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CHINA'S DESIRE TO RANK AMONG POWERS

Carrying Out of Reforms in Empire May Lead to Recognition of Claim.

Pekin, Dec. 24.—The foreign board has received a cablegram from Tang Shao Yi at Washington, saying that the Washington government has responded favorably to the proposal made by China to raise the Chinese legation at Washington to the rank of an embassy. Tang Shao Yi is the Chinese official who is at present in the United States on a diplomatic mission from his government.

TEACHERS MAY SHARE IN SUPERANNUATION

Provincial Government Considering Question of Including Them in Benefits.

In the new civil service bill which the provincial secretary, Hon. H. E. Young, will introduce into the legislature at the approaching session it is probable that teachers in the public schools may be given an opportunity to take advantage of the scheme of superannuation.

NO U. S. SYNDICATE IN PANAMA CANAL DEAL

Receiver of Old Company Characterizes Story as a Fable.

Paris, Dec. 24.—In view of a possible congressional investigation in the United States into the Panama canal purchase, M. Lemaire, the receiver of the old company, who hitherto has declined to be interviewed, made the following statement yesterday.

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WOMAN DYNAMITER

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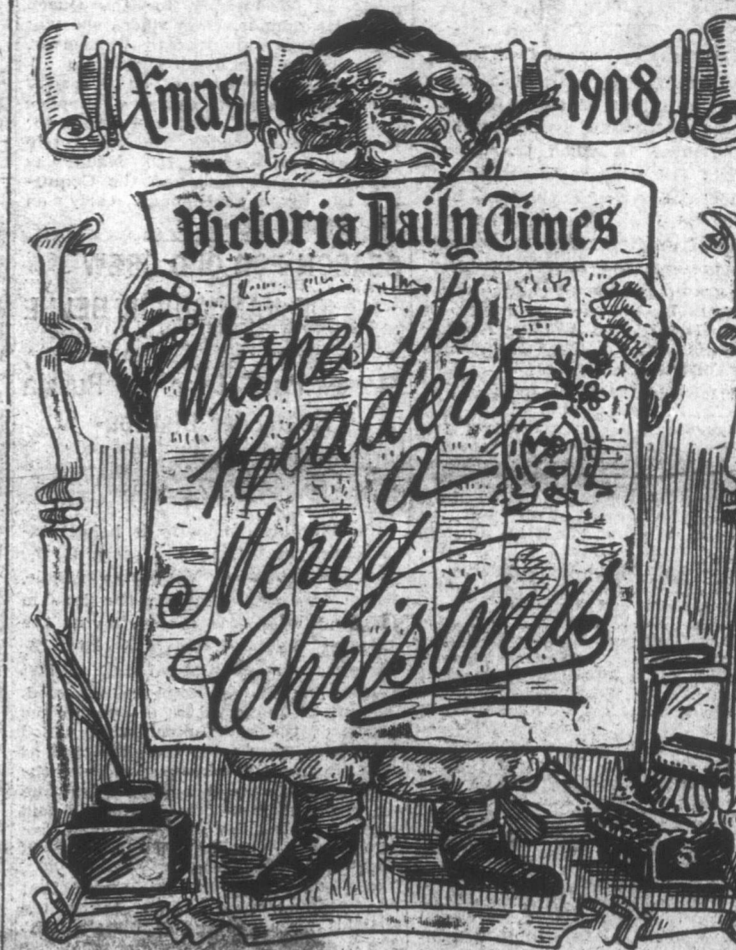
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ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT HELD AT SOOKE

School Children Contribute to Programme—Rifle Club Prizes Distributed.

(Special Correspondence of the Times) Sooke, Dec. 21.—The heart of the small boy, and also that of the little miss, was made glad on the evening of Friday, December 18, when the annual Christmas tree and entertainment of the school children of Sooke were held at Charters' Hall. The occasion was also one of great pleasure to the girls present, and they were many. The programme rendered showed careful rehearsal and reflects credit on Miss M. Dewar, the teacher for her painstaking efforts. The programme was as follows: Songs—In an Old Fashioned Garden... Recitation—Our Baby... Clifford Way Song—Don't Forget Your Old Home... The A-way... Mabel Anderson Drill—Dumb Bells... Sooke School Children Recitation—A Warning... Agnes Milne Dialogue—Jake Haysed in the City... Daisy Ross, Bert Mustard, Clifford Way. Song—Love Me and the World is Mine... Recitation—Betty and the Bear... A. Gordon Recitation—Christmas Day in the Morning... A. Gordon Song—With You in Eternity... T. Oldershaw Flag Drill... Sooke School Children Recitation... Mabel Anderson Song... Mabel Way and Daisy Ross Recitation... Winnifred Knappin Children of the Empire... School Children Song—Just Some One... Miss Macleod Anderson Dialogue... By the Girls Comic and Character Songs... Mr. Gave During the evening the Rifle Club prizes were presented by Mrs. H. D. Helmecken to the following winners: Helmecken Medal, Louis Godel; Schoolmaster's Cup, J. D. Donaldson; Figure Target, Johnny White. Presentations were made by H. Dallas Helmecken, K. C., to Messrs Murray, French and Milne, leading members of the Sooke Farmers' Institute, in appreciation of their efforts in bringing the resources of the district to the front rank. Santa Claus having performed his duties in distributing prizes from the Christmas tree, refreshments were next in order, after which the hall was cleared for dancing. The light fantastic was tripped until a late hour, which terminated one of the most successful gatherings of the people of Sooke. Miss Dewar, the retiring teacher, was highly complimented for her interest in her pupils, and regret is expressed at her departure from the district. PRIZE WINNERS. Miss Messenger's School Closes for the Christmas Holidays. The annual distribution of prizes to the girls of Miss Messenger's school took place at "The Poplars," Burdette avenue, on Monday. The results of the examinations were extremely satisfactory. In more so as the percentage necessary to the obtaining of a prize has been raised since last year. In the first class, Olive Day gained the arithmetic prize with 91 per cent, and the French prize with 88 per cent. In the second class, the following girls obtained special prizes: Evelyn Floyd, highest examination and term's marks, 88 per cent, arithmetic 81, French 80; Doris Worsted, English history 82 per cent, literature 80 per cent; Angela Beaudin, English elocution 88 per cent; Florence Smith, French 89 per cent. In the third class prizes were awarded as follows: Ethel Fleming, arithmetic 85 per cent, geography 85 per cent, Gwendolyn Rebbeck, French 78 per cent; Kitty Smith, English grammar 80 per cent; Vivian Chaston, spelling 86 per cent, diction 81 per cent; Victoria Wyde, writing 80 per cent; Isabella Elliott, Scripture 80 per cent. Fourth class prize winners were as follows: Jessie Woodcock, English history 79 per cent. The following among the pupils not having obtained prizes for special subjects received awards for very satisfactory general improvement: Armine Pemberton, Margaret Macdonald, Phyllis Slater, Philippa Pemberton, Margaret Holley, Carmen Macdonald, Cordelia Jennings, Isabel Poe, Aline Stewart, Williams. The special music prize of the year to Miss Archbutt's pupils was gained by Annie Grace Robertson, who carried it off by a strenuous competition by her unflinching, conscientious work. The moral conduct prize was awarded to Hilda Fleming, who was also the recipient of the "Noblesse Oblige" badge, this prize being voted by the girls themselves. Angela Beaudin was such a very close second in this contest that she was presented with a small badge of merit. The school will re-open on Wednesday, January 8th, 1909, at 9:30 a. m. UNION RATES ABANDONED. At a recent meeting of the Association of Sailing Ship-Owners at London the minimum charter rate on wheat and barley from Pacific Coast ports to the United Kingdom of 25s 6d was abolished. Masters and owners are now at liberty to accept whatever rate they can get. This will, of course, make an enormous difference to local shipping and will result in an increased activity in the chartering of sailing ships now lying idle in Esquimaux.

LANDS RAILWAY MATERIAL

Steamer Henriette Carries Large Cargo to Prince Rupert. Prince Rupert, Dec. 19.—McKenzie Bros. steamship Henriette arrived from the south on Tuesday with a full cargo of supplies and railroad construction material for Foley, Welch & Stewart. After unloading she left at midnight on Wednesday for the Queen Charlotte Islands, from where she will take a large shipment to Vancouver. The Union Steamship Company arrived from Vancouver on Tuesday night with a good cargo of supplies consigned to the local merchants for the Christmas trade. The usual trip to Port Simpson and the Naas was abandoned this time and the Coquitlam left again southbound early on Wednesday morning.

SEARCH FOR OLD CREW OF VANCOUVER BELLE

Money Paid Over by Russia Ready for Distribution. Considerable difficulty is being experienced in finding the crew of the sealing schooner Vancouver Belle, which was seized by the Russians in 1892 and later was broken up at the dock at Vladivostok. The claim for damages was established and at last Russia has paid the damages assessed. A sum of about \$45,000 is now in the hands of the government, which is to pay the men who were employed at that time on the schooner, and also the owners. The men will be paid first and an effort is now being made to find them. So far the names of only five of the crew have been ascertained. Of these, two are deceased. The odd thing about this case is that the shipping office has no copy of the articles or anything to indicate who the men were. The shipping master is still searching, but it is hardly likely he will be successful as he has already gone through all the copies of articles and other papers on board.

WILL JOIN CITY ON UNIVERSITY QUESTION

Ratepayers of Esquimaux Meet and Elect Committee. A meeting of ratepayers of Esquimaux district was held Tuesday at the Soldiers and Sailors' hall, Esquimaux road, to select a committee to act in conjunction with the city committee for the purpose of opposing the proposed provincial university in Victoria. John Jardine, M. P., occupied the chair and explained the object of the meeting. Mr. Jardine said it was probable the Hudson's Bay Company would donate fifty acres at the corner of Craigflower and Admiral's roads for the purpose of the university. The committee would be formed to join with the city committee and look into all matters in connection with the project. Vancouver and Westminster, he explained, were busy and would not have time for Victoria to make a move. J. C. McIntosh thought the committee should interview the Hudson's Bay Company and ascertain just what the other side was doing in the matter before interviewing the government, as it would be better to go to them with a definite proposition. Dr. Fagan supported the proposal to interview the Hudson's Bay Company. He, however, thought the location suggested was not suitable. He favored Macaulay point. H. H. Pooley said Macaulay point had been put up and the lots sold and re-sold, and the Hudson's Bay Company would not now be able to offer fifty acres of connected land there. The other side, however, was contending that the Hudson's Bay Company, the provincial library and museum were named as additional advantages to the university if established here. H. H. Pooley suggested that delegations be sent to the Island towns from Comox, White Vancouver and Westminster were working against one another. Vancouver would go solid and work together. The following committee was selected: Henry Croft, Dr. Fagan, A. W. Curd, J. C. McIntosh, R. H. Pooley, S. Stevens, W. H. H. Piper was elected secretary. The meeting adjourned with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

COAST CHARTER MARKET

The coast grain freight market is dull and uninteresting, says the San Francisco Commercial News of Saturday. Two vessels were taken during the week to load at northern ports, the Archibald Russell to load at Tacoma, and the Oceanic to load at Seattle. The rate for Portland at 25s 8d, this rate being 5d 3d below the union minimum and showing a very weak market. But three vessels are left to load at this port, seven on the Sound and nine at Portland, with only a very few units left to arrive. One of the units at this port has been ordered to Australia in ballast, leaving but three vessels available for grain on the free list. The list at northern ports, however, is large enough to be a considerable drag on the market, and there is little possibility of any improvement in rates while that list remains as large as at present. In fact, shippers generally expect for a weak market for months to come. Offshore lumber chartering is quiet and is likely to remain so until after the holidays. One steamer is reported taken on charter for the West Coast and a coaster is fixed from Grays to Sydney at 20s. Coastwise freights hold steady, rates being quoted \$3.50 to \$3.75 to San Francisco and \$4.25 South. Lumber rates are quoted approximately as follows: Lumber from Puget Sound or British Columbia to Sydney, 21s 6d@28s 4d; to Melbourne or Adelaide, 30s; Port Felix, 30s@32s 4d; to Newcastle, 30s; to Japan, 30s@32s 4d; (steamers); 30s; Callao, 38s 9d@41s 3d; direct nitrate ports, 38s 9d@41s 3d; Valparaiso for orders, 40s@42s 6d, 2s 8d less to direct port; to South Africa and East at 2s 9d on U. K. Continent, with options, December-January-February loading, January-February ship chartered for Cape at 19s. New South Wales—(Newcastle)—Two steamers fixed for six months westward delivery Newcastle, with options, East at 2s 9d on U. K. (Sail). West Coast come at 18s 6d@19s 4d, and direct nitrate ports 18s@18s 6d. OLD BARQUE SOLD. The Elizabeth will be converted into a Barge. The old barque Elizabeth, built in Bath, Me., in 1863, was sold a few days ago by Norwegian owners to a London firm to be converted into a barge. The Elizabeth was one of the finest windjammers upon a time one of the finest windjammers flying the Stars and Stripes. She was of the Colombo and Alden Besse class, although built many years before them. The Alden Besse is still afloat, but the Colombo went down in a storm off Cape Flattery a couple of years ago. Her crew were saved by a passing windjammer. The Elizabeth was transferred to the Norwegian flag after her days of usefulness in the American merchant marine had passed, but she still managed to earn a fair profit for her new owners for a number of years. The vessel was recently turned into a barge when the C. F. Sargent, which plied out of Portland in the Alaska salmon fleet until about two years ago, when she was sent around the Horn to New York to serve as a receptacle for coal.

THE RUPERT CITY.

MacKenzie Steamer Expected to Make Trial Trip on January 2nd. Steamer Rupert City, formerly the Powhattan, has already been transferred into an up-to-date passenger ship. Two tiers of passenger berths have been built, and it is expected that she will be ready for her trial trip on January 2nd, when several hundred people will be entertained by the MacKenzie Steamship Company. The steamer is fitted with wireless apparatus, and her dining saloon has accommodations for 125 people at one sitting.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA PAYS LARGE DIVIDEND

Makes Good Profit Despite Falling Off of Revenue. Addressing the shareholders of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha at the annual meeting held in Tokyo recently, Mr. Kondo, president of the company, said: The financial depression since last year has greatly affected the shipping business in general which was placed in a very deplorable situation and much of our business for the term just ended. It is gratifying, therefore, that we are able to declare a dividend of 10 per cent. In England companies that 200 per cent at present reported to be lying idle, being unable to get any cargo, while a great steamship company in Germany is unable to declare a dividend for the term. This company was able to net a comparatively good profit in spite of the fact that our gross earnings was less this term than in the previous half year. This is due to the fact that the shipping business in Japan has been greatly affected by the trade with this country, and consequently proved us little impediment to the shipping business in this part of the world. The recent court decision in America have also had a serious effect on the shipping business not only in Japan but the world over. In China the slump in silver, the boycott in Peking and the recent court decision in America have greatly affected her trade with this country, and consequently proved us little impediment to the shipping business in this part of the world. The recent court decision in America have also had a serious effect on the shipping business not only in Japan but the world over. In China the slump in silver, the boycott in Peking and the recent court decision in America have greatly affected her trade with this country, and consequently proved us little impediment to the shipping business in this part of the world.

ST. GEORGE'S CLOSING.

Boarding and Day School Concludes Term in Pleasant Way. The children attending St. George's boarding and day school had a very pleasant Christmas celebration on Monday, a number of the parents were present. The school colors, red, white and blue, were worn by the pupils. A lengthy programme of songs and recitations was rendered, in all of which the children gave evidence of the careful and thorough training they are receiving in the school. The accompaniments were played by Miss Wilson, who has recently returned from studying in Germany. King John, the teacher of music in St. George's school next term. Mrs. Suttie, in an interval of the proceedings, made a short address, and praised the children for the good work done in their studies. She expressed the hope that all larger premises would be obtained during next year, which would give larger classrooms and also afford ample space for school games. Prizes presented by the kindness of some of the parents were awarded as follows: First, for correct and attendance, Laura Macklin, who gained 70 out of 70; kindergarten form, Gwendolyn Hughes, 70 out of 70; first form, term prize, Doris Macklin; examination prize, Kathleen Weston; additional prizes were also given in the kindergarten form to Julian Menkus and in the first form to Doris Macklin, Gwendolyn Hughes, and Kathleen Weston. Prizes for writing, and Harry Watkins for punctuality. The following was the programme: Recitation—The Fruit Tree... Bjornson Jesse Oates, Winnie Lee, Ernest Hall and Edna May, waltz chorus. Song—Baby's Horse... Wardie The Little Boy. Recitations—The Bee... C. Rosetti Julian Menkus. C. Wessitt Jim Hainbury. Recitation—September... M. Howitt Gwendolyn Humphreys. Song—Baby in the Garden... Wardie The Little Girls. Recitation—Ladybird, Ladybird... Old Rhyme The Little Girls. Piano Solo... Old Rhyme Recitation—Hiawatha's Fishing... Kathleen Weston Longfellow Beatrice Lees. Song—The Miller's Little Children... C. Moseley Solos by Doris Macklin, Gwendolyn Hughes, Beatrice Lees and Miss Ohlson. Recitation—A Night With a Wolf... Philip Twigg. Recitation—Stimpe... Old Rhyme Pianoforte Duet—Waltz... Kinross Doris Macklin and Miss Ohlson. Solos by Doris Macklin and Miss Ohlson. Harry Eakins, Bertie Oates, Joe Stubbington. Recitation—My Shadow... R. L. Stevenson Kathleen Weston. Song—Wynken, Blynken and Nod... Words by Field; Music by MacDonald First Form. Recitation—Three Wailmen... Old Rhyme Laura Macklin. Recitation—The Babes in the Wood... Nureen Hughes. Pianoforte Duet—Melody... Kinross Beatrice Lees and Miss Ohlson. Recitation—A Little Girl... Alma Tadema Doreen Ross. Recitation—The Fairies' Song... Shakespeare Doris Macklin. Christmas Carols and Hymns—Good King Wenceslas, Hark, the Herald Angels Sing, Once in Royal David's City. Solos by Beatrice Lees and Winnie Lee. God Save the King. At the close the children, and later the grown-ups, enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Suttie.

COASTING ACCIDENT.

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Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 22.—Following the sensational arrest here last night of seven councilmen and two bankers on charges of alleged corruption in conducting the public affairs of this city, it is intimated to-day that even more startling developments will transpire to-day or to-morrow.

During the night the nine defendants and their attorneys and friends held a number of conferences, while the officials of the Voters' League worked up the charges against the defendants, together with attorneys and municipal officials also held a meeting at which, it is said, plans were perfected for the arrest of other men alleged to be implicated in the bribery scandal.

Attorney A. Leo, Well, president of the Voters' League, stated to-day: "This is the beginning. The end is not yet."

The following are the men accused: Councilmen Wm. Brand, Jno. F. Klein, J. C. Wasson, T. O. Adkinson, J. C. Soffer, W. H. Melaney, Hugh Ferguson, former President W. W. Ramsay and former Cashier A. A. Vilsack, of the German National Bank, are also accused.

Information against all the seven members of the council charges them with conspiracy, corrupt solicitation, and bribery. An additional information against Brand, Wasson and Klein is in the form of \$300,000 was demanded. The bail of the other four members of the council was fixed at \$15,000 each.

The information against Ramsay and Vilsack charges them with giving \$17,500 as a bribe. Bail demanded from each is \$14,000. While all the defendants were taken by surprise when arrested last night, each secured the necessary bail which in the aggregate amounted to \$178,000.

Chas. K. Fagan, vice president of the bank, in a statement issued early today announced that the directors, immediately on hearing of the charges against the officers mentioned, had ordered their discharge from the institution. The bank's statement added, was in no way affected.

All the informations were sworn to by Tensad De Wolf, secretary of the Voters' League, and formerly a political writer on a local paper.

Robert Wilson, superintendent of the municipal league of Scranton, Pa., is described as "the man behind the gun." Mr. Wilson, assisted by a corps of private detectives, had the middle of this city from Scranton, and the evidence against the defendants. It is explained that for this reason the entire matter was investigated without the least publicity. The Pittsburgh police were not contacted until the night, when it was desired to make the arrests. Then Mayor Guthrie, Director of Public Safety Lang, Superintendent of Police McQuade, and other city officials in the public safety building where Mr. Wilson, his detectives, and members of the Voters' League, laid the evidence before them.

DEATH OF BISHOP MICHAUD. New York, Dec. 22.—The Right Rev. John S. Michaud, bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Burlington, Vermont, died at St. Vincent hospital today. Death was caused by Bright's disease. Bishop Michaud arrived here on the steamer Amerika from France whither he had gone two months ago in a vain attempt to recover his health.

Bishop Michaud was born in Burlington, Vt., Nov. 24, 1848. At one time he was a student at Montreal college and he took up the study of theology at St. James' seminary at Troy, N. Y. He was ordained priest on June 7, 1873. On June 29, 1892, he was consecrated Bishop of Burlington.

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St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 22.—In a little cottage in Pasadena, the rooms of which are bare of furniture, but bespoken with books and typewritten manuscripts, one child is dead and physicians are fighting for the lives of two others who are critically ill from starvation.

The father of the babes, Warren Edward Brooks, admits that while he and his wife busied themselves in writing books the children went hungry. The dead child, it is said, had tasted no food for three days, and for weeks before had had little nourishment.

Brooks was editor of the Single Tax Courier, of St. Louis, and was an intimate associate of Henry George. He says that he got down to the last dregs of poverty in an attempt to work out a theory of balanced land tenure.

FLYING SQUADRON MAY VISIT PANAMA

To Be Composed of Thirty Warships Manned by 20,000.

Panama, Dec. 22.—Persistent rumors are current here that a British flying squadron of thirty warships, their officers and crews numbering 20,000 men, will arrive here about the middle of January and remain several days. The rumors are exciting considerable interest. The sloop of war Shearwater, which arrived at the same time as the American squadron, is the first British warship to visit Panama in many months. If the British ships come here they will receive a hearty welcome from the officials and people in Panama.

Model City to Be Erected at the Head of Lake Superior.

New York, Dec. 22.—A Milwaukee dispatch to the Tribune says that a \$10,000,000 town on the order of the United States Corporations' model city at Gary, Ind., is planned at the head of Lake Superior about six miles from Superior and Duluth. The plant will be on the Wisconsin side of the state line.

The steel trust originally announced the investment of \$5,000,000 in steel mills, but it has since developed that a model town will be built around the mills, and a railroad system constructed. The corporations Minnesota Range mines with the through railroad lines to Chicago and Milwaukee.

RUNAWAY CAUSES FATAL ACCIDENT

Well-Known Farmer Killed While Driving Home From New Westminster.

New Westminster, Dec. 21.—Christopher Brown, of Mud Bay, was killed while returning from a visit to this city on Saturday afternoon. The deceased, who was a well-known farmer and constant attendant at the Westminster market, had been in town on business, and was driving a rather fresh coat. Knowing that he would have trouble if he brought the animal into the city, he put it up at a Surrey hotel and started out from there on his return journey about 3.30 p. m. Nothing further was heard till about seven o'clock, when some people residing on the Kirkland road, heard a rig go by at a high rate of speed. Shortly afterwards two men coming in the opposite direction found the buggy broken up. Some little distance away lay the unfortunate man, with a wound in the back of the head, death having apparently been instantaneous.

The animal is supposed to have taken fright at some object and run away, throwing the unfortunate man out of his seat.

Mr. Brown, who was about 55 years of age, was widely known in the vicinity. He was born in Ireland and had been in the country about thirty years. He leaves a widow, seven sons and a daughter.

OUTLOOK BRIGHT IN BARKERVILLE DISTRICT

Large Returns Are Looked For From Hydraulic Properties.

Barkerville, Dec. 21.—The hydraulic season has closed and as far as can be gleaned, all the mines with few exceptions have exceeded expectations. Most of the hydraulic properties are beyond the development stage, and have proved steady producers that will likely continue for several decades. China creek and Nugget Gulch, operated by B. A. Lassell, are extensive properties thoroughly equipped, having a good water supply which is one of the chief essentials in hydraulic mining.

China creek has been a steady producer for the past eight or nine years thanks to the management of Mr. Lassell, who took up this property, after its abandonment by two companies, and by a systematic way of operating has made China creek one of the best paying properties in this section. The Nugget Gulch is in its second year, and has been a dividend payer from the start. The plant has been increased on both of the claims.

Stout gulch, Lowhee, Forest Rose and Mosquito creek, which under the supervision of John Hopp are the most extensive properties operated under one head and a thorough water system has been installed to supply water to the above group of claims. These claims are managed by T. Muller, and are amongst the largest producers of the yellow metal in Cariboo. Everything is ready for next season's run and the management confidently expect splendid returns.

Eight Mile claim managed by T. O. Burgess is one of the oldest and best hydraulic properties in this section, but is somewhat handicapped on account of dumpage. This claim has been a steady producer for several years. This season the yardage removed has been in excess of what would be expected under the adverse condition of having insufficient pressure to disintegrate the gravel which had to be caved by heavy bank blasts using from 2,500 to 3,500 pounds of powder.

It is understood that plans are in contemplation to use hydraulic elevators on this claim in the near future. The Waverly on Grouse creek, managed by F. Carey, is another old claim, and is owned by local capital. There are two separate channels in this claim, known respectively as the Waverly and Grouse creek channels. The Waverly channel has gone below flume grade and has to be abandoned for the present. The Grouse creek channel heads for some of the richest ground of early Cariboo. Next year will develop the extent of the Grouse creek channel and all indications will once more place this claim in the front rank of producers.

The First of May claim on Williams creek, owned by a local company and managed by James Jewell has got into the channel this season. This claim has been doing very well for the past few years and now it has got beyond the development.

Everything looks very bright indeed for this section.

AMENDMENTS TO GAME LAWS PROPOSED

Resolutions Passed at Nelson Will Be Submitted to Members of House.

Nelson, Dec. 21.—A meeting of the Game Protection Association was held here to discuss amendments in the game laws to be brought before the provincial legislature at its next session. There was some general discussion in which the rapid extinction of certain game was emphasized and it was suggested that the present bounty on coyotes should be increased to \$5 and that the scalps should not as now be burnt, but a hole should be punched in each so that the skins would not be damaged for the market. It was considered that such an alteration of the present law would soon result in the almost complete extinction of these enemies of small game.

The question of the protection of willow grouse was brought up and a motion was carried, that willow grouse should be protected for two years.

The following motions also carried unanimously: That a bounty of \$10 should also have a bounty placed upon them and the coyote and lynx placed upon the same basis as regards a bounty; that the sale of deer and caribou should be absolutely prohibited and that the number allowed to be killed in one year by a single person should be reduced to three and two respectively; that Tmlr, Kaslo and Socan electoral districts should be declared organized districts, and that a game warden who would also act as fire warden should be appointed and paid a reasonable salary; that it should be recommended to the associated boards of trade, meeting shortly in the Dominion government a request that a fish ladder should be placed at upper and lower Bonnington falls so that fish might come over the rapids and up the Kootenay river; that the chief provincial fisheries inspector should be asked to look into the question of placing a fish ladder at Patrick's dam on Socan river so that the fish might be able to get up the stream for spawning purposes. It was decided that Messrs. Schofield, McKay and Hunter, members in the provincial house for the districts affected should be written by the secretary, Mr. Mawdsley, asking them to fix a date for another meeting and to attend so that resolutions passed might be further discussed.

NEW OFFICERS

Peachland, Dec. 21.—At the annual meeting of the board of trade the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, William Logie; V. P., N. Ritchie; secretary-treasurer, J. A. Moran; civic committee, W. A. Lang, C. G. Elliott, H. McDougall, financial, immigration and advertising, J. L. Vicars, M. A. Morrison, A. J. C. Clarence; transportation and conventions, R. J. Hogg, L. D. McCall, J. A. Moran; councillors, H. McDougall, Grant Lang, C. W. Whyte.

EMBARGO ON CANADIAN CATTLE

London, Dec. 22.—It is learned that with a view to defeating the plans of the American Beef Trust in the London market the committee of the latter at its recent meeting resolved to take such steps as might be thought desirable to influence the Board of Agriculture to remove the restrictions upon Canadian store cattle.

NEW SCALE OF WATER RATES

INCREASED REVENUE SOUGHT BY COUNCIL

Advance is Proposed on the Prices to Consumers.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) A draft of the new scale of water rates which it is proposed to put in force at the new year was presented to the city council last night in a report from the finance committee, which has been considering the matter in conference with the water commission. The rates are an increase all round and were laid before the council in bare detail, although full information as to cost of water and so forth was promised when the report is under discussion. A feature of the new scale is a tax of three cents a foot frontage for the service pipes.

SENATOR TELLER WANTS BIMETALLISM IN U. S. A.

Asks British Authority What Attitude of Indian Government Would Be.

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CHEAPER CABLE RATES ASSURED

Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, Canadian Postmaster-General, says one result of the conference in Great Britain upon the matter of cheaper cable communication is likely to be a reduction of rates by the private cable companies. Private concerns entrusted with the duty of serving the public in any capacity are naturally loth to reduce the tolls for the work they perform.

There is no reason whatever to doubt that as it has been with penny postage, so it will be with cable rates. The charges are so high at present as to practically kill business. The world is moving forward and in no respect faster than in the desire for cheap means of communication.

FOR THE SAKE OF THE WORKINGMAN.

The cases of Mr. Carnegie, Mr. Schwab and many other millionaires who made their fortunes out of steel ought, one would naturally think, be sufficient to convince the United States tariff commission that there is no further necessity, if there ever was any necessity, for duties upon the products of the Pittsburgh rolling mills.

clined as with steel rivets from the wonderful Pittsburg furnaces. The solicitude of those millionaire manufacturers for the welfare of the laboring man, their dearly beloved brother, is enough to draw tears from the seared eyes of Mephistopheles himself, just off from duty in the greater works down below.

THE CHRISTIAN INHERITANCE.

On the eve of Christmas, 1908, just that many centuries after the founder of the faith which bears His name was born into the world, and in the light of the new spirit of tolerance which we believe animates and vitalises the faces of the world, it may be interesting, and we hope also profitable, to consider the vast number of years that passed over the heads of mankind ere the true purpose and intent of the Master's teachings became "manifest in the flesh."

RESOURCES OF THE ISLAND.

A great deal has been said and written upon the subject of the unsurpassed resources of Vancouver Island. Some of the speakers and writers have had nothing more substantial upon which to base their remarks than the speculative opinions of persons more or less accurately informed.

CHURCH UNION IN CANADA.

Leaders in the movement for the union of the Methodist, the Presbyterian and the Congregational Churches of Canada confidently express the belief that before the end of 1910 the great work which has been progressing for several years will be accomplished. The object in view is said to be the most important to engage the attention of Canadian theological leaders since the establishment of the federation of the Dominion. The popular belief when the idea of union was first broached was that the great gift, just then the Arminian and the Calvinistic creeds could not be successfully bridged, at least for many a year.

The administrative basis of union is embodied in the following report of a sub-committee representing the three churches: "(1) That the present capital investments of the various benevolent funds of the uniting churches, and the income now contributed to those funds by publishing interests be combined into a common trust, if practicable. The rights of present claimants and of prospective claimants (the latter being computed as of the date of the union) shall be a first charge on the revenue from this trust.

It is distressing to read about the poverty-stricken condition of hundreds of thousands of people in the great cities of the world to-day. Not in London alone are great multitudes going to be dependent upon the charity of the state, but in many other cities as well. The situation is practically the same in New York and in many other cities of the world.

We gather from remarks dropped by some of our esteemed contemporaries on the ether side of the international boundary line that an event of great importance which is going to be "pulled off" Saturday will settle the nationality of bold Thomas Burns, Esq.

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GRAFT SCANDAL ON BIG SCALE.

More Arrests Probable. Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 24.—While the graft scandal of Pittsburgh has been halted in so far as the making of additional arrests is concerned, it is not believed that this is only temporary. It is said the efforts of investigators will now be directed towards others implicated in the alleged corruption as the seven indicted and arrested Monday night have been held for trial.

SENSATION ON NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Two Members Suspended—Suspicious Dealings With Bankrupt Firm. New York, Dec. 24.—W. H. Martin and Thomas W. Moorhead, members of the firm of Marshall, Spader & Co., stockbrokers, were suspended from the New York Stock Exchange to-day for three years.

NEW POLICE DISTRICT.

Provincial Chief Appointed to Protect the Boundary Area. (From Thursday's Daily.) A new provincial police district, known as the Boundary district, has been formed and will embrace the territory comprised within the electoral riding of Grand Forks, Greenwood and Similkameen and will be formed from portions of the present provincial police districts of Vernon, Kamloops and Nelson.

TIDE TABLE.

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EMISSARY SENT TO EUROPE TO SETTLE DISPUTES WITH FRANCE AND HOLLAND.

The Hague, Dec. 24.—The foreign office has been advised that Jose J. De Paul, until recently Venezuelan minister of foreign affairs, left La Guayra to-day for Paris and the Hague on a special mission from the New Venezuelan government to enter into negotiations for the settlement of the existing disputes between Venezuela and France and Holland.

C. P. R. DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY.

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TO CHALLENGE WINNER.

Los Angeles, Dec. 24.—James J. Jeffries, proprietor of the Jeffries Athletic Club, and former champion, has called to Australia a challenge for the winner of the Burns-Johnson fight in Sydney, to fight the winner of the Burns-Johnson fight in Los Angeles, the contest to take place in this city.

ACCIDENT ON FORT STREET.

John Pimm Has Two Ribs Broken In Mix-up. (From Thursday's Daily.) This morning an accident happened on Fort street which at first was feared might result in the death of John Pimm, a driver of the delivery wagons of the Wideman Grocery.

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FIVE THOUSAND MILES OF VANCOUVER DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

A large map, on a scale inch to the mile, spread the Board of Trade reserved to bring home to the members of the Vancouver development committee this morning for exploration into the island at the same time that to them what a great duty they have taken up. The map was drawn by F. G. S., the well-known has been connected with interests for several years.

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William Fernie, of Oak Bay, has his custom at Christmas time, numbered the conductors and motormen of the Oak Bay tramway line, by giving them two boxes of cigarettes.

formal opening of the new home, at the Royal Jubilee hospital, will take place Tuesday afternoon, January 5th.

FIVE THOUSAND MILES OF SHORE

SOME FACTS ABOUT VANCOUVER ISLAND

W. J. Sutton Addresses the Development Committee.

A large map, on a scale of half-an-inch to the mile, spread on a table in the Board of Trade committee room, served to bring home to the city members of the Vancouver Island Development committee this morning the need for exploration into island's resources.

There is a shore line of practically five thousand miles on the west coast of the island, Mr. Sutton told the committee.

Practically the whole interior of the island is known, however, the speaker said, due to some extent to the difficulty of getting to the interior.

Replies to questions Mr. Sutton stated that there were large agricultural areas yet untouched and even in districts like Comox a great deal of land is still open.

There is more timber on the island than in the whole of the rest of the province. The reason is that the coal measures and sandstones and shales which predominate on the island integrate on the surface and form soil on the mainland the granitic formation does not lend itself to this, and consequently the coast is without timber.

The climate of the interior Mr. Sutton described as perfection from the prospector's point of view. It had nothing at all objectionable to their work. For six months there was not a drop of rain, there were no flies nor mosquitoes, and it was never too hot.

A. W. McCurdy asked if the wealth of the country to be opened would warrant the expenditure on trails and roads.

"No question whatever," said Mr. Sutton. "It would pay handsomely. It is astonishing to me that nothing has been done in all the years. There is hardly more known about this island now than when I came here thirty years ago, in spite of its wonderful harbors, marvelous timber resources and immense mineral deposits."

In thanking Mr. Sutton for the information he had given the committee, Colonel Prior remarked that years ago he had been given a geological sketch map of the island by Sir Roderick Murchison, who told him it was destined to be the greatest mineral country in the world.

SILVER WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Allen Are Congratulated by Friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Allen, 549 Niagara street, celebrated their silver wedding yesterday and were the recipients of many valuable gifts and cordial good wishes from a host of friends.

Last evening Mr. and Mrs. Allen entertained a number of intimate friends at their home and a very pleasant evening was spent.

In twelve months tigers in India were responsible for the death of 698 human beings and 2,774 head of cattle.

COLD SPELL IN NEW YORK

Plattsburg, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Upper New York state, and particularly the Adirondack region, is in the grip of one of the most severe cold spells it has ever experienced so early in the winter.

Mercury Lake Placid registered 22 degrees below yesterday, while at Upper Chateaugay lake it stood at 12 below, and at other nearby points from 12 to 15 below.

CABLESS NEW YORK

New York, Dec. 24.—All efforts to settle the strike of the cab drivers afflicted with the Liberty Dawn Association failed yesterday.

ALASKA SALMON PACK WAS HEAVY ONE

Last Season Exceeded That Put Up in Preceding Years. A report on the Alaska salmon pack of 1908 has been prepared by the Griffith-Durney Company.

PURE FOOD SHOW FOR END OF NEXT MONTH

Display of Processes of Manufacture Will be Made at Institute Hall. (From Thursday's Daily.)

The death occurred on Tuesday at St. Joseph's hospital of Margaret Clark, deceased, who was a native of Ireland and 73 years of age.

GLENFARG CONTRACT LET TO BULLEN'S

Steamer to Be Docked on Saturday Next for Repairs. (From Thursday's Daily.)

The steamer Glenfarg is to be repaired at Esquimaux by the B. C. Marine Railway Company, and she will be docked for that purpose on Saturday.

TO BOYCOTT NEWSPAPER IS INDICTABLE OFFENSE

Methods Adopted to Re-establish Racing in New Orleans. New Orleans, La., Dec. 24.—To boycott a newspaper doing an interstate business is an offence which falls directly under the decision of the Supreme court in the Danbury Hatters case.

The annual entertainment of the members of the First Presbyterian Sunday school was held on Tuesday in the school room.

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How to Cure a Headache.

To attempt to cure a headache by taking a "headache powder," is like trying to stop a leak in the roof by putting a pan under the dripping water.

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Residents of Oakland avenue and Lansdowne road have been complaining to the police for some time of the driving of cows along the former thoroughfare.

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BANK OF ENGLAND.

Decrease of Nearly Three Millions Sterling in Reserve Fund. London, Dec. 24.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England remained unchanged to-day at 2 1/2 per cent.

CANADA'S CROP YIELD.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The census bureau last night issued a statement giving the value of Canada's field crops for the year as \$423,523,000, grown on 27,405,863 acres of land.

SEALER RESCUES MAROONED CREW

Agnes G. Donahue Saves Men From Wreck of Norwegian Steamer Solgint. Halifax, N. S., Dec. 24.—News was received yesterday that the Halifax schooner Agnes G. Donahue had saved thirty-two men from the Norwegian steamer Solgint, wrecked in the Indian Ocean, and landed them at Durban, South Africa.

DASHES DOWN STEEP GRADE, WRECKING STATION

Freight Train Then Crashes Into Creamery Buildings—Wreckage Catches Fire. Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 24.—A freight train on the Buffalo and Susquehanna railway, consisting of seventy-two cars, broke away this morning on a steep grade five miles from Addison.

LONGSHOREMEN'S BONUS.

System Working Well in Montreal—Prevents Trouble on Wharves. Montreal, Que., Dec. 24.—Since the close of navigation close upon \$50,000 has been paid out by the various shipping companies to 1,600 longshoremen who qualified for the bonus.

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New Bulletin Issued Under Direction of Inspector Cunningham. A revised spraying bulletin has been sent out under the direction of Thomas Cunningham, inspector of fruit pests.

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PER CABLE
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BY HON. R. LEMIEUX

Charges Will Eventually Be Reduced to Five Cents a Word.

Per Dec. 23.—That not only but very much cheaper, rates run across the Atlantic are and was the confident assertion of Rodolphe Lemieux, general in the Canadian yesterday afternoon on the eve of departure for Canada after a stay in this city, following his return from Europe. The form has been accomplished, he declared Mr. Lemieux, will soon come about on the move. Mr. Lemieux said the movement recommended itself to interests in the United States he declined to be questioned there or not the United States had or would be applied Canada, or Great Britain. However, he said it was significant when Whiteley American ambassador in London at a dinner given to Mr. L. that city, declared in a semi-way that the United States stand by idly and see Canada alone what he described as a boon of low cable rates to. If the cable companies would reduce the rates to satisfy requirements according to Mr. L., when there would be no new across the Atlantic, and he that that was what he likely in any event he desired assurances in London that most certain that the day of cheap cabling between and America was not far discerned a state-owned cable Atlantic, it should be necessary to lay one, undoubtedly as successful and satisfactory way as the Pacific cable from to Australia.

LABOR OFFICIALS
ARE SENTENCED

VERDICT IN FAMOUS BUCK
STOVE CONTEMPT CASE

President Gompers Gets 12 Months for Refusing to Obey Mandamus.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The famous contempt case of the Buck Stove and Range Company against President Gompers, Vice-President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison, was decided today by Justice Wright, of the supreme court of the district of Columbia, in favor of the Federation officials. President Gompers was sentenced to twelve months imprisonment, Vice-President Mitchell to nine months, and Secretary Morrison to six months. The case grew out of the alleged boycott of the company's products, and the putting of the company on the "unfair list" and the Federation of Labor, was decided today by Justice Wright, of the supreme court of the district of Columbia, in favor of the Federation officials. The Buck Company prosecution of the officials of the Federation began in August, 1907. The original action was a motion for a writ of mandamus to enforce the labor unions from using the "unfair" and "we don't patronize" lists in their fight against firms and individuals. Justice Gould, of the supreme court of the district of Columbia, issued an injunction which later was made permanent forbidding the publication of the company's name in these lists. President Gompers, an editorial in the Federationist of January last, made known his intention not to obey the court's order, contending that the injunction issued was in derogation of the rights of labor, and an abuse of the injunctive power of the courts. Messrs. Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison were subsequently cited for contempt and this phase of the case has been before the court for several months by proceedings taking the form of a hearing of the testimony before an examiner.

No defence is offered, save these: First, infringing the constitutional guarantee of freedom of the press; and, second, infringing the constitutional guarantee of freedom of speech. The injunction interferes with no legitimate right of criticism or comment that the law has ever sanctioned and the respondents' intimation that it does so is a mockery and a pretence. In reference to the freedom of the press, the court declared that the constitution does not confer the right to speak, to print, or to publish, and that the law does not confer in so far as the federal government is concerned its congress shall not abridge it, and leaves the subject to the regulation of the several states, where it belongs. The court added, "to publish either the libel or the slander can be sustained, except upon theory of a right to do wrong."

In passing sentence upon the defendants, Justice Wright said: "It would seem inappropriate for such a penalty as will serve to deter others from allowing after such outlawed examples will serve physically to impose obedience upon the defendants, and will serve to vindicate the orderly power of judicial tribunals and establish over this litigation the supremacy of law."

BIG CROWD GATHERS
IN PITTSBURG COURT
Councilors and Bankers Arraigned on Charges of Bribery.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 23.—When the seven councilmen and two former bankers arraigned on Monday as a result of alleged corruption in the city's legislative affairs were arraigned today before Magistrate Bradley for a preliminary hearing, a crowd including many local politicians were gathered in the vicinity of the court. Owing to the size of the courtroom, many more were disappointed in gaining admittance, as almost every inch of available space was taken up by the defendants, their attorneys and friends, and newspapermen.

CASTRO'S POWER
NOW OVERTHROWN

VENEZUELA WILLING TO NEGOTIATE WITH POWERS

Dutch Warships Cease to Demonstrate—Obnoxious Decrees Are Revoked.

The Hague, Dec. 23.—Minister Van Sinderen will make a statement in the second chamber this afternoon concerning affairs in the Caribbean sea, in which he is expected to announce the suspension of Dutch hostile action against Venezuela and the prospect of an early settlement of the difficulties between that country and the Netherlands. The government is in receipt of an official dispatch confirming the revocation by Venezuela of the decree of General Castro last summer prohibiting the transshipment at Curacao of goods destined for Venezuela. A local strategy was initiated the bands. Each of the defendants before sentence was passed upon them made statements in response to the usual inquiry if they had anything to say.

STANDARD OIL COMPANY
"OUSTED" FROM MISSOURI

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 23.—The Supreme Court of Missouri handed down a decision this morning ousting the Standard Oil Company of Indiana and the Republic Oil Company, from their state of Missouri, forbidding them again to do business in Missouri, and dissolving the Waters Pierce Oil company of St. Louis.

BISHOP'S PLEA
FOR OLD MEN

APPEARS BEFORE THE COURT OF REVISION

Joseph Peirson quotes Favorable Decision of Kamloops Judge. (From Wednesday's Daily.) "It seems to me a very back-stair-way for a man over fifty to get a vote; by paying a road tax the law exempts him from," the Bishop of Columbia told the members of the court of revision on Wednesday.

The adjourned sitting of the court was held for the purpose of hearing householders who made application for registration as voters, but who did not pay their road tax until after that date had not paid it up to this morning. Bishop Perrin was not one of these, but he explained to the court that he had not received any notice and desired to ascertain if his name had been put on the list as a household voter. He was perfectly willing to pay the road tax when he made his application and would have paid it, but Mr. Scowcroft told him he could not take it from him, but he explained to the court that he had not received any notice and desired to ascertain if his name had been put on the list as a household voter. He was perfectly willing to pay the road tax when he made his application and would have paid it, but Mr. Scowcroft told him he could not take it from him, but he explained to the court that he had not received any notice and desired to ascertain if his name had been put on the list as a household voter. He was perfectly willing to pay the road tax when he made his application and would have paid it, but Mr. Scowcroft told him he could not take it from him, but he explained to the court that he had not received any notice and desired to ascertain if his name had been put on the list as a household voter.

ALBERNI NOTES

Alberni, Dec. 21.—A regular meeting of the Farmers' Institute took place on the 14th inst. The attendance was very small, disappearing to an able speaker was Dr. Knight, of Victoria, proved himself to be.

WEDDING AT ALBERNI

(Special Correspondence of the Times.) Alberni, Dec. 23.—The marriage was celebrated on the 14th inst., at the Presbyterian manse by Rev. T. S. Glasford, of Donald, third son of the late Kenneth McKenzie, of Beaver Creek, to Gladys, second daughter of the late James Dickson, of Beaver Creek. John McKenzie, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man, and Jennie Grady, niece of the bridegroom, as bridesmaid. The young couple left on Tuesday morning for a short honeymoon in the Sound cities, and thereafter will reside on the farm of the groom in Beaver Creek district.

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APPLES SIX CENTS APiece

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REPORTS ON WORKS

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Interesting Condition of Affairs in the Celestial Empire Described.

Interesting information regarding the political situation in Chinese court circles is contained in exchanges received from the Far East. It was stated a day or two ago in dispatches that the power of the new Regent, Prince Chun, had been somewhat limited by making the new Empress Dowager the final authority.

The exchanges give the full particulars of the limitations and powers of both the Regent and the Empress. The regulations that are to be observed by the Regent follow: (1) The Regent shall govern on behalf of the Emperor. (2) When addressing the Empress Dowager (widow of the late Emperor Kwang-Su) the Regent shall describe himself as Chi'en (minister). (3) All memorials shall be answered by the Regent. (4) Matters of high importance shall be first referred by the Regent to the Empress Dowager for approval. (5) The Regent shall have power to decide as to which matter should be submitted to the Empress Dowager for approval. (6) Only the Regent shall be allowed to ask the Empress Dowager for instructions. (7) After one hundred days of mourning should be observed, the Regent shall receive the Emperor's spirit in the thrones of the crown at the Wuying throne hall. They shall kneel once and Kowtow three times before the Regent. (8) The Regent's chair shall be placed to the right of the Empress Dowager for approval. (9) Only the Regent shall be allowed to ask the Empress Dowager for instructions. (10) After one hundred days of mourning should be observed, the Regent shall receive the Emperor's spirit in the thrones of the crown at the Wuying throne hall. They shall kneel once and Kowtow three times before the Regent. (11) The Regent's chair shall be placed to the right of the Empress Dowager for approval. (12) The Regent shall be allowed to travel in a sedan chair from the Chien-ting gate to the Imperial palace.

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DAK BAY COUNCIL HAD ROUTINE BUSINESS

Several Questions Affecting the Roads and Streets Discussed.

The Oak Bay Council held its regular fortnightly meeting at the old school house on Foul Bay road last evening, with acting Reeve Henderson in the chair. There were also present Councilors McGregor, Fernie, Noble and Newton.

SAY MESS WAS MADE OF WASH-HOUSE BY-LAW

Aldermen Again Wrestle With Complaints of Nuisance.

Action has at last been taken by the city council in the matter of the complaint of William Neal, Quadra street, that the Chinese laundry conducted in a building at the corner of Fort and Quadra streets, owned by Dr. R. Morrison, is a nuisance.

Some weeks ago the council held a sworn inquiry into the sanitary condition of the place. Like practically every other wash house in the city this building contravenes the new by-law in that it is within the prohibited distance of the street. It is also—but this has nothing to do with the wash houses by-law—encroaching ten inches on Fort street. Mr. Neal has written to the council several times to call attention to its lack of action, and one of these communications was before it last night.

City Solicitor Mann advised the council as to the different courses of action it should take, and some members were for immediate action. After some discussion, however, it was decided to give Dr. Morrison until March 31st to get rid of his Chinese tenants.

The city solicitor pointed out to the council that for years the city had been trying to get the building set back to the street line, and now was the time to do it.

This view from Ald. Hall the remark that there were other notable instances of encroaching on street-lines within a stone's throw of where they sat, and if one case was proceeded against all should be.

In the course of the discussion it transpired that the Chinese wash house in L. J. Quagliotti's premises on Store street is still being conducted in spite of the council's order, that it be discontinued.

Ald. Gleason said the sanitary inspector informed him that he had received an order from the city hall to have certain improvements made, and nothing was said about discontinuing the business.

Inquiry will be made as to who is at fault.

Ald. Fullerton remarked during the discussion that the council had made a mess of the whole business of the wash house by-law. It should be made to apply in every case or in none.

Ald. Gleason joined in the opinion that a mess had been made of his by-law by amendments for which he was not responsible.

LADYSMITH DRAWS WITH NANAIMO

Keenly Contested Soccer Match at Coal City—Score 3 Goals All.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.) Nanaimo, Dec. 21.—Ladysmith and Nanaimo football teams met in another game here yesterday. The match was not a league fixture, being a benefit game on behalf of Rogers, the star Nanaimo goal keeper, who recently met with a serious accident at the coal wharf whereby he is likely to be put out of the game for good.

The match, as usual, when these two teams meet, was a closely contested one. The score was three all, although Ladysmith had far the better of the game, and on the showing made should easily have won.

The Ladysmith defence was splendid and easily surpassed that of Nanaimo. The Nanaimo substitute in goal, Walker, who takes Rogers' place, played the game of his life, and it was owing to his and Hewitt's work that the game was saved for the local Thackeray, for Nanaimo, also played a star game on the half back line. On the forward line, Nanaimo excelled their opponents.

They were much speedier and shot better. The inability of Ladysmith to shoot when they had the ball in dangerous territory undoubtedly lost them the game. Ladysmith played several of their latest acquisitions from Winnipeg and Vancouver, and upon which depends the chances of both teams to try for the pennant in the Pacific Coast League series.

A well attended meeting of the Natural History Society was held last evening, a large number of visitors, both ladies and gentlemen, being present. The usual routine of business was transacted and the paper of the evening was read by Frank Sylvester. It was entitled "Old Time Reminiscences of British Columbia." The lecturer narrated the particulars of a trip to Cariboo from Lillooet in 1864, describing the style of mining in vogue at that time and graphically portraying the stirring scenes of a mountain mining camp, the lecture being very interesting. At the meeting on January 4th next F. Napier Denison will read a paper dealing with scientific matters.

SAYS MRS. ANNIS WAS COACHED

HINT AT PERJURY IN HAIN'S MURDER TRIAL

Prosecuting Counsel to Be Called as Witness—"Beckoning Episode."

Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Lawyers for Thornton Jenkins Hains assert today that every effort will be put forth to shatter that marriage testimony. Hains' testimony that the defendant beckoned his brother and the two men went to the float where Capt. Hains shot and killed Wm. E. Annis as he was making a landing with his boat. This evidence Hains' counsel declare was suggested to Mrs. Annis in order that her testimony might bring the defendant within the meaning of the statute that there must be some overt act to show that he induced or procured his brother to commit the crime.

"Mrs. Annis' marriage has been coached in this part of her testimony," said Joseph Shay, associate counsel in the Hains' case to-day. "We have an idea who told her to say this, and we will bring it out before the trial is over."

"We intend to subpoena District Attorney Darrin and Superior Prosecutor White as witnesses. It is a strange thing that she did not recall this coaching," said Mr. Shay. "I am sure to any one will last week. The telling of this episode would have been entrusted to another witness, but it was known then Mrs. Annis would not be subjected to such vigorous cross-examination as another witness would be."

The defence hope to develop that from the position in which Mrs. Annis was standing she could not have seen the husband making the landing and at the same time see Thornton Hains beckon to his brother. District Attorney Darrin may recall Mrs. Annis to the stand.

Counsel for the state declared again to-day that Mrs. Claudia Hains was not within the jurisdiction of this court and that she would not be called as a witness.

Morrell L. Downs, a Bayside yacht club member, was the first witness to-day. He was at the club house on the piazza when the shooting took place. He said he hurried down to the float and asked: "What did the shooting, and have they got him?" Some people replied that they had, and that the defendant said: "Stand back, this is a job for the police." The defendant had a cocked revolver in his hand, I then said: "Have you searched him to see if he is armed further?" The captain stepped forward and I put my hands on his shoulder and the defendant said: "No, this is a matter for the police." The witness then asked the defendant: "Who are you?" and he said: "I am Capt. Hains, son of Gen. Hains, of the regular army." Then the real Capt. Hains broke in and said: "I am Capt. Hains and he is my brother. He said that this was a gentleman's club, and we could not allow strangers to be armed. The defendant asked his brother if he should give it up. 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AT PERJURY IN HAINES' MURDER TRIAL

uting Counsel to Be d as Witness—"Beck- oning Episode."

ng, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Lawyers for in Jenkins Hains assert today effort will be put forth to that part of Mrs. Helen E. testimony that the defendant of his brother and the two men to the float where Capt. Hains killed Wm. E. Annis. I am asking a landing with his boat. Hains' counsel declared suggested to Mrs. Annis in order testimony might bring the de- within the meaning of the that there must be some overt show that he induced or prols brother to commit the crime.

Annis must have been coached part of her testimony," said Shay, associate counsel in the case today. "We have an idea id her to say this, and we will do so before the trial is over. intend to subpoena District At- Darrin and Superior Prose- White as witnesses. It is a thing that she did not recall sacking episode or speak of it on until last week. The telling episode would have been en- to another witness, but it was then Mrs. Annis would be subjected to such vigorous examination as another witness defense hope to develop that the position in which Mrs. Annis standing she could not have seen behind making the landing, and same time see Thornton Hains n to his brother, Thornton Ator- Darrin may recall Mrs. Annis to and.

nel for the state declared again that Mrs. Claudia Hains was within the jurisdiction of this court that she would not be called as a s.

ill L. Downs, a Baylde yacht member, was the first witness to He was at the club house on the a when the shooting took place. id he hurried down to the float asked, "What did the shooting and they got him?" Some people re- that they had, and that the de- tant said: "Stand back, this is a for the police." The defendant ad- sired revolver in his hand. I then "Have you searched him to see is armed further?" The captain ed forward and I put my hands his shoulders and the defendant o. "No, it is no matter for me," e. "I then said to the defendant: e are you?" and he said: "I am e. Hains son of Gen. Hains, of the ar army." The real Capt. Hains broke in and said: "I am Capt. n and he is my brother." I then at that this was a gentleman's club, we could not allow strangers to be ec. The defendant asked his bro- e if he should give it up. Dr. Downs that Thornton Hains broke his ower and handed him the weapon, ter which the defendant took off his ar and belt he wore around his ea, turning that over.

the examination of Mr. Downs de- ped little of interest.

WORK ON G. T. P. PLEASES HAYS

PRESIDENT OF NEW RAILWAY INTERVIEWED

Shows Advantages of Route Compared With Other Lines.

The following article by an occa- sional contributor appears in the current issue of the National Review.

"Mrs. Hays" said our representative, "I have come up to Montreal from New York to hear your news of the Great Northwest and of Prince Rupert. I am aware that you have been much beset on the Pacific coast by gentlemen of my profession. Over there they are naturally anxious to know how soon the Grand Trunk Pacific will arrive at tide-water and vivify their various localities. But I want, if you please, to know a wider view of the instmation at first hand which London and New York also are entitled. Your news of war come from Messrs. Rothschild in London and Spenser Brock in New York. But I am not thinking so much of either your financiers or of Grand Trunk shareholders, albeit they are a numerous, if not at all times a patient body. I am really speaking for the larger public concerned; first of all for our home-sportsmen, then for the traveller and sportsman. You might as well open up, so it is said, three hundred million acres of first-rate agricultural land—homes sufficient for three million families; or, in other words, for a population twice as large as that which Canada contains to-day. So that while not, perhaps, so spectacular, yet your East and West enterprise is really of far greater immediate importance to white men and to the Empire than the scheme of the railway. And there is this further point: the era of preferential trading within the British Empire is at hand, and this will serve to direct a great tide of our emigration to the zone of your route—the zone of wheat. Will you, then, tell me what progress you have noticed on your late trip and something of your possibilities?"

"We are doing very well indeed," said Mr. Hays. "The various contractors are in good spirits, and well abreast of their duties. Indeed, the financial disaster in New York a year since was for us a blessing in disguise. Large numbers of men have come north seeking work, and our labor difficulties, which must have involved delays, have been quite in- vincible. Labor is available and more productive at lower rates. Already our trains are running regularly over the whole section six hundred and sixty-six miles west of Winnipeg into Alberta. The wheat harvest has been great both in quantity and quality, greater still for the price it is bringing. At our Pacific terminal, Prince Rupert, from which I returned, this week's good progress was made with the grading of the first hundred miles east, and I see no reason to doubt that by the autumn of 1911 our first train will break through to tide-water, passing from the Atlantic to the Pacific."

"A good deal is being said about the very generous, even lavish, expenditures you have made, and you say that that point I should like your statement." "Well, said Mr. Hays, "a number of men and girls gentlemen hunting seats in the Dominion parliament have been on the stump, and these accusations are but the echoes of the late general election. The Canadian voter has replied to them by showing his government, as you know, our share in the enterprise, and this to denounce ministers for reckless extravagance, is, of course, all right and proper for a citizen to do. But I deprecate the allegation, and I denounce the alligator; our expenditures have not been excessive, nor beyond the measure of our obligations to the government and the community. Bear in mind, please, that railroads are not now built as the earlier times. Continental roads were built up hill, down dale, on the unbalanced road-bed of mud. Such un- economic methods were permissible when there were a mere handful of ranchmen and trappers to serve, and when the promoters' objective was first of all to earn the land grant on which they issued their bonds. But these methods are an antiquated history; what we require to-day and what the travelling public means to have, is a first-class road-bed with such low gradients and wide curvatures that our trains will run at very high speeds with perfect safety. Our grades are so remarkable that a single engine will haul the heaviest train from the head of the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific. Comparisons are, I know, odious; but they are sometimes as in this case, highly educational. We carry our road from the view-point of an opposition, Prince Rupert with a maximum gradient of 21 feet to the mile going west and 22 feet to the mile going east. Such gradients would be to the credit of roads such as the Pennsylvania or the Eng-

lish Midland. The grades are prairie grades only, and the immense economy in hauling freights with gradients so reasonable is a very real advantage. It will be able to put two thousand tons of freight into Prince Rupert from Winnipeg behind a single engine. Just realize what that statement involves to our settlers.

"Of the seven great railroad systems which to-day cross the Rockies and reach the Pacific, the Union Pacific, with grades so favorable, follows the west-bound, comes nearest to us. It would be difficult to overestimate the millions of yearly savings because of our advantage in grade. I will tabulate for you the grades of our six competitors and the dynamics of an engine on each:

Table with 3 columns: Tractive Gross, Max. resistance capacity, and grade per cent. Rows include Grand Trunk Pacific, Great Northern, Union Pacific, Santa Fe, and Canadian Pacific.

In other words, the same engine could haul up the maximum grade of the Grand Trunk Pacific.

Nearly Four Times More Freight In a train than either the Great North- ern, Northern Pacific, or Union Pacific, over five times more than on the Santa Fe, and about seven times more than can be hauled up-grade on the Canadian Pacific. The grades are very remarkable figures, I am aware, and I accept the responsibility for putting them on record. You can read these figures the reason for what you describe as our 'generous' expenditures. The interest on the cost of such a line will be returned to us ten times over in the economy of our operations and in the increase of our passenger rates.

"Yes," said our representative, "I see the point; running at high speeds down steep grades kills passengers, while the cost of employing seven engines per train on up-grade kills dividends."

"Exactly," you have now got the reply to the charge of extravagance. And in this connection I go so far as to say that our easy grades, which are due not only or chiefly to our 'generous expenditures,' but to our possession of the Yellow Head Pass through the Rockies, will in a few years twist the whole of the wheat and flour trade of the Northwest, and with the opening of the Panama Canal in 1914 send wheat to Europe (set alone to Asia) by way of the Pacific."

"That," said the interviewer, "is a most interesting suggestion, which please amplify."

there are a couple of very comfortable hotels, a weekly newspaper, the Empire, and some two thousand people. I believe that town will, in its Early and Rapid Growth.

outstrip anything thus far on the Pacific. It is a back door to a great continent. Vancouver to rock its cradle had some fifty millions of people; Prince Rupert has a hundred millions. Unlike twenty years ago, to-day Canada's people are instead of emigrating across the border, are being recruited by daily additions from south of the line. The wealth of the ocean directly contiguous to Prince Rupert is hardly less than fabulous. Following the schools of herrings in, comes a vast invading host of halibut and salmon from great banks a thousand miles out in the Pacific. These visitors are caught in immense numbers as they school through Dixon's and Hecate Straits. I must not, however, tell you fish stories; it is enough to say that halibut, salmon, cod and herring, there to burn. Supplied with cooling stations and refrigerator cars, these fish will be shipped fresh and distributed daily in every town in Canada.

The Grand Trunk, which serves all the principal towns of Lower Canada, and many, too, in New England, will distribute cheap fish of the highest quality at all these points. Even to-day, with no direct connection, but carried five hundred miles south to Seattle or Vancouver by passing steamers, these markets are far larger and profitable than the home of the codfish! Already Paris is an important and a growing market for fresh frozen salmon caught within twenty miles of Prince Rupert, on one Skeena River. And not only is Prince Rupert Europe's

Short Cut to China and Japan, but for all the rapidly growing trade of Alaska also. Look at Seattle to-day. Seattle has grown in a quarter of a century from nothing to over a quarter of a million inhabitants, and when you consider the immense increase of the population now on this continent; its great Pacific coast cities, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, Vancouver—all ports which will contribute trade to and receive trade from the youthful empire; the great mineral developments, especially of copper in Alaska, and great coal-fields just at the back of the town, and through which our line passes, the growth of that terminal when our big railway system reaches tide-water is certain to be a startling economic incident in the winning of the West."

THREE SCHOONERS PREPARING FOR SEALING

Jessie, Pescawha and Thomas F. Bayard Going to Coast of California.

Three schooners are making preparations for a trip to the coast of California, where they will engage in sealing for the first few months of the season, before going to the other grounds. The Jessie will be in command of Captain Murreo and will take a white crew, leaving this port on or about January 15th. The crew for this vessel will be signed after the first of the year. The Pescawha, belonging to Captain Peppert, is making preparations and will leave some time in January, taking a crew of Indians. The Thomas F. Bayard, in charge of Captain Blackstad, will also have an Indian crew.

There are no restrictions on the sealing in the ocean off the California coast, guns being used instead of spears. The other season comes about midway between the California sealings season and the opening of hunting in Behring Sea, and it is probable that a large number of the schooners will go up and try their luck this year, induced by the good fortune of the Bayard and last season's success. There is much more risk in the other hunting than in sealing, as sometimes the vessel has to wait for a month without getting a suitable day for hunting, perfect calm being required.

SHIPPING COMPANIES LOOKING THIS WAY

North German Lloyds May Operate Steamers From Canadian Port.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—The plans of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company to make its line a world-wide service, received additional impetus with the unofficial announcement that the German company's officials have been negotiating with the officers of the Western Pacific railroad for a traffic agreement on transpacific freight. The Western Pacific has been negotiating for piers and wharves along the waterfront in anticipation of an extended service to the ports of the Orient. Railway and steamship men here are certain that the water carrier of the world line will be the North German Lloyd. The German company announced that on the completion of the Panama canal it will operate steamers from New York to San Francisco, and thence to the Orient. It is pointed out that the agreement between the steamship company and the railroad has been declared that it contained no word of international dissemination. On several other occasions when Castro has turned over the government to Vice President Gomez, it was freely predicted that the former would succeed Castro as president of the republic. He had many supporters from the anti-Castro camp, chief among them in favor of his candidacy being Ben Arango, former minister of war, who worked earnestly to place Gomez in power. While seemingly Gomez has been an ardent supporter of Castro, he maintained a fine and sagacious attitude toward the foreign policy of the government, declaring that the treatment accorded the United States and France was ill-advised. Twelve days before the outbreak of the conduct of internal affairs, he had even expressed the opinion that he was not trusted by President Castro, but he had declined to believe the reports of the revolutionary movement in this country. He has admitted receiving dispatches daily from the government, but has declared that it contained no word of international dissemination. For the treatment of the republic to Europe was for the treatment of a mistake from which he has long suffered, but on occasions he has met his friends in the press, his mission to Europe as well, and the settling of the differences between Venezuela and France, and those of the other powers he met his friends in the press. Amite Sturbe has been announced

STIRRING EVENTS IN VENEZUELA

CASTRO MINISTRY IS OUSTED FROM OFFICE

Acting President Gomez Remains in Power—New Cabinet Appointed.

Port of Spain, Dec. 22.—President Vincente Gomez, to whom General Appraisals had been handed over the presidency on his departure for Europe, has established a new government in Venezuela. He replaced the old ministerial cabinet, headed by Dr. Castro, who has been the one figure, outside of Castro himself, in the negotiations that culminated in the ousting of Castro's cabinet. Gomez also has been a diplomat, relations with Holland, with a new body of men, who represent various factions in the state and who have figured prominently in the past history of the country.

Not only has Dr. Paul disappeared from the councils of the nation, but Dr. Baldo, who is now traveling in twenty miles of Caracas, also has been removed from his political position as minister of education. Gen. Diego Ferrer, the minister of war, who also was war minister in the cabinet of Acting President Gomez in 1908, has been superseded by Gen. Oliver, who took a prominent part in crushing the revolutionists six years ago.

The new cabinet is composed as follows: Minister of interior, Linares Alcantara; minister of foreign affairs, Gonzales Guindan; minister of finance, Munoz Tobar; minister of war, Gen. Oliver; minister of fomento (development), Rafael Carrabina; minister of public works, Roberto Vargas; minister of public instruction, Dr. Maldonado.

Advised received from Caracas, where the strictest censorship is being observed, indicate that the whole of Venezuela has been in a ferment ever since President Castro left, and that the act of establishing a new government when it became necessary for Acting President Gomez to take decisive steps which he did by eliminating from his cabinet those who were closely allied with Castro's rule and under the Castro domination. The revolutionary factions, which gained strength with every hour of Castro's absence, played an active part in the demonstrations against the absent president, which took the form of rioting and incendiarism. These were checked by a show of force, and later the revolutionary factions, which had been in a measure by promises that could not be held long in abeyance.

Langford knocked out Flynn in first round. Boston Colored Fighter Proves Himself a Vertiable Demon.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 22.—Sam Langford, the colored middleweight, making his first appearance in a local ring, made good with a vengeance and incidentally made short shrift of Jim Flynn, of Pueblo, Colo. Langford knocked out his man last night in the first round after two minutes of fighting.

From the outset it was plainly apparent that Flynn did not see a chance of Langford losing no time in getting into action. No sooner had the men shaken hands than the colored Bostonian went into his fight with a right to the body and a moment later scored with his left to the face. He gave Flynn no chance. Flynn rushed to close quarters, but found no shelter. Langford right and left to the body with great force. After two minutes of fighting Langford feinted with his right. Like a flash he brought his left hand to the freeman's jaw with an impact that was heard all over the house.

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DISPUTE RESPECTING SALE COMMISSION

Application Heard in Chambers in Cuthbert vs. Barnard Case.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) This morning in chambers an application was made in connection with a suit brought by Herbert Cuthbert, to collect commission for a sale which he claims to have brought about between F. C. Loewes, of Calgary, and F. S. Barnard, of this city, involving a tract of land on the lower part of Cook street.

This morning Harold Robertson, representing the defendant, made application in chambers before Mr. Justice Martin to set aside the proceedings. Mr. Cuthbert is proceeding by way of a garnishee order, seeking to recover \$2,280 from F. C. Loewes. Harold Robertson, representing Mr. Barnard, claimed this morning that the proceeding could not be taken on the form proposed. The property, about which there was a dispute, was owned by four persons, F. C. Loewes holding a three-sixths interest, R. T. Elliott, K. C. representing Mr. Cuthbert, divided authority to show that the proper proceeding was being followed. Mr. Loewes' share of the return was far in excess of the claim put forward.

NEW BLOCK TO BE BUILT ON YATES STREET

A three-story brick block is to be built on Yates street to cost in the neighborhood of \$200,000. The contract for its construction having been let to G. Mesher & Co., of this city. The block will be built on the foundations which were excavated some time ago by the late owner, Dr. Frank Hill, office on Yates street, between Douglas and Blanchard streets. The building will be a three-story one, the ground floor being divided into two stores, and each floor above having 18 rooms suitable for offices or living purposes. On each floor will be four bathrooms and other accessories, so that they may well be used for apartment purposes.

SEED GRAIN CASE

Box of Growing Wheat Shown in Court.

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BARQUE ENCOUNTERS

The Havila Reaches Falmouth After Voyage Lasting 161 Days.

Reporting a terrible experience battling with great fields of ice and awful storms in the South Atlantic, the Danish barque Havila, Capt. Drusen, arrived at Falmouth, England, Saturday, according to advices received by the Merchants' Exchange.

According to the master's statement, the Havila sailed through miles of ice in which the little square rigging had great chances of being crushed or of having the hull punctured and sent to the bottom. On October 10th, during a terrific snow blizzard, four of the crew were washed overboard. One of them lost his life, the other three being rescued with great difficulty. The dispatches do not state the names of the unfortunate men.

The Havila was the last wheat carrier of last season's fleet from Puget Sound, having put to sea on July 11th, after receiving cargo at Tacoma. Off the Coast the vessel had some heavy weather, the report being brought several weeks later by a vessel which spoke the Danish vessel. Since then nothing has been heard of the Havila, which was the smallest vessel to carry wheat from the Sound last season. Some anxiety was felt that ship as she was out 30 days. Several other vessels, sailing from the Sound in June, arrived some time ago, so there was some doubt what the Havila had met with misfortune.

STEAMER INDRAVELLI TO LOAD AT SIDNEY

Alley Liner Taking Full Cargo of Lumber to New Zealand.

It is some time since a large vessel was moored at the wharf at the Sidney mill, at the terminus of the C. P. S. railway. Years ago when the mill first commenced shipping there was a good deal of business done, but later the plant was shut down. A year or two ago the mill was overhauled, and since then the lumber has been shipped chiefly on scoops or by ferry to the mainland. To-night, however, the steamer Indravelli will leave Vancouver to take on part of her load at Sidney before moving up to Chemainus to complete her cargo. The steamer will have a full cargo of lumber when she leaves for New Zealand.

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The lot on this side of the above mentioned property may also be built upon in the near future, Dr. Garesch and several other local men being the interested parties. The lot belongs to Dr. Garesch.

A new fire alarm box has been put in at the Lemon-Gannason mill, and is numbered 67. Another box is being installed at Leigh's mill, Pleasant street, and will be numbered 57.

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Advertisement for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, featuring a circular logo with the text 'DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS FOR PALE PEOPLE' and 'CURE ALL KIDNEY DISEASES'.

"The Statue"

By Edna Phillipotts and
Arnold Bennett

CHAPTER XIV.—(Continued.)

"Your theory being that it had been left there accidentally?"

"Yes, my lord," said Curfew; and he stepped down without having made the smallest reference to the condition of frost and uncertainty into which the police and Maurice and all the forces ranged against Crampiron, had been thrown by the loss of the instrument, or to the condition of the room in which had been induced in them by its fortunate recovery. As to what was the state of mind of the prosecution in view of Mr. Lorimer, K.C.'s amazing announcement, the demeanor of Mr. Curfew gave no clue.

"H'm!" said his lordship. "Let Curfew be recalled."

Curtis was therefore recalled. But he was recalled in vain. He refused to answer to his reiterated name; he persisted in remaining invisible.

In the meantime the Professor had given his evidence. He gave it with gusto, for it enabled him to refer to his recently published and epoch-making work in bloodstains, a work in which was set forth for the first time a method of distinguishing, one from another, the dried blood-corpuscles of nearly all the different vertebrate species.

It was at the precise moment when the Professor was leaving the box that the most dramatic incident of the day happened. A note had been handed by a valet to Mr. Bot, who was seated at the authority of the Home Secretary had not been flouted. Then everyone, including Mr. Bot, saw Crampiron sink to the ground in a swoon, softly and noiselessly as an inert body always falls.

And Mr. Bot wondered what trick Lord Doncastle had been playing on him, Mr. Bot.

When a doctor, having failed to restore Crampiron to consciousness by ordinary devices, had ordered his removal, it was strange how the centre of command shifted abruptly from the judge to the commonplace general practitioner—the judge rose and gruffly stated that he sitting would be suspended for half an hour at least, and departed. Mr. Bot remained.

Maurice, after lunch, had resumed his seat near Perculeur, and as the judge disappeared he said to Perculeur:

"Think the thing will be over today?"

"No!" said Perculeur positively.

"Then I shall just go and send a telegram to my sister."

With difficulty, and certainly not without drawing much attention to himself, he forced his way out of the building. Scarcely anyone else save a few reporters of London evening papers moved. Conversation was free in court, the judge being absent, and the excitement caused by the strange trial in the evidence for the crown, and by Crampiron's collapse upon receiving the mysterious letter, had full vent and licence. Nobody was more exercised than Maurice by the utterly unorthodox turn of events, who knew that any other person, was the most puzzled of all. At the moment, what chiefly and before everything else rendered him uneasy, was the absence of Curfew. He had distinctly told Curtis to be within call, and had, in fact, meant to send him to Tudor Hundreds with a message to Millicent.

"Please bring me a telegraph form and a whisky and sodas," said Maurice to a waiter at the door of the private room which he had engaged at the Unicorn. The order was executed instantly. Maurice drank the whisky and sodas in two hasty gulps, and then he sat down to write the telegram to Millicent. He could not decide what to say, and began to walk to and fro in the room, arguing whether he should or should not ask Emile to go over himself to the Hundreds, but the light was an entirely ordinary sitting-room, and it communicated by means of an open door with a bedroom of similar ordinariness. Suddenly Maurice heard sounds of movement in the bedroom, where no one should have been, and he hurried to inspect.

He had the astonishing spectacle of Curtis emerging from beneath the bed. "What the—?" he began angrily, and stopped. (But he was very content that Curtis was there at all.) "I was coming to you, sir," said Curtis, simply, straightening his robes, and adjusting his pigtail and then his skull-cap.

"Where from?" Maurice demanded.

"From the bed," said Curtis.

"I mean—where the devil have you been?"

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He drew back. He was really showing some sign of not being utterly indifferent.

"Then there are two of these things—these instruments?" Maurice cried.

The Chinaman nodded.

"Exactly alike," said the Chinaman gravely. "I had been wrong, I thought master had taken his instrument—charm!—when he went that night to meet fate in the gardens. I thought he was killed with his instrument. No! His instrument in room all the time. Two instruments. Exactly alike. I say to myself: 'What pity! How sad that the proof is lost.' I say to myself: 'I will make new proof.' I take one of Lady Mary's spaniels to my shabby room at night. I stick master's instrument into it, and I hold it to my mouth. Then I belly it. Then I dily blood on master's instrument, and I put it in drawer in study. And I ask you if you have looked in all drawers if Mr. Siblethorpe not left his instrument there. You look. You find. You have new proof, like old. I say nothing. I say to myself: 'Master wants his instrument hanged. I will do it.'"

"Am I to understand, man," said Maurice, "that you found another instrument the same as the murderer's, in my father's room?"

"Yes," said Curtis. "He had one. Crampiron had one—both same."

"And that you then, when the first one disappeared, deliberately killed one of my mother's dogs with the second one and let the blood dry on it, and then set a trap for me to find it, intending me to believe that it was the first?"

"Yes," Curtis amiably occurred.

"But I did not know that Englishmen can know when dog's blood and when man's blood mixed together, did you? When I heard that, I ran. As if I were here to wait till you came. Now you come. I have told you, sir."

"Well," said Maurice, "you've made out of this a sort of everything; that is what you have done. You've been clever; but you haven't been clever enough. If you had stuck the instrument into the calf of your own leg, there would have been some sense in the whole of your scheme."

"Maurice laughed bitterly. There was a humorous side to Curtis' magnificent disregard of everything save an end to be gained, and Maurice was obliged to laugh.

"No!" said Curtis. "I'm not. You, But I did not know. Too late now!"

It was clear that, had it not been too late, Curtis would quite willingly have even cut his leg off in order to provide a sure and necessary Crampiron's conviction.

"Two instruments!" Maurice said in a low, reflective voice, forgetting for an instant, in his preoccupation with the central mystery, all the complications of the evidence for the crown, and by Crampiron's collapse upon receiving the mysterious letter, had full vent and licence. Nobody was more exercised than Maurice by the utterly unorthodox turn of events, who knew that any other person, was the most puzzled of all. At the moment, what chiefly and before everything else rendered him uneasy, was the absence of Curfew. He had distinctly told Curtis to be within call, and had, in fact, meant to send him to Tudor Hundreds with a message to Millicent.

"Please bring me a telegraph form and a whisky and sodas," said Maurice to a waiter at the door of the private room which he had engaged at the Unicorn. The order was executed instantly. Maurice drank the whisky and sodas in two hasty gulps, and then he sat down to write the telegram to Millicent. He could not decide what to say, and began to walk to and fro in the room, arguing whether he should or should not ask Emile to go over himself to the Hundreds, but the light was an entirely ordinary sitting-room, and it communicated by means of an open door with a bedroom of similar ordinariness. Suddenly Maurice heard sounds of movement in the bedroom, where no one should have been, and he hurried to inspect.

He had the astonishing spectacle of Curtis emerging from beneath the bed. "What the—?" he began angrily, and stopped. (But he was very content that Curtis was there at all.) "I was coming to you, sir," said Curtis, simply, straightening his robes, and adjusting his pigtail and then his skull-cap.

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can't stand it any longer. It makes no difference to me now whether I live or die. Anything to avoid further effort! I've done with effort, I've done with it. I've got nothing to live for, gentlemen of the jury. Yes, I killed him. Whether there's dog's blood or Courlander blood on that instrument, with that instrument I killed him, that night, under his cursed state. So now you all know. Everybody may know." He became fiercely ironic, in his tears. "I'll make a pretty mess with the powers that be in this country, but I plead guilty to the willful murder of Lord Courlander."

There was a pause. And even the greediest members of the audience perceived that they had got comfortably swallowed—one final and supreme thrill. It was not precisely agreeable. Many could not bear even to look upon the agonized and tragic figure of Crampiron, with the glistening dew of an ineffable desolation on his white cheeks, thundered the gas-rings. And all was a scene of confusion. It had been in the note which he had received. "None knew, none suspected; for Crampiron, since the arrival of the note, had spoken no word until abruptly he took his case out of the hands of Lorimer, K.C."

"You had better explain the circumstances to the jury," said the judge.

"If anyone in this court," Crampiron replied with ferocity, "if anyone in this court supposes that he will persuade me to explain anything whatsoever, let him try—let him try to explain why the grace of God should I explain? I plead guilty. What else do you want?"

"His insolence was so overwhelming that it ceased to be insolence."

"I must warn you against gross conduct," said the judge stiffly.

Crampiron laughed, in his tears. "You can't hang me for three Sundays," he sneered. "If it amuses you to imprison me for contempt while I'm waiting, do so. That will be the crown of your reputation as a magistrate, my lord."

"Terrible duel between Prisoner and Judge," wrote the American special. Most of the other reporters had forgotten that they were reporters.

And when, after the brief formalities of spectacular justice, the jury returned a verdict in accordance with the prisoner's plea, and the judge put on the black cap and cleared his throat, a large proportion of the public were so incensed by their emotion that they would have given something considerable to quit the chamber of retribution. But they could not. It was as difficult to leave the court as it had been to get into it.

"The success with which he accomplished his role was due to a pretty taste in cushions, entree, tea, blossoms, knock-knocks, foolisms, firecrackers, and a host of other trifles, furnishing his own portions of No. 10, he realized at one stroke the ideals of a house-mistress and the ideals of a man of wide culture. The renowned portrait of the poet over the mantelpiece in the room mangle was well displayed against a Morris wall-paper; while underneath the latest pattern of well grained held the cleanest Walsend coal. The rare Persian carpet was absolutely free from spots and stains. In the piano in the corner near the Corinthian pillars was a Steinway, and as to the cushions, it may be stated that there were thirty-nine in the drawing-room alone."

Lord Doncastle sat in the drawing-room because the whim frequently took him to work anywhere but in his study. With a blotting-pad on his knees, and a cake-stand that served to hold papers, and an exquisite purple dressing-gown, he sat in the study of his drawing-room, he loved to govern his country in a grandfather's chair at his drawing-room fire. That morning the governance of his country was giving him a most agreeable surprise. He felt indeed, that his situation, so successively delicate, for too many persons were affirming too loudly that his country had had enough of him. Nothing but a strong sense that he and none else could ensure the salvation of his country in a parous time prevented him from walking straight out of No. 10 Downing street for ever. Parliament was to meet on the morrow, and he was displaying more eagerness to serve her than Millicent could have anticipated. But he was mistaken.

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He stuffed it under the grandfather's chair.

"How do you do, Miss Millicent?" he said, advancing with an easy grace towards the door which the footman had carelessly thrown open.

"It is very good of you to see me," Millicent replied, taking his proffered hand. She looked superb in her simple mourning, and nothing became her better than the grave, gently said, and invariably determined expression which her pale face wore.

He indicated a large chair opposite his own, but Millicent preferred to take a tiny gilt chair that stood between the two.

"And Lady Mary—how is she?" asked Lord Doncastle.

"Poor mother imagines herself to be worse than she really is," said Millicent, calmly. "I told her this morning that she must get up and come downstairs and behave as though she was perfectly well. We have to resume our lives, you know, Lord Doncastle."

"You are very sensible, if I may say so," he concurred, with sudden admiration in his mild and winning voice. "When I think of all that you must have suffered during the—"

"Trial?" Millicent suggested.

"During the trial," Lord Doncastle proceeded firmly. "I can't find words to express the keenness of my sympathy with you. If I should have written to you, but really I've been so—however, I won't trouble you with politics."

He remembered that he had found time to write to Crampiron. But the recollection of his relations with Crampiron made him feel self-conscious in the presence of Millicent, and he, therefore, put them steadily aside. He had a convenient and almost miraculous gift of forgetting at will.

"This episode of our existence is over," said Millicent. "But I do not believe in capital punishment. I never did. And I do not now."

"Do not?"

"Alas!" she murmured, gazing at the floor and perceiving a corner of his purple dressing-gown which peeped out from under his chair. Neither do I," he said quickly and with eager conviction. "But your attitude is angelic—nothing less."

He looked up at her.

"Now, Lord Doncastle," Millicent began abruptly in a different tone. "I see from the times that you have a cabinet meeting to-day, and you must be very busy."

"Not at all," he protested. "I believe there is a cabinet meeting—"

"She smiled as she might have smiled at a child who was being naughty in a rather charming way. Her faint, tolerant smile said: 'You really do carry your pretence of indifference too far sometimes. Why are you so absurd?' And he smiled in response, and his naive, surrendering smile said: 'You are perfectly right. But my instinct tells me that you are wrong. Forgive me. Besides, it doesn't matter.'"

"And suddenly it appeared to him that they had never before been so intimate as they were then, and an agreeable, awful melancholy stole over him as he surreptitiously suppressed the dressing-gown with his foot.

"I want to ask a favor from you," Millicent continued. "I've come up specially from home. But I won't keep you five minutes."

"My dear young lady," he replied with enthusiasm, "I am absolutely at your service—absolutely, entirely."

"Well," said Millicent. "I sent for Norah yesterday."

She seemed to wait for him to offer a remark. He made a movement as if to speak; then paused. He was wondering whether he ought to mention that he had, for a space of twenty-four hours, three days ago, believed Norah to be dead. He decided that the truest discretion would be not to mention the fact. He had no suspicion that his letter to Crampiron had changed the course of the trial.

"Norah Crampiron!" he ejaculated. "What a kind heart you have!"

Then she, in her turn, hesitated. Lord Doncastle, like the rest of the outer world, was not cognizant that Maurice and Norah were man and wife. Should he tell him? She decided not to tell him. If they once started a discussion of the situation as a whole, there would be no end to it. And Millicent was most anxious to keep on the level of commonplace. She hid the exact opposite that the sole way to endure the irremediable solemnity of certain situations is the way of utter silence. One word, one single word, and the whole opens and you are lost!

"Not a bit!" A slight blush had come into her cheeks. "What have we against Norah? Poor child! On the contrary, it is on her behalf that I am here this morning. Do you know that that unfortunate girl is not allowed to see her father except under the most hateful conditions? When she told me the regulations of the prison I could scarcely believe it."

"The regulations of our prisons are still medieval," said Lord Doncastle, impartially.

"What I want you to do is to have them relaxed in favor of Norah."

"I will do whatever I can," said Lord Doncastle. "The affair is in the Home Secretary's department but you may rely on me to do whatever I can." He spoke earnestly. He thought his attitude was unexceptionable; nay, that he was displaying more eagerness to serve her than Millicent could have anticipated. But he was mistaken.

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"I'll see you at once," he said. "I'll telephone—" He rose.

"See Mr. Bot?" she questioned coldly. "Why see Mr. Bot? You are the Attorney-General, aren't you? Your authority comes before the authority of Mr. Bot, doesn't it?"

There was one reply to make and Doncastle made it.

"It does," said Millicent, sitting down, and gathering all his courage together to usurp the functions of Mr. Bot.

"Then will you kindly send a telegram to the governor of Bedford prison," said Millicent, "in your own name?"

"I will," he agreed. "I'll send it this morning without fail."

"Will you please send it now?" Millicent pursued.

"Certainly," he said, astounded at the influence of this young woman over him.

He picked up his blotting-pad, which was furnished with various pockets for various sorts of stationery, and wrote out a telegraph form, and wrote with his quill pen.

"I will send this," he said: "Governor, H. M. Prison, Bedford. Kindly allow Crampiron full liberty to see his daughter, Doncastle, Downing St."

"If you wouldn't mind adding, 'In private at any hour.'"

"With pleasure," Doncastle assented. And wrote, "In private at any hour of the day."

"It shall be sent off," assented Millicent.

"I would like you to give it to me, and I will send it off," said Millicent.

"At last, on this trifling Doncastle revolted."

"I really cannot allow that," said he. "I should not forgive myself if I allowed that I should not be sure of a bell, and a valet entered, 'Smithson,' said he to the valet, 'take this telegram to the post office yourself, instantly, and then come back and tell me that you have sent it off.'"

"Yes, sir," said Smithson.

"Will that do?" Doncastle asked, with his habitual smile, when Smithson had had gone.

"I thank you," said Millicent, simply.

"Do you know, definitely promised Norah last night that I would get the regulations relaxed. I trusted to you."

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ADDRESSES PUBLIC MEETING AT ALBERNI

Member Explains His Stand on Questions Brought Before House.

(Special Correspondence.)
Alberni, Dec. 21.—H. C. Brewster, M. P., who has been travelling through the district he represents, spent last week in Alberni. Besides personally visiting many of the residents both in the town and country he addressed a public meeting in Brand's hall on Friday. There was a good attendance which was not confined to his own supporters. Mr. Motion, president of the Liberal Association, took the chair and in his opening remarks complimented Mr. Brewster on his efforts to secure adequate appropriations for the district, for his success in obtaining a reserve of 300 inches of water for municipal purposes and for the assistance he had rendered to the local committee appointed for the purpose of furthering the early incorporation of the town.

Mr. Brewster said he took this the first public opportunity of thanking the district for the honor of having elected him as its representative, and while the present meeting was not composed alone of those who had supported him on that occasion, yet he could assure those who had then opposed him that after the election was over he considered he represented not one section of the public, but his entire constituency, and his every intention was to act as best to the interests of the whole community.

His present visit was of a non-party character as he simply sought to become thoroughly acquainted with the needs of every part of the district. He would give a brief summary of some of the more important acts passed last year, and if any one did not fully understand or had any criticism to offer in regard to his votes on any of the measures brought before the house, he invited them to express their views without restriction as he was prepared to welcome the fullest investigation into all his actions as a public man.

Touching first on the Assessment Act, Mr. Brewster narrated how he had fulfilled one of his election pledges by making every effort to have exempted from taxation the first \$1,000 worth of improvements on farms. The government had, however, voted the amendment down, thus making substantial concessions to the large corporations.

He explained that the working of the newly imposed tax on canneries would press unduly on the smaller concerns and how a feature of the measure was a provision which would make the opening of new canneries very largely a matter of political favor.

While entirely in favor of higher education within the province he defended his vote against the University Act.

As it was there proposed to endow the university with two million acres of land without the legislature, or the public being furnished with the slightest information as to the character, value, or location of the land, he had supported an amendment extending the scope of the university to include facilities for higher education in commercial and industrial branches instead of confining it solely to the two or three learned professions.

In connection with the land act passed last session he was glad to be able to state that, with the aid of other members affected, he had secured a reduction on the license for hand carrying and permission for it to be carried on in the west coast of the island.

The government had, as stated by Mr. Motion, agreed to the reserve of 300 inches of water for domestic purposes for the town of Alberni, but he considered that a larger reserve for power purposes was almost equally an essential for the future prosperity of the town.

Mr. Brewster explained the provisions of the act passed last session to exempt certain railways from taxation for ten years provided they started construction before July 1, 1904. While apparently a wise measure as it would have provided work for the unemployed during the financial depression, yet it was really more in the interests of the big corporations as all they needed to do to earn the exemption which in ten years would amount to a very large sum, was to make a start at construction, but there was no stipulation that the work was to be finished in any particular time, and it might be allowed to drag on for several years, but the exemption of taxation would still hold good, and the ten years only began to count from the completion of the road.

BRUTAL WHIPPING OF WOMAN BY NIGHT RIDERS Punished Until She Promises to Withdraw Divorce Suit.

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 23.—The night riders' oath in full is here given for the first time:
"You do solemnly swear in the presence of Almighty God and these witnesses, that you desire to become a night rider; that you will not write, talk or tell to anyone the secrets of the order or the names of any of its members; that if you do talk, write or tell to any person any of the secrets of the order we are permitted to do with you as we see fit, and you know death, hell and destruction will be your portion, and that your body will not be buried in a graveyard. Do you willingly and freely submit to all this, so help you God?"

The state practically completed its case yesterday against the eight alleged night riders on trial for the murder of Capt. Ranken, when it drew from Frank Fehringer, a member of the band, a detailed statement not only of the Ranken tragedy, but of a score of more outrages.

Garret Johnson was the spokesman who threw the rope and whip at the riders to Ranken and Taylor to dress.

On the march to the densely wooded bank of the slough where Ranken was shot Johnson did all the talking, the others about fifty in number, including the defendants, following silently. As they put the rope on Ranken's neck, Fehringer said to the victim: "Do you want us to say anything to the Lord? If you do, say it now."

Ranken replied: "I have attended to that."

Just as they pulled the rope, Bob Hoffman shot him and Sam Applewhite then said:

"I know he is dead, for I put a load of bicycle bearings into him."

Fehringer was arrested by the militiamen before Gov. Patterson, who was personally in command.

"Tell the truth," said Gov. Patterson. "If you do I will give you an absolute pardon."

Fehringer then confessed.

The state also called Mrs. Emma Thurman Johnson, one of two women said to have been whipped by the band, and had her tell her story.

The startling testimony of Frank Fehringer, involving the men as night-participants in the murder of Capt. Ranken, was given with an excitement of detail that was amazing.

The startling testimony was called with a murmur of satisfaction around the court, but except the grand jury and prosecuting officers no one had heard many there were in the band which she, Mrs. Johnson had married Joe Johnson, a man thirty years older than she, and lived with him for four years, when a child was born. Last August she was taken to the hospital for cruelty and asking maintenance. Early in September the riders visited her father's home and left word that she must withdraw the suit. She failed to do so, and on her second visit her father was whipped.

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JAPANESE LINER HAD ROUGH TRIP CABIN DOORS SMASHED BY HEAVY SEA Small Amount of Freight and Few Passengers Brought by Iyo Maru.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
The Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Iyo Maru arrived last evening from the Orient, bringing a light cargo of only 1,750 tons, including silk, rice, matting and general Oriental freight. The silk consignment consisted of 530 packages, valued at something like \$200,000. There was very little freight for Victoria and that was soon unloaded, the steamer leaving for Seattle about 9.

As the steamer entered the dock it was noticed that the port rail was smashed. Capt. Parsons stated that two gales were encountered on the way across. In the first of these, just after leaving Yokohama, the vessel slipped a sea on her beam, breaking the rail. The next occurred about half way across and this time she shipped a sea on her port quarter which completed the wreck of the rail and also smashed in the cabin doors.

There were but two first class passengers, H. B. Hammond, a member of the American consular service who is going to San Francisco, and Miss J. Jones, a missionary returning from China to Seattle to her home to spend Christmas. This lady has been working among the Chinese over a thousand miles up the Yangtse Klang and she says the people in that part of China are very favorable to the English speaking people, especially to the missionaries.

In the second class was a mining man, William Hall, who is bound for San Francisco. Mr. Hall has for a number of years past been interested in mining in Siberia. He intended coming out by way of Nome and started in a gasoline schooner with the intention of crossing the Behring Strait and following the coast down to the American coast and cross on the Japanese line. Speaking of the mining prospects in Siberia Mr. Hall said that the country was rich, but the conditions were very unstable. He had a concession there so he felt bound to continue with it, but he would not choose that country if he were starting again.

There were in all about 70 passengers on the Iyo Maru, two of whom were first class, five second, and the remainder third. Only fourteen debarked at Victoria and of these eight were women and one a child.

The fact that the steamer carried 800 tons of Chinese cargo shows that the boycott is practically at an end so far as the wealthier classes are concerned. According to the officers of the ship the movement is dying out gradually and is not likely to be heard of in future unless something unforeseen should happen to again fan the flames of race hatred.

THE JUDGE REFUSED TO WITHDRAW HIS ORDERS. Informer's Evidence.

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 23.—When Mrs. Emma Jackson, one of the state witnesses yesterday afternoon in the night riders' trial, was excused from the stand, she turned to Judge Jones and said: "I will not leave the courtroom without armed protection. I know the men."

Mrs. Jackson told a vivid story of several visits of the night riders, corroborating Fehringer's testimony in many details, as did other witnesses, and identified by name at least twenty-seven members of the band. She was followed on the stand by her daughter, Miss Dora Jackson, an 18-year-old girl, who corroborated her mother's story.

The last witness of the day was Will Russell, another of the alleged night riders who has turned state's evidence. Russell came to Union City after the Ranken killing, and made a confession. He was trembling with fear, and could scarcely raise his voice above a whisper. The attorney-general had to repeat most of his answers in order that the jury might hear him. He was under constant guard. He fears that he will be killed in spite of these precautions. Russell's story was practically the same as that told by Fehringer.

The eight defendants in the night rider trial were brought into court yesterday handcuffed in pairs and with a detail of two soldiers for each pair. The soldiers, with rifles, halted at the court house and the riders, armed with revolvers, met the prisoners at the threshold and escorted them to the bar.

Judge Shaw was the first witness. He was the proprietor of the store near Ranken lake. He said the riders forced him to give them oil to pour on the fish docks when they were burned, and later whipped him when he tried to go before the grand jury. Shaw said that he had been working for the "barbards" and black masks, and tried to disguise their voices by talking in false tones. When Shaw was summoned before the grand jury he tried to slip into the woods, but the riders caught him and threatened to kill him finally they gave him his choice of a switching or hanging. He told them he was not anxious to endorse either, but that he had to make a choice. He would prefer the whipping. One of the riders whipped him they told him to run.

"Did you run?" inquired the court.

"You oughter have seen me," replied the witness.

Martin Leonard, another farmer near Ranken lake, was visited by the riders and was given five days to move, under penalty of being hanged. Asked if he moved, he answered that he was taken to a place where he was held in a barn. Witness after witness told of visitations by the riders, but there was no identification and no effort made to connect the riders with the murders.

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BRITISH STEAMER IS WRECK ON MIZEN HEAD

Six Lives Lost When Irada Goes Ashore on Coast of Cork.

Crook Haven, Ireland, Dec. 23.—The British steamer Irada, from Galveston, December 5th, for Liverpool, is a total wreck on the southwestern point of Mizen Head. Capt. Roberts, a steward and six men were drowned. The remainder of the crew, sixty-five men, saved themselves. The steamer was driven ashore during a fog.

It is estimated that the insurance losses on the Irada will amount to \$25,000. This is one of the heaviest blows that London underwriters have experienced in a long time.

The steamer was wrecked about midnight Monday on the scene of many shipwrecks. Capt. Roberts and the first officer were on the bridge at the time. The boats were launched, but the sea was so heavy that they were swamped and the men were obliged to scramble ashore as best they might. Those who were saved had a terrible experience, clinging to the rocks throughout the night until about 3 o'clock in the morning, when men engaged in erecting a new fog signal station on the island hauled them up with ropes and ladders to the top of the cliffs. Many of them were injured in the perilous ascent.

Capt. Roberts was formerly second officer of the steamer Oceanic.

Million Dollar Cargo.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 23.—The steamer Irada sailed on her fortieth voyage from Galveston and Liverpool, December 5th, with one of the largest cargoes of the season, valued at a million dollars and including 22,000 bales of cotton. The vessel was valued at \$200,000. She was a passenger steamer, but carried no passengers on this trip.

WANTON DESTRUCTION.

Trees Planted on the Streets Have Been Destroyed by Boys.

Some persons, most probably boys, a destructive bent, have been pulling up young trees planted along the boulevards and leaving them there. The act is thoroughly wanton in every case that has come to notice.

In the protection of these adjuncts to the beauty of Victoria, the parks board and the superintendent are to a great extent dependent upon the co-operation of the public, especially those living on boulevards thoroughfares. It is impossible for a watch to be kept on every stretch of boulevard, and citizens should consider the duty of assisting in the guarding the lawns and trees or shrubbery planted on them.

There is a reward of \$50 offered for information which will lead to the detection and conviction of anyone who destroys trees in the city parks and along the boulevards. A stiff fine, running up to \$50, is provided for the offence.

Information as to any injury done to park property should be communicated to the superintendent whose telephone number is 171, or to the police.

The plans submitted by H. S. Griffiths for the Provincial asylum to be built at Coquillam have been chosen by the provincial secretary, and Mr. Griffiths is now working out details. The design was selected from the number of plans sent in. J. C. M. Keith, of Victoria, it will be remembered, got the award for the best architectural drawing, but the plans of Mr. Griffiths were selected as having better interior arrangements specially adapted for the institution.

FOUR EXECUTED AT ONE TIME

Three McLean Brothers and Hare Were Hanged at New Westminster in 1879.

New Westminster, Dec. 18.—This city, where to-day Pertella, Jenkins and Lee Chung paid the extreme penalty of the law, has been the scene of many executions, especially in pioneer days.

Up to 1880 hangings took place in public and large crowds assembled to witness the carrying out of the court's decrees. In 1879 the three McLean brothers and Alex. Hare were executed for murdering Government Agent Usher and a rancher of the name of Kelly, both at Kamloops.

The three McLeans, ranging from 18 to 22 years of age, and the man Hare started their murderous career by killing Constable Usher—Usher had been after them because of a minor offence of horse stealing. Soon after they murdered Kelly. The horse had been stolen near Douglas lake, and when Usher, who had been sent after them, approached their camp, they shot him. When the hue and cry was raised after them and the whole country was roused, they tried to get over the mountains, but in that, on account of the deep snow, they made headquarters in a log house at Douglas lake. Here they were surrounded and kept till they were forced to surrender for want of water. Many schemes were tried to get them out before they surrendered. One was the pushing of a load of hay in front of several of the besieging parties to within a short distance of the log house. It was found that even at a short distance the bullets had no effect on the log fort, but if any one of the besiegers showed himself he immediately became a target for a bullet and among the quartette were some good shots. The youngest of the McLean brothers, aged 16, was the most hardened of the lot. When it was found that they could not hold the place, they offered to shoot the other three and then commit suicide in preference to surrendering.

HOLT IS FOUND GUILTY.

Murderer of Bandman Johnston at Fort Worden Sent to Penitentiary.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 23.—"Guilty, without capital punishment," was the verdict of the jury in the case of Private James H. Holt, tried in the United States District court for the murder of Bandman Henry E. Johnston at Fort Worden.

The penalty is fixed by law at imprisonment for life. Judge Hanford announced yesterday that he would be passing in Holt's case on January 5th.

Through the agency of the ship sale and social held by the members of Mrs. Amson's Sunday school class, in the lecture room of the Metropolitan church Friday night a substantial sum has been realized for missions. The decorations of the lecture room were carried out by the members of the ship and abundant bunting loaned by the Egeria was hung about the room. Tea was served at four o'clock, and an enjoyable time was spent.

SAN FRANCISCO PUTS IN BID SLIGHTLY LOWER THAN BULLEN'S.

REPAIRING GLENFARG

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
A rather unusual action has been taken by Lloyd's London agency in connection with the letting of the contract for the repair of the steamer Glenfarg. Tenders were recently called for repairs to the vessel after she had been docked at Esquimalt. Four tenders were received, the lowest being that of the E. C. Marine Railway Company of Esquimalt. The amount of the tenders was cable to London and the head office intimated that they thought the tenders too high, and asked if temporary reports could not be made. Mr. Mitchell, the local surveyor for Lloyd's, reported against this, so then the head office held the vessel in dock while they sent their survey to San Francisco, agent Fred Gardner to survey the vessel. This gentleman brought with him Mr. Arms, consulting engineer of the Union Iron works of San Francisco, who put in a tender for the work, which it is understood was lower than that of the local firm. Before this, of course, the local bids were known, the approximate amount having been published in the press, and the exact amount being known to a number of people.

The San Francisco expert has endorsed the recommendation of the local men that the repairs should be done here. The local firm has refused to lower their tender, claiming that they gave a fair bid. The local agents say that they do not expect to have definite word from London perhaps for a day or two, but it is generally thought that the contract will be let here.

The push button doesn't always ring the gong of success.

HOSPITAL COMMITTEE MEETS.

Nurses Home Will Be Opened on Tuesday, January 5th.

The Royal Jubilee hospital executive committee met Friday afternoon when there were present the president, F. B. Pemberton, in the chair, Mrs. C. W. Rhodes, and Messrs. E. A. Lewis, H. G. M. Brown, J. M. K. Brown, D. E. Campbell and J. S. Foreman.

Reports of the finance and house committees were received, the former reporting the receipt of salaries for the month of November \$12,430 and accounts \$2,911.75. The house committee reported an outlay of \$80 for nozzles, hoses and racks in the children's and Strathcona wards for fire protection.

Dr. Haesel, the house physician, reported the number of patients days' stay for the month of November as 2,435.

The house committee arranged details for the opening of the nurses' home, which will take place Tuesday, January 5th, between 4 and 5 p. m., and on the 10th of the same month. The house is now practically ready for occupation.

There will be no sitting of the county court until January, as soon as Judge Lamont has received the orders down for hearing this month and those set for the January term, which was to have opened on January 4th, will be postponed until then.

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CO-OPERATION PHILANTHROPY

ROCKEFELLER ASKS IMPORTANT QU...

Would Better Results Combination in Principals Giving?

New York, Dec. 23.—"If attention to do business is effected by waste and in getting better results, why not combination of effort in philanthropic work? In this question is set forth of an article by John D. Rockefeller in the current issue of the World's Work. The general principle of co-operation is that the general idea of co-giving for education, social advancement, and other good causes, is to be encouraged. Mr. Rockefeller, 'the big game' education board, is to be stamped with his vital principle of co-operation in the educational institutions of the country."

LABOR CASE IS STILL SU...

President Cannot With Sentences of Members and Colleagues

Washington, Dec. 23.—A statement issued at the White House on Saturday in regard to the case of the Gompers, Vice-President of the American Federation of Labor, and others, is called by the fact that it still before the courts, matters what the president may be as to the Justice Department, he can not action looking to pardon any opinion as to the case.

"The text of the statement is as follows: 'Various appeals have been made to the president to interfere in the case of Mr. Gompers and his associates. Those appeals are apparently not correct. It is a civil suit, and there has been no action looking to pardon any opinion as to the case. Whether the president should think the sentence of Mr. Gompers excessive, or whether he should take any action or express any opinion, is a matter for the courts to decide. When the decision is made, the president can promptly execute the terms of imprisonment or other punishment. It is impossible for the president to appeal in any manner whatever to the court must finish with the matter and the defendants are at this moment at liberty on bond. It is not for the president to take any action or express any opinion while the case is pending in the courts. When the decision is made, the president can promptly execute the terms of imprisonment or other punishment. 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