

WORST STORM IN TWENTY YEARS

RAILWAYS BLOCKED BY SNOW IN ONTARIO

Railway Traffic in Manitoba is 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" seven 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 very bad shape.

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 in a very poor way and dispatches from 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 a temperature in the neighborhood of zero, with a snowfall of eight inches. Vehicular and street car traffic is almost impossible. (Concluded on page 4)

CONSERVATIVES IN A QUANDARY

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, which is by far the greatest weight ever carried by a heavier-than-air machine.

WATERBURY TO SAN FRANCISCO. San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 2.—Private news 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.) El 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)

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 to-day. Large gangs of workmen labored all night in repairing the twisted tracks. It is not believed that there has been any loss of life. For several 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.

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 to-day of a disaster which exploded 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. Two bodies and a portion of a third have been found. Captain Robert Barnett of the tug Twenty, died of his injuries in the Jersey City hospital.

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 on 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 runaways, where horses, struck and cut by falling glass, had bolted.

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 was felt. (Concluded on page 4)

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 to-day 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 to-day 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.

The debate was not concluded when the House rose.

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 to-day 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 to-day 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 y 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 Huron, especially around Goderich. 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 leading Liberals, among others 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 materials, left only \$1,000 for the work.

CAUSE OF TARIFF REFORM STRENGTHENED

Edinburgh Paper Says Need for Action is More Pressing Than Ever

(Special to the Times.) 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."

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 to-day 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.

pose for which it was intended, permitted the sum mentioned, \$2,000, to be expended in repairing 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."

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.

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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. Following heated argument, the roll call covering the question as to the measure to be immediately considered began in a pandemonium that made the answers of the members almost inaudible. When the vote was finished, there was a burst of cheering, then dead silence, while Speaker Cannon announced the house would proceed with the consideration of the Kahn resolution naming San Francisco as the world's fair city.

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. The special rule providing for half an hour debate on each side was unanimously adopted. Moore of Pennsylvania, Republican, asked if he could name some neutral city.

"Hongkong if you like," said the speaker. Congressman Fassett, of New York, Republican, opened the debate for San Francisco. That San Francisco is on the farthest end of the canal, and New Orleans on the nearest was the main point of his argument.

"There is room for 12,000,000 home-seekers out there," said "Why bring the world know it by giving them the fair?" Gardner, of Massachusetts, Republican, followed Fassett, supporting San Francisco.

Chairman Rodenberg, of Illinois, of the committee on industrial arts and exhibitions, which endorsed New Orleans, led the debate for the southern city.

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.

Joy at San Francisco. 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 shout in San Francisco. Whistles screamed the praises to the residents and there was a demonstration at the headquarters of the exposition. The wireless station at Yerba Buena flashed the tidings to every vessel on the Pacific ocean that could be reached.

In Market street there was a remarkable demonstration. People shouted and danced, men hugged each other, the crowd left the sidewalks and marched up the middle of the broad street shouting and laughing. The whole city seemed to have gone wild with joy when the result was announced. Cheers were raised over the downtown buildings and the shipping in the harbor.

At the headquarters of the Panama Pacific international exposition commencing in the Merchants Exchange, staid men forgot their dignity and hopped around like boys. The big building was fairly shaken with the thunder of cheers that went up. The demonstration continued for nearly half an hour.

PAYS TRIBUTE TO HON. W. S. FIELDING

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

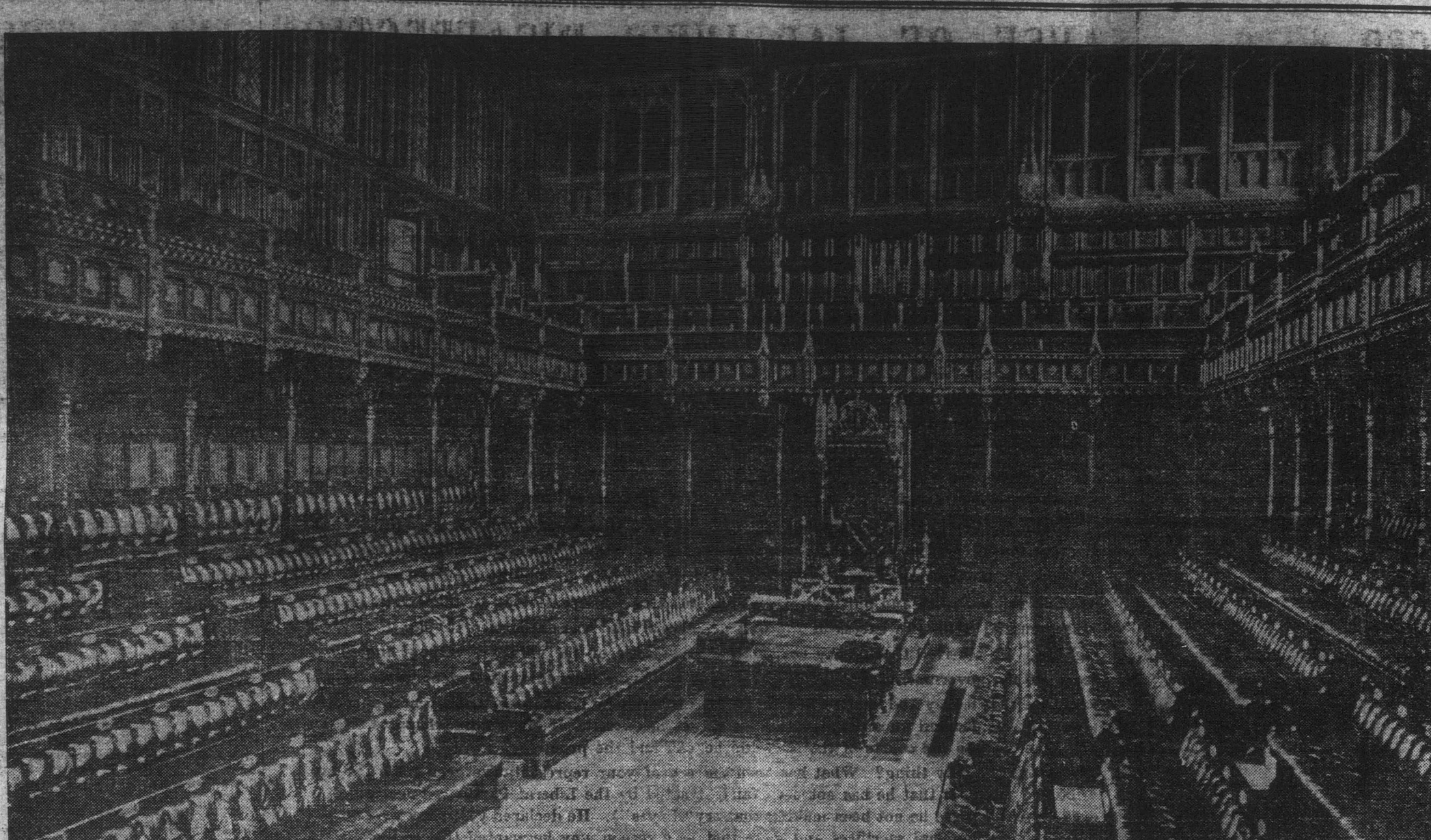
COAL SHORTAGE IN SOUTHERN ALBERTA

Electric Light and Water Plants at Cardston Are Shut Down

CHARGED WITH MURDER

THE HOPE DIAMOND

Washington, D. C., Jan. 31.—Before purchasing the Hope diamond John R. Moran made Jeweller Carver agree to take him to the first sign of the evil influence, according to a report here. Moran would neither affirm nor deny the purchase of the diamond. According to the report he bought the ring on the installment plan, \$30,000 being the first payment.



INTERIOR VIEW OF BRITISH HOUSE OF COMMONS.

FEARS EFFECTS OF RECIPROCITY

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 of Iowa this afternoon said he was opposed to any such proposition as the Canadian reciprocity treaty, that his state was overwhelmingly against it and he contended that it would open up unlimited competition in everything that America produces and would not help anywhere. "I told Senator Cummins if he voted for the treaty he would have to go to Des Moines via Sioux City, as it would be dangerous for him to travel through Iowa," said Senator Young. "The agreement does not correct any of the ills of the consumer. If a Republican administration forces the treaty upon Iowa it is apt to have a drastic political effect upon the state."

TO MEET SIR T. SHAUGHNESSY

(Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, Jan. 31.—R. 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. & N. in Vancouver.

RUN DOWN BY SLEIGH

(Special to the Times.) 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. Four persons were on the bob sleigh, but the names are not known, as after the accident they ran away, leaving Miss Lapointe on the ground. The police are investigating.

SIX HUNDRED PERSONS REPORTED KILLED BY EARTHQUAKE AND VOLCANIC ERUPTION

RECOVERS FROM TRANCE

TWO SHOT BY DESPERADO

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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 present 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.

The new structure is expected to prove of great advantage to many of the small craft seeking the harbor. The only public wharf now available to them is in the inner harbor at the foot of Yates street, and its small craft from Sooke and other nearby points of the west coast it will frequently prove more advantageous to stop at a landing stage near the mouth of the harbor.

The city engineer, at the request of the Victoria Chemical Company, is forming a set of gang men at the work of grading down the approach at the foot of Erie street, and it is expected that the new wharf will be finished and available for shipping in two months time.

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.

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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 report that Mexican federal troops and rebels have been engaged fighting near Cananea since Sunday. No details of the battle have been received.

A report that the Mexican government is offering \$10 a day for American army veterans is denied. Preparing for Attack. El Centro, Cal., Jan. 31.—Mexican custom and municipal officers are preparing to meet the appointment of the "Victoria Chemical Company," which withdrew from Mexicali yesterday after having levied \$25,000 tribute upon merchants and other citizens.

It became known last night that the revolutionists are planning another attack. Following the departure of the rebel band there was more or less serious rioting in Mexicali all day and a number of persons were injured.

WILL JOIN INSURGENTS

(Special to the Times.) Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 31.—According to the police, nearly 5,000 Mexicans and men in sympathy with the anti-Diaz revolt, have left Los Angeles and nearby points for Mexico since the revolution began. In charge of Capt. J. P. Moran, a Spanish war veteran, 250 revolutionists are planning another attack. Moran was a veterinary surgeon here. He has a brother with the "insurgents" and a son at the El Paso revolutionary headquarters. It is said that members of the Liberal Junta here indignantly deny to-day that the party which captured Mexicali was composed of filibusters and patriots. They declare all were men enlisted to free Mexico from tyrant rule. L. Gutierrez De Lara, the Mexican revolutionist, who arrested a year ago says: "I am to international questions, his going to El Paso to assist in recruiting insurgents. It is said he outitted Capt. Moran and his force."

INSTANTLY KILLED BY RUNAWAY AUTO

Victim Was Crossing Street When Knocked Down by Big Car

LEASING COAL LANDS

WILL BUILD RAILWAY

(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 Himehloch.

Connors, with L. Louchins, was crossing the street on the east side of Third avenue when the big car, running at a terrific rate of speed, struck him in the side, killing him almost instantly.

He was thrown about 20 feet, and the big car continuing in its wild career crashed into the street car which was taking on passengers.

PUBLISHED ARTICLE LIBELLING THE KING

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LONDON NEWS ON TRADE AGREEMENT

GENEROUS OFFER BY STATES, SAYS MAIL

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London, Jan. 31.—In the Morning Leader a parliamentary correspondent says that the artificial tariff brought down 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

(Special to the Times.) 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

HONDURAN REVOLT

FORCE OF REVOLUTIONISTS PREPARING TO MARCH ON CAPITAL

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(Special to the Times.) 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.

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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 Christmas trees were held as usual, the carol singing in the early morning, and the service in the beautiful Pemberton chapel.

Our principal thanks are due to the following friends who contributed towards the happy results: The Daughters of City, Mesdames C. W. Rhodes, Henry Croft, Andrew Wright, J. H. Gray, A. W. Jones, Douglas Macdonald, J. Dunsmuir, Walter Jones, R. Beaven, B. W. Pearce, John Piggott, M. Rathon, Thomas Lee, Cabell, John Hope, E. B. McPherson, John Watson and children, Thornton, Paul and child, C. E. Wilson, Goulding Wilson, W. E. Oliver, Otto Walter, Miss Mary and Miss Meyer, Messrs. C. F. Todd, R. Ward & Co., J. P. Richet & Co., Fisher & Laidlaw, Col. F. J. H. Matson, A. J. C. Gallely, Wilson Bros and Percy Wollaston.

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 \$48.90 had been expended and enclosed a cheque for balance, amounting to \$310.

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 evening 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, \$40,000; second year, \$42,000; third year, \$44,000; fourth year, \$46,000; fifth year, \$48,000; sixth year, \$50,000; seventh year, \$52,000; eighth year, \$54,000; ninth year, \$56,000; tenth year, \$58,000.

Male Assistants, High School—First year, \$110; second year, \$115; third year, \$120; fourth year, \$125; fifth year, \$130; sixth year, \$135; seventh year, \$140; eighth year, \$145; ninth year, \$150; tenth year, \$155.

Female Assistants, High School—First year, \$90; second year, \$95; third year, \$100; fourth year, \$105; fifth year, \$110; sixth year, \$115; seventh year, \$120; eighth year, \$125; ninth year, \$130; tenth year, \$135.

Public School Manual Training Instructors—First year, \$65; second year, \$70; third year, \$75; fourth year, \$80; fifth year, \$85; sixth year, \$90; seventh year, \$95; eighth year, \$100; ninth year, \$105; tenth year, \$110.

Public School Domestic Science Instructors—First year, \$65; second year, \$70; third year, \$75; fourth year, \$80; fifth year, \$85; sixth year, \$90; seventh year, \$95; eighth year, \$100; ninth year, \$105; tenth year, \$110.

Principal of Large Schools—First year, \$130; second year, \$140; third year, \$150; fourth year, \$160; fifth year, \$170; sixth year, \$180; seventh year, \$190; eighth year, \$200; ninth year, \$210; tenth year, \$220.

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MINE WORKERS REDUCE SECOND REPRIEVE FOR MR. ALLEN

Members of Civic Federation to Forfeit Membership in the Union

(Times Leased Wire.) Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 31.—The convention of the United Mine Workers today took a drastic stand against the National Civic Federation...

John Mitchell, former head of the miners' organization and now vice-president of the American Federation of Labor...

A roll call was demanded when the proposed change of the name was made...

TWO KILLED IN FIGHT. Fatal Fight With Rangers Who Surround Fugitives in Hills.

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 31.—In a furious battle with a posse of rangers, Robert Howe, desperado, and his half-brother son, Guy, were slain today...

The three men yesterday killed Special Agent McGuire of the Santa Fe railroad and wounded Justice of the Peace Henley...

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...

The resolution was passed at a meeting of the Children's Aid Society held Monday afternoon...

There were present at the meeting the president Charles Hayward, Bishop Perrin, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, Mrs. Gordon Grant, secretary, Mrs. Jenkins, 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 considered...

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 probation...

An application was made for the adoption of the baby now in the home, which was sanctioned by the society...

Among the Christmas gifts, Mrs. Winter was specially grateful for books suitable for a boy's library, a typewriter, a bicycle, 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 present building is, in the opinion of the matron, too small to fill the double purpose of a detention home and a home for young neglected children.

The meeting expressed its satisfaction 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 prominent Tacoma women constituted a jury...

When first brought into the unaccustomed surroundings of the courtroom, the women jurors exhibited some nervousness, although they showed signs of enjoying the sensation.

The feature of the trial was that the balliffs and court officials reserved better order and decorum than is usually the case.

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

INAUGURAL TRIP WAS SUCCESSFUL

TASMANIAN GIVEN WARM WELCOME BY SOOKETES

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

Success attended the inaugural trip of the Tasmanian on the Victoria-Sooke service on Saturday afternoon.

Although backing a fast running ship, the vessel encountered a strong breeze and heavy swell, and the admiral of the service, who behaved splendidly and proved that she is a good sea boat.

Returning from Sooke, the Tasmanian, although backing a fast running ship, arrived here three hours after casting off at the southern terminus of the route.

Both ways, the vessel met with a rough sea, and the owners are attempting to take a show this morning owing to the large quantities of freight which has accumulated at the local wharf.

Capt. James made public the fact yesterday that the Tasmanian will call at William Head whenever business warrants, although the Salvo, which has signals displayed at the quarantine station, so that passengers can feel confident that there is little opportunity of their missing the steamer.

Justice Refused Cumberland Man En Bate Disqualified by Technicality From Acting as Mayor

Cumberland man En Bate was disqualified by a technicality from acting as mayor of the town of Cumberland.

The court held that Bate was disqualified because he was not a resident of the town at the time of his election.

Three Japanese seamen were injured, two fatally, it is thought, in a storm through which the liner Nippon Maru passed on the voyage from Japan to San Francisco.

The storm was a severe one, and the vessel was forced to alter course to avoid the worst of the weather.

It is believed that the storm was caused by a low pressure system moving across the Pacific Ocean.

The Nippon Maru is a large passenger liner, and the storm caused considerable damage to the vessel.

The storm was particularly severe in the vicinity of the Nippon Maru, and the vessel was forced to stop for several days.

The storm was a major disaster for the shipping industry, and caused the loss of many lives and property.

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TUG COLLIDES WITH SEALING SCHOONER

Thomas F. Bayard Will Be Further Delayed From Putting to Sea for Several Days

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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 Alaskan ports on the Pacific Coast steamer Cottage City, Captain Tilden, when the straggled at Cape Mudge, the steamer Salvo, of the British Columbia Salvage Co., arrived in port yesterday afternoon and called late in the evening for Seattle to discharge the freight.

The officers of the Salvo 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 high tide when the water recedes it caused her to be wedged tightly in the rocks.

The Salvo, which is a small tug, is continually breaking to pieces. She also has a big list to starboard, and it is understood that she will be abandoned both by the owners and underwriters.

The steamer Ramona will be put on the run of the coast steamer service according to the announcement of the officials 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.

The Ramona was chartered by the Alaska Steamship Company in June for the Alaska sightseeing cruise of July and August, and was taken out of commission and berthed at Eagle Harbor, Capt. E. H. White, who was in command of the steamer City of Seattle last summer, will be her skipper.

Harbin, Manchuria, Jan. 31.—Added to the horrors of the plague, 8,000 Russian workmen on the Eastern Chinese railway, fearing the disease, have gone on strike because the administration refuses to dismiss 3,500 Chinese laborers and provide passes to enable the families of the Russians to return to their own country.

The strikers have been paid off and with their families will be evicted from their dwellings.

Troops have been called out and stationed along the line to protect the Chinese workmen from the strikers, and it is probable that additional troops will have to be provided.

Why has this measure of justice to the Chinese not been meted out, and why have the wishes of the electors of this city been ignored by the government?

The government has in other cases, where the error was of a much more striking nature, not refused to set the matter right, as in the case of Mayor Bannister of Victoria.

Conservative and influential members in the government is not a good reason for making that of one and flesh of the other.

A monster petition is being prepared and circulated in this city urging the government to reconsider their position, as we believe that the government would be well advised to do so; to hand out justice to Mr. Bate, and to allow the wishes of the citizens to prevail.

In an instance of this kind it is not quickly forgotten and the government would do well to think twice before refusing one, so reasonable a petition.

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OUR LETTER BOX FOR SEPARATE INCORPORATION

To the Editor: In your issue of the 26th inst. you have an item in reference to multiple affairs in North Saanich, headed "Against Incorporation," which is not correct in some particulars that I would like to refer briefly to.

Some statements made at the meeting held for the purpose of considering the excluding of the town of Sydney from the present municipality.

The meeting was called by a number of large ratepayers in Sidney, and was held for the purpose of considering the result was that one of the councillors and the president of the Citizens' League rounded up as large a number as possible of people who were not invited to the meeting.

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FRENCH BARQUE MOLIERE. The only sailing vessel now on its way to Victoria from the Old Country. She left Glasgow several months ago with a general cargo and is due here about the middle of February.

HARRIMAN LINES TO SPEND \$75,000,000

Double-Tracking From Missouri River to Pacific Coast Included in Plans

New York, Feb. 1.—Improvements on the Harriman lines costing more than \$75,000,000, which includes double-tracking from the Missouri river to San Francisco, were announced yesterday afternoon by Judge Robert J. Lovett, president of the Union Pacific Company. The plans also include the double-tracking of the Oregon short line from Grant, Ore., to Huntington, Ore., and also the track along the Columbia river to Portland.

The growth of the Harriman system, said Lovett, in the last two years has determined that it will be necessary to double-track the lines from the Missouri river to the Pacific coast, connecting with eastern systems in order to handle the increasing traffic. The country served by the Harriman lines is developing rapidly, but the outlook on many railroad systems is unsatisfactory. If it turns out that the unfavorable conditions are to continue permanently and with our services we are unable to assure surety holders a good return on their investment, we cannot, of course, ask them to continue the work. We do not believe the present situation will prevail and are determined to go ahead with the things we set out to do as long as it is possible.

The executive committee approved plans for a number of extensions, lines and tributaries.

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.

Col. and Mrs. Wadmore and Bishop and Mrs. Perrin were present, and in the course of a short address Col. Wadmore spoke of the good work being done by the Army Temperance Association. He said that this work had been recognized by the department of militia and a small grant made to aid in the upkeep of the excellent reading room that was furnished by the association. There are now fifty-four members of the Army Temperance Association and the interest was steadily increasing.

In the course of the evening an address of appreciation was presented to Canon Cooper for the great interest he had taken in the association.

Mr. Cooper replied in suitable terms and urged the men to continue the good work which had been so very encouraging.

There was an excellent programme of music, etc., given by the men and the evening was greatly enjoyed by all. Mr. and Mrs. Cooper are leaving with the very good wishes of the men at the barracks, as all have realized the earnestness of their purpose in working for the best welfare of the men.

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. That has been my experience, and I know a lot of them. I think he talks at random, and judging from the work of the B. C. A. U., that has been backing and filling for the last two years and now does it again where it stands, it has a lot to learn before it attempts to control sport. Hoping you can find space for this epistle, and thanking you in anticipation, etc.

F. A. WOODS,
Princess, avenue, Jan. 31, 1911.

The officers of the Local Council of Women have arranged for a reception to be held at the Alexandra club on Tuesday evening at 8 to Miss Alice Ravenhill, lately of England, but now of Shawinigan Lake. Miss Ravenhill who brings with her a letter of introduction from Lady Aberdeen, will speak of Domestic Science and Home Economics, subjects in which she has given instruction in a university in London. It is hoped there will be a very large attendance of Council members and their friends to welcome Miss Ravenhill.

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, 26,974; 1905, 33,075; and 1904, 47,309.

The bulk of the correspondence handled during the year related to land, but there were also numerous inquiries into business or opportunities in manufacturing, merchants, commercial men, lumbermen, miners, fishermen, contractors, builders and professional men. These were furnished with all available data, and many were put in communication with business firms in the province, resulting in correspondence which led to the establishment of new industries and the opening of new avenues of trade.

Many applications for employment were received from men in all lines of industry, the majority being for work on farms or orchards, but a large number also from office and shop assistants, mechanics, engineers, miners, etc. Most of these applicants came from Great Britain, and nearly all of them asked the bureau to secure them places in advance of their arrival in the province, while quite a number wished to secure special steamship and railway tickets or assisted passages. It was found impracticable to procure employment for these persons, as employers seemed disinclined to engage men or women without having seen them, and many of the experience sought them that such engagements often resulted in mutual disappointment. This was explained to the applicants, and they were advised that if they possessed sufficient means to tide them over until they obtained employment, and were willing to accept such work as offered, even if it was not in their particular line, they might then find room and opportunity for adaptable, industrious men. Many young men desired to secure places with orchardists "to learn fruit growing."

The bureau was able to place a very small number of these, but a rural fruit growers do not care to accept pupils; their need is men of all work prepared to turn their hands to anything that is required of them. Many of these would be students in agriculture, but they were advised to take a course in horticulture in one of the Canadian agricultural colleges, preliminary to seeking employment.

A register of help wanted is kept for the benefit of farmers and other employers of labor, but comparatively few applications were made during the past year, although members of the Farmers' Institutes throughout the province have been notified through the various centres, of the maintenance of this register. Employment was secured for a number of men and boys through this medium. The number of women applying for work domestic servants, as well as the diversity of subjects upon which information was desired, indicates that the utility of this bureau is becoming universally recognized abroad, and it is gratifying to report that numerous expressions of thanks come from correspondents who have profited by the advice and assistance furnished.

The installation of the bureau in new and roomy offices will greatly facilitate the work, and the establishment of an exhibit of fruit, flowers, grains, grasses, botanical, forestry and mineral specimens will doubtless prove an attraction and an object lesson to the many strangers who seek information.

A large and varied selection of lantern slides is kept in stock, and sets of these were loaned to representatives and accredited persons in Eastern Canada, the United States and Great Britain, as well as Australasia, who gave illustrated lectures on British Columbia. This much publicity was secured at a minimum of cost, for the only concession made to these lecturers was the use of the slides. There is also in stock a moving picture film showing some of the chief industries of the province, which was used to good advantage by D. H. Ross, Canadian trade commissioner at Melbourne, Victoria.

LOCAL NEWS

John C. Smith and Miss Dorothy Hendra, both of Victoria, were married on Wednesday at the Metropolitan Methodist church by Rev. T. E. Holling. Mr. and Mrs. Smith will reside on Faithful street.

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.

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, 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.

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 inspector totalled \$1,145,455, compared with \$1,238,385 for the corresponding month a year ago, an increase of \$92,930, or six 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 installing 45 water closets for officers and members of the fire department, and also for six months' supply of forage.

The Court of Appeal has delivered judgment in the case of Barons against Green, for the defendant. The plaintiff sued for an interest in the Jumbo and Ben Bolt mineral claims at Stewart, but lost the case and appealed. A. D. Young, K. C., appeared for the appellant, and Sir C. H. Tupper, K. C., for the respondent.

DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE MEETING FEBRUARY 17

Daily Average of 60 Letters Received Inquiring for Information About Island

Friday, February 17, is the date set for the annual meeting and election of officers of the Victoria branch of the Vancouver Island Development League. The president, J. J. Shallocock, will present a report showing a surplus and containing statistics of the immigration through the league's agency.

Secretary McGaffey anticipates that the new publication of the Victoria branch, which is specially illustrative of Victoria, will be ready for distribution on the day of the annual meeting, and from proof sheets of this work the complete book will be one of the most attractive ever issued here.

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Lantern slides and literature on which to correctly base returning proposals, and the slides will show to many large audiences in England the industries and views of Vancouver Island.

IRISH AND SCOTCH GOOD CONTESTANTS

Shipbuilding Firms of Two Countries Engaged Strikingly in Competition

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

At the present time the Irishman is the aggressor in the fight and has a lead which will not be overtaken for some time. The mammoth royal mail triple screw White Star liner Olympic has just been launched from the stocks of Harland & Wolff, Belfast, and her sister ship, the Titanic, is nearing the stage for launching, they being the two largest vessels ever constructed in the history of shipbuilding of the world.

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