

STRIKE TURNED INTO REBELLION

MOSCOW SCENE OF FURTHER BLOODSHED

Revolutionary Leaders Admit Attitude of the Russian Army Will Decide the Issue.

Moscow, Dec. 23.—(Midnight).—The situation hourly is growing worse. The insurgents hold several quarters of the city and fighting continues desperately. Two large arms stores have been pillaged and the weapons distributed among the men who have erected barricades along the Sadova, which encircles the city.

The military has succeeded in isolating various sections, preventing communication. From the heights, colored signal rockets are showing instructions to the isolated commanders.

The searchlights on the Soukour and other towers illuminate the streets where the fighting is proceeding. The roar of cannon continues. Machine guns are being employed to clear the Sadova.

It is impossible to estimate the dead and wounded, but they probably run into the thousands.

In a square in the heart of the city, the insurgents are making a desperate fight from houses, using an English machine gun from the windows against a battery which is cannonading them.

The Plan Failed.

Moscow, Dec. 24, 2 a.m.—The plan of the armed rising of the proletariat was to seize the St. Petersburg station at dawn on Saturday, take possession of the Duma building, capture the State bank and proclaim a provisional government. The workers had the task of taking the station, the object of which was to prevent communication and the dispatch of troops from St. Petersburg. The student revolutionary organizations were to have captured the Duma building at the bank.

Governor-General Duboussoff learned of the scheme at a conference at the palace on Friday night and decided to put it down ruthlessly. He also accepted the offer of the revolutionaries, Prince Tcherbatoff, to organize a militia composed of loyalists. The attack on the station at dawn failed.

Government Confident.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 24, 8:30 p.m.—With Moscow's baptism of blood the revolutionaries made good their threat to transform the strike into armed rebellion. In the next forty-eight hours should determine whether they can marshal sufficient strength to plunge the country into an active state of civil war and seriously threaten the immediate downfall of the government.

The government professes confidence that the whole attempt will fail owing to the insufficiency of arms in possession of the proletariat and the open support of a few regiments might start a landslide in the army. Certainly the shrewdest of the revolutionary leaders fully appreciate that their fate is decided by the army.

Attitude of the Army.

Which has yet to cast its die. Instructions have gone forth that rifles must occur everywhere in order to test the troops; and if a foothold can be secured, it is the intention of the revolutionaries to set up a provisional government and proclaim a republic.

Thus far reports from Moscow do not clear up the vital point as to whether any of the troops there actually refused to obey commands, although there are persistent rumors that they did. Revolutionary leaders here claim to have confirmation of reports that a granular brigade and some Cossacks mutinied and are now locked up in their barracks.

While the military succeeded everywhere in driving the insurgents from their barracks in Moscow Saturday night, the defeat was evidently not a decisive one, as barricades were again thrown up in dozens of places this morning and fighting resumed before 11 o'clock.

The Associated Press understands that orders have been issued for an uprising here, but the government's measures seemingly

Render This Impossible.

No meetings, public or private, are allowed, which makes an assembly of more than five persons in a private lodging illegal.

Some 300 revolutionary militiamen arrived here by special train from Petrovo on the Moscow-Kazan at about 11 o'clock this morning and a crowd of 2,000 strikers, including several hundred local militiamen, joined the new arrivals outside the Kazan station.

The combined force seized an adjoining provision store, whence they opened fire on the troops posted in the station. The latter replied and after a couple of hours' brisk exchange, several shots the building held by the mob was set on fire and burned down.

In the meantime the revolutionists had bombarded the Nicholas station from the workshops of the Yaroslav

and the heavy horse and foot patrols on every block looked ominous.

If the plans of the revolutionaries to produce an uprising in St. Petersburg fail, as it is believed they will, an attempt certainly will be made to terrorize the government by guerrilla warfare, in which bombs will play the chief role. The government having embarked on a war against the "reds," it is difficult to see how it can draw back one step.

The acceptance by Governor-General Duboussoff of Moscow of the offer of the notorious reactionary, Prince Tcherbatoff, to organize the "loyalists" as a militia, has created a shudder of horror.

The Moscow Fight.

London, Dec. 25.—The Daily Telegraph's St. Petersburg correspondent, describing the fighting at Moscow, says:

"The first shots were fired by the revolutionaries on the troops outside Fidler's school, which was surrounded. The revolutionaries were given one hour in which to surrender. Fifty-five minutes had passed and the commanders of the troops were about to give the order to fire when a volley came from the house. Several soldiers were killed or wounded. The troops immediately replied. Soon a white handkerchief was waved from a window. The troops entered, but they were

Met With Rifle Fire and they retired and again bombarded the house. Shortly afterwards a white flag was again waved and the surrender of the revolutionaries was completed.

The correspondent also describes the fighting in other sections of the city, resulting in every case in the defeat of the revolutionaries.

"The desperate courage of the mob," the correspondent says, "was marvellous. Units of three, tens and hundreds would rally forth, be driven back and rally again under the enormous odds, eager to accomplish their mission. Early in the evening the hospitals were filled and private dwelling houses were crowded with the wounded.

"The residential thoroughfares, the Tverskaja, looks like a street in a city captured by a foreign army. Sizable fires burn in the streets and rifles are stacked on the pavements. During all the night a region of blood in old Moscow the people were shopping, visiting and otherwise carrying on the ordinary occupations as though nothing in particular was going on.

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SUDDEN DEATH OF HON. R. PREFONTAINE

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries Passed Away in Paris on Sunday Evening.

Ottawa, Dec. 25.—A Canadian Association Press dispatch from London, dated December 25th, says:

"Private advices from Paris say that Hon. Mr. Prefontaine died suddenly at 9 o'clock last night.

"After transacting some important government business here he went to Paris a couple of weeks ago in company with Hon. Rodolph Lemeux, solicitor-general for Canada. The cause of death was aneuria pectoris."

Sir Wilfrid Laurier received to-day a telegram of condolence with the relatives and friends of the late Minister of the firm of Prefontaine, Archer &

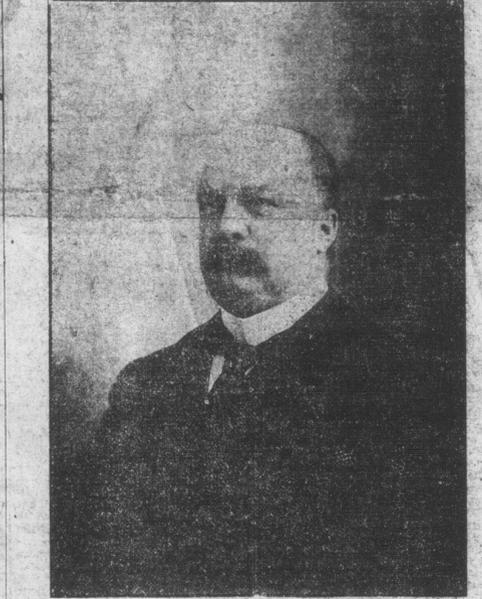
Hon. Mr. Prefontaine had \$45,000 life insurance. Of this amount \$35,000 is said to have been put on last year.

The Ottawa Journal says in the death of Raymond Prefontaine the Dominion and the Empire loses one of their best men.

Mr. Joseph Raymond Fournier Prefontaine, K. C., was the son of Toussaint Prefontaine. He was born at Longueuil, Que., on September 16th, 1850. Educated by private tuition and at St. Mary's College, Montreal, he later graduated with the degree of B. C. L. from McGill University. He was called to the bar in 1873, and was made Q. C. in 1886. He became a member of the committee on foreign and colonial affairs of the chamber; Minister of War, Finance and Minister of Marine.

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THE LATE HON. R. PREFONTAINE

Prefontaine from Premier Rouvier of France.

Colonel Gordeau, deputy minister of marine and fisheries, also received a cable from Private Secretary Chevillon, who was with Mr. Prefontaine. It says:

"The minister died this evening most suddenly. I will leave with the body by the next steamer."

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 25.—A cable from London says that the flag over Lord Strathcona's office is at half-mast in respect to the memory of the late Hon. Mr. Prefontaine. Hon. Mr. Prefontaine was spending Christmas in Paris as a guest of Commander Fabre. He was stricken at 8:45 at night, and lingered about fifteen minutes. The last sacrament was administered. A memorial service is to be held in Madeleine cathedral and the body will be embalmed and shipped to Halifax.

Information from Montreal says that

is generally accepted that the main purpose is to have a warship in readiness should a crisis arise requiring the protection or repatriation of French citizens.

The foreign office says the Cassini and Admiral Aube will stay at Copenhagen and await eventualities in Russia, the same as the two German ships now at Memel and the British ship at Kiel. If it becomes necessary the two French ships will embark the French residents at Baltic sea ports.

Gunboat Sails.

Brest, France, Dec. 25.—The gunboat Cassini sailed at 4 o'clock this afternoon on a confidential mission.

FIRE IN HOTEL.

Unlontown, Pa., Dec. 25.—Fire early to-day practically ruined the interior and contents of the Exchange hotel, one of the leading hotels of this city. The building and contents were valued at \$100,000, and it is estimated that the loss will be \$60,000.

THE FRENCH PRESIDENCY.

Many Possible Candidates—Loubet's Successor Will Be Elected Next Month.

Paris, Dec. 23.—Premier Rouvier is developing marked strength as a possible dark horse in the coming Presidential contest.

The National Assembly meets at Versailles, on January 18th, to elect a successor to President Loubet. The palace there is now being prepared to receive the assembly, and the constituencies constituting the assembly, and the near approach of the voting is causing an active canvass in behalf of the various candidates.

M. Fallieres, president of the senate, has thus far been considered the leading candidate and his supporters say he is already sure of a majority in the assembly. M. Fallieres relies chiefly on the precedent established by M. Loubet, in going from the presidency of the senate to the presidency of the republic. However, the candidature of M. Fallieres does not arouse popular enthusiasm and the opposition combining to support M. Doumer represents the younger and more active element. His candidature is popular, but he has the antagonism of some strong groups in both chambers. It is expected that the first ballot will be divided between M. Fallieres and M. Doumer, with some votes for M. Leon Bourgeois, the former premier; M. Henri Brisson, another former premier, and former president of the chamber of deputies; M. Paul de Cassagnac, president of the committee on foreign and colonial affairs of the chamber; Minister of War, Finance and Minister of Marine.

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EMPLOYERS MAY COMBINE.

Members of National Metal Trades Association Wish to Strengthen the Organization.

New York, Dec. 24.—That the members of the National Metal Trades Association are seeking to bring the 1500 employers throughout the country together so that they will be able to meet the demands of their 350,000 workmen was indicated yesterday, when the executive committee of the New York Metal Trades Association was requested to consider the proposition to affiliate with the national body, which will meet on the second Thursday in January. If the New York employers join the Metal Trades Association, other large cities, it is said, will do likewise.

C. Hunter, secretary of the New York Metal Trades Association, issued this statement:

"The movement has been under consideration for some time. It is of the utmost importance that the New York employers should have an understanding with the employers in the shop generally prevalent in the bootmaking and blacksmith shops. A demand by the blacksmiths for the renewal of the trade agreement has been ignored by the employers. I do not know whether the demand for the closed shop will be made next year, but the open shops have come to stay."

SURVEYING FOR RAILWAY.

J. J. Tracy, engineer in charge of a Great Northern survey party, and seven members of his party are down to spend Christmas in the city after having put in some strenuous weeks in the Hope Mountains running the Y. & E. line to that place from Midway.

In Mr. Tracy's party are James Bears, F. B. Hill, H. C. Thomas, R. C. Ferguson, William McDonald, Fred S. Thompson and Charles Kyle.

The survey of the line from Midway to Hope is all completed now, according to a statement made by members of the party to a Vancouver Province representative. The last portion of the line which crosses the Hope Mountains entailed some difficult work in establishing the survey. Despite the wild and mountainous nature of the country it is stated by the surveyors that an excellent route has been secured without any very steep grades. In fact, it is expected that none of the grades will exceed 1 1/2 per cent, when the road is completed and ballasted.

In another month, Mr. Tracy stated, the survey of the line will be completed as far as Chilliwack, as the survey work is being pushed with all possible speed, considering the weather. Two parties will commence work immediately after Christmas on the route between Hope and Chilliwack. One party will work eastward from Chilliwack and Mr. Tracy's party will go up to Hope after the Christmas holidays and start work on the routing of the line westward. After the survey between Hope and Chilliwack is completed it will be an easy matter to survey the route of the projected line from Chilliwack to Sumas, where it will join the Great Northern.

THE YORK COUNTY LOAN SHAREHOLDERS

CLAIMS ESTIMATED AT MILLION AND A HALF

Hotel Proprietor Decapitated by the Railway—Fireman Smothered by Coal on Tender of Engine.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—The relative position of several varieties of shareholders in the York County Loan is a matter of much complexity, and a motion for advice will be made to the court before the matter is satisfactorily settled. The following witnesses have been subpoenaed to give evidence: Joseph Phillips, manager; E. J. Burt, vice-president; G. B. Burt, Liat Piano Company; G. C. Calvert, book-keeper; Miss Eva Hall, book-keeper; Stewart Linn, barrister, and Messrs. Hand & Harper, the company's auditors.

The Claims.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Mr. John Galbraith, the lawyer representing the shareholders under the Ontario Act, said to-day he thought that \$600 as the average claim held by the shareholders against the York Loan Company, was a little high, judging from the claims he held, many of which were in the neighborhood of \$10 each. "I would put the average at about \$25 or \$30," he said. "This would make the claims total for 70,000 shareholders about \$1,750,000, or for 50,000 shareholders, \$1,250,000 on the \$25 figure, and \$1,500,000, taking the average at \$30 each."

Reassuring.

St. Catharines, Dec. 23.—Mayor Sharpe has informed local shareholders of the York County Loan Company that he has been assured by Mr. Cooper, accountant appointed by the Government to investigate, that holders of terminating shares would in all probability receive one hundred cents on the dollar. Until terminating shareholders are paid the holders of permanent shares will not get a dollar. Dr. Jessop, M. P., has also assured the shareholders that he has just visited the company's real estate and is very well impressed with it.

Found Beheaded.

Woodstock, Dec. 23.—The body of Henry Herlich, proprietor of the C. P. R. hotel here, was found lying between the rails near C. P. R. station last night with the head completely severed from the body. How the accident occurred is not known.

Buried Under Coal.

Calgary, Dec. 22.—A brakeman named G. H. Ward was smothered in the tender of a C. P. R. engine at Camrose this morning. He was assisting the fireman to take on coal when he slipped into the coal pit and was buried under a rush from the chute.

Destructive Fire.

Prince Albert, Sask., Dec. 24.—The York Alber Lumber Company, recently reorganized from the Telford Lumber Company here, received an order scorching this afternoon, a large store house and its contents being destroyed. The property was fairly well covered by insurance. The exact amount of the damage is not known, but will amount to several thousand dollars. The origin of the fire is a mystery. The city fire brigade was promptly on hand and succeeded in keeping the fire from spreading to the adjoining buildings.

Died From Injuries.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Caroline Bedew was terribly burned in bed last night and died at the Emergency hospital.

Suicide.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—John Miller, a stonemason, 38 years of age, out of work, strangled himself to death in his bedroom last night. He leaves a widow and two children.

The McMillan Company.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—An Ontario charter has been granted to the McMillan Company, of Canada, of which McMillans, the famous British publishers, are the principals. The parties obtaining the charter are Frederick and George Augustus McMillan, of Westminster, England, publishers; Geor. Platt Bett, publisher; C. C. Nadai, York, and Frank Wise, of Toronto, publisher. The capital is \$20,000, and the company is authorized to carry on the business of general publishers with head office at Toronto.

Shipowner Dead.

Halifax, Dec. 24.—Rufus Burgess, the wealthiest resident and shipowner of King's county, died at Wolfville on Saturday morning.

Lutheran Seminary.

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—The German Lutherans will erect a large seminary at Wolsey, Sask., for the education of home missionaries.

On Vacation.

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—Ex-Premier Haultain has gone East to spend a vacation after the strenuous battle in Saskatchewan.

LOOKING UP EVIDENCE.

Vancouver Detective is Investigating the Record of Harry Fisher in Victoria.

The Vancouver poisoning case promises to be a very interesting one before it is completed. Mrs. Jackson, the wife, and Mrs. Jones, the mother-in-law, have been placed in jail in Vancouver. Harry Fisher is under arrest in Blaine, Wash., awaiting extradition proceedings.

In the meantime the record of Fisher in Victoria's Kaminops and Albert's being looked into by Vancouver detectives preparatory to the trial for perjury. Detective Preston is in the city making investigations respecting Fisher.

Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Jackson, like Fisher, are charged with having committed perjury at the coroner's inquest on the death of Thomas Jackson on November 12th last. Fisher swore that he was Mrs. Jones' nephew, and the two women swore behind them to them was that of nephew and cousin respectively. The police will undertake to prove that Fisher is in reality the son of Mrs. Jones, and that in making that declaration they were doing so falsely. Joseph Martin, K.C., has been retained to defend them. Bail is fixed at \$2,000 per person, recognizance and sureties of \$1,000 each, which has not been secured.

Fisher, when first arrested in Blaine, agreed to waive extradition. When Detective Jackson reached that place to take him back to Vancouver he found that the prisoner had changed his mind and was determined to fight extradition. This created a little consternation in police circles. It was found that the government would not stand the expense of extradition, and the city was appealed to. His Worship the mayor gave prompt orders that the officials should do all in their power to get the fugitive back, and the city's two women swore behind them to the Prosecutor Farris accordingly visited Blaine and took charge of the extradition proceedings.

City Prosecutor Farris will remain in Blaine till Wednesday next, when Fisher will be brought back to Bellingham to see if a prima facie case for extradition can be established.

Death of Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Jackson on Davis Street, Vancouver, has been made by Detectives Preston and Waddell, and their correspondence found that they develop some interesting points.

TWO FIRES.

Large Portion of Tipton, Oregon, Destroyed—Blaze at Little Rock, Ark.

Sumpter, Ore., Dec. 28.—Fire last night destroyed a large portion of the little town of Tipton, 31 miles south of Sumpter. A high wind accompanied by heavy snowfall is raging, and nearly all the people of Tipton are homeless. There was little or no insurance, no fire department and little water. The loss is not known here.

Fire at Little Rock.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 28.—With the exception of two small structures, every building in the block bounded by Second, Third and Louisiana streets was burned early to-day. The heaviest loss is Frank Roscoe's, whose four story carriage warehouse was burned to the ground, causing a loss of about \$50,000. The burned district also included the lively stable of C. L. Kraft, the Jewish synagogue, the Merchants' stable, six cottages and a number of small brick buildings.

PURSUED THE PRESIDENT.

Troops Sent After Gen. Morales to Take Him Back to San Domingo.

San Domingo, Santo Domingo, Dec. 25.—Following the announcement to-day that the president of the republic, Gen. Corles F. Morales, had left the capital for an unknown destination, troops were sent in pursuit of him.

What took place after that cannot be definitely determined, but it is known that a fight took place about ten miles from here, and it is supposed that Gen. Pimentel, the rebel commander, was attacked by the government troops.

STILL ALIVE.

Cowboy Miner Shot in Death Valley but Not Seriously Hurt.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 25.—A letter from Walker Scott, the cowboy miner, who was reported murdered in Death Valley some days ago, was received by a friend in this city yesterday stating that he had been shot but was not seriously hurt.

DIED OF PNEUMONIA.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 26.—Louis N. Megarke, a well-known newspaper man and writer, died to-day at his home in Norberth, near here, of pneumonia. He was 60 years of age. Mr. Megarke was for some time New York correspondent for a number of Philadelphia newspapers.

ELECTRICAL STORM.

Nanaimo, Dec. 26.—A very heavy electrical storm was felt at Alberni and West Coast points this morning. The thunder was something terrific, and the lightning intensely vivid. This is a remarkable phenomena for this time of the year. It was accompanied by a terrific downfall of rain, and the wind reached a high velocity.

MOUNTAIN SIDE SINKS INTO LAKE

IMMENSE SLIDE ON A NORTHERN ISLAND

Disturbance Believed to be Due to Volcanic Action—Occurred Early in December.

Princess Royal Island, according to reports brought by the steamer Tees, has experienced a volcanic disturbance...

According to the report the slide was preceded by what was regarded as having been a volcanic action of some kind. Mount Peno, named after a Frenchman...

The face of the mountain was carried down into the lake, causing a great commotion. Manager Tweedie, of the Surf Island mines...

Waves resembling those of the ocean were thrown up, and the disturbance was such as to completely shut out from view the Tees. Mr. Tweedie and his party had difficulty in saving their lives...

Those who were living near the lake attribute it to volcanic action, maintaining that a shock was felt before the slide occurred.

Mr. Tweedie, of the Surf Inlet mines, came to Vancouver by the Tees.

ESCAPED IN NIGHTCLOTHES.

Guests in Los Angeles Hotel Forced to Make Hurred Exit.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 24.—The Vannuys hotel on Broadway, one of the finest first-class hosteleries in the city, located in the heart of the business district...

FROM THE NATION.

Proposal to Open Subscription Lists For Purpose of Giving Miss Roosevelt a Wedding Gift.

Baker City, Ore., Dec. 25.—A move to create by popular subscription a wedding present for Miss Alice Roosevelt, who is to be married to Congressman Nicholas Longworth in February...

THREATENED WITH DEATH.

Wealthy Man of Syracuse Received Letters From Members of "The Black-Hand."

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Charles M. Crouse, one of the wealthy men of Syracuse, has received two strange letters from some person, who pretends to be a member of "the black-hand," threatening to blow up his house...

PACIFIC MAIL CONTRACT.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—The mail subsidy to the C. P. R. steamers on the Pacific has been renewed.

A South Tacoma street car jumped the track on the curve at Thirty-Eighth street, Tacoma, Saturday, and struck a man who was sitting on the board the car. The man was ground to pieces under the wheels.

PREPARING FOR STRUGGLE.

Fight Over Closed Shops and Nine-Hour Day Expected to Begin Next Week.

New York, Dec. 26.—Final efforts will be made this week by the typographers and typographical union in the fight over closed shops and the nine-hour working day in all book and job offices...

A representative of the union said: "The only demand we make is an eight-hour work day, the nine-hour rule having prevailed up to the present. The employers have refused the eight-hour demand and will try to introduce the open shop. The fight will be a bitter one. We are not afraid of the result. We have more than \$160,000 available now and can raise \$500,000 if necessary."

The Periodical Publishers Association has decided to stand by the typographers, and members of this association which have their own printing plants will refuse the demand. In a statement on the preparations for the coming trouble, Wm. Green, president of the New York typographers, says that his members are prepared to install competent non-union men and other machine printers in the composing rooms.

STRONG FEELING FOR WESTERN MAN

TO FILL VACANCY IN THE FEDERAL CABINET

Quebec Province Now Has One More Portfolio Than Usual—Speculation Regarding the Position.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—Solicitor-General Lemieux is mentioned in connection with the vacancy in the cabinet caused by the death of Mr. Prefontaine, but Quebec has a portfolio more than the usual number at present, and there is a strong feeling here that the position should go to a western man.

When Hon. David Mills retired from the cabinet the portfolio of justice was given to Quebec, making an additional department to that province. The solicitor-general's position was also retained.

If the West does not get increased representation now there will be some dissatisfaction from that growing country.

The contract for the New Zealand steamship line will likely be signed today. Canada will make a fine exhibit at Milan, Italy.

FORTUNE AWAITS HIM.

J. A. Pratt, Heir to an Estate Valued at More Than \$1,000,000, Is Missing.

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 27.—James A. Pratt, 40 years old, of Flushing, L. I., heir to an estate valued at more than \$1,000,000 and who disappeared from his home one Easter day leaving a wife and five children, is believed to be somewhere in Northern Minnesota, but so far the police of the state have not been able to find him.

Miss May Pratt, sister of the missing man, believes he has gone on further west, but she has asked the police to continue the search.

The father's will named the absent son as executor. In the codicil, however, the Brooklyn Trust Company is substituted. Since the death of the father the efforts to find the son have been more active, as the other heirs are anxious to have the estate settled without delay.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Annual Meeting of Young People's Society Will Be Held in February.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 27.—The twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor will occur in February, 1906. It will be commemorated by the 70,000 societies and by the three and a half million members and by numerous Endeavor unions, local, county, state and national.

The next all-European convention will be held from July 28th to August 1st at Geneva, Switzerland, in connection with the World's Christian Endeavor convention.

INTER-COLLEGIATE FOOTBALL.

President Elliott Favors Stopping Game Until Rules May Be Modified.

New York, Dec. 27.—President Elliott, of Harvard, has declared himself in favor of stopping inter-collegiate football for one year in order that the game may be modified and a reasonable game devised and demonstrated in practice. He expressed his views in a letter to Chancellor McCracken, of New York University, in reply to an invitation to Harvard to attend the conference of colleges on football to be held here today.

The Bengal canal, 80 miles in length, is the longest artificial watercourse in the world.

FIGHT WITH SIX CHICAGO BANDITS

WHO TRIED TO ROB STREET CAR PASSENGERS

Police Arrived Before Robbers Completed Their Work and Five of Them Were Captured.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 26.—On a crowded Ashland avenue electric car at 36th street last night, six armed men fired a score of shots through the windows and roof, and were engaged in robbing the passengers, including several women and children, when the trolley pole was removed from the wire by the conductor, and the bandits were left struggling in the darkness. While the male passengers and the car crew were battling with the robbers, a wagon load of policemen arrived and five of the robbers were captured.

Two men bottled the front platform of the car at 36th street, and holding revolvers at the heads of the motorist James Callaghan forced him to stop the car. Four accomplices then got on the rear platform, and while one of them covered James Link, the conductor, with his weapon, three entered the car.

Everybody hold up your hands. We want your money, and will shoot the first man who tries to stop us," said the leader of the band. Evidently hoping thoroughly to frighten their intended victims before risking the wholesale robbery, the trio fired repeatedly through the windows and the roof. A passenger, who escaped from the car informed the police, who came in a patrol wagon, entered the car and drove the robbers from it at the points of their revolvers.

The bandits exchanged shots with the police, but were overpowered.

FORCED TO RETURN.

Steam Schooner Charles Nelson Puts Back to Port—Seaman Killed on Scottish Lochs.

Port Townsend, Wn., Dec. 27.—The lumber carrying steam schooner Charles Nelson, which sailed from Tacoma for San Francisco on Sunday morning, put into port during the night having been driven back by severe northwest gales off Cape Flattery. Captain Preble said this morning that the weather was the worst he had ever encountered, and he admitted that the deck had shifted and the fire water tank burst, necessitating the return of the vessel. Repairs are also necessary in the engine room.

The Nelson had 14 passengers, and they say a vessel leaked badly, and the fire crew worked to their walis in water. They also say the damages in the engine room are greater than the captain will admit.

Oscar Carlson and wife, of Seattle, two passengers, left the vessel here, having their money refunded. The other passengers also asked for refund, which they say was denied them.

The British Lochs reached port this morning, 142 days from Cardiff with coal for Bremerton. When thirty miles off Cape Beale on Sunday, August 10th, the schooner was struck off his feet by a heavy sea and fell to the deck, breaking his neck.

GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

Officers Elected at the Annual Meeting in Ottawa.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—The annual meeting of the Geological Society of America was opened this morning with an address by Dr. Robert Bell, acting director of the Canadian geological survey. There was a large attendance of American and Canadian representatives.

The following were elected officers for 1906: President, J. C. Russell, Ann Harbor, Michigan; first vice-president, W. M. Davis, Cambridge, Mass.; second vice-president, E. A. Smith, of the University of Alabama; secretary, N. S. Fairchild, Rochester, N. Y.; treasurer, C. W. Gillette, of Town, W. Va.; editor, J. Stanley Brown, New York; librarian, M. P. Cushing, Cleveland; councilors, A. C. Lane, Lansing, Michigan, and David White, Washington, D. C.

SHANGHAI MIXED COURT.

Sittings Have Been Resumed—Situation is Normal.

Shanghai, Dec. 27.—British Assessor Tryeman resumed the sitting of the mixed court today with the police in attendance but without any additional guard. Everything here is in a normal condition.

DO YOU WANT AN ISLAND?

Fanning and Washington, in the Pacific, Are For Sale.

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—An advertisement appearing in a local paper offers for sale Fanning and Washington Islands in the South Pacific, under instructions of the registrar of the British high commissioner's court for the Western Pacific. Fanning Island is well known. It is used to be a port of call for the Oceanic steamers plying between this city and the Australian ports and the Canadian Pacific steamers.

The result is shown in the report of call for the Oceanic steamers plying between this city and the Australian ports and the Canadian Pacific steamers.

CHARLES T. YERKES.

Street Railway Financier, Reporter to Be in Critical Condition.

New York, Dec. 27.—Chas. T. Yerkes, street railway financier and constructor of the London underground railway, was so close to his death last night that physicians thought a consultation of specialists was hurriedly called at his bedside and all the members of his family gathered in his room in Herald.

Mr. Yerkes has been ill for several weeks and two days ago his illness took a turn very much for the worse. His disease, which is very painful, began to attack the heart. The patient failed rapidly and last night became unconscious.

Dr. H. P. Loomis was called and other physicians joined him in conference. Their efforts proved successful in staying the progress of his disease for a time, and about midnight Mr. Yerkes rallied. The physicians agreed that he probably would survive for another day but did not think he would live more than two days.

VENEZUELA AND ASPHALT TRUST

REPUBLIC HAS STRONG GROUNDS FOR ACTION

Judge Calhoun's Report Will Show That There is Nothing in Case Incapable of Settlement.

New York, Dec. 27.—A Washington dispatch to the Times says: "It is reported here that Judge W. J. Calhoun's report will show that Venezuela had strong grounds for her action against the asphalt trust because of the latter's so-called failure to live up to its contracts and the alleged participation in the Matos revolution. President Castro will be vindicated on the charge of influencing the ministers of the powers who practically decided that the municipal officers exceeded their rights under the treaties and will direct them to recede from their position."

There is no doubt that the aggressive spirit of the Chinese has been decidedly increased by the late war and the successful maneuvers of the Chinese northern army in October. Japan's victory has encouraged the Chinese to believe that they could be equally successful. Foreigners living in cities where the government is strong are assured of protection, but the danger of the present situation lies in possible friction between foreigners and Chinese where officials are weak or indifferent.

The proposed withdrawal of the remaining international troops from China in the spring has been meeting with opposition since the Shanghai riots.

ELECTORAL LAW.

Gazetted in Russia—National Assembly Must Decide Question of Universal Suffrage.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 25.—The new electoral law was gazetted today and was accompanied by a statement explaining that in view of the fact that even some of the western countries do not possess universal suffrage, the cabinet could not assume the responsibility of decreeing it. The ultimate decision must be made by the national assembly itself. The election list will be published, for the date of elections will soon be announced, and as soon as the government receives notification that the members are elected the national assembly will be convened.

CANADIAN NOTES.

St. Catharines, Dec. 26.—Mrs. James and Mrs. Richard Woods, sisters-in-law, having married brothers, and life-takers, persons conducting enterprises, like shopkeepers, paying license; persons paying a lodging tax or occupying separate lodgings; and persons in the government service, including railroad men.

All limit of rent paid by lodging holders as voting qualifications is removed, the indirect system of two degrees of voters in both the cities and country, is retained.

A new feature of the law is that the workmen, instead of being allowed a specified number of class representatives, have to take their chances in the electoral colleges with the other classes. Moreover, instead of the electoral colleges will be composed by the provinces. The workmen will choose an elector for every 10,000 men.

The result is shown in the case of the province of St. Petersburg, where the electoral college contains 14 peasant electors, 14 landlords, 14 city landholders and 24 workmen. By this method the workmen's electors are the largest class, they will only be able to elect representatives in combination.

The new law is a great relief to the popular party. It contains elements which certainly will appeal to conservative opinion, but with the slogan of "universal suffrage" ringing in the popular ear, it will prove a great disappointment and is certain to furnish the proletariat organizations with a new weapon for agitation. They no longer want concessions. They are boldly proving that nothing but the complete overthrow of the autocracy and the establishment of a democratic republic will satisfy them.

A swiftness of speed has often been stated to be sixty miles an hour. Recent experiments prove that a swiftness of speed can travel at the rate of 125 1/2 miles an hour.

THE POOR OF LONDON.

Large Increase in Number Receiving Out-Door Relief.

New York, Dec. 26.—A cable dispatch from London says: "Official figures relating to the legal poor of London show that the numbers in receipt of pauper relief in nearly every London district during the month of August have been greater than in any of the previous forty years comprised in the returns, with the exception of the period of 1871 to 1873. The ratio of pauperism has been higher in most of the months of this year than in any previous year since 1874. Not only has there been a remarkable increase in out-door relief but the numbers entering workhouses has continued. In no year of the history of the poor law has the population of London been greater than in the month of August."

PICKED UP AT SEA.

Vessel Which Lost Three Blades of Propeller Is Being Towed to Port.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 26.—The British ship Lincoln, having lost at sea three blades of her propeller, passed in the Virginia Capes today in tow of the tugboat "Trojan." The Lincoln sailed from Newport News, Va., on December 22nd. The accident occurred twenty miles southeast of Cape Hatteras, and was caused by the vessel striking some obstruction in the ocean.

CHINESE SITUATION CAUSES UNEASINESS

THE ANTI-FOREIGN MOVEMENT IS SPREADING

Success of Boycott of American Goods Has Encouraged the Natives in Their Agitation.

Pekin, Dec. 27.—The most conservative and best informed foreigners agree in expressing apprehension at the constantly growing irritation of the Chinese against foreigners which for months has been gradually spreading throughout the country.

"China for the Chinese" are the objects of the movement, among the chief promoters of which are male students educated abroad and newspapers conducted by Chinese who have been educated in American and European cities which are beginning to gain real influence. The anti-American boycott has been followed by a discussion of Chinese wrongs at the hands of foreigners generally and a determination to redress them. The hostility first shown against Americans has now extended to all foreigners. The Chinese are pleased at the result of the boycott in producing conciliatory orders from President Roosevelt but the boycott is nowise ended and continues, it is asserted here, seriously to affect American trade in the Canton and Yanksee regions. The Chinese are so satisfied with the movement that they are talking of the boycott as a permanent weapon for the national armory.

The newspapers advocate the boycott of Indian opium because of the action of the British assessor of the mixed court at Shanghai in ordering the imprisonment of Chinese in the common jail instead of in the Chinese prison, which caused the recent disturbances.

One result of the present movement is to discourage concession hunting. The government has adopted a policy of Chinese control of railroad lines and similar enterprises and refuses to grant new concessions and is trying to regain or annul several concessions previously granted.

While many foreigners sympathize with the objects of the agitation they realize the danger of inflammatory speeches and articles in the newspapers leading to mob uprisings like those at Shanghai and the recent massacre of American missionaries at Lienchau.

Regarding the Shanghai incident, the ministers of the powers have practically decided that the municipal officers exceeded their rights under the treaties and will direct them to recede from their position.

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SCHOONER CAPSIZED.

Six of Crew Drowned—Mate Was Four Days Without Food.

Tampa, Fla., Dec. 26.—The three-masted schooner Sakata, of Parrsboro, N. S., has been wrecked and its entire crew, both of Parrsboro; John Cox of St. John, the steward and four seamen.

The wreck was reported by Captain Lesmond on December 23rd. He sent a boat containing five men and five men to the wreck. The men found Mate Williams clinging to the vessel and he had been without food or drink for four days. The mate had to eat a portion of his oil-cake. Williams has practically recovered from his experience.

MEMPHIS TRUST COMPANIES AND SAVINGS BANK HAVE CLOSED THEIR DOORS.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 27.—The Merchants Trust Company has closed its doors and a receiver has been appointed. Felix T. Pope is president of the Merchants Trust. The institution has a capital stock of \$200,000.

The American Savings Bank and Trust Company and its Merchants Savings Bank have also suspended business. These are small institutions allied with the Merchants Trust Company.

FAILURE OF MANUFACTURERS.

New Bedford, Mass., Dec. 27.—Announcement was made last night of the embarrassment of Hathaway, Soule & Harrington, Incorporated, boot and shoe manufacturers of this city and Boston. At a meeting of the corporation it was voted to make an assignment for the benefit of creditors. Those affected by the failure are: F. Dillon, of Boston, was named as assignee. The firm is one of the best known in the shoe trade of New England.

FIRE AT TORONTO.

(Associated Press.) Toronto, Dec. 27.—Damage to the extent of \$45,000 was done by fire that broke out this morning in the printing establishment of Henry W. Froude, the Oxford University press, which is supposed to have caused the fire.

SITUATION AT SHANGHAI.

No Further Outbreaks. But Blue-Jackets Are Still on Duty Throughout City.

Shanghai, Dec. 26.—All is quiet here. A force of 250 men has been landed by the British cruiser Andromeda, and blue-jacket guards are maintained all through the foreign concession.

The British assessor, T. Wyman, will resume the mixed court to-morrow. The Chinese officials have finally issued warrants for the arrest of the ringleaders of the riot who have escaped.

STREET CARS COLLIDE.

Forty People Injured in an Accident at Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 26.—Forty or more persons were injured last night in a collision of three street cars. The collision occurred at the corner of Second and Springs streets, one of the busiest spots in the business section of the city.

A West Second street car, descending the steep hill from Second and Olive streets just beyond control, the motorman, dashed three blocks down the steep incline at a tremendous speed, and crashed into the end of another Second street car, shoving the latter car into a Hollywood car, which was at the moment crossing Second street at right angles on Spring.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE MINISTER

WARSHIP OFFERED TO BRING BODY TO CANADA

British Admiralty Has Tendered H. M. S. Dominion to Convey Remains From Cherbourg to Halifax.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—Lord Tweedmouth, first lord of the admiralty, cables to Sir Wilfrid Laurier as follows: "We have heard with deep regret of the death of your colleague, Mr. Prefontaine, Canadian minister of marine and fisheries, with whom the admiralty has been recently in such cordial relationship, and I beg to offer His Majesty's most sincere sympathy to you and the relatives of the late Hon. Raymond Prefontaine in regard to the matter."

TOOK PHOTOGRAPHS DURING ECLIPSE

OBSERVER EXPECTS IMPORTANT RESULTS

Says It Will be Months Before Much is Known Regarding Recent Discoveries.

(Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—Rear-Admiral C. M. Chester, the superintendent of the naval observatory, who went to the Mediterranean last summer as the representative of the observatory to witness the eclipse of the sun, returned to Washington last night. He said that while many good photographs of the eclipse had been obtained, the real results of the observations would not be known until these photographs are thoroughly studied. It will be two or three months before the results can be published. Continuing, the admiral said: "This observation should be the most fruitful of any in astronomical history. We are particularly hopeful that it will throw light upon the nature of the corona, which is a subject upon which we are entirely new discoveries which will raise new questions and open new fields for further investigation. That has been a result of every modern eclipse observation. The naval observatory stations in Spain and Algiers were the only stations where there was satisfactory weather. We obtained sixty photographs during the total eclipse, and several partial ones exposed during the first and last stages of the eclipse. With each of our twenty-five principal instruments we obtained several exposures in totality. The spectroscopic plates are even more important than the telescopic photographs for upon these we depend for knowledge of the physical character of the different parts of the various prominences and radiations. The solar spectrum will of course take longest to read, for every spectrum line must be counted and compared."

WORK COMPLETED.

Japanese Mission Leaves China After Negotiating a New Treaty.

Pekin, Dec. 24.—The Japanese commission, headed by Baron Komura, which negotiated the Sino-Japanese treaty left today on a special train for Tientsin on its way to Japan. At Tientsin the commission will be entertained with great ceremony by the Chinese government.

The farewell at the station was a picturesque one. Many mandarins, dressed in their ceremonial robes of red and yellow, and a detachment of Yuan Shi Kai's crack troops acted as a guard of honor.

The negotiation of the Sino-Japanese treaty makes it clear that the place as the mainstay of the throne, as he attended all the meetings of the commissioners and led in all the discussions, notwithstanding the foreign office nominally conducted the negotiations.

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In Fight Arranged by Bankers and Brokers of Wall Street.

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grets to inform His Majesty to convey the remains of the Hon. Raymond, master of marine and admiral, with whom we have past few days in say I share with you feel over the loss of a man and to convey sincere condolences of the republic.

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THE DEATH ROLL IN CITY OF MOSCOW

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Officials Report That the Troops are Getting the Upper Hand—Leaders Captured

London, Dec. 27.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Times in a dispatch dated December 28th says: Governor-General Doubaissouff, telegraphing yesterday, reported that 15,000 persons had been killed or wounded at Moscow.

"The latest news from Moscow says that the first regiment of the Don Cossacks, the Tver dragoons and the Novosibirsk regiment of infantry mutinied, and are confined to their barracks. I am informed from a good source that 2,000 persons were killed and 10,000 wounded. The revolutionists are making no headway, but they show no signs of exhaustion."

"The same correspondent reports that the locomotive of an incoming express was blown up at Vilna Tuesday night. It perished in flames. St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—(3.30 p. m.)—The Slovo to-day says that the leaders of the revolutionary army at Moscow are mostly residents of Kieff and Odessa, among whom are many Jews. The revolutionists hold the outskirts of Moscow. A thousand men are working night and day at the barricades, some of which are described as of marvellous strength.

"A terrible holocaust occurred at the Svyin works, where 6,000 workmen were suddenly surrounded by cavalry and artillery. The latter fired at the building, which went soon in flames. Hundreds perished in the conflagration. It is reported the revolutionists have six automatic guns.

Hemming in Insurgents. St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—(5 p. m.)—From the standpoint of the government there was a slight improvement in the outlook this afternoon. Notwithstanding the decision of the workmen's council to continue the strike, many of the strikers broke away, including about one-third of the employees of the Putiloff Iron Works, several in other factories and a portion of the mill men. It is evident that the leaders are precipitating matters for the strike will go to pieces.

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Solicitor Defines Powers of Esquimalt Company—Park Wanted For North Ward—Other Matters.

At the regular meeting of the city council Tuesday night, the city solicitor submitted an interesting report on the powers of the Esquimalt Waterworks Company in the regulation of water rates in Victoria West. Apart from this the matters dealt with were largely of a routine nature.

While in committee the council was waited upon by a deputation representing the Municipal Association of North Ward. Noah Shakespeare acted as spokesman, and among those accompanying him were Messrs. Sprague, Smith, Jeeves, Watson, Raymond and Gold. In a brief address Mr. Shakespeare requested that the seven acres of property bordering on Ontario and Superior streets, and set aside by Sir James Douglas for park purposes, be sold and the proceeds devoted to obtaining an area somewhere in North Ward, to be converted into recreation grounds. He pointed out the need for such a convenient place for the city, and asked that immediate action be taken.

Acting Mayor Goodacre expressed himself in favor of the proposal, and promised that the idea would be embodied in a recommendation to the incoming council. Ald. Hall spoke along the same lines, and Ald. Fullerton followed, strongly recommending that a resolution empowering the legislative committee to obtain the required funds should be drafted and passed. This, he said, would pave the way for the incoming council. The latter would then be able to follow out the suggestion immediately after the election.

More Casualties. Moscow, Dec. 27.—(3 p. m.)—The cannoning continues, and the list of casualties is swelling. The revolutionists are operating in three sections. There are about 1,000 of them in each section. They are all armed with revolvers and rifles. The women, who are participating in the fighting, are guilty of the worst cruelties.

Guerrilla Warfare. St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—5 p. m.—A brief message from Moscow of to-day says that troops with artillery are pouring into the city, but that the situation has not greatly changed. The acting mayor and aldermen shortly afterwards met in regular session, the usual formalities introducing the proceedings.

H. Stadthagen wrote protesting against the system of obtaining books at the new Carnegie library. He thought the conditions governing the applications were much too stringent. Ald. Stewart explained that the library was not really open. The catalogue had not yet been issued. It was contended by Ald. Hanna that the necessity of bringing witnesses to the library to sign applications was scarcely right. He thought this regulation might be eliminated for the convenience of the public.

Ald. Pei said the method was business like. He pointed out that there were books worth anywhere from \$10 to \$20 in the library, so a guarantee was needed. It was a library for use and not abuse. Continuing, he contended that the late library was looted by the revolutionists and that the hundred dollars' worth of books were lost. He thought it a small thing for the borrowers to comply with to secure the books to their applications.

Ald. Hall thought the regulations were wise, but was of the opinion that the writer might be informed on the subject. He added that the library wasn't actually opened. On motion of Ald. Stewart the city clerk was asked to write to Mr. Stadthagen explaining the circumstances.

W. H. Johnson asked the city council to purchase an arc dynamo which was not being used by the corporation. He offered it at \$600, and expressed the hope that the deal be closed before the New Year. Referred to the electric light committee.

H. Hobbs acknowledged his appointment to the position of returning officer at the forthcoming municipal election. Received and filed. The city solicitor forwarded the appended communication: December 28th, 1905. To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Victoria, B. C.: Gentlemen:—I beg to inform you, with reference to my being instructed by you to advise as to the legality of the acts in charging residents within the city limits an excess of water rates over those charged by the city of Victoria, that the company are well within their rights in making the present charges, as they are less than they have the power to charge.

Section 12 of the Esquimalt Waterworks Act, 1888, gives the company power to fix the rent, or price, which any owner or occupant of any house or building who shall use their water shall pay for the use thereof, "but in no case shall the company fix a greater rate than sixty cents a thousand gallons for water, or one dollar a month, from the meter, or one cent a month for the use of the water, or one cent a month per capita for each and every additional occupant; and the company shall have the power of electing whether they shall charge parties using water from their works by the gallon or per capita as aforesaid, or one dollar a month as aforesaid." Section 24 empowers the company to place meters upon any service pipe, or connection, within or without any house or building where water is used, as they may deem expedient, and to fix the price to be paid for the use of any such meter. The corporation has no power to interfere with the charges of the company in

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MORALES WOUNDED. Report That President of San Domingo, Who Fled From Capital, Has Been Shot. (Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 27.—Cable advices received at the American state department from San Domingo to-day are to the effect that the cabinet has taken over the government and named Vice-President Caceres as the successor of President Morales, who is in the hands of the revolutionists about ten miles from the capital.

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A SUDDEN CALL.

The news of the sudden death of Hon. Raymond Prefontaine, Minister of Marine and Fisheries in the Laurier government, will be received with feelings of unfeigned sorrow in all sections of the Dominion.

The Premier will sorely miss the cheery presence and the mature counsels of his late colleague.

MAYORALTY CANDIDATES.

The Christmas festivities being over, the season is opportune for the aspiring municipal politician to apply his ear to the ground and listen.

Ald. Goodacre, a worthy citizen, has already decided that the things he hears do not beckon him towards the chair of the First Magistrate of Victoria.

The calls of business and of his legislative duties are two important in the ears of W. G. Cameron, M. P. P.

Ald. Hall has been listening keenly for many days, but the sounds that have reached his ears are exceedingly difficult to translate.

Ex-Mayor Hayward has been listening intently, his blood tingling with eagerness, lest perchance the voice should send forth an appeal that might escape his notice.

Mr. Morley, bold man with intrepid soul, declines to apply his sensitive ear to the ground.

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HAPLESS RUSSIA.

Conditions in Russia do not seem to be improving with great rapidity. The trouble with the Tartars is that they do not realize what fortune has in store for them.

It is determined that the experiences of the past shall not be repeated, and the only manner in which such experience can be avoided is by uprooting and overthrowing the institutions responsible for the wrongs suffered and the injustices inflicted.

The Times has been requested to give publicity to the following communication from the Secretary-Treasurer of the Phoenix, B. C., General Hospital.

Phoenix, B. C., Dec. 19, 1905. Wilson Brothers, Victoria, B. C.: Gentlemen—Phoenix is now prostrate with a typhoid epidemic.

The hospital being inadequate, the board built a cottage for the use of the nurses, and converted their rooms into private wards.

On behalf of the hospital board and citizens, I wish to thank you in advance for any help you can give us, and to assure you that it will be appreciated by the entire community.

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will thoroughly cover the situation." The fact that the official head of the administration had not had an opportunity for several weeks of communicating with the Master of the Administration, who is popularly supposed to be Hon. R. F. Green, may account for the confusion between the Vancouver announcement and the final deliverance to the organ of the government in this city.

British Columbia is not the only part of the world troubled by educational problems and school issues. One of the questions now occupying the attention of the educational authorities in Great Britain is that of the use of slates in the schools.

The devotees to field sports in British Columbia are soon to be given an opportunity to display in a practical way the depth of their interest in the improvement of the game supply of the province.

The McBride government has "abolished the bar" of the legislature. But the bar which has been abolished must not be confounded with the institution of which Hon. Chas. Wilson is a "burning and a shining light."

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immigrants. They should do very well indeed and increase and multiply if given a chance. If every sportsman made them a special object of his solicitude and care they would have a chance.

We hope, therefore, that the public-spirited secretary of the Fish and Game Club will be given all the encouragement he could desire, and that as a result of his efforts British Columbia will in course of time become even more widely known than she is at present as the paradise of sportsmen.

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There appears also to be no question that part of the wreckage belonged to a second vessel that recently met disaster off the West Coast.

There is one historic instance of an offender being dragged to the bar of the House, on which occasion the prosecuting ministers presented a more or less ridiculous spectacle.

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MORE WRECKAGE FROM THE FAWN

LARGE QUANTITY OF FLOATSOM ON COAST

Parts of Newcastle Vessel With Several Letters of Name Missing Also Found.

A correspondent of the Times writes from the West Coast under date of the 22nd inst., giving additional details of the wreckage that has been coming ashore between Carmanah and Cloose. He says:

"There is a sealing boat on the beach seven miles east of Carmanah, painted the same as the one two miles west, brown inside and lead color outside.

"Five miles east of Carmanah is a schooner's mast with some wire rigging attached, also part of a life buoy with letters. PO --- IU. Three letters are apparently missing.

"On Bonilla point, there is part of a life belt with PO ---, the rest missing. The buoys are nearly new, and do not seem to have been in the water very long.

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"Two miles west" is a ten-gallon water keg, still lashed in its chocks. It has a star painted red and white screwed on one head.

"The ship's boat referred to in the Times some time ago, was a very large one, made of teak. I think it must have been a ship's long boat.

"There are a lot of empty cases, marked Wilson Bros. They probably contained bins of some sort, also a large oil barrel. A lot more wreckage is floating off the shore, and I may be able to identify some of it later on."

The schooner's wreckage mentioned in the above correspondence in all probability belonged to the Fawn. That vessel had a hatch with a scuttle on it, and the companion ladders of the side stated also compare with those on the lost vessel.

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Dr. Kennedy & Kergan, 145 Shelby Street, Detroit, Mich.

Dr. J. C. Fagan, provincial health officer, is in communication with Dr. E. J. Spankie, acting provincial health officer for the Boundary, and hopes to stamp out the outbreak of typhoid fever at Phoenix.

Dr. Spankie reports that at Mowatt's ranch he found the cow stables in a deplorable condition, being filthy and without drainage, or proper ventilation.

Dr. Spankie has taken the precaution to prohibit Mowatt from supplying milk until the dairy is put in a sanitary condition.

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Tainted Gold.

BY MRS. C. N. WILLIAMSON.
Author of "The Barn Stormers," "Fortune's Sport," "Lady Mary of the Dark House," "Queen Sweetheart," "The House by the Lock," etc.

CHAPTER XXXV.—(Continued.)

"When she was still quite a girl she had a very tempting offer to go to America and act, and the offer was accepted. On the ship she met a young man on his way to California to make his fortune, or rather to improve it, for he had about ten thousand pounds which he had just inherited, and wanted to invest in some profitable way. He had had a dreadful misfortune, shooting a friend by accident, and though it was more the friend's fault than his, and he had been acquitted of any blame except carelessness, he could not bear his old life, and had determined to begin again in a new country.

"There you have the hero and heroine on the stage together; for, of course, the young man fell in love with the actress, and, for the first time in his life, she found herself in love too. He implored her to marry him and leave the stage, for he thought his ten thousand pounds quite fortune enough to marry upon. But the girl loved the stage, and she had been extravagant, and spent her money as fast as she had made it. Besides, she was under contract to the man who was her manager for two years more, and was decidedly afraid of him. He had taught her all she knew about the stage, and fancied he had a right to order her private as well as professional life, since her parents were dead and she was alone in the world. This manager disapproved of actresses marrying while they were in the heyday of youth and success, for he believed—as most managers do—that unmarried girls on the stage are more of a 'draw' than when they become matrons.

"She had someone else to be afraid of, too, poor girl, though she did not tell that to her lover. She knew he would laugh that fear to scorn. Only a man she had flirted with a little, because he was so horribly in earnest that he had been amusing—a Byronic sort of person with handsome features, and a deformed foot. When it came to his insisting on marrying her, she had refused, and he had sworn to kill any man she ever dared to make her husband.

"Somehow, the threats of this saturnine individual, who had followed her to England from Australia, where she played one year, had made a very strong impression upon her mind, and that impression revived when she fell in love with somebody else. One in a million sent her a souvenir of his continued existence; and the last packet she had received from him—a year ago—had been postmarked from some place, the name being indistinguishable, in America.

"So my heroine raised my hero, and really thought she should be able to part with him; but when they reached New York she found that she could not keep him dangling about her, she related, they were privately married, the secret not to come out at the earliest until her contract with her manager expired at the end of two years. After a week or so of stolen meetings she sent him away, as her love was interfering with her professional work; but they didn't expect their separation to be for long, as the company of which she was the star was slowly going West. Her destination was to be California; and when she came near enough they would meet again. Meanwhile, they wrote to each other.

"My hero didn't find any investment to suit him at all, so he put his money in a California bank that it might be handy if he wanted it, and as there was a sensation about a newly-discovered gold region, he went out there and tried his luck.

"But his luck was not good. He saw others roving him doing well, while Fortune kept a closed hand for him. Months passed, and at last a letter told his wife that he had found exactly the right thing. A man he had met a splendid fellow, very clever, though eccentric—had bought land, and in prospecting had found gold. But he hadn't money enough to do anything with it, or he would have kept the secret to himself. As it was, he hadn't told a soul, except my hero, giving him the chance of a partnership in what would be the financier, and they would share and share alike. The fellow had shown my hero some wonderful specimens, and they were already chattering together. At the end of the letter my hero told his wife the name of his new friend. It was that old man who had loved and threatened her in Australia, and from whom she had heard a year ago in America.

"Here was a development; and, as you can see, Comtesse, the villain of the piece is on the stage.

"The poor girl was sick with forebodings. Her husband had a miniature of her which he always wore; and he had also a curious jewel which she had given him—an heirloom of her family. It was a blue moonstone, cut in the shape of a Sphinx's head, which had been given to an ancestor of her father's by an Egyptian princess. She had had it mounted on a small screw, with her famous initials engraved on a tiny flat piece of gold, and had made it present to her husband before they parted, for luck."

CHAPTER XXXVI.

"Cloveo Hoof."

"Oh!" exclaimed the Comtesse, "at last you have come to the moonstone." She had laid the Sphinx's head on the table, and had been toying with it; she listened. Hope Newcome's eyes and ears were upon it now, and the spirit-light imprisoned within the stone sent up one of its usual glances, like an eye answering their glances. "If I believed in ghosts I should believe that stone was haunted," Neville said in an odd, low voice. For an instant he had lost the thread of his narrative, but quickly he took it up and went on again.

scenes between them, but she believed that he would not have forgotten. "Her only hope was that the name might be a mere coincidence, and she wrote asking her husband to describe his new friend. But the description, when it came, brought no comfort. The man looked rather like Byron, her husband answered. He had a deformed foot, and the miners round about called him in their rude slang 'Cloveo Hoof'.

"Quickly she wrote again, telling the whole story, which she had kept from her husband before, warning him to be careful, whatever he did he must not let the other dream that they were married, or even knew each other, if it were not too late for that. And she begged that in any event the partnership might be dissolved. She had a presentiment of evil to come.

"But many days passed, and she got no answer to her letter. She could not sleep at night for terrible dreams; and at about this time, another great perplexity had come to her. She knew that she was to be a mother.

"All her anxieties made her ill; her tour had to be interrupted in the midst, and engagements cancelled. Then one night she had a dream more horrible than any which had tortured her before. She dreamt that she saw the man with the deformed foot digging a grave for the dead body of her husband, whom he had murdered; and hoped to hide away for ever, with all traces of the crime.

"She told me afterwards—for I heard this story from her own lips—that she must have been half mad. She hardly knew what she was doing until she found herself in the train, travelling alone from Chicago—where she had been taken ill—on the way to California and the place where her husband was living with his 'friend.' Without a word to anyone she had stolen away in the early dawn. Had she confessed the truth to her manager, and told him what she wished to do, he would have tried to prevent her from going to her husband, and in her weak state of health, would probably have succeeded. As it was, he would have followed, no doubt, but she guessed her destination; but she left a note which put him upon the wrong track, and not only did she contrive to disappear, but, as a matter of fact, the mystery which surrounded her disappearance was never cleared up. Circumstances which came afterwards made her desire to remain behind the veil she herself had dropped, and it was never lifted.

"The nearest railway town to the place my poor heroine wished to reach—I will call it Caxton; it's very like the real name—was thirty miles away. When she got there the whole country was aflame with excitement, and hardly had she been five minutes in the small, rough hotel when she heard a strange story.

"It seemed that two young men who had come out from the East to this part of California had mysteriously vanished within six or seven weeks. They were both well off, and had had a good deal of money sent them by friends, who, anxious at not hearing from them for a long time, caused inquiries to be made. They were traced to the neighborhood of Caxton, but the bodies, which they were supposed to have buried, were not to be found. For her husband had been arrested, and was now held on suspicion of having murdered his partner.

"The her lover-husband had been grievously wounded, lying unconscious when he was found; but in a pocket of his coat was a diary which coolly recited in a cypher easily read by experts the details of the two murders already accomplished, even jotting the bodies of his victims (the young man who had recently disappeared) were buried.

"The poor girl knew that there had been a terrible plot, but even she could not guess the whole. She had given in the office of the hotel a common name, calling herself 'Mrs. Smith,' or something of the sort, and her face, pale and haggard with illness, anxiety and the fatigue of her long, hurried journey, was not as striking in its beauty as it had been before.

"She said that she was a distant relative of the suspected murderer, who had been brought to Caxton only that morning to be in the infirmary attached to the town jail, awaiting his trial. She begged for an interview with the prisoner, and as there was little difficulty in the Far West in those days about granting such a request to a pretty woman she obtained her wish.

"The poor fellow had been badly wounded, but he was conscious, and was between joy and sorrow at the sight of his wife. They were not allowed to see each other alone, but she thought that she had come to him and loved him, believing him, despite the evidence which others accepted almost without question, gave new strength and courage. He determined that when he had to stand his trial for murder he would make a brave fight for his life.

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was done. The mob was robbed of its victim, the rescuer left the lady quick that her relative was safe, and in a few days added her to join him.

"But the great excitement and exertion brought on a relapse, and for weeks her husband lay at death's door. They lived in a rough cabin, with scarcely the necessaries of life, much less the delicacies needed by an invalid; still, love and faithful nursing pulled him through to a pale resemblance of returning health. And there at that little cabin their child was born—a son.

"You were the child!" exclaimed the Comtesse, all her affections forgotten in her interest.

"Yes, you have guessed it, I was the child. And before I had lived a year my father was dead—but not before he had told the true story of the ending of that fatal partnership to my mother.

"His partner and he slept in the same room, and he could hear the other saying strange things in his sleep. His suspicions were roused against the man he had believed in, and he began to associate him with the mysterious disappearances which were so much talked of in the neighborhood. The man said something in his sleep about a 'grave under the red trees,' and my father happened to know that in a lonely spot not far from the mine which was yet to be worked there was a group of pines with peculiar red trunks. He determined that he would go to the place one day and make a search.

"Perhaps it would not have occurred to him to do this had he not begun to fear that his partner had led him about the gold discovered on his property. He had seen the man's reason to believe it had been brought from a distance and placed where he had seen it for the purpose of tricking him into putting down the money. But it was not yet too late to dissolve the partnership.

"One day Cloveo Hoof went away, and my father took advantage of his absence to pay a visit to the red trees. Close by there was a cave, and in a hole in the cave, under a great bank of sand and debris, he found not one body, but two. The skulls had been broken in behind with some heavy sharp instrument, like an axe, and the bodies had been huddled into the hole dressed exactly as they had died. The bodies, which were not discovered until he had been there for some time, were not moldered away like their flesh. Probably the murderer's courage had failed him before emptying his victims' pockets, or else he had felt so certain of his escape that he had not thought of more than to hide them; for (determined to be sure that the accusation would be true) he had fastened a red handkerchief to the bodies, and my father searched the pockets of the dead men's coats. It must have been a grim task, but it was rewarded by the finding of letters from the murderer upon one of the bodies, proving beyond doubt that he had been the man to lure the young stranger from home to this gold mine.

"My father took the letters and thrust them deep into a pocket of his own coat. Then he went back to the house, where he meant to confront the murderer with his knowledge of the double crime. But his partner's journey had been a pretence. The wretch had only gone a short distance, meaning to return unexpectedly, and, taking my father unawares, kill him as he killed the other. Afterwards my mother found that all my father's money had been withdrawn from his bank by means of a forged letter; and this having been accomplished, the sooner he was out of the way the better. He was taken to the mine, and there he was killed. My father's journey was not his last crime, and intended in any event to fly with the spoils, throwing suspicion on his latest victim.

"As my father was walking back to the house, someone leaped at him from behind, but he sprang aside in time to avoid the full force of the blow. He was with my mother, and how he felt no stir at the sight of his partner, with the lust of murder in his eyes; and they fought together a desperate fight, each man for his life. "Once my father got his enemy down, and panted out what he had learnt; but the fiend wriggled himself free, and struck my father with a knife, which pierced his breast, touching the lungs. It was this wound that finally resulted in his death.

bed and killed her husband, and avenge their wrongs. While I was a boy I was left in ignorance of her sorrow, and we lived somehow on the little money she had left. But when I had grown to be a man she sent for me one day (she had moved from California to Colorado by this time), and I found her pale and quivering with passionate excitement. She had made an astonishing discovery."

CHAPTER XXXVII.

The Winning of the Wager.

"The moonstone Sphinx" broke in the Comtesse.

"No," Hope Newcome answered, "the letters which my father had taken from the body of the murdered man. All those years she had kept the coat he had worn in gold and when he escaped, for it was stained with his blood. And sometimes she took it out and wept over it, recalling the past. The letters had not, after all, been stolen by the murderer. He could not even have seen them, for when my father thrust them deeply into his pocket they had been pushed down between the coat and the lining, which was ripped—not torn; and somehow the opening and the letters had remained undiscovered till that day.

"It was then that my mother told me the story, and made me promise that I would give my whole life to tracking down the murderer, if he still lived.

"She believed that he would be found in England under an assumed name, and that with the money he had stolen from his three victims he would have made himself rich. Long ago, when they had known each other in Australia, he had told her that his great ambition was to be a millionaire and spend his money in London—the 'capital of the world,' he called it. My mother was certain that he had realized his ambition, and now that I was armed with the letters I should be able even at that late date to bring him to justice—if I could find him. I was to know him by the description she gave, and above all by his deformed foot; for whatever else was changed by time that could not change. And she was certain also that he would have kept the Sphinx head.

"But to find him was the great task, and to do so I must live in the world of my people, and I must get money to live upon, so that I should have my time to myself for the search.

"When my mother told me this story of the past she was already an invalid. She would have no nurse but me, even had we been able to afford it. She suffered continually, and could get along alone, so that my ways of earning a living were precarious. A few months after she died I took the first step towards keeping my promise to her. I sailed for England—a steamer which was to stop at Victoria. I was after that adds no interest to my tale, but it had its ups and downs, mostly down, until a fortunate whim of fate tossed into my hands what I had dreamed the months of intimacy with him, months which I had wasted in vain search, my eyes everywhere save on the one man who should have held them.

"Fate had already played me some strange tricks, but none stranger than that which put me on the track of the moonstone Sphinx in the very moment of reaching the end of my journey. He had had it for years, and the clue seemed complete; but the moonstone was gone out of his possession for the first time. I could neither hope to find it with him nor to obtain it myself and confront him with it in the hour of his downfall, unless—

"Unless I give it back to you!" exclaimed the Comtesse.

"Exactly. Or even lend it. What I want is to hear him claim it as his own."

Her answer was to snatch up the stone from the best known bankers of the city, and impulsively place it in Newcome's hand. "It is yours, as it has always been. You have won your wager, and I pay my debt."

(To be continued.)

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guest had vanished as unexpectedly as he had come that he found out there had been no fire of importance in the town mentioned for many months.

"Years passed on, and brought troubles to my American friend. He lost his money and had various mischances, finally going out to South Africa. There he heard of the great millionaire with the scarred face and hobbling limp, which his intimates whispered was caused by an artificial foot. The American trumped up country to find him, only just in time to see the man getting into a train at the railway station. But he recognized the hideous face, and was bitterly disappointed at losing the chance of claiming help as a reward for what he had done in the past.

"Somehow he managed, after a few months more, to get to England, and determined to make a good sum out of his former services, perhaps get a start in business. But he only arrived to find his quarry had slipped away again.

"You can imagine, Comtesse, that this story set me thinking. If a man had the fearful courage to disguise himself in a way so horrible, so painful, it could only have been because he must choose between losing his identity or his life. Such grim pluck, such iron self-control might almost win admiration, were it not the desperation of a moral coward, ready to sacrifice all that makes existence precious for the sake of the bare chance of escaping death.

"Needless to tell you that I have the American when I can put my hand upon him where I want him. When I had arranged this, I followed the millionaire, with whom I had actually been on terms of friendship, feeling as if I had drawn the months of intimacy with him, months which I had wasted in vain search, my eyes everywhere save on the one man who should have held them.

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Dated 23rd November, 1905. E. COATES.

Witness: N. ROSS.

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Dated 23rd November, 1905. W. J. GILLINGHAM.

Witness: C. W. MILLS.

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Dated 30th November, 1905. W. F. GREGG.

Witness: W. F. GREGG.

We, the undersigned, being petitioners for the incorporation of the Districts of Lake and South Saanich into a Municipality, hereby give notice of our intention to apply to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor in Council for Letters Patent under the Public Seal, incorporating into a District Municipality under the name of "The Corporation of the District of Saanich" the Districts of Lake and South Saanich (except such portions thereof as consist of Indian Reservations) and that part of Victoria District lying to the north of the City of Victoria, and more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the intersection of the City of Victoria line with the western boundary line of the said District of the Victoria Arm of the Strait of Harriet road, thence along the said Harriet road following the said City boundary line eastward till it meets the western boundary line of Section 28 and 31 to the north-west corner of Section 31, thence southeasterly along the northeasterly boundary line of Section 31 to high water mark on Gardner Bay, thence along the said high water mark to the left to the northern boundary line of the said Victoria District on Cordova Bay, thence westerly along the said northern boundary line of the said District to the head of Portage Inlet, thence south and southeasterly along the westerly boundary line of the said District on the said Portage Inlet and Victoria Arm to the point of commencement.

JOHN SLUGGETT, THOMAS A. BYRDON, D. J. KERR.

THE HALIBUT CATCH.

Capt. Newcomb's Places Year's Total at Twenty-two Thousand Tons.

"The statement that between twenty and twenty-two thousand tons of halibut were caught on Canadian fishing banks during the year is made on the authority of Capt. Newcomb, commandant of the Canadian government fisheries cruiser 'Kestrel,' now lying in the harbor," says the Vancouver Province.

"I have placed an estimate on the amount of fish taken on the Canadian banks this year," said Capt. Newcomb in reply to a question, "and I can conservatively say that not less than twenty thousand tons of halibut was caught. I might be nearer the mark if I said twenty-two thousand tons, and perhaps the total catch was nearer twenty-five thousand tons, but at all events twenty thousand tons was taken."

"There were not fewer than forty vessels fishing, and perhaps there were a dozen more, because each time I visited the halibut banks I never seen before. There were the steamers New England and Kingfisher operated out of this port; the steamers Juan, Zaporra and Edith from Puget Sound; twenty-seven schooners from Puget Sound, and at least eight motor auxiliary schooners. The steamers Sun Juan and Zaporra are both larger vessels than the New England Fish Company's boats."

"Your figures as to the total catch—how do you arrive at them?"

"I know that the two steamer running out of Vancouver averages for eleven months of the year three trips per month, and their average catch may be taken at one hundred and thirty thousand pounds; the Sound steamers average twelve-day trips, the American schooners two trips per month, and the motor schooners two and a half trips per month. Taking the average catches of these American craft, steamers, motor schooners and schooners at conservative figures, one is able to readily conclude that not less than twenty thousand tons is taken by the combined Canadian and American fleets. By reason of the fact that the Vancouver Fish Company of Vancouver operates but two out of forty vessels engaged in fishing for halibut, it can be shown that this company did not catch during 1905 more than one fish for every four taken by the American craft."

"A large part of the fishing was done in the Hecate strait and Dixon entrance. Those are the grounds most frequented by the steam craft engaged in the industry. The fishing there is 'carried' on outside the three-mile limit, but the vessels from Puget Sound make use of Canadian bays for shelter whether they suffer stress of weather or merely wish to lie at anchor for a night. The west coast of Vancouver Island is the great hunting ground of the poaching craft. They operate off the coast from Flattery to Cape Scott from April to September, and are doing well, the loss up to date being very low. Gordon and Ironsides and P. Burns & Co. are each shipping trainloads of cattle from the Cardston and Milk river districts. These districts are obtaining prominence in the cattle raising industry and promise to rival some of the other more important points.

New Mill.

Edmonton, Dec. 27.—The Edmonton Lumber Company, capitalized at \$600,000, has been incorporated, and will erect a mill at Strathcona, having a capacity of 40,000 feet daily.

NEW YORK'S MAYOR.

G. B. McEllen Sworn In by Justice Leventritt in the Supreme Court.

New York, Dec. 27.—Mayor Geo. B. McEllen was today sworn in as mayor of Greater New York for the next four years. The oath of office was administered by Justice Leventritt in the Supreme Court.

The British war office, on the advice of the royal commission, headed by Mr. Justice Farwell, of the British high court of justice, now sitting in South Africa, has ordered the prosecution of the officers concerned in the South African war stores scandal.

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WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office, 29th to 31st December, 1905. The first day of the week was showery...

The weather in Alberta has been generally fair and mild, while in Manitoba zero temperatures have occurred...

Local News.

An interesting and instructive address was delivered on Saturday afternoon by Rev. E. Le Roy Dakin...

The men of the sealing schooners appreciate reading matter when on a cruise. The Young Men's Christian Association...

On Saturday Lieut.-Col. Hall, commanding the Fifth Regiment, issued the following notice: "Col. Holmes, D. O. C. presents to Lieut.-Col. Hall...

The employees of the B. C. Electric Railway Company engaged on the Esquimalt line were on Saturday thoughtfully remembered by Bullen Bros...

The death of a young girl, Miss Erskine, who had resided here for over 22 years. Many residents will remember Mr. Berryman...

Margaret Blair, Erskine, daughter of Robt. Erskine, passed away on Saturday at the family residence, 34 Kings road...

It is peculiarly fitting that the new management of the Victoria Theatre should be inaugurated with the first day of the new year...

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The crew of the steamer Portland have arrived at Seattle. They say the vessel is badly sprung and at high tide is submerged up to the captain's room.

Owing to the bad state of the weather Tuesday the mixed foursome golf competition on the Oak Bay links was postponed until Monday and Tuesday next.

The orphanages under the auspices of the Sisters of St. Ann, at Nanaimo and Quamichan, were not forgotten at Christmas by many of the leading merchants and citizens.

On Tuesday, the 26th, the marriage took place in the vestry of the Congregational church of the Rev. Thomas Jarrett, United States customs officer at Seattle, and Mrs. Zaza Nolvitch, of Moscow, Russia.

A dispatch from Portland says the Northern Pacific Railroad company plans, on completion of the north bank road into Portland is to put on two immense passenger and freight steamers.

The Sunday school entertainment in the Congregational church Wednesday evening was well attended. At 6 o'clock tea was served the children.

The steward of the Marine hospital desires to thank Mrs. Hardie for holly and other evergreens and for decorating the hospital, and Mr. Hardie for fruit and tobacco, also W. H. Taylor, a former patient for his kind present of a fine turkey.

On Wednesday the twelve Mrs. Carthew, Mexias street, was the scene of a very pretty wedding, when Mr. William Doyle of the B. C. Electric Railway Company, and Miss Anna Christina McQuarrie, were united in holy bonds of matrimony.

Comencing Monday there will be a change made in the prices charged at the Grand theatre. Under the new arrangements 25 cents will be charged for the entire lower floor and 45 cents for the gallery.

A number of Victorians who went to Toronto to study at the Ontario College of Pharmacy in that city were signally successful. John McArthur, who was in the employ of John Cochrane here, obtained first class honors in Latin and chemistry.

Rabbi Hirsch, Werner, of Los Angeles, California, will conduct the services at the Synagogue, corner of Blanchard and Pandora, on Friday evening at 7.30. He will also deliver an address on the "Spirit of Dedication and the Struggle of the Jews Under the Maccabees Against the Uprising Power of Greece."

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A Lindsay, of the Wellington Colliery Company, has returned from San Francisco after looking into the coal trade there. He reports that the business with Vancouver Island is in a healthy condition, and that shipments from Newcastle and Australia have diminished considerably.

J. J. Mulholland, an erstwhile Victorian, now proprietor of the Ferguson Hotel, Seattle, is spending a few days in the city. He is among the guests at the Dominion.

Dr. F. Proctor will leave for Roseland to-night via the Northern Pacific. It is rumored that he will not return alone.

PASS OF METFORD LOST ON WEST COAST

British Barque Cast Away at Entrance to Barkley Sound-All Hands Believed to Be Lost.

The greatest excitement was created in shipping circles last night by the receipt of messages at a late hour telling of the total wreck of the British barque Pass of Metford.

The steamer Queen City, which is now on the coast, will pass the scene of trouble sometime to-day on her return to Victoria. She should have reached this part of the coast at an earlier date, but it is thought had been held at Quatsino Sound by bad weather.

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