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VICTORIA, B. C. FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 1909

FIFTIETH YEAR

WOULD FINANCE WATER PROJECT

English Financiers' Proposal to Install the Sooke Lake System

OFFER BEFORE COUNCIL

City Barrister Explains Result of Recent Mission to the Old Country

That a syndicate of English capitalists is ready on certain specified terms to construct the pipe line from Sooke Lake to Victoria and the other necessary works in connection therewith to connect with the city's waterworks distribution system is the report which City Barrister W. J. Taylor submitted to the city council yesterday afternoon at a meeting called to hear the terms of an agreement which the city can enter into with the Canadian Agency, Limited, should the proposition of the latter be accepted by the people.

The negotiators, Mr. Taylor carried on in the old country, whence he returned on Tuesday night, were the outcome of long discussion by the city council during the past year. Mr. Taylor went to England to get in touch with financial men with a view of securing some proposition where Victoria could proceed with the project of going to Sooke lake for an enlarged water supply sanctioned by the last civic election. A referendum was taken on the matter. As a result of his trip Mr. Taylor secured an agreement with the Canadian Agency, Limited, which agreement was submitted to the council yesterday. Nothing definite was decided upon at the meeting held in formal, and Mr. Taylor stated that the only course open for this or the incoming council is to submit a referendum to the electors, giving them the opportunity of saying whether the terms proposed by the Canadian Agency, Limited, shall be accepted or rejected. If the electors decide to accept the terms set forth by Mr. Taylor, application will then have to be made to the legislature for power to enter into the agreement.

The agreement, which has already been signed by the Canadian Agency, Limited, per Mr. Taylor, secretary, was the outcome of several conferences which Mr. Taylor had with the principal financiers between. The agreement is as follows:

The Corporation of the City of Victoria, British Columbia a Corporation duly incorporated under and by virtue of the laws of the Province of British Columbia, in the Dominion of Canada (hereinafter referred to as "the City Corporation") of the one part, and the Canadian Agency, Limited, a Corporation duly incorporated under and by virtue of the laws of the United Kingdom (hereinafter referred to as "the Agency") of the other part, do hereby agree as follows, that is to say:

- This agreement is conditional on the same being duly ratified by a by-law of the City Corporation, and approved by the ratepayers of the City or by means of a referendum duly conducted in accordance with the provisions of the agreement being referred to in this agreement.
- If the said by-law shall be passed and legislative ratification obtained in accordance with the provisions of the agreement, the Agency shall prepare or cause to be prepared to the approval of the Engineers as hereinafter defined, detailed plans and specifications for the construction, building and laying down of a complete system of water pipes together with all such dams and other works as may be necessary for the purpose of connecting the water of Sooke Lake in the District of Sooke, Vancouver Island with the existing water distribution system of the City Corporation. Such plans and specifications shall show all lands way-leaves, consents, rights and easements which it is necessary or convenient to acquire and obtain for the purpose aforesaid which lands way-leaves, consents, rights and easements together with the works to be described in the said plans and specifications are hereinafter referred to as "the said works."
- As soon as the said plans and specifications are approved, the Agency shall forthwith take all such steps as may be necessary to acquire and obtain any such lands and way-leaves, consents, rights and easements as may be necessary for the purpose of acquiring or obtaining such lands way-leaves, consents, rights, easements, and powers as part of "the said works."
- The Agency shall as and when necessary provide or procure to be provided all moneys for the purchase of such lands and way-leaves, consents, easements, and powers, and all moneys, labor, supplies, machinery, materials, articles and things for the proper and efficient carrying out of the said works and shall with all reasonable despatch procure the same to

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RAILWAY PRESIDENT

New York, Jan. 6.—W. S. Brown was today elected president of the New York and Hudson Railroad Company, succeeding Wm. H. Newman.

Milwaukee Road's Change.

Chicago, Jan. 6.—It was announced here today that the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul company, of Washington, has changed its corporate name to the Chicago, Milwaukee and Puget Sound Railway Co., and taken possession of all the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul property existing individually in Idaho, Montana and South Dakota.

Thought It was an Earthquake

Chicago, Jan. 6.—The tenants of the thirteen story Stuart building were thrown into a panic today by a shock which they attributed to an earthquake. The engineer of the building ended the sensation by declaring that the shock was rather a sharp report made by the contraction of the material in the building, due to the intense cold.

Mutiny Report Denied

Mukden, Jan. 7.—There is no truth in the report that a thousand Chinese soldiers mutinied in the vicinity of Mukden and were afterwards engaged in battle with loyal government troops. Advice from Mukden yesterday stated that a revolution had broken out in Manchuria near Mukden, and that a force of a thousand mutinous soldiers who had taken the field had been defeated by a column of government troops with a killing and a number of soldiers being captured. According to the dispatch an official version gave it the insurgents were repulsed. No reports were received to the effect that the troops had been driven back.

MERCURY HOVERS NEAR BOTTOM OF THE GLASS

Temperatures Fail to Show Improvement and Cold Snap Continues

With the high and frigid wind still continuing from the north and the continuing heavy snows around the bottom of the glass, weather conditions yesterday and last night failed to moderate. Yesterday morning, Victoria awoke to find the cold snap still very much and conditions however were to the effect that the mercury remained the same. At noon a bitter north wind prevailed and the sun failed to make any impression. The thermometer failed to rise above a shade warmer but by midnight the thermometer registered a few degrees below zero. The sky gave promise of snow and shortly after midnight a heavy snowfall commenced. The weather forecast for today failed to give any promise of an immediate change in the prevailing conditions. The mercury dropped to a minimum of 4 degrees below zero yesterday. The weather forecast for today failed to give any promise of an immediate change in the prevailing conditions. The mercury dropped to a minimum of 4 degrees below zero yesterday. The weather forecast for today failed to give any promise of an immediate change in the prevailing conditions. The mercury dropped to a minimum of 4 degrees below zero yesterday.

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FIRST SHIPMENT

Alberta Wheat and Flour to Be Sent From Vancouver to Liverpool By French Steamer

Vancouver, Jan. 6.—The first shipment of Alberta wheat and flour to the United Kingdom via Vancouver will be sent to Liverpool by the French steamer "Le Chargeur" which will leave today. The ship will carry about 10,000 tons of wheat and 5,000 tons of flour. The steamer is owned by the Canadian Pacific and is operated by the British Columbia Steamship Company.

NO INTERFERENCE FROM OUTSIDERS

Chinese Government Conveys a Polite Intimation to Legations

WATCHING PRINCE REAGENT

Favor to Manchus is Indicated By Filling of the Official Positions

Beijing, Jan. 6.—The American, British and Japanese ministers are settling upon the principle that the situation brought about by the dismissal of the prince regent against any administrative interference of the foreign governments. The Russian and French ministers appear to be without instructions from their governments and are awaiting developments. Officials of the Chinese government indicated that the nations would be unwelcome, and that moreover, the Chinese government would not prepare to receive representations from other governments on the subject.

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Washington, Jan. 6.—Some idea of the terrific damage done in Messina by the earthquake may be obtained from a dispatch received yesterday from a despatch received yesterday from Ambassador Griscom, at Rome, transmitting a telegram from Vice-Consul Lupton, who reports that he has recovered the bodies of 100 men who were killed in the consulate of Messina. The bodies were buried in a mass of ruins. The task of recovering the remains of the consul and Mrs. Cheney is a giant task.

COLD WEATHER AT MANY POINTS

A Howling Blizzard Reported From Mainland of British Columbia

HEAVY SNOW IN OREGON

Railway Traffic Badly Blocked By Severe Storms in Montana

Vancouver, Jan. 6.—From Harrison river eastward the entire Fraser valley is in the grip of a howling blizzard today. The weather being intense cold and the wind of such force as to make walking almost impossible. The train left Agassiz this morning. The train left Agassiz this morning. The train left Agassiz this morning.

Cut An Artery

Vancouver, Jan. 6.—In some way or another a young man named Sinclair, who resides on Carl Avenue, cut one of the arteries in his arm, while out skating on Trout lake yesterday afternoon. He sank on the ice almost unconscious and some other skaters who saw his plight hastened to his aid. The young man, Sinclair was able to leave for home shortly after noon and returned to the city. It is presumed that he cut himself with his skis, but how the accident happened no one seems to know.

CAPITALISTS HAVE DANGEROUS VOYAGE

Adrift in Rosario Straits in Disabled Tug—Rescued Just in Time

Bellingham, Jan. 6.—Adrift and half frozen in the disabled tug Edna, a vessel in imminent danger of foundering in the heavy seas in Rosario Straits, or of being dashed on the rocks, was rescued today by a party of prominent capitalists of Seattle, Gray's Harbor and Bellingham. The tug Edna, which was carrying a cargo of lumber, was disabled by a heavy sea. The tug Edna, which was carrying a cargo of lumber, was disabled by a heavy sea.

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WOMAN'S ASSASSINAT

Vancouver, Jan. 6.—Assassination for taxation is announced at seventy-two million dollars. This includes fifty per cent of the value of improvements.

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CANDIDATES LINE UP FOR CIVIC CAMPAIGN

Next Few Days Will See Municipal Election Interest Increase

(From Tuesday's Daily) With the civic elections but nine days distant, matters political can be expected to warm up materially from now on, though to date the energies of the aspirants for municipal honors have been confined strictly to routine canvassing, and with the exception of the meeting in Ward One, when W. C. Stewart, aldermanic candidate, addressed the electors of the district, and the meeting in Ward Three, when ratepayers of that ward called upon Alderman Fullerton to resign, there has not been an account of their stewardship, the great mass of the electors have had no opportunity of sizing up the various candidates in the field and appealing for support. Up to date the roster, which will doubtless be added to before nomination day, next Monday, is as follows:

For Mayor. Mayor Dr. Lewis Hall. A. J. Morley. For Aldermen. Ward One: Alderman William Mable, Alderman Henry Norman, W. C. Stewart. Ward Two: Alderman Richard Hall, Alderman Meston, Russ Humber. Ward Three: Alderman Gleason and Alderman Fullerton. Ward Four: Alderman A. McKeown, W. G. Winterburn, P. A. Raymond. Ward Five: Alderman Anton Henderson, A. N. Sargison, T. N. Hibben, John A. Turner.

It will be seen from the above that in only one ward, Ward Three, is there so lacking new aspirants for honors. Usually Ward Four has the unique honor of electing its aldermanic representatives by acclamation, but this year there is to be a three cornered fight. Alderman McKeown will again be in the field and in place of Alderman Fullerton who is retiring, and will not seek re-election, W. G. Winterburn and P. A. Raymond will be candidates.

Ward Five is always the scene of the most activity in municipal politics and year after year there is ample choice offered the electors of that section of the city. Alderman Henderson is again in the field and while Alderman Cameron is retiring and will not seek re-election, there will be no dearth of contestants. N. Hibben, John A. Turner and A. G. Sargison having announced their intention of entering the fight. In Wards One and Two but one outside entry in each ward has so far been announced. In the former ward the other aldermanic candidates have been Alderman Mable and Norman, while in Ward Two, Russ Humber will contest honors with Alderman Richard Hall and John Meston. This week will see the campaign started in earnest when a meeting will be held tonight by W. C. Stewart at the North Ward School, which the other aldermanic candidates have been invited to attend and speak. On Thursday a meeting will be held at the Victoria Theatre under the leadership of the Pacific Club, which the majority candidates, Mayor Hall and A. J. Morley, will be asked to speak. At this meeting the aspirants will not only be given an opportunity of addressing the electors. The regular series of pre-election meetings always held, have not been announced, but next week the spell-binders will be busy and the electors will be given ample opportunity of listening to all the arguments to be advanced by the respective candidates.

School Trustees. In the school trustee fight matters have been remarkably quiet so far. The members of the board, Chairman George Jay and Trustees H. H. Bishop and Walter B. Staneland retire, and Mr. Staneland will not again be a candidate. The other trustees, Mr. Jenkins, Eldred, and Christy, have not yet another year to serve on the board.

Efforts are being made to have Mr. Staneland re-consider his decision. For eight years he has been a member of the board, the greater part of which time he has been chairman, and during that time he has been untiring in his efforts to improve the city's school system, and the present efficiency of the Victoria public schools is testimony to the success with which his efforts have been greeted. Trustee Bishop, too, is being pressed to again offer himself as a candidate, but to do so, he has not changed his first intention to retire.

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VIOLENT WIND STORM

Playad. Haves. With. Telegraph and Telephone Wires. (From Tuesday's Daily) Boreas held Victoria and the surrounding country in his grip yesterday afternoon and last night. After a lengthy absence from these shores the God of the North Winds made a sudden swoop from his northern lair, his presence heralded by bitter squalls from the north. While the thermometer started out of its customary compass, shrank to depths not experienced here in the past two years. The wind raged at a velocity of nearly 70 miles an hour. A deluge of rain fell from the west and the straits between the coast and the mainland were washed into a veritable fury. In fact it was the worst storm of the season, the more so by reason of the sudden drop in the temperature.

In the city roofs rattled, doors slammed and signs and weak fences gave way before the blast. Fortunately there was but little work for the brigade of the alarm about nine o'clock from the corner of Government street and Cormorant street called on of the brigade to a blazing chimney in Chinese residences, but no damage was done. No chances were for the firemen and the full brigade turned out.

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OAK BAY DISTRICT HAS FINE SCHOOL

Handsome Building With Modern Conveniences Opened Yesterday

Oak Bay's handsome new five-roomed public school was opened for the first time last night, when the council of the municipality used it for the holding of their regular meeting of the term, elections having been fixed for the 15th inst. An exterior view of the building conveys the idea of a commodious bungalow, rather larger than the average. Its interior is not disappointing. The architect, F. M. Rattenbury, has so laid out the space as to make the hall and the three class rooms opening off it on the ground floor almost imposing and certainly pleasing. They are large, well lighted, and so arranged that thorough ventilation will be simplicity itself. Another room, rather smaller and exceedingly cozy, is situated next to the pupils' quarters and is intended for the use of the principal. It is most convenient in every respect and with its furniture, will make a charming office.

Upstairs there is a large public hall, recently finished in stained wood with imitation oak beams criss-crossing overhead. In the centre is a sky-light of sufficient size to light the entire apartment without the aid of many windows. At one end is a platform stretching the full width of the room. In this the possibility, it was explained by one of the councillors last night, of the residents of the district or of the pupils of the school desiring to hold or give theatricals or entertainments of any kind, has been borne in mind. A curtain can be stretched across, leaving space for dressing and for the audience. The hall is well lighted and so arranged that thorough ventilation will be simplicity itself. Another room, rather smaller and exceedingly cozy, is situated next to the pupils' quarters and is intended for the use of the principal. It is most convenient in every respect and with its furniture, will make a charming office.

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(2) Interest thereon at the rate of 5 per cent per annum from the date of the completion of the said works, which interest shall be added up to the date of the completion of the said works and shall then be added to and be deemed to be part of the cost of the works. (3) A sum equivalent to ten per cent upon the amounts to be allowed under sub-clauses (1) and (2) mentioned, which sum of ten per cent has been agreed by the City Corporation and the agency as the expense of providing the finances. (4) The sum provided in Clause 8 hereof when ascertained.

To Hand Over Plant. 7. When and so soon as the works are completed to the satisfaction of the Engineers, they shall grant to the agency a certificate as of the date when the said works were so completed, that the said liabilities under the obligations of the agency hereunder have been fully and completely performed and discharged, and such certificate shall be evidence in law and completely performed its part of this agreement. 8. When as soon as the said certificate is granted as aforesaid, the works shall be taken over by the City Corporation, who shall be entitled to manage and operate the same at their own expense and, save as hereinafter provided, for their own benefit, so long as the payments of interest hereunder are made punctually and in full. The City Corporation shall, until the expiration of the said term, be deemed to be the owner of the said works and shall do so to the best advantage.

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The Common Seal of the Canadian Agency Limited was hereunto affixed by order of the Board in presence of A. M. Gumpie, Director, F. Charlton Fry, Secretary. Explains Agreement. Mr. Taylor, in explaining the terms of the agreement, stated that he had as a result of the council's discussions on the water problem, gone to England, where he had secured the necessary definite in the way of a proposition whereby the Skook Lake extension could be proceeded with. Briefly the project, he explained, was that the company will construct the system from Skook Lake to the city to connect with the distribution system here. The necessary lands and rights shall be acquired by the company and shall be figured in the cost of the work. The cost, plus the cost of interest on the various amounts spent during the progress of the work, together with an additional ten per cent of the cost of the work, will be considered the cost of the plant and that amount the city is to pay interest at the rate of five per cent, in half yearly payments. The above ten per cent of the cost of installing the works is demanded by the company for financing the project. The expenses of operation, repair, etc., will be borne by the city. The agreement gives the city an option to purchase at cost, but this option cannot be exercised until thirty-five years from the date of the completion of the works and thereafter at the expiration of every ten years upon the payment of the cost thereof as herein provided and upon notice as hereinafter provided. Appointment of Engineers. 12. The expression "the Engineers" wherever used herein shall mean either one Engineer or a firm of Engineers to be jointly agreed upon and appointed by the Agency and the City Corporation or if they are unable to agree upon one Engineer or firm of Engineers a Board consisting of two Engineers or firms of Engineers to be appointed by the Agency and one by the said City Corporation. In the latter case if any dispute or difference of opinion shall arise between the two Engineers or firms so appointed by the Agency and the City Corporation, the same shall be referred to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of British Columbia. The certificate of the Board shall be binding as to the quality and cost of the work and material comprised therein be final and conclusive evidence of a compliance with the requirements of the contract except in the case of manifest error. In witness whereof the City Corporation and the Canadian Agency Limited have hereunto set their respective Common Seals the day and year first above written.

seems to prevail, but as to the policy of such he could not express an opinion. He thought, however, that a year for inspection was too high. Expense of inspection. Mr. Taylor said that the company's only security for the money it would invest was the plant and it feels that it is entitled to have an independent examination of the works made annually in order to satisfy itself that the city, of course, in its own interests, would have to keep up the plant in an efficient state. Old country investors, Mr. Taylor explained, favor waterworks investments as such have proved paying propositions in England. The Canadian Agency, Limited, proposes that a company be formed, all the shares of which will be held by the city. The plant when completed will be transferred to this company, by which five per cent debentures will be issued to the Canadian Agency, Limited. Alderman Gleason, who had been doing some figuring, pointed out that on the basis of \$1,000,000 as the cost of the completed plant the city, if actually paying \$2,000,000 a year interest, would actually pay \$2,850,000 in thirty-five years and still not own the plant, and Alderman Fullerton stated that roughly speaking the cost to the city for interest and sinking fund, should the city finance the proposition itself on a fifty year loan, would be about \$90,000 a year. When the matter had been talked over at length the council arrived at the conclusion that the present council can do nothing, though the proposition made must be answered one way or the other. Mr. Taylor explained that the only course to pursue was to submit a referendum to the electors of the city. The city possesses no power under the Water Works act to validate the agreement, Special legislation would be required and it is a referendum resulted in favor of the proposition the legislature would be more inclined to meet the citizens' views and grant the required authority. Mr. Taylor stated that this proposition of the Canadian Agency, Limited, was the only one the city has received. He had done his work as requested, and it is now up to the city to decide whether the offer submitted would prove satisfactory one or not. Mayor Hall, seen after the meeting, stated that just when the referendum, if such be submitted, will be placed before the electors, was hard to say. The matter would be further considered and it might be that a public meeting would be called. At any rate the people would have the fullest opportunity of considering the matter from every standpoint.

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A WATER PROJECT.

The members of the City Council met yesterday to consider a proposal to supply the city with water from Sooke Lake. This proposal emanates from the Canadian Agency with whom Mr. W. J. Taylor, City Barrister, has been negotiating for some time.

The proposal, freed from legal technicalities, is that the city shall pay the actual cost of installing the proposed plant, plus interest at 5 per cent during construction, which is to be added to the principal, and a bonus of 10 per cent on the cost, which together would be 15 per cent.

Pending the 35 years the city is to maintain and operate the system, it may not extend its water system, but may operate any that it now possesses. If the cost of the proposed work is \$1,500,000, there will be added to this as above about 17 1/2 per cent, or \$262,500, making the cost upon which the city will pay \$1,762,500.

A meeting was held in the City Hall yesterday to discuss the proposed water project. The determination arrived at was to begin an active campaign in that behalf.

Among the things which are always mentioned when the site of the University is being discussed, is that Vancouver or some other city might offer a larger endowment than Victoria.

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Local Shipping Firm Buying Steamer to Carry Freight Between Ports and Vancouver

Greer, Courtney & Skene, of this city, who have been handling the steamer Alaska... The deal for the steamer Morning Star... has been placed on the dry dock at the Moran shipyard at Seattle to be overhauled.

FOREIGN INTERESTS MAY BE ENDANGERED

Dismissal of Yuan Shi Kai Causes Anxiety at British Foreign Office

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MEMBERS PLANNING SNUB FOR PRESIDENT

Rumors of Drastic Measures in Regard to Secret Service Reference

Washington, Jan. 5.—Drastic measures were considered today by the Perkins special committee... The House appointed to recommend action in defense of that body in reply to the criticism made by the president in his annual message in reference to secret service legislation.

TIMBER LANDS ARE IN GREAT DEMAND

Local Firm Turns Over One Hundred and Twenty-Two Sections

During the past five months about 140 sections of timber, located on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, have been transferred through the agency of P. D. and H. M. Hillis, of this city... The most of this, it is expected, will find purchasers without delay.

TO URGE LOCATION OF UNIVERSITY HERE

Delegation Will Wait Upon the Provincial Government Shortly

A very representative meeting of gentlemen interested in securing the location of the Provincial University in this city was held at the Victoria Hotel... The delegation will wait upon the provincial government shortly.

W. E. OLIVER IS NOT IN THE DANGER ZONE

Retired Reeve of Oak Bay Wrote From Rome to Some Friends Here

There have been reports in circulation to the effect that W. E. Oliver, the retired reeve of the Oak Bay municipality, who is making a tour of Europe, was somewhere in the south of Italy at the time of the occurrence of the recent earthquake catastrophe... While no definite information is available that can be accepted as conclusive evidence that these fears are without foundation, it is not thought probable that he was in Messina or any other of the stricken districts or towns when the disaster happened.

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DOBSON—In the Chemist General Hospital, Chemalun, B. C., on the 2nd inst., Benjamin Dobson of Kootenai, B. C., aged 83 years. A native of Hertsford, England.

WADDLE—At his residence, 1921 Stanley avenue, on the 5th inst., James Waddell, aged 69 years. A native of Fife, Scotland.

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LACOURSIERE—On December 25th, to the wife of A. Lacoursiere of Saanich, a daughter.

HATCH—To Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hatch, 309 Green street, a girl.

GIBSON—To Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Gibson, on December 31, 1908, Oak Bay, a daughter.

CORNWALL—On the 4th inst., at the house of the Hon. R. G. Tiddow, grandchild of the child, the wife of Fitzalan V. Cornwall of Ashcroft, Ontario, on January 4, 1908, at the Yates House, The George, Victoria, B. C., a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Walter D. McCormick.

BETHUNE-MANN—At Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, on January 4, by Rev. Alexander Services, Marion Constance, daughter of the late J. Mann of St. Thomas, Ont., and Margaret, daughter of the late J. Mann of St. Thomas, Ont., and daughter of Rev. C. J. Bethune, youngest son of Rev. C. J. Bethune, Guelph, Ont.

RICHARDS-HALL—At St. James church, Victoria, B. C., on December 30, 1908, by the Rev. Mr. George Elizabeth Langstaff, daughter of the late J. Langstaff Hall, M. D. C. M. J. and Mrs. Hall of this city, to Cyril E. Richards of Chiloquin, B. C., second son of H. Richards, Esq., of Leamington, Warwickshire, England.

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The University Woman

A Glance at the Largest Womens College in the World



A BACON BAT



A GROUP OF COLLEGE GIRLS



The Chapel, Smith's College

In the beautiful valley of the Connecticut River, which winds through central Massachusetts, one hundred miles west of Boston, is a colony of young women, a thousand and a half strong. Their camp is the historic city of Northampton, a place once known for its purple hills behind wonderful sweeping meadows, and for the brimstone sermons of the puritanic Jonathan Edwards. But Northampton today suggests, even more than scenery and religion, the great advance that education has made among women; for it is the home of the largest woman's college in the world, Smith College. Do not mistake and think that is the largest institution where a woman may obtain a higher education. There are many universities open alike to women and men that far outnumber and surpass Smith College, but as an institution where only women attend it holds first place in its roll call.

Yet it is only thirty years since the first class of less than a dozen members was graduated. Thirty years of honorable achievement and constant progress! In that time a little college scarcely known beyond the Connecticut valley has become an educational institution of foremost world rank.

It may be of particular interest to Victoria readers at this time, when a new university is soon to be established in British Columbia, and when university clubs are forming in the province, to know that this large institution was founded upon the small sum of \$300,000, bequeathed for that purpose by Miss Sophia Smith, a maiden lady of keen insight and generous instinct. That sum would be considered meagre indeed in these days of million-dollar legacies. But then it sufficed. Perhaps this was because a man was found to act as president of the new college whose intellectual ability was coupled with keen financial and executive powers. To Rev. L. Clarke Seelye, the first and only president that Smith College has known, is due the greatest possible credit for the success that has come to the institution.

The ideal which he has set before the students is sane, broad, and up-lifting. These are a few of the maxims which every graduate carries away with her and which always recall the gray, kindly face with its deep-set eyes glowing with the keenest sense of humor, and its fringe of whiskers around the chin.

"The ideal of each college girl should be to obtain a sound mind in a sound body." "Aim to be a womanly woman." And the one which is first of all the goal of the institution, "We must educate our girls to become Christian gentlemen."

The reverence which the large body of students feel for the president is very deep. One of the most impressive customs of the college is the opening of the chapel exercises every morning. A spectator witnessing the scene for the first time can almost feel the thrill of sincere love that passes over those 1500 girls when they rise to honor their president, as, tall and erect, his gray head moving forward between the rows of fresh young faces, he walks up the long aisle to his place on the platform.

A natural life is insisted upon at Smith College. The mental and physical, moral and social are all equally balanced. All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" is well appreciated, and the students who break down from over-study are very few. While on the other hand, a sufficient amount is insisted upon to keep the standard high. One feature of the place that has done much to keep the students in good health is the required gymnastic work. Every student in the freshman and sophomore years must take four hours a week in the gymnasium classes under a competent instructor. When she enters the college she must undergo a thorough physical and medical examination by the head of the gymnastic work and by the college physician. If any part of her body needs special attention she is put in a class where she can get it. No student is allowed to play basketball or field hockey until she has passed these examinations successfully. One of the largest undertakings of the alumnae has been to donate a perfectly equipped gymnasium to their alma mater. Here the regular compulsory classes are held, and besides these, fencing, swimming, basketball and athletic dancing are taught to any who elect to learn. Many a happy hour is spent in this building where young women of twenty-two frolic about like children. Often the students do not appreciate the value of this exercise until after they leave college. This was illustrated in such a funny way when a graduate who had been captain of the basketball team returned after two years to visit her alma mater and insisted upon playing a game in the old gymnasium. She put on her suit and started in bravely while many of her admirers who had been under class girls when she was a senior, cheered her enthusiastically. But after the first ten minutes the eager "alma" was obliged to ask for time and when the first half ended she had to give up, panting.

"I haven't played since I left college," she said apologetically, "and the sight of the running track and the baskets made me hungry for a game. But now I am quite satisfied," and she laughed, rubbing her stiff muscles. The invigorating mountain climate of Northampton makes the out-of-door sports

and pastimes especially attractive. Smith College is very fortunate in its situation. Lying in the wonderful Connecticut Valley with Mt. Tom, Mt. Holyoke, Nonotuck, and Sugar Loaf as towering sentinels, and skirted by a picturesque little stream, known to the initiated as Mill River, but to the college girls as "Paradise," it offers varied and charming opportunities. Each season brings its own joys and each has its devotees. Tennis, golf, and hockey are the fall games while a favorite autumn pastime is mountain climbing. This is so general and approved a pleasure that the faculty set apart a day early in each October holiday of the year. There the students go in large parties to the top of any of the surrounding mountains, taking picnic lunches and cameras. The long climb is well rewarded by the view from the top which is superb.

The oaks and maples paint the scenery in gorgeous red and yellow and brown. Many a freshman loses her homesick feeling with her first mountain view of the beautiful, scarletting college town. The Mount Holyoke House is a favorite resort on moonlight evenings, when four or five girls and a chaperone often take supper and spend the night there. The stars seem close and very clear, while the city lights are far below, dim and misty. The students like to bring their parents to Mount Holyoke because they can better understand why their daughters love the college life and all that it means. The sense of peace and beauty that comes to them as they look down upon the college grounds, marked even from that distance by the chapel spire towering above tall elm and oaks, makes them glad to give up their daughters to such a life for four long years. And if the girls treat their parents to that climax of college fun, a bacon bat, they give them a glimpse of the life that they will never forget.

A bacon bat is a picnic in the woods where the entire meal is cooked over a bonfire. There is no pleasure in culinary art that can compare with the fascination of holding a long stick which has pierced the centre of a dozen slices of bacon, while the fat drips and sizzles into a roaring fire of pine boughs. Or perhaps it may be a stick of frankfurters that are roasted and then eaten between buttered rolls. Other dishes that the girls delight in preparing are coffee, steak, chops, roasted potatoes, and toast. When the dishes are all prepared the company sit on the ground around an improvised table cloth of paper and eat from wooden plates and drink from tin cups. "Nothing ever tasted so good before," is the verdict of all the parents.

The meal is usually timed for sunset, so that the view from the mountain top is glorified by the beautiful red light that spreads over the valley. The silvery winding curves of the Connecticut change to golden bands, and then fade away as the darkness comes slowly on and the stars appear one by one. Another fall diversion is the three mile walk to the Hadley cider mill. A characteristic group about this old mill is composed of eight or ten college girls in sweaters and caps, drinking cider and eating ginger snaps as they sit about on the sawdust-covered platform, or perch on piles of boards near by.

One attraction of the place is the price. For five cents one can buy all the cider she can drink, and it is delicious, freshly made, and served by a kindly old New England woman, who makes cookies that go with it. She lives in a quaint farmhouse near by, where the girls often stay over for a home-cooked supper of fried chicken, brown bread, milk and pie.

When winter comes, college sports change. The mountains are no longer accessible, but "Paradise" takes their place. Here the girls skate by sunlight and moonlight. A fee of ten cents is charged for every "skate," which money pays a man to keep the river clear of snow. It is a pretty sight to look down from the back campus upon the graceful, swaying figures, black dots against the background of evergreens and snow.

Sometimes, in unusually cold weather, a thick crust will form over the snow, and then the college girls have the best time of the whole winter. Armed with tin covers, bits of oilcloth, carpet or board, they go to a steep hill and "coast" on their improvised sleds. It is exciting fun to go whizzing down, turning round and round if the cover is not shaped right. Shrieks of laughter are heard if some girl tries to climb the hill after sliding down. It is almost impossible to get up the slippery surface, and many a girl reaches the middle only to slide down backwards on hands and knees, vainly calling to the others, who stand at the top and laugh at her.

But the best time of the college year is the spring. Any graduate will tell you that the memories which are dearest and freshest are of the long hunts in the woods for arbutus and violets, of the rowing and canoeing on "Paradise," and the drives across the beautiful meadows to the mountain-top. So, after all, there is no good time like the good time of the college girl. There are the chosen friends at hand, the places renowned from year to year, each for its distinctive pleasure, and, best of all, the time to enjoy the friends and the pleasures.

LA FONTAINE—ANARCHIST

La Fontaine, the great French author, as an Anarchist, is surely a new view of the man who made Aesop's Fables household literature. Yet in a recent lecture at the Grafton Galler-

ies, Paris, M. Edmond Harancourt, the poet, treated of La Fontaine under this heading.

M. Harancourt said it was a paradox that Jean de la Fontaine, one of the most popular and original of French poets, in the freshness and vividness of whose writings children delighted, was by nature an Anarchist, and a rather dangerous one. He commented on the curious personal character of La Fontaine, his absence of mind and indifference to business, and recounted many anecdotes concerning him. Upon an allegation of misconduct on the part of his wife he left her and his children, and, 25 years afterwards, being struck with the intelligence of a young man he had met in a Paris salon, he inquired of a friend who his unknown was. On being told that it was his own son, he replied, "Oh, yes; I thought I had seen him somewhere." The story of La Fontaine's insisting on fighting a duel with a supposed admirer of his wife, and then, when honor had been satisfied, imploring him to visit his house just as before, was also told. There were many stories bearing on his child-like nature. That was exemplified in great measure in his best Fables. He was an admirer of simplicity, or even stupidity—he loved a state which was as near nature as possible. On the other hand, he disliked society on account of its conventions. That was illustrated by his saying: "To go back to nature and become like an animal is for me Paradise on earth." La Fontaine's life was exactly suited to his belief—it was a natural life. He held that men had the same qualities and the same defects as animals—pride, strength, cunning, and the like; and that justice and morals did not exist among human beings any more than among animals. His Fables pictured a state in which justice was on the side, not of right, but of might, and contained severe criticisms of the rulers. His desire was to show that it was the strong only who ruled the world, and whenever he spoke about the king of animals he had in mind Louis XIV., whom he criticized as much as he dared under the laws of that time. La Fontaine's attacks upon society, upon law, and upon the order of things made him really an Anarchist. And yet, because of his charm, his perfect style, his versatility, and the freshness of his stories, he was loved by every one who read him. His readers considered not so much the ideas to which expression was given as the artistic mastery shown in the form of his narratives. Another reason why he was so beloved, notwithstanding his Anarchist tendencies, was that he was French and full of taste. La Fontaine, who had been singled out for favorable comparison with Aesop, might be considered as the best representative of French literary style in the 17th century.

A THIRTEENTH CENTURY TOMB

Workmen at the minister in Basle, Switzerland, while installing a new heating plant a short time ago discovered in an interior crypt a tomb which has been made the subject of a curious investigation. It was evident that the body enclosed in the stone walls was that of a high functionary. It was clad in the vestment of a bishop of the Roman Catholic Church. The skeleton hand still clasped the wooden crook symbolical of the shepherd.

The many folds of cloth were of the richest description, including embroideries of fine workmanship and intricate and beautiful designs. There were ornaments of gold, gold embroidered sandals covered the feet, and gold rings and emblems of the high office which the dead man had occupied were scattered in the dust of decay.

Who was the prelate buried in this box of stone? Inquiry showed that the body was that of Bishop Lutold I. of Arburg, who died 1213, or of Bishop Heinrich II. of Thum, who died in 1238. It is known, at least, that the opened tomb contained the remains of a man who died nearly seven hundred years ago.

The proceedings following this discovery were somewhat remarkable. A photograph of the open tomb with the body in it was taken with great difficulty, for it was almost impossible in that narrow underground hole to make a clear picture.

For the purpose of thorough examination the body was taken from its bed of centuries to a room in the museum of the city. This was difficult to do, for the slightest touch was likely to crumble anything in the tomb to dust. The examination required two days and then the remains were buried again, it is hoped never more to be disturbed.

The body had been embalmed, but the process only delayed and did not arrest the process of decay. The tomb consisted simply of slabs of stone cemented together, and the remains in their splendid vestments were laid upon a bed of flat stones placed in position without cement.

The head had been pillowed on a stone scooped out a little. But the head had not survived the interval of seven centuries. Nothing of it was found except some handfuls of dust, a small bit of the lower jaw, and a few teeth.

Some of the fingers were covered with skin that had turned to parchment, but they crumbled at a touch. A few of the cloths plainly retained their texture and ornamental designs, but the greatest care in handling them was required or they would drop to pieces. All were discolored so that they looked like brown tobacco leaf. Chemical tests were made of some of the cloth, but nothing of importance was discovered.

The highly ornate shepherd's staff had been made of pieces of ash, linden, and oak wood, mortised together, but now rotten to the centre, though still perfect in shape.

The most striking results of the investigation were the photographs, twenty-three in number, of the cloth and embroidery patterns, the tattered leather sandals, and the tomb. Some of the embroidery patterns are of remarkable beauty and intricacy.

There was great difficulty in fixing the sandals so that they might be photographed, for they were little more than dust that a breath would blow away. They had been fitted to the feet of a dead man nearly three

hundred years before Columbus discovered America.

We know of the remarkable scrutiny that has been given to the mummified remains of the ancient kings and queens of Egypt; this is probably the first time that the dust of a Christian prelate has been subjected to similar investigations. The ancient processes of preserving the bodies of the dead far excelled those of the Christian era, as is strikingly shown in the present case, for the attempt to preserve the body from total decay utterly failed.

OF TWO WELL KNOWN CHARACTERS

Writing of Lafayette, who, after some years of imprisonment by the Prussians, was liberated in 1797, Lady Holland says "Poor man! his faults are expiated in his sufferings. His character is that of a phlegmatic, cold-hearted man with much vanity and slender abilities." This was a swift and sweeping feminine verdict, and it was quite true. Lafayette was one of the mischievous little band of young French nobles who patronized the American Revolution, rather to the disgust and annoyance of Washington. He was distinctly traitorous to Louis the Sixteenth. In disgust at the revolution he crossed the frontiers and was made prisoner by the Prussians, who had little sympathy with his changeable emotions. He returned to France to be a traitor to Charles the Tenth and a cautious patron of new revolutions. Few men have obtained so much celebrity with so little ability and honesty.

Concerning Emma, Lady Hamilton, she says: "That he (Hamilton) should admire her beauty and wonderful attitudes is not singular, but that he should like her society certainly is, as it is impossible to go beyond her in vulgarity and coarseness." This verdict is corroborated by much later evidence. That she fascinated Nelson is most unfortunate. Had he lived she would have ruined even his great name. Men are to be often judged by the women they admire. Where sweetness, grace, innocence, and charm are dissociated from beauty, beauty ought to have little influence on superior minds.—M. J. S., in Montreal Gazette.

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Men's and Boys' Wear at Savings

January Sale Values in the Men's Store

Men's Suits

We have not been able so far to give any extended list of what we have in special values in this section. The bargains were never better than this year, and the garments are particularly attractive, many are suitable for wearing at all times, and are well worth buying now for future use, considering the splendid savings.

Men's Suits \$6.45, worth \$8.50 to \$12.50
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MEN'S PANTS, reg. prices \$4.50 to \$5.75. Friday and Saturday **\$3.75**

Men's Caps

MEN'S CAPS, made of fancy tweeds, reg. 50c. Friday and Saturday **25c**

Men's Overalls

MEN'S OVERALLS, regular 75c. to 90c. Friday and Saturday **50c**

Men's Oyercoats and Raincoats Reduced

During this great Sale we will clear out our Stock of Oyercoats and Raincoats at very large reductions. This insures a good selection of the very best garments at merely nominal prices.

MEN'S OVERCOATS AND RAINCOATS, reg. prices \$10.00 to \$12.50. Friday and Saturday **\$6.75**

MEN'S OVERCOATS AND RAINCOATS, reg. prices \$15.00 to \$18.00. Friday and Saturday **\$9.75**

MEN'S OVERCOATS AND RAINCOATS, reg. prices \$20.00 to \$25.00. Friday and Saturday **\$15.75**

Boys' Suits at Good Savings

Boys' Three-Piece Suits
BOYS' THREE - PIECE SUITS, regular \$4.50 to \$5.00. Friday and Saturday **\$3.50**

Boys' Norfolk Suits
BOYS' NORFOLK SUITS, regular \$3.50 and \$3.75. Friday and Saturday **\$2.50**

Boys' Russian Suits
BOYS' RUSSIAN SUITS, reg. \$3.00 and \$3.50. Friday and Saturday **\$2.50**

BOYS' THREE - PIECE SUITS, regular \$6.50 to \$8.50. Friday and Saturday **\$4.50**

BOYS' NORFOLK SUITS, regular \$4.50 and \$5.00. Friday and Saturday **\$3.75**

BOYS' AND GIRLS' FANCY CAPS AND TAMS, regular 25c to 75c. Friday and Saturday **20c**

Boys' and Youths' Overcoats at Good Reductions

Youth's Overcoats, regular prices \$7.50 to \$10.00. Friday and Saturday **\$4.75**

Boys' Overcoats, reg. prices \$5.75 and \$6.75. Friday and Saturday **\$2.75**

Boys' Fancy Overcoats, regular price \$5.75. Friday and Saturday **\$3.75**

Lined Kid Gloves for Boys and Youths

FLEECE LINED ELASTIC WRISTS, worth 75c. Friday and Saturday **50c**

Wool Lined Kid Gloves for Boys

GOOD QUALITY KID, wool lined, worth \$1.00. Friday and Saturday **75c**

Second Floor Bargains

WOMEN'S WAISTS, lustrous, flannel, muslin and delaine, in white and colors, a big assortment, regular \$1.50 to \$2.00. Friday, only **75c**

CHILDREN'S COATS, in white serge and other cloths, also in colors, for small children only, regular \$4.50 and \$5.00. Friday **\$2.65**

FLANNELLETTE WRAPPERS, regular \$2.00. Friday **\$1.40**

WOMEN'S WAISTS, flannels, lustrous, muslins, delaines, challies and other goods in white and all colors, plain and fancy, regular \$2.25 to \$3.00. Friday **\$1.00**

CHILDREN'S COATS, in colored velvet and corduroy, also white and colored serge, for small children only, regular \$5.50 to \$7.50. Friday **\$3.90**

BLACK SATEEN UNDERSKIRTS, reg. price \$2.00. Friday **\$1.35**

Special Purchase of 50,000 Yards of Embroideries on Sale Today

Our buyer bought these from a St. Gall (Switzerland) manufacturer, during the business depression, at very low prices, and we place on sale the whole purchase. This is by far the largest shipment of Fine Embroideries ever brought into British Columbia. As large as the quantity was, the prices were too tempting to pass this important lot. They comprise Muslin, Nainsook and Cambric Edgings, Insertions, Beadings and Flouncings, for the making of the daintiest kinds of fine underwear.

The Prices from 5c to \$1.00

Women's and Children's Warm Gloves Reduced

At no time during the season have warm gloves been as necessary as now, and you can buy them at splendid savings on Friday, as we intend clearing out all wool and wool lined kid gloves for women and children.

WOMEN'S LONG WOOL GLOVES, in white and red, regular price 50c. Friday **25c**

WOMEN'S KID GLOVES, wool lined, in browns, tans and black, regular price \$1.00. Friday **75c**

CHILDREN'S WOOL GLOVES, in fancy ring-wool, regular price 25c. Friday **15c**

CHILDREN'S KID GLOVES, wool lined in shades of tan and brown, regular 75c. Friday **50c**

Women's and Children's Millinery

In no department are the reductions greater than in this one.

More Skirts on Sale Friday

For the first day of the sale we went through our stock of skirts, and picked out all we thought to reduce at that time. They sold so quickly that we have made a further selection, and these skirts to be sold on Friday are as good as if we had just received them, with the exception of a few of the more expensive ones, which have been in stock a little longer than the others, and they are reduced more.

WOMEN'S SKIRTS, nice styles, good cloths, splendidly made, regular \$6.75, \$8.50 and \$9.50. Friday at **\$4.75**

WOMEN'S SKIRTS, the most desirable styles in a good variety of cloths, some of the best values are in this lot. Regular \$9.75, \$10.50 and \$11.75. Friday at **\$5.75**

WOMEN'S SKIRTS, these are made of voile, and are beautifully trimmed with straps of silk or satin, some of the most dressy styles that we carry are included, regular \$18.50 to \$25.00. Friday **\$9.75**

WOMEN'S SKIRTS, made of panamas, voiles, venetians and other cloths, some are very handsomely trimmed with silk or satin. Regular \$12.50, \$15.00 and \$17.50. Friday **\$7.75**

Women's and Misses' Costumes to Clear

This clearance sale of Costumes for Women and Misses is something that should not be overlooked. You can buy costumes made by some of the world's best tailors for less than they cost the makers. Just think! A \$25.00 costume for \$7.50, a \$35.00 Costume for \$12.50, and so on through the entire lot. These costumes are all this season's styles, and some very handsome ones are still to be had, and there is no need to be without one when you can buy the most desirable suits at such ridiculously low prices:

\$7.50
For Suits Worth \$22.50 and \$25.00

\$12.50
For Suits Worth \$27.50 to \$35.00

\$12.50
Misses Suits worth \$20.00 to \$30.00 for

\$18.50
For Suits Worth \$37.50 to \$50.00

\$25.00
For Suits Worth \$55.00 to \$85.00

Warm Underwear for Women at Savings

It is difficult to keep comfortable these cold days with the searching winds and the fact of being able to buy warm underwear at less than half price should be good news to many. The following are the items:

WOMEN'S FLANNELLETTE DRAWERS, made of heavy weight striped flannellette in neat designs. Reg. price 50c, Friday, **25c**

WOMEN'S FLANNEL DRAWERS, made of warm, navy blue flannel, Reg. price 65c, Friday, **25c**

WOMEN'S UNDERWEAR heavy weight merino, both vests and drawers, an excellent quality in small sizes only. Regular price 50c, Friday **25c**

Special Values in the Men's Furnishings Store

Warm Underwear and Other Lines at Savings

Men's Warm Striped Woolen Shirts and Drawers, shirts double breasted, good heavy underwear, regular price 75c per garment. Friday special **50c**

Men's Warm Natural Wool Mixture Shirts and Drawers, double breasted, Reg. value, per garment 50c. Special Jan. Sale Price **35c**

Imported Heavy Weight Pure Natural Cashmere Shirts and Drawers, best quality, double breasted, and reinforced at all points of wear, elbows, knees and seat. Regular value \$2.50 per garment. Special Jan. Sale Price **\$1.75**

Men's Warm Fleece Lined Shirts and Drawers, all sizes for boys' up to 15 years of age, warm and soft, regular price up to 50c per garment. Friday special, all sizes **25c**

Men's Wool Sweaters, various shades, grey, navy, cream and fancy mixtures, regular values \$1.75 to \$2.75. Special January Sale Price **\$1.25**

Men's Extra Heavy Natural All Wool Elastic Ribbed Shirts and Drawers, made by the best manufacturers, shirts double breasted. Regular price \$2.75 per garment. Special January Sale Price **\$1.75**

Men's Warm Flannelette Nightshirts, made full size bodies and of striped flannelette, sizes up to 18 collar, value 75c. Friday special **50c**

Men's Extra Heavy Pure Natural Shade All Wool Shirts and Drawers, the shirts double breasted and spliced at elbows, drawers spliced at seat and knees, the product of one of the best eastern mills. Regular value \$2.25 and \$2.50 per garment. Special January Sale Price **\$1.45**

Men's Extra Heavy Natural All Wool Elastic Ribbed Shirts and Drawers, made by the best manufacturers, shirts double breasted. Regular price \$2.75 per garment. Special January Sale Price **\$1.75**

Imported Extra Heavy All Wool Shirts and Drawers, almost Arctic weight, blue-grey shade, double breasted and reinforced at elbows, seats and knees. Value, per garment, \$1.50, special January sale price **\$1.00**

Imported English Natural Pure Cashmere Shirts and Drawers, made of the softest wool, double breasted, and reinforced at elbows, seat and knees. Regular price \$1.75 and \$2.25. Special January Price **\$1.45**

Men's Warm Woolen Gloves, made in fancy mixtures, browns, heather shades and greys, also fine black cashmere. January sale price, per pair **50c**

Heavy Warm Sox for cold weather, at prices from, per pair 50c to **8c**

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Venezuela's Special Envoy Confer With European Powers

PROSPECTS OF SUCCESS

President Gomez Annuls other of Castro's Obnoxious Decrees

Bordeaux, Jan. 9.—Jose de la Venezuela envoy sent to by President Gomez to arrange settlement of Venezuela's dispute with the powers of Europe, arrived today on the steamer Ferrou. He leaves for Paris tomorrow, where he hopes to confer with M. Poincaré, French Foreign Minister, and representative of the Dutch government. In answer to a request for a mission was to arrive at a peaceful understanding on all questions with France, Holland, Germany and Italy. He anticipates that the settlement of Venezuela's relations with France, French government's attitude favorable to an understanding differences with the French Company, he said, would be announced. His mission to England, Sen declared, was more in the nature of a demonstration of Venezuela's private question, he believed, would be without reference to the government by private negotiation.

France's Attitude. Paris, Jan. 9.—It is announced the French government is willing to welcome any proposal looking to a settlement of the questions pending between Venezuela, provided it receives formal proof that Senator Paul has established the government's position on the matter. Venezuela, and is personally known to the office of the minister of foreign affairs, and is known to Great Britain. Holland and will set together to pay the settlement with Venezuela.

Castro's Decree Annulled. Caracas, Wednesday, Jan. 9.—The decree of President Castro annulling the former President Castro's decrees calling at Venezuela from carrying out the law, and it is probable that as a Royal Mail line will resume Venezuelan sailings.

Gen. Nicholas Rolando, the Venezuelan revolutionist, was great ovation when he arrived city last Monday from New M. De Loren, the Brazilian who represents France's interest, is ready to pay the stipulated instalments on the French He is awaiting instructions.

U. S. Treaties. Washington, Jan. 7.—Secretary today signed treaties with Bolivia and Hayti.

San Diego's Founder. San Diego, Cal., Jan. 7.—Horton, founder of the city, and its oldest inhabitant to day, aged 93 years, died of infirmities incident to old age.

AUSTRIA'S OFFER Ready to Pay For Annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina—Men Ordered Home

Berne, Switzerland, Jan. 9.—Bund says it learns authorities all the reservists in Switzerland received orders to join their regiments on January 25.

Vienna, Jan. 9.—A dispatch Constantinople says that Pallaivici, the Austro-Hungarian ambassador to Turkey, under instructions, has informed the Vizier that Austro-Hungary offers to offer two and a half million (\$16,000,000) Turkish in the annexation of Bosnia and govinia. The ambassador added that as it was no clear whether the title is this Ottoman state or in thevinces themselves, Austria made the offer on the supply this jurisdiction question usually be settled by arbitration.

SHOWS ARCTIC A Buoy Set Afloat at Cape Finds Its Way to Point Norway Coast

Christiana, Norway, J. Meteorological Institute has letter from Sverre, Flinm that a buoy which was set afloat on November 3 last contained drift on July 24, 1900, at Bathurst, and about 284 east of the Mackenzie river, Cape Bathurst is in the Arctic ocean. It is believed the buoy, which has drifted eight years, was carried Polar seas between the Arctic and Antarctic. It is believed to support the coast which Capt. Ronald Amundsen based his future expedition on.

Capt. Amundsen's expedition will start from Svalbard in 1910. He plans a voyage similar to that of Nansen. He intends to go to the ice to the north of Barrow, Alaska, and hopes the pole.