

WORST STORM IN TWENTY YEARS

RAILWAYS BLOCKED BY SNOW IN ONTARIO

Railway Traffic in Manitoba Also Interrupted by Blizzard

(Special to the Times.) Port Arthur, Ont., Feb. 2.—The storm that raged last night, starting in the afternoon and abating this forenoon, is declared to be the worst here in twenty years. Snow piled high in all the streets, blocking traffic everywhere.

The street car service was suspended early last evening, and after much work on the road the first car started for Fort William at 10 a.m. Steam railroads also are blocked and trains held up at different places, the officials at present being unable to say when any of them will be moving.

The relieving feature of the blizzard was that it was not accompanied by any more than the average winter cold. P. R. trains No. 95 and 97, due last night and this morning, are blocked in the snow 45 miles east of Schreiber.

Storm Strikes Ottawa. Ottawa, Feb. 2.—The blizzard which has been prevailing west struck Ottawa at 2 o'clock this morning and by 8 o'clock street car traffic was tied up. The morning train from Toronto is stalled in "drifts" seventeen miles from the city. Other trains are in a similar plight and few trains are leaving the capital.

Growing Worse. Toronto, Feb. 2.—All parts of Ontario are today affected by terrific storms. Most of the reports are that blizzards prevailing are the worst experienced in a generation. The steam railroads are badly tied up in many places. Street car and vehicle traffic has ceased and the telegraph system is in a very bad way.

North Bay and Cobalt are suffering severely and no telegraph message can be sent except by the round-about way by Sudbury. Both Ottawa and Montreal declare that conditions could hardly be worse.

Wires to New York this morning were very patchy and dispatches for Toronto in some cases had to be relayed at Buffalo. So far this city has escaped. Traffic Almost Impossible. Montreal, Feb. 2.—The blizzard that hit this city last night is still raging. There is a strong wind with temperatures in the neighborhood of zero, with a snowfall of eight inches. Vehicular and street car traffic is almost impossible.

Conservatives in a Quandary. Ottawa, Feb. 2.—Conservatives, after being in caucus for three hours last evening and for the same length of time this morning, did not give out any definite statement as to what the party had decided to do when Hon. W. S. Fielding's reciprocity agreement resolutions come up for discussion in the Commons on Tuesday next. They said the time had been occupied in hearing opinions of individual members and that no resolution had yet been drafted for consideration. The impression is that the opposition may decide not to make a statement a party matter, but in view of the divergent opinions which to some extent exist in both parties, some members to follow their own inclinations.

LIGHT TRAVEL IN BLERIOT MONOPLANE

All Aviation Weight-Carrying Records Are Broken in France

(Times Leased Wire.) Pau, France, Feb. 2.—Aviation weight carrying records for all countries went to smash here today when Aviator Leblond, with seven passengers in a four-seater Blériot monoplane, flew over the Pau aerodrome. The combined weight of Leblond and his passengers was 1,112 pounds, the heaviest ever carried by a heavier-than-air machine.

WATERBURY TO SAN FRANCISCO. San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 2.—Private water to-day from the east says that the big eastern railroads that San Francisco had secured the Panama-Pacific exposition, many consultations were held as to rates in 1915. There is, it is said, every prospect that a 40 per cent rate from coast to coast will be agreed upon.

ANOTHER BATTLE IS IN PROGRESS

MEXICAN REBELS BEGIN ATTACK ON JUAREZ

Government Raises Censorship and Publishes Reports of Victories

(Times Leased Wire.) Paso, Texas, Feb. 2.—A rebel attack on Juarez, Mexico, began today. Five hundred Mexican cavalry and infantry are engaging the advance guard of 1,000 rebels under General Pascual Orozco, whose soldiers are on the advance between Juarez and Samalayuca. Evidence that the first clash of the forces was a bloody one are seen today in the long lines of riderless horses with bloodstained saddles which are stampeding across the border into American territory. Orozco's forces reached Samalayuca yesterday on two commandeered Mexican Central trains. They derailed there, retaining two engines and enough cars to convey them toward Juarez.

Passenger trains bearing 100 Americans, including James R. Garfield, arrived at Juarez at midnight and gave the alarm after they had been marooned three days in the Mexican desert. The Juarez military authorities rushed 200 troops with dynamite to destroy the five-mile bridge between Juarez and Samalayuca and succeeded in blowing it up just before the arrival of Orozco's train, with the rebel force aboard.

Orozco seeing his advance discovered, then abandoned the trains and the rebels advanced on foot in a crescent-shaped formation. The desperate nature of the battle, which has been in progress since the forces clashed, is indicated by the fact that 114 Mexican infantrymen which left Juarez this morning, only 68 had returned at 10 o'clock. Four of the contingent, arrived on a handcar. Two soldiers are known to have been killed by the rebel fire and it is unknown how many others have fallen. There is every evidence from the reports of the returning soldiers that the rebels are winning.

Juarez, terror-stricken at the near approach of real fighting, is under martial law and the street cars connecting with this city have been stopped. It is reported General Orozco has delivered an ultimatum to American Consul Lamell here, demanding that the Juarez be surrendered to prevent further bloodshed. Orozco threatened to attack the city in earnest this afternoon unless his terms were accepted.

At noon the rebels were reported to have advanced to within four miles of Juarez, where they were preparing for a concerted attack. Doctors Bush and Sinks of this city, have left here under a Red Cross flag for the scene of the fighting, with the design of giving medical assistance to Orozco's wounded. If the government permits, an emergency hospital will be established here for the care of the wounded on both sides.

Anticipating permission from Washington, a Red Cross force is already being organized and will leave at once after permission is granted for the scene of the battle. With fighting momentarily drawing nearer and the sound of the firing easily distinguishable in Juarez, all business both there and in El Paso, is suspended on both sides. Through both cities are crowded with people watching the rapidly approaching "puffs of smoke" that tell of the rebels' steady advance.

Despite military preparations, a number of street cars crossed the international bridge over the Rio Grande this afternoon bearing hundreds of refugees from Juarez and other cars are expected to arrive later in the day. (Concluded on page 4.)

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MANY DRIVEN FROM HOMES BY FLOODS

Waters of Rivers in Idaho Rise Rapidly, Sweeping Out Several Bridges

(Times Leased Wire.) Pocatello, Idaho, Feb. 2.—Bridges are out, trains delayed and the people of Roblin county are isolated as a result of the heavy flood pouring down the valley of the Fort Neuf river and its tributaries. Unprecedented rainfall for the last eleven days preceded the flood. The trains on the Oregon Short Line tied up in the yards here on account of a washout at Idahon, near here, were scheduled to leave for their various destinations today. Large gangs of workmen labored all night in repairing the twisted tracks. It is not believed that there has been any loss of life. Four bridges between Pocatello and Chesterfield are out and scores of farmers are camping on high ground, where they were compelled to flee, owing to the rapid rise of the water. It is believed that the crest of the flood has passed.



NO SUBSTANTIAL REASON FOR CONSTERNATION.

Hon. W. S. Fielding in his announcement of successful conclusion of reciprocity agreement with United States: "The experience of all public bodies is that all grave and important movements are calculated sometimes to alarm people, and that we are amazed afterwards, as the years roll on, to find out how our anticipations have not been realized."

MORE THAN SCORE PROBABLY DEAD

VICTIMS OF EXPLOSION ON JERSEY CITY PIER

Property Loss Believed to Exceed \$500,000—Officials Are Investigating

(Times Leased Wire.) New York, Feb. 2.—Four men dead, 22 reported missing and the possibility that even more perished is the summing up today of a disaster which occurred on a Jersey City pier, where it was being handled contrary to law. Exactly how many were killed probably never will be known, as the bodies of many of the victims were sunk in the North river and probably have been carried out to sea.

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No trace has been found of the captain and crew of six of the barge Catherine W., which was lying near the pier where the explosion occurred, and it is believed that all were blown to bits. Three men on the lighter Rustler, which sank after the crash, are still unaccounted for, as are 12 laborers who were working about the piers at the time the dynamite went off.

The explosion occurred 150 yards south of the Jersey City terminal of the Central Railroad of New Jersey. The Jersey Central terminal was wrecked, and three ferry-boats in the slips were damaged. With a roar which resounded all over New York City, the explosive went off and the lower end of Manhattan Island was shaken as though by an earthquake. One lower Manhattan fruit vender was nearly decapitated by falling glass and a workman was shaken from the roof of a skyscraper and was fatally injured.

The shock of the explosion was felt most severely at the Battery, which is directly across the North river from the Jersey City pier. The intensity of the tremor lessened as it moved northward, but at J. Pierpont Morgan's office, the Produce Exchange and in the Standard Oil, the Singer and the customs house buildings practically every pane of glass was shattered. All along the lower Broadway a perfect shower of glass fell into the street.

The numerous accidents caused by the blast resulted in half a dozen simultaneous calls for the police to serve and in the streets the blue coats stopped hundreds of runaway cars, horses, struck and cut by falling glass, had belted. George Wigginton was a freak victim of the explosion. He was being shaved in a barber shop at Liberty and West streets, when the shock of the explosion struck the building.

The debate was not concluded when the House rose.

TWO HUNDRED PERSONS PERISH

STORM IS RAGING ALONG COAST OF SPAIN

It Is Feared Later Reports Will Increase the List of Dead

(Times Leased Wire.) Madrid, Feb. 2.—Two hundred deaths were reported today from a storm that raged along the coast of Spain. When reports from outlying towns now cut off are received, it is expected that at least 50 more will be added to the death list.

There was no abatement today in the storm and shipping is at a standstill. It is feared that a number of wrecks have occurred. Hundreds of craft have sought refuge in harbors.

WANTS GOVERNMENT TO BUILD RAILWAY

Amendment Regarding Hudson Bay Line Debated in Saskatchewan Legislature

(Special to the Times.) Regina, Feb. 2.—The Hudson Bay railway was the chief subject of discussion in the legislature yesterday, and kept the stage for the greater part of the sitting. To R. W. G. Haultain's resolution that in the opinion of this house the Hudson Bay railway should be owned, controlled and operated as a government railway, J. E. Bole, Regina City, moved a lengthy amendment asking that the government of Canada should, in the interest of the people build and own the Hudson Bay railway, and that such arrangement should be made for its operation, either directly by the government, by an independent commission or otherwise as will secure to the people of western Canada for all time to come, absolute control by the government over all rates and other tariffs, thus insuring that this new outlet for the farmers' products to the world's market should constitute a competing line of railway, the operation of which can be carried out successfully at the lowest cost consistent with public requirements.

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RUMORED ARMY PLOT IN SPAIN

CONSPIRACY FOR THE OVERTHROW OF KING

Troops Are Being Concentrated at Points Where the Outbreaks Are Feared

(Times Leased Wire.) Madrid, via Hendaye, France, Feb. 2.—Discovery of a widespread army conspiracy for the overthrow of King Alfonso and the establishment of a republic, is the cause today for the greatest movement of Spanish troops in the recent history of the country. Strong bodies of supposedly loyal troops and civil guards are being concentrated at Barcelona and other cities where the dream of an outbreak is greatest.

Action in the matter today is confined on the government's side to taking every possible precaution for vigorous action. It is believed would be immediately followed by a score of outbreaks. For the moment the revolt is delayed by a split in the Republican ranks, but an early agreement is prophesied, and action then may be momentarily expected. Only a quarrel due to the discovery of graft among the officials of the Republican municipal administration in Barcelona has prevented an attempt to depose Alfonso before this time.

So far has the conspiracy gone that many officers of the proposed provincial government have been chosen. Perez Galdes, an author, is to be president, Rodrigo Soriano minister of finance, Senor Arcaat minister of foreign affairs and high places will be found for Senor Sol. Ortega and Lerroux, both of whom are prominent in radical agitation.

Alfonso's grip on his throne has been sensibly weakened within the last few days by the revelation of his wreck of an ostentatious Santa Fe passenger train when they discovered an embankment nearly washed out by Kern river bridge, west of here. They flagged the train. It took workmen six hours to repair the tracks. The passengers took up a big collection for the men.

WRECK AVERTED. Bakerville, Cal., Feb. 2.—Carl Nelson and William Hogan averted a wreck of an eastbound Santa Fe passenger train when they discovered an embankment nearly washed out by Kern river bridge, west of here. They flagged the train. It took workmen six hours to repair the tracks. The passengers took up a big collection for the men.

LEASING ORCHARDS. London, Ont., Feb. 2.—A big syndicate is leasing all the best orchards in North York, especially around Giesher. They will pick, pack and use the latest methods of cultivation.

HON. W. TEMPLEMAN REPLIES TO J. JARDINE

Minister of Mines Explains Why the Member for Esquimalt Recanted—Reason for Blackguardly Attack in Post Office.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Feb. 2.—When the Hon. Wm. Templeman was asked by the Times correspondent to make a statement in respect to the speech of John Jardine in the legislature on Monday, in which certain reasons for Jardine's political volte face were given, the minister at first demurred, stating that he had hitherto refrained from discussing Jardine and his political treachery, because he was confident the public would soon form its own estimate of the true character of Esquimalt's representative. But on reading the dispatch giving Jardine's explanation in the legislature, Mr. Templeman said:

"Well, perhaps I should make a statement. When falsehoods are allowed to go uncontradicted they are often believed to be the truth. I am free to admit that being a party man I have felt I could be held in some measure responsible for his election, but I was not then in possession of certain information which has since come to my knowledge, and which has destroyed whatever confidence I may have had in him. I think I can give the real reason for Jardine's second political conversion.

"At the last provincial election Jardine was generously assisted financially, and in other ways, by his Liberal friends in Esquimalt and Victoria. When the election was over and Jardine was elected, it was supposed every legitimate financial obligation had been met, but subsequently Jardine made a demand upon Messrs. Brewster and Smith, for the sum of \$1,700, which he claimed to be still owed on account of election expenses. He was told that he had been very generously treated, and that if he had over-expended \$1,700, as to which he furnished no evidence, he should pay the accounts himself. There was doubt about the genuineness of the claim that the assistance given him was not sufficient for all legitimate purposes, and the opinion of those who knew the circumstances was that he should be left to deal with the problem himself.

"These are the facts as reported to me. The refusal of friends to provide this sum of \$1,700 angered Jardine, who commenced and continued a campaign of fault-finding and personal abuse directed against Mr. Smith and myself, which was continued for months. This was one reason for Jardine's recent conversion.

"Another and more serious reason was my opposition to Jardine's methods as a contractor on government works. In the year 1908-9 Jardine was authorized to do a specified amount of painting at the quarantine station, not to exceed \$2,000 in cost. The facts in connection therewith only came to my knowledge in 1910. The work was done by day labor. The total appropriation for maintenance and repairs at quarantine had been voted for that year, which, on being allocated to the purchase of paint, left only \$1,000 for the work.

CAUSE OF TARIFF REFORM STRENGTHENED

Edinburgh Paper Says Need for Action is More Pressing Than Ever

Edinburgh, Feb. 2.—The Scotsman says: "The American-Canadian reciprocity agreement leaves the cause of tariff reform as strong and more pressing than it was before. It proves how sound were the counsels of those who urged that no time is to be lost in pressing forward the fiscal and commercial union of the Empire."

George Wyndham's Views. London, Feb. 2.—George Wyndham, M. P., speaking at Dover of the reciprocity agreement, said it was a setback to Imperial preferential trade but not a death-blow. They might frustrate its ratification if the action of public men, supported by public opinion, showed that they accepted the gospel of Imperial preference.

INJURIES PROVE FATAL. Toronto, Feb. 2.—Injured Tuesday night by a fall while alighting from a street car at Bloor and Young streets, A. Cecil Gibson, barrister, died yesterday from concussion of the brain.

pose for which it was intended, permitted the sum mentioned, \$2,000, to be expended in repainting certain buildings. When authorized to proceed to that extent Jardine took advantage of the opportunity and without the knowledge of the government agent expended four times as much, or nearly \$8,000. He painted more buildings than he was instructed to paint. He thus shamefully violated the confidence placed in him. He was subsequently paid for the work done, although deservingly exceeding his instructions, and absorbing nearly \$8,000 when only \$2,000 was authorized. The consequence was that other necessary work had, for the time being, to be postponed. I took a strong stand against this action, and requested that Jardine should not be trusted with any more government work. Jardine knew my views, and resented them by vilifying me to friends and opponents alike.

"On the occasion of the personal encounter in the post office, I had been discussing Jardine's creditable actions as well as other matters with the agent of the public works department, Wm. Henderson, in his office, Victoria, when Jardine entered the room uninvited. Although his coming was an intrusion, I requested him to remain and told him what the subject of the conversation with Mr. Henderson had been. I charged him with slandering Mr. Smith and myself. He denied my statements, I repeated them and denounced him as an enemy of the Liberal government. I spoke strongly, because I felt the circumstances justified it. I was defending Mr. Smith and myself against the slanders of a man who had revealed himself to be utterly unworthy of the confidence that had been placed in him.

"Desiring to terminate the discussion, I asked Jardine to leave the room, at the same time turning round to resume my seat. Jardine, as he stated in the legislature, then assaulted me, and in a singularly cowardly manner. Briefly, these are the facts both as to the assault and the provocation. Jardine's dishonest methods of doing work for the government—as to which it was my duty to protest and to put an end to—were the reasons for my vigorous protests, and these protests were the immediate cause of the incident of which he has boasted so much.

"Jardine deserted the Conservative party in 1896 after it was defeated. When he found he could no longer bleed the Liberals of Victoria or flourish from the Dominion government, he returned to his old party affiliations. Neither the Liberals of Esquimalt nor of Victoria have any cause to regret that their ranks have been purged of the erratic and quite irresponsible member for Esquimalt.

"Moreover, I feel that a man who will violate the trust put in him by his party is not safe to trust with the interests of the people in the legislature."

DEATH COMES SWIFTLY TO PLAGUE VICTIMS

Chinese at Harbin Die in Few Hours After Being Stricken

(Times Leased Wire.) Peking, Feb. 2.—Dr. Graham Ashland, of the Church of England mission, who, with his wife, is at Harbin, telegraphed today that "the virulence of the disease is simply incredible. Men are walking about and declaring themselves in perfect health when suddenly they develop a temperature as high as 40 degrees centigrade. In two or three hours they are dead."

"The fatalities in the native city to occur at the isolation hospital. The remainder are persons picked up in the streets by the sanitary forces." The discovery that twenty deaths from the plague had occurred at the Chinese hospital at Tien Tsin has renewed the suspicion that the authorities there are concealing real conditions. In doing this, however, they are merely complying with an imperial edict that no report, calculated to cause alarm should reach the capital. It is believed here that the plague is not diminishing.

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FIGHT FOR THE PANAMA FAIR

SAN FRANCISCO WINS ON PRELIMINARY VOTE

House of Representatives Declares in Favor of the Bay City.

(Times Leased Wire.) Washington, D. C., Jan. 31.—In one of the wildest scenes the house of representatives has witnessed in many a day, San Francisco to-day, by a vote of 188 to 159, won over New Orleans as the proposed site for a Panama international exposition in 1915.

The action of the house cuts off any consideration in that body of the claims of New Orleans for the world's fair site, and means that the House favors San Francisco.

San Francisco boomers in congress this afternoon say the senate will follow the lead of the house, and they regard the fight as already won.

There is room for 12,000,000 home-seekers out there," said "Why bring them the world know it by giving them the fair?"

Resolution Adopted. Washington, Jan. 31.—(Later.)—The house this afternoon decided in favor of San Francisco as the site for the Panama exposition, adopting the Kahn resolution by 239 to 43.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 31.—The news that San Francisco had won the preliminary fight for the world's fair site was greeted with a wild demonstration in San Francisco.

In Market street there was a remarkable demonstration. People shouted and danced, men hugged each other, the crowd left the sidewalks and

At the headquarters of the Panama Pacific international exposition comm- many in the Merchants Exchange, staid

PAYS TRIBUTE TO HON. W. S. FIELDING

London Express Says His Career Has Raised Whole of Canadian Public Life

(Special to the Times.) London, Jan. 31.—The Express, in a column sketch of Hon. W. S. Fielding, says that even his bitterest political opponents are among the first to

COAL SHORTAGE IN SOUTHERN ALBERTA

Electric Light and Water Plants at Cardston Are Shut Down

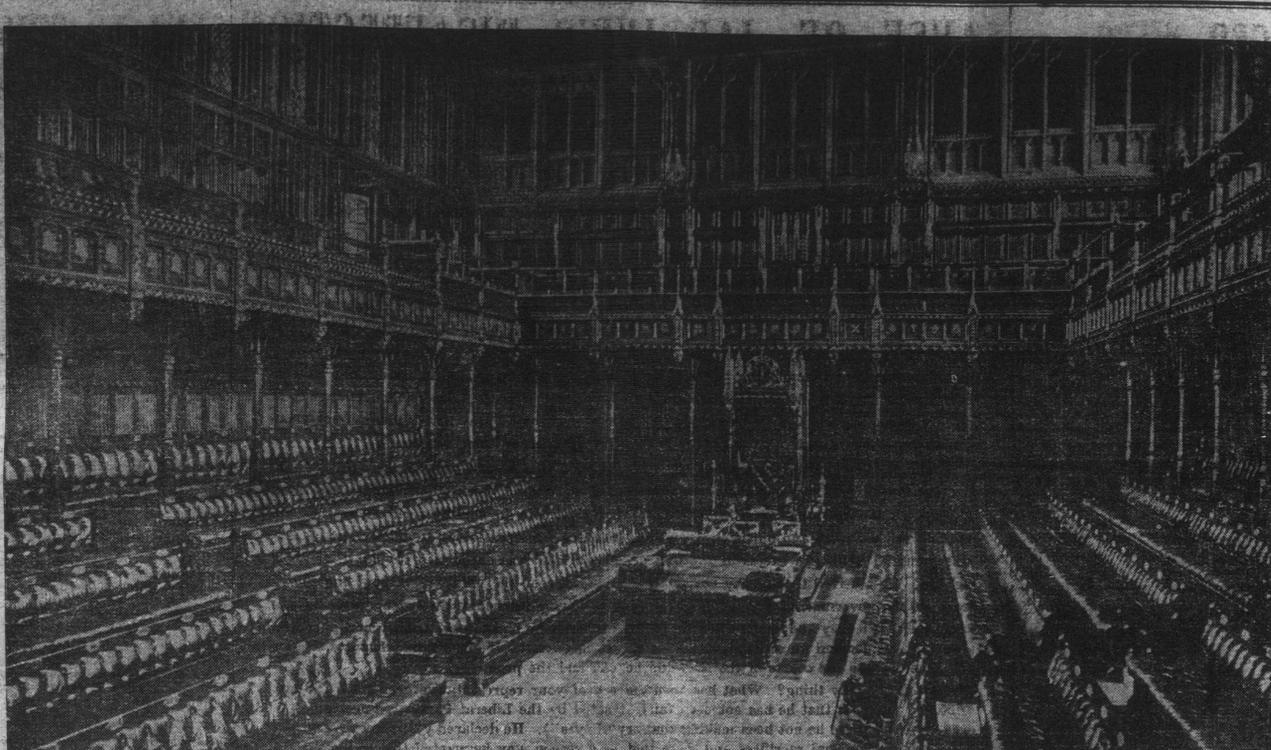
CHARGED WITH MURDER. London, Jan. 31.—The inquest into the death of Leon Beeson, whose body was found on Clapham Common several weeks ago, was resumed in a charge of murder

THE HOPE DIAMOND. Washington, D. C., Jan. 31.—Before purchasing the Hope diamond John R. Moran made Jeweller Cartier agree to take

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INTERIOR VIEW OF BRITISH HOUSE OF COMMONS.

FEARS EFFECTS OF RECIPROCIITY

IOWA SENATOR IS OPPOSED TO AGREEMENT

Declares It Will Open Up Competition in Everything States Produce

(Times Leased Wire.) Washington, D. C., Jan. 31.—Senator LaFayette Iowa this afternoon said he was opposed to any such proposition as the Canadian reciprocity treaty, that his state was overwhelmingly against it

TO MEET SIR T. SHAUGHNESSY.

WINNIEP. Jan. 31.—McPherson and W. S. Cameron, members of Vancouver city council, passed through Winnipeg yesterday going by the southern route to Montreal, and though their object is not supposed to be known, it is surmised that they will seek an interview with Sir Thos. Shaughnessy on the proposed work of the C. & R. in Vancouver.

RUN DOWN BY SLEIGH

Nelson, Jan. 31.—Ellen Lapointe, daughter of A. Lapointe, of the Queen's hotel, was dashed to the ground by a bob sleigh party last night and sustained a broken leg.

FIVE VILLAGES HAVE BEEN DESTROYED

Six Hundred Persons Reported Killed by Earthquake and Volcanic Eruption

(Times Leased Wire.) Manila, Jan. 31.—Five villages, Talisay, Tabanan, Calamba, Lemery and Taal—were destroyed by the earthquake and eruption of Mount Taal, the volcano, according to reports that have reached here to-day.

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STARTING WORK ON NEW PUBLIC WHARF

Structure to Be Erected at the Foot of Erie Street, James Bay

Work commenced on Tuesday on what will prove an important addition to the wharfing accommodation of the city, the Victoria Chemical Company starting work on a structure at the foot of Erie street, adjacent to their works at the foot of the wharf. The cost of the wharf will be in the neighborhood of \$1,000. It will be free to the use of the public on all occasions, the city securing this expression by co-operating in the enterprise to the extent of grading the approach to the wharf.

INSURGENTS AND TROOPS CLASH

ANOTHER BATTLE IN MEXICO REPORTED

PREPARATIONS BEING MADE AT MEXICALI FOR SECOND ATTACK BY REVOLUTIONISTS

(Times Leased Wire.) Mexicali, Ariz., Jan. 31.—Persons who arrived here from Nogales reported that Mexican federal troops and rebels have been engaged fighting near Cananea since Sunday. No details of the battle have been received.

CUSTOMS RETURNS GROWING.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Jan. 31.—Custom figures for January show that the increase for the first ten months of the fiscal year over the corresponding period last year was \$10,000,000. For January alone there was an increase of \$1,200,000.

INSTANTLY KILLED BY RUNAWAY AUTO

Victim Was Crossing Street When Knocked Down by Big Car

(Times Leased Wire.) Seattle, Wash., Jan. 31.—A big seven-passenger automobile without driver or passengers, dashed down Cherry street hill in the crowded downtown business section last night and ran over and killed Ellen Connors, a 19-year-old youth who came to Seattle yesterday from Waterbury, Conn. The machine had been left standing in front of the Seattle Athletic Club by Joe Himelhoch.

LEASING COAL LANDS. Washington, D. C., Jan. 31.—The public lands committee of the House concluded consideration yesterday of Representative Mondell's bill to regulate the leasing of coal lands in Alaska. Many interests, including Alaska railroad and financial interests, have appeared before the committee in reference to the measure. Director George Otis Smith, of the geological survey, and Delegate Wickersham, of Alaska, were present.

PUBLISHED ARTICLE

LIBELLING THE KING

Trial of Edward Mylins Opens in London Tomorrow Before Chief Justice

RE-ASSEMBLING OF PARLIAMENT

RT. HON. J. W. LOWTHER RE-ELECTED SPEAKER

Work of Swearing in Members of House of Commons in Progress

(Times Leased Wire.) London, Jan. 31.—Parliament re-assembled at noon to-day for the first time since the election, and between now and next Monday, when King George opens the session in state, 670 members of the House of Commons will have to be sworn in.

IRRIGATION WORK.

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Jan. 31.—At yesterday's cabinet meeting, the appointment of H. Cunningham, federal government superintendent of fish culture, as chief Dominion inspector of fisheries in British Columbia, with headquarters at New Westminster, was finally passed on. Cunningham will go west late in March.

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(Times Leased Wire.) Washington, D. C., Jan. 31.—Senator LaFayette Iowa this afternoon said he was opposed to any such proposition as the Canadian reciprocity treaty, that his state was overwhelmingly against it

TO MEET SIR T. SHAUGHNESSY.

WINNIEP. Jan. 31.—McPherson and W. S. Cameron, members of Vancouver city council, passed through Winnipeg yesterday going by the southern route to Montreal, and though their object is not supposed to be known, it is surmised that they will seek an interview with Sir Thos. Shaughnessy on the proposed work of the C. & R. in Vancouver.

RUN DOWN BY SLEIGH

Nelson, Jan. 31.—Ellen Lapointe, daughter of A. Lapointe, of the Queen's hotel, was dashed to the ground by a bob sleigh party last night and sustained a broken leg.

FIVE VILLAGES HAVE BEEN DESTROYED

Six Hundred Persons Reported Killed by Earthquake and Volcanic Eruption

(Times Leased Wire.) Manila, Jan. 31.—Five villages, Talisay, Tabanan, Calamba, Lemery and Taal—were destroyed by the earthquake and eruption of Mount Taal, the volcano, according to reports that have reached here to-day.

RECOVERS FROM TRANCE. McKeesport, Pa., Jan. 31.—Instating that her sight is partially restored and that full vision will return to her, Miss Margaret Shipley, 26, blind since birth to-day is recovering from an eight-day

COMMITS SUICIDE. Santa Rosa, Cal., Jan. 31.—Standing on the spot where a friend a year ago committed suicide by blowing his head off, Walter Peterson, a young farmer residing on the Wilson ranch near Two Rock, yesterday put the muzzle of a shotgun in his

TWO SHOT BY DESPERADO. El Paso, Texas, Jan. 30.—T. L. Connor, a customs line rider, and Justice of the Peace Henry were fatally shot by Frank Howes, a desperado, whom they attempted to take from a Texas Pacific train to-day.

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LONDON NEWS ON TRADE AGREEMENT

GENEROUS OFFER BY STATES, SAYS MAIL

Morning Leader Declares It is Great Triumph for Canadian Statesmanship

(Special to the Times.) London, Jan. 31.—In the Morning Leader a parliamentary correspondent says that the artificial tariff brought drawn across America is now removed and the life's blood is able to flow freely between the north and south: It is a great triumph for Canadian statesmanship.

The Daily Mail argues that Canada had no choice but to accept the United States offer for trade and reciprocity. The agricultural development of the United States has reached the limit, whereas Canada is searching the world for men with capital to develop her prairies, forests and mines. The United States realized that the critical hour had struck when there must be wide open door into Canada which the United States banded nearly half a century ago. It was impossible for Canadian negotiators to reject an offer so generous; it is not expected that the signing of the agreement is certain, however.

The Mail also publishes an article lamenting that Britain had not acted on Mr. Chamberlain's advice and closed with the colonies before it had become too late.

Following are some opinions on the trade agreement: Hon. J. H. Furner, agent-general of British Columbia: "While the proposed treaty is very prejudicial to British Columbia, she will be able to stand it. She can make local laws in respect to timber exportation. The fruit trade will suffer."

Norton Griffiths: "If the agreements are ratified, the Americans will have wiped our eye in great style. Wallace Charter, secretary of the Free Trade union: "It is too early to prophesy, but it looks like the final blow for the whole tariff movement in Great Britain."

Joe Bank, head of the famous milling concern: "The gravity of the situation cannot be over-estimated for the commercial rapprochement which has begun is likely to be extended until the two countries become indissolubly allied by common trade interests."

The Yorkshire Post thinks Great Britain will be able to maintain its position in the Canadian market if pure of equal treatment with the United States. That the British preference is dead is a despairing cry for which the Yorkshire Post sees no justification.

Oppose Agreement. Nelson, B. C., Jan. 31.—The Mountain Lumber Manufacturers' Association yesterday passed a resolution strongly condemning the reciprocity arrangement. Otis Staples, the president of the association, in putting the motion, said that as a native of the United States and a son who hoped to lay his bones in that country, he desired to protest as strongly as he could against the proposed reciprocity tariff arrangement. He was in British Columbia and was willing to do his share in its development, but this development would be rendered much more difficult and unduly retarded if the proposed measure of reciprocity were adopted. It would constitute a blow to the industries of this country for which there was no justification.

FIRE AT STRATHCOONA. (Special to the Times.) Strathcona, Alta., Jan. 31.—Forty thousand dollars is the total loss caused by a fire which broke out here this morning, the principal sufferers being Cooke and Owen and the O'Brien Lumber Company.

POSTMASTER NOW IN HANDS OF POLICE

Surrenders to Authorities to Answer Charge of Stealing From Mails

(Special to the Times.) Sydney, N. S., Jan. 31.—After having eluded the police and postal authorities for several weeks, Wm. O'Neill, postmaster at Waterford, N. S., gave himself up yesterday to answer a charge of stealing from the mails packages containing \$7,500 in cash. The money belonged to the Waterford branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia. The Waterford agent of the bank addressed the package to the Sydney branch and registered it at Waterford post office. The package did not arrive and when an investigation began it was found that O'Neill was missing. A few days later O'Neill gave the package to a clergyman in Truro requesting that it be delivered to the Truro branch of the bank. O'Neill then again disappeared, but returned yesterday and surrendered.

HONDURAN REVOLT. Force of Revolutionists Preparing to March on Capital.

San Juan Del Sur, Nicaragua, Jan. 31.—General Duro and 800 revolutionists prepared to-day to march on Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras. The rebels already have invaded the department of Choluteca. A second body of revolutionists is operating near Campanero and probably will join General Duro.

SHIP WRECKED ON GOODWIN SANDS

Crew Believed to Have Perished—Fierce Gale Sweeps Coasts of England

(Special to the Times.) London, Jan. 31.—An unknown ship was wrecked on Goodwin Sands during the fierce gale sweeping the English coasts to-day.

The mast and bowsprit are all that are visible above the water. It is feared that the crew has been lost. Many minor wrecks have been reported. Shipping is practically at a standstill.

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and other subjects have suffered in consequence. The question is whether it is worth more to have well-lighted streets and houses or stunted automotors.

BEAUTIFYING OUR HOME.

This is a suitable season of the year to consider the question of the beautifying of the home surroundings.

"Much has been done during recent years towards the beautifying of Canadian cities and towns by the awakening of the people to the importance of making their homes more attractive by the planting of trees, shrubs, vines and herbaceous plants.

"In the country, unfortunately, it is quite otherwise, and one fails to note any decided improvement in the home surroundings during recent years.

"Will not the women of Canadian rural homes rise in their might and see to it that their homes are made as beautiful as any in the land?

A BUREAU ON PARLIAMENTARY INSTITUTIONS. The Legislature of British Columbia set a new and unique precedent in the history of British parliamentary institutions when it permitted such an exhibition as that which took place in the House Monday afternoon.

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Provisional Governor Gonzalez of Chihuahua is here directing the rebel attack by messengers from the American side.

The federal authorities in Juarez officially announced this afternoon that the five-mile bridge a few miles outside of Juarez, was blown up to stop Orozco's advance.

This afternoon a detachment of the 14th Mexican infantry returned from the scene of the fighting and are quartered in the bull ring, apparently making preparations to resist the expected attack on the city.

United States troops are patrolling the Rio-Grande river, both above and below El Paso, this afternoon in the effort to restore neutrality.

While none of the passengers was willing to give in detail information of the number of rebels in Orozco's force, all agree that they numbered not less than several hundred men and that they were well armed and provisioned.

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MOVE HERE FOR INDUSTRIAL PEACE.

Public Meeting to Consider Steps to Form a Local Branch.

A public meeting for the purpose of organizing a local branch of the National Industrial Peace Association will be held at the Institute hall on Wednesday evening next.

The opinion was that Mr. Scullin, National Peace Association was something worthy of the support and endorsement of the whole community and so it was agreed that every possible support would be accorded to him in his effort to reach the public and obtain a fair verdict as to whether a branch should or should not be established here.

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WOMEN'S COUNCIL

ACTION TAKEN BY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

Reports of Half-Year's Work for Jubilee Hospital Very Gratifying

After full discussion, and for good and sufficient reasons which will be submitted, the Women's Auxiliary Society of the Provincial Jubilee Hospital decided at the meeting held at the board of trade rooms yesterday to withdraw from affiliation with the Local Council of Women.

A report on the work of the last half year was read as follows: The kindness of the clergy of the city again, on the Sunday nearest Thanksgiving Day, was unfortunately a very wet day, and there had also been some snow.

Table with financial data: Christ Church cathedral, Reformed Episcopal church, St. Paul's (Esquimalt), etc.

The hospital ball, held at the Empress on December 2, was an unqualified success, both as regards attendance and financial results. The presence of a number of very old and venerable friends, was a source of pleasure and congratulation to the committee.

The Christmas trees were held as usual, the carol singing in the early morning, and the service in the beautiful Pemberton chapel, the prevailing good cheer and the kind thought of the band of the Salvation Army, which played a delightful selection of music on Monday morning, made patients and inmates alike participants in the "universal kindness" which is shared by young and old from age to age.

A gratifying report from the treasurer, E. M. Hasell, showed a balance on hand of \$300. Mrs. Rathon, who with Miss Meyer had kindly accomplished the Christmas purchases, reported that the sum of \$46.90 had been expended and enclosed a cheque for balance, amounting to \$310.

Mrs. A. F. Griffiths reported that she had received the promised contribution from the members of the late Mrs. Dunsmuir, amounting to \$2,500, and had placed the same to the credit of the fund of the maternity ward.

ADOLESCENT FLOATED EARLY THIS MORNING

New Princess Sustained No Damage as Result of Her Grounding Last Night

Creeping her way into Puget Sound on the night of the 29th, the new C. P. R. steamer Princess Adelaide, Capt. Hunter, ran ashore off Apple Cove point, and remained fast in the mud until 5 o'clock this morning when with her own steam she was successful in floating herself.

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RAISING TEACHERS' SALARIES

Pratt Men Generally Approve Proposal - Conservative Newspapers Endorse It

Vancouver, Jan. 31.—A general increase in salaries for the whole of the Vancouver public school staff from the superintendent to the junior teacher, was decided upon by the trustees at a special general meeting called for the purpose of considering the estimates for the coming year.

The following is the amended salary schedule: Superintendent—First year, \$4,000; second year, \$4,200; third year, \$4,400; fourth year, \$4,600; fifth year, \$4,800; sixth year, \$5,000; seventh year, \$5,200; eighth year, \$5,400; ninth year, \$5,600; tenth year, \$5,800.

Principals of Large Schools—First year, \$3,000; second year, \$3,200; third year, \$3,400; fourth year, \$3,600; fifth year, \$3,800; sixth year, \$4,000; seventh year, \$4,200; eighth year, \$4,400; ninth year, \$4,600; tenth year, \$4,800.

Male Assistants, High School—First year, \$1,800; second year, \$1,900; third year, \$2,000; fourth year, \$2,100; fifth year, \$2,200; sixth year, \$2,300; seventh year, \$2,400; eighth year, \$2,500; ninth year, \$2,600; tenth year, \$2,700.

Female Assistants, High School—First year, \$1,600; second year, \$1,700; third year, \$1,800; fourth year, \$1,900; fifth year, \$2,000; sixth year, \$2,100; seventh year, \$2,200; eighth year, \$2,300; ninth year, \$2,400; tenth year, \$2,500.

Public School Manual Training Instructors—First year, \$650; second year, \$700; third year, \$750; fourth year, \$800; fifth year, \$850; sixth year, \$900; seventh year, \$950; eighth year, \$1,000; ninth year, \$1,050; tenth year, \$1,100.

Public School Domestic Science Instructors—First year, \$650; second year, \$700; third year, \$750; fourth year, \$800; fifth year, \$850; sixth year, \$900; seventh year, \$950; eighth year, \$1,000; ninth year, \$1,050; tenth year, \$1,100.

The recommendations of the building committee were adopted. They will entail an expenditure of \$13,084 for repairs, \$28,312 for miscellaneous expenses, including fuel, water, and electricity, and \$42,338 for the building estimates total to \$83,734, the management \$300,365.

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MUCH BUSINESS FOR THE COUNCIL

TWO SPECIAL MEETINGS HAVE BEEN CALLED

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MINE WORKERS REDUCE SECOND REPRIEVE
FORMER PRESIDENT FOR GNR. ALLEN

Members of Civic Federation
to Forfeit Membership
in the Union

(Times Leased Wire.)
Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 31.—The con-
vention of the United Mine Workers
today took a drastic stand against
the National Civic Federation, when
by a vote of 446 to 107, they voted to
amend the constitution to provide
that members of the Civic Federation
should forfeit their membership in
the union.

John Mitchell, former head of the
miners' organization and now vice-
president of the American Federation
of Labor, is chairman of the trades
department of the civic federation,
and the vote of the miners is con-
sidered a rebuke to him by the or-
ganization which he helped to make
a power in the labor world.

A roll call was demanded when the
proposed change was read, and the
majority being forced to go on record
in the matter.

TWO KILLED IN FIGHT.
Fatal Fight With Rangers Who Sur-
rounded Fugitives in Hills.

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 31.—In a fur-
ious battle with a posse of rangers,
Robert Howe, desperado, and his half-
brother son, Guy, were slain today and
another son, Robert, severely wounded.
The three men were surrounded on a
hillside near Sierra Blanca and opened
fire on the rangers when called upon
to surrender. More than 100 shots were
fired. When his father and brother
were killed, Robert held his
shirt on his gun barrel as a signal of
surrender.

The three men yesterday killed Spe-
cial Agent McClure of the State Fe-
deral and wounded Justice of the
Peace Henley when an attempt was
made to arrest them at Fort Han-
cock.

BETTER PROTECTION
FOR YOUNG GIRLS
Children's Aid Society Passes
Resolution Favoring
Legislation

A strong resolution, expressing the
opinion that legislation should be passed
forbidding the employment of young
girls in places of public amusement,
was passed at a meeting of the Chil-
dren's Aid Society held Monday after-
noon, following a verbal report from
the secretary of the work that had
been done by the organization since the
last meeting.

There were present at the meeting
the president Charles Hayward, Bishop
Perrin, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, Mrs.
Gordon Grant, secretary; Mrs. Jen-
kins, Mrs. Day, Mrs. Wilson and Miss
Lawson.

The opinion of the matron of the
detention home that the services of a
man, as well as of a woman, were
needed in the institution was consid-
ered. Mrs. Winter told the secretary
that she was ready to resign as soon
as better arrangements could be made.
Steps will be taken to find out what
it will cost to obtain suitable persons
to take charge of the home.

A very encouraging report was read
from the matron. Three of the boys
who had spent several months in the
home have been sent home on proba-
tion and have behaved themselves ex-
cellently. They report regularly to
the matron.

An application was made for the
adoption of the baby now in the home,
which was sanctioned by the society.
The little one will have the kind-
est of foster parents.

Among the Christmas gifts, Mrs.
Winter was specially grateful for
books suitable for a boy's library, a
clock, a desk, a chest of drawers, in-
struments, games, a printing press and
a baby buggy.

The Russian boy has returned to his
father and a little girl has been taken
to the orphanage. The improvement
in the conduct of another boy was
mentioned and the matron ad-
vised that work suited to him should
be found.

The present building is, in the opin-
ion of the matron, too small to fill the
double purpose of a detention home
and a home for young neglected chil-
dren.

The meeting expressed its satisfac-
tion with the report. The treasurer's
statement showed a balance of \$102.
After empowering the secretary to
make arrangements for the safety of
two children, the meeting adjourned.

JURY OF WOMEN.
Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 31.—Before
Judge Armstrong today, six promi-
nent Tacoma women constituting a
jury found Karl Bettsack guilty of
assault, in drawing a revolver on
Arthur Borchart, when Borchart chid-
den him for not delivering a bottle of
ketchup.

When first brought into the un-
customed surroundings of the court-
room, the women jurors exhibited some
nervousness, although they showed an
enjoying the sensation. When the
lawyers opened their arguments, the
ladies became very attentive. A ro-
bust feature of the trial was that
the bailiffs and court officials reserved
better order and decorum than is usu-
ally the case.

Among the jurors were Mrs. John O.
Manson, vice-president of the National
Council of Women Voters, and Miss
Esther Allison, food inspector of Tac-
oma.

INAUGURAL TRIP
TASMANIAN GIVEN WARM
WELCOME BY SOOKETES

Made Trip in Three Hours on
Saturday—Proved Excel-
lent Sea-Going Boat

Success attended the inaugural trip
of the Tasmanian on the Victoria-Sooke ser-
vice on Saturday afternoon. As the
vessel neared the wharf at Sooke a large
number of the residents who had been
gathered to welcome her. From the
crowd it is clear that the people
appreciate the move of the British Colum-
bia Shipping Company in providing ade-
quate transportation facilities between the
suburban district and Victoria.

Shortly at 1 o'clock on Saturday after-
noon, the Tasmanian, in company of Capt.
Stromgren, left the Pacific Coast Con-
struction Company's wharf. Three hours
later the little steamer was tied up along-
side the Sooke wharf. The passengers
gathered to welcome her. From the
crowd it is clear that the people
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Returning from Sooke, the Tasmanian
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JUSTICE REFUSED
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TUG COLLIDES WITH
SEALING SCHOONER

Thomas F. Bayard Will Be Fur-
ther Delayed From Putting
to Sea for Several Days

While making her way along the
sealing schooner Thomas F. Bayard
Tuesday afternoon to place a hawser
aboard, the tug Daring hit the sailing
vessel and did considerable
damage, with the result that the Bay-
ard will not be able to put to sea for
several days. One of the schooner's
after-zwifters was carried away and
the chain block to which it is fastened
was twisted badly.

The tug was coming into the harbor
and although she had little way on she
struck the Bayard amidships and
jammed her against the Fisheries Board
wharf, where she has been lying for a
number of days taking on stores. It
was thought at first that the vessel's
timbers had been sprung following the
collision, but on examination it was
found that the vessel took no water
at all. She will be hauled out on the
Victoria Machinery Depot ways for
further examination to-morrow.

Everything was in readiness for the
schooner to leave. She had all her
stores aboard and was awaiting the ar-
rival of the tug when the unfortunate
accident happened. If she had not
struck yesterday she would have re-
ceived the advantage of the favorable
wind which was blowing and would
have been well down the West Coast
after part of her Indian crew by this
time. When the vessel does depart she
will not be delayed long securing the
native hunters as the majority of them
followed the vessel here.

The schooner after picking up her
crew will make straight for the Cali-
fornian coast to hunt for the fur bear-
ing animals and will follow them
northward in the Behring sea later in
the year. The Bayard was one of the
most successful vessels which visited
the hunting grounds last year, making
a very large catch.

Her owners do not know as yet what
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MANY CAMORRISTS
ARE NOW IN PRISON
Awaiting Trial on Murder
Charge—Cages for Wit-
ness and Prisoners

Thirty-two Camorristi are now in
Viterbo prison, Italy, awaiting trial for
the murder of a backsliding member of
the society a year or two ago. Ac-
cused of the murder of a backsliding
member of the society a year or two ago,
they complained of the cold, and the
director of the prison was authorized
by the home office to provide extra
blankets.

The Camorristi are well supplied
with money, and as the prison regula-
tions allow them to provide their own
food nearly all avail themselves of the
privilege. They spend money freely,
have their meals brought in from
restaurants, drink a bottle of wine each
day, and smoke excellent cigars.

As the services of the best lawyers
have been secured for their defence the
Camorristi are hopeful of acquittal.
Their spirits are high, despite the long
term of imprisonment which will nat-
urally ensue before either acquittal or
conviction. Of course, they have no
objection to the long term of imprison-
ment, as they are allowed plenty of
open-air exercise in the prison
courtyard, which is surrounded
by high walls upon which are posted
sentinel soldiers. The prison guard
has been doubled, and the centres
are changed hourly. The prison
is surrounded by detectives, and escape
is almost impossible.

The same elaborate precautions have
been adopted in the case of the other
Camorristi. The Viterbo police fear
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SALVOR SALVED MUCH
OF STEAMER'S CARGO
Returned From Cottage City
Wreck Yesterday—Ramona
to Take Northern Sailings

Bringing a large amount of the cargo
which was en route to Alaska ports
on the Pacific Coast steamer Cottage
City, Captain Tilden, when the strag-
gled at Cape Mudge, the steamer Salvor,
of the British Columbia Salvage Co.,
arrived in port yesterday afternoon and
called late in the evening for Seattle
to discharge the freight. This, together
with the passengers who were ship-
wrecked and who were taken to the
Sound metropolitan by the U. S. S. life-
saver tug Spohr, will go north on
the steamer Jefferson to-night. To the
Officers of the Salvor state that it
will be impossible to raise the steamer
owing to her position. She is lying in a
hollow on the bottom surrounded by
ice. The vessel here, which was wrecked
at high tide when the water receded it
caused her to be wedged tightly in the
rocks. As the vessel is exposed to the
heavy seas she is being pounded badly
and being a wooden ship her timbers
are continually breaking to pieces. She
also has a big list to starboard, and it
is understood that she will be aban-
doned both by the owners and under-
writers. Although the Salvor was en-
abled to save considerable of the
freight, a great deal of it has been
lost and is a total loss.

The steamer Ramona will be put on
the run of the coast steamer service
according to the announcement of the
Officers of the Pacific Coast Steamship
Co. beginning February 3. The Ramona
has been in winter quarters at Eagle
Harbor since last fall, following her
withdrawal from commission in the
Alaska service. She was towed on Sun-
day to the Hoffman drydock, where
she will undergo a thorough overhaul
in rebuilding the painting preparatory
to her resumption of service to the
North.

The Ramona was chartered by the
Alaska Steamship Company in June
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FAREWELL TO THE REV. CANON COOPER

Largely Attended Meeting at Work Point Barracks on Monday Evening

There was a very largely attended meeting at the Work Point Barracks on Monday evening under the auspices of the Army Temperance Association, when farewells were said to the Rev. Canon Cooper and to Capt. A. D. McDonald, both of whom are leaving shortly for the Old Country.

WOODS REPLIES TO ARTICLE BY BRACE

Local Man Resents Aspersions Cast on Lives of Professional Players

To the Sporting Editor.—Reading in your columns to-night of Mr. A. J. Brace's article in the High school paper, he says that it is the average rule and experience of professionals to become victims to the gambling fever and to drift into lazy, intemperate and otherwise low habits, I think, if Mr. Brace were acquainted with the army of professionals in the British Isles, especially professional footballers and cricketers, he would find ninety per cent of them good examples of clean and upright living.

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MANY ENQUIRIES ABOUT PROVINCE

Record of Year's Work of Bureau of Provincial Information

That interest in the possibilities of the Metropolitan Method which world-wide is shown in the annual report of Frank E. Clarke, secretary of the bureau of provincial information, just presented to the legislature. The number of letters received and answered during the year was 47,309, an increase of 9,230 over 1909. The numbers for the year are as follows: 1908, 9,230; 1907, 16,920; 1906, 28,974; 1905, 33,075; and 1904, 47,309.

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Shipbuilding Firms of Two Countries Engaged Strangely in Competition

Feeling in the great international ship building contest on the Atlantic ocean is waxing warm. Shipbuilders that place the bliste at the mast head have been engaged by the Cunard line while shipbuilders who pin faith and confidence in the shamrock are working with the White Star company.

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LOCAL NEWS

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A provisional committee, consisting of A. St. G. Flint, Fred Dundas and Major Bennett Thompson, has been appointed to consider plans for the usual banquet to be held in Victoria on St. Patrick's day.

The Young Ladies' Club of the Metropolitan Methodist church will hold a rehearsal Saturday night, February 4, at 7.30 in the Sunday school. All members are especially requested to attend.

A. H. Mitchell has been awarded the contract for the erection of a two-story brick building having a frontage of eighty-one feet on Fort street, adjoining the Hamilton Hotel, for the usual business purposes. James & James are the architects.

The second concert for this season will be held at the Victoria theatre on Wednesday, February 22. Members are requested to attend as regularly as possible the remaining rehearsals, which will be held on Monday and Thursday evenings next.

Messrs. Cousins Bros. will shortly erect a wood-workers' factory on the Cameron Lumber Company's premises, where they intend installing modern machinery and be ready for the spring rush in the building trade.

During the past month the aggregate value of the structures, as building permits have been issued by the municipal inspector totalled \$154,455, compared with \$128,386 for the corresponding month a year ago, an increase of \$26,069, or sixteen per cent.

A petition is now being circulated and largely signed praying the provincial government to meet the expenses of the High School cadets to London for the coronation. The petition will be presented during the present week.

The total bank clearings for the month just closed were \$2,815,710, and for the week ending January 31, \$27,261. The January clearings for the previous five years were: 1910, \$7,390,767; 1909, \$4,238,476; 1908, \$4,891,025; 1907, \$3,909,599; 1906, \$3,517,434.

Wm. W. Northcott, purchasing agent of the corporation, is calling for tenders, which will be received up to 4 p. m., on Friday, February 10, for making and erecting 45 work benches for officers and members of the fire department, and also for six months' supply of forage.

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An idea of the scope of the league's advertising campaign and publicity methods can be gathered when it is said that Monday 26 letters were received asking for information about Victoria and Vancouver Island, and yesterday the number reached 56. The daily average for months has been 50 letters, but this has now increased, and is still on the upward trend. These letters are mainly from Eastern Canada and the British Isles.

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