

MASSACRES BY PERSIAN TROOPS

VILLAGES ARE PILLAGED AND DEVASTATED

Soldiers Ruthlessly Kill Fleeing Peasants—Terrible Scenes Enacted.

St. Petersburg, March 15.—A dispatch to the Novo Vremy from Juffa, on the frontier between Persia and Russia, says that 1,000 Persian government horsemen and 5,000 infantrymen are marching on Juffa from the Persian bank of the Araxes river, devastating the villages in their path and shooting down the people.

Already ten villages, four of them inhabited by Russian subjects, have been pillaged and burned. The troops are ruthlessly killing the fleeing peasants. Many women, carrying their children on their backs, attempted to swim the Araxes to the Russians, but they were shot down. Three hundred homeless families have taken refuge on an island in the river opposite Juffa.

THE IRONY OF FATE.

Inventor Commits Suicide When on Eve of Wealth.

New York, March 15.—Frank G. Bruce, a Yonkers inventor, committed suicide at his home in that city on Saturday, just as the postman brought to his door a letter informing him that the United States patent office had granted him a patent on a non-refillable bottle, a device which his friends say is worth \$1,000,000.

Bruce had become discouraged over the difficulty which he was having in connection with his patent. Twice before he had attempted suicide, but had each time been prevented from carrying out his purpose.

PREFERENTIAL TRADE.

London Chamber of Commerce Endorses System.

London, March 15.—The council of the London Chamber of Commerce has adopted a resolution endorsing the preferential treatment accorded by various self-governing countries to their own products and to the British manufacturers and that the withdrawal of the preference would be most detrimental to trade between the various parts of the Empire.

EMPIRE RIFLE SHOOT.

Wellington, N. Z., March 15.—Premier Ward, speaking at the rifle championship meeting, expressed the hope that as the New Zealand and Australian teams send teams to compete in the Empire rifle shooting meeting in Australia next October, Canada and Great Britain would also be represented.

STORMY SCENE IN MAYORLESS CITY

Deadlock at Los Angeles Over Naming of Chief Magistrate.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 15.—The city council is in session to-day for the purpose of selecting a successor to former Mayor Harper, who resigned last Thursday night, facing an election on his recall, the first election of the kind held in any American city for the recall of a mayor. Since his resignation was accepted on the following morning by the council the city has been without a mayor.

To-day's session of the council threatened to become a stormy scene. Feeling was very bitter. When the council convened it was reported that there would be a deadlock on the question of whether the man named to-day should serve for the remainder of Harper's term, or only until the recall election can be held and a successor elected. A great crowd of citizens besieged the city hall when the council meeting began and the chamber was jammed as never before with citizens interested in the outcome of the movement.

IOWA AND SALOME DANCERS.

No "Vulgar" Shows or Modern Edens for This American State.

Des Moines, Iowa, March 15.—Senators Dowell, Polk, and Saunders, of Pottawatomie, are preparing drastic bills for introduction at the present session of the legislature barring from the stage in Iowa suggestions of the Salome dance, flashings and vulgar songs and suggestive scenes.

"We must have cleaner shows," said Senator Dowell, "and no Gettrude Hofmann can present in Iowa." The bill makes the county attorney the censor of all performances, which he may attend and pass upon. The penalty for violations of the act is both fine and imprisonment for the manager of the house and the actress appearing.

HIS LAST VOYAGE.

Captain C. Cameron, a Noted White Star Line Commander, "Crosses the Bar."

New York, N. Y., March 15.—Capt. C. Cameron, of the White Star line, who for a quarter of a century was one of the best known trans-Atlantic liner commanders on the Atlantic, and until April last year was in command of the White Star liner Oceanic, died yesterday in Southampton.

MORE "UNKNOWN" QUAKES RECORDED

St. Petersburg, March 15.—Many strong earthquake shocks were recorded on Russian seismographs on Saturday and Sunday. It is estimated that the scene of the disturbance was approximately in the direction of the Philippines and Formosa.

HOTEL CLERK SLAIN; TILL IS RIFLED

Mystery Surrounds Early Morning Crime in New York.

New York, March 15.—Lying in a small room adjoining the hotel office, the body of Isadore De Valante, night clerk of the Eastern hotel on Whitehall street, was found early to-day with his skull fractured by a blow with an iron pipe and his throat cut. The clerk was murdered by a man who afterwards rifled his pockets, took \$75 from the hotel till, and made an unsuccessful attempt to get into the safe in which there was \$3,000.

The police have practically no clue as to the identity. Thumb prints which were alongside the names of the two men written on the hotel register, the police believe to be those of one of the men and hope to trace his identity from these.

It was the clerk's habit to come to the hotel shortly after 7 o'clock at night and to leave at 7 o'clock the following morning. Between 2 o'clock and 6 o'clock he is alone, and although no struggles were heard by any one in the hotel it is supposed the murder was committed during that time.

NEWSPAPER IS SEIZED.

St. Petersburg, March 15.—The newspaper Russ was confiscated on Saturday for publishing extracts from Count Leo Tolstoy's latest work, "Christianity and Its Fate."

HOUSE FIRED TO HIDE DASTARDLY CRIME

Dying Man Gives Name of Assailant When Rescued.

Monticello, N. Y., March 15.—Bernard Solomon was found dying from terrible wounds in his house here to-day, the circumstances indicating that an attempt had been made to kill him, and that the dwelling had been fired in an effort to conceal the crime.

Thomas Walsh in passing discovered the house on fire and found Solomon in the attic with his throat cut, and several long knife slashes on the body. This wounded man was hastily dragged from the burning house and given stimulants to revive him. In a moment of consciousness he gave the police the name of a man who he said had tried to kill him and had set fire to the house. The dwelling was burned to the ground.

While it was still ablaze the police went to work on the case and made a number of arrests. It is believed the crime was committed in the barn adjoining the house as a trail of blood led from the barn to the house and upstairs to the attic chamber.

JACK LONDON RETURNING, IS PHYSICAL WRECK

Author Unable to Complete His World Cruise in Yacht Snark.

San Francisco, Cal., March 15.—Jack London, the noted author, who started from this city some time ago in his yacht Snark for a cruise around the world, is a physical wreck in the South Seas, and because of his continued illness he has abandoned the long trip to return to California.

This information is contained in a letter received from London by a friend in the literary colony here. He says his nervous system has completely broken down and that he has been in a hospital for some time. It was known among his friends in San Francisco that London has been ailing, but the news that he is too ill to continue his voyage around the world came as a surprise. The author says that before many days he will be back in the peaceful little village of Carmel, in Monterey county, California.

DEATH OF MULTI-MILLIONAIRE.

General W. J. Palmer Was Founder of Colorado Springs.

Colorado Springs, Colo., March 15.—General William J. Palmer, founder of Colorado Springs, died at his country seat, Glen Eyrie, west of the city, late on Saturday. Death came as a result of a fall from a horse in October, 1906, which resulted in breaking his back. General Palmer, who was widely known in the east, has often been called the foremost citizen of Colorado. He leaves an estate valued at \$15,000,000.

TARIFF LAWS TO BE ENACTED

U. S. CONGRESS MEETS IN SPECIAL SESSION

Joseph Cannon is Re-Elected as Speaker—Balloting for Seats.

Washington, D. C., March 15.—Precisely at noon to-day the extraordinary session of the sixty-first congress, called by the president for the purpose of enacting tariff legislation began. The senate already has to its credit a brief session of the new congress, this being customary following the incoming of a new administration in order that cabinet and other appointments might be confirmed.

As is always the case with the convening of a new congress, great crowds were attracted to the capitol, but only a small percentage of these were admitted. The senate being a continuous body, its organization is complete, although interest in to-day's proceedings centered on the new vice-president, Mr. Sherman, and the swearing in of Senator Stephen A. Wisconsin, who has been re-elected after a bitter fight in the legislature of his state.

At the other end of the capitol, however, a different situation was presented. The House with its 77 new members had to organize, and this consumed considerable time. While this was being done, the clerk, Alexander McDowell, acted as presiding officer.

It was necessary first of all to swear in the entire membership, and this was done by senators. The various groups of members marched down the aisles, and standing in the hall in front of the rostrum, took the oath of office. This completed the House's organization upon the work of electing a speaker. There seems to be no doubt that Joseph G. Cannon will be re-elected despite the "inaugural" movement against him.

Asides from the question of what will be done with the rules, great solicitude on the part of members is being felt concerning the outcome of the biennial history. Those having designs upon the speakership are being given time, but they must take their chances with the rest.

This is always an interesting proceeding. A blindfolded seat draws from a box a marble bearing a number which indicates the seat the member is to have, the name being drawn in alphabetical order. Should the slate agreed upon at the Republican caucus of Saturday night go through, all the old officers will be re-elected, besides Mr. Cannon these include Clerk McDowell; sergeant-at-arms, Henry Caswell; doorkeeper, Frank B. Lyon, and the two clerks, who have been re-elected. Cannon Re-elected.

Washington, D. C., March 15.—(Later)—Promptly at noon the Senate and House representatives were convened in extraordinary session. The president's proclamation was read by the speaker, after which business proceeded. Joseph G. Cannon was re-elected as Speaker.

VICTIM ASKS TO BE SHOT THROUGH HEART

Confessing Guilt, is Murdered Under the "Unwritten Law"

Fort Worth, Tex., March 15.—Fred Morris, a baseball player, last night shot and instantly killed Otto H. Meyer, a vaudeville singer, in a room in a local hotel, after having obtained a written confession that his relations with Mrs. Morris were improper.

The two men came to the hotel together and were assigned to the same room. Shortly after they had retired the shots were heard. Meyer was found lying in a pool of blood, while Morris, upon the approach of the hotel authorities, calmly announced: "I guess I am the man you are looking for. I think the police need me."

After he and Meyer had reached the room, Morris declared, he read an incriminating letter, the significance of which Meyer admitted. He then forced Meyer to write and sign the confession and then told him that he intended to kill him.

"Meyer" extended his arms," said Morris, "and told me to shoot him through the heart, so that all would be over at once. I did as he suggested and would follow him beyond the grave except for the fact that I have a little boy who I think needs me to look out for him."

"NOT GUILTY" PLEA IN PANAMA LIBEL CASE

New York, March 15.—The Press Publishing Company, publishers of the New York World, through its counsel, Delancy Nichol, pleaded not guilty before Judge Holt to-day to the charge of criminal libel in the Panama canal case.

Counsel for Cato Vanhamm, an editor of the World, also entered a plea of not guilty to a similar charge in behalf of Mr. Vanhamm. Counsel was granted one week to prepare a special pleading as to the jurisdiction of the court.

FOUND DEAD IN HOTEL

(Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, March 15.—Thomas B. Ross, aged 42, for the past six years a traveling salesman of the Red Deer Lumber Company, was found dead in a city hotel last night. He was a brother of Prof. Alex. Ross, of Toronto.

St. John, N. B., March 15.—Dr. Albert C. Smith, for many years head of the medical department of the leper hospital in this island, died, aged 83 years. He had been at Tracadie since 1883.

STRIKE OF COPPER ORE.

St. John, N. B., March 15.—A valuable find of copper ore is reported from the Ellis mine near Berriaford, Gloucester county.

PARIS MAY BE AGAIN ISOLATED

GENERAL STRIKE OF TELEGRAPHERS THREATENS

Infantry and Police Guard Postoffices—Considerable Excitement Prevails.

Paris, March 15.—Paris is in suspense to-day concerning the likelihood of a general strike on the part of the telegraphers and telephone employees in the bureau of the post office. All branches of the service are involved.

A general meeting to consider the situation has been called at the Tivoli vaudeville hall to-night at which a number of branch and subsidiary organizations will be represented. Committees of the employees have been sitting since last night to receive secret reports from agents who are canvassing the situation in the provinces. The services are considerably disrupted and there is considerable excitement among the general and branch post offices. Detachments of police and municipal guards surround these buildings, and a regiment of infantry is camped in the courtyard of the general post office.

Mail messengers are being driven through the street under military escort. The employees lay most of their woes to the door of M. Simyan, under secretary of posts and telegraphs, claiming that he has systematically prevented them from obtaining the increases of salaries to which they are entitled. If M. Simyan was removed from office, the situation would be much improved.

M. Falais, secretary of the "Electricians' Association," is endeavoring to call a complete strike of the electricians of Paris. The General Association of Employees has issued a statement protesting indignantly against the charge made by M. Simyan that this movement is anarchistic. They declare that it is designed solely to protect their professional interests.

M. Jaures, the Socialist leader in the Chamber of Deputies, has published an article laying the blame of the situation upon M. Simyan, Minister of Public Works, Barthou and Premier Clemenceau and "other false republicans in charge of the government."

A NOTABLE FUNERAL

Major Edmund Zallinski, Who Invented Dynamite Gun, is Buried at Rochester, N. Y.

Rochester, N. Y., March 15.—The funeral of Major Edmund Zallinski, the U. S. A. inventor of the dynamite gun, was held at his sister's home in this city yesterday. The war department sent a flag to drape the coffin and was represented, the National Guard sending a firing squad. Messages of condolence were received from Count Takahira, Japanese minister, and the Peruvian and Cuban embassies.

"DON'T MARRY, LIVE LONG, AND DIE HAPPY"

Spinster, Over One Hundred Years Old, Gives Remarkable Advice

Lynn, Mass., March 15.—"If you want to live long and die happy, don't get married. Take this bit of advice from the oldest maid in the country, I guess I am the man you are looking for. I think the police need me."

On Wednesday last "Aunt" Phoebe Anne Wade celebrated her 102nd birthday, and when a bevy of Lynn school teachers called with flowers and congratulations, she gave them the above matrimonial advice. She told a reporter why she had never married. She said that when her mother died she promised her that she would look after her father always.

FRANCO-CANADIAN TRADE.

Paris, March 15.—Mr. Fletcher, chairman of the Canadian section of the British Chamber of Commerce, hopes that the ratification of the Franco-Canadian convention by the French senate will be an accomplished fact in a few days.

CHEHALIS LAUNCHES PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN

Chehalis, Wash., March 15.—The biggest publicity campaign in the Northwest Washington's history has been inaugurated at Chehalis at a public meeting called by the Citizens' Club. A total of \$3,775 was subscribed in forty minutes. It is believed that a total of \$8,000 can easily be raised.

TROUBLE IN SAMOA.

Berlin, March 15.—The Admiralty has given orders that the cruisers Leipzig and Arcona and the submarine Jaguar, under Admiral Koerer, leave the Asiatic station and proceed to Apia, Samoa, to exert a quieting influence on the natives of the German island of Savali.

BRITAIN ASKED FOR STATEMENT

HECATE STRAIT IS INTERNATIONAL MATTER

Canadians' Claim of Territorial Waters Arouses American Fishermen.

Washington, D. C., March 15.—Several of the Puget Sound fishing companies are much wrought up over the proposed closing of Hecate strait to American fishermen by the Canadian government, and protests against such action have been forwarded to Senator Jones, who immediately took up the subject with the state department. He is now in receipt of a letter from the secretary of state, in which the latter says:

"With respect to the reported purpose of the Canadian government to consider Hecate strait as a body of water subject to their jurisdiction, the records of the department show very little correspondence concerning the matter. It appears, however, that on March 20th, 1897, the department wrote a note to Sir Julian Pauncefote, then the British ambassador at Washington, bringing to his attention the complaint made by the master of the fishing vessel Edith, in which it was charged that the master had been warned by the commandant of a Canadian fishery protection cruiser, the Quadra, that United States vessels are not allowed to fish anywhere in Hecate strait or in any other territorial waters of the province of British Columbia. Copy of the master's affidavit and of the notice given him by the commander of the Quadra was transmitted with the note to the British embassy.

"Subsequently, in 1905, another complaint having been made to the department, Secretary Hay, on February 18th of that year, addressed a note to the British embassy in this city, recalling the correspondence in 1897 and inquiring if the foreign office had ever made any reply to the former inquiry. No answer appears to have been received to Secretary Hay's note, and no further complaints have been made to the department since that time.

"In view of the information contained in your statement, the department has again called the former correspondence to the attention of the British embassy with a view to obtaining an official statement of the British position with respect to Hecate strait."

U. S. RHODES SCHOLARS.

Entertainment Given by Ambassador and Mrs. Reid.

London, March 15.—Ambassador and Mrs. Reid entertained the American Rhodes scholars at luncheon to-day. The students were accompanied by Dr. and Mrs. George Robert Parkin and several Oxford professors. The members of the American embassy also were present. Toasts were drunk to King Edward's health and President Taft, and a silent toast to Cecil Rhodes was proposed. The luncheon was followed by a concert.

LABOR DEMONSTRATES AGAINST SENTENCES

Big Parade Held in Boston Sympathizes With Gompers and Associates.

Boston, Mass., March 15.—As a demonstration against the sentences of imprisonment imposed upon the labor delegates, Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison, in the now prominent Buck Stone and Range case by Judge Wright of the Superior court of the District of Columbia, more than 5,000 members of the labor unions paraded here yesterday.

A large meeting was held in Faneuil hall, where a resolution was drawn up in which it was alleged that the courts were biased and the laws directed at one class only. Judge Wright was accused of using "intemperate and bitter language to representatives of organized labor," and it was said that he "was not a fit person to handle the case." Copies of the resolution were sent to President Taft, Vice-President Sherman and Speaker Cannon.

WESTON STARTS TRAMP FROM NEW YORK TO SAN FRANCISCO

New York, March 15.—Edward Payson Weston, the veteran walker, will start this afternoon from the New York post office building on a 4,300 mile walk to San Francisco. Mr. Weston has set a limit of 100 days upon his schedule from this city to the Pacific coast. A military and police escort will accompany the pedestrian to the city limits.

SEPTUAGENARIAN TO TRY 4,300-MILE WALK

Although Weston is 70 years old, and the present walk the most difficult he has ever undertaken during his long career, he is confident he can finish it on schedule time. His route is via Troy, Buffalo and Pittsburg, and he is due in Chicago on Saturday, April 17th, with 1,288 miles to his credit.

NEGROES HELD FOR MURDER.

Washington, D. C., March 15.—The mystery surrounding the murder of Walter E. Schultz, the Chicago artist whose body, with the throat slashed, was found in a field near Alexandria, Va., on March 7th, may be cleared up in the arrest yesterday of three negroes charged with the murder. On Saturday a pawn ticket for a gold watch belonging to Schultz was the clew which led to the arrest.

NUCLEUS OF A NAVY.

Melbourne, March 15.—The Commonwealth government has ordered the construction of two torpedo boat destroyers at a cost of \$42,500 each, including armaments.

TWENTY DROWN IN OCEAN COLLISION

Rotterdam, March 15.—The Norwegian steamer Mascot collided with the German ship Margretta about 20 miles west of the Maas lightship. The Margretta sank almost immediately. Twenty of the crew were drowned, six were saved. The Mascot returned here with a big hole in her bow.

YANKEE DEPARTMENTAL STORE IN LONDON

British Firms Use Costly Methods to Outdo New Competitor.

London, March 15.—The opening in London to-day of the first of the American department stores in this city was a memorable event in the history of English retail business, and the new "Yankee" enterprise, as it is generally called here, has electrified the old firms to efforts to outdo the new competitor. They are resorting to costly methods to attract the people from the opening of the American stores, such as concerts, anniversaries and other entertainments on a large scale, even employing grand opera singers, military bands and music hall performers to attract the crowd.

All the newspapers have printed long accounts of the new enterprise and the personality of the mover. The doors of the new store were opened at 9 o'clock, and shortly after the establishment was crowded with thousands of people, mostly women. The building was elaborately decorated inside and out.

The entire staff worked with ceaseless energy for forty-eight hours in arranging the goods and bringing what last Saturday night was largely a scene of confusion into as fine an order as though the store had been running for years.

ENGLISH MANUFACTURERS' CO-PARTNERSHIP SCHEME

Half a Million Sterling in Shares for Employees of Lever Bros.

London, March 15.—W. H. Lever, M. P., the chairman and principal proprietor of the great soap manufacturing firm of Lever Bros., Limited, of Port Sunlight, near Liverpool, explained to a meeting of 2,000 work people at Port Sunlight the scheme of co-partnership he has prepared.

The scheme involves the creation of 500,000 partnership certificates, to be distributed among the employees of over five years' service in annual allotments. His speech explaining the scheme in detail was received with tremendous enthusiasm, and at its conclusion the whole 2,000 rose and joined in singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

INTERNATIONAL BOWLING.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 15.—The third and last week of the ninth annual international tournament of the American Bowling Congress started to-day at 10 a. m. Two double, four individual and two five-men events will be played.

BROTHERS' BODIES REACH MORGUE AT SAME TIME

San Francisco, Cal., March 15.—Lying in the morgue are the bodies of Timothy and Daniel Danahy, brothers, the one a suicide, the other having met death accidentally while searching for his brother. While Timothy was ending his life by cutting his throat, Daniel was slowly being asphyxiated.

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WATER SUPPLY COMES TO FRONT

CITY COUNCIL WILL DEAL WITH IT EARLY

Committee May Be Appointed at To-night's Meeting—Other Business.

With the passage of the city's water bill by the legislature it is likely that the question of a permanent source of supply for the city will receive the early attention of the council. Mayor Hall, it is said, will present a proposition before the council at an early date, setting forth his views on the subject. The aldermen for the most part have a great deal of confidence in Mayor Hall on this subject, and will be prepared to be guided in no small measure by what he recommends. One of the aldermen speaking of the mayor's grasp of the water situation, said to-day that he believed there was no one in the city who had fuller information on the subject than His Worship.

With the opportunity afforded to get Goldstream at what is regarded as something like a fair valuation, it is more than likely that the question of purchasing the undertaking of the Esquimalt company will come up for consideration by the council as soon as the question of increased water supply is grappled with.

With \$200,000 as the minimum sum which is to be offered by the city for the whole works when the question of purchase comes up, it is not expected that a very large increase over this will be the offer if the council decide to make an offer. It is not expected that the sum named will reach \$1,000,000, but according to one of the aldermen \$800,000 should be the highest figure to be given. The cost of bringing the water to Victoria is estimated to amount to about \$400,000. With a contract entered into with the electric company, however, to take a supply for power purposes to be used before the water is supplied to the city, a good revenue would be derived which would reduce the charges upon the ratepayers of the city very materially.

The council to-night will be asked to pass resolutions proposed by Ald. Turner for leave to introduce a by-law for the paving of Queen's avenue, from Blanchard street to Quadra street, and to authorize street improvements and to raise money to be used before the assessment thereon for the following: Pine street; Garbally road, Queen's avenue, Pembroke road, Fembroke street and Johns street.

Ald. Mathews will ask that the council approve of a motion having for its purpose the removal of a house and barn on lot 1, block 28, of the Fairfield estate.

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PRICES ON ROCK SUPPLY

CIL DECIDES TO CALL FOR TENDERS

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NO CONCESSION BY OPERATORS

REQUESTS OF ANTHRACITE MINERS ARE REFUSED

President of Coal Carrying Roads Wants to Renew Present Agreement.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 12.—The sub-committee of the anthracite mine workers and operators will hold another meeting this afternoon and endeavor to reach an agreement to go into effect at the expiration of the present working arrangement between the men and their employers. The flat refusal of the operators to make any concessions have greatly depressed the representatives of the miners. While they expected the operators would refuse to concede the principal demands, they did not expect them to make such a clean sweep of all their propositions.

The miners will to-day make their answer to the operators' offer to renew the present agreement for three years. President Lewis, of the miners union, has not announced what his answer will be, but it is not improbable that he will accept the operators' proposition if they will consent to working arrangement for which some of the miners in different sections of the anthracite regions are clamoring.

Judging from the attitude taken by the operators some time ago, which attitude has not been changed by the present negotiations, it is not likely that the coal presidents will concede the men much. It is declared by the men that they will either call a convention of the anthracite miners, or call into session the international executive board of the union to decide upon the next step.

The full committee of anthracite miners held an executive session this morning in the hall of the central labor union, at which President Lewis outlined for them his plans for this afternoon's conference.

President Lewis was very much provoked to-day because the operators yesterday refused to receive him and his associates as officers of the Mine Workers' union but merely as representatives of the coal miners employed in the mines owned by the former.

"The only agreement I will sign with the operators will be as 'T. L. Lewis, president of the union,'" he declared. "We will not be divorced from the organization but will insist upon our rights as miners."

"I am not predicting trouble nor looking for it. All I have to say is that we will insist upon our demands and will make our attitude very clear to the operators."

In view of the probable disagreement of the conference to-day it may be stated positively that there will be a convention of the three district unions of the anthracite region in the latter part of this month to consider the question of continuing work after the expiration of the present three years' agreement on March 31st.

Miners Determined. Philadelphia, Pa., March 12.—President Lewis gave to the Associated Press this afternoon the following prepared statement: "The representatives of the operators and the United Mine Workers of America of the anthracite districts have met for the purpose of trying to agree upon a wage contract to govern the mine workers of the anthracite coal regions of Pennsylvania. During the deliberations it developed that the operators are unwilling to treat with the miners' representatives as an organized body of men, and at the same time the operators claim they have no objections to the men being members of the United Mine Workers. Two things are brought out very clearly in the position of the operators. In the first place they say that they have no objection to the anthracite mine workers belonging to the United Mine Workers, and yet they say they are unwilling to meet the representatives of the mine workers as such for the anthracite region, then any agreement made is binding only upon the men whose signatures are attached to the document.

"Any proposition agreed upon for the mine workers of the anthracite region to have the support of the United Mine Workers must be signed by representatives of the miners as representing the United Mine Workers in the anthracite regions."

The operators to-day had nothing to say regarding the situation. It is known, however, that they do not intend to change their attitude.

TO CONSERVE HOME MARKET. Ottawa, March 12.—Mr. McKendrick, of North Cape Breton, gives notice of a resolution setting forth that steps should be taken to conserve the home market to Canadian coal operators.

STEERABLE AIRSHIP ASCENDS 3,000 FEET

Frederickshaven, March 12.—The airship which went up from Lake Constance this morning attained an altitude of over 3,000 feet, a record height for steerable balloons. Varied and mostly difficult maneuvers were carried out at this height with great success.

FERNIE RELIEF SCANDAL

One of Fund Executive Charged With Stealing \$900. (Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, Man., March 12.—George Lockhart, one of the executive of the Fernie Relief Fund, who was arrested in Moncton, N. B., charged with stealing nine hundred dollars from the fund, was handed over to the Fernie police here yesterday. He has offered to make restitution.

BILLS BEFORE SENATE

Ottawa, March 12.—The senate has given the third reading to the bills to amend the Animal Contagious Diseases Act, and the bill to incorporate the Canadian Western railroad, respecting the Edmonton & Slave Lake Railway Company.

FOR BISHOP OF CLEVELAND

Rome, March 12.—It is reported here that the consistorial congregation, under the presidency of Cardinal De Lai, has discussed the matter of the appointment of a bishop of Cleveland, Ohio, and has decided to propose to the Pope and crossing of John Farrelly, at present spiritual director for the American college here, for this position. It is, however, impossible to verify the rumor, as the strictest secrecy will be maintained until the pontifical sanction is obtained.

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Winnipegger's Desperate Attempt at Suicide by Means of Carbolic Acid.

Winnipeg, Man., March 12.—Morris Ampherson, a man of middle age, drank almost the full contents of two six-ounce bottles of carbolic acid on Wednesday night, and still lives. It is through no fault of his, however, that the determined attempt to end his earthly career was a failure, and even yet there is a possibility that he will not recover.

The strange and unaccountable vagaries of human nature are strongly in evidence in the case of the man, instead of seeking some secluded place in which to take his life, entered the brightly lighted lobby of the Salvation Army citadel, and slowly swallowed the burning liquid, while members of the gathering within were blending their voices in familiar gospel songs. The acid was drained through the narrow necks of two bottles, so that the man must have been in great desperation to so deliberately take poison.

When the meeting was dismissed the "drunk" man, making their exit were started to find Ampherson lying on the stone steps in an unconscious condition. Two bottles protruding from his pockets and bearing the small and crossed bones were significant of what had happened.

JOHNSON IS WILLING, BUT IS JEFFRIES?

Hugh McIntosh Arrives in New York to Interview ex-Champion.

New York, March 12.—Hugh McIntosh, the Australian fight promoter, to-day said that he would be satisfied to arrange for a contest between Jeffries and Johnson, to take place in either England, France or Australia, but he preferred England. He said his sole purpose in coming here was to see Jeffries and try to induce him to take on Johnson. His offer of a \$50,000 purse stood, he declared.

"I am satisfied that Jeffries can be trained and brought into fit condition for the fight," said McIntosh. "For him to enter the ring with Johnson without being in the best condition, however, would be extremely foolish. For Johnson is a wonderful fighter. There is no man living who can beat Johnson without being in the best of condition, and whether he can be beaten at all now remains to be seen. It is hard work to get Jeffries in condition when he was only 24 years old. It will, therefore, be an extremely hard matter now, but I am pretty certain that it can be done."

Mr. McIntosh said he wanted to arrange for the fight to take place within six months. He added that if Jeffries could be got into fighting condition at all, the work of making him fit could be done in six months. He said, unless both men were fit, for he did not believe in giving the spectators at such an event anything less than the full worth of their money. Johnson is perfectly satisfied, McIntosh declared, in his expressed wish to meet Jeffries in the ring.

"He said to me," Mr. McIntosh quoted, "I'll fight Jeffries, and want to, but he won't fight me," and has added, "I cannot drag him into the ring." I said to him, "If I can get him into the ring, then you will fight, will you?" Johnson's answer was "yes," and it is now up to Jeffries."

PONTIFF'S ILLNESS

Rome, March 12.—Following the advice of his physicians the Pope was not present this morning at the Lenten sermons. It is desired that he avoid fatigue. He has, however, held in his apartments the audiences necessary for the conduct of Vatican affairs.

VACANT ILLINOIS BISHOPRIC

Chicago, Ill., March 12.—A report is in circulation among Chicago Roman Catholics that Rev. J. F. McElroy, of Buffalo, is to be appointed by Rome as the Bishop of Peoria. The Peoria bishopric has been vacant ever since the resignation of Right Rev. John Lancaster Spalding on account of ill-health.

ROBLIN'S RUSE TO BRING ON ELECTION

(Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, Man., March 12.—It is understood here that Premier Roblin will refuse to accept the proposed extension of the boundaries of Manitoba owing to certain conditions which will be attached by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. He intends to summon the legislature for a special session in April and make it a pretext to go to the country.

URGING SIR WILFRID TO SIT FOR OTTAWA

Premier is Leaving Decision With His Constituents in Quebec East.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, March 12.—To a deputation representing the leading Liberals at Ottawa, Sir Wilfrid Laurier said this morning that if his first love, Quebec East, would not release the partnership of thirty-two years' standing he could hardly accede to the request of his Ottawa friends that he resign his Quebec seat and elect to represent the capital in the Commons.

The deputation urged the premier to hold the Ottawa seat inasmuch as the capital was now his home city and the constituency exemplified the happy union of the two races, the crowning achievement of Sir Wilfrid's public career.

The premier said his decision of the matter rested with his constituents in Quebec East, and he would lay before them the request of the Liberals of Ottawa.

WISCONSIN CENTRAL PROPERTY OF C. P. R.

Deal is Ratified at Meeting of Soo Line—New President.

Minneapolis, Minn., March 12.—Edward Pennington was elected president and Horace Lowry was elected a director in place of his father, Thomas Lowry, deceased, and the deal whereby the Soo line is to lease the Wisconsin Central for 99 years was ratified at a meeting of the board of directors of the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Soo railway yesterday. The position of vice-president was left unfilled for the time. An additional stock of \$5,048,000 was authorized to meet the financial needs of the company.

FRENCH TEAM LEADING BY OVER 20 MILES

Cibot and Orphee Show Great Endurance in Six-day Race.

New York, March 12.—The score in the six-day go-as-you-please race at 8 a.m. to-day was: Cibot and Orphee, 673-0 miles; Davis and Metkus, 523-0; Dineen and Prouty, 523-1; Loeselein and Klubertanz, 519-3; Corri and Hegelman, 509-1; Shelton and Fraser, 499-5; Feagan, Curtis, 485-3; Guignard and Revere, 467-4; Navas and Keller, 451-1; and Edelson and Pallanti, 418-2.

With Cibot and Orphee over 20 miles ahead of their nearest competitors, ten and half teams of plodders were represented in the race to-day. The race has become a procession with great odds in favor of the fast French team, which has now held the lead for days. Nearly three-fourths of the long journey had been accomplished, and this spurred the weary men to do their best.

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RUSSIA UNITES TO DO HONOR TO EDITOR

Alexis Suvoris is Potent Factor in Life of Czar's Empire. St. Petersburg, March 12.—Alexis Suvoris, the publisher of the Novoe Vremya, to-day celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the beginning of his literary activities. Several thousand persons, prominent in Russia, including Emperor Nicholas, the members of the cabinet, high courtiers, a large deputation from the Duma and others from the council of the empire, and many of the leading writers, artists and actors of the country, united in honoring the veteran editor, who started life as the son of a peasant, and has won a unique place as an author and dramatist and a moulder of public opinion.

Mr. Suvoris, who through the Novoe Vremya wields a power with which even the government is forced to reckon, is proprietor also of the leading theatre here, maintains a dramatic school, and is a generous patron of the arts. Emperor Nicholas has presented the editor with a photograph bearing his autograph, and Emperor Nicholas has him an offer of the Legion of Honor.

The Herald to-day advocates the annexation of the five Central American states by Mexico. The general opinion here is that intervention is inevitable and Mexico looks to the United States to make the initial move.

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In the past a good business has been done by the whalers hunting in the Arctic in trading with the Eskimos and Indians, so that even when whaling has been poor, the whalers have made a profit. Recently the Canadian government has been seeing that the laws were enforced there and that the customs laws are observed and have also prevented the whalers from supplying labor to the natives. The result has been that the whalers have had to rely solely on whaling for their profit and these profits have been light, hence the resolve of the ship owners to abandon the hunt for this year at least.

EIGHT EXPLOSION CASUALTIES

Cleveland, Ohio, March 12.—One man is reported to be dead and seven injured as the result of an explosion of a metal pot in the iron mill of the American Steel & Wire Co. to-day.

MOTHER OF QUADRUPLETS

Havana, March 12.—The wife of a poor cigarmaker of Havana, the mother of fourteen children, gave birth yesterday to quadruplets, two boys and two girls. President Gomez sent his congratulations to the mother as a woman deserving well of the republic. He also sent her substantial assistance.

SURPRISE AT CHANGE IN AMBASSADOR AT TOKIO

Tokio, March 12.—Special dispatches to Japanese newspapers here stating that Oscar Straus, secretary of commerce and labor in President Roosevelt's cabinet, has accepted the appointment of ambassador to Japan and that the Japanese society in New York is making preparations to give him a farewell dinner, are causing much surprise in Tokio. It was generally believed in diplomatic circles that Thos. J. O'Brien, the present American ambassador, would remain another year. During the time that he has represented the United States at the court of the Emperor of Japan, Ambassador O'Brien has made many friends among the Japanese officials.

IMMIGRANTS FOR THE WEST

North Portal, Sask., March 12.—The big rush of settlers from the United States, bound for points in Alberta and Saskatchewan is now on its earnest On Wednesday twenty carloads of settlers' effects passed through on the Soo line, and yesterday forty carloads came in. All passenger trains are crowded with settlers. Indications point to a very heavy immigration from the western states to the Canadian west.

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Mr. Meredith appeared fully alive to the advantages of publicity for the city, especially at the present stage of its development. He thought the Victoria would be able to compete with the other cities successfully in drawing visitors this summer from Seattle, and said Victoria was moving in the right direction by instituting vigorous development plans for the whole island.

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CARNEGIE CALLS ON TAFT

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EMBEZZLEMENT OF \$70,000

Former State Treasurer of Utah Is Under Arrest. Salt Lake City, Utah, March 12.—James Christensen, former state treasurer, who retired from office on January 1st, is under arrest on the charge of being a defaulter to the amount of \$70,000.

INTERNATIONAL CHESS

Championship Honors Undecided Between Lasker and Rubinstein. St. Petersburg, March 12.—The last round of the international chess tournament is being played here to-day. Rubinstein, the champion, was in a half point of the leader, Lasker, and his match was not finished at 6 o'clock this evening. Lasker won his game easily. If Rubinstein wins he will take the championship and the magnificent vase offered by Emperor Nicholas. If the game results in a draw Rubenstein will tie with Lasker.

DEVASTATED TOWN APPEALS FOR AID

Thirty-two Dead and Hundreds Injured by Tornado at Brinkley, Ark. Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 12.—The financial committee of the Brinkley, Ark., relief association, headed by Congressman Joseph Robinson, has issued an appeal to the entire country to aid the sufferers at Brinkley. The appeal says that Brinkley was destroyed, that 32 bodies have been recovered and more may be found; that 200 injured have been treated in the emergency hospital and scores elsewhere, and that the property loss exceeds \$1,000,000, with only \$6,000 tornado insurance.

JAPANESE IMMIGRATION

Ottawa, March 12.—Acting Japanese Consul-General Siganatura reports to the immigration department on the arrivals and departures of Japanese in and from Canada for January and February. In January 19 Japanese arrived in British Columbia from Japan, and in February 15. The departure of Japanese from British Columbia for Japan were in January 17, February 14, showing a net increase of only three in the Japanese population in this country.

RUMORED OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES

Nicaragua and Salvador Said to Have Fought Engagement. Mexico City, Mex., March 12.—It is persistently rumored here that war has broken out between Nicaragua and Salvador and that there has been an engagement between the Salvadoran gunboat Momotombo. The result is not known. The Mexican government is without official advice as to the truth of these rumors.

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ADVERTISE CITY WITH FLOWERS

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Edgar Wallace, manager of Flewings Gardens, told of having met the city council in company with J. R. Anderson and F. B. Pemberton, for the purpose of laying before them a suggestion that they should erect a tent and establish a flower show at the Alaska-Yukon Exposition. Flowers could be shipped from this city daily from the private gardens, such men as B. Beaven, J. C. Newberry, F. B. Pemberton and a number of others having promised to donate all the flowers that were needed. This would be a great attraction, as it would be visited by all who attended the exhibition, and would be a fine advertisement for the city.

Another proposal they had made was that the citizens should open their gardens to visitors. A number had promised to do this if the others would follow suit. Still a third plan the same gentleman proposed was for the city to plant an acre of sweet peas, the flowers from which could be shipped to Seattle and distributed to about ten thousand ladies every day in small bouquets surrounded by a small soft-metal clasp on which would be engraved the words, "From Victoria the Beautiful." This, Mr. Wallace said, would advertise the city as nothing else possibly could. It would be a unique plan. He could not imagine anything that could prove as effective. He would like to have the board endorse the scheme. The aldermen were individually in favor of the flower show but this latest plan was new and had not yet been made public.

Continuing Mr. Wallace said that the cactus dahlia was to be the great Seattle flower this year. Victoria could easily beat Seattle in growing this flower and quantities of these could be sent over every day. The matter was discussed at some length, and in answer to Colonel Prior, Mr. Wallace said his estimate of the sum required to put his plan in operation would be something like \$2,000.

A resolution was moved by Mr. Werra that a committee consisting of Messrs. Wallace, Genge and Shallcross should be appointed to lay the matter before the city council

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Dr. Samson is the Dominion official in charge of Sir Richard Cartwright's annuity scheme. The Toronto Star is deeply impressed by the Doctor's qualifications for the important trust committed to his keeping.

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The seismograph at the Dominion observatory registered two shocks yesterday, presumably the earthquakes referred to by Mr. Preston. According to Yokohama time these occurred on Saturday at 9.42 a.m. and on Sunday at 6.42 a.m.

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This is one of the best Costume values that we have ever offered; they are new Costumes, absolutely correct in style and cut, made of good material, perfectly tailored and finished, and yet are offered at this remarkably low price. We feel safe in saying that this is the Costume bargain of the season. These suits are as good as you would ordinarily pay ten or fifteen dollars more for. We give a detailed description of the style.

TAILORED COSTUME, made of all-wool Venetian, in navy, green, brown and black. Coat is thirty-six inches long, semi-fitted back, roll collar and cuffs, three pockets, coat lined throughout with silk; skirt is plain gored, with rows of covered buttons on each side of front panel. Wanderful value indeed at \$19.75

Dainty New Dresses

Princess and Empire Dresses, new arrivals, suitable for evening and dressy wear. These lines are very handsome and moderate in price.

PRINCESS DRESS, made of white Brussels Net. Waist part made with rows of tucks going across front and rows of pretty Persian trimming and fine insertion. Panel of fine tucks four inches wide, edged with Persian trimming, goes down front to bottom of skirt. Long sleeves, with rows of tucks and insertion going round. Skirt part has three deep tucks around bottom, and fine tucks over hips. Waist lined with silk and silk drop skirt. Price \$19.75

PRINCESS DRESS, made of taupe, brown and black taffeta silk. Waist part trimmed with straps of self and tucks and covered buttons. Long, tight sleeves. Skirt part plain with panel down front, trimmed with silk covered buttons. Price \$21.00

Handsome Dress, made Princess and Empire style, of good black taffeta. The waist part has a yoke of black silk lace, wide tucks over shoulder and down back. Long sleeves trimmed with covered buttons goes from the bottom of yoke down the front of skirt, which is made of the new polonaise effect. Price \$30.00

PRETTY DRESS, made Princess and Empire style, of ecru embroidered net. Waist part trimmed with rows of Oriental and Val lace. Long sleeves with vertical rows of insertion. Skirt part has wide front panel of tucks and insertions and rows of insertion going round. Waist lined with silk and silk drop skirt. Price \$40.00

Dame Fashion Says Wear Nets

Nets for Waists and Dresses are the correct thing. Not for years has the demand for plain and fancy nets been so great. Fashion leaders say that nets are to be used for making dressy waists and for afternoon and evening dresses. Anticipating a heavy demand we are well equipped to supply your wants. Many novelty lines shown for the first time are mentioned among the following:

SILK NETS for waists and dresses, in green ground with heavy green and black spots, white with black and white spots, purple with purple and white spots, and blue with blue and black spots, 42 in. wide. \$1.75

TUCKED NETS, with heavy silk spots in purple, brown, sky, mauve, pink, green and black, 18 in. wide. \$2.50

PLAIN BRUSSELS NET, in white, cream and ecru and black, 36 in. wide. 50c, 40c and 25c

POINT DE ESPRIT, in white, cream, ecru and black, 48 in. and 54 in. wide. Per yard, \$1.00, 75c and 50c

FILET NET, plain and spotted, in white, ecru, pink, sky, lake, blue and black, 42 in. and 48 in. wide. Per yard \$1.00

NEW NET VEILINGS, in all the latest shades, fancy net and chenille spots. \$1.00, 75c, 60c, 50c and 35c

ALL-SILK MOTOR VEILING, in sky, tan, brown, Alice, electric, tan and black, 20 in. wide. Per yard 40c

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STANDARD OIL FINED A PALTRY \$20,000

Octopus Wanted New Trial in Buffalo Case, But is Refused.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 15.—Judge Hazeln, in the United States court today denied the motion of the Standard Oil Company for a new trial and imposed a fine of \$20,000. The case hinged on the Standard Oil Company's accepting rebates from railroads in shipments of oil from Olean, N. Y., to Portland, and other points in Vermont.

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DISTINGUISHED VISITOR. Edmund Robert Parker, fourth Earl of Morley with estates at Saltram, Plympton, Devon, arrived in Victoria Saturday afternoon.

ACCEPTS CHALLENGE. Frank Baylis announced this afternoon that he would accept the challenge issued Saturday by the Sweeney brothers on the following agreement: That on March 27th the two brothers compete against him in a five-mile race flat.

HEPBURN RATE LAW. Washington, D. C., March 15.—Contrary to expectations, the Supreme court today did not render its decision in the case involving the constitutionality of the commodity clause of the Hepburn rate law of 1896.

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In Finland the people use a curious stone barometer. When foul weather is approaching it turns black or black-grey; in fine weather, or when clear weather is coming, it turns almost white.

VICTORIA WINS GOLF CONTEST

C. F. NEWTON BEATEN BY HARVEY COMBE

Seattle Players Defeated in First Match for New Trophy.

(From Monday's Daily.) The first of the two competitions between the Victoria and Seattle golf clubs for the new golf cup was played at the Oak Bay links Saturday afternoon and won by Victoria golf club members by an overwhelming lead. The scores were: Victoria 39 to 17.

At the commencement of the game the conditions were changed to play two matches, one here and one in Seattle, of thirty-six holes each instead of eighteen on each ground, and this condition will be adhered to in all future contests between the cities for the cup.

Victoria gained a second distinction through the local crack player, Harvey Combe, winning a match game from C. F. Newton, of Seattle. Newton, formerly a member of the Seattle club, came from San Francisco on his new residence, and the invitation of the players to join in the match, and a match game between himself and Mr. Combe was arranged. The match game excited great interest at Oak Bay Saturday. The game was close until Combe passed the Seattle man towards the end. At the eighteenth hole Newton had a slight advantage being one up, but as the game continued Combe drew up gradually and then passed his opponent and won.

As the scores began to come in Victoria did not look altogether satisfied round the golf house. The first was the defeat of the Victoria captain, A. W. Jones, by E. F. Blaine, of Seattle. Harvey Combe then came in a winner and Hincks won. The next return was against Victoria, but thereafter the doubts were at rest as Victoria came frequently and well ahead. The final score: Victoria 39, Seattle 17. The balance of thirty-six holes will be played on the Seattle links at a date to be named later. The return match will settle the holding of the piece of silverware for the year, and it will be competed for annually under the same conditions in the future as the two competitions of this year.

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The Seattle golf players, who were here Saturday for the purpose of competing for the new trophy, were the guests of the local club at a banquet Saturday night in the Union club. Col. A. W. Jones, captain of the Victoria club, occupied the chair, and had on his right H. Henry, president of the American club, and on his left E. F. Blaine, captain of the Seattle team. Fifty guests sat down to the banquet, the decorations for which were carried out in the idea of a golf course. The visitors announced that the Victoria's hospitality would be returned on the occasion of Victoria's visit to Seattle.

WIRELESS TO BE COMPULSORY. The bill respecting the use of wireless telegraph on board ships introduced recently at Ottawa is as follows: "Every sea-going and coasting passenger ship over four hundred tons gross tonnage, registered in Canada, and every sea-going and coasting freight ship over twelve hundred tons gross tonnage, registered in Canada, shall be equipped with an apparatus for wireless telegraphy. "Every owner of any such ship who neglects to equip it with the said apparatus shall be guilty of an offence, punishable on summary conviction or indictment, and be liable to a penalty of not less than one hundred dollars and not exceeding one thousand dollars, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months, or to both fine and imprisonment."

MANY ANGLERS VISITED SAANICH ARM

Large Catches Were Made by Local Men Yesterday.

(From Monday's Daily.) Yesterday was the biggest day of the season at Saanich Arm, local anglers all bringing back some fish and many of them getting large baskets. The day was just such an one to make rowing pleasant. All the boats were in use and their occupants enjoyed the fun immensely. In all, nearly two hundred fine grilse were brought down on the train last night as well as a number of spring salmon.

The largest catch reported was that of Fred Brothers, who caught about fifty fish between them. Fred White and his companion took 18; Captain Combe, of the Restover, Lieut. Core Langton, of the Egeria, 13 grilse and 2 salmon; Mr. Leon Camassa and Mr. Veitch, 9; Lenfesty and Bailey, 9; Summers and Rowbottom, 2; H. Dunn and O. Bass, 15; Robert and Gus Porter, 3; Murray and partner, 2 grilse and a spring salmon; and 45 employees of E. P. Rickett & Co. It is needless to say that with such a jolly crowd of anglers out, and with the weather fine, there was plenty of fun. Before setting out Captain Combe and Leon Camassa laid a wager on their respective baskets. The latter was not as good an angler as the captain's sonorous voice was heard over the water warning his opponent against using illegal means to win his bet.

Another yarn which is told of the fishermen at Seventeen-Mile is that Messrs. Lorimer and Ross, going down to the rivulet to get a drink, caught a few nice grilse that had been left in a safe by Robt. Porter and his wife. The two were feeling hungry and decided to help themselves. They took one and had just cleaned it in readiness for broiling when the owner suddenly appeared. Explanation was quite unnecessary.

BAYLIS WINS FIVE RELAY RACE EASILY

Second Man Collapses on Track After Two Miles.

(From Monday's Daily.) Frank Baylis had no difficulty in beating McKay and Case in a five mile relay race at Oak Bay on Saturday afternoon. Baylis beat McKay, who took the first two and a half miles by almost a lap, being one-third of a mile. Case was unable to make up the loss, although he started out hard, and after four laps Baylis commenced to increase the lead on his opponent. With two laps yet to go Case fell onto the track at the far side of the ground, clearly outdone. He could not make the distance, much less beat Baylis.

The two men were not in the condition required to race a five mile relay race, while Baylis was as fresh almost as the finish as at the two and a half mile distance. There were a few hundred spectators at the ground to see the race, but Baylis finished alone in 23:25. J. P. and Leo Sweeney, two local athletes, have now challenged Baylis to go the distance on the relay plan. The race, if the challenge is accepted, will take place on Good Friday next. Baylis said this morning he would decide the matter to-morrow and give the Sweeney brothers an answer.

JAP CRUISERS SAIL FOR PUGET SOUND

Yokohama, March 15.—The Japanese naval training squadron, consisting of the armored cruiser Aso, and the protected cruiser Soya, sailed yesterday for Honolulu, under command of Capt. Yaji. The ships carry 180 cadets of the Japanese navy.

The squadron is due to arrive at Honolulu about April 1st and will proceed to San Francisco, cruising northward along the coast to Seattle, arriving in Puget Sound in time to attend the opening of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition. The Aso and Soya, as the Bayan and Varlag respectively, were formerly Russian cruisers. They were sunk by the Japanese during the recent war and refloated later and added to the Japanese navy.

BLOODLESS DUEL FOR GIRL'S AFFECTIONS

Seattle, Wash., March 15.—Tony Roderick and Gene Alvas, two Italian laborers, residents of Bremerton, engaged in a bloodless pistol duel in front of the North Seattle residence of Mirtie Whitney, to whom both have been paying court. Miss Whitney, also an Italian, was at the time confined to her bed afflicted with the measles. Both men had been at her bedside, as also was Big Joe Givotti, a third suitor. When Tony and Gene began in jealous rage to berate each other Big Joe suggested that they repair to the street and fight it out. Tony and Gene went into the yard and got into action, each pulling a revolver. Seven shots were fired without either one being hit. Policemen Ryan and White appeared upon the scene and stopped the cannonade.

The death occurred yesterday afternoon at the family residence, Lake District, of Marie Levee, the one-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Levee, after a short illness. The funeral will take place to-morrow morning at 10:30 o'clock from the B. C. Funeral Home on summary conviction or indictment, and be liable to a penalty of not less than one hundred dollars and not exceeding one thousand dollars, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twelve months, or to both fine and imprisonment.

WEIR LINERS WILL HANDLE C. P. R. FREIGHT

Working Agreement Between Railway Company and Steamship Firm.

A dispatch from Vancouver states that the Canadian Pacific railway will not at present replace the freight steamers Lennox and Glenarf on British Columbia and Orient route, but that they have entered into a working agreement with the Andrew Weir liners to handle all the C. P. R. freight that the Empresses and the Montague are unable to carry. The representative of the Bark line was in Eastern Canada a short time ago and succeeded in making satisfactory arrangements, it is reported.

JAMES WILKERSON DIED YESTERDAY

Old Resident of City Passed Away After Prolonged Illness.

(From Monday's Daily.) The death took place at his home on Pandora avenue yesterday of James Wilkeron, who has been a resident of Victoria for the past 20 years, following the business of builder and contractor. Deceased was a native of Royton, Eng., and came to this country 35 years ago. He settled in the Muskoka district at first, but after a few years came on to Winnipeg, where he lived for six years before coming to Victoria. Deceased has been ill for some time with various complaints. He was 73 years of age. He is survived by his widow and four children, G. E. Wilkeron, of this city; Wm. Wilkeron, jeweler of Government street; Harry, who lives in Washington, and a daughter Emily, at home.

NEW LIGHT TO BE INSTALLED AT CARMANAH

Quadra Reports the Soquel Still Fast on Sea Bird Reefs.

Dominion government steamer Quadra arrived yesterday from Estevan and other points, after having called at all the lighthouses and replenished all the buoys. She made a fast run, being delayed nowhere in landing supplies. Work was brought that the Soquel is still on Sea Bird reefs, but that the bottom of the schooner has broken away so badly that the plans dropped out. There are said to be a number of valuable seals left on the schooner, including a quantity of seals.

NEW RECORD MADE ON OAK BAY LINKS

Harvey Combe and Moffat Win Exciting Match Against Seattle Players.

(From Monday's Daily.) A new record was made on the Oak Bay golf links yesterday afternoon, when Harvey Combe and Moffat, the professional in Victoria, defeated C. K. Magill, of Seattle, and Johnson, the Seattle professional. The match was a 36-hole one, and went to the local players on a score of 63, which is said to be the best ever made on the links.

The match was arranged among the visitors and the local players who have taken part in the Seattle-Victoria cup match. The greatest interest prevailed throughout the progress of it and the match closed amid the most intense excitement. As a result, Victorians won a good deal of money, for the visitors had the greatest faith in their representatives being able to win out. At lunch time the first eighteen holes had been played, the local men leading by six. Backers of the visitors then felt that the match was likely to go to Victoria, but they had a feeling that the Seattle players could make a better showing in the second half than in the first. Their opinion seemed to be well founded for when 11 holes were played Seattle was leading by 2. The Seattle enthusiasts seeing little chance of Victoria winning the second half of the match, the local players who have responded readily and to the utter dismay of Seattle Messrs. Combe and Moffat won out for the second 18 holes as well as for the first half.

TRANSPORT ASHORE IN HONOLULU HARBOR

The Logan Grounded on Reef But is Not in Danger.

Honolulu, March 14.—Three tugs joined to-day in an vain attempt to float the United States army transport Logan, which went ashore last night in this harbor while manoeuvring to back into her slip. The big troopship with twenty-five feet of her bow resting on a reef on the south side of the narrow harbor. She is listed to starboard, but is not leaking and is in no danger. Pilot Sanders, who was in charge, engaged to make any statement when he came ashore, but is said to have told the officers of the Logan that he mistook some of the lights in the channel.

STREET CLEANING CRUSADE

Move in Progress at Duncan to Improve Appearance of Town.

Duncan, March 15.—A street cleaning movement is in progress in Duncan which will go far toward improving the appearance of the town. Each tenant is responsible for the appearance of his own premises. All waste paper, cans and bottles will be cleared away, loose stones removed from the roads and tumbled down fences will be replaced. It is proposed later to plant trees. The King's Daughters' mid-tent sacred concert is to be given on Wednesday next in the Knights of Pythias hall. A good programme has been arranged.

LADIES' MUSICAL CLUB GIVES CONCERT

Compositions of Beethoven and Schubert Enjoyed by Large Audience.

The Ladies' Musical Club is to be complimented on the high class concerts which have been given by them throughout the season. On Saturday afternoon when Beethoven and Schubert were interpreted a large and appreciative audience was present and every number was listened to with closest attention. Mr. Goss was heard to good advantage in the opening numbers (a) "Kennst du das Land" by Beethoven, and (b) "Who is Sylvia" by Schubert. The Ell King, Schubert-Heller, was well rendered by Miss Norma Spencer, who displayed remarkable technique for such a young performer. Mrs. Harry Pooley has never been heard to better advantage than in her interpretation of Rubenstein's beautiful and pathetic song, "Since First I met Thee." Her voice displayed that deep, resonant, sympathetic quality so much desired by all singers. She was splendidly accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Hermann Robertson. Both ladies were very smartly gowned. Mrs. Pooley in a russet delectable, with net under blouse and picture hat; Mrs. Robertson in a pretty shade of blue made in Empire style with net yoke and sleeves finished with persian embroidery, and hat to match.

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The company have acquired 55,669 acres of Pulp Land on Quatsino Sound, Vancouver Island. Water Power. In addition to the vast Pulp lands acquired, the company have also secured a 20,000-inch water record on Marble Creek at Quatsino Sound, capable of developing from 10,000 to 15,000 h.p. This creek derives its source from three lakes, 20 miles in length and is thus permanent the year around.

Capacity of Plant. The plant when fully complete will have a capacity of 600 tons of news and wrapping per week. We are rushing the work along and feel confident that we will have the pulp plant with a weekly capacity of 100 tons in operation by December 1st of this year. Cost of Manufacture. With our tremendous pulp limits, which enable us to secure our pulp wood at a nominal figure, and splendid water power, the cost of manufacture of news and wrapping paper should not exceed \$30.00 per ton. At present news is jobbing in British Columbia at \$80.00 per ton, the freight rate in carload lots from Ontario and Quebec being \$17.00 per ton.

Local Markets. The local market of the company extends east a thousand miles to Moose Jaw and tributary region. Within the above territory the annual consumption of paper is estimated at a thousand tons exclusive of that used by printers and newspapers. The five daily papers at Victoria and Vancouver alone consume over 100 carloads of paper per year. Foreign Markets. The foreign markets of the company consist of China, Japan, New Zealand, Australia, Hawaii and the Philippines. In 1908 the value of news imported over \$10,000,000 worth of wood pulp and paper, principally from Norway, Sweden, Germany, Eastern United States and Eastern Canada.

Freight Rates to Orient. A freight rate of from \$3.00 to \$3.50 per ton can be secured from British Columbia to China, Japan, New Zealand and Australia, on wood pulp and paper as against a rate of \$7.00 to \$15.00 per ton on the same commodities from Eastern Canada and Europe. Being from 3,000 to 5,000 miles nearer the Oriental market than Eastern Canada or European mills we not only are able to secure a much lower freight rate, but also a lower insurance rate. Natural Advantages of British Columbia. News and wrapping paper are manufactured principally from Spruce, Hemlock, Balsam and Larch wood; one ton of chemical wood pulp requires approximately two cords of four-foot wood. At present Spruce and Hemlock wood is worth from \$3.00 to \$3.50 per cord in Eastern Canada; our facilities enable us to secure it at less than \$3.00 per cord. In 1908 the American mills were obliged to pay from \$3.00 to \$15.00 per cord.

Progress of Work. We are proceeding as fast as possible with the work. The erection of the plant has been placed under the exclusive supervision of Mr. Chas. B. Pridie, of Appleton, Wis., one of the most distinguished authorities on the erection of pulp and paper mills in the United States, having built more than 50 of the leading mills of the country and he is confident at being able to have the pulp mill in operation by December 1st, of this year. Sale of Stock. In offering the preferred stock of this corporation, we do so with a feeling that it is the best industrial stock ever offered for subscription in Western Canada. At present it is impossible to buy stock in the market.

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RAILWAY TO BARKLEY SOUND PROJECT IS ENDORSED BY BOARD OF TRADE

Connection With Fraser River Points is Considered Inadequate.

At the regular meeting of the Victoria board of trade Thursday afternoon the matter of the Victoria and Barkley Sound railway was discussed at some length.

Your standing committee on public works and railways has by its delegation representing the charter holders for a railway between Victoria and Barkley Sound appeared before us today.

The accompanying memorandums were presented to us; one showing the acreage to be taken to the proposed railway under the headings Mineral Claims, Arable Lands, Vacant Crown Lands and Timber Lands held under lease and license.

Your committee has no means of ascertaining the correctness of the statements, but nevertheless feel that a railway along the route indicated would be of great advantage to the province generally.

We therefore recommend that this board of trade urge upon the provincial government the importance of giving the project suitable financial assistance.

Building of the Victoria & Barkley Sound railway to Sea Juan will insure erection of at least two mills near Victoria to cut an average for both of at least 200,000 feet per day, and to the Gordon of two more, the total cut being not less than 500,000 feet per day.

Interest at 5 per cent. gives a fixed charge of \$1,750,000. Income: Hauling timber, say \$1,875,000. Hauling shingles, etc., say 500,000.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Hauling timber, Hauling shingles, etc., Hauling saw logs, etc.

The timber is taken as running 30,000 feet per acre, which is a very conservative basis for Vancouver Island.

W. E. Laird, one of the directors of the proposed railway, said that the company had been incorporated by a legislature and application had also been made for a Dominion charter.

The directors were Victorians who wanted to see the city prosper. The development of the part of the island between Victoria and Barkley Sound would have the effect of compelling the long sought connection with the mainland.

In answer to a question Mr. Laird said it was proposed to finance the road by the selling of bonds.

C. H. Lugin said that while he favored the building of a railway he did not think the plan should be endorsed until they were satisfied of the ability of the promoters to carry it out.

The Grand Trunk Pacific railway also had a charter to build down the West Coast of Vancouver Island. The provincial premier had promised to formulate a railway policy within the next year.

G. T. P. BILL IS DISPOSED OF MEDICAL MEASURE PASSES COMMITTEE

Several Other Bills Are Advanced—Two Bills Affecting Labor Killed.

Legislative Press Gallery, March 11. Some progress was made with order papers this afternoon, three bills getting their final reading, half a dozen coming for second reading and others passing the committee stage.

Among those which were passed was the Grand Trunk Pacific bill, upon which a last protest was recorded by the opposition.

The medical bill underwent the last touches in committee of the whole and will be read a third time to-morrow. It is understood to be quite acceptable to the profession and is regarded as equally fair to the public, who are safeguarded from irregular practitioners.

Going into committee on the medical bill as soon as routine proceedings were over the few unfinished sections were taken up and disposed of. The most important dealt with were 60 and 61, defining what is understood by "practising" medicine, and as amended by Richard Hall suggested that if the C. P. R. would not give them suitable connection the business should be given to some other firm.

It was finally decided to leave the matter in the hands of the committee to again take up with Captain Troup. Vice-President Genge was in the chair and there were also present Messrs. Pauline, Prior, Mara, Carter, Lugin, W. E. Laird, Munro, Walker, Laird, Wallace, Shallcross, McMeekin, Hill, Ker, A. Sargison, Mitchell and Messrs.

COMPANIES INCORPORATED. Campalmer's Association of Victoria. Given a Charter—Other Corporations Formed.

The following companies have been incorporated by the government during the past week: E. C. Mackenzie & Co., of Vancouver, with a capital of \$30,000.

Prince Rupert's Position. The premier moved the third reading of the Grand Trunk Pacific bill. John Oliver moved in amendment: "Whereas bill 21 provides for the approval and ratification of a certain marked plan showing the subdivision of the townsite of Prince Rupert, as well as the division of the lands in said townsite fronting on the sea:

And whereas, in the partition of the lands in the said townsite fronting on the sea, it is apparent that the province has not received one-fourth in value of such lands fronting on the sea:

Therefore, be it resolved, that the order for the third reading be discharged and the bill recommitted, for the purpose of considering amendments which shall protect the public interests in the particulars above recited."

SHIP IN DISTRESS CANNOT BE LOCATED Faint and Indefinite Wireless Messages Warn Massachusetts Stations.

Boston, Mass., March 12.—Indefinite signals, apparently from some steamer in distress, were picked up in fragmentary form by naval wireless stations Charleston and Newport last night, but on account of the many interruptions not enough of the message could be distinguished to indicate either the name of the vessel or her whereabouts.

"In distress; north life saving stations—west—north—east"—is the way the message was read at Newport. The operators who heard the message agreed that the flashes from the receiver seemed to be from a stronger sending machine than an amateur would be likely to possess, so that they felt quite certain it was not an aerial hoax.

Another wireless station picked up fragments of a message about the same time which were in effect that a vessel was drifting in distress off the New Jersey coast. The word "trainer" was among other unconnected words received and this led to the supposition that the message might have referred to the schooner Ann A. Trainer, which was reported early in the week as drifting without masts off the Virginia coast.

CHILLIWACK MAY BUY LAND FOR PARKS

By-Laws Will Shortly Be Submitted to the Ratepayers.

Chilliwack, March 11.—Considerable discussion arose at the last meeting of the city council on the advisability of purchasing road-making machinery and going in for a policy of road and street improvement.

Several by-laws are likely to be submitted to the ratepayers of this city before long. Two of these will be for the purpose of disposing of and acquiring certain lands within the city for recreation and fair grounds.

Assignment of Wages. The House went into committee on A. E. McPhillips' bill respecting the assignment of wages as salaries to be earned in the future.

This bill proposes that no assignment given in consideration of a loan or advance of less than \$200, except for necessities, shall be valid unless it is signed by the debtor in writing, where the debtor is a married man, a further provision proposed is that the amount loaned must be 10 per cent. of the amount assigned.

Mr. McPhillips argued that even if there was anything in this point it should have been taken on the second reading and could not be taken at this stage. There was no time for all things.

The speaker decided to let the Speaker settle the point and referred it to him.

The speaker inclined to the view that there was force in Mr. McPhillips' objection but at the request of Mr. Henderson he decided to take into the authorities.

Dr. Hall (Nelson) moved the second reading of his bill to amend the Master and Servant Act. A deputation from the pointment of a medical man, to be paid by deductions from the men's wages.

There are still seventy odd sections to be taken up again, to which amendments have been suggested. The commissioner of lands held them over, but up to six o'clock he had not given notice of any proposed amendments.

Game Law Amendments. The second bill to amend the Game Act was introduced by the commissioner of lands yesterday to replace the first, was given a second reading.

The election of officers for the next ensuing term resulted as follows: Grand Master—Bro. W. H. Smith. Grand Foreman—Bro. S. M. Eveleigh. Grand Overseer—Bro. Thomas Cashmore.

Grand Secretary—Bro. J. T. McInlay. Grand Treasurer—Bro. William Scowcroft. Grand Exam. Examiner—Bro. W. A. De Wolf Smith.

A proposition to amend the constitution of the A. O. U. W. was brought forward in the order was voted down by a narrow majority.

After some further business of a routine character had been transacted the installation of the newly elected officers took place. A deputation of the grand lodge was placed at 4 o'clock to meet next year in Nanaimo.

PILOT BLAMED FOR ACCIDENT CAPTAIN OF EMPRESS WAS NOT AT FAULT

Details of C. P. R. Liner's Mishap in Inland Sea.

A naval court of inquiry into the cause of the recent accident to the C. P. R. steamer Empress of China in the Inland Sea decided that two fine courses was steered by the pilot and that there was neglect in not taking proper soundings, but that Capt. Archibald, who was not on watch at the time, was wholly free from blame.

The Empress was on her way from Nagasaki to Kobe and had passed safely through Shimoseki Strait. The pilot was in some doubt as to whether or not he was out of his course and had sent to call the captain.

The white passengers were at once called together and told that there was no danger, while the officers went among the Chinese passengers and kept them quiet. Everyone behaved well and three hours later she came off under her own steam, the tide having risen enough to float her. Right in front of the vessel was a big rugged reef which, had she struck, would have been bound to rip her open.

Fortunately, however, she went on a shingle spot, and although she took in considerable water into three of her tanks her bottom was not damaged so badly but that she was able to proceed to Kobe. There she was hauled out on the floating dock where she remained five days while a survey was made and temporary repairs completed. It was found that for over 100 feet from her stern she was badly corrugated and the floors set up. A portion of number 4 ballast tank was also damaged.

While there is nothing announced officially it is understood that the vessel will be docked on her return to Hongkong and the whole of the damaged part will have to be replaced. This, it is estimated, will take from six weeks to two months to complete.

In the meantime the business will be handled by the other steamers whose schedules will necessarily have to be changed. Not only will the steamer be put out of business for that length of time but the company will probably lose part of her mail subsidy from the British government for her having been late on this trip.

The inquiry into the accident was held at the British Consulate General at Kobe, Henry Bonar, British consul-general, presiding, and sitting with him as assessors being St. John George, master of the Aldenham, and C. J. Bolton, master of the Banca.

STEAMER YOSERIC ASHORE AT LEBU Vessel Struck Reef, Had to Be Beached, and is Full of Water.

Steamer Yoseric, of the Andrew Weir Company, went ashore at Lebu, Chile, on her way from San Pedro de Sanjos Rosalia and Puget Sound. She was coming out to engage in the trans-Pacific business in conjunction with the other 'Ericas. She left Baltimore February 23rd and called at San Luis February 11th.

The advice says that the vessel struck a sunken reef on Tuesday, and had to be beached. She is full of water. The vessels of this fleet have been very unfortunate of late. Steamer Acon was wrecked on Christmas Island, the Craigvar had to burn her upper works for fuel, and later was stranded at Moran, and the Adato went ashore near the hatches. Most of this freight was on her when she ran on Himeshima Island, and was not disturbed or damaged by the accident. She was docked in the floating drydock at Kobe without moving any of it.

Most of the passengers were in the stowage, where were a large number of Chinese returning after having spent New Year at their old homes. There were only thirteen passengers in the saloon. Among these was A. H. Fisher, R. A., special artist for the Illustrated London News. He was on the steamer when she went ashore and took a number of sketches of the wreck. He will appear in the Journal in the near future. Mrs. J. E. Russell, niece of Capt. Archibald, was also on board. The following is the complete list: M. Ansell, H. Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. J. Deaver, A. H. Fisher, W. Glass, M. Katsenmetz, Miss M. Maclean, G. F. Obey, C. Robinson, Mrs. J. B. Russell, L. Solomon, C. P. Spenser-Smith.

When the steamer reached port she was boarded by the official adjuster, C. Lowe, J. Fullerton, the ship's husband, and F. Watt, who is to install the wireless system on her for the Marconi Company. These all went over to Vancouver in the steamer this morning.

The cost of dry docking at Kobe and temporary repairs, extra board for crew and passengers, owing to delay, and extra insurance will be dealt with by the adjuster at present.

BROUGHT PRISONER BACK. Sergeant Murray Has Returned After Securing Bill Miner's Companion. Sergeant Frank Murray, of the provincial police force, has returned to the city after having landed William Clark in the penitentiary at New Westminster. Clark is one of the men who escaped when the notorious Bill Miner succeeded in getting away from the institution. Clark was convicted on a charge of forgery, committed at Cumberland, and was serving his sentence when the opportunity opened to make his escape with Bill Miner and another prisoner. He went to his home in Mount Vernon, Wash., where he has since been. Getting some little trouble there his identity was revealed and the Canadian authorities notified. Clark at first decided to flight extradition. Sergt. Murray went over with the evidence thought necessary to secure his extradition. After some time, however, Clark decided not to oppose the move, and accordingly waived extradition and came back to the penitentiary.

NEW SCHOOL AT OAK BAY COMPLETED

Formal Opening Exercises Will Take Place on Tuesday.

The new Oak Bay school will be formally opened on Tuesday of next week. There have been a number of delays in the matter of building and fitting up of the school, but at last the work is completed and it now only remains to move over the desks from the old building and to erect the flagstaff.

This will be the last day on which school will be held in the old building on Foul Bay road. To-morrow and Monday will be occupied in moving the desks and cleaning up in readiness for the opening. Tuesday morning the pupils will meet at the school house in their new quarters, and in the afternoon there will be a formal opening at 2 o'clock. On this occasion Dr. Robinson, superintendent of education, will be present, as will also George Jay, chairman of the city school board, all parents of pupils or their friends are invited to be present on the auspicious occasion.

The ceremony will be very short. The Union Jack will be raised in the presence of the assembled company, and the pupils of the school will sing the National Anthem. Then the visitors will be shown around the school, and in all probability one or two short addresses will be given.

VALUABLE CARGO ON EMPRESS OF CHINA Million Dollars' Worth of Silk and Quantity of Mixed Oriental Freight.

The royal mail steamer Empress of China, Capt. Archibald, arrived from Yokohama on Friday, bringing a heavy cargo of mixed goods, including 2,132 bales of raw silk, valued at a proximately \$1,000,000. The rest of it was the usual Chinese freight, amounting in all to 2,542 tons. She was full to the hatches. Most of this freight was on her when she ran on Himeshima Island, and was not disturbed or damaged by the accident. She was docked in the floating drydock at Kobe without moving any of it.

Officers Elected by Grand Lodge A. O. U. W. Will Meet Next Year at Nanaimo—Insurance Rates.

Vancouver, March 12.—The grand lodge, A. O. U. W., of British Columbia, reconvened yesterday morning. It was resolved that a committee be appointed to urge upon the provincial government the necessity for bringing in a bill to compel all fraternal insurance societies doing business in British Columbia to adopt adequate rates.

In the course of discussion it was shown that the rates charged by the A. O. U. W. had been submitted to the best experts on such matters and had been declared by them to be fully adequate to meet all requirements, and the grand lodge congratulated itself on the fact that, hitherto, all death claims had been met promptly on the correctness of the claim being established, and that there is a substantial balance constantly in hand to meet all such claims as they become due.

It was resolved to continue the commissioner of lands yesterday to replace the first, was given a second reading. Hon. Mr. Fulton explained that the bill was the same as the one which was introduced last year or two in enforcing the law, owing to the failure to make provision for certain contingencies. The penalties for breaches of the law were greatly increased. It was remembered that earlier in the session a case had been mentioned of American hunters who had been fined for hunting mountain sheep out of season, one of whom had declared that he would have willingly paid twice as much for having got the sheep. It was but right, therefore, that the penalties should be increased.

It was proposed that instead of stating in the schedule what times game could be shot, notice would be given by the lieutenant-governor-in-council each year. At present people looked in the

GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS. Officials Named in This Week's Provincial Gazette.

The Provincial Gazette for this week contains notices of the following appointments:

To be members of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the city of Ladysmith, Alderman George Roberts and Henry Hughes.

To be members of the Board of Commissioners of Police for the city of Ladysmith, Alderman George Haworth and George Smith.

Victor B. Harrison to be police magistrate for the city of Ladysmith. James Anderson, of Kaslo, to be a court of revision and appeal in respect of the assessment of property and income in the place of H. R. Jorand, resigned.

To be clerks in the office of the assessor for the Vancouver assessment district: J. Rankine, from the third day of October, 1907; and George Moore, from the first day of March, 1909.

Albert Ernest Austin, of the city of Vancouver, to be a notary public in and for the province of British Columbia.

Walter Burgess Colvin to be a clerk in the department of the attorney-general from the 14th day of May, 1908.

WALWHING TO COMMENCE AT END OF MARCH Orion Being Prepared for the Hunt on West Coast.

The steam whaler Orion, which is at present being overhauled, will soon be ready for work on the West Coast. The weather has not been suitable for whaling during the last month or two, and even yet it is too rough on the West Coast to make the business profitable. By the end of this month, however, it is expected that the two whaling steamers will once more be in commission.

The experience of the last year, or two has proved to the company that there is nothing to be gained by commencing very early. It is better to wait until the weather is likely to be fairly good before commencing work.

This is the big year for salmon and the whalers are wondering if the presence of an unusually large number of salmon on the coast will have any effect on the number of whales which will be here.

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3 rooms, all modern. Quasi-Price, \$2,300. \$300 cash, balance \$2,000. \$25 a month.

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he "Times"

JAMMING WATER BILL THROUGH LIBERALS LEFT HOUSE IN SOLEMN PROTEST

Prorogation Fixed for This Evening—Medical Bill Passed.

Legislative Press Gallery, March 12. At midnight the opposition members left the House as a protest against the manner in which the government was forcing most important legislation through the House, at a time when the opposition had pointed out as necessary and proceeded to move them. As these were not printed members had to follow them as best they could and work out their meaning and effect hurriedly. This is no way to frame legislation on a subject of paramount importance in this province, and as it became plain that the bill was to be jammed through, the opposition members washed their hands of it and took a dignified course of retiring.

That the government desired to get everything in shape for prorogation this evening, according to the premier's announcement, does not excuse his haste in any way. Being sent here to legislate in the best interests of the people the members, and the government in particular, are not supposed to put a certain hour before considerations of public good.

During the evening the provincial secretary made an interesting statement regarding a piece of legislation which is being prepared and which he expects to have ready for introduction next session.

The sitting was one of the most important of the session, the matter of subjects dealt with, these including woman suffrage, the protection of workmen, the status of the medical profession, game protection, the water bill and other measures.

Questions Answered.

H. C. Brewster asked the minister of finance the following questions:

"1. Is the E. & N. Railway Company extending its line of railway?"

"2. What steps are being taken to see that they complete the matter of section (2) of section 64, chapter 50, statutes of 1908?"

"3. This had reference to the provision that no Oriental labor shall be employed on railway construction and that the exemption from railway taxation is conditional upon the payment of the current white wage."

Hon. Captain Taitou replied that he understood the E. & N. was extending its line, but that when application for exemption was before the executive would be the time to deal with the matter.

The same question in another form was put to the commissioner of lands, as follows:

"1. Is the commissioner of lands aware that the E. & N. railway is extending its line of railway?"

"2. Are they employing Orientals on their work, either themselves or through their contractors?"

"3. Is he aware that Wallis & McClelland are contractors on a portion of this extension?"

"4. Is that firm employing Japanese almost exclusively?"

"5. Has he any officer of his department inspecting the line from time to time?"

Hon. Thomas Taylor, minister of public works, replied:

"1. I have been so informed.

"2. No information.

"3. He no information as to contractors.

"4. Same as No. 3.

"5. As this company is incorporated by Dominion statute this department has no jurisdiction over it."

Assignment of Wages.

The speaker having ruled that Mr. McPhillips' bill respecting the assignment of wages was in order the House went again into committee on it.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite protested against what he called "the growing tendency of the House to dicker and interfere with employer and employee or buyer and seller." The introducer of the bill seemed to think that his workingman was not able to take care of his wages, whereas the only difficulty the laborer had was in getting enough to take care of. If a man wanted to get temporary accommodation and assign his wages as security the legislature had no right to interfere.

Parker Williams declared that the bill was not needed to meet any conditions in British Columbia. The member for the Islands wanted to get his name attached to some bit of legislation before the session closed, and after looking around in the statutes of western provinces or states where this sort of thing was needed he thought this idea would do him and it was adopted by his own gentlemanly assistance. If the hon. gentlemen opposite wanted to do something to benefit the workingmen let them get their own workingman who could not live on a living wage without borrowing would have to take the consequences, with legislation that would do nothing to protect them.

Mr. McPhillips declared that the bill was intended to prevent workmen from assignments of their wages in order to get money for drink and gambling. One of the sections provided in the case of a married man his wife had to give her consent in an assignment.

"That is the only decent section in the bill," remarked the member for Nanaimo.

John Drinkwater or Gamblers.

John Oliver said history would show that the Conservatives had been in

power for the greater part of the time and yet it was found, according to the member for the Islands, that even in this prosperous province of British Columbia there was a class of people who, because of their necessities, could be exploited by money-lenders. If this was so, then the legislature made conditions so that this class of people would not be in a condition to be the prey of usurers.

Mr. McPhillips thought this was a matter for the Dominion government to attend to, and the constitution of the Dominion government had legislation on usury, as the member for the Islands ought to know, and continued:

"I have been a resident of this province for thirty years, but it is news to me to hear that we have a class who are in the habit of mortgaging their wages in order to get money to indulge in drink and gambling. If that is the case, let us away with drinking and gambling."

Mr. Hawthornthwaite moved to strike out the provision that an employer must sign the consent to an assignment of all wages, but this was lost on a party division.

Mr. McPhillips proposed that the committee rise and report progress, stating that he decided to do this because there are other important matters to be discussed.

"Where is all the hon. gentlemen's gush about labor, that he throws up his hands like this?" asked Mr. Hawthornthwaite.

Mr. McPhillips, who had been on his feet before Mr. McPhillips made his proposition, insisted on his right to speak. He remarked that when the member for the Islands said there were people in the province who did not get enough to live on he gave a left-handed compliment to his leader the premier, who was so fond of boasting of all he and his party had done for labor.

The motion to adjourn the discussion was carried, this practically meaning the end of the bill, as there will not likely be time to take it up again this session.

Woman Suffrage.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite moved the second reading of his bill to extend the provincial franchise to women on the same terms as it is now enjoyed by men. He prefaced his remarks by a promise to be short, saying he had dealt with the matter in referring to a franchise for men he had not much vigor left to deal with the franchise for women. The recent developments in the suffrage movement in England were touched on by the speaker, who gallantly defended their tactics and condemned the treatment given them.

"Any civilized system which kept the two sexes unequal in any of the relations of life was immoral, unjust, un-Christian and most decidedly wrong, he contended. Woman should be on a par with man in every respect. These matters would never be remedied by the universal opinion throughout the province that the legislature should receive more careful attention, and the commissioner should hold it over for the session; it is practically impossible for one or two men to sit down and draft a bill of sixty-two pages and bring it in, and expect to pass it. The government should be submitted to a committee of about six, men of varied knowledge and experience, and taken up clause by clause around the table until it is got into a shape in which it would be intelligently understood by the legislature. The commissioner cannot say it is in that shape now. Would it not therefore, best to hold it over so that when we do have legislation it will not be a thing of shreds and patches but a piece of legislation which will do justice to all the interests involved?"

The commissioner of lands said that even in the work of creation, which it was said to be good, it was not the best and evolution has been going on since. He never pretended that the bill was the best that could be framed, but it was a good one. Provisions that would be good to-day in all probability might not be the best in five or ten years. It was important that the bill should go through this session, as if delayed it would hamper the country. The act could be amended next year if necessary.

Forcing the Bill Through.

"I agree that the sooner legislation is put on the statute books the better," said Mr. Macdonald, "I have urged that for years. But last year the commissioner said the bill would be prepared soon after the session and copies sent to stand over. The government was working on a large scheme and intended next session to bring down a bill which would involve not only this matter but also the matter of appointing medical health officers through the province whose duty would be the examination of school pupils, and these men would be put in position to form a union. I can assure my hon. friend that I have been working on this question and had hoped to bring it in this year. I have been in touch with the men in the east who are working in the same direction and feel confident that I will be able to introduce next year a most comprehensive measure, dealing not only with this subject, but with the general subject of charities and hospitals. I can give my assurance that the government has every intention of bringing this measure down."

By consent of the House the bill was

terms and conditions as to the lieutenant-governor-in-council seem just. Board's Work Will Be Slow.

The bill to consolidate the Water act was once more taken up in committee. A. E. B. Macgowan in the chair, when the commissioner of lands proposed a number of amendments to sections which had been held over.

In regard to the constitution of the board of investigation it is declared that it shall consist of the chief water commissioner and such other two or more persons as the lieutenant-governor-in-council may appoint, a majority of the board to form a quorum.

Mr. Macdonald suggested that the individual members should sit separately to conduct inquiries and then sit together for adjudication. This would save time in the hearing and determining of claims.

The commissioner of lands explained that the board would take up streams in series, the most important ones first. "But some provision should be made for speedy disposition of matters coming before the board," insisted Mr. Macdonald. "This work will last for years and unless you do you will greatly unsettle all water rights."

The commissioner replied that pending the dealing with streams the holders of records would be no worse off than at present.

Mr. Macdonald pointed out that they would be worse off if in that there would be a cloud on their title until the board had reached their particular stream and heard their claims. If settled conditions were going to be interfered with they should be dealt with at once, but under this system rights would be unsettled for years, as the work of the board would extend over a long period.

The commissioner suggested, in regard to this and other features of the bill, that after the act had been in operation a year or two the House could see what changes were advisable.

As to the duty and powers of the board the speaker said the position still declared himself dissatisfied. They were vague and ill-defined, he said. One duty which he considered should be cast upon the board was the reduction of water held by companies. The commissioner was protesting the vested rights of corporations but not of individuals, a most invidious distinction. He should take either one course or the other, treating both classes alike. Mr. Macdonald instanced the case of a company which might have in a record for 100,000 inches but which was at present only using 20,000 inches, holding the other 80,000 inches for future use. In such a case the board should prevent the continuance of a monopoly by taking from the company the excess of water above what it was using.

Should Hold Bill Over.

"In view of the many imperfections which are being hatched out in this bill in the closing days of the session," said Mr. Macdonald a little later, "and the universal opinion throughout the province that the legislature should receive more careful attention, and the commissioner should hold it over for the session; it is practically impossible for one or two men to sit down and draft a bill of sixty-two pages and bring it in, and expect to pass it. The government should be submitted to a committee of about six, men of varied knowledge and experience, and taken up clause by clause around the table until it is got into a shape in which it would be intelligently understood by the legislature. The commissioner cannot say it is in that shape now. Would it not therefore, best to hold it over so that when we do have legislation it will not be a thing of shreds and patches but a piece of legislation which will do justice to all the interests involved?"

The commissioner of lands said that even in the work of creation, which it was said to be good, it was not the best and evolution has been going on since. He never pretended that the bill was the best that could be framed, but it was a good one. Provisions that would be good to-day in all probability might not be the best in five or ten years. It was important that the bill should go through this session, as if delayed it would hamper the country. The act could be amended next year if necessary.

Forcing the Bill Through.

"I agree that the sooner legislation is put on the statute books the better," said Mr. Macdonald, "I have urged that for years. But last year the commissioner said the bill would be prepared soon after the session and copies sent to stand over. The government was working on a large scheme and intended next session to bring down a bill which would involve not only this matter but also the matter of appointing medical health officers through the province whose duty would be the examination of school pupils, and these men would be put in position to form a union. I can assure my hon. friend that I have been working on this question and had hoped to bring it in this year. I have been in touch with the men in the east who are working in the same direction and feel confident that I will be able to introduce next year a most comprehensive measure, dealing not only with this subject, but with the general subject of charities and hospitals. I can give my assurance that the government has every intention of bringing this measure down."

By consent of the House the bill was

PROROGATION OF LEGISLATURE MANY BILLS RECEIVE THE ROYAL ASSENT

Third Session of Eleventh Legislature Ends Quietly—His Honor's Speech.

Legislative Press Gallery, March 12. At 9 o'clock this evening his honor the lieutenant-governor, attended by his private secretary, and escorted by Mr. Speaker Eberts and the sergeant-at-arms, entered the legislative assembly chamber and prorogued the third session of the eleventh legislature of British Columbia.

All the members of the House were present and the galleries were filled with citizens who had gathered to see the last ceremonies. These were plain and democratic enough to suit anyone. His honor attended without any ceremony and the whole thing was over in less than ten minutes.

The lieutenant-governor soon after 5 o'clock and finished up some loose ends of business which remained. This done the House took a recess until his honor arrived.

Speaker Eberts called the attention of the House to the fact that last session a committee on the rules of the House had been appointed and as they were not ready to report he asked for a motion continuing them in their present form until next session. The necessary motion was made by A. E. McPhillips.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite did not see any need for any alteration in the rules of the House.

John Oliver expressed himself as perfectly satisfied with the rules in existence, which he considered a reasonable medium between the "loose rules" of the House of Commons and the closure of the British House. There was no need for a closure here, in a House of forty-two members, and that the opposition had ample opportunity to exercise its rights was shown by the successful obstructive tactics of Mr. Monday, which had won for the people their rights in matters of the franchise.

The motion passed and the committee was continued.

When his honor had entered and taken his seat in the speaker's chair the clerk, Thornton Fell, read the list of bills passed, as follows:

No. 1—An act to amend the rights of the Crown in respect to water and water power, and to amend and consolidate the laws of the province relating to the diversion, acquisition and use of water.

No. 2—An act to regulate the use of liquor on club premises.

No. 3—An act to amend the Ditches and Water-courses Act, 1907.

No. 4—An act to amend the Municipal Elections Act, 1907.

No. 5—An act to amend the Coal Mines Regulation Act, 1907.

No. 6—An act to amend the Law of Vendor and Purchaser, and to Simplify Titles.

No. 7—An act to amend the Court of Appeals Act, 1907.

No. 8—An act respecting the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway.

No. 9—An act to amend the Professional Act of Medicine and Surgery.

No. 10—An act to amend the Highway Traffic Regulation Act, 1907.

No. 11—An act to amend the Reform Act, 1907.

No. 12—An act to amend the Mural Act, 1907.

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Northern & Omineca Railway Company. No. 87—An act to incorporate the Portland Canal Short Line Railway Company.

No. 88—An act to incorporate West-Porter & Co. Limited. No. 89—An act to incorporate the Vancouver & Northern Railway Company.

No. 90—An act to incorporate the Hardy Bay & Quatsino Sound Railway Company.

No. 91—An act to create the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Vancouver and his successors in office a corporation sole.

No. 92—An act for the relief of the municipal corporation of the city of Fernie.

No. 93—An act to amend the act relating to the city of Victoria, being chapter 46 of the statutes of 1907.

No. 94—An act to amend the Police and Prison Regulation Act, 1907.

No. 95—An act to amend the Explosives Storage Act.

No. 96—An act for the relief of the Armstrong Power & Light Company, Limited.

No. 97—An act to amend the Game Protection Act, 1893.

No. 98—An act further to amend the Land Registry Act.

No. 99—An act to amend the Land Act.

No. 100—The Fernie Park Sub-division Act.

Holding the list up the royal assent was announced by the clerk in these words: "In His Majesty's name his honor the Lieut.-governor doth assent to these bills."

Mr. Speaker Eberts, presenting the supply bill, then said: "May I please your honor, we, His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the legislative assembly of the province of British Columbia, in session assembled, approach your honor with the close of our labor with sentiments of unfeigned devotion and loyalty to His Majesty's person and government, and humbly beg to present for your Majesty's acceptance a bill intituled 'An act for granting certain sums of money for the public service of the province of British Columbia.'"

Mr. Fell announced the royal assent, by command of his honor, as follows: "His Majesty's name, his honor the lieut.-governor doth assent to these bills, and he doth give his royal assent and assent to this bill."

Speech From the Throne.

His honor then delivered the speech from the throne, proroguing the session, as follows: "Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

"Before releasing you, at the close of the third session of this legislature, I feel it my duty to congratulate you on the results of your labors, as embodied in the many important and useful measures to which I have given my assent."

"The Water Act, designed to insure the economical use of water under equitable regulations, minimizes the causes for litigation, and will be of great benefit to all industries requiring water."

"The consolidation and revision of the laws, which you have authorized, will greatly simplify their interpretation, and prove a convenience to all concerned."

"The act providing for co-operative fruit-cooling depots fills a much needed want of the fruit-growers, and should have the effect of further stimulating this growing industry."

"It is very gratifying to observe the substantial provision which you have made for the prosecution of surveys and public works."

"I thank you for the liberal supply voted for the public service, and I feel assured that the amount will be disbursed economically, and with a view to securing the best possible results."

"Wishing you health and success in your personal undertakings, I now take leave of you, and relieve you from your seasonal duties."

His honor then retired. On the return of the speaker the provincial secretary, Hon. Dr. Young, said:

"Mr. Speaker and gentlemen of the legislature assembly, it is his honor the lieut.-governor's will and pleasure that the legislative assembly be prorogued until it shall please his honor the lieut.-governor to summon the next session of the assembly is hereby prorogued accordingly."

The members sang the National Anthem, the members of the press gallery and the citizens joined heartily, and the session was at an end.

INJURED BY FALL OF COAL.

Nanaimo, March 12.—Harry Freeman, a popular young Nanaimoite, and underground foreman of the South Street mine, was injured by a fall of coal. He is seriously out about the body. He was removed to his home here. His injuries are not likely to prove fatal.

R. Hetherington has been awarded the contract for a seven-roomed residence for J. D. Phillips on Head street, to cost over \$3,000.

SPECTACULAR FIRE.

New York, March 13.—Several persons who dropped from second story windows were caught by firemen and policemen and saved from serious injuries at a spectacular fire in a crowded tenement house in Williamsburg yesterday. A score of other tenants who became panic-stricken were taken down the ladders. City Marshal Harry Stutz, who had been seriously injured by a fall from his apartment on the second floor, but it is thought he may die from the effects of the smoke and shock.

JACK JOHNSON'S PLANS.

New York, N. Y., March 13.—Jack Johnson, the heavyweight champion pugilist, will appear in vaudeville in this city during the week beginning March 23rd, after which he will sail for London.

SAND AND GRAVEL DISPUTE UP AGAIN

Lineham-Scott Company Defend Quality of Their Product.

The sand and gravel controversy came forward again at the special meeting of the city council held Thursday afternoon at 7 o'clock.

A letter was read at the meeting from the Lineham-Scott company, as follows:

"Gentlemen,—In the Colonist report of Friday night's proceedings at the meeting of the city council, a committee meeting, Aldermen Fullerton and Humber are credited with having made several statements which we think should be corrected."

"The gravel we have supplied to the streets, bridges and sewers committee, screened and is as good, if not better gravel for the city's purposes than that with Mr. Haggerty. Our arrangement with Mr. Haggerty, who supplied him with screened gravel whenever we have some on hand, and he requires gravel to fill the balance of his orders with the city."

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"We have not delivered any gravel to the city at any time, neither has the work been delayed through any fault on our part."

"The city is not paying \$1.40 per yard for any of the gravel that has been delivered, but a radius of a mile from the Victoria & Sidney railway station. The contract price is \$1.20 per yard against \$1.42 per yard last year. If the gravel specifications had been followed, the city would have saved \$1.42 per yard. We have not delivered any gravel to the city at any time, neither has the work been delayed through any fault on our part."

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"Mr. Duvey was arrested on Saturday the 8th inst., about 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon, and was taken to the Victoria Police Station, where he was held in connection with a case of robbery at the King's Head saloon, for which two other men were afterwards acquitted. Duvey complains that he was forced to have his measurements and photograph taken by the police, and that he was detained over night in the cells, and subjected to having his photograph taken for exhibition in the rogues' gallery. The letter read as follows and was referred to the police commissioners:

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"Dear Sir

BARONET'S HEIR FOUND STARVING HAD CHEQUERED CAREER IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Man of Many Adventures Finally Stranded Through Disablement.

Heir to a baronetcy, and an ex-officer in the army, Joseph William Spearman finds himself starving in London, after crowding years of adventure in his twenty-nine years of life.

He is the eldest son of Sir Joseph Layton Elmes Spearman, second Bart., of Craighour, Gullane, East Lothian. The title was created in 1840, the first baronet being Sir Alexander Young Spearman, at one time assistant secretary to the treasury, and afterwards comptroller-general and secretary to the commissioners for the reduction of the national debt.

The present baronet is his grandson, and it is his great-grandson whose plight has been discovered by a representative of Lloyd's News. It may be added that his identity was vouched for by a barrister who has known him and his family all his life.

Sitting in his barely-furnished room in one of the mean streets off the Old Kent road, Mr. Spearman told of the hard times that had befallen him. There was no need to tell of the privations he is suffering—that is all too plain. "I've been tramping all over London to try and find work," he said, "and I'd welcome any job. My wife and I are penniless and hungry."

Mr. Spearman was born August 22nd, 1879, and after education at Shrewsbury served for a year in the 3rd Suffolk (Militia) regiment, at sub-lieutenant. Then a roving spirit came over him.

"I sailed for Canada on November 26th, 1898, in the Labrador," he said, "with the idea of taking up ranching. My first taste of adventure soon came. I was crossing the continent on the Canadian Pacific railway, and we were going through the Rockies when the train jumped the rails and fell into a ditch to the right of the track. We scrambled out unhurt and saw how narrow had been our escape, for had the train gone over to the left we should all have been dashed to pieces hundreds of feet below. There was no dining car on the train, so we were to have a meal at a station some way ahead, and twenty of us had to share out a tin of salmon and a few biscuits till relief arrived, twelve hours later. I had a flask of whisky, and could have sold it over and over again for its weight in gold."

"Eventually I reached Ashcroft, where Sir Arthur Curtis disappeared from Boggs' Focock's expedition. From there I went 200 miles by coach up the Cariboo route to a place called Soda Creek, where a spring of water bubbles up, all fizzing like soda water. Then I got into the Chilcotin country and apprenticed myself to learn ranching. So began three years of a regular cowboy's life, with plenty of ups and downs, and enough fun breaking in horses and branding cattle to keep one lively. Of course, I was very raw at first. My first load of hay slipped off my cart, and I had a busy time getting it back again. But, for excitement give me branding cattle when a rope breaks, and a steer tries to knock you for your trouble. That taught me some new ideas in sprinting over six-foot fences."

Many Misfortunes.
"In 1901 I thought I'd try town life again, and made my way to New Westminster, British Columbia, where I took an office and started an agency for the Veterinary Science Association, the idea being to visit farms and sell books on horses and cattle. A local veterinarian surgeon seeing the plates on my door and fearing opposition, tried to get me arrested for practicing without a licence or qualifications, and I had to convince the authorities that I was a mere harmless book-panvasser."

"Books didn't pay very well, and during the next two years I tried my hand at all sorts of things. I helped in a tobaccoist's shop, worked in a salmon cannery, and went on a farm as a haymaker."

"In 1903 I came home for a short holiday, and raising some money I returned to Vancouver and bought a small fruit farm. But luck was against me, some pest killed all my apple trees, and before long I was wandering about doing any odd jobs I could get."

"In January, 1907, I came to South London, and with a little money went to the left started a tobaccoist's shop in the Old Kent road, and married the daughter of a butcher who lived near by. This caused the entanglement from my father, and on July 12th, 1907, I again sailed westward, intending this time to take up poultry farming in Toronto. But land was too expensive, so I took a lodging-house, which was mostly used by English people who wanted to stay with me for nothing, and bolted without paying as soon as they got work."

"Down on my luck again, I did all sorts of odd jobs, digging foundations, making concrete footings and the like. Then came my worst misfortune of all. Some coffee had frozen in a pot, and as I chipped it with a knife a splinter of ice of coffee flew up and made a slight wound in my right hand. Blood poisoning set in, and here is my hand half crippled, so that I can do no heavy jobs, though I can manage to write and do clerical work—if only I could get it."

"At last my wife and I determined to return and landed in Liverpool last September. We were penniless. A local relief society helped us for a time, and a fortnight ago we reached London. Now what we shall do I cannot say, for we are at our last penny."

Since this interview our representative has been able, with the assistance of the Church Army, to secure temporary employment for Mr. Spearman, who hopes soon to get such regular work as will enable him and his wife to face the future with less dread. —*Lloyd's Weekly News.*

CAVALRY CORPS FOR VANCOUVER

Vancouver, March 12.—Definite action was taken last night in the direction of forming a mounted corps of infantry at Vancouver. The question was broached by Captain Lempthorne at a meeting of the South African campaigners and warmly supported by Captain Hart-McHarg and others. It was pointed out how necessary such a corps was in a country such as British Columbia and how a movement of the form one had often been set on foot but had never matured. The campaigners instructed their president, R. G. Maxwell, to communicate with the authorities at Ottawa, so that they could commence the establishment of a corps right away, and they promised to form the nucleus of the proposed regiment.

VANCOUVER MAN FACES SERIOUS CHARGE

W. H. McCormack Alleged to Have Secured Money on False Pretences.

Vancouver, March 12.—William Herbert McCormick, son of Mrs. Enead McCormick, of Robson street, widow of the late George McCormick, who was manager of the Canadian Pacific Lumber Company's plant at Port Moody when he died there on October 13th, 1907, was arrested on the street at 2 o'clock this afternoon by city detectives on a charge of obtaining thousands of dollars by false pretences. The charge against the young man, who is not more than 25 years of age, is laid by C. D. Rand, the well known real estate broker, who is alleged to have been victimized to the tune of \$6,000. Legally, it is stated, Mr. Rand is not under obligation to become the victim of this alleged fraudulent work on the part of the accused, but as a proposition of moral right Mr. Rand has already protected his clients, who on the strength of his representations, loaned the money which is alleged to have been turned over to young McCormick on the security of a deed which is now alleged to be a forgery.

Having assumed the responsibility and the loss, Mr. Rand lost no time in swearing out a warrant for the arrest of the young man. Some difficulty was experienced in tracing him.

Behind the arrest is a human interest story involving the alleged refusal of the mother of the boy to protect him against arrest and the possible consequences of his alleged criminal action. The McCormick estate is said to be valued at anywhere between \$400,000 and \$500,000, but Mrs. McCormick, it is alleged, after having considered the matter for some time, finally decided that she would not intervene to save her son. Two sisters and a brother of the accused young man reside in Vancouver. The accused is married, his wife having been a Miss Wright, of Enderby.

Some time during the month of December last it is alleged that young McCormick presented himself at Mr. Rand's office, declaring that he wished to transact some business in connection with the obtaining of a loan to enable him to engage in a coal and wood business in Vancouver. As the father of the young man had been personally known to Mr. Rand the latter saw nothing strange in the request, and as soon as he saw the securities produced he had no hesitation in arranging the loan. The security consisted of a certificate of indefeasible title and a deed bearing what purported to be the signature of Mrs. McCormick and conveying to the young man the Robson street home of the young man. Everything appeared to be in order with the documents and matters were all right at the land registry office. The loan was made, \$4,500 being advanced by a client of Mr. Rand's. The encumbrance was registered at the land registry office.

Early in the present year the young man is said to have again met Mr. Rand with a request for more money to satisfy the demands of his growing business. He is said to have declared that he had not sufficient teams to make delivery of his orders, and as he wished to buy a carload of horses he asked for \$3,500 more on the original security—and he got it on a note to run for three months. Two weeks later McCormick turned up and said he wished to take the note up and pay interest for the two weeks, but the man who had loaned the money refused to agree to this save on the payment of the full interest for three months, the accommodation, he thought, being worth the money. McCormick then concluded to keep the principal till due date, according to a statement made to-day.

The document came when Mr. Rand sent notice of the due date of interest on the loan of \$4,500 to McCormick addressed to the woodyard. This notice was opened by the brother of the accused. He is said to have been perplexed as the result of an interview with Mr. Rand when he learned the facts of the case. Investigation by the brother of the papers in the land registry office followed, and finally the whole case was laid before Mrs. McCormick. She thought it over carefully and decided she would not take up the liabilities alleged to have been contracted by her son. The signature to the deed is said to have been pronounced a forgery.

The father of the accused came to British Columbia from Ontario and was for some years a member of parliament, having represented Collingwood at Ottawa.

CHAMPION OTTAWAS.

New York, March 15.—The Ottawas of Ottawa, champion hockey players of Canada, on Saturday night won the two-day meet here with their rivals, the Wanderers, of Montreal, taking the \$1,000 prize which was offered for the two games. The game on Saturday night was a tie, 3 to 3. Friday night's score was 6 to 4, making the total score for the two games, Ottawa 14, Wanderers 12.

NEW WRIGHT AEROPLANES.

London, March 15.—The Wright brothers have placed an order with a London firm for the immediate construction of six aeroplanes.

PRaise GIVEN FIFTH AND CADETS BY D. O. C.

Regimental Orders Issued With Lists of Promotions and Other Information.

The following orders have been issued by Lieut.-Col. Hall, commanding the Fifth Regiment:

The following extract from G. O., January 10th, 1909, is published for general information:

"British Columbia Regiment—General order 153, October, 1906, under the above heading is amended to read: 'Capt. W. H. Langley is transferred to the corps reserve, October 8th, 1906.'"

The following D. O., 134, March 3rd, 1909, is published for general information:

"Garrison Church Parade—The district officer commanding desires to express to all ranks his satisfaction and appreciation at the excellent showing made by the different units at the garrison church parade on Sunday last. The smart soldierly appearance and steadiness on parade of the Fifth Regiment, C. A., and Nos. 108 and 170 cadet corps, was particularly noticeable, and reflect credit on all concerned."

The following men having failed to satisfy the officer commanding in the performance of their regimental duties will not be issued uniform nor permitted to parade with their respective companies until further orders: No. 275, Gurr. A. Bayley; No. 229, Gurr. H. E. Bottomley; No. 228, Gurr. D. M. A. Mayall; No. 255, Gurr. C. D. Lucas; No. 296, Tptr. R. O. Todd.

The following men having been duly attested are taken on the strength of the regiment and will assume the regimental numbers opposite their names: No. 231, Gurr. W. S. Taynton; No. 285, Gurr. J. F. W. Jameson; No. 173, Gurr. Wm. J. Fynn; No. 176, Gurr. Wm. Norman.

R. O. No. 8, para. 1, is corrected as follows: No. 204, Gurr. J. Hutchinson to read No. 227, Gurr. J. Hutchinson.

The officer commanding has been pleased to approve the following promotion, effective for this date, to complete establishment:

No. 1 company—To be signalling sergeant, No. 47, Corpl. H. R. Selfe; to be corporals, No. 37, Gurr. D. Rochford, and No. 84, Gurr. B. Gosling.

No. 2 company—To be sergeants, No. 138, Corpl. W. C. Thompson; No. 187, Gurr. W. J. Wilby; to be corporals, No. 140, Gurr. A. Bredford; No. 135, Gurr. T. Osborn; No. 159, Gurr. A. G. Murray.

No. 3 company—To be sergeant, No. 261, Gurr. H. O. Savage.

Capt. H. M. Robertson having reported for duty on his return from leave will resume his duties as regimental medical officer.

Uniforms will in future be worn at all company and regimental parades.

BENDRODT WINNER OF FINAL SKATING RACE

Beat Howell in Fast Ten-mile Event at Vancouver.

James Bendrodt, the local skater and member of the J. B. A. A., won the final skating race at Koller's rink, Vancouver, Friday night from Bert Howell, of the Terminal City, and was accorded an ovation by the crowd, being carried from the rink on the shoulders of the spectators.

The final race of the three was ten miles, which Bendrodt completed in 35 minutes 20 seconds. It was a hard and strenuous contest, with a finish that called on the greatest speed and endurance of both men. The following wire was received this morning from Bendrodt: "Heart-breaking ten mile race last night. Time, 35:30. Carried off foot on shoulders."

The match between Bendrodt and Howell was over three distances—three, five and ten miles. Bendrodt won the five and ten mile events and was beaten in the three mile race by half a lap. The event carries with it the championship of British Columbia.

VESSELS CHARTERED.

The Italian ship Amphitrite, Capt. Maresca, has been chartered to load a cargo of lumber at Everett for the West Coast. While it has not been confirmed, it is said her charterers are Bowering & Co. The Amphitrite arrived at San Francisco February 26th from Hamburg with a cargo of cement and coke. She was 125 days on the passage.

The barkentine Georgina, which has been at Port Hadlock for several weeks, has been fixed by W. R. Grace & Co. to load a cargo of lumber at Tacoma for Callao. Her cargo is now being prepared at the Danaher mill. The Georgina arrived on the Sound January 31st from Callao.

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ABRAHAM GARAND'S RHEUMATISM CURED BY DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS.

He Suffered for Five Years and Was Four Months Off Work But Dodd's Kidney Pills Cured Him.

Alfred Station, Ont., March 12.—(Special)—After being laid off work for four months by kidney disease and rheumatism, from which he had been a sufferer for five years, Abraham Garand, a section man on the railway here, is back at work again and he gives all the credit for his cure to Dodd's Kidney Pills.

"I am forty-one years old," Mr. Garand said when asked about his cure. "And have been section man here for ten years. For five years I suffered from kidney disease and rheumatism, also sciatica in my right hip, which descended to my feet. For four months I could not work. Reading of cures by Dodd's Kidney Pills led me to try them. I used nine boxes in all and to-day I am advising all who suffer from rheumatism to use Dodd's Kidney Pills."

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FISHERY QUESTIONS GO TO FULL COURT

Provincial Government Will Later Take Case to Privy Council.

Vancouver, March 12.—A. B. Pottenger, registrar, received yesterday, the list of questions to be submitted to the Full court for answer by W. J. Bowser, attorney-general, representing the provincial government. No matter which way the case is decided locally, the question will undoubtedly appeal to the privy council for decision.

Briefly, the provincial government is asking the Full court whether the fisheries of British Columbia are not the property of the province and has the province the sole right to authorize fishing?

The copy of the approved minute of council filed to-day in the office of the registrar of the Supreme court in Vancouver, is dated at Victoria, March 10, 1909, and provides that the questions it sets forth relating to the fisheries of British Columbia shall be referred to the Full court for hearing and consideration. The questions are:

"1. Whenever a regulation is made by the lieutenant-governor in council, under the powers conferred by section 9 of the British Columbia Fisheries Act, 1901, and amendments forbidding fishing within any waters within the province, except under authority of a fishing lease, permit or licence, is not the right of the public, and of every individual to take fish in such waters as defined by said act, taken away to the extent of such prohibition, and are not then the fisheries so dealt with the property of the Crown in the right of the province of British Columbia, or in the alternative is not the sole power to authorize the use by any person of such fisheries in the Crown as aforesaid?"

"2. Is it not competent for the Crown in the right of the province of British Columbia in the exercise of its rights of property in, or of its rights to authorize the use of such fisheries, however acquired, to prescribe the time, place and mode, and by which leases or licences of the Crown shall take fish, provided such terms are not made illegal by laws or regulations enacted or made by or under the authority of the parliament of Canada?"

"3. Did the grant of land by British Columbia to Canada, made by section 2 of chapter 14 of the statutes of British Columbia for the year 1884, convey to Canada:

"(a) Any right or title to fisheries in the tidal waters embraced in said grant, or any right or title to such fisheries whenever by competent authority the public right of fishing in such waters should be taken away?"

"(b) Any right or title to fisheries in non-tidal but navigable waters embraced in said grant?"

"4. Is it competent for the lieutenant-governor in council legally to

make all or any of the following fishery regulations set out in schedule A, hereto, assuming that at the time said regulations are made the regulations made by the Dominion authorities in the premises are those set out in schedule B hereto?"

"The schedules A and B referred to are respectively those setting out the provincial salmon fisheries regulations, and the federal salmon fishery regulation in existence at the time the provincial authorities enacted those contained in schedule A."

Last fall test cases of the legality of the provincial regulations were made in New Westminster in the two cases of Kendall vs. North, the crown winning at the trial, losing on appeal of Kendall to Judge Howay and the crown losing its appeal to the Full court on Judge Howay's decision. The crown asked the Full court for leave to appeal to the privy council but was denied that privilege. It could have appealed to the privy council for leave to carry its appeal before the judicial committee of the privy council and such action was for some time discussed. The government has now concluded to abandon the contemplated appeals in the Kendall vs. North cases and confine its case to the broader issues involved in the list of questions on which the judgment of the Full court is being sought.

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A general meeting of the King's Daughters will be held on Wednesday afternoon at the provincial headquarters to discuss the coming flower show and convention to be held in June. All members interested in either of the events are requested to attend.

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