarter to Federal Troops

(Times Leased Wire.)
Mexico City, March 13.—That the determination of President Diaz to suppress the revolution will result in even more drastic steps than the suspension of personal guarantees under the constitution was the general belief to-day. It was expected that the order refusing civil trials to persons charged with the destruction of property and ordering disturbers shot would have quieted disorders.

As far as could be learned here, however, the deprivations of the lawless element continue.

No Quarter For Federals.
El Paso, Texas, March 13.—Francisco I. Madero, commanding the eastern wing of the Mexican revolutionary army, has issued orders to his men to give the Federal troops no quarter, according to a courier arriving to-day from Casas Grandes. This order is believed to have been the result of President Diaz' order suspending the personal guarantee provision of the Mexican constitution.

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MORE SUPPORTERS FOR RECIPROCITY

LIVE STOCK ASSOCIATION FAVORS AGREEMENT

Alberta Organization Sends Resolution to Minister of Finance

(Special to the Times.)
Calgary, March 13.—The question of the reciprocity agreement between Canada and the United States was taken up by the directors of the Alberta Live Stock Association. Expressing their opinion in writing up to the present time thirty-one members are of the opinion that the proposed agreement is in the best interest of Canada and six do not favor the agreement. Acting on this vote, a resolution has been forwarded to the minister of finance favoring the proposed pact.

Tariff Reformer's Views.
Bristol, March 13.—At a meeting of the Western Counties Tariff Reform Federation here on Saturday, the following resolution was adopted: "While we strongly deprecate any suggestion of interference with the internal administration of Canada, we view with alarm the recent reciprocal proposals for reciprocity tariff arrangements between the Dominion and the United States."

"We express the conviction that the same will seriously affect the trade of the Dominion, and in view of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's statement we appeal to the government to adopt such measures as will meet our desire."

London, March 13.—In the House of Commons to-day T. McKinnon-Wood, under secretary of state for foreign affairs, answering Sir Gilbert Parker, Grey's question: "I don't think it would have been practicable and I am certain it would not have been desirable for Ambassador Bryce to have made separate representations to the United States about negotiations into which Canadian ministers were, under the constitution, competent to enter."

CANADIAN NAVY

Davenport Storekeeper Will Organize Supply Department for Dominion.

(Special to the Times.)
London, March 13.—The admiralty has been lent J. W. Oliver, storekeeper at Davenport, to the Canadian government for six months to organize a supply department for the Dominion navy.

INJURIES PROVE FATAL.
(Special to the Times.)
London, Ont., March 13.—James Petman, formerly bartender at the Griggs House, and hotel man at Candebury, who was struck by a street car Saturday night, died in the hospital yesterday from his injuries.

LISTS SMALLER AT NEW ELECTION

REGISTRATIONS ARE SHORT OF LAST YEAR

Some Possibility of Contest Being Brought on Early in April

(From Monday's Daily.)
As the time for the registration under the household and license qualification of voters who wish to exercise the franchise at the approaching municipal election nears, it is close there is an increase in the number of applicants for registration privileges at Mr. Northcott's office, and to-day has probably been busiest with the returning officer since the new lists were ordered prepared. But by no possibility will the list be as large as last year. Only a very small proportion of the assessed owners who at the last election were on the lists have thus far taken advantage of the opportunity to register as householders. To-day and Tuesday the city assessor's office will be open until 5 p. m., but on Wednesday the registrations will be made only up to 4 o'clock.

One peculiar feature about some of the registrations and one about which more will likely be heard is that the mayor and the city solicitor have interpreted a recent ruling of the executive council to mean that women may vote as householders. Inasmuch, however, as all registering as householders must make a declaration that they have paid the road tax, and as the road tax cannot be paid by females, it is agreed that when the commissioner, Harold B. Robertson, comes to revise the lists he will strike out such registrations.

The commissioner is very hopeful that the increase in connection with the preparation of the new lists will permit of the new election being brought on about the first of the coming month. The Voters' League is very active, having already entered upon a campaign in support of Mayor Morley. A new weekly to be issued under the auspices of the league, an advance copy appeared on Saturday. It is called "The News" and is popularly supposed to be mostly the Citizen with another name, which sheet did duty on behalf of the mayor at the last election. A lady canvasser is busy collecting subscriptions for the new weekly, which she announces "has come to stay."

R. L. Drury continues to be pressed by many friends to allow his name to be placed in nomination for the office of mayor. He has declined to do so, but he had not as yet made up his mind about the matter.

RECEIVES MEDAL

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT TO ARRIVE IN FALL

Querry to His Royal Highness is Making Preliminary Arrangements at Ottawa

Ottawa, March 13.—Capt. F. Rivers-Bulkeley, M. V. O. Scots Guards, querry to His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, arrived in Ottawa on Saturday, for the purpose of making preliminary arrangements for the coming of the Dominion's first royal governor-general. Capt. Bulkeley, it is understood, is to be controller of the household during the Duke's two years tenure of office.

Although the Duke will not arrive in the city until fall, there is already every indication that much will be added to the social life of the capital and cause a considerable influx of society people, particularly during the session. There is reason to state that already many of the best suites at the Chateau Laurier have been spoken for, American social leaders being present in plenty to the fore in that connection.

ELEVATOR COMMISSION

Members of Manitoba Board Object to Reduction in Salary.

FERRY SERVICE IS POSSIBILITY

NEW IMPORTANCE TO SAANICH ELECTRIC LINE

Hopes Raised That Company May Provide Service to Lower Mainland

(From Monday's Daily.)
Since the announcement that the B. C. Electric Railway Company had definitely decided to proceed with the building of its Saanich extension, with its terminus at Deep Bay, there have been numerous rumors afloat that the project would ultimately be amplified to the extent of providing a through service from Victoria to points on the mainland, a ferry service being utilized from the terminus on the Saanich peninsula. Not only have many in Victoria given credence to these rumors, but the people of New Westminster and other Fraser river points have had their hopes raised, as they have long desired direct connection with the capital city of the province.

A. T. Goward, local manager of the B. C. Electric Railway Company, was seen by a Times reporter this morning and asked about the matter. He said the company had not yet, as far as he knew, made any definite plans looking to the inauguration of a ferry service of the kind indicated, though the possibility of such enterprises had no doubt often been discussed. He could say, however, that Deep Bay, where the Saanich line would terminate on the island, was a splendid harbor, and the company hoped to pick up much business from the Gulf Islands from that point. Perhaps later it would be deemed feasible to inaugurate a ferry service connecting Deep Bay with points on the Mainland. In this connection a Westminster correspondent, writing under date of March 11, says:

"The announcement of the B. C. E. R. Company that Victoria and Sidney are to be connected by an electric railway had more of interest to the citizens of Westminster than appears on the surface."
For some time the people of Westminster and Victoria have been anxious for a steamer service between the Fraser valley towns and the island in the Tropics. The board of trade of the two cities have taken up the question on several occasions, but so far have been unable to secure a satisfactory service. Efforts have been made, but the service inaugurated was either insufficient or was not permanent. With an electric line from Victoria to Sidney it was believed that certain interests would back a steamer service from Sidney to the mainland.

"Now that the B. C. E. R. Company has announced that this is to be done, much satisfaction has been expressed by the interested parties, and it is understood that a company has already been formed to put two steamers on the run between Sidney and Westminster carrying freight and passengers. The benefits of such a service are readily apparent. Large quantities of farm produce are shipped from Fraser valley points to Vancouver Island, especially from the Delta country, such as hay, oats and potatoes. In return considerable freight is also carried this way."

"For one thing freight from all parts of the world arrives at Victoria by steamer for transshipment to lower mainland points. This freight is handled several times before it reaches Fraser valley points. With a direct steamer service up the Fraser this freight would proceed without delay to its destination.

"The promoters of the proposed line are very sanguine of the venture being a success, and as both Victoria and Westminster are desirous of seeing the service established, it is certain to receive every support possible, if inaugurated."

WINNIPEG CHURCH SOLD

MACKENZIE'S OFFER TO PRAIRIE CAPITAL

Willing to Sell Interests in Gas, Light and Power Systems for \$15,000,000

(Special to the Times.)
Winnipeg, March 13.—This city council was in secret session this morning considering Sir Wm. Mackenzie's offer to sell out all his interests here in the gas, electric light, street car system and power plant at Lac Du Bonnet for \$15,000,000.

RAILWAY CONTRACT AWARDED

(Special to the Times.)
Winnipeg, March 13.—J. D. McArthur has received the contract to build 46 miles of the Alberta Central railway from Stettler to Brazeau.

UNCLE SAM TO ASSIST DIAZ FORCES READY TO CROSS INTO MEXICO

Explanation of the Hurred Mobilization of United States Sol.

(Times Leased Wire.) Aboard President Taft's private car...

The administration makes no further attempt to cloak the army's activity under the term manoeuvres...

A plan whereby the American and Mexican federal armies will act together has been decided upon...

All this was freely admitted to-day to correspondents aboard the presidential train...

In Lower California. Los Angeles, Cal., March 10.—Activity in Lower California where it is planned to establish a "social republic"...

Causing a simultaneous ringing of fire, police and burglar alarms, the explosion at Pleasant Prairie last night...

General Leyva, it is expected, will accompany the Mexican with a few days march on Ensenada, the federal capital of Lower California...

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General Leyva granted the war correspondents permission to accompany his army.

New York, March 10.—The cruisers Albatross, North Carolina and Tennessee are steaming southward to-day in the face of a terrific gale...

probably will sail to-morrow night. As soon as repairs to her engines are completed the cruiser Washington will sail with a supply of rifles and revolvers.

WISCONSIN TOWN WIPED OFF MAP DESTROYED BY EXPLOSION IN POWDER WORKS

Two Men Instantly Killed—Property Loss is Estimated at \$1,500,000.

(Times Leased Wire.) Kenosha, Wis., March 10.—The little city of Pleasant Prairie is off the map to-day as the result of the explosion yesterday of 150 tons of dynamite...

Fortunately the plant was closed down at the time and only two men were killed. Engineer Joseph Flynn was blown to atoms and a man who has not been identified was killed.

Kenosha, Wis., March 10.—(Later.) Investigation to-day shows that only two lives were lost in the Pleasant Prairie explosion...

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The Washington Evening Star.

MUCH INTEREST IN TO-NIGHT'S MEETING

SOME LEGAL PROBLEMS BEFORE CITY COUNCIL

Council's Hand Tied as to Local Improvements Until New Election

Special interest attaches to this evening's meeting of the city council and board of works in view of the important matters to be discussed in connection with the preparations for the new election...

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STORMY SCENES IN BRITISH HOUSE

AGREEMENT HOLDERS MAY BE REGISTERED

Mayor Adopts Decision but Throws Responsibility on Government

London, March 10.—A stormy session of 19 hours duration in the course of which fistuffs were narrowly averted, the House of Commons adjourned at 9.55 a.m. to-day.

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GRAIN PRICES ARE BEING MANIPULATED

Manifesto Alleges Deliberate Scheme to Discredit Reciprocity

Winnipeg, March 10.—The Grain Growers' Guide publishes the following: "A deep-seated suspicion has existed for some weeks past that a deliberate effort was being made by a section of Chicago, St. Paul and Winnipeg grain men to knock the price of grain down, with a view to discouraging and discrediting the reciprocity agreement now before parliament."

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PANAMA CANAL DEFENCES

Portland, Ore., March 10.—John H. Stevens, president of the Hill lines in Oregon and formerly chief engineer of the Panama canal, is on record to-day as favoring the fortification of the Panama canal.

PLACE CANDIDATES IN EVERY WARD

VOTERS' LEAGUE ACTIVE IN COMING ELECTION

To Nominate Aldermen Pledged to Support Mayor Morley's Policy

Interest is already keen in the approaching municipal elections. The Voters' League is holding meetings nightly, and it is understood that a decision has been reached to place aldermanic candidates in each ward in the city pledged to support Mayor Morley should the latter be re-elected.

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TO RECONSIDER COMPANIES ACT

BOARD OF TRADE SCORES A VICTORY

Agitation Against Restrictions Brings Government to Its Senses

The agitation against certain provisions of the Companies Act culminated Thursday at the board of trade meeting when, in the course of a discussion, it was gathered from the lips of H. B. Thomson, M.P.P., that the government were willing to open the whole question up again.

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BRITAIN TO BUILD FIVE DREADNOUGHTS

Naval Estimates Show an Increase of \$19,900,000 Over Last Year

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PROFITS, NOT PATRIOTISM.

We are assured once again that because President Taft wanted to include beef and flour among the articles to be placed on the free list in the agreement between the United States and Canada, that therefore we might have had all the advantages of reciprocity with none of its disadvantages.

The fact that Hon. W. S. Fielding and Hon. Wm. Paterson refused to consent to the inclusion of beef and flour among the articles to be placed on the free list proves that the ministers were very careful not to be parties to any arrangement that might have the effect of producing a violent dislocation of settled trade conditions.

Although the original plea for protection was a desire to see infant industries firmly established on their feet and capable of standing up against the competition of the world, at the very first indication of a movement in the direction of freer trade the beneficiaries from protection threw off the cloak and intimated that protection must be considered a permanent feature of our national policy.

The discussion of the reciprocity agreement has laid the bones of the "interests" bare in all their selfish nakedness. But this is not the first instance in history of greed, avarice, and ambition hiding their real designs and purpose behind the mask of patriotism.

CONSERVATIVES AND THE PREFERENCE.

How silent the "only truly loyal" is in regard to the increase of the British Preference. The suggestion has been made on several occasions that the preference might be increased from thirty-three to fifty per cent. Trup, the Colonialist has grudgingly endorsed the suggestion, but it is the only Conservative paper in Canada, so far as we know, that has done so.

While the organ of the Conservative party in Victoria is declaring that the people of this country are not made of such poor stuff as to be enticed away from their allegiance by trading with their neighbors, the president of the Conservative Association is saying that the trade agreement with the

United States will imperil British connection. Which are we to believe? Has Mr. Taft given proper consideration to the subject? He certainly has not had the opportunity for studying it that the editor of the morning paper has had. We doubt if he has studied it at all. It is simply with him a matter of expediency. He thinks he can make people believe it, and that is sufficient.

THE RAILWAY BELT.

Members of the British Columbia government and platform speakers have from time to time charged that the Dominion government has not developed the lands which it controls in British Columbia. Little is known here in regard to those lands, and for that reason the charges were not at the time answered, although it was felt by everyone who knew anything of the methods of the Dominion government that they could not be true.

In addition to the lands of the Canadian government controls a block of 3,500,000 acres in the Peace River country adjoining the province of Alberta. These lands have not yet been surveyed, as there is as yet no means of communication therewith, and there are other lands available for settlement which are more accessible.

There is a large block of provincial lands in the Peace River country, adjoining the Dominion Government lands. As yet little of this has been alienated, but as the tide of immigration moves northward these will be required. It is hoped that when the time does arrive, the Provincial government will not do as it is doing to-day in the matter of selling the lands for speculative purposes, but will see that the whole district is reserved for the pre-emptor, and on terms somewhat similar to those adopted by the Dominion government.

A LATE REPENTANCE.

While the Dominion government is trying to remove trade barriers the Provincial government puts on new ones. While the Dominion government is doing its best to encourage trade with Great Britain, the Bowers-McBride government is doing its best to kill the trade of the province with the Mother Land. Throughout the last year and during the last session of the legislature the provincial government stubbornly refused to make any material changes in the Companies Act. Mr. Bowers had set his face against it, and no one could turn him. Now the session is over the Premier says he is willing to discuss the matter with a joint committee of the Victoria and Vancouver boards of trade.

It is the aim of the government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier to cheapen food, to give every facility for increased trade, in fact to make the country as prosperous as possible. It seems to be the aim of the provincial govern-

ment to shut off trade with the outside, to destroy the good effects of the British Preference by making it as hard as possible for British firms to do business here, to increase the cost of living, and by tying up the land and imposing unjust taxes to delay the development of the country as much as possible. Needless to say, the leader in this policy of destroying trade and commerce, and of attacking government generally, is the Attorney-General, Mr. Bowers. Mr. McBride seems to be a weakling, who allows the Attorney-General to lead him "by the nose," while the other local members make excuses for the anomalous condition of affairs. In this way it is no wonder that Victoria has become the laughing-stock of the province. H. H. Thompson is the whip of the party in the local house, which means that he is the true and trusted servant of the Attorney-General, whose duty it is to persuade the people of Victoria that their interests are being safeguarded, when as a matter of fact they have the cold shoulder shown them on every occasion. Much has been made of the loan of a sum of money to purchase the release of the Songhees Reserve from the Indians. The plan was first proposed by John Oliver, the Liberal Leader, and he pledged himself to take the very action which the Bowers-McBride government has now taken, with one exception. If Mr. Oliver had been in power he would have safeguarded the interests of the city in regard to a park on the reserve. The Board of Trade deserves all it is getting for supporting to such a large extent the present members of the legislature at the last election. The members have presented a sorry spectacle as time after time they have been snubbed and their just demands contemptuously rejected. It now looks as if Mr. McBride were repenting a little in offering, at this late date, to discuss with them the workings of the Companies Act. We thought it had already been discussed with him. The members of the Board would have looked about as dignified as they now appear if the Attorney-General had sent out a commissioner to spank them.

SHOULD ALTER SEA WALL PLANS

(Continued from page 1.)

Gentlemen—I have your instructions to if possible give an accurate estimate of the cost of the proposed Dailas road sea wall. It is impossible to give an accurate estimate of the cost of the wall, as the nature and conditions surrounding the proposed wall, to give a fairly accurate estimate, would necessitate sinking test holes at least two or three feet below the surface of the counterforts along the wall. To sink such test holes would cost between \$1,500 and \$2,000.

Provision was made for providing for the indentation of the different quantities that go to make up the sea wall. The specifications state that the bill of quantities is in no way guaranteed, but is furnished as a guidance to the contractor in making up his tender. The specifications also state that the work shall be carried out in accordance with the drawings or any other drawings that may be supplied to the contractor from time to time, and shall be of the length, breadth, depth, dimensions and descriptions shown on the drawings or mentioned in this specification; subject, however, to such modifications, alterations, increase or diminution of quantities, deductions or additions, or variations as may be deemed necessary by the engineer from time to time during the progress of the work and continuance of this contract.

The bill of quantities contains the estimate of the quantities of the different materials to be used in the construction of the wall, and to give the contractor an idea of the extent of the work. Before the actual work was started, the plans were finally considered and changes made, enlarging the foundations of the counterforts and also enlarging the factor of safety in different parts of the wall, making the bulk quantities somewhat larger and increasing the cost, according to Mr. Mohun's estimate by \$1,000, and according to Mr. Foreman's estimate, \$12,300.

The inspecting engineer has watched the action of the sea on the old wall and on the cliff, and has made special notes of the storms of January 23 and February 12, and from this and other information gathered in different ways, it was decided to go deeper with the foundations than at any time previously anticipated. In lowering the foundations rock has been encountered at a considerable distance above high water mark, and while the plans are drawn showing the foundations for 80 per cent of the wall to be several feet below low water mark. In all probability rock will be met at an elevation higher than the footings shown on the plans. In such case the estimated cost will be considerably diminished, if the foundations are not deepened to the presence of rock one foot it will mean a saving of approximately \$2,000 for half the length of the wall or \$4,000 for the full length of the wall. Upon the original basis the estimated cost of the contract would cost \$74,389. According to Mr. Mohun's figures the change in plan will cost \$2,000, the deepening or foundations which was suggested on ac-

count of the action of the sea by Mr. Foreman would cost \$3,500, the proposed parapet wall is estimated at \$3,500, bringing the estimate up to \$82,389. There is every probability that rock will be found so far considerably above low water, and in that event it is quite probable that the foundations will not go within five feet of the estimated depth for 80 per cent of the length of the wall, and in such case a saving of \$15,000 would be made.

The city has undertaken to furnish \$15,000 and the government is providing \$68,000, making the amount available \$83,000. In all probability the work will cost less than this amount. There are no "extras" in the ordinary term of "extras." There is a fixed price per unit of the different materials, so that real value will be obtained for all money that is paid out in connection with the wall. The amount of the different materials going to make up the wall are the indefinite quantities which makes an accurate estimate impossible. Were test holes put down in the first place an accurate estimate of the quantities could have been made, but the cost of putting down these test holes would not be represented in value in the finished wall.

Yours respectfully, ANGUS SMITH, City Engineer.

U. S. FORCES READY FOR ACTION

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The Mexican village, two stores, which formerly were saloons, are the headquarters of the rebels. As soon as the insurgents arrived they battered in the doors of both places and within an hour nearly all were the worse for liquor. While the American troops under Lieut. Connelly, of the 8th regiment, watched from across the border, the rebels coursed all night.

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New Spring and Summer Styles in Garments, Millinery, Fabrics and Accessories

We have chosen to-day purely and solely for the display of all the newest and most fashionable creations. This includes all the authentic styles of the season in Hats, Gowns, Dress Goods, Silks, Suits and Lingerie Dresses.

AFTERNOON AND EVENING GOWNS

Are developed in crepe de chine, satin chiffon, messelines and foulards in the season's prevailing colors. The various models express advanced fashion tendencies, including the heightened waist line, peasant sleeve and straight skirts.

STREET SUITS

Are tailored from men's wear worsteds, serges, novelty mixtures and suitings of excellent quality. The short coats are severely plain, with regulation notch collar, pockets and coat sleeves. Skirts are equally simple in design and cut on approved straight lines.

Practical styles for women who dress becomingly. Picture Hats, Flat Shapes, Turbans in the newest straws and braids. Handsome and exclusive Pattern Hats are being displayed.

New Dress Goods for Spring and Summer

Our selection of the very latest production is now complete, and in making your selection now you find the stock at its best. If you wish a costume made, we would refer to our Dress-making Department, where Mrs. Angus, Miss McMillan and Miss Armstrong—each with a competent staff—will execute any styles decided upon to the utmost satisfaction.

SPECIAL 50c COUNTER

- See the values we are offering this season at this small price. New, clean goods, consisting of Serges, Poplins, Lustré, Cashmere and Fancy Suiting. 50c EXCLUSIVENESS is the key note of our Dress Patterns this season. A large shipment of the latest productions just opened. NOVELTIES IN DRESS PATTERNS, only one of a kind, and exquisite designs. Large range of colors. Prices range, a pattern, \$30.00 to \$15.00. 44-INCH ARBRATROSS SUITING, in a beautiful range of colors. Particularly suitable for misses' and children's dresses. Price \$6.50. 46-INCH ALL-WOOL SHEPHERD CHECK, in four different size checks. Swell suits. Price \$1.25. 44-INCH FRENCH CASHMERE, a fine, even cloth in the daintiest shades—pink, pale blue, old rose, mauve, grey, champagne, wisteria, Persian, cream and white. Price \$7.50. 46-INCH ALL-WOOL POPLIN—This cloth is much in demand for this season. Wears well. Comes in full range of colors. Per yard \$1.00. NOVELTY STRIPE IN BLACK DRESS GOODS, 44-inch, silk and wool mixture, very rich patterns. Yard \$1.50.

52-INCH FRENCH BROADCLOTH

- This reliable cloth makes very stylish tailored suit. Colors, champagne, King's blue, navy, myrtle, wisteria, taupe, reseda, tan, biscuit, mauve, pink, pale blue, gold, grey, lemon, cream \$1.75. 44-INCH WOOL VOILE, with silk stripe. Will make smart street and afternoon gowns. Colors, mauve, King's blue, biscuit, electric, tan, cream, white and black. Per yard \$1.00. 44-INCH SILK STRIPE BARATHIA SUITING. Very effective for both in and outdoor dresses. In the latest pastel shades. Per yard \$1.00. 44-INCH BENGALINE SUITING, a clean, even weave of good wearing quality. Comes in tan, brown, reseda, electric, King's blue and black. Price \$1.00. 42-INCH ARMURE SUITING, a good wearing cloth and will make up into the most serviceable suits. Colors, taupe, reseda, myrtle, brown, tan, grey, King's blue, wisteria and black \$1.75. CREAM DRESS GOODS—This season we are well in advance with Cream Serge Coatings, Bedford's, Chevots, Lustrés, Secilians, Fancy Stripe Voiles and Satin Cloth. Prices \$2 to \$5.00.

Spring Underwear for Women

- FANCY LISLE COMBINATIONS, tops and shoulder straps finished with lace. Wide at knee and lace trimmed \$1.25. COMBINATIONS with plainly finished tops. Short sleeves or sleeveless. Tight or wide at the knee, 85c, 75c and \$1.00. VESTS of fine cotton with long and short sleeves, high neck, buttoned front, finished with silk straps and fancy edges. Drawers to match; 65c. VESTS in G. S. sizes. In long, short or no sleeves. Drawers loose at knee and finished with woven lace, 35c and \$40c. VESTS with fancy or plain tops, 35c and \$25c. VESTS of cotton, neatly finished. Short sleeves or sleeveless, 20c and \$15c.

DAVID SPENCER, LIMITED

DETERMINED TO CRUSH REVOLUTION

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The entire 4th United States cavalry is now camped here, two troops having arrived last night. Scouts report that insurgents are gathering in the hills south of Juarez. Driven Out By Rebels. Mexican, Mex., March 13.—Twenty Mexican rurales, accompanied by all the insurgents, are to-day on their way to Yuma, Ariz., over American territory. They received instructions from the Mexican government to report at Yuma and there meet a force of Mexican troops who will attempt to take possession of Algodones and hold it against the rebels. The statement was positive that the Mexican troops would meet the rurales at Yuma on American soil.

TAKE MEXICAN TOWN

Recarte, California, March 13.—Gloriously drunk, thirty Mexican insurgents, headed by Louis Rodriguez, who last yesterday captured the Mexican town just across the line from here, are to-day in possession of that village and are likely to be attacked before night by Mexican federals, who are expected at any hour.

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CAPTURED AS SPY

This Juarez, Mex., March 13.—Taken as a rebel spy, Juan Borrenza, 75, a rancher who lives in the hills near here, to-day is a prisoner held in Comancagua in the Quarter here and under the ruling of President Diaz, is likely to be shot within a day or two. Borrenza is said to have been taken with letters and maps in his possession.

WERT INTO

STRENGTHEN OVERHAUL

Oil Burners stalled—W. Relie

Extensive repairs to the C. P. R. steamer is at present on every D'pot ways, completed the vessel a new boat fitted a style than previous six weeks before the upper harbor a six weeks before the port for duty as B. C. Coast Service.

From stem to stern, outside the steam and the improved ried out will make comfortable craft these waters. Not than the old ones about 75, together frames have been steamer's stern. heads have also been the Charmer, as goes, will be on vessels of the C. been given a general all the weak spots.

The experts who with oil burners, this constructing the holds a couple of weeks completed by the arrive from Sea three furnace bolt by Fox & Jenkins about two weeks all work on the hull have been finished launched from the side the dock and placed in position.

When they are fitting the burner this more steady steam pressure which have more the old ones, it is by officials of the vessel for Premier, who is generally Her triple expansion, half, thirty-four fifty-four and on eleven foot propeller have been added.

As soon as the finished, work will repair the interior portion of the vessel and cleaned, netted and stered. While on the side the dock and placed upon as provided for travel of any business on the vessel that he had to be vessel.

During her ninety Charmer has career, bumping up of accident, never was when she collected Williamette in Point. The Charmer, was nearly dented the dock at the bridge and cut about ten feet. She sank, four meetings Capt. John Irvine of the C. P. R. Co. raised the vessel, a Victoria before she much to the chagrin of the relatives of the disaster, who had appearance of the vessel to institute per her. The Charmer named, never went States waters, and occasion efforts have the vessel taken dictation of the Sound suit.

CONCERT AT G

Presentation to Rev Mrs. C. A. very enjoyable was held in Gordon Tuesday evening of the Ladies' Aid programme consisted of mental selections. Among those taking part were Mrs. McMurtry, Mrs. Parr, Miss Fullerton, Mrs. Green, Mrs. H. Watson and Miss G. Collins. Refreshments were served by the kind hands of the ladies, which they from the congregation. Refreshments were close of the concert.

WILL LABOR IN ALBERTA

Leeds, March 13.—Rev. A. W. Swayne, who has been vicar of St. Aidans here for the past 14 years, has voluntarily resigned in order to undertake work in Alberta. His reason for making the change is that more are needed in western Canada more than money.

CONVERT CHARMER INTO NEW VESSEL

STRENGTHENING HULLS OVERHAULING INTERIOR

Oil Burners Also Being Installed—Will Be Used as Relief Ship

Extensive repairs are being made to the C. P. R. steamer Charmer, which is at present at the Victoria Machinery Dept. ways, and when they are completed the vessel will be practically a new boat fitted up in a more elaborate style than previously.

From stem to stern, both inside and outside, the steamer is being renovated and the improvements now being carried out will make her one of the most comfortable crafts to travel on in these waters.

While it is impeding the long programme of work now being carried out by the coast private owners in the north still all the day are taken advantage of and the jobs are rushed with lightning speed.

REGARDS STATEMENT AS INSULT TO RACE

Officer of Bellerophon Denies That Chinese Sailors Are Superior to Whites

Reference was made in these columns several days ago to statements made by the British consul at Victoria, in which he said that masters of vessels were now looking for Chinese crews instead of white men, not through the fact that they are better sailors, but because they make more efficient sailors.

During her nineteen years' career the Charmer has had an interesting history, bumping up against a number of accidents. The most serious of all was when she collided with the steamer Willamette in 1892 off Marrowstone Point.

At a meeting of trustees of the F. B. High school, in the following-ly, the fact that to increase the to the principal due consideration resignation, June 30, 1911.

CONCERT AT GORDON HEAD

A very enjoyable Scotch concert was held in Gordon Head hall on Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society.

Refreshments were served at the close of the concert.

Winipeg, March 11.—It is understood that Premier Roblin has received and has accepted an invitation to attend the coronation.

MADE FAST PASSAGE SOUTH FROM RUPERT

Prince Rupert Arrived in Port Early Saturday Evening—Many Passengers Aboard

Favored by excellent weather conditions, the C. P. R. steamer Prince Rupert, Capt. Barney Johnson, made an exceptionally fast passage south from Prince Rupert and arrived in port on Saturday evening a considerable time ahead of her schedule.

Among the other passengers who returned from the north and left the vessel at this port were: P. E. Collins, W. Blane, W. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Mesher, C. Peterson, J. H. Bacon, Mr. Newton, and E. H. Fletcher, post office inspector.

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REHEUMATISM CURED TO STAY CURED

Liniments of No Avail—The Trouble Must Be Treated Through the Blood

This article is intended as a talk to the man or woman with rheumatism who wants to be cured. Not merely relieved, not half cured, but actually cured.

It is a common case of fire panic on board the Empress of Japan, then quite new to these waters, where the Chinese crew, at the first alarm, cut away the boat covers and took up their positions in the boats where they remained all night.

DARING HOLDUP

Bandit Covers Hotel Guests With a Revolver While Companion Rifles Safe

Ogden, Utah, March 12.—After holding six men at bay, two masked bandits rifled the safe of the Resed hotel at daybreak to-day and stole \$700.

NEW SECRETARY IN OFFICE

Washington, D. C., March 13.—Walter L. Fisher took the oath of office today as secretary of the interior.

SIXTEEN AMERICANS KILLED IN BATTLE

Fell in Fight Between Madero's Forces and Mexican Troops

El Paso, Texas, March 13.—That Francisco I. Madero is concentrating his forces in western Coahuila against the forces of Col. Cuellar at Casas Grandes, is indicated by reports to El Paso by Roy Kelley, a wounded American survivor of last Monday's battle. Kelley says his home is at Smithport, Pa.

Regarding casualties among Americans in Monday's battle, Kelley says: "Sixteen were killed and seventeen were wounded and escaped with the rebels. Among the killed were Capt. H. S. Durkin, the federal agent, south of Casas Grandes, and a number of men from the United States army; Robert E. Lee, of California; H. Sevier, W. Rees and Robert Evans. John F. Greer was wounded."

Among the insurgent officers killed were: Raoul Madero, brother of Francisco I. Madero; L. Gutierrez de Lara, of Los Angeles; Giuseppe Garibaldi, nephew of the Italian liberator; Captain Alanis and Major Hayes, the latter of Scottish descent.

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QUARANTINE SHIPS CALLING AT HAWAII

United States Health Officials Impose New Regulations Owing to Plague

Honolulu, March 13.—Steamship and shipping companies here are in possession of notifications to-day by United States quarantine officials that quarantine regulations are being imposed on all vessels arriving or leaving here, because of plague conditions in the Orient.

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CETRIANA IS AGAIN MAKING CALLS HERE

Northern Steamship Company Inaugurates Summer Schedule

After eliminating Victoria from their ports of call during the winter months, the Northern Steamship Company has outlined a new schedule which provides for their steamer, the Cetriana, to call here every second week.

With the decline of trade and to meet the north at the end of the fall last year, the Northern Steamship Company withdrew the Cetriana and also the Petriana, which at that time they owned, from calling at Victoria.

THE CITY MARKET

Table listing market prices for various goods including Hams, Bacon, Butter, and Flour.

CHARTER FIXED FOR STEAMSHIP HENLEY

Will Carry Coal From Nanaimo to San Francisco for the Western Fuel Co.

With the expiration of her charter from the Canadian-Mexican Steamship Company, the Henley, Capt. Batten, will leave Vancouver for Nanaimo to carry a full cargo of coal to San Francisco under charter to the Western Fuel Company.

WILSON RECEIVED FROM TWENTY-TWO CITIES

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BUILDING IN THE DOMINION

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BANKERS ON PAROLE

Leavenworth, Kas., March 13.—Bankers W. H. Schick of Cleveland, Ohio, and S. H. Brainard of Medina, Ohio, have been released on parole from the federal prison here. Each was under a sentence of five years for embezzlement. They were celibates.

RAILWAY ROBBERY

Fort William, March 12.—A serious robbery is said to have been committed on the C. P. R. train No. 97, due in Fort William Friday morning. Information, which is of the most meagre character, is that over \$1,000 in cash and notes, besides watches, cheques, etc., was abstracted from the berths of a sleeper. The C. P. R. police at work on the case are reticent. The robber is thought to be in Fort William or Fort Arthur.

TWO ACQUITTED

Springfield, Ills., March 13.—After three and one-half hours of deliberation, in which about twenty-one ballots were taken, the jury in the trial of State Senator Pemberton, of Oakland, and former Representative Clarke, of Vanderlin, charged with having entered into a conspiracy to secure money corruptly for their votes, in awarding the contract for the furnishing of the seats and executive chamber for the state house, returned a verdict of not guilty.

VICTIMS OF EXPLOSION

Pleasant Prairie, Wis., March 13.—The Dupont Powder Company officials and directors, after an all-day meeting in the ruins of their plant here, promised Saturday to rebuild the village and pay every cent of actual loss sustained by any person as a result of the explosion on Thursday night.

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LABOR CONVENTION WE CONFERRED HERE

PREMIER JUST MISSES AN EMPTY HOUSE

Mayor Morley Also Welcomes the Delegates on Behalf of Victoria

All unconscious of the fact that it had been but a moment or two later he would have found empty benches, Premier McBride walked into the Labor hall just before noon to welcome the delegates to the first convention of the British Columbia Federation of Labor. He was believed to appear at a quarter to twelve but as he did not then appear, and as the convention had previously arranged to adjourn at noon, a motion of adjournment was before the house when the word was whispered round that he was on the stairs. The situation reminded one of that old saw, "the little more and now much it is, the little less and what world's away." The humor of the situation was somewhat added to by the fact that the first person the Premier addressed on the occasion of his visit was A. D. Dodds of New Westminster, who moved the adjournment motion.

The morning session of the convention consisted of about a hundred delegates drawn from practically all parts of the province where organized labor has a place. President G. W. Wallace presided. The hall was decorated with flags and floral ornaments for the occasion.

On behalf of the province Premier McBride extended a cordial welcome to the delegates. He regarded it as an important and representative convention. He said "during the past eight years as first minister in British Columbia it has been my duty as well as privilege to meet with many large and influential representatives in the capital, but I do not hesitate to say that I count this present convention as of equal importance and having as far reaching effects, so far as British Columbia is concerned, as any of them. This is a country where labor has every right to be recognized by the authorities, and so far as in a most substantial fashion. So far as the authority with which I do not hesitate to say that we have tried so far as is consistent with the general interest of the province to give that recognition to each and every one." Commenting on a remark of the chairman that all those present might not agree with his views the Premier pointed out that it was "the right and privilege of every one to support or criticize any particular party he chose. It was the exertion and enjoyment of that privilege that had much to do with the efficacy of the government of the day. He then made a brief reference to the work of the government, commenting on the legislation that had been brought in the interests of labor. "The government of to-day is not a workman's government nor is it an administration of capitalists. It is a government for all the people of British Columbia." In regard to the measures which they had not been able to accept he stated that they had always been ready to accept the full responsibility.

He then launched out upon the Provincial University topic. He admitted that some of the spokesmen of labor had been rather over-critical, but he hoped that when that project was completed they would realize that it was a good work. "In the construction and maintenance of this university there is no desire to take advantage of any class, but there is a strong determination on the part of the government that this university, when established, shall be a people's university; under the control of the government in a large measure and one that will be a technical as well as an academic and scientific training to the boys and girls of British Columbia at the lowest possible cost. It is expected that in the academic courses for boys and girls the tuition will be free, and that in the professional classes they will be only very small charge at the most. In all the detailed efforts that are being put forth by the government we are determined absolutely that everything we can secure for the Provincial University shall be the best and that when the university is opened it will compare favorably with the best educational institutions in the British Empire. The means whereby this can be accomplished have been supplied by the people of the country and are not the subject of any patronage. It is also the intention of the government to establish technical and agricultural schools as well as mining schools and other institutions of a kindred nature, so that nothing will be left undone to make the Provincial University the most replete and complete. Before concluding the Premier referred to the memorandum which the British Columbia Federation of Labor presented to him a few weeks ago and promised that if it was possible he would let them have his answers to the same points raised before the convention. He attributed the delay to the fact that the subjects covered by the memorandum were being investigated by the various departments.

Mayor Morley welcomed the delegates on behalf of the city of Victoria. In doing so he reviewed the movement of unions and asked them to consider the union as no more than a means to an end, and that end was education. He pointed out that the fight of the workers was not against the capitalists; it was against themselves. What would they derive if they did get a raise of a quarter in their wages? Immediate-

DOUBT ABOUT OFFICERS DINED DIRECTORS WERE THE GUESTS OF THE STAFF

Tributes to the Progressive Spirit of a Great Financial Institution

(From Monday's Daily.) A banquet which was held in the unique way that which was held in Bijou hall, Granville Mansions, Vancouver, on Friday evening, when the directors and officers of the Dominion Trust Company, one of the province's great financial institutions dined as the guests of the company's staff. The occasion was one which will live long in the business annals of that city as indicative of the success which has attended the management of the company, as well as to the complete harmony which exists in the ranks of employers and employed. The big hall just accommodated the gathering, the three tables and that at the head of the principal guests being comfortably filled when the chairman rapped for order and a blessing was asked by his lordship Bishop De Pencier.

At the head table, flanking the chairman, F. C. Barter, were Lieutenant-Governor Paterson, Bishop De Pencier of New Westminster, Hon. Edgar Dewdney, W. R. Arnold, managing director of the company; W. H. P. Chubb, T. R. Pearson and Judge Grant.

There were several guests from the capital, where the company has a thriving business and where it will soon have a building of its own. It will vie with the great commercial structures already erected or planned. In addition to those from Victoria and the island already named were Henry Croft, A. E. Planta, Nanaimo; Hugh Kennedy, R. J. Hartley, of the Times staff.

The toast of the King having been loyally honored, the chairman read letters of congratulation to the company from Hon. Richard McBride, Attorney-General Bowers, Norton Griffiths, Hon. P. Frederick Benson of London, Hon. D. M. Eberts and Hon. Thomas Taylor.

"Canada" was proposed by Judge Grant. The learned judge commented by congratulating the officers of the Dominion Trust Company in having not only the highest building in the Canadian west but also in having its financial and trading headquarters so strongly in the persevering industry and the integrity of those who had the direction and control of affairs. Turning to the progress of Canada generally, he spoke of the rapid strides which were being made towards a glorious nationhood and expressed the view that the time had come when Canada should have not only a navy of her own but also a standing army worthy of her position. He counseled the efficient fortification of the coasts, making special reference to the necessity for the defence both of Vancouver and of Prince Rupert.

His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Paterson replied felicitously. The day had come, he said, when all Canadians were proud to call themselves by that name, inasmuch as the day had come when Canada was acknowledged as a world over, not merely as being among the most enterprising nations of the earth, but actually as being the most enterprising a quarter of a century ago. "It had been your good fortune to get along in the Dominion and the United States had been the gainers by the influx of many of the best young Canadians. Things were different now, for Canada presented the best opportunities that the world can offer. The lieutenant-governor regarded the mere idea of annexation as an utter absurdity, and pointed out that the millions of acres of rich land which have not yet even been explored, but which can not fall to prove of immense value. He closed with a tribute to the high standing of Canada's public men, and praised the governmental system of the Dominion as the best that had yet been devised.

In proposing the toast to the province of British Columbia, Hon. Edgar Dewdney, formerly lieutenant-governor, dealt with a series of interesting reminiscences of the early days. He told of the trials and difficulties of the pioneers, and gave personal testimony to the manner in which the hardy men of half a century ago had combated them. He himself had been in the province for fifty-two years, he said, and it had been his privilege to see perhaps more of it than had any person present.

"I have often been broke," said Mr. Dewdney, "but I've never been discouraged or disheartened in any way, nor need any man who has determination ever have cause to be disheartened in this glorious province of ours." Bishop De Pencier, in responding to the toast, said that he felt qualified to do so inasmuch as he had been all over the province, from the coast to the Alberta boundary and from the United States line to Fort George. He spoke of the material prosperity of the province at some length, and counseled seriously the latest tip as to the right kind, to make the places at present unsettled become productive.

"We want men of brawn and muscle," said his lordship, "but we want men of brain and integrity, too, men animated by the principles of Christian civilization, men whose upright, honest and commercial probity can be relied on to carry on the splendid traditions of the past, men who have made possible the existence of just such splendid institutions as those we see about us to-day."

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PRESS OPINION OF PREMIER'S SPEECH

Conservative Journal Says Sir Wilfrid Has Answered Critics Effectively

The Calgary News-Telegram is an Independent Conservative paper. Like many other Canadian journals it is speaking out plainly on this matter of reciprocity. Dealing editorially with Sir Wilfrid Laurier's speech, it says: "Sir Wilfrid Laurier has spoken and there ought to follow from the ranks of the opposition to the measure, a great and profound silence. "Out and away from petty prejudices and trifling particulars, the Premier, in his defence of the great proposal, soared to heights sublime. "From every standpoint of National, International and Imperial consideration, he has answered his critics effectively. "He has fulfilled the expectations of an interested world, has honored Canada, complimented America, and done ample justice to the Empire. "If his voice could be again, this speech will go down in history as one of the greatest pleas for progress ever uttered by the head of a progressive country. "The blush of shame ought to flush the cheek of every traducer of the loyalty of Canadian citizenship. "Every man who by objections and abuse seeks to shirk his share of the responsibility for progress, ought to enter into the privacy of his own conscience and contemplate his worthiness to share in the prosperity that the country's progress will bestow upon him. "For advancement means struggle and striving; and only those who are willing to strive and struggle, only those who are large enough and broad enough to forget prejudice and party pander and endeavor to welcome the consummation of proposals from whatever source, calculated to work out the country's weal, are worthy to participate in the glory and prosperity of the country's progress. "Not to the American spreadeagle orators was he speaking, but to the traitors within the borders, to those who have slandered Canada by depicting their necessity to consider their ladder before their loyalty, when he uttered the following: "Rather than part with our national existence, we would part with our lives. "Instad editors, trouble-makers, and all such people who love to sneer at every sentiment that presumes to rise above the merely sordid, should ponder well, these exalted sentences: "If my voice could be heard that far, I would presume to say to our American friends there may be a spectacle perhaps nobler yet than the spectacle of a united continent, a spectacle which would astonish the world by its novel grandeur, a spectacle of two people living side by side for a distance of four thousand miles, a line which is hardly visible in many quarters, with which rivalry there would be no gun-frowning across it, with not a fortress on either side, with no armament on either side, with no living in harmony, in mutual confidence, and with the rivalry then generous peace. "To the Canadian people I would say that if it is possible for us to obtain such relations between the two young and growing nations, Canada will have rendered to old England, the mother of nations, nay, to the whole British Empire, a service unequalled in its present effort and still more in its far-reaching consequences."

CHINESE ACTRESS IN SUPREME COURT

Her Friends Appeal to Have Her Released From Detention Shed

(From Monday's Daily.) In supreme court chambers this morning, Wong Bick Yung, a Chinese actress, was presented by the Dominion immigration authorities upon an habeas corpus order made Saturday morning by Mr. Justice Gregory.

Fred Peters, K.C., and R. Lowe appeared for Wong Bick Yung, who also answers, presumably in theatrical credits down in Chinatown, to the name of Gong Shee. They finally agreed with Mr. Langley, appearing for the department, that the woman should be allowed out on bail until March 23 in the sum of \$500. The bail was found at once.

It is claimed that the woman has been going back and forth from Victoria to Vancouver on business which the authorities thought unlawful. She was therefore taken care of and placed in the immigration building at the Water Street. Her friends here and in Vancouver missed the woman, and her lawyers claim, in part, that a Chinese business concern here, and accidentally located her in the custody of the Dominion authorities. Her friends then obtained legal assistance and the court order to bring her into court.

When Mr. Justice Morrison was hearing the matter this morning and the request for the adjournment till a week later, Thursday, Mr. Justice Morrison's attention to the fact that the woman had been told she was not to communicate with her friends and lawyers. The bailiff in whose charge she was had said these were his instructions.

Dr. Milne, immigration inspector, rose beside his solicitor in the court and addressing the court said: "The statement is untrue, your honor." Mr. Peters—"Your man told me so himself." His Lordship—"It might have been done without your knowledge, Dr. Milne."

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Advertisement for Railway Minister Sworn In. Text: "RAILWAY MINISTER SWORN IN. Hon. Thos. Taylor, of Revelstoke, Takes the Oath of Office. An interesting ceremony took place yesterday when the Hon. Thomas Taylor of Revelstoke was formally sworn in as British Columbia's first minister of railways by Lieut.-Governor Paterson. Premier McBride, the Hon. Dr. Young, provincial secretary, and the Hon. William Ross, lands minister, were present at the function, and all of them accorded their new ministerial colleague their warmest congratulations."

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Little Damage Done—Many Passengers Came North on Liner

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REBEL LEADER PREPARES TO MOVE

General Leyva Declares He Will Advance Against Ensenada

Mexico, Mexico, March 10.—Driven by reports of impending occupation of lower California by United States troops...

At a meeting Wednesday night Gen. Leyva, who has been threatened with being ousted, was given a unanimous vote of confidence by his men...

A courier captured at Salinas by a band of rebels under Capt. Francisco bore advance to the federal garrison at Ensenada...

San Diego, Cal., March 10.—It became known here yesterday that Ensenada, Mexico, 80 miles south of here, is something of a war base itself...

Match Causes Fire. Cranbrook, March 9.—Constable Walsh, Fort Steele, brought his daughter Lizkie, aged seven, to the 3d Eugene hospital...

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PLAN TO RESTORE MANUEL TO THRONE

Supporters of Monarchy May Delay Action Until After Elections

London, March 10.—A strong effort to restore Manuel to the throne of Portugal is afoot here and at Paris, according to a persistent rumor in governmental circles...

Many persons profess to believe that no open action will be taken by the monarchial party until after the April elections...

North Vancouver March 9.—At the weekly meeting of the council the report of the fire and light committee was adopted...

The committee said that they approved of the signal telephone fire alarm system and were getting prices for its installation...

An important item was that on account of four firemen having left the force because of differences with the fire chief, the chief was asked to send in his resignation...

ENDORSE RECIPROCITY. Summerland, March 9.—At a meeting of the Summerland Liberal association at the schoolhouse, West Summerland, the following resolution was unanimously carried...

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Carson, Nev., March 9.—Avalanches traveling in each instance as much as two miles gathering momentum and bulk as they thundered down the mountain sides, swept the mining camps of Lundy, Mono and Jordan, in Mono county...

At Jordan, where the hydro-electric plant was swept away, the following are known to have been killed: R. Hanson and wife; H. M. Weir, Pasadena, Cal.; electrician, Sacramento, Cal.; C. S. Trumbolt; Benjamin Pessin, Harold Harry; R. H. Mason and John Sullivan...

The slide struck the camp when the men were asleep in the bunk-house and probably not one escaped. At the same time the plant of the power house was destroyed eight cottages were demolished...

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INTERCOLONIAL SURPLUS GROWING

Statement Regarding Cost of the Transcontinental Railway

Ottawa, March 10.—Hon. Geo. P. Graham, in making the annual budget statement of his department in the Commons this afternoon, said the surplus on the intercolonial railway for the last fiscal year was \$623,164, and for the current year the surplus is estimated at \$698,000...

Regarding the National Transcontinental Railway, the minister said the cost to date has been \$4,500,000, and the estimated cost to completion is \$50,750,000. Mr. Graham announced that the government was going to build the Hudson's Bay railway and would submit a proposal to the House for the operation of the road, including arrangements for elevators, wharves, steamships, etc.

In regard to the proposed Welland Canal enlargement, Mr. Graham said three new routes were now being considered by engineers.

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Mr. and Mrs. London from California are visiting Mr. London, sr., north of Skidegate.

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FERGUSON MAY PAY BY AGENT

Verdict Applies Only to Plaintiff—City Agrees to Accept All Similar Taxes

Ernest A. Ferguson, hotelkeeper, was successful in his mandamus application to the Supreme court this morning in which he asked that his road tax of \$2 might be paid on his account, to the city assessor, by his agent, and not necessarily by himself personally, as claimed by the city.

The city solicitor appeared for the city and offered no objection to the judgment being given in favor of Ernest A. Ferguson, but objected to the Ferguson case being held as a test case. He claimed the city would be glad to see Mr. Ferguson or his agent pay the \$2, but there were perhaps other cases where application might be made through a barometer which is not acceptable. The plaintiff's lawyers held that the claims of those placed on the voters' list was a matter for decision by the court of revision.

Mr. Justice Morrison, who heard the application, refused an application for an adjournment, and gave costs against the city. The plaintiffs solicitor, George Morphy, then went to the city hall with the \$2 fee, and also tendered twenty other fees of \$2 each. Pending a direction from the city solicitor, the city treasurer declined the fees, and Mr. Morphy waited until this afternoon for a final decision from the city treasurer, prior to serving twenty separate summonses upon the city similar to that heard by Mr. Justice Morrison this morning.

On applying this afternoon the city treasurer told Mr. Morphy that he would accept the \$2 fee from an agent on behalf of any person.

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REPORTED PLOT TO KILL DIAZ

U. S. Secret Service Men Are Searching for Prime Mover in the Conspiracy

New York, March 10.—The secret service arm of the United States government is actively preparing to take its part in the operations in connection with the Mexican revolution.

As a result of the visit to-day by the Mexican consul here upon United States Commissioner Shields, Marshal Henkel and his deputies, together with secret service operatives, have been sent to the Mexican lines with warrants for the arrest of a man suspected of conspiring to kill Diaz.

The man is wanted for murder, but it is not revealed whom he killed. He is suspected of being a prime mover in the alleged plot against Diaz.

The Mexican consul sought the warrant and his deputies, together with Marshal De La Barra at Washington.

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AMERICAN WRECKS NEED OF MORE MODERN BUILDINGS

Government to Be Memorialized for New Post Office and New Court House

The inadequacy of the present post office for the amount of business now being transacted was one of the items featured at the general meeting of the Victoria Board of Trade Thursday afternoon. At the close of the debate it was unanimously decided that the matter should be remitted to the council of the board with power to draw up a memorial to be presented to the Dominion government asking for a new and adequate building as a post office, and to recommend that the present post office be used for customs house purposes.

S. Lelzer, in introducing the topic to the board, said that Dr. R. M. Coulter, the deputy postmaster-general, had been impressed on his last visit to the city with the inadequacy of the accommodation. Mr. Lelzer thought, however, that enlargement would not meet the case. He thought they should do the same here as they had done in Vancouver, transform the present post office into a custom house and build a new post office. The congestion of the court house and the registry office also came in for his condemnation. He contended that it was time Victoria's development was recognized. A city going ahead with the rapidly and steadily of Victoria should have better and more up to date public buildings than she had.

The necessity for a new court house and a more spacious registry office was emphasized by C. H. Lugin. He had even heard that the present registry office was not fireproof. He thought the way to get out of the difficulty for good would be to have the council prepare memorials for the respective governments in regard not only to the post office, but the court house and the land registry office. He moved accordingly and Mr. Lelzer seconded.

M. B. Jackson suggested that before rushing into the memorials they should consider what was the best site for the proposed post office. The present one was not situated where it ought to be in order to be of the greatest convenience. The geographical centre of the city had moved since the building was erected, and it no longer was a suitable location for a post office, although it was an excellent site for a customs house. In regard to the registry office, he thought that the public should be afforded better protection for their documents. He asserted that the present building was not fireproof. And if ever a fire did overtake the building and the documents were lost the title holders of land would have nothing in the world to show for their claims. As a preliminary precaution he thought that smoking should be prohibited in the building. In his opinion the present court house would make a splendid registry office. He moved for a new court house being erected elsewhere.

The board unanimously agreed to refer the matter to the council to consider all the data and then draw up the necessary memorials.

NAVAL PROGRAMME FOR PRESENT YEAR

First Lord of Admiralty Makes Statement in British Commons

London, March 10.—In connection with the naval estimates which were issued last night and which provide an increase of \$19,000,000 and a new construction programme of five first-class battleships (usually known as Dreadnoughts), three armored cruisers, one unarmored cruiser, twenty destroyers, six submarines and an increase of personnel of three hundred men, Hon. B. McKenna, first lord of the admiralty, announced on behalf of the admiralty, his appreciation of the fact that no contribution from Imperial funds towards the maintenance of the Australian naval unit had been asked for. He added that an expression of the cordial thanks of the admiralty board has been conveyed to the Commonwealth for the additional relief thus given the Imperial naval votes.

Mr. McKenna referred to the securing of the Commonwealth government on the establishment of their naval force of Admiral Sir H. Henderson and three other officers of the Royal navy for advice as to the best manner of organizing their naval forces. Reference was also made to the completion of the purchase of the Niobe and Rainbow by the Canadian Government.

CANADIAN DELEGATION TO THE CORONATION

Ottawa, March 10.—The parliamentary delegation of eighteen members who will go to the king's coronation as guests of British members has been selected as follows: Eight Liberal members of the House of Commons, namely, Ralph Smith, Dr. Clark, McCraney, Guthrie, Beland, Sinclair, Carvell, and Warburton. Five Conservatives, namely, Hon. John Haggart, Hon. G. E. Foster, McGrath, Ames, and Daniel. Five senators, namely, Bowell, Lougheed, Watson, Casgrain, and Power.

CHAMBERLAIN IS ENIGMATIC

London, March 10.—Austin Chamberlain, speaking at Newcastle, said: "By her tariff Canada has built up markets which have brought the United States to beg for reciprocity. We might well look anxiously on an agreement making one portion of the Empire dependent on foreign enterprise. It had been the great good fortune of Canada and the Empire that Canadian statesmen in serving their own national policy served the interests of the Empire as a whole."

HUNT CLUB MEET.

The Hunt Club meet to-morrow will be at "Stadacona, the residence of Major Dupont. Port Street being closed to traffic, the entrance to Stadacona will be from Belmont avenue.

A German statistician has estimated that beneath every square mile of sea there are about 120,000,000 fish. There are occasions, however, when it would be difficult to count the fish. The next best thing is to estimate the distance from us to each fish, and the calculator's figures are within 215,000,000 of being correct.

RUSSIAN BARQUE FOUNDERED WITH 23 MEN—SOLE SURVIVOR SWIMS 15 MILES

During the months of January and February many vessels, both steamers and sailing ships, met with accidents in which some cases proved disastrous. The news brought by the Canadian-Australian liner Moana, Capt. Morriby which arrived in port Thursday. The heaviest weather that has been experienced for a number of years in the Antipodes has been raging there. The heavy winds and seas battered some of the vessels so badly that they were rendered helpless and drifted on to the rocks, the crews having narrow escapes, while other craft foundered while weathering the storm.

The Russian barque, the tragedy of the seas resulting in the loss of the Russian barque Glenbank and 23 of her crew, were received at Sydney just prior to the sailing of the Moana. According to the message received from Fremantle, Western Australia, the barque had loaded a cargo of copper at the Dupuch Island, near Balla Balla. On Sunday, Feb. 7, the day scheduled for sailing, the barometer was reading 29 and the master, having this in mind, and in consequence of no-west willys, determined to put out to sea with 2800 tons of loose copper aboard, he made port Dupuch Island and Legendre Island.

For 24 hours the Glenbank sailed, until the full violence of the willy willy struck her. All hands were called up and the process of shortening sail was gone through with feverish energy. While all hands were at their posts the Glenbank turned over and sank. One convulsive movement and she turned turtle. There was but one survivor of a crew of 24, which included four shoremen who had been helping to stow copper. Anke Katola, who was aloft with the 1500 tons of copper, was on a boat's paddle, and landed at Legendre. He was picked up later by a pearler after being without food or water for three days.

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NOTICES IN THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE

Notification of a Number of Appointments—New Companies Incorporated

(From Friday's Daily.) A considerable number of appointments are gazetted in this week's issue of the B. C. Gazette, as follows: John D. Ferguson of Robson, as a justice of the peace; Walter Robinson of Enderby, Norley F. Tundridge of Vancouver, and Anders Frederik Hjalmar Hagstrom of Campbell River, as notaries public; Joseph W. Weidon of Montreal, as a commissioner for taking affidavits in Quebec province for use in the courts of British Columbia; William H. Cullin as chief clerk in the provincial printing department, vice R. W. Clarke, resigned; and Leonard A. Dodd of Yale to be mining recorder for Yale mining division from the 1st of April last.

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STATEMENT BY MEXICAN MINISTER OF FINANCE

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(Times Leased Wire.) New York, March 10.—Taking direct issue with President Taft, Jose Yves Limantour, Mexican minister of finance, to-day declared that there existed no excuse for American intervention in Mexico. Limantour added that the health of President Diaz is not precarious, and that Mexico can easily protect all foreign interests. Under no circumstances, declared Limantour, would Mexico consent to American interference. Limantour issued the following carefully revised statement:

"While undoubtedly the ideas regarding the matter expressed by President Taft yesterday have had a reassuring effect, I consider it unwise, as reported, that representations have been made by responsible persons to President Taft or to any other high official at Washington of a general uprising in Mexico in the near future, or that President Diaz's health is precarious. The latest authoritative news from Mexico shows an improvement in the general situation, and that President Diaz is attending to his duties as usual, and I regret exceedingly that so much has been said about possibilities of intervention by the United States. I cannot conceive of a situation in my country which would justify such an effect. My government will protect not only foreign interests, but its own people. Under no circumstances could my government consider the intervention matter at this moment, because Mexico can never allow any government to interfere in the management of affairs. All talk of intervention by any foreign government is offensive to Mexico. We simply wish to be treated as a self-respecting government, as any other established government is treated.

"Although there have been serious disturbances for some time in certain European countries similar to those in northwestern Mexico, there has not been the slightest intimation of intervention by European governments, though the foreign interests of those European countries are large.

"It is generally known that the interventionists in Mexico have smuggled arms and supplies across the border. Obviously the stationing there of a large force of American troops there would have a salutary effect on the interventionists of northwestern Mexico. More than this, I cannot believe the American government contemplates."

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The rebel Junta to-day announced that Madero has ordered his forces to attack the Federalists wherever found.

WILL BEEF RISE IN PRICE?

(Special to the Times.) Edmonton, March 10.—According to Pat Burns, the millionaire packer and rancher of Calgary, the price of beef is high in Alberta and is going higher yet, the cause being the fact that cattle were never so scarce in this province as at present. There are two reasons for this: many cattle men have been shipping practically their entire stock out of the province and a great many of the younger cattle have been lying off. Thousands of head of cattle are dead this winter in the southern part of the province and in Montana owing to the scarcity of pasture and the very deep snow.

CLAIMS AGAINST ALBERTA GOVERNMENT.

(Special to the Times.) Edmonton, March 10.—About \$20,000 to \$30,000 worth of claims, it is estimated, for work done on Alberta Great Waterways railway will be considered by the provincial government in the next few weeks, as the time limit set for the presentation of claims expires next week. The time allowed was three months from the passing of the bill, and this took place the latter part of December. The government has already received several claims.

LONG AUTO TRIP.

Denver, Colo., March 10.—Dr. A. L. Westgard of New York, special agent of the department of agriculture, who left here March 3 for the Pacific Coast in a five-ton automobile truck, should be near San Francisco. Following his arrival on the Coast, Dr. Westgard will start on a return trip to New York. He expects to finish his trip across the continent by August.

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PRESIDENT TAFT ON RECIPROCI- TATION ADDRESSES SOUTHERN COMMERCIAL CONGRESS

Declares Agreement Will Benefit Both United States and Canada

Atlanta, Ga., March 11.—President Taft in a speech before the closing session of the Southern Commercial Congress last night made a plea to the young men of the north to take up the political issues from a broad and liberal standpoint, to eliminate from their consideration narrow party-ship and sectionalism.

After reviewing the general legislation of the late congress, President Taft said: "Finally, and the most important thing done, was the ratification of the treaty with Japan. The old treaty was to expire in less than a year. It contained a clause with reference to a limit on immigration which offended the sensibilities of the Japanese. The new treaty omits this clause, but goes into effect under conditions that make certain a continuance of the present status, under which Japan herself is limiting the immigration of her people into this country, and all this without the enforcing of any restrictions on our part.

"Of course, the greatest disappointment of the season was the failure of the senate to follow the lead of the House in ratifying the reciprocity agreement with Canada. Under this the duties on the importation of agricultural products, including cereals, vegetables, fruits, and live stock from each country to the other, are abolished and free trade in them is established.

"In addition there also is free trade in fish and in rough lumber, while there are substantial reductions in iron ore, coal, meats, four and all secondary food products and upon a substantial range of manufactures.

"When we entered upon the negotiations, I authorized the secretary of state and his commissioners to offer free trade in everything, but this Canada could not grant us, because she had a protective tariff, and for the sake of the competition of our better organized industries.

"The south is particularly interested in the fact that vegetables and cottonseed oil are both to be free from the removal of rather heavy duties. But I do not ask your support on the ground of any local advantages. I ask it because I regard this treaty as the beginning of a new relation with our rapidly-growing neighbor on the north, which will inure greatly to the benefit of both.

"The conditions under which agriculture is manufactured are cited on in both countries are substantially the same, and the removal of the duties provided for in this agreement—indeed the removal of all duties between the two countries, is an agreement that would violate no principle that a reasonable protectionist or a reasonable tariff reformer upholds. Canada is at the parting of the ways. If we now reject this opportunity in favor of closer business and trade relations and insist upon the continuance of an artificial wall between the two countries, we shall throw away an opportunity for mutual benefit, and we shall be 'As I have had occasion to say in urging congress the adoption of this agreement, Canada is our good neighbor.

"Against her alone, of all the powerful nations of the world, we have felt under no necessity to establish a navy or to fortify our frontier. For nearly a hundred years we have been content that has attracted the attention of promoters of international peace, we have had no battleships and no forts between us and her.

"She is our natural customer; we are her natural customer. Geography and the natural laws of trade, if uninterrupted by an utterly unreasonable wall, would give us a north and south business of large extent and necessarily beneficial to both. Why, then, should we hesitate?

"Under my promise to use my utmost efforts to secure the ratification of this agreement, I have felt it my duty, in the failure of the senate to act, to call an extra session for the purpose of securing the ratification of the agreement. My opinion is that a majority of both Houses, disregarding party lines, will seize a great national opportunity and promptly ratify the agreement before proceeding to other business, if it be deemed wise or necessary to proceed to other business.

"I feel confident that a test of six months of this agreement will so vindicate the wisdom of adopting it as to remove it from political discussion thereafter. I do not regard it as a matter of sectional interest. I believe it will inure in a large measure to the benefit of this whole country.

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The action entered Thursday as part of the proceedings was taken by Messrs. Benjamin A. Scott of Quebec, and Leon Collinet of Montreal, against Messrs. E. B. Greenfields, H. A. Lovett, K. C. J. W. McConnell, Senator Robert Mackay, Controller F. L. Wanklin of Montreal, A. H. Cook, K. C., W. Macdon Macpherson and Senator Choquet of Quebec, R. Bruntall of Edmonton, A. A. Deberis of Calgary, the Pacific Pass Coal Fields Limited, the Montreal Securities Corporation, Limited, and the Corporation Agenciers, Limited, of Montreal. The latter two firms are added as interested in promoting the alleged merger.

The second action, entered Thursday, is to prevent the transfer of shares voted at the meeting, and to set aside what is claimed to be an illegal issue of \$1,000,000 stock of the Pacific Coal Fields Limited.

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They are much smaller than the cruisers of the Invincible class, which are intended for real battleships of higher speed than the Dreadnoughts and super-Dreadnoughts; but they are considerably larger than the scout steamers already in commission. The cost of the Bristol is \$4,800. The Bristols are somewhat slower, but they are much more powerful armaments.

"The selection of this type for the Canadian fleet was made by the Admiralty after the most careful deliberation, and for reasons that are already becoming more clearly obvious. Naval experts are agreed that the protection of the coast needs a very strong fleet, even if there is no danger at all of invasion. The real danger is that an enemy's swift but powerful cruisers may employ in destroying helpless merchant ships, and thus crippling Britain's finances, to say nothing of endangering her food supply.

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"There is now thirteen feet of water in the reservoir and the leakage is between 20,000 and 30,000 gallons per day. In my original estimate for lining the reservoir with waterproof cement mortar, 1 in. thick, laid on in two layers 1/2 in. thick, at \$7,000, I estimated that the sides of the reservoir could be done for \$1500.

"There are two reservoirs at Beacon Hill, Seattle, with a dividing wall between, of a capacity of 60 and 50 million gallons. Smith's Hill reservoir is 1 1/2 million gallons. The concrete in the Seattle reservoir was 7 in. thick, including a 1/2 in. top surface of one to one mixture placed in two 1/2 in. layers, placed immediately after the nose. Under the expansion joints in the Seattle reservoir there is a concrete stringer 8 in. wide by 4 in. deep, and upon this stringer was placed a falling set in asphalt so that the blocks of concrete might prevent any water escaping. The deeper the water the heavier the pressure on the concrete, hence the less possibility of leakage. Our expansion joints were not designed on this principle. If there is leakage through these joints, I would expect to find a definite opening. The city engineer of Seattle suggests that if the leakage is due to seepage it can be stopped by washing the surface with a preparation of soap and alum, or by painting it with a thin coat of lin. asphalt or waterproof paint.

"The cost of pumping the water from the reservoirs was painted with an asphaltum coat which was not protected and which is peeling off and of little value although the reservoirs do not leak.

"Were Smith's Hill reservoir leaking at the rate of 43,000 gallons per day, it would empty itself in one year, or Elk lake would be lowered approximately 1 in. The cost of pumping the water from one full would be about \$200.00. I expect to decide definitely in a few days what should be done to the reservoir.

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The chair was taken by Mr. Munroe Miller, of Ward 1, and the meeting addressed by representatives of the different districts. The meeting was unanimous in the opinion that the time was now ripe for the withdrawal from Saanich and the formation of a municipality as stated.

Mr. L. Scott, "Winthrop," Maywood P. O. was appointed the secretary for the movement, and will be pleased to supply any information to those interested who were not present at the meeting.

WOMAN DIES SUDDENLY. Seattle, Wash., March 11.—Mrs. George M. Savage, one of the most prominent equal suffrage workers in the state, died of heart disease at a meeting of the Women's Century Club yesterday.

Mrs. Savage was the first secretary, and the last president of the Washington Equal Suffrage Association, having been associated with the organization twenty-two years. She was born at Walla Walla, Washington, in 1881.

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With the opening of the baseball season many of those interested in the league are beginning to ask themselves whether baseball is going back or not. At present, as far as the major leagues are concerned at any rate, appearances are much in favor of the affirmative, there can be no doubt in the eyes of the wise statesman of the game that the game is going back to its old glory, slowly deteriorating. The present day galaxy of stars reached its zenith four or five years ago, and ever since then the head liners have been gradually dropping back to the minors.

It is certain that such great stars as Bobby Wallace, Larry Lajoie, Hal Chase, Hans Wagner, Fred Clarke, Johnny Kling and a host of others, including the intruder, Greig, who have served their best days on the diamond and their future careers will continue for only a brief period at best, and their places will be filled with youngsters from the minor leagues.

The managers of the clubs fully appreciate the seriousness of the situation; this is shown by the mad rush for young players at the beginning of every season. And as far as competition has arisen an evil greater even than the deteriorating of the stars. One or two of the clubs are getting all the really good men, and the National and American leagues series are each simply resolving into a race between two or three of the clubs. As a remedy for this deplorable state of affairs, a prominent baseball magnate makes the following suggestion:

"Suppose the club owners should get together every winter and place in a receptacle slips of paper containing the names of all the first basemen, in another receptacle the names of all the second basemen, and in a third, the names of players of different positions; and then each club owner draw a team for his city for the following year, of course obligating himself to pay the salary provided for in the contract originally signed by the player. This would hurt some of the owners who believe in keeping down the salaries.

"The scheme would be as fair for one club as another, and would have the effect of dealing a solar plexus blow to the selfish set now running over the weaker teams and turning a deaf ear to all offers to purchase or trade for superfluous talent.

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WALL TO WALL WAR OF EXTERMINATION DIAZ TO TAKE DRASTIC ACTION

Death for Men Detected Raiding Villages on Damaging Railways

Mexico City, March 13.—Thoroughly aroused by the spread of brigandage and vandals incident to the revolution led by Francisco I. Madero, and determined to protect property, the Diaz government will begin to wage against the lawless element a pitiless war of extermination.

Resurrecting a provision of the Mexican constitution not used in fifteen years, the government will set aside for six months certain personal guarantees. These detected in the act of highway robbery, raiding a village or farm, train wrecking, or even removing a spike from a railroad track or throwing a stone at a train, will be summarily shot by those making the arrest.

The decision to act for the suspension of "personal guarantees" provided for by the constitution was reached by the president in conference with the members of his cabinet. The provision is one calculated to permit the federal government to put into effect at times of extraordinary conditions a form of martial law.

Under the constitution the government may go further and declare martial law, but the provision invoked does not abrogate the power of the civil authorities. It does deny, in the cases of certain crimes, the right of formal trial to the accused.

Explanatory of the measure sent to the congressional commission there accompanied it a note, also signed, by M. Baeza. In this the sub-secretary reviews the growth of the railway systems of the republic, and calls attention to the part the railways have played in the development of the country.

The measure provided that in cases where the offender is detected and arrested in the commission of his act, no other proof than that of the offender and the fact that he has a personal knowledge that the man arrested committed the act to shoot him. In cases where proof of guilt is not so apparent the accused shall be held in custody for trial. This will be verbal and conducted by the authorities making the arrest. The first seven days shall be devoted to hearing such evidence as may be produced, and on the eighth day sentence shall be pronounced. If the penalty be death, and the authorities are left no other choice in most cases, the execution must not be delayed except for the purpose of seeking executive pardon. This right is granted.

So broad is that clause covering the interference with trains that it includes even the throwing of a stone at a passenger train. Placing obstructions on the track, changing signals, derailing in any manner a train, damaging in any way the rolling stock, even the removal of a piece of timber or a bit of iron, the drawing of spikes from the ties, or the commission of any act calculated to endanger life or property or to impair the efficiency of the service, are features of this portion of the law, and for the commission of which death is the penalty—summary death if detected in the commission and death at the end of eight days if found guilty.

FIGHTING IN HONDURAS

Tegucigalpa, March 13.—Notwithstanding that several notifications have been sent by Fenton R. McCrea, the American minister, to the revolutionary forces under Col. Ferrer, that the peace conference at Puerto Cortes had agreed upon peace, and urging the suspension of military operations, Ferrer has refused to comply and has occupied positions threatening Tegucigalpa.

CLERGYMEN FOR WESTERN CHURCHES

President of Methodist Conference Will Pay Visit to the East

Vancouver, March 11.—In order to secure at least fifteen young clergymen for new fields of church labor in British Columbia, Rev. R. Newton Powell, president of the Methodist conference, and pastor of the Kildaliane Methodist church will leave next Monday for eastern Canada.

In Toronto Rev. Mr. Powell will attend meetings of the Methodist conference, and the conference special committee. He will pay visits to the colleges to secure fifteen men for work in British Columbia.

Although just year has been the first in which all the Methodist churches in British Columbia have been supplied with ministers, a number of new men are needed for new sections, which will be opened to church work this summer. The recruits will come west not later than June 1.

OPERATIONS AT TRAIL SMELTER

Rossland, March 10.—According to a statement recently issued the operations of the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company's smelter at Trail for January make a very favorable showing. During the month the company received 84,500 tons of ore and smelted 32,928 tons. The gross output for the month was about \$248,000, of which 58 per cent of the values was gold.

The January statement is very nearly a duplicate of that for December. In December 85,000 tons of ore were received and 33,360 tons were smelted. The gross output was \$251,000, of which 53 per cent of the values was gold.

TO ATTEND CORONATION

Prince Rupert, March 10.—Colonel Sergeant George Leek will represent Earl Grey's Rifles at the coronation in June. He was chosen by the regiment at their successful smoker held in the old school house now converted to drill hall and regimental quarters. Commanding Officer F. Stork presided, and an excellent programme was given.

OPPOSES SHOP LICENSES

New Westminster, March 11.—That the license commissioners of Westminster are opposed to the granting of shop licenses was evident, when, at the monthly meeting of the board, the application of Joseph Hayward came up for consideration. Mr. Teathers, who appeared for the applicant, was informed that the request put in by his client was not in regular order, and therefore could not be considered by the meeting, but if a like application came up at the next sitting of the board, the matter would be fully discussed.

WILL BE ENLARGED

New Westminster, March 11.—The steadily increasing demand made upon the accommodation at St. Ann's convent, has forced the authorities to look into the possibility of increasing the size of the building. Although plans are as yet unformed, it is understood that a wing will be built large enough to double the present capacity. The actual construction work is not expected to commence until early next year, but in the meantime arrangements for the necessary alterations will be made.

PLEBISCITE ON LIQUOR LICENSES

Vote Will Be Taken at Chilliwack — Waterworks Extension

Chilliwack, March 11.—At the regular meeting of the city council the petition of several residents asking that a plebiscite be taken on the question of increasing the number of liquor licenses was reported by the clerk to the regular in form and the city solicitor was instructed to prepare a bylaw providing for the setting of a date for the vote.

Aid. Waddington, chairman of the fire, water and light committee, submitted a report on the water situation wherein it appears that the water pressure during the past eight months has been far below the mark stipulated in the contract between the city and the Elk Creek Waterworks company. The contract calls for a pressure of 80 pounds to the square inch, but a record kept by the fire chief shows that the highest average pressure for any month during the past eight months was 65 pounds. This pressure was during October, while the average for July was only 47 pounds.

Harry Harding was appointed special policeman, gauler, collector of dog and poll taxes and general handy man around the city jail at a salary of \$60 per month. A communication was received from the clerk of Esquimalt district asking the opinion of the council as to the advisability of Esquimalt becoming incorporated. The clerk was instructed to reply, in effect, that Chilliwack has troubles of her own.

IRISH MEMBERS AND CORONATION

While They Will Not Attend They Wish King George Well

It was announced a few days ago, following on a meeting of the Irish party in London that the members deeply regretted that, although circumstances had changed since the Jubilee of Queen Victoria and the coronation of King Edward, they were compelled to say that the time had not yet come when they felt free to join with the other representatives of the King's subjects on such a great occasion.

They added that the cause of Irish liberty was now on the eve of victory, and that it would have been a great satisfaction to them if they could have stood side by side with the representatives of other great component parts of the Empire at the forthcoming coronation. They felt that they were deprived of their constitutional rights and liberties, and were in a condition of protest against the system of government under which they were compelled to live, and as such had no proper place at the coronation, and would say themselves, open to grave misunderstanding.

GIVEN TEN YEARS

New Westminster, March 11.—Ten years with hard labor was the sentence imposed by Police Magistrate Shaw on Joseph Smith, who pleaded guilty to having about two weeks ago tried to rob the jewelry store of Max McEldon on Main street by first squirting ammonia in the proprietor's eyes with a syringe.

ORE SHIPMENTS

Phoenix, March 11.—The Victoria shipping outlet of the Granby mine is again in full operation. Work is progressing favorably on the construction work of the No. 2 Granby shipping outlet. The tramway to the Great Northern track has been built and the foundation of the ore bins and crusher is under way. Two months will be required to complete the shipping facilities to output ore.

BIG STURGEON

Chilliwack, March 10.—While blowing out snags at the mouth of the Fraser river, ex-Reeve F. O. Kitchin accidentally killed a sturgeon which the Indians claim is the largest they have ever seen. It measured 12 feet in length, 2 feet in vertical measurement and 12 inches through from side to side.

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GRANBY SMELTER

IN FULL BLAST New Record for Month May Be Established — Aerial Tram Line

Grand Forks, March 10.—After a partial shutdown for the past ten days, owing to the breakage of some of the machinery at the mines at Aegon, the Granby smelter will again be in full blast. There is plenty of coke coming now, and the remainder of this month should see a new record established for the smelting of ore at the big reduction works.

PRINCE RUPERT'S NEW HOSPITAL

Formal Opening Largely Attended—Number of Wards Are Already Furnished

Prince Rupert, March 10.—The opening of the new hospital reception was largely attended, among those present being the board of directors, the ladies' auxiliary and the acting mayor and superintendent of the city council.

BURNABY WATER SUPPLY

Vancouver, March 11.—At the meeting of the civic water committee the question of installing a main for the delivery of water to the municipality of Burnaby was fully discussed, and Reeve Weart, who was present with others representing the municipality, declared himself well satisfied with the decision of the committee.

INVESTIGATING

POWDER EXPLOSION Superintendent of Works Says Only One Man Was Killed

Pleasant Prairie, Wis., March 11.—With the vicinity of the wrecked Dupont powder mill, a waste of dismantled homes, the first action yesterday of the residents was toward elimination of the menace of powder works from the country. Indignation meetings were held here and at Kenosha. The effort is to be pushed in the present session of the Wisconsin legislature, according to plans of residents. The question of liability for the damage inflicted is a serious one with the victims. The destruction of their homes in most instances is an overwhelming calamity. No attempt was made yesterday to accomplish anything but temporary patchwork of the shattered homes. Few women remained in the town, and not one stove was in working order. Lack of food already has become a pressing problem.

COUNCIL WILL PAY

New Westminster, March 11.—Lying on the table for a week, the council confirmed the financial committee's report to pay Auditor Cook the sum of \$200 as an honorarium for services rendered to the city of Westminster in working for nothing for many months.

CANADIAN MAGAZINE

The Canadian Magazine for March contains an article on "The Surrender of Poundmaker," by Major C. F. Winter, the Canadian Militia, an eye witness to that interesting event. He gives a servant account of the whole negotiation. The article is well illustrated. "The Farmer How to Farm," is the most pertinent title, an article by Donald G. French which proves to be a comprehensive account of what the Ontario Department of Agriculture is doing towards helping the farmers of the province to farm scientifically. Other articles of more than passing interest are "What is the Empire?" by Hon. W. R. Brewster Hiddell; "Canadian Outlook and Modern Dutch Art," by E. J. Johnston, K. C.; "The Magdalen Islands (second article)," by W. Lacy Amory; "Soul of a Canadian City," by T. S. Knowlton; with short stories by Ecclestone Mackay and L. M. Gomersy.

STARTS FOR WEST

Ottawa, March 11.—F. H. Cunningham, the newly appointed fisheries inspector for British Columbia, has left to assume his duties, with headquarters at New Westminster. William Sloan, ex-M. P., who has been in Ottawa for the past week, will leave for Vancouver to-night.

NO SUNDAY FUNERALS

New Westminster, March 10.—The Ministerial Association of the lower Fraser Valley at their regular monthly meeting took a stand against Sunday funerals. Those present at the meeting expressed themselves as opposed to holding funerals on Sunday when it was at all possible to hold them on a week day. A committee composed of Rev. C. W. Brown and Rev. A. deB. Owen was appointed to take this matter up with the undertakers of the city and arrange, if possible, for holding more Sunday funerals. It was also decided to take steps to inaugurate a permanent missionary for the

WORK ON BIG TUNNEL

Greenwood, March 10.—The big tunnel is in 1,500 feet. It is not expected that much ore will be encountered until the tunnel has been driven a distance of 2,300 feet. George Cunningham has resigned his position as mining recorder and will leave for the coast next month. Charles Kauppi had an eye blown out by a premature blast while working on the railway grade near Park creek.

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DALLAS SEA WALL PROVES COSTLY

QUESTION OF ALTERING THE WHOLE SCHEME

Mayor Denies Any Responsibility in Matter and Blames Engineer

The need for drastic alterations in the plan under which the Dallas road sea wall is being constructed was discussed at last evening's meeting of the city council and incidentally the mayor gave expression to the opinion that he had no confidence in the city engineer.

After a protracted discussion, during which Ald. Humber declared that the council should order the work stopped pending a revision of the plans for the wall, it was decided to await a special report from Edward Mohun, C.E., of the public works department.

The matter came up on the reading of a report from the city engineer, who had been asked for an accurate estimate of the cost under the present plan.

He reported that to make an estimate would require the staking of many test holes, at an expense of from \$1,500 to \$2,000. The original applications provided for additional work to be done on a unit basis, so much per square yard, and to do deeper with the foundations would add some \$9,000 to \$12,000 to the original estimate of cost.

On the report of the engineer having been read, Ald. Morley said he had been asked by Ald. Langley, who was unavoidably absent, to state that Mr. Mohun of the public works department, was preparing a special report on the wall and that the same would be ready for the next meeting of the council.

Ald. Humber was of the opinion that the work should cease at once. "If you don't look out," declared the alderman, "you will have another Smith's Hill reservoir on your hands."

The mayor, replying to some observations from Ald. Humber, said the plans had never been appealed to the board.

SPOKANE'S NEW CIVIC COMMISSION

Former Vancouver Pastor Tells of New Regime - Power of Board

Rev. W. J. Hindley, Congregational minister, student of economy and sociology, and enthusiast in many sports, was elected Tuesday a member of the commission board of Spokane, and who is spending a few days at his former home in Vancouver.

The Spokane board of commission consists of five members; a commissioner of public affairs, who will be the mayor; a commissioner of public safety who will have charge of the fire, police and health departments, etc.; a commissioner of finance, whose title describes his office; a commissioner of public utilities, who will have charge of all departments under that head, including any private enterprises which may at any time be taken over by the city, and a commissioner of public improvements, etc.

The title of mayor is entirely an honorary one, and carries no special power or veto with it. Nominally, he is chairman of the board, the board of all five are the same, 15,000 per year, and ordinances will be passed by a majority vote.

The initiative, referendum and recall are embodied in the charter, and may be exercised at any election at the will of 15 per cent of the voters, or a special election may be called at the request of 20 per cent. The mayor is elected by the board at its first official meeting, which takes place next Tuesday.

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DARSMEN STILL ON LOOKOUT FOR SITE

Plans for Securing of New Quarters Revived - Secretary Enthusiastic

With the advent of the new secretary, W. N. Kennedy, the plans for the coming boating season and the securing of new quarters are expected to boom in J. B. A. club circles.

The former secretary, Vince Gray, locked energy for the very opposite is true. Mr. Gray has been so busy, and has been forced to be out of town so much, that he found he could not devote the time he thought necessary to the work of the club, and in that account fell compelled to resign.

Mr. Kennedy, however, has more time to spare, and will put himself heart and soul into his new task, not only assisting in every way possible in making this season a record one but also in paving the way for the increased growth of the club in membership and variety of sports taken up.

Mr. Kennedy, expressing his opinion on the question of new quarters, stated that they are absolutely necessary. The present building is in no way adequate to accommodate the ever increasing number of men and boys who are joining the club.

Some time ago the club was negotiating for the ground floor in the Dominion Trust Company's new building, but finally such terms were offered that they did not deem it advisable to continue negotiations further.

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INSURGENT LEADER REPORTED WOUNDED

Former Mexican Officer Says 600 Men Were Killed in Recent Battle

El Paso, Texas, March 11.—Francisco Madero, wounded and possibly dying, is reported in a house in El Paso, according to a former captain in the Mexican army who says he rescued Madero after the insurgents "met their Waterloo" in the battle of Casas Grandes.

The Mexican officer arrived here this afternoon with an account of the battle. He declared that 200 insurgents and 400 federales were killed. The captain's statement does not coincide with reports received through couriers by the rebel junta here.

Rebels Advancing. San Diego, Cal., March 11.—Telephone messages from Tia Juana, Mexico, said information has been received there that insurgents, from Maroon Rancho were advancing to an attack on the city. Gendarmerie when ordered to the front refused to go and a posse of farmers left this afternoon to witness the expected attack.

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BOY RETURNS HOME AFTER LONG JOURNEY

Thirteen-Year-Old Lad Who Disappeared Last Year Reaches Saskatoon

Saskatoon, Sask., March 11.—Young Gordon Cummings, 13 years old, whose disappearance created such a stir in this city about ten months ago, is back home again after wandering or sailing about half way around the world. He enjoyed his experience, too, and there is little doubt that were it not for his family's remaining in the Old Country, he would not be contented to settle down to the humdrum existence of the city life, for the wanderlust has got hold of him.

On leaving Saskatoon, Gordon made his way to Vancouver and obtained a position on a boat sailing for Mexico, but she had trouble with her compasses and after being carried over the line to the Gulf of California, she was eventually reaching Vancouver on the return trip on March 3.

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PORTLAND COMPANY MEETING CUT RATE

Will Make Bid for Flour Trade to Orient Via Columbia River

Portland, Ore., March 11.—Rates were cut in two by the Portland & Asiatic Steamship Company yesterday for the transportation of wheat from Portland to the Far East and a reduction of about 35 per cent. was made for carrying flour from Portland to the various ports beyond the Pacific. The new tariff is \$1.50 on wheat and \$2.00 a ton on flour. Formerly there was a charge of \$3 a ton for the transportation of each of these cereals.

It is said "strong pressure" was brought to bear by occasional exporters on R. P. Schwerin, vice-president and general manager of the Portland & Asiatic Steamship Company, to meet the new rate which had been put in effect at Puget Sound ports for transporting the cereals across the Pacific.

It is announced that the new tariff will remain in force throughout March and April. If the Northern lines still are quoting low rates, after the expiration of April, it is understood that the same policy will be followed by the Portland & Asiatic company.

Kills Two of Crew. Chief Officer of Bannockburn Shot. Mutilous Chinese and Wounds Two Others. Word has reached here that the chief officer of the British steamship Bannockburn was obliged to kill two members of the Chinese crew in self-defense, following the stranding of the vessel near Dover early last week. The Bannockburn was bound out from Antwerp to San Francisco with general cargo for Parrott & Co. when she was ashore at Dover. Later advice states that the Chinese crew rushed the chief officer who produced a revolver and killed two of them. Two others were wounded but the remainder came on and it was only the arrival of the captain and other help that drove the mutineers back.

The Bannockburn is well known here for she brought last to Prince Rupert last year from Cape Breton, afterwards loading barley at San Francisco for the United Kingdom. On this voyage she was to have come north to load lumber on the Fraser river.

Will Salvage Cargo. Ashcroft, March 10.—A party has left Port George for the ill-fated steamer Chillico. It will be remembered that the Chillico was stranded in the river last fall with a full cargo, the most of which was consigned to W. Blair at Fort Gibby. This party will look over the hull with a view to saving what freight they can before the river breaks up.

English Birds Are Now Being Imported. Over Two Hundred Songsters to Be Brought From London to Victoria. The bird committee of the Natural Historical Society, at a meeting held yesterday in the neighborhood of Victoria, decided to import about twenty dozen song birds from England, to be liberated in the neighborhood of Victoria.

The birds chosen were six dozen goldfinches, six dozen brown linnets, six dozen green linnets, about two dozen English robins. They will be supplied by Whiteleys and will be purchased for the society by J. R. Anderson who is now on his way to London and who is to be asked to have them shipped as soon as possible.

CITY SOLICITOR DISSATISFIED WITH GREGORY JUDGMENT

Council Opposed to Further Litigation to Test the Liquor By-Law

The city council, at its meeting last Friday, refused the request of the city solicitor that he be allowed to appeal against the recent decision of the Justice Gregory in the case of the City vs. Levy, whereby the provisions of the Liquor Regulation bylaw limiting the time within which restaurants and saloons shall sell liquor was declared invalid. The council also refused to entertain a debate as to the ability of the solicitor to draft another bylaw. It was finally decided to let the matter stand for a week, the mayor promising to post a notice to reconsider the proposal of the solicitor.

On the report of the solicitor last week, Alderman Moresby said he believed that the money which is spent in the litigation might better be spent in revising the city regulations. Each and every time the city had gone to law it had been beaten. The money which is spent in the litigation might better be spent in revising the city regulations. Each and every time the city had gone to law it had been beaten. The money which is spent in the litigation might better be spent in revising the city regulations.

Alderman H. E. Fullerton suggested amending the by-law so as to prohibit the sale of liquor in saloons and hotels small enough to be considered as restaurants. The proposal of the solicitor to draft another bylaw might better be spent in revising the city regulations. Each and every time the city had gone to law it had been beaten. The money which is spent in the litigation might better be spent in revising the city regulations.

The city building inspector refused to grant a permit to Thomas Potter who proposes to erect a \$15,000 hotel on the premises now occupied by the Globe. The city council has refused to grant the permit on the ground that the hotel should be built on the street, opposite the new George school. The school board has refused to grant the permit on the ground that the hotel should be built on the street, opposite the new George school.

To NOME IN MOTOR BOAT. Couple to Leave Seattle on Long Voyage via Inside Route. Seattle, March 10.—Accompanied by his wife, J. A. Ricker, manager of the Los Angeles branch of Outdoor Life, sporting and outdoor magazine, Denver, Colo., this summer will undertake a trip in a twenty-four-foot motor launch from Puget Sound to Nome, Alaska.

Mr. and Mrs. Ricker will come to Seattle early in June. After two days stop-over here they will sail for Seattle and then on to Nome. They will follow the route of the Alaska Steamship company and all officials and masters of that company have been invited to their interesting journey. If necessary their boat will be hoisted on flat car of the White Pass & Yukon route, taken over the mountains and launched in the Yukon river, where the stream they will follow to St. Michael and cross Norton Sound to Nome, where one of the vessels of the Alaska Steamship company will pick them up and bring them back to Seattle. Arrangements have just been completed by the Alaska Steamship company to handle Mr. and Mrs. Ricker and their party in their interesting journey. While on route they will send telegrams of their progress and also will write and illustrate a series of sketches to be published the coming fall in the magazine.

Indian School Destroyed. Winnipeg, March 11.—The old Indian industrial school at St. Boniface, the last of four or five years ago, was destroyed yesterday. The financial loss was about \$15,000, partly covered by insurance.

There were fifty students residing in the institution but no one was hurt. The fire originated in the basement furnace and though it spread slowly it completely enveloped the building. It was several hours before the firemen could leave it, as they had but one hydrant to draw water from. The most serious loss is the destruction of the valuable library, containing many of the books, a dictionary of Indian languages, in manuscript, the result of years of labor, and it is doubtful if it could ever be duplicated.

TRIAL OF MEMBERS OF THE CAMORRA

Threats of Death Results in Flight of Number of Witnesses

Viterbo, Italy, March 11.—Forty-one members of the Camorra, Italy's brigand organization that has scourged the country for centuries, face trial to-day for murder. In spite of the precautions of the authorities, the terror of the Camorra names has caused the mysterious departure of several witnesses and of two prospective jurors. The police admit that witnesses have been intimidated and many of the important ones threatened with death have vanished.

The specific crime is the murder of Enrico Cucuoli and his wife in 1906. Gerardo Alfano, leader of the band near Viterbo, was the confessed murderer on trial. Cucuoli, a former member of the Camorra, betrayed the secrets of the organization and is said to have publicly slapped the face of Alfano. The man was lured to Torre Del Ceco and slain. Simultaneously Signora Cucuoli was murdered while she slept in an inn at Naples.

Alfano and his confederates were arrested but were released when Father Vittozzi, godfather of Alfano, swore he knew the murderers and gave their names. Three men arrested proved an alibi and the priest was questioned. Then it was learned that he also was a Camorrist. The authorities worked several years in rounding up Alfano and his men. Infamously they will add the police in preserving order in the court room.

Hardware Men Meet. New Westminster, March 10.—At the annual banquet of the B. C. Hardware Men's Association held at the Odd Fellows hall officers were elected as follows: H. C. Martin, Vancouver, president; J. C. Payne, North Vancouver, 1st vice-president; Geo. Blakeley, New Westminster, 2nd vice-president; Messrs. C. K. Snell, W. R. Owen, J. Kennedy and Geo. Moscor, all of Vancouver and T. B. Bryson, New Westminster, were elected directors.

CHINESE FAMINE FUND

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BANK TELLER ROUTS TWO HOLD-UP MEN

Wyoming, Oct., March 11.—As C. R. Weaver, the teller of the Bank of Toronto here, stepped into his room over the bank this morning he was confronted by a masked man, who, armed with a revolver, called upon him to throw up his hands. Weaver jumped at the man, wrenching his revolver from him. A companion of the hold-up man then sprang to the rescue. After about a minute's struggling Weaver succeeded in freeing himself and securing his revolver opened fire through an opening in the floor of his room, which is directly above the front of the safe. After firing a shot in return the robbers fled. Weaver fired three shots in all, a single bullet having found one, but nothing was taken.

MINEE ELECTROCUTED

Wallace, Idaho, March 11.—Walking through a tunnel in the Morning Mine last night, Bert Thowser, a miner aged 28, was instantly killed when the single wire he carried touched a live power transmission wire overhead, and sent 4,000 volts of electricity through his body.

Fish are great ruffians. That is probably the reason why fine-looking bait tempt so many of them to destruction. A single blue fish has been known to devour a red, each as big as himself in rapid succession.

CROW'S NEST PASS COAL COMPANY

Annual Report Best in History of Concern - Outlook is Promising

Toronto, March 11.—Elias Rogers presided at the annual meeting of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company. A dividend of 1 per cent, the third since last year, was agreed to be made during next week to collect funds.

NOTICE TO MARINERS

The fog bells at Prospect and Brockton Points, at the entrance to Vancouver harbor, will be altered on or about the first of April, so as to give a blow every twenty seconds, instead of every twenty seconds, as at present.

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Berthold and Leyva...
major portion of the...
was apparent to-day...
turing back to Seatt...
reported that the r...
on its way to Tecate...
Rodriguez and his fo...
being that place.
Berthold planned to...
at Tecate, and if de...
back through Pichac...
every foot of the way...
Lakes district at...
Capt. McDonald and...
guard Mexicali in b...
the south of the tow...
rection the retreating...
day, while attempting...
der blockade with a...
ammunition. James...
COLD WAVE...
ATLAN...
It Travelled Ea...
Great Lakes V...
Weather is...
(Times Leas...
Washington, D. C...
tending from Cape...
port, Maine, a cold...
over the Atlantic co...
water is moderating...
Great Lakes, where...
tained in many place...
According to report...
Lakes district at...
reported to be five...
morning wind at Vi...
mercury dropped to...
the temperature dro...
cold snap follows a...
tively warm weather.