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FOUR MAIL CLERKS BURNED TO DEATH

SEVERAL RAILWAY CARS WERE DESTROYED

The Unfortunate Men Were Unable to Escape—A Number of Others Were Injured.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 24.—As a result of a head-on collision between a west-bound passenger train and an east-bound freight train last night, four mail clerks were burned to death and several trainmen were more or less seriously hurt. All the injured are in a hospital in Cleveland. It is reported that no passengers were hurt. The passenger train was well filled, and many of the passengers were school superintendents and teachers on their way to Cincinnati to attend a meeting of school directors and teachers in that city. The unfortunate mail clerks were caught like rats in a trap within their car when it caught fire, and being locked in, were unable to release themselves. The scene of the wreck is but a few miles west of the city of Cleveland, and relief was started out immediately on hearing of the wreck from this city. The injuries to the train crews consisted mostly of cuts and bruises, and are not considered serious. All but two of the cars of the passenger train were destroyed by fire, which probably started from the overturning and explosion of oil lamps in the express and mail cars.

C. P. ON ATLANTIC.

The Advent of the Company Will Be Well Received. Montreal, Feb. 24.—A special cable from London to-day says: "The C. P. R. purchase of the Elder Dempster line is well received here. Mr. Arthur Piers, Canadian Pacific steamships superintendent, has gone to Liverpool to make the necessary arrangements to enable the service to begin at the opening of navigation. It is understood Montreal will be the Canadian terminus, and Liverpool will certainly be one of the British ports. The other two will probably be Glasgow, London or Bristol. Little doubt is entertained in well-informed quarters in London that the Canadian Pacific now stands the best chance for the fast mail service."

BANDITS ORGANIZING.

Report That Large Force Is Preparing to Attack Town. Vienna, Feb. 22.—It is reported that the Macedonian leader, Boris Sarafoff, has organized within the past fortnight several bands of well-equipped Bulgarian bandits in Macedonia, each consisting of about 250 men. The Nene Frele Presse learns that 4,000 armed Macedonians are concentrated near the celebrated Rila monastery, forty miles from Sofia, and are preparing to attack the town of Melnik, in the Turkish province of Seres. There is an unconfirmed rumor that the Albanians have attacked the Roumanian consulate at Mitrovast, Turkey.

KILLED BY HIS SON.

The Family Say the Boy Was Acting in Self Defence. New Orleans, Feb. 22.—Peter Farrell, one of the leading local Democratic politicians and state coal gazer, was shot and killed by his eldest son, Edward, to-day. The family claim that in a fit of un-governable temper Farrell attempted to kill Edward and George, the eldest boys, for misconduct, and Edward took the pistol from him and fired three shots into his father's heart. The boys survived.

DYING FROM CANCER.

Mrs. Roehling, Who For a Time Directed Construction of Brooklyn Bridge, Is Ill. Trenton, N. J., Feb. 24.—Mrs. Washington A. Roehling, famous for the part she took in directing the construction of the Brooklyn bridge after her husband had been incapacitated by chills fever, is in a critical condition at her home in this city. She is suffering from cancer, and her physicians entertain little hope for her recovery.

THE PRICE OF COAL.

Price of Operators and Corporations Begins at Chicago. Chicago, Feb. 24.—The trial of the seven individual coal operators and nine corporations for alleged unlawful control of the coal prices was called here to-day. Much difficulty is anticipated in securing a jury.

ATTACK CONTINUED.

Members of Commons Continue Criticism of War Secretary Broderick's Scheme. London, Feb. 24.—When the debate on Mr. Beckett's proposed amendment to the address in reply to the King's speech at the opening of parliament was resumed in the House of Commons to-day, the attack on War Secretary Broderick was continued. Winston Spencer Churchill, (conservative), declared Mr. Broderick's expectations had only been realized in two directions, namely in the decrease in the number of volunteers and in the increase in the British army in proportion to the number of generals than in any army in the world, except Venezuela. The speaker further declared that the whole army corps scheme was a "humbug and sham," and was only introduced with the object of militarizing England. He asked where the government expected the three army corps intended for foreign service to operate. It was not in South Africa and such a force was not needed in India and they certainly could not contemplate the three army corps operating in Canada, for the United States was "no more prepared to invade Canada than Great Britain was prepared to invade the United States." Mr. Churchill alluded amidst cheers "And long may that salutary neglect continue."

AGAIN SNOWBOUND.

Express Trains Unable to Make Any Progress in Newfoundland. St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 24.—The belated express trains are again snowbound. One train after making 60 miles in the direction of St. John's, found further progress impossible, and was sent back 10 miles to a division point, where supplies of food and coal are stored, which will enable it to remain a long period without causing anxiety. The other train, on the western side of the plateau, in the middle territory, was unable to retreat to the settlement of Bay of Islands, as had been planned yesterday. A working train with two engines and a crew of fifty men, carrying provisions, started last night in an attempt to cut the express clear and keep these aboard in provisions. Meanwhile the other sections of the road are also blocked, but as no trains are moving at present, there is no anxiety, except in the fact that the greater portion of the express is out of St. John's. The first mail into the colony for nearly a fortnight, consisting of 400 bags of British, United States and Canadian mail, arrived to-night by steamer Danana from Halifax. The mails lay at Sydney four weeks, awaiting the steamer Bruce, which, however, was frozen in the ice of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. They were then sent to Halifax and brought here by the steamer Danana.

THE PURCHASE OF STEAMERS.

C. P. R. Company Has Acquired Fourteen of the Beaver Line Vessels. Montreal, Feb. 24.—The Star's London cable says: "Even yesterday a small note of criticism was drowned in to-day's general approval of the Canadian Pacific's purchase of 14 Beaver line steamers. Both this company and the Elder steamer people decline to divulge prices, which is variously stated from one and a quarter to two million pounds sterling. It is a fact that the Lake Shore and Lake Ontario are struck out of the original list of steamers, which is making at present a purchase of 14 only. This doubtless accounts for the variation in the statements as to the price paid. "Four of the new steamers being passenger steamers the question is now being considered as to whether immigrant passengers are to be carried. The fact, however, that this service only begins after the great spring rush is over will probably cause the company to defer their decision on this point. It is also undecided exactly as to what British ships are to be chosen."

HEAVY SENTENCES.

Imposed on Men Guilty of Personation in the Referendum. Ottawa, Feb. 24.—Judge Deacon to-day sentenced John B. Hollingsworth, veterinary surgeon, to six months' imprisonment in the county jail and a \$200 fine, for voting more than once on the referendum in December. Were Not Present. Toronto, Feb. 24.—Sentence of one year's imprisonment was imposed to-day on Joseph Omelia and David Cohn, for personation on the referendum vote. Neither man appeared, and it is supposed both have gone to the United States.

A FIDELITY MURDER.

Wife of Farmer Dragged to Barn and Killed with a Pitchfork. Elmira, N. Y., Feb. 23.—A horrible murder was committed at Trowbridge, Pa., a small town about twelve miles from here, this morning. Mrs. Rachel Payne, wife of George Payne, a farmer, was murdered by a tramp farm hand, named Edw. Mason, who dragged her to the barn and killed her with a pitchfork, pounding so hard that he broke the handle of the instrument. He then smashed the house, and stole \$100 in money. He made good his escape, and the woman was found in a dying condition at 4.30 o'clock this afternoon. Officers from four counties are on the murderer's trail.

DESIRE TO STOP CIGARETTE SMOKING

DEPUTATION WAITED ON FEDERAL MINISTERS

Destructive Fire at Waterford, Ont.—Damage Amounts to \$70,000—Canadian News Notes.

Ottawa, Feb. 24.—A big delegation waited on Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. Messrs. Fielding and Bernier to-day, and asked for the prohibition of the manufacture, importation and sale of cigarettes. The delegates were principally from temperance associations, and included ladies and gentlemen. There were several ministers with them. Premier Laurier promised consideration.

Blaze at Waterford.

Waterford, Ont., Feb. 24.—Fire this morning destroyed the Duncombe building, occupied by Hadden, tailor; Hill, butcher; Perkins, shoemaker; and the office of Marlatt & Duncombe. The contents were also destroyed, also the building, owned by Mrs. J. P. Dean and occupied by Shillidrick & Clover, hardware merchants. The store of Galley, a shoe man, was slightly damaged. The loss on the buildings is \$90,000 and stocks \$10,000, and is partly covered by insurance. Prof. Steen Dead. Montreal, Feb. 24.—Prof. F. J. Steen, vicar of Christ Church Cathedral, died early this morning from a complication of diseases. He was born in New York in 1867. He became well known in Canada two years ago on account of a charge of heresy being laid against him by Archbishop Bond, but which was finally dismissed.

Attacked His Father.

Guelph, Ont., Feb. 24.—Peter Canfield went home last night the worse of liquor and choked his father, Walter Canfield, who is now in a serious condition at the hospital. The son was before the police yesterday this morning and remanded for a week. Two Deaths. Winnipeg, Feb. 24.—Rev. Waddington Clark, rector of St. Luke's church, is dead from scarlet fever this morning. W. Kirkwood, formerly a commercial traveller, of Montreal, is dead.

A WARNING.

Vice-President Blackstock on Opposition Encountered by the War Eagle. Toronto, Feb. 25.—At the annual meeting of the shareholders of the War Eagle mine to-day, Vice-President Blackstock said: "I desire to say for myself and I think I voice the sentiments of the president and the whole board, that unless we can get, if not the cordial support, at least a cessation of the opposition which we have encountered from those whose interests are as much at stake in the solution of this mining problem as our own, we shall allow someone else to furnish money both for fighting the people in litigation and for operating the mines. We have met with opposition from the government of the province, the labor unions, the municipalities, and smelters, in our efforts to reduce the cost and secure the water necessary to mill our low-grade ores, without which—speaking only for myself—I believe every mine in Rossland will be closed up and abandoned within comparatively a few months. "This is plain talk, but it is intended for those who apparently think we are afraid to abandon the mines and will therefore yield something to their factions' opposition. "The financial statement shows that during 1902, \$238,598 was spent on the mines, and that the net receipt sales totalled only \$203,249. The mine is now in debt to the extent of \$683,101, as against \$941,518 at the end of 1901."

LIBERALS RETURNED.

For Two Mountains and Terrebonne—Result in North Grey. Montreal, Feb. 24.—Ethier, Liberal, was elected by 175 majority for Two Mountains to-day. The Liberals also carried Terrebonne, where incomplete returns give Desjardins 250 majority. Netin Grey. Owen Sound, Feb. 24.—The Conservatives recaptured North Grey by a good majority from the Liberals to-day, the latest returns giving Thompson, Conservative, 175 majority, with two or three places to report. The vacancy was caused by the death of Dr. Horsey, Liberal, who had 17 majority at the last election.

FORMER ARCHDUKE

Decides to Enter the United States Navy. Vienna, Feb. 24.—The former Archduke Leopold Ferdinand, the brother of the former Crown Prince of Saxony, has telegraphed to his parents at Salzburg that he intends to become an officer in the United States navy.

EXCITING FIRE

Barnum & Bailey's Winter Quarters Badly Damaged. Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 24.—Fire this morning partly destroyed a new brick car barn at the new winter quarters of the Barnum & Bailey circus and burned a number of cars belonging to the circus. The loss is estimated at \$100,000, on which there is an insurance of \$23,000. The fire was caused by a lamp falling to the floor in the midst of a quantity of benzene. While the fire was at its height a cornice fell, carrying to the ground with it 10 firemen, but none were seriously hurt. Great excitement was occasioned during the removal of 14 elephants. Their load trumpeting while being driven to a place of safety gave rise to a rumor that the animals had broken loose. The other animals were in danger at 10 time.

TWO NEGROES LYNCHED.

One Had Wounded a White Man and the Other Insulted a Woman. Shreveport, La., Feb. 24.—Frank Brown, a negro, was lynched here to-day. He had been charged with insulting a white woman, and was wounded, a white man.

Shot to Death.

Griffin, Ga., Feb. 24.—Wm. Fambro, a negro, has been shot to death on the outskirts of this city by a mob who fired over 1,000 shots into his house. Fambro, who had been charged with insulting a white woman, had been released on the payment of his fine by his employer.

DISCUSSED IRISH LAND QUESTION

John Redmond's Speech in Imperial Commons Proposed Amendment to Address, But Denied That He Has Any Hostile Intention. London, Feb. 25.—The Irish leader, John Redmond, in the House of Commons to-day moved an amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne, on the subject of the Irish land question. Mr. Redmond's speech was most conciliatory. He said the amendment was not intended as a hostile demonstration against the movement, but as a "friendly warning" to the minister, and that he and his friends believed the government is engaged in framing a great measure of justice and appeasement for Ireland, which, in the words of the King's speech, will "complete the abolition of the dual ownership of the land." All he (Mr. Redmond) wanted was an assurance from the chief secretary for Ireland, Mr. Wyndham, that the government is engaged in an honest attempt to solve the problem on the lines suggested by the report of the recent land conference, which the speaker added, "I believe will be accepted, and that the agrarian troubles and conflicts between classes in Ireland."

Mr. Wyndham, in replying, declined to commit himself to any wholesale approval of the land conference report which he said avoided or skirted any considerations which must be taken into account. He expressed the hope that the spirit of the report would be animating the report would be enlivened by the House in its consideration of the forthcoming measure, which would make it possible for Ireland to lay the social foundations upon which it was alone possible to rear the fabric of healthy national life.

Mr. Redmond eventually withdrew his amendment.

Mr. Price, Liberal, moved an amendment to the address providing for the repeal of the law excluding Canadian store cattle from the British markets.

GALE ON ENGLISH COASTS.

Much Damage to Property—Steamer Wrecked and It Is Feared Others Are Lost. London, Feb. 25.—A severe gale visited here and along the coast last night, causing much damage to property in this city. Trees were up-rooted, walls of buildings in course of construction were blown down and many houses were unroofed. The Chatham & Dover railroad was blocked for a considerable time by a shed, which had been blown across the track. It required several hours for workmen to remove the debris. It is estimated that the wind attained a velocity of between 60 and 70 miles an hour at times during the night. This morning, however, the gale is abating. The gale was very severe along the coasts, and it is feared that a number of vessels have been lost. A telegram received early this morning at Lloyd's reported the first disaster. The British steamship Maudslock, Capt. Woods, bound from Mlythe for Boston with a cargo of coal, was driven ashore on the Isle of Man. Her crew were rescued with much difficulty by the life-savers. The vessels is well up, and it is believed that she will be a total loss.

DEPUTY MINISTER ON THE WAY WEST

PASSED WINNIPEG EN ROUTE TO FERNIE

Man Who Received Poisoned Candy Now Under Arrest—New C. P. R. Superintendent.

Winnipeg, Feb. 23.—The Gold Rock chocolate poisoning case has taken a new turn, when Chiverton was arrested at Winnipeg, on Sunday, and taken to Rat Portage, awaiting Detective Emmons's investigation. Chiverton is the man who received the box and distributed the candies. He is 22 years old, and hails from New Brunswick. He thrashed in Manitoba during the fall and worked in the Rat Portage Lumber Company's employ all winter. En Route to Fernie. W. McKenize King, deputy minister of labor, passed through Winnipeg yesterday en route for British Columbia, where he will try and bring about a settlement of the Fernie coal miners' strike there by arbitration. Mr. King was sent on his present mission by Sir William Mulock, New Superintendent. George Harcourt, editor of the Northwest Farmer, has been appointed superintendent of farmers' institutes and fairs for the Northwest Territories. Succeeds Mr. Pratt. Wm. Bell, formerly chief clerk in the sleeping and dining car department of the C. P. R., has been appointed to succeed Mr. Walter Pratt as superintendent of the Western division. Denounced by Archbishop. Montreal, Feb. 23.—Archbishop Bruchési, in a letter circular, again takes occasion to denounce immoral theatres, and the newspapers for encouraging them. Increasing Capital. The shareholders of Molson's bank to-day voted in favor of increasing the bank's capital from two and a half million to five million to be allotted to the shareholders in blocks of five hundred thousand dollars as required and at a price to be fixed by the directors. Memorial Building. Next year will mark the 75th anniversary of the commencement of lectures at McGill University. To mark the occasion, the graduates have undertaken to erect a memorial building on the college grounds to cost upwards of \$100,000. CANADIAN CATTLE. Mr. Hanbury Still Determined They Shall Not Be Admitted to United Kingdom. Toronto, Feb. 23.—A news cable says: "Mr. Hanbury, minister of agriculture, in a speech on Saturday, said if every cabinet minister were against him, he would not admit Canadian store cattle. If he opened British ports to Canadian cattle, he was not sure Canadian cattle alone would enter. It was also better for Canada to feed animals at home than export them to England. Robert Price will bring his motion to raise the embargo before parliament this week, and hopes Canadians in the House of Commons will support him."

PANAMA CANAL COMPANY.

No Objections to Changes in Agreement Proposed by the United States Attorney-General. Paris, Feb. 25.—The chief officials of the Panama Canal Co. are reported to have informed American officials here that there are no objections to the two changes in the agreement suggested in the recent dispatch from Attorney-General Knox, which proposed the acceptance of the company's tender subject to two modifications and to the United States Senate's ratification. It is assumed among the American officials that this willingness on the part of the company has been communicated to the authorities at Washington, as Mr. Knox's proposition is understood to refer to the ratification of the treaty between the United States and France, and the attitude which the company will assume after that date is undisclosed.

RECEIVED BY THE KING.

His Majesty Takes Much Interest in the St. Louis Exposition. London, Feb. 25.—D. R. Francis, president of the St. Louis exposition, who was accompanied by Ambassador Choate, was received in audience by King Edward at Buckingham Palace this morning. The King was most cordial in his reception of Mr. Francis, and evidenced much interest in the exposition. Mr. Francis was more than satisfied with His Majesty's promises to lend if possible influence towards providing for a full representation of Great Britain at St. Louis. The appointment of a commission to this end doubtless will be announced in a few days.

ANOTHER GALE

Adds to Difficulties of Travelling in Newfoundland—Trains Returning to Starting Point. St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 23.—The trains which were snowbound in the interior, having secured relief are now moving towards their starting points where ample food and accommodation for the travellers are available. It was impossible for the trains to attempt to cut their way through the drifts across the summit of the island. Another fierce gale raged last night, adding to the snowdrifts. An Eastern train with 43 passengers reached Horris this afternoon and now is on its way to this city, but it is not known when it will reach its destination owing to the rain storm and the subsequent frost which coated the tracks with ice. A train leaving St. John's this morning was unable to proceed half a mile from the station owing to the ice and had to return, abandoning further attempts to leave until to-morrow. The Western snowbound express is slowly retreating towards the Bay of Islands with 55 passengers aboard. It was deemed unwise to keep the train near the summit owing to a possible long delay before that section of the railroad is clear. The passengers of the express which also carries large United States and Canadian incoming mail are likely to be delayed at Bay of Islands for some time. Business is greatly inconvenienced by the delay in the arrival of the mail. Three thousand seal fishers to man the sealing steamers for next month's fishing are awaiting the clearing of the railroad tracks to reach St. John's.

ANARCHIST MEETING.

Report That Several Rulers Will Be in Danger When Plans Are Decided Upon. New York, Feb. 25.—The Evening Telegram prints a story to the effect that anarchists from all over the world are about to meet in a convention at Paris to devise plans that may radically effect the crowned heads of Europe. All preparations for the convention were carefully guarded, but the plans became known through a youthful delegate from this city. He is an Italian, known as "Angelo" and "Rudolph." The telegram says: "Far reaching anarchist plans are to be discussed and perfected at this city's convention it is said, and it is even whispered that before adjournment is taken a meeting of anarchists will have been held and lists will have been drawn assigning anarchists to deeds, the foul accomplishment of which may shape the destinies of reigning heads of Europe."

GENEROUS GIFTS.

Lord Strathcona and Lord Mount Stephen Gave \$400,000 in Securities to Hospital Fund. Montreal, Feb. 25.—A special cable from London to-day says: "Lord Strathcona and Lord Mount Stephen have received the warmest personal thanks of the Prince of Wales for their munificence towards King Edward's hospital fund. Their gifts amounted to \$400,000 in securities, which give the London fund \$16,000 yearly. The King expressed his keenest appreciation of such practical munificence at yesterday's meeting of the fund. "The Canadian government has issued invitations to a number of representative British members of parliament to tour Canada during the coming autumn. The invitations will be widely accepted."

FOR FIVE MILLIONS.

Standard Oil Company Interested in Purchase of Immense Sulphur Deposits. Chicago, Feb. 23.—Gen. Gaspar Ochoa, who owns the Popocatepet volcano, including the immense sulphur deposits in its crater, is reported to have sold that property to an American syndicate, in which the Standard Oil interests are largely represented, says a dispatch from Mexico City. The price is said to have been \$5,000,000.

KILLED BY TRAIN.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 25.—Thomas Vaughan Baker, assistant to transportation agent, department of the lakes, United States army, was killed last night in attempting to alight from a moving suburban train. Mr. Baker was 62 years old, and had been connected with the army for 35 years.

DESTRUCTIVE STORM.

Honolulu, Feb. 25.—(By Pacific cable.)—The island of Tutuila and the Samoan group generally were visited by a hurricane on February 12th. The fury of the wind both on land and on sea was terrific. Much damage was done.

HORSES BURNED.

Cambridge City, Ind., Feb. 25.—Fourteen horses were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the Lackey stables here to-day. Among them were Logan Boy, Mexican Boy, Lafontaine and Jonah Boy. New York, Feb. 25.—Immigration officials report Tuesday as having been one of the busiest days this island has known in some time. Altogether 3,787 steerage passengers were landed.

BY OVER HUNDRED OF A MAJORITY

SPEECHES BY LEADERS IN IMPERIAL COMMONS

Mr. Balfour on the Army—Amendment to Censure War Secretary Was Rejected.

London, Feb. 24.—The debate in the Commons on Mr. Beckett's proposed amendment to the address in reply to the King's speech at the opening of parliament, the terms of which were tantamount to a censure on War Secretary Broderick, concluded to-day. In the course of the debate the Liberal leader, Mr. Asquith, remarked that the debate was of greater significance than the division on it, and would be remembered long after the Sixth army corps had vanished into thin air. Premier Balfour, in winding up the debate, was of greater significance than the division on it, and would be remembered long after the Sixth army corps had vanished into thin air. Premier Balfour, in winding up the debate, was of greater significance than the division on it, and would be remembered long after the Sixth army corps had vanished into thin air.

NOTES FROM OTTAWA.

Liberals Had Increased Majorities in Terrebonne and Two Mountains. Prof. Macoun's Lecture. Ottawa, Feb. 25.—Hon. Prefontaine has returned from Montreal, and is greatly pleased over carrying Terrebonne and Two Mountains by increased majorities, notwithstanding that the Conservatives tried to revive the Manitoba school question. Martineau, the defaulting militia clerk, is said to have confessed to taking \$75,000 from the government. Professor John Macoun lectured here on the summer climate in the Yukon last night. He said that the views about the "frozen north" were delusions. He said that the last spring frost in 1902 was on May 23rd, and the first autumn frost made itself felt on August 23rd. These dates were practically the same as in the Northwest.

GRANTED A DIVORCE.

The Baroness de Fontellart Will Resume Her Maiden Name of Miss M. Smith. New York, Feb. 25.—It has just been learned, says the Paris representative of the American, that the Baroness de Fontellart, who is an aunt of the Duchess of Marlborough, and a sister of Mrs. Oliver H. P. Belmont, has obtained a divorce from the Baron. The Baroness has been ordered by the judge to resume her maiden name of Miss Mimi Smith. Barone de Fontellart, with Count Fitz-James, secured some notoriety by reason of a thrilling adventure at the time of the Martinique disaster while attempting to explore the devastated shores of St. Pierre.

DEATH FROM GRIPPE.

Serious Epidemic in New York—Nearly One Thousand Patients Are in the Hospital. New York, Feb. 25.—Crowded to its utmost capacity Bellevue hospital is hardly able to care for its patients. An epidemic of grippé has brought the number of patients in the institution up to 920. Twelve deaths from the grippé were reported last week. Since January there have been 46 deaths from the disease in Brooklyn, which the health officials consider an alarming record, in view of the fact that only 53 deaths from grippé occurred in the entire twelve months of 1902.

THREE MEN KILLED AND MANY WOUNDED

IN FIGHT BETWEEN STRIKERS AND OFFICERS

The Trouble Arises Over Attempt to Arrest Miners Charged With Violating Injunction.

Charleston, Kanawha County, W. Va., Feb. 25.—At Staniford, Raleigh County, a terrible battle took place at dawn to-day between the joint posse of Deputy United States Marshal Cunningham and Sheriff Cook on one side and rioting miners on the other, as a result of which three miners were killed, two others mortally wounded and a number of others on both sides more or less seriously hurt.

The trouble grew out of the attempt to arrest 34 miners for violation of the blanket injunction issued by Federal Judge Keller last August. Deputy Marshal D. W. Cunningham went last Saturday to Adkinsville, a mining town in Raleigh county, to arrest the men charged with violating the injunction. He was surrounded by a large party of miners armed with Winchester rifles who ordered him to leave the place, an order which he quickly obeyed. Sheriff Cook at this time attempted to make some arrests under process issued by the State court, and was treated in like manner.

Cunningham returned to this city and reported to the marshal and district attorney that he could do nothing without a large posse, and then only at imminent risk of precipitating a bloody conflict. He was instructed to return with mine sufficient to arrest them, and to do it at all hazards.

Before Cunningham returned to Adkinsville, however, Marshal John D. Thompson and S. C. Burdett, attorney for the United States, went to the scene, spending most of Sunday and Monday there. They found everything quiet, the rioters having withdrawn from the immediate neighborhood and crossed the New River, going into camp three hundred yards near the "Big O" mine. Thompson and Cunningham and a strong posse went from there to make the arrests.

When Adkinsville was reached the federal forces were joined by Sheriff Cook and his posse, the coal companies nearby furnishing some guards, and a number of sheriffs found themselves in command of about 100 well armed and determined men. The rioters had retreated to the river on Tuesday and were marching up and down below the river on coal works. They numbered 150 to 200, and were armed with Winchesters. They intimidated the miners at work in the mine, and drove away the guards of the mine. Emboldened at this success they attempted to burn down a bridge of the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad, and threatened the destruction of other property. Last night they went into camp near the city.

About daybreak to-day the officers and their combined posse surprised the rioters in their camp and called on them to surrender. The reply was a shot which was answered by a shot and immediately a furious battle was waged. When it ceased three of the rioters were dead, many others were wounded and a score or two of them fatally. Seventy-three arrests were made, ten falling to the share of Deputy Cunningham and 43 to that of Sheriff Cook. All the prisoners were taken to Beckley, the county seat of Raleigh, where the prisoners were given a hearing by Commissioner Dunn and held for appearance here. They will be brought on an early morning train. The federal authorities will try to get the state to give up the 63 so that they may be tried in the Federal court, but it is doubtful if it will do so as the State court will meet on Monday, and it is thought they possibly can be tried more expeditiously here.

Mr. Burdett went to Beckley to-day to attend the case of the rioters.

The injunction which the miners are charged with violating was the blanket writ of Judge Keller, in the suit of the Chesapeake & Ohio Coal Agency Co. The defendants in the case were all the coal companies operating in the new river field, 150 members of the Mine Workers of America, by name, including President Mitchell and Wilson, and all other persons whatsoever who aided and abetted them. The injunction covered almost every foot of ground in the coal mining region of New River, while all the mines in the Kanawha and New River sections have been worked for some months. The strike has not been officially declared off.

A rift from the scene of the conflict to-night state all is quiet now, but fears are entertained that trouble will break out afresh at any moment.

ATLANTIC SHIPPING.

Canadian Northern and Grand Trunk May Also Run Steamers.

Montreal, Feb. 25.—The C. P. R. will, it is understood, ask the government for a liberal subsidy for the fast line service and will also ask that the St. Lawrence should be put in the safest possible condition.

IRISH LAND BILL

Will Be Introduced in Imperial Commons in Two Weeks.

London, Feb. 25.—Seldom in the history of the Irish question has such a conciliatory spirit been displayed on all sides as that which marked the discussion of John Redmond's amendment on the Irish land question in the Commons. The only disappointing aspect from the point of view of the Nationalists was the silence of the members of the Unionist party, which seemed apprehensive regarding the heavy demands on the nation's purse which the bill is introduced a fortnight hence. For the present, however, the old animosities seem to have disappeared. John Redmond and Mr. Wyndham exchanged almost flattering compliments. Col. Sanderson, the member for North Antrim, confessed that he was wrong in disbelieving in the Dublin landlord and tenants' conference. T. W. Russell, Liberal-Unionist, expressed the strongest belief in the government's generosity, and hardly a dissenting voice was raised.

John Morley, the former chief secretary for Ireland, who rose to speak during the hurricane of cheers which marked the close of Mr. Wyndham's speech, began by declaring that nothing like the present situation had happened since Strongbow landed in Scotland. The demand was no longer to get rid of the landlords, but to provide some means to enable them to remain on their estates. He was greatly pleased with the tone and temper now prevailing in Ireland. The speech of the Chief Secretary for Ireland, he said, that the difficulty of the question lies in its financial aspects, and estimated that the Dunraven land purchase scheme would involve a free grant of \$10,000,000 and loan of \$75,000,000. But, he continued, if the matter was proceeded with in a cautious manner it would not be necessary to spend the whole sum at once.

Sir Edward Grey, the former under secretary for foreign affairs, Mr. Haldane, Liberal, and others, urged the government not to be hasty in the matter. Mr. Redmond eventually withdrew his amendment.

JOINT COMMISSION.

United States Senator Wants Sum Set Aside to Pay Expenses.

Washington, Feb. 25.—Senator Culham from the committee on foreign relations, to-day reported an amendment to the Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill of an appropriation of \$50,000 for the payment of expenditures on the part of the United States for the joint commission for the adjustment of the differences between the United States and Great Britain in respect to Canada.

TO PROTECT RAILWAY.

Dutch Government Will Take Steps to Ensure Regular Service.

The Hague, Feb. 25.—Premier Kuyper introduced in the second chamber of the states general to-day three bills in connection with the recent railroad strike. He explained that the government considered it necessary to oppose any unreasonable strike society which would sacrifice the well-being of the people to the desire of a certain class for influence and to political tyranny. The government therefore proposed to form a railway brigade, to ensure regular service of trains in case of need.

TROOPS FIRED ON CROWD.

Municipal Guards Forced to Retreat and Soldiers Were Sent to Their Rescues.

Vigo, Spain, Feb. 25.—Two persons were killed and 15 wounded here yesterday in a conflict between municipal guards and persons taking part in the carnival, growing out of the ill-treatment of a masquerader by some of the guards. The guards charged the crowd, but were beaten back by the showers of stones, and were obliged to take refuge in the town hall. A detachment of soldiers was sent to the rescue, and ordered to fire on the crowd. One of the killed was a 13-year-old boy.

THE BANK OF COMMERCE

Will Seek Permission to Increase Its Capital.

Toronto, Feb. 25.—The Bank of Commerce has decided to apply for authority to increase its capital to ten millions. None of the new stock will be issued this year.

OPENING POSTPONED.

Why the Newfoundland Legislature Does Not Meet This Week.

NANAIMO MINERS RETURN TO WORK

COLLIERY OPERATIONS RESUMED THURSDAY

Offer Submitted by the Western Fuel Company Has Been Accepted by the Men.

Nanaimo, Feb. 26.—The people of Nanaimo were greatly relieved yesterday when the news that the miners' difficulty was about to end spread through the town. Yesterday morning Superintendent Russell sent for the executive of the union and told them that the company had decided to have the difficulty settled at once, and would make the following concessions: 25 cents per ton net for lamps and 80 cents per ton net for the coal dust on the long wall in Protection mine. Mr. Russell told the executive that President Howard, of the Western Fuel Company, had important business matters to attend to in California and was desirous of seeing the trouble terminated before leaving the city.

At a mass meeting of miners in the opera house in the afternoon the company's concessions were accepted and work was resumed to-day. The agreement is for no stipulated time, but a recurrence of the trouble is not anticipated. The men give great praise to James Barber, of Skeena city, representative of the Western Federation of Miners, for the manner in which he conducted the negotiations.

Since the closing of No. 5 mine, the miners who worked there have been idle. These will now find employment in Protection mine, where the company is putting on a large number of men to work the long wall seam.

Great satisfaction is expressed by business men at the happy termination of the difficulty, as the outlook was somewhat gloomy and some firms had cancelled their spring orders.

To-day the mines are working with a full force of men, and the steamer Wyefield is taking cargo at the coal wharf. It is just thirteen days since the cessation of work in the mines. The prospects for a period of prosperity at Nanaimo are very bright.

NOTES FROM WINNIPEG.

Manitoba Treasurer Submits Budget—A Surplus of \$288,686 For Last Year.

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 25.—Provincial Treasurer J. A. Davidson brought his budget to the legislature this afternoon. It shows a surplus of \$288,686 for last year. The revenue for 1902 was \$1,890,720, being \$69,780 in excess of the revenue for 1899, the last year of the Greenway administration. This increase is made up by \$224,000 received from the Dominion government on school lands funds account, and \$177,000 for M. & N. W. land sales accruing from the beginning of the Greenway government in 1899. The balance of \$288,686 was derived from the increased revenue of land titles, offices and other provincial departments as a result of the increase in population and the great prosperity which has visited Manitoba during the last year.

Will Be Arrested.

Police officers have gone to Fargo to arrest, if possible, W. F. Young, late manager of the Rainy River Gazette, who is wanted on a charge in connection with the destruction of the Gazette office by fire.

Northern Pacific Application.

A Manitoba government caucus was held last night. The matter of the petition made by the Northern Pacific for a charter to build in the province was dealt with in full, and it is said, in a most favorable consideration. It is stated that scarcely a dissenting voice was raised against the incoming of the Northern Pacific. O. E. Hamilton, promoter of the Northern Pacific bill, left to-day for St. Paul.

Railway Improvements.

General Superintendent Leonard, of the C. P. R., who has just returned from the East, says that the amount of railway building in the Western division will depend principally on the labor supply. This summer it is intended to expend between \$6,000,000 and \$7,000,000. The principal items of this amount are for additional yards and terminal facilities.

TWO HUNDRED IDLE.

Workmen Thrown Out of Employment by Fire—Damage \$200,000.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 21.—The Schultze plant of the American Bridge Co., a part of the United States Steel Corporation, at McKees Rocks, near here, was destroyed by fire to-day. The loss, about \$200,000, is fully insured. The plant was composed of four buildings, the largest 250 feet long. About 200 men are thrown out of employment.

TOWN FLOODED.

Property Loss Amounts to Nearly \$100,000—Number of Narrow Escapes.

Deerly, Conn., Feb. 22.—The breaking of three reservoirs in the town of Shelton early to-day caused damage estimated at between \$75,000 and \$100,000, and there were several narrow escapes from death. The torrent tore a great gully 110 feet long and thirty feet wide through Howe avenue. Logs and trees and huge cakes of ice were carried along and crushed into several buildings.

The house of Walter Nichols was struck by the flood. Nichols was away and his wife was awakened by the ice crashing against the door. A few minutes later the water commenced to flow into the bedrooms, where six children were sleeping. Mrs. Nichols hurried to the door and held it while her children escaped to an upper floor. A few moments later the water forced its way under the door and flooded the rooms. The family remained prisoners in the upper part of the house until the water receded.

Street tracks and telephone and telegraph wires were all torn down and strewn about in confusion. The reservoirs will have to be rebuilt, and with the property loss, it is believed will cost the town \$100,000. Several mills remain idle until the gravel swept into the race way is removed.

LORD DUNDONALD ON MILITARY MATTERS

Has Recommended That All Establishments Be Kept Up to War Strength.

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—There was a good attendance at the annual meeting of the Artillery Association in the railway committee room to-day. Lord Minto was present and made a speech, showing the work done by the association. Lord Dundonald said he was not enough interested in people in military matters. The country was lamentably short of officers, and the pay of the permanent corps was too small. The result of the military college at Kingston showed 144 of its students in the Imperial army, 15 in the active militia and 14 in permanent corps. Lord Dundonald said that he had recommended that all establishments be kept up to war strength. Sir F. Borden approved of this. Two six-inch guns, 12 4.7 guns and two 6-inch howitzers had been ordered. Lord Dundonald favored a camp of instruction where the corps of the service should get. Col. Coote was elected president of the association.

Lampably Weak.

A constitutional authority to-day said that the British Columbia government must be kept up to constitutional etiquette. He said that in knowledge, judging from his action in billing parliament for one date for the dispatch of business after then for another, without giving any satisfactory reason.

The wallpaper men want more protection. A delegation from the civil service to-day asked for an increase in all salaries of all classes.

Scientific Observations. On the recommendation of W. F. King, chief astronomer, Hon. Clifford Kipps has appointed Otto Kille and F. W. O. Veery to make scientific observations along the line of the Pacific cable. In 1892 it was continued from Green- wich to Montreal, and since that time has carried across the continent along the line of the C. P. R. to Vancouver, and now the observations are to be continued to Australia, where connection with previously determined telegraphic lines will make a circuit around the world. In addition to determining the longitudes of all the cable stations, the completion of the direct astronomical circuit of the globe will be a notable achievement for Canada.

BLIND MAN'S CRIME.

Wallace, Idaho, Feb. 21.—Almost insane with jealousy and rage, John P. Bjerklin, totally blind, mortally wounded Mrs. High Smith, of Blackfoot, by firing two shots into her breast and took his own life by blowing his brains out with the third bullet. The tragedy occurred at Bjerklin's room at the Portland hotel in this city about 1 o'clock this afternoon.

The woman, who says she had been in the habit of going to the man's room at least once a week, went to call on him to-day as usual. When Mrs. Smith arose to go Bjerklin walked to the door, locked it and, turning around, said: "Had you known what was in my mind you would not have come to see me to-day."

At that the blind man, who apparently was crazed over the woman, grappled with her, forcing her back to the bed, where he held her so firmly that she could not release his grasp. During the struggle Bjerklin groped blindly under the bed covering and at last brought the weapon from its hiding place. When Mrs. Smith saw the revolver she cried: "Jack, don't do it! Don't do it!" But it was too late. The next instant the fatal shot was fired. He pressed the gun against her breast, glancing and coming out behind the arm, making only a skin wound.

Bjerklin then released his bleeding victim, threw his hands and to his own muffled report, was followed by a heavy fall on the floor. Bjerklin was dead at the feet of his mortally wounded victim. He shot himself in the right temple, the bullet passing through his brain.

The above is as related by the woman herself. In addition to this, the unfortunate woman, who is in great pain, between labor pains, said: "He had threatened to do such a thing several times, but I was never afraid."

ENORMOUS DAMAGE BROUGHT BY FIRE

FOR HOURS FLAMES WERE BEYOND CONTROL

Cincinnati, Ohio, Scene of Conflagration—Big Building Burned and Others Damaged.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 26.—This city was to-day visited by the most destructive fire in its history. About 12 o'clock flames were discovered in the cellar of Jeff's grocery, in the Pike building on Fourth street, between Pim and Walnut. An hour later there was an explosion. The flames shot up through the roof of the six story stone front building. For several hours after that the fire was beyond control.

The Pike building was destroyed, including the office of the United States Express Company, the Adams Express Company, White's restaurant, owned by Maynard & Kerr; Jeff's grocery, Jno. Martin's restaurant, Henry Strauss's cigar store, and the office of the Pike Theatre Company, on the first floor; the Pike theatre auditorium and green rooms and other offices on the second floor, and all of the offices on the third, fourth and fifth floors.

The Season Good building, adjoining the Pike building on the west, was badly damaged. The building adjoining the Pike building on the east, owned by the L. B. Harrison estate and occupied by the Robert Clark Company, publishers, and Dumore Bros., jewelers, on the first floor, and others in upper stories, the walls of other structures, which are of brick, gave way with the falling floor.

The fire swept across the alley known as Baker street and burned the large publishing house of the American Book Company and other property along Baker street, and did great damage to the telephone building. All telephones in the city were out of service for some time.

All the guests in the burned house on Pine street, just across from the telephone building, were called out of their rooms, as were those at the Gibson, the Ensign and Starg hotels, which were in close proximity of the fire. The Kinkaid building, diagonally across from the Season Good building, and Pike opera house, which is occupied by the Western Union Telegraph Company, Associated Press and by other offices, were threatened, and all the wires of the Western Union for hours were in jeopardy. This building was saved from damage, however.

It was not until after daylight that the fire was brought under control and damped. A general conflagration was believed to have occurred. About 20 persons usually slept in the Pike building, and there were at first reports that several lives had been lost. None of these have been confirmed. There were many narrow escapes, however. The night watchman and two door-keepers saved six lives by entering through the smoke and rescuing lodgers. Five men were asleep in one room near the door was broken in. Captain Glanlin, head of a detective force, who was asleep on the third floor, escaped in his night clothes. He lost all the contents of his office. Nothing whatever was saved from the upper floors.

There are over 400 different houses in this city, but some place it at nearly \$2,000,000.

BANKERS SWINDLED.

Are Reported to Have Lost Two Million Dollars—Man Arrested at Panama.

New York, Feb. 25.—By the arrest of a man who gave his name as Fernan Montero, who was about to sail for New York, says the Herald-Panama correspondent, it has been revealed that several of the most important banking houses of Santiago, Chili, were swindled out of \$2,000,000 in gold several weeks ago. Montero, who is accused of the crime, was easily identified and quietly submitted to arrest. He will be returned to Chili by the next Chilean steamer for trial.

CANTONESE AGITATED.

Report That United States Desires Small Island Off Canton.

Paris, Feb. 26.—A steamer which has arrived at Marseilles with the Chinese mail, also brought advices from Canton to the effect that the Cantonese have been agitated over the arrival there of two American warships which gave rise to the report that the United States desired to secure the small island of Hainan, occupying a strategic position in front of Canton. The Chinese and some of the foreign element circulated the report.

Vancouver, Feb. 26.—Dr. G. R. Parker arrived here to-day and left for Victoria in company with Hon. Messrs. Prior, Eberhart, Wells and McLane.

Burdock BLOOD BITTERS

A Cure For Stomach, Liver, Bowels or Blood.

It has been in general use for over a quarter of a century, and every person who has used it has nothing but words of praise as to its curative properties.

Ma. R. J. N. Hoog, Sunderland, Ont., writes— After having suffered for nearly two years with indigestion and severe headaches, and getting no relief from the numerous doctors I consulted I decided to try Burdock Blood Bitters. After having taken a few doses my head began to ease from the continual aching, and by the time one bottle was taken I was completely cured of both the indigestion and headaches.

COVERING POSTERS.

Mrs. Patrick Campbell on the Action of Montreal Moral Reformation.

Montreal, Feb. 25.—Mrs. Patrick Campbell, the actress, is very much annoyed at the action of the morality department in pasting over her pictures. She said to-day, referring to a bill pasted over: "I am taking that away with me as a curious memento of this visit. I never realized before that my poor neck had grown so unsightly that it were an offence to leave it uncovered. You will allow me to say that I have a very poor opinion of the intelligence and discrimination of this police censor of yours. I heartily sympathize with any effort to clean up the city free from any objectionable poster with bills of paper. Such a method only heightens the original suggestiveness and excites unhealthy curiosity and comment, as in the case of the poster I refer to."

ELECTRIC MOTORS

Will Be Used on a Number of Railways in Great Britain.

London, Feb. 26.—Important conferences between the consulting engineers of the railroads of Great Britain are being held with the object of deciding on a uniform scheme for electric equipment, whereby the rolling stock and electric motors of the various companies will be able to travel indiscriminately on all the lines. The trunk companies have all practically decided to use electric motors, and the suburban lines are awaiting an agreement on the subject of the uniformity of the plant.

Six officials of the traffic and engineering departments of the London & North-western railway have sailed for New York to make a further study of American methods.

CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT.

Feather-Weights Will Meet at San Francisco To-Night—Betting Favorable to Young Corbett.

San Francisco, Feb. 26.—A contest for the feather-weight championship of the world between Young Corbett and Eddy Hanlon, which will be decided to-night at the Mechanics pavilion, promises to attract one of the largest audiences that ever witnessed a ring battle. Both men are reported to be in perfect condition. Corbett was 142 pounds over-weight yesterday, but said he would have no trouble in getting down to 130 pounds by to-night. The betting is 10 to 6 in his favor.

MILLION DOLLAR STAMPS.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 26.—Jok. Ramsey, Jr., president of the Wabash Railroad Company, has approved the plan for the new station in this city, and the contract for its construction has been awarded. The structure will cost over one million dollars.

THE BALKANS.

Russia's Warning to Slav States Against Revolution.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—It is officially announced that the Russian government has instructed its representatives throughout the Balkans to give the widest possible publicity to the warning that Russia is prepared to safeguard the interests of the Christians she "will not sacrifice a single inch of her territory to the smallest portion of the heritage of the Russian people if the Slav states should attempt to revolution or force to change the existing state of affairs in the Balkan peninsula."

FREIGHT WRECK.

Altoona, Pa., Feb. 25.—One man was killed and six were fatally injured in a freight wreck on the Pennsylvania rails at Pittsburg, Pa. The train consisted of 14 flat cars, seven miles west of here, to-day. The dead man is J. H. Cox, flagman. The freight train of thirty-six loaded coal and coke cars ran away down the east-slope of the Allegheny mountains and collided with another freight standing on the same track. Thirty cars were demolished, blocking the traffic for several hours.

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J. Peers Wilson, a commercial traveller of Hamilton, Ont.; T. D. Bakwell, of Vancouver, B. C.; and J. H. Peers, of Victoria, arrived last night from Chilliwack and registered at the Queen Hotel. They are at the Dominion hotel.

Geo. D. Scott and H. G. Thomson, of Vancouver, and B. A. Leest, of Victoria, are among those staying at the Vernon hotel.

W. J. Holden and A. E. Fawcett left on Thursday to take charge of the Toronto office of the Dominion Co-operative Home Building Association.

Serg. J. M. Granderson, Adj. Stevens and Capt. Charlton, of the Salvation Army, came from Vancouver by the steamer Chamner last evening.

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A CROWDED WHARF FELL INTO OCEAN

BIG LOSS OF LIFE FROM THE ACCIDENT

German Merchants Are Reported to Be Violating Protocol—Kuangsi Rebels Threatening Hunan.

Prior to the departure of the Kaga Maru, which arrived here yesterday from the Orient, a terrible calamity occurred at Nanking. A wharf crowded with people disappeared into the Yangtze. The premises in question had a length of 380 feet, says a correspondent, and the land was well bounded, with a large godown on it. Suddenly, and without any warning, the whole frontage, with the godown on it, seemed to give a shake, and then slipped bodily into the Yangtze, carrying with it the jetty and the bridges connecting with the bulk. The frontage was crowded at the time with coolies and hotel runners and others, the Peking boats brought a large cargo and many passengers, and the loss of life must have been very large; how extensive will probably never be known, but twenty-two corpses were counted floating about the wharf shortly afterwards. The landslip, for such it was, the river having evidently undermined the whole piece of ground, was followed by a huge wave, swamping everything in the vicinity, and the water was full of overturned sampans. The Chinese have already discovered a picturesque explanation of the disaster. According to native accounts a great turtle struck the place suddenly. There is, as might be expected, great excitement among the Chinese population, who recognize in the occurrence something much more than a great and deplorable disaster, to be accounted for by natural causes.

The Osaka Asahi deals editorially with the importation of arms into China, a translation is as follows: The smuggling of munitions of war at Chung-wan to island gives a strange feeling regarding German violation of the Peking protocol, but there is nothing new in the affair to foreigners resident in North China. The importation of arms into Tientsin is not a recent development, and the fact that German soldiers are German soldiers, and not Chinese, is the especially surprising part of the affair. It is the chief of the customs at the port where the violation of the protocol is going on at Tientsin is Mr. Detting, a German citizen. There are two German citizens in Tientsin that appeal to the strange feelings of the Japanese, the first is Detting and the other Van Hanneken. These two men are ka-tsuu (mysterious persons), whose doings have not been since the memory of the Japanese since the Japan-China war. Still, most of the Japanese do not know to what extent the influence of these two men is being exercised in Tientsin. Their influence is beyond imagination, and their power is paramount in financial matters. These men have won the hearts of the Chinese high officials and their position is too much for the so-called Japanese advisors.

The action of the Germans in Tientsin is without precedent, and by virtue of their high position, the smuggling of munitions of war is being carried on. When we consider that such actions are practiced in the customs under the supervision of Sir Robert Hart, it is quite natural to suppose that in Manchuria and Mongolia, where continental trade is carried on, a similar state of affairs exists.

In the matter of Russia, the importation of arms in large quantities into Christian districts by the Chinese is prohibited, and while such conditions may not be considered in operation it must not be assumed that they in any way add to the value of the protocol. The adherence of the Japanese to the protocol prohibiting the importation of munitions of war for a period of two years, while others are receiving fabulous profits, must be regarded by other nations as passing strange.

Germany, for instance, is the power which has resorted to the most drastic measure in exacting reparation against the barbarous acts of the Chinese, and such a violation of the conditions of the Peking protocol as is here referred to is a clear proof that the restrictions put on the importation of arms have no effect whatever. We urge our government to seize this opportunity to suggest to the powers that the clauses meant the importation of munitions of war be either annulled or rigorously enforced. There is another thing that calls for attention—it is a fact that an arsenal is to be established in North China, and while the question as to the site is now under consideration, it is probable that it will be established in the province of Shantung. Does this simply imply that the establishment of an arsenal in the open port would be disadvantageous in case of an emergency, as China experienced during the siege of Tientsin, or is there some particular object behind it that we do not know about? We cannot suppose fear that in the event of its establishment we shall quietly allow others to derive all the advantage from the arsenal.

Several bodies of Kuangsi rebels had been threatening to cross into Hunan since last autumn, in consequence of which the government of that province sent several battalions to the frontier. A dispatch from Changsha, much delayed in transmission, has now been received to the effect that these rebel bands have since crossed into Hunan and pillaged the frontiers, being joined by numerous parties of Koloa Huis. It is further reported that many skirmishes had taken place between the troops and the invaders, who have succeeded in retaining their hold of the country, one band only being driven back into Kuangsi, which feat has been made much of by the Hunan governor, Yu

LIENSAC, and his subordinate. On the other hand they have naturally forgotten to report the many reverses by the troops in other parts of the province.

An explosion of gas at the Urno colliery, the property of the Imperial Iron Foundry, Kahogori, Fukuoka Ken, occurred on the morning of the 17th of last month, killing 64 men who were working in the mine at the time. The disaster was caused by the ignition of a fuse. It seems that two of the miners were engaged in blasting work with dynamite in one of the shafts. By some means fire from the fuse came into contact with the gas in the shaft, and a violent explosion followed. The whole mine was at once turned into a roaring furnace. There were 200 miners working below at the time. Every effort was made to rescue them, but the generation of gas was so fierce that one of the galleries leading to the tunnel blew collapsed, and only 130 or so were saved. All the rest were imprisoned in the mine and must have been burnt to death.

A correspondent adds: "The accident is the most disastrous since the Hoshu colliery disaster, which took place about a month ago, when over 200 miners were entombed."

The Kobo Herald reports that the number of cases of cholera for last year, from January to December, amounts to 12,412, of which 9,269 cases have proved fatal.

The Tokio city authorities have decided to enclose an area of ten cho square in Honjoku, where plague is prevalent. The authorities intend to build a galvanized iron wall with twelve gates for the passage of the inhabitants. It is not meant to isolate the residents, but to prevent the escape of rats which are to be exterminated as a preventive measure against the disease.

ANNUAL INSTALLATION. Interesting Ceremony in Connection With Post No. 1, Native Sons, Last Night.

There was a large attendance at the annual installation of officers of Post No. 1, Native Sons of British Columbia, held on Tuesday at the K. of P. hall, and a most enjoyable time was spent. After the transaction of the regular business a banquet was given, followed by an excellent impromptu programme, composed of speech, song and story, which passed away the evening pleasantly.

Officers were installed by District Deputy S. Sea, jr., as follows: P. C. factor, J. E. Wilson; chief factor, Thos. Watson; second vice-factor, W. H. Langford; second vice-factor, George T. Fox; honorary treasurer, J. McTavish; recording secretary, A. E. Haynes; financial secretary, E. P. Johnston; auditor, A. Wolfenden; inside sentinel, Samuel Pollock; outside sentinel, L. Spethurst; committee of management, G. H. Barron, J. E. Wilson, J. McTavish, L. J. Quagliotti and E. Adams.

SUNDAY OBSERVANCE. Nanaimo Branch of Lord's Day Alliance Will Urge Legislation Against Its Desecration.

The Nanaimo branch of the Lord's Day Alliance are circulating a petition to be presented to legislative assembly asking for the enactment of legislation which will better conserve the Lord's Day as a day of rest. The petition is as follows: We, the undersigned citizens of British Columbia, respectfully petition your honorable body to enact such a law for the observance of the Lord's Day (commonly called Sunday) as will prevent any worker a day of rest—said law to prohibit all servile labor, that day except work of necessity and charity, and to be applicable to corporations and individuals, excursions and trade as inavertedly necessary, and to be enforced by law, and every man to have the day as a day of rest, and of opportunity for worship if he so desire, and to be enforced by law, and to realize the importance of maintaining the day in its integrity as one of the safeguards of our national life.

The Sunshine of True Health And Life After Sickness and Suffering. Paine's Celery Compound

RESCUES A SUFFERER WHO WAS IN A PERILOUS CONDITION.

The liver, the largest and one of the most important organs of the body, is, to thousands of young and old, a source of suffering. It has been truly said that a diseased liver means physical and mental tortures and dangers. The common symptoms of liver complaint are loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, furred tongue, constipation, impure blood, headache, depression of spirits and a host of other evils.

Are you a victim of liver complaint? Do you experience any of the symptoms noted above? If so, do not fail to make immediate use of Paine's Celery Compound, the only medicine that directly strikes the root of the trouble, and that gives relief in every instance. It is prepared by Mrs. Rachel McRae, Guelph, Ont., and is sold by Paine's Celery Compound, writes thus: "Five years I have been troubled with liver complaint, and often had very bad spells from it. I called in a doctor, who relieved me, but I remained weak, and could neither eat or sleep, and suffered so much with my head that I procured a bottle of Paine's Celery Compound, and before I had the contents used, I could eat and sleep well, and the pain in my head was gone. I took the second bottle, and have never been troubled with liver complaint since. Your compound has built me up and completely cured me."

MURDERER HANGED. Stroudberg, Pa., Feb. 24—Charles Grether was hanged here to-day for the murder of a constable, who sought to arrest him in 1891 for robbery.

IMPROVED STREET RAILWAY SERVICE

NEW HOSPITAL AND OAK BAY SCHEDULES

Cars Will Run Every Ten Minutes to Former Point—Other Business Before Council.

The most interesting piece of news make known at Monday's meeting of the city council was the announcement made by Manager Goward of the intention of the B. C. Electric Railway Co. to improve the car service to Oak Bay, and to the Jubilee hospital, supplying a twenty-minute schedule to the former point and a ten-minute one to the latter. Manager Goward's letter to the council is as follows: Victoria, Feb. 23rd, 1903. The Mayor and Corporation of the City of Victoria: Gentlemen—I have the honor to inform you that it is the intention of our company to lengthen our present switch situated at the junction of Belmont street and Oak Bay road, to a point near the junction of Ferwood and Gable Bay roads. I may say we have been over the ground with the city engineer, and are having a plan of the location of the proposed new track made for his approval.

According to by-law, the city may at their option insist upon 30 days' notice being given before a new track is laid. If, however, you are desirous of this being strictly adhered to in this case, I shall be obliged by your waiving the same, as we are anxious to get the new track laid in ample time before the holiday season. I will concentrate this ore at about 6 or 7 in working order we shall give a direct 20-minute service to Oak Bay, which will go away with the present annoying change to the junction, and a direct 20-minute service to the Willow, which we trust will be appreciated by residents in that district. This new schedule will also give a ten minute service from all points up practically Powl Bay road, as all residents between Cadboro Bay road and Oak Bay avenue can take either car.

Trusting the above will meet with your approval. ALBERT T. GOWARD, Local Manager.

Referred to the city solicitor for report at a meeting on Wednesday, the course being adopted in order that that official advise the council how it might proceed along legal lines.

Ald. Yates thought that a number of residents along the new road might have something to say. Ald. Grahame also pointed out that room would have to be left on the street for vehicle travel. The secretary of the Voters' League presented a copy of a resolution passed at the last meeting of that organization referring to the Victoria Terminal Railway Co.

His Worship remarked that the document was not signed, and he, therefore, would have to lay it aside.

A. J. McJury, secretary pro tem of the Chamber of Commerce, submitted a resolution passed by that body recommending that the site for the library be near the centre of the city as possible. Received and filed.

The same writer also forwarded a notice of a resolution passed by that body favoring the use of traps, purse seines, etc. Ald. Yates moved that the matter be referred to the legislative committee to draft a report to be presented at the next meeting of the board, as it was an important matter, and ought to be taken up in as public a way as possible.

Ald. Grahame said he had been told that an influential committee of merchants were about to draw up a petition to be forwarded to Ottawa. He, therefore, moved that the resolution be laid on the table. At present petitions were being circulated on the Mainland opposing the introduction of traps, and these he was informed were being signed by all and sundry.

The motion was carried. Messrs. Robertson & Robertson claimed that W. J. McJury, their client, lost the prospective sale of his property in consequence of the action of the city in not taking over the new grounds for Chinese burial purposes as proposed. Their client offered to sell about three acres of land at a figure of \$2,000 and to rent the same for \$500 a year.

Referred to the cemetery committee for report. Wm. Duck complained of a Chinese laundry draining sopping water on to North Park street. Referred to the sanitary officer for report. Frances Page, clerk of the police commissioners, gave notice of the proposed increase in salaries of the city detectives, also the installation of a heater. Laid on the table to be taken up in connection with the estimates.

G. A. Greig called attention to the bad condition of Sunas street. Referred to the city engineer for report. H. H. Hobbs tendered his resignation as manager of the Home of the Aged and Infirm. Accepted, the owner of the house now occupied by Mr. Hobbs to be notified that the corporation will not require the use of the building after March 31st.

William Hadder complained of stagnant water lying on a property adjoining Spring road. Referred to the sanitary officer for report. Water Commissioner Raymer wrote stating that he did not think the council justified in laying 700 feet of pipe to J. M. Muir's house for only one connection. Received and filed.

Arthur Creese and six others petitioned the council that the light removed from School street to Linden avenue be restored. Ald. Kinsman said that the question of moving the light had been before the council for a week, and the petitioners had never been heard from. It might be moved to install a new light, but the one removed was needed where it now is.

Ald. Yates moved that the petition be referred to the electric light committee for its favorable consideration. Carried. The finance committee recommended the payment of accounts totalling \$4,984. Adopted. The streets, sewers and bridges committee recommended the payment of \$375 to H. E. Bell for work done on the preparation of the Point Ellice bridge plans and the awarding of a printing

contract to the Colonist Printing & Publishing Co. Carried.

By-laws were the next business before the meeting, and as Ald. Grahame asked that the celebration law be laid over for another week the business of the meeting was exhausted and an early adjournment was taken.

CONCENTRATION PLANT To Be Erected at Rossland to Treat Le Roi No. 2 Ore.

The Rossland World is authorized by Paul S. Coudrey, the manager of the Le Roi No. 2, and by H. Hayman, Claudet, manager of the Canadian Ore Concentration, Limited, to announce that an arrangement has been definitely entered into for the erection of a two-unit plant immediately to treat tons daily of Le Roi No. 2 ore. Within a month work will have started upon the first mill to be erected in Rossland upon the concentration principle; within two months the second will be in operation in England; within three months concentrates will be shipped from Rossland, the first in the history of the camp.

The site of the mill will be upon the Annie and Josie and No. 1. To work by gravity a fall will be necessary of 20 or 30 feet. The water will be supplied by the city.

Just as the depth of snow is reduced sufficiently for the beginning of excavation foundations work will be started. A contract for the timber will be let within the next few days. By the time the machinery arrives in April, it will be ready to start work. The Empire process can treat the ore at a cost of between \$1 and \$1.50 per ton, inclusive of the royalty, according to the number of tons concentrated. It will concentrate this ore at about 6 or 7 to one. As no sorting of ore will be necessary the cost of mining will be reduced to about \$3 per ton, especially as the whole width of the vein will be taken out. The recovery will be about 85 to 90 per cent. of the value. Altogether the concentrator can handle successfully ore between the values of \$6 and \$7, and will make a further reduction as the plant grows larger.

Just as soon as a house of some sort of the process has justified the action of the plant will be indefinitely increased.

THREE THOUSAND TO SING IN THE CHORUSES How the Singers in the Musical Festivals Are Distributed Throughout Canada.

The Canadian Cycle of Musical Festivals of which Charles A. McHarris, Ottawa, is promoter and organizer, is the means by which Canada will make more progress, musically, this year than during the past twenty years. The series will begin in the latter part of March, will continue through April, and will include musical festivals at all the leading centres of Canada. The eminent English musician, Sir Alexander Mackenzie, will personally conduct the programme of music and song in the various cities.

The choruses organized include considerably over 3,000 singers distributed as follows: Vancouver, 650; Winnipeg, 250; Victoria, 250; Vancouver, 250; London, 250; Brandon, 150; Westminister, 150; Woodstock, 150; Halifax, 150; St. John, 125; Montreal, 125. All the above choruses have to be supported by orchestras. A Montreal orchestra will provide accompaniment for the festivals in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. One gentleman from Ontario and Quebec, one from Manitoba and one from Portland and Seattle for festivals held in British Columbia. The expense attending these various great musical events will be enormous. For instance, the music alone for the choral work will cost about \$4,000, which is a mere bagatelle, however, compared with the salaries of leading soloists, payment of orchestras and other large outlays. So far Toronto has done handsomely in contributing \$2,500 towards the subscription list.

It is Mr. Harris's idea to take all the Canadian choruses to one centre, probably Toronto, at the end of the season. There will be at least 1,000 of Canada's best singers at such a combined festival.

Special artists are coming from England and Paris to attend these festivals, and include the following distinguished soloists: Ethel Wood, soprano, London; Milliet Brennan, soprano, Paris; Madame Blauvelt, soprano, London; Wilfrid Vinco and Ben Davies, tenor, London; Reginald Davidson and Watkin Mills, basso, London, and Charles Fry, reciter, London.

FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED. Attorneys Believe J. C. Wilson, of Portland, Has Met With Injury.

"It is the opinion of Emmons & Emmons, the attorneys who have been employed to assist in searching for J. C. Wilson, the missing Portland business man, that Wilson has been held up, robbed, seriously injured or perhaps murdered," says the Seattle Times. "They are at a loss to account in any other manner for the man's disappearance. The last trace of him was on February 10th, when he was in this city and took dinner with his friend, Mr. Carnegie, who is the freight receiver at Great-Bay-Bacon dock. At that time Mr. Wilson stated that he would leave the next day with a party of Eastern lumbermen for the Gray's Harbor country, where Mr. Wilson intended to buy some timber land. Mr. Carnegie does not know whether Wilson had much money with him or not. He was not a man who usually carried any great amount of cash."

BUSY MEETING. Ladies of Maccabees Held Session Last Evening—Victoria West Has New Hive.

The Ladies of Maccabees held their regular meeting at the A. O. U. W. hall on Tuesday, when applications for new members were received and one candidate was initiated. The organization of a new Hive at Victoria West, which is called Baxter Hive in honor of Deputy Supreme Commander George H. Baxter, was reported by Mrs. Spofford. The new Hive wrote announcing that the installment of officers would be held publicly in Semple's hall, and inviting for its favorable consideration. The invitation will be accepted, if the meeting can be postponed until Monday, March 9th.

Other communications were read, and the reports from various committees were submitted. The meeting then closed.

VICTORIA NEEDS AN OPERA HOUSE

OR THIS CITY WILL BE WITHOUT SHOWS

Prospects of Performances Here in Near Future at Least Are Not Very Bright.

Wanted—An opera house. This is a matter to which the Tourist Association will probably have to address itself before long, for the present situation holds but a vague prospect, if any, of a satisfactory understanding between Mr. Jamieson and Mr. Boscowitz. In fact the former has explicitly stated that he will not pay the rent demanded by the owner while the theatre is in its present condition, and the latter has just as emphatically assured him that he won't spend a dollar on its improvement. This is surely a deadlock tighter than the Gordian knot of old, and the chances are, judging by the existing signs, that it will be many moons before a company of any prominence presents itself in this city. Daniel Sully, or rather his management, was compelled to stroke Victoria from his itinerary, while it is a foregone conclusion that the virile actor Chas. Harford and his talented leading lady, Miss Droufnah, will not be seen here this year.

Mr. Jamieson may not hold the key to the Victoria theatre, but he is the master of the situation. He is the local representative of the North Pacific theatrical syndicate, and holding their franchises he can control the bookings of their attractions as far as Victoria is concerned. The companies who don't acknowledge allegiance to this powerful organization when touring this part of the Northwest are extremely rare, so that looking at the matter in the most favorable light performances in this city would be few and far between.

A city the size and prominence of Victoria without an opera house has a black eye. There is not a town on the other side of the line, regardless of dimensions, which is a house of some sort, and frequently the smaller communities have amusement places nothing less than palatial. For instance Whatcom is said to have one of the finest opera houses on the Pacific coast, and generally the first question visitors to a city on to-night is "what's going on at the theatre?" It would be painful to contemplate the astonishment of a tourist to Victoria when told that there was no opera house here.

It is true that plays at the Victoria throughout the past season have not been largely patronized, but it is equally true that Victoria is a pleasure-loving community. A well equipped opera house conducted at popular prices and presenting excellent attractions would not suffer for want of patronage. The present playhouse would have to be thoroughly altered before it could be described as "well equipped." It would be impossible to conceive of an opera house less adapted to the accommodation of its patrons. The stage can't be seen from many sections, while the boxes are so arranged that the top ones are of use for exhibition purposes only.

The ground floor makes enjoyment of even the best plays on the part of those in the immediate vicinity impossible, while to add to the discomfort a number of the seats are reserved for the aristocracy. There are racks for the accommodation of coats—and some of them haven't.

Mr. Jamieson the other day dropped a hint which would lead one to believe that there is "something in the air" in the city. He pointed out that while the agitation for a tourist hotel here was well founded a modern opera house was equally urgent.

Chief Langley Has Received Part of Goods Stolen From This City Last August. A portion of the jewelry stolen from several residences of this city during the coronation festivities last August has been returned by Chief Freeman, of the Pasadena, Cal., police force. As will be remembered they were stolen by the man Neil, who was subsequently gathered in by the Pasadena police after some of his peculiarly shady transactions there. When arrested he was living in the heights of fashion occupying elegant apartments and disposing himself like an aristocrat. In his possession was found a large quantity of jewelry, some of which answered the description of articles missing from Victoria.

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He was seen to get off the Sound steamer here on the Thursday morning preceding the coronation celebration. On the Sunday following, as already recounted in these columns, Detective Sergeant Palmer saw him depart, but before the boat pulled away he had through strategy inspected the contents of three of his pockets. The sergeant at that time had no evidence against the man, and therefore couldn't arrest him, but he felt that he would like to see what the passenger's pockets contained. By negotiating for the change of some money he was able to view the contents of three pockets, but the steamer left before he could complete his inspection.

SURVIVOR OF ST. PIERRE. New York, Feb. 24.—The man supposed to be the sole survivor of the St. Pierre disaster, arrived here to-day. He is Jos. Sibaracé, a native of Martinique, and was a prisoner in a dungeon at St. Pierre when the city was destroyed by the eruption of Mount Pele.

CATARH AND COLDS RELIEVED IN 10 TO 60 MINUTES.—One short puff of the breath through the blower supplied with each bottle of Dr. Agnew's Catarrh Powder relieves the most distressing cases of the nasal passages. Painless and permanent cures, catarrh, hay fever, colds, headache, sore throat, tonsilitis and deafness. 50 cents. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—41.



WE grow and sell the best seeds on earth. Everybody knows that who knows anything about seeds, but people get so mixed up with dress-making and society and politics, they're apt to forget all about the garden, with so much else to think of. In order to create a new enthusiasm regarding flowers, we've arranged to distribute 100,000 packages of good reliable seeds practically FREE. Better cut out this offer, as it may not be repeated:

FLOWER GARDEN FREE

Send your name with ten cents, state where you saw this advertisement, and we will mail our Handsome Catalogue for 1903, and include, free of charge, our Special 50 cent Flower Seed Collection—Aster, Giant Victoria; Magnolia, Giant Red; Phlox, Large Flowering; Pink, Beautiful Varieties; Sweet Pea, Our Best Mixed.

ENVELOPE WORTH 25 CENTS

The empty envelope, when returned, will be accepted as 25 cents cash payment on any order amounting to one dollar or upwards, for Seeds selected from our Catalogue.

We expect to pay something for an introduction, but an offer of this sort is necessarily limited. The demand for the free packages last year was away beyond anything we had anticipated, and some people were disappointed. This year, with double the quantity, we think we've enough to go round. First come, first served. Orders filled in rotation as received. Mention this paper.

THE STEELE, BRIGGS SEED CO., LIMITED "Canada's Greatest Seed House" BRANCH STORE WINNIPEG, MAN. HEADQUARTERS TORONTO, ONT.

TAKES HOPEFUL VIEW. Earl of Dunraven on Dublin Conference and Irish Land Question.

London, Feb. 23.—The Earl of Dunraven was interviewed to-night regarding the report of the Irish landlord and tenants conference in Dublin, of which he was chairman. He spoke hopefully regarding the prospects of legislation, which he thought would end the difficulties in Ireland. Lord Dunraven said: "The utterances of King Edward and of British public men, the temper of Ireland, the reception of the conference's report by the public, and the action of the government will all depend on the all favorable indications pointing to the success of the government's Irish land bill, which, if it contains a just and generous offer, will make good the first impression on which all depends. The bill, if drawn on the lines of the terms of the report, will insure a final settlement and remove the cause of friction in Ireland, which is reacting unfavorably not only in Great Britain, but throughout the Empire."

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FOR NAVAL PURPOSES. United States Will Acquire Two Ships in Cuba.

Washington, Feb. 24.—President Roosevelt has signed the agreement drawn under the terms of the Platt amendment providing for the acquisition by the United States of a naval station at Guantanamo and a coaling station at Bahia Honda, both in Cuba. The document has been previously signed by President Palma, and was brought to Washington by Minister Squires. The price will be settled by the usual legal proceedings, after the navy department shall have decided the amount of land wishes at each place. It is thought with these points, properly fortified as naval bases, occupation of the Gulf of Mexico by a hostile fleet will not be possible, and the Caribbean Sea will be unsafe for an enemy.

THE GOVERNOR'S WIFE A PRISONER. Mrs. A. Van Laven is the wife of the governor of the county jail, Napueue, Ont., and was a great sufferer from rheumatism. When the best doctors in the community and "specialists" failed to help her, she was cured by the use of proprietary remedies and purchased South American Rheumatic Cure. A bottle cured her. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—41.

ADVOCATE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

TO ASSUME CHARGE OF VICTORIA HARBOR

A Motion Along This Line Discussed by the Voters' League—Other Business Before Meeting.

The Voters' League held its regular meeting on Tuesday at the city hall, when T. C. Sorby's motion...

Noah Shakespeare was voted to the chair unanimously. Secretary Morley occupied his usual post...

That, as voters and citizens, it is our duty to consider in a reasonable business-like manner the various proposals...

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heads, each of whom should be held responsible for their respective departments, and subject to the supervision of the business pretensions of a city clerk and city engineer.

The city engineer would be entrusted with and held responsible for all public works and the construction of sewers, water works and sewers...

The duties of auditor should either be performed by a government official or two independent persons elected by vote of the people, and it would be the duty of the auditor or auditors to go into the office of the city clerk...

The major and aldermen being duly elected by the vote of the people, their duties should be of a directorial character, carrying out of the work of the executive body being carried out by the respective persons under whose direction they should be carried out...

Although other matters of detail might be enumerated, yet your committee considered that the leading features have been touched upon in the foregoing remarks, but it would be impossible to conclude without emphasizing the importance of writing whenever a by-law for the expenditure of money is to be referred to people, a clear description of the purpose for which the money is required and the plan of its expenditure should be made part of the by-law.

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more harbor accommodation than trade. Harbors would not make trade. The ocean docks were sufficient for the accommodation of all ocean liners that touched here. What was wanted was trade. He did not see the reason for increasing the burdens of the ratepayers.

Mr. Laird pointed out that the citizens of Victoria as ratepayers would not have to pay a cent under the present proposal. He contended that the largest steamer agent could turn in Victoria's harbor. The improvement of the local harbor should be a Dominion work and he would, therefore, support Mr. Sorby's move for the appointment of a board of commissioners.

Mr. Sorby's motion was then put, and carried unanimously. The following delegation was appointed: Messrs. Redfern, Moberly, Grant, Laird and Sorby.

The question of holding an agricultural exhibition this year will be discussed at the next meeting. The meeting then adjourned.

WILL BUILD SMELTER. J. A. Manly on Works to Be Carried Out in Boundary—Railway Possibilities.

John A. Manly, of Grand Forks, has returned from a trip East. He announces that he has been successful in interesting Chicago and Kansas City capitalists have subscribed all the money required for a big mining, smelting and railway project, involving the erection of a 2,000 ton smelter at Grand Forks and the expenditure of four million dollars in Boundary district, and the state of Washington.

Mr. Manly said: "Our plans are already matured, but several years will be occupied in their realization. Chicago and Kansas City capitalists have subscribed all the money required for the proposed enterprises. Work will be started this summer developing two thousand horsepower on the Kettle River, seven miles below Grand Forks. This power will be transmitted by wires to a smelter, which will be erected in the vicinity of this city. The plant is primarily intended to treat copper ores from the Boundary mines and also to be used for the smelting of iron ores. The plant will be equipped with two furnaces. This plant will be enlarged from time to time as may be occasioned by the opening up of our mining resources. My associates are willing to invest four million dollars and a portion of this amount will be devoted to mining enterprises and in building railways to sections that do not enjoy transportation facilities just now to go into details respecting the route of the proposed railways, as we have to obtain certain legislation and other powers. However, a year hence will see the entire project well advanced."

Mr. Manly added that he found Eastern people remarkably well informed respecting the mineral wealth of the Boundary. But, he expressed a little surprise that the Boundary had not been the greater part of the time. Mr. Morris reports that much interest is centering in Dawson on the newly discovered gold fields on Duncan creek. The Territory has attracted considerable attention, but many were placing more confidence in the Duncan creek country.

A few days before Mr. Morris left Dawson a party of men were in progress, the steamer Thistle, owned and operated by the Merchants' line, broke loose from her moorings at the foot of Lake La Barge and was swept down the river. It is reported that the current for a mile the stanch little craft lodged against a mass of ice floes. C. B. Tipping, watchman in the vicinity, procured the assistance of telegraph line men and after a struggle of several hours the steamer back at her berth and secured moored. She was not damaged in any way. The Thirty-Mile has remained open at the upper end all winter and New York. Mr. Morris, an English engineer, from Eastern Canada, arrived on Monday and will accompany Mr. Hill's party. The survey party is busy at present making arrangements for the expedition, which is expected to consume most of the summer. The survey is to include an exhaustive examination of the terminal facilities and the topographical conditions of the route which will traverse in a southerly direction from Port Simpson, or any other terminal which may be decided upon in this connection.

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A stage journey with the thermometer registering 75 degrees below zero and in company with a party who, in a few instances, took so violently sick that they were unable to complete their travels, is something to be shuddered at when contemplated. It was just such a journey, however, which A. J. Morris, representing J. Piercy & Company, of this city, unwittingly faced on his last trip from White Horse to Dawson. Mr. Morris returned home from the north Tuesday, having been one of the passengers on the Dolphin when that ship reached the Sound yesterday.

Owing to the extremely cold weather experienced on the journey referred to, longer stay at the roadhouses were necessitated than would ordinarily have been required along the way and a day's time was lost. As it was, the four women on the stage—Mrs. Pearson and the Misses Hill, Payson and Witman—suffered a good deal from the cold. What added a touch of romance to the whole unfortunate condition of affairs was the fact that one or two of the ladies were going to be married at Dawson shortly after their arrival there.

To add to their misfortunes, at one of the roadhouses along the trail some article of food was placed on the table and a party of hungry travellers, which caused them all to be taken ill. They were obliged to travel in this condition for two days. They were able to recover sufficiently that they were able to resume the remainder of the trip in comparative comfort. One of the ladies was so ill that after a stretch of 22 miles had been covered she was assisted from the stage only to fall in a dead faint at a roadhouse. Burwash also had one sick passenger, Laney Hibbard, and by the time the Gordon roadhouse was reached he was so ill as to be unable to continue the trip and take the south-bound stage for White Horse. He expressed his intention of leaving for the outside for medical treatment, and Mr. Morris, as an obligation, transacted his business for him.

Mr. Morris says that he has had a very successful trip, his collections this year being just double those of a year ago. On his return, he had a very good trip, the weather having been during the greater part of the time.

Mr. Morris reports that much interest is centering in Dawson on the newly discovered gold fields on Duncan creek. The Territory has attracted considerable attention, but many were placing more confidence in the Duncan creek country.

A few days before Mr. Morris left Dawson a party of men were in progress, the steamer Thistle, owned and operated by the Merchants' line, broke loose from her moorings at the foot of Lake La Barge and was swept down the river. It is reported that the current for a mile the stanch little craft lodged against a mass of ice floes. C. B. Tipping, watchman in the vicinity, procured the assistance of telegraph line men and after a struggle of several hours the steamer back at her berth and secured moored. She was not damaged in any way. The Thirty-Mile has remained open at the upper end all winter and New York. Mr. Morris, an English engineer, from Eastern Canada, arrived on Monday and will accompany Mr. Hill's party. The survey party is busy at present making arrangements for the expedition, which is expected to consume most of the summer. The survey is to include an exhaustive examination of the terminal facilities and the topographical conditions of the route which will traverse in a southerly direction from Port Simpson, or any other terminal which may be decided upon in this connection.

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HOWARD'S REPLY TO DEMANDS OF MINERS

Fuel Oil Is Still a Formidable Rival of Coal in San Francisco.

As stated in Monday's Times President Howard, of the Western Fuel Company, has sent to the Nanaimo Miners' Union a statement representing the stand which his company takes upon the questions involved. In this he says: "The Western Fuel Company grew out of the changed conditions of the coal business in California. Crude oil has been developed far in excess of the demand that could be created for it, and it was and is being forced upon the market at prices that are ruinous to most of the producers. It has displaced coal as a fuel in nearly every steam generating plant in California, and it is a strong bidder for the trade of the steam vessels. The strongest corporation in the world is now slowly concentrating in its own hands the bulk of the marketable fuel oil, and with tankage to store millions of barrels it stands ready to contract for the delivery of large quantities to responsible consumers. Crude oil has absorbed the trade of nearly all the gas companies in the state; to-day there are only three concerns manufacturing gas by the use of coal, and these employ apparatus imported from Wales."

Under these circumstances the selling price of gas has been reduced to 50 cents per thousand feet. "The result that for many reasons, such as economy, cleanliness, etc., thousands of gas stoves have been introduced into households that heretofore were consumers of coal. It was these conditions and the forward outlook that impelled the owners of the Nanaimo mines to sell their property, and it was these conditions that created the necessity for the Western Fuel Company, which through the purchase of several concerns, expect by concentrating the efforts of all in the marketing of one product to control sufficient trade to fully employ the mines at Nanaimo. Every contract made for the purchase and sale of imported coal contains a printed stipulation that any change in the existing rate of duty shall be for or against the buyer. This is to protect the seller against an increase in the rate of duty, as was the case under the Dingley Tariff Bill adopted four years since. It also protects a buyer in the event of the lowering of the duty, as in the present instance.

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chases and supplies of the Southern Pacific Company. It is dated February 22nd: Replying to your inquiry, Southern Pacific Co. is not abandoning use of fuel oil, but is increasing its use as rapidly as locomotives can be converted and tanks erected. We will soon abandon use of coal entirely, except on Salt Lake division, which is supplied with coal from Utah. (Signed) E. P. SCHWERIN. The statement closes as follows: "Time is the most valuable asset that any man has, it is real capital; every day that passes reduces the opportunities that come to him, whether for wage-earning or otherwise. Too much time has been wasted at too much cost over a matter that in itself is too trivial for serious considerations. A dispatch to the Times Tuesday from Nanaimo says: "The mining situation remains unchanged. There was no meeting of miners to-day, and it is not known when the next meeting will take place. The steamers Titania and Wyfield are waiting for a cargo at the coal wharf. The mines remain idle." The executive of the Miners' Union has sent a reply to the statement of the company, but this has not been made public by the company or union."

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NOTICE. Thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a license to prospect for coal on 640 acres of land situated on the north side of Quatsino Sound, commencing at a post on the beach marked 72, Lawson, S. E. Corner, and running thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, back to the initial post, comprising 640 acres more or less. EMANUEL LAWSON. Dated at Quatsino this 27th day of December, 1902.

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