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WOMAN DYNAMITER.

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 19.—Mrs. Isabella J. Martin, who was convicted of conspiracy in the dynamiting of the house of Judge Ogden, in this city, was sentenced to-day to imprisonment for life.

According to records recently completed Europe is growing steadily colder.

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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.

The Vancouver Educational Club has been interesting itself in the question. The minister, however, has had the question under consideration for a long time, and is still gathering data in the matter which will assist him in coming to a conclusion as to what can be done.

It is probable, however, that upon certain conditions teachers may be included in the general plan upon which all the civil servants will be placed in a position to derive benefits from the superannuation fund.

RAILWAYS BUY WATERFRONT

Negotiations Completed for Property in Terminal City.

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—With the object of securing new terminal facilities for one or more big transcontinental railways, negotiations for a transfer of False creek waterfront property to the value of over \$50,000 was concluded, but the agent of the purchasers, who are said to be the G. N. Ry. and the N. P. Ry., is still looking for more waterfront in that locality, provided the property involved in this big deal comprises all that stretch of waterfront on the north side of the upper basin of False creek, lying between Heatley avenue on the east and Boundary avenue on the west.

INJURED IN RUNAWAY.

Alfred Smith, Lulu Island Farmer, Crushed Against Wagon and May Die.

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—While engaged in harnessing a team of horses to a heavy wagon, Alfred Smith, a well known rancher of Lulu Island, was probably fatally injured last evening. He was standing between the horses against the pole of the wagon, and had almost completed the task when, for some reason, the animals took fright suddenly and dashed forward. The man was tangled helplessly in the harness, wheels and flying hooks and was borne against the side of another heavy wagon that stood nearby. There, still carried on the pole, he was dashed full against the wagon and the horses stopped. When picked up, Smith was horribly crushed and mangled and may die.

RUSHING HIM TO PORT.

Rudolph Spreckles Paying For Extra Coal Burned on Steamship Nippon Maru.

Honolulu, Dec. 22.—In order to arrive in San Francisco in time to be present in court when sentence is passed on Abraham Rief, next Thursday, Rudolph Spreckles, who financed the graft investigation and prosecution in that city, and who is a passenger on the Japanese liner Nippon Maru, which sailed from this port on Sunday, has agreed to pay for the extra coal burned in the effort to reach port a few hours ahead of schedule. The Nippon Maru is due at San Francisco on Thursday morning.

ROPE BREAKS, THREE DIE IN MINE SHAFT

Cobalt, Ont., Dec. 24.—Wm. Hamilton, of Ottawa; Fred Kelly, of West Templeton, Que., and Edward Nation, of St. Pierre, were killed in the Columbus mine yesterday by falling down a shaft through the breaking of the rope of a bucket in which they were descending.

BOMB THROWER'S SENTENCE.

Life Imprisonment for Man Who Blew Up Jim Gallagher's House at Frisco.

CATHEDRAL LOOTED.

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 24.—Peter Claudians yesterday was found guilty of dynamiting the home of former Supervisor James L. Gallagher, the star witness for the prosecution in the San Francisco bribery cases. Claudians was sentenced to life imprisonment. The jury was out only eight minutes, and reached a verdict on the first ballot. Claudians waived appeal and started for San Quentin last night.

PLUNGES DAGGER INTO 18-YEAR-OLD GIRL

Italian Assailant is Chased Through Montreal Streets and Captured.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 24.—Plunging a dagger three times into the body of a companion of an 18-year-old girl, whom he had been walking along University street, an Italian yesterday afternoon committed a deed that aroused the indignation of those who witnessed the stabbing and led to a desperate chase through the neighboring streets, ending in the assailant being finally brought to bay, overpowered, and handed over to the police. The girl was taken to a hospital, where her condition is reported as dangerous, although she may recover. She gave the name of Selma Pastille, while her assailant is Francesco Barilo, 22 years old.

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:

"While I do not desire to go into details or participate in the polemic now raging in America, I do not hesitate, in speaking from personal knowledge, to brand the story of the existence of an American syndicate to which the purchase money is supposed eventually to have gone, as a fable, invented of whole cloth. As an officer appointed by the court, it would be improper for me to say more. Both tradition and practice make it impossible for me to disclose the list of individual bondholders to whom the money was distributed."

TORONTO MATRICALITY.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 24.—Municipal nominations for mayor and board of control were made at noon, and the nominations for aldermen last night. The majority candidates are: Joseph Oliver (present mayor), Thomas Davis, W. A. Harrison, W. P. Hubbard, H. C. Hocken, J. W. McCallister, J. B. R. O'Hara, F. O. Sabine and J. Simpson.

CASSELL'S INQUIRY OVER.

Investigation of Marine Department Affairs in B. C. and P. E. I. Not Considered Necessary.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—In concluding the investigation into the marine department yesterday afternoon Judge Cassels stated that departmental matters were all cleared except in British Columbia and Prince Edward Island but that it was hardly necessary to go there.

WINNIPEGGER'S SUDDEN DEATH.

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—John W. Woodward, a prominent real estate agent, dropped dead yesterday while talking to a friend. Apoplexy was the cause.

MANITOBA TO CUT PHONE RATES

PROBABLE FULFILMENT OF LONG-STANDING PROMISE

Government Management of System Proves Successful—Profits During First Year.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 24.—In the immediate future, probably before the end of the year, an announcement will be made by the government of a reduction in the present phone rates. Under government ownership it is expected that the profits for the first year will amount to approximately \$225,000. This has been brought about by a careful saving of expenses and also by a judicious raising of rates in certain classes, which had hitherto been too low.

As far as can be learned, although nothing has been definitely decided, residence phones in Winnipeg will cost about \$20 after the first of the year and business phones will cost in the neighborhood of \$30 or \$35 against \$50 now charged. Throughout the province similar reductions will be made wherever possible but in every case the rates will be considerably lower than those now charged.

Careful estimates show that under the proposed rate the phone system will be self-supporting, in fact will show a small surplus every year while the new lines to be constructed will also be supported by their own revenue.

POSTAL RETURNS.

Department Has Net Surplus of \$1,023,201—Nearly 400 Million Letters Sent.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The report of the postmaster-general for the year ended March 31st shows a net surplus of \$1,023,201, the best showing in the history of the Canadian post office. This surplus is in spite of a very large increase in the postal service, including the establishment of 446 new post offices. It is estimated that 388,017,000 letters were sent in Canada in the twelve months ending March 31st, an increase of 10 per cent over the year of \$1,316,000, or 10 per cent over the year of \$1,316,000.

ONE DEAD, FOUR INJURED, IN NEW YORK BLAZE

Prompt and Heroic Work of Firemen Saves Many Lives.

New York, Dec. 24.—One man was killed, three other men and a woman were seriously burned, and the lives of many others were saved, only by prompt and heroic work by firemen and the tenants themselves, in a fire that wrecked the five-story apartment house at 12 West 17th street, Monday night. The fire damage was about \$15,000.

MONTANA TRAIN ROBBERY.

Man Wanted For Crime Believed to Be Under Arrest.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 24.—Geo. T. Frankhauser, believed to be the man who, with a companion, robbed the Oriental Limited train on the Great Northern railway near Reno, Mont., on Sept. 9, 1907, of about \$40,000, is under arrest at Moorhead, Minn. Reports aggregating \$15,000 have been offered for his capture and conviction.

EMBEZZLEMENT OF \$15,000.

London, Ont., Dec. 24.—Proceedings have been dropped in the case of W. H. Bartram, a well known local lawyer, charged with embezzling \$15,000 from "Marion" Bowles, a client. This means that Bartram goes as a free man, but it is understood that Mrs. Bowles will receive about \$8,000 of the \$15,000 she is said to have deposited with Bartram.

BISHOP OF SOUTH JAPAN.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 24.—Word has been received here that Bishop Bontflower, of Dorking, England, has been appointed to succeed Bishop Awadry, of South Japan, who has resigned his post on account of ill-health.

CHRISTMAS PARCEL FRAUD.

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 24.—A thousand dollars' worth of Christmas parcels were brought across the river from Michigan, in order to be mailed from the Canadian side, have been held up by the customs authorities.

G. T. P. AT LAKE SUPERIOR.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 24.—Port Arthur is objecting to the carrying out of an enactment passed by the legislature granting a provisional subsidy to the Lake Superior branch of G. T. P. railway because, it is claimed, Port William will have the advantage of the new road's terminals.

BIG FALLING OFF IN IMMIGRATION

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The total immigration to Canada for the eleven months ending November 30, 1908, was 143,754, a decrease of 24,533, or 15 per cent, compared with the corresponding months of last year. Immigration via ocean ports totaled 39,483, a decrease of 12,243 or 31 per cent. Immigration from the United States was 104,271, an increase of 660 over last year.

CASTRO WILL NOT INTERFERE

DEPOSED PRESIDENT MAKES STATEMENT

No Difficulties to Be Placed in Way of Present Administration.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—Cyrillio Castro today gave a statement to the Associated Press which amounts virtually to the abandonment of his present claims to the presidency of the Venezuelan republic. This statement follows:

"After taking cognizance of everything printed in the newspapers from Venezuela, I doubt the attitude there-in attributed to the present government. I will have more to say on this subject when I am in better health and when I have full knowledge of what has occurred.

"In any event, I shall place no difficulties in the way of the present administration of Venezuela in settling the pending controversies with foreign governments, even if this should involve my own withdrawal from active life in the affairs of the nation."

General Castro will remain for two weeks longer in the private sanatorium of Dr. Israel. He will give out no information concerning his future plans.

G. T. R. FIREMAN KILLED.

Corvallis, Ore., Dec. 24.—A Grand Forks fireman, William Hargrave, fell from his engine near Lancaster and sustained injuries which caused his death. His home was in Brockville, and he was about 23 years old.

BIG HOMESTEAD RUSH.

Six Hundred Entries Dealt With in One Day at Moose Jaw.

Moose Jaw, Sask., Dec. 24.—The Dominion land office staff established a record here on Tuesday, when as a result of a strenuous day's work they received 500 entries for homesteads in the Moose Jaw district.

The figures for the local land office with regard to entries during the past three months have thrown all previous records out of gear. The previous biggest single day's entries was Sept. 17th, when 327 were made. On Monday the total reached 234, but Tuesday's figures make the other records look small.

Such a rush for land never was seen before here, and possibly never will again. The streets of Moose Jaw present a stirring sight, and fresh batches of land-hungry men are coming in by every train and by every trail leading to the city.

MARITAL TROUBLES MAY BE AIRED IN COURT

Defence in Yacht Club Murder Case Bases Hope in T. J. Hains' Story.

Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 24.—The state's case against Thornton J. Hains nears its close. It is not known how many of the Hainses will be called by the defendant's lawyers, but they are placing their main hope in the story that Hains told to the stand.

"Thornton Hains' recital," said John E. McIntyre, "will be clear and convincing, and will tear the state's case to pieces. The defendant has no fear of the cross-examination of the prosecution, however, in the case of the shooting of Annis will be seen in a different light."

It is generally regarded as certain that Hains' lawyer will take the stand to refute the testimony of Policeman Fallon that Thornton Hains, referring to Annis, said to him on the night of the coroner's inquest "that he would like to go down into hell and bring him back and kill him over again."

With the introduction of the Ripley letter yesterday the defence's counsel will probably develop from Thornton Hains what he meant in his letter regarding Annis, and if the line of examination is allowed the story of Capt. C. Hains' unfortunate marital trouble will come out.

NEW ORLEANS TRAIN WRECK.

Number of Railway Officials Charged With Manslaughter.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 24.—As a result of the disaster wreck on the New Orleans & Northeastern railway, within a few minutes of New Orleans, on November 11th, in which 33 lives were lost and a dozen or more people severely injured, the grand jury yesterday returned indictments charging manslaughter against the following: N. G. Feraill, general superintendent of the New Orleans Great Northern; H. E. Flanagan, divisional superintendent of the New Orleans & Northeastern; J. O. Armistead, chief train dispatcher of the New Orleans Great Northern; Hugh Slager, conductor, and A. E. Huggins, engineer of the New Orleans Great Northern. The indicted men were required to furnish bonds in the sum of \$1,000 each.

GRAFT SCANDAL ON BIG SCALE

PITTSBURG THRILLED BY BRIBERY SENSATION

Revelations in Examination of Councilmen—"Reached" by Small Sums.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 24.—Pittsburg was shaken from end to end yesterday by thunderbolts of sensation. Money in connection with the newly disclosed municipal legislative scandal. The troubles of San Francisco are popularly declared to be tame in comparison. Furthermore it is stated that the developments yesterday are mere preliminaries to subsequent steps against additional councilmen and business men.

The testimony offered in court yesterday intimated strongly that over three score councilmen are "easy to reach," and "reaching" necessitated only small sums, ranging from \$100 to \$500, and out of a mass of testimony came an apparent disclosure that a majority of the council body had been "reached" in the passage of one ordinance alone. It was testified that sixty councilmen had divided \$45,000. Sensations followed one another in rapid succession during the hearing of the seven councilmen and two former bank officials arrested on charges of bribery, corrupt solicitation and conspiracy last Monday night.

W. W. Ramsey and A. A. Vissack, former president and cashier of the German National bank, were first called for a hearing yesterday. It was testified that they had been approached by Councilman John Klein, one of the accused, who stated that the bank would be made a depository for the city's funds "if the German National bank would do as other banks have done." A witness further declared that after several conferences the bankers placed \$17,500 on a table in a room of the bank, and that Councilman Klein and a companion entered the room and a short time later left the bank with the money. The witness then stated the money was gone. At the request of the directors both of the bank officials resigned last Saturday. They were held in bonds \$45,000 each.

The seven councilmen, President Brand and Members Klein, Soffel, Wasson, Melaney and Ferguson, of the common council, and Atkinson, of the select board, were then called for hearing. The principal witness, Robert Wilson, a private detective and superintendent of the municipal league of Scranton, Pa., who is employed by the voters' league of Pittsburgh, which brings the complaint against the nine defendants.

Mr. Wilson's testimony was sensational. Aided by an assistant, it was said that Wilson engaged a room in a local hotel, out holes in the door, the walls of an adjoining room. Then a series of meetings was arranged with councilmen. His assistant, Herbert Jones, posed as a business man desiring certain ordinances passed, and during his conferences with the councilmen, Wilson and a stenographer were stationed in the next room, making a full report of the transactions. During these conferences, Councilman Klein had a great deal to say regarding how completely councilmen were controlled by the accused men, the detective said. It was also testified that Councilman Klein told of how \$45,000 was to be split between sixty councilmen.

This money was alleged to have been received in connection with the construction of the filter beds at the new filtration plant of Pittsburgh. Councilman Klein, Mr. Wilson testified, said that the councilmen had different prices. Some councilmen, Klein told him, wanted \$100, some \$15, and some \$25, and still others \$5 to \$10.

Another acquittal of value to the Salvation Army is a home for young women, a site for which has been purchased in Los Angeles, Cal. The building is soon to be erected at a cost of \$50,000, of which \$40,000 has been subscribed by residents of Los Angeles. It will replace the present structure, which has grown inadequate for the purpose for which it was intended.

SENTENCE IN FRISCO ASSASSINATION CASE

Slayer of D. W. Stevens Found Guilty of Murder in the Second Degree.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 24.—Whan Chang, a Korean, who shot and killed Durham White Stevens, a Japanese diplomatic adviser to the Korean Emperor, last March in San Francisco, was found guilty of murder in the second degree by a jury last night in Judge Cook's department of the Superior court. Sentence will be passed on December 31st. The minimum penalty is ten years and the maximum life imprisonment.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR NEW YORK STARVING ONES

Salvation Army Will Feed Million and a Half People in U. S. A.

New York, Dec. 24.—A million and a half of men, women and children throughout the country, including 200,000 in Greater New York City alone, will be supplied with dinners, and upwards of 4,000 destitute New York children will be given toys suited to their ages on Christmas day from the proceeds of this year's Salvation Army "kettle" contribution.

In Manhattan the dinners will be given out on Christmas morning at the Grand Central Palace, where 4,000 more such baskets containing dinner enough for five will be distributed at the same time from the army headquarters in Brooklyn.

Commander Miss Eva Booth, who has recently returned to her life's work after a long illness, said yesterday that her idea, and that of the army officials, was to give Christmas cheer to all who lack it most, whether called "good" or "bad" characters. Among the donations received by Miss Booth in aid of the work of the Salvation Army is a large iron room house valued at \$20,000 at Long Branch, N. J., which will be used as a refuge home for children. The donor is a wealthy New York woman who prefers to have her identity remain unknown.

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NIGHT RIDERS' CASE.

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 24.—The state attorneys in the Night Riders' case yesterday afternoon announced that they would close their case today. The defence will be an alibi for each of the eight defendants. Members of their families will swear that they were at home and in bed during the night of October 19th, the night that Captain Ranken was murdered. No attempt will be made to show their whereabouts on November 11th, in which 33 lives were lost and a dozen or more people severely injured, the grand jury yesterday returned indictments charging manslaughter against the following: N. G. Feraill, general superintendent of the New Orleans Great Northern; H. E. Flanagan, divisional superintendent of the New Orleans & Northeastern; J. O. Armistead, chief train dispatcher of the New Orleans Great Northern; Hugh Slager, conductor, and A. E. Huggins, engineer of the New Orleans Great Northern. The indicted men were required to furnish bonds in the sum of \$1,000 each.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 24.—At the annual banquet of the Commercial Travelers' Association of Canada last night, Provincial Secretary Hanna said steps would be taken to make a higher standard for hotels in Ontario, to which hotel keepers will have to adhere to. An official will be appointed to devote himself exclusively to the inspection of country hotels.



VERDICT AGAINST LABOR LEADERS

JUDGMENT IS PROTESTED FROM VARIOUS QUARTERS

Case Should Prove Death Knell of Boycott, Says Buck Stove Counsel.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 24.—James M. Beck, of New York, counsel for the Buck Stove Company, when informed of the decision in the labor case at Washington, wrote in this city yesterday, said: "This case ought to be the death knell of the boycott. It is the most important decision in a labor controversy since the Debs case of 1906, from which it differs only in the fact that in the Debs case physical violence was used to paralyze interstate trade, while in the Buck stove case the insidious and far more dangerous method of a national boycott was employed."

"Should Be Pardoned."

INDIANAPOLIS CASE.

President James Duncan, of the American Federation of Labor, said last night: "I am of the opinion that the pardoning power of the president could be used right away in causing the release of President Gompers. If President Gompers is compelled to spend the year's term in jail he will conduct the affairs of the Federation in the jail in which he is confined. I think the decision is the most unjust that I have ever heard of." Other local leaders, including President John F. Tobin, of the boot and shoe workers' union, expressed similar disapproval of the decision.

Mine Workers' Protest.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 24.—W. D. Ryan, national secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers, of which John Mitchell was president, when the alleged boycott resolution was acted upon at the miners' convention a year ago, has sent the following telegram to President Roosevelt: "As an official representative of the United Mine Workers of America, I emphatically protest against the court's decision in the case of Mitchell. The decision is absolutely innocent."

Will Never Serve Terms.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 24.—"I think you will find that Mr. Gompers, Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Morrison will never serve their sentences," was the comment of Commissioner General of Immigration D. J. Keefe, former vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, and head of the Longshoremen's Union, made regarding yesterday's decision in the Buck Stove Company case.

What Will Roosevelt Do?

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—Whether President Roosevelt will take any action, as he has been urged to do in telegrams received from different labor organizations throughout the country in connection with Judge Wright's decision, has not been decided. It was stated at the White House yesterday. It was explained there that the president had not read the decision, and therefore cannot say if he will take any action. There was an intimation, however, that some action might be taken if he should be convinced that the sentence is unjust, if it should be affirmed upon appeal. The various labor organizations are watching the case.

\$60,000 CHURCH GUTTED.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 24.—The Roman Catholic church at Coteau du Lac, forty miles from Montreal, was destroyed by fire last night. It was fifty years old and valued at \$60,000.

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NEW PORTUGUESE CABINET.

Lisbon, Dec. 24.—A new cabinet has been formed, headed by Dr. V. Desprez de Lima, as premier. The previous cabinet resigned last week because of the declaration of the Regeneration party that it would no longer support the government.

BRIBERY SCANDAL IN PITTSBURG

CHARGES OF CORRUPTION AGAINST COUNCILMEN

Bank Officials Also Involved—Seven Men Arrested Give Bail of \$178,000.

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. In the meantime the people of Pittsburg are surprised almost beyond description at the suddenness of the arrest of the nine men who are well known.

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, Wm. Soffer, W. H. Melaney, Hugh Ferguson, former Pittsburg Mayor, 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 Klein \$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 D. 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.

Immediately some of the best known attorneys in the county had been called and pronounced the evidence sufficient to cause the arrests. Immediately Mayor Guthrie ordered the arrests, and the private detectives, accompanied by city detectives, rounded up all the defendants.

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. All through the return voyage the bishop was desperately ill and when the steamer docked last evening he was in a dying condition.

Bishop Michaud was born in Burlington, Vt., Nov. 24, 1848. At one time he was a student at Montreal 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.

HOLD UP CITY COUNCIL

Montreal, Dec. 22.—In a letter to the city clerk yesterday, Monday, Montreal Light, Heat and Power Co. threatened to cut off the lighting of the city at the end of the month, unless the city council comes to an immediate decision regarding renewal of the contract regarding renewal of the contract.

CANDY-MAKER ASPHYXIATED

Montreal, Que., Dec. 22.—Denis Landry, aged 19 years, a candy-maker, was asphyxiated by gas in his room in a boarding house on Church street, early on Sunday morning. The gas was turned off at the meter, but Landry did not close the jet in his room at the time, and when the gas was later turned on it caused his asphyxiation.

SILVER FUND IN NOVA SCOTIA

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 21.—A rich find of silver is reported from Musquodibit, in this county, and Miss Bessie Dunbar, a former housekeeper of the Fifth Avenue hotel New York, has applied to the provincial mines department for 200 acres. Traces of silver had been found in this district previously.

FATHER'S AWFUL ACT

Crazed With Drink He Tried to Roast His Five-Year-Old Boy.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 22.—John Perry, formerly of Moncton, but now of this city, tried to roast his five-year-old son in a hot oven on Sunday night. The boy was too big, and although the father jammed him into the oven, he was unable to shut the doors. Then he pulled him out and threw him against a wall. With his head covered with blood, the little fellow made his way to a neighbor's house and told his story. Perry was crazed with liquor. He was arrested yesterday.

FIRE IN GILSEY HOUSE

Crowd Blocks Traffic in Broadway Watching Outbreak.

New York, Dec. 22.—A fire which started in the Gilsey house, one of the famous hotels in Broadway, to-day threatened at first to destroy the building. Spreading to the fifth floor the flames burst through the windows and a great crowd was attracted which for a time completely blocked traffic on Broadway at that point. The firemen were able to contain the flames to the fifth floor and the fire was quickly controlled. There were not many guests in the hotel at the time, and it is believed there was no loss of life.

STARVATION TRAGEDY IN AUTHORS' HOME

Child Dies While Father and Mother Busily Write Books.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 22.—In a little cottage in Pasadena, the rooms of which are bare of furniture, but bespunged 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 Edwards 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.

\$10,000,000 TOWN. 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.

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.

POPE WELL AGAIN

Rome, Dec. 22.—The Pope has fully recovered from his recent illness. He received Archbishop Ireland, of St. Paul, in private audience to-day.

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.

Stouls 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 hawks and skunks 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.

The following is the scale submitted: Flat Rates.

Four rooms, \$1.10; with discount, \$1. Five rooms, \$1.10; with discount, \$1. Six, seven and eight rooms, \$1.20; with discount, \$1.00.

Nine and ten rooms, \$1.40; with discount, \$1.25. Meter Rates.

First 1,000 gallons, \$1.00. Residences, all over 1,000 gallons, 12c per thousand gallons.

All other amounts as follows: Under 75,000 gallons per month, per thousand gallons, 22c.

75,000 to 100,000 gallons per month, per thousand gallons, 25c.

100,000 to 200,000 gallons per month, per thousand, 17c.

200,000 to 300,000 gallons per month, per thousand, 15c.

Over 300,000 gallons per month, per thousand, 12c.

All meter accounts subject to ten per cent discount if paid within fifteen days after becoming due. Meter rentals to be included in the frontage tax for all pipes of four inch and upwards to be levied at the rate of three cents per foot.

Ald. Cameron explained that the figures given were subject to any alteration which might be fit to make, and the final scale would have to be embodied in a by-law. He moved the adoption of the report, leaving a by-law to be introduced later. The flat rate was for houses without meters.

Ald. Fullerton thought that such an important matter should be fully considered and discussed, and this could be better done at this stage than when the by-law was introduced. He would vote for so exorbitant a rate as three cents a foot frontage he would like to have full details as to the cost per gallon and so on.

Ald. Henderson said the increase might be all right but it might be a question of policy whether or not to put them in force.

Ald. Hall and Mable assured the council that full information would be forthcoming.

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The residence of A. H. Pease, on Burnside road, is nearly completed. Messrs. Halkett and Mitchell have completed Mr. Steedman's house, and will soon begin for A. T. R. Blackwood on Lochend property. This piece of desirable property is being built up very rapidly.

WELCOMED HOME

Mr. John Hillier and His Bride Received with Shower of Rice.

Ucluelet, Dec. 21.—On the 18th inst. Mr. John Hillier, of Ucluelet, and his bride, arrived at Ucluelet with his bride. He has been away for a couple of weeks and was married to Miss Hannah Boswell at Portland, Ore., on November 30th.

On their arrival at the wharf, Mr. and Mrs. Hillier were met by a number of friends who showered them with rice, and later a reception was held at the home of Mr. H. J. Hillier, brother of the groom. Mr. and Mrs. John Hillier will reside at Toquoc.

SENATOR TELLER WANTS BIMETALLISM IN U. S. A.

Asks British Authority What Attitude of Indian Government Would Be.

New York, Dec. 22.—The Times to-day says: In important banking circles in Wall street, as well as among others versed in financial affairs, something very much like a sensation was created yesterday by the discovery in a financial weekly, published in Paris, L'Economiste Europeen, of a letter written by Senator Henry M. Teller, of Colorado, a member of the Aldrich currency commission, to Morton C. Frewen, the well-known U. S. minister in London, in which Senator Teller seems plainly to indicate that the commission has under consideration a plan to issue circulating notes secured by silver, if the government of India will co-operate.

In his letter, which was published on December 4th, Senator Teller is quoted as saying that he is personally in favor of the issue of small notes of limited legal tender, secured by silver, but that since the purchase of silver to secure such notes would advance the price of the metal to a figure where the government of India might decide to melt down its rupees and sell the metal, it is necessary to know what the attitude of the Indian government would be.

He says on this point: "Will that government (India) interest itself officially in our inquiry into a question of the highest importance for the finances of India? Naturally I ask this of you in an entirely informal way. We will make the proposal officially if you learn that it will be well received, but we do not wish to expose ourselves to any absolute refusal."

Inquiries made by bankers to ascertain whether Senator Teller's negotiations with Mr. Frewen had the sanction of the entire Aldrich commission developed the contrary to be the case. From members of the commission with whom these bankers got in touch, the following statement of the situation was obtained: "The commission knows nothing of Senator Teller's correspondence with Mr. Frewen. Mr. Teller is acting absolutely independently and alone. No proposal to issue such notes has ever been entertained. Senator Teller comes from Colorado where silver abounds, and he has naturally always had interests in that state. That this is so his letter to Mr. Frewen amply proves, but it proves nothing more."

N. W. COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 22.—At a meeting of the N. W. Commercial Travelers' Association, the membership was reported as 3,148, of which 588 were in British Columbia. The surplus for the year is \$20,000, with mortuary fund and reserve fund of \$70,000.

PAYMENT OF DIVIDENDS WILL BE RESUMED

Directors of B. C. Copper Company Will Fix Rate in January.

(Special to The Times.) Phoenix, Dec. 21.—Information has been given locally that it is the intention of the directors of the British Columbia Copper company to resume the payment of dividends early in the new year. The company declared its initial quarterly dividend of 25 cents a share and an extra dividend of 15 cents, a total of 40 cents a share, on July 15th, 1907. Since that time no payments to stockholders have been made. The directors are in favor of paying two per cent bi-monthly, or 12 per cent a year and this course will probably be adopted at the January meeting of the board.

The present efficient management of the company is reflected in the showing since resuming operation in June last. From the time the company's smaller mine was blown in on June 8th, following the shutdown which all copper producers experienced during the panic, up to November 30, the company earned net from operations \$232,669, the first month's net yieldings approximately \$40,000, which in the following month was practically doubled. Copper produced in the six months amounted to 5,547,574 lbs.

When operations were resumed last June the company owed some \$170,000, including \$75,000 paid for additional properties, but this amount has been entirely eliminated and at the present time the company does not owe a dollar and has cash on hand of upwards of \$25,000. It is the management's policy to attain a cash surplus of \$100,000 before dividends are commenced, and the directors believe that this amount will be attained by January.

Although the B. C. Copper company is not a member of the group of companies carried on at its recently-bonded Wellington camp properties, it now becomes evident that the company have secured claims that will set work done to date that it is announced that a railway spur nearly a mile in length will be built from the Great Northern main line to Wellington camp.

At the closing exercises at the Central school last Friday Miss Barron, of the fifth year, presented three prizes for painting drawing. The work of forty-five pupils was judged by Miss Mills, of the public school staff, who awarded the first prize to Victor Wheatley; second, Hubert Parry; third, Percy Lipsky.

Owing to a law prohibiting them, whips are never used in Moscow.

PRIEST BANS OPERA.

Objects to Scene Showing Monks Carousing and Flirting With Girls.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 22.—Father Cahill has put the ban on "The Serenaders," an opera which was to have been given on Christmas Day by local amateurs. He objected to the scenes where monks are shown carousing and flirting with girls in the convent. Half the chorus, the conductor, and the leading lady are members of his parish of St. Mary's. His action has stirred up a sensation.

C. P. R. OWNS RAILWAY.

D. D. Mann Denies Rumor That C. N. R. Is to Purchase Calgary-Edmonton Line.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 22.—"That piece of railway between Calgary and Edmonton is owned by the C. P. R., not leased. We have not been trying to buy it, because we would have just as much chance to get it as we would if we try to buy out the main line of the C. P. R. between Port Arthur and Winnipeg, for example. The story is perfect rot. There is nothing in it."

This was the reply of Vice-President Mann of the C. N. R. to the story from Winnipeg that the Calgary & Edmonton line was merely leased by the C. P. R., that the lease expired in June, and that the C. N. R. was seeking to buy it.

DAVID LLOYD GEORGE IN PROPHETIC HUMOR

Will Make Good Budget Deficit Without Taxing Any Productive Industry.

Liverpool, Dec. 22.—David Lloyd George, the chancellor of the last exchequer, addressing a meeting last night, from which women were rigorously excluded, to prevent suffragette disturbances, denounced the veto of the Liberal bills by the House of Lords and predicted that the country would shatter the throne of King Landedowne, who had usurped the sovereignty of the nation, had claimed since Charles.

With regard to old age pensions, the chancellor said he could find the money needed "without taxing anybody's house or interfering with any productive industry."

CHRISTMAS TREE FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Annual Entertainment at South Pender Proves Success.

Pender Island, Dec. 21.—The annual Christmas entertainment of the Pender Island school was held here Friday evening. The annual affair is one of general interest and co-operative helpfulness on the part of the people of the island is shown, as well as by the children, for whom it is especially intended to give pleasure. Usually every boy and girl in the school takes some part in the programme. Among the audience were visitors from Mayne Island and South Pender. The school was prettily decorated with festoons of evergreens, small flags and Chinese lanterns, while much of the black board space was brightened with drawings which showed talent in the school. But to the eyes of the children the centre of attraction was a large Christmas tree, which seemed to have grown out of the floor in a night, laden with its gifts and dainty decorations. Mr. Percival occupied the chair. The programme included recitations, dialogues, choruses and solos.

The splendid efforts of the children were liberally applauded, two of the young reciters, especially distinguishing themselves, while the parts in the dialogues were well taken. Santa Claus, who has endeared himself to the children's hearts, from unflinching successive visits, made his appearance at the proper time, and after a few humorous remarks, proceeded to the chief business of the evening—the distributing of his favors from the tree to the happy children. Even the babies were always remembered by him. Tea was then served with delicious oat cakes, sandwiches, etc.

BELIEVES HE HAS STRUCK GOLD ORE

Prospector Pleased With His Find Near Mara Lake.

Vernon, Dec. 21.—John W. Smith, who for the past few years has been prospecting in the Kootenay, announces that he has struck a strong lead of what he believes to be gold ore on the west shore of Mara lake about eight miles south of Sicamous. The lead, which he can trace on the surface over 6,000 feet, is about 9 feet in width, and dips between walls of granite in a belt which is of lime on the south and lime quartz on the north. The lead is heavily mineralized, and will set the samples which he brought down with him he has struck a good thing. The prospect is very favorably located for economical development. It is close to the railway and can be worked by means of drifts and raises. On the property there is an ample supply of good mining timber and a stream ensuring ample water power for the treatment of the ore runs through the property. The new strike has been named the Iron Dyke, and already Mr. Smith has disposed of an interest in four claims for some \$2,750. A company is being organized to take over the entire property and commence an extensive system of development. Mr. Smith appeared to be exceedingly well pleased over the appearance of his new strike.

CARNEGIE ON U. S. STEEL INDUSTRY

NEEDS NO PROTECTION; TRIBUTE TO MR. SCHWAB

Millionaire Philanthropist Keeps Congress Committee in Constant Laughter.

Washington, Dec. 22.—That the steel industry of the United States had reached a point where it does not need protection, but can stand alone in competition with the feature of the testimony of Andrew Carnegie yesterday before the committee on ways and means of the House of Representatives to which is securing evidence designed to assist it in the preparation of a new tariff bill.

The Laird of Skibo Castle kept the committee and the audience in constant laughter by his ready retorts to the questions asked him. He would not deal in figures, claiming that the more

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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.

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 Pittsburgh 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.

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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VERDICT AGAINST LABOR LEADERS.

bor organizations in protesting to the president against sentence urged him to prevent the incarceration of the labor leaders. The Illinois Mine Workers and the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, led by President John B. Walker, the vice-president, secretary-treasurer and members of the executive board.

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 the Haddon Hall. It will be formed from portions of the present provincial police districts of Vernon, Kamloops and Nelson.

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NEW REGIME OPENS WELL.

VENEZUELA RESUMES TRADE WITH COLOMBIA. Bogota, Colombia, Dec. 24.—The new Venezuelan government has announced that it will permit the resumption of trade over the frontier between Venezuela and Colombia at all frontier points.

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.

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The first robbery occurred on Sunday night at the house, occupied by the late Alexander Hotel, when stolen watches, jewelry and money to the value of \$100 were taken.

Two other robberies occurred on Monday night at the residence of John H. Hall, on Scarth street, when watches and money to the value of nearly five hundred dollars, were taken.

Police have a description of the person who is thought to be implicated, but no arrests have been made up to date.

Several cases of women, who were accosted on the streets, were reported to the city police but no arrests were made.

The police commissioner met last night and dismissed Constable Hoggarth from the force for negligence on his part.

TWO SHIPS ARRIVE

Boadicea, 31 days out from San Francisco, and the Chilean schooner Soler, arrived in the Royal Victoria harbor this morning.

The former will be discharged by the Vancouver and the latter by the Royal Victoria. The latter is a schooner of 120 tons, and is being chartered for the purpose of carrying mail to the coast.

PRINCESS MAY ARRIVES

Eight passengers came from Skagway and Way Ports, (From Thursday's Daily.) Princess May returned this morning just after 2 o'clock from her voyage to Skagway and Way ports, bringing 28 passengers, many of whom landed at the Victoria wharves. She also brought 500 cases of salmon, 100 cases of flour, and 100 cases of gold ore from Skagway, where she was loaded from the steamer for the first time. While the steamer was passing between Skagway and the coast, she passed through a snowstorm.

ACCIDENT ON FORT STREET

Finch Has Two Ribs Broken in Mix-up. (From Thursday's Daily.) This morning an accident happened at the intersection of Fort and Finch streets, which resulted in the death of a driver of one of the delivery vans of the Windsor Grocery. His horse, however, are found to be serious as they were at first supposed to be. He is resting easily in the Jubilee hospital. Two ribs are broken and he is generally shaken up. The driver was driving a loaded wagon down Fort street and had just passed the intersection of Fort and Finch streets, when he was struck by a car coming towards him. The driver was not aware that he was coming the other way at the time. As he drew his horse to the right side of the street, the car came down on him. He crossed over the track just before the Carberry entrance was gained.

DREW PRIZE

At the Meat Market Make Award of Silverware. (From Thursday's Daily.) The Niagara meat market attracted a crowd at 8:30 last night when the drawing of a coupon ticket for the prize took place. Long before the time appointed the shop and outside were packed with boys, girls, men and women, all with coupon slips in their hands, corresponding to the numbers of which the prizes were placed in a large box.

The box was energetically shaken by all boys when the clock was on the stroke of 8:30. Then a little girl chosen at random was placed on the counter, the tin box put in her hands. Out she chose, without looking, a tin. The number of this was read by the proprietor, and the prize was given to a little girl, Flossie West of Coburg street, who very proudly took it home.

The monthly journal will be published in connection with the St. John's church, under the direction of Rev. A. H. Anley. The first number will appear about the opening of the New Year when the history of the church will be given, including very many interesting features.

William Fernie, of Oak Bay, has his custom at Christmas time, and is numbered the conductors and motor-ists of the Oak Bay tramway line, by being given two boxes of city.

Bullen Bros have remembered the conductors and motor-ists on the limit run, by presenting them \$10.

The formal opening of the new home, at the Royal Jubilee hospital, will take place Tuesday afternoon, January 5th. Yesterday twenty-five of the nurses connected with the institution moved into their new quarters, and commenced to make themselves comfortable. They express themselves as delighted and well satisfied with their change.

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, at the same time that it made plain to them what a great and important duty they have taken upon themselves. The map was drawn by W. J. Sutton, F. G. S., the well-known geologist who has been connected with the Dunsmuir interests for several years.

Mr. Prior, chairman of the committee, introduced Mr. Sutton as the man who knew more than anyone else about Vancouver Island, and had travelled it from north to south and knew all its advantages and as much of its resources as anyone did. The committee thought that his knowledge would be of great benefit to them at the outset of their work.

There is a shore line of practically five thousand miles on the west coast of the island, Mr. Sutton told the committee, and about seven thousand miles in its circuit. No part of the interior is further than twenty miles from navigable waters. The great inlets and sounds on the west coast could be entered with ease and perfect safety by large ocean-going boats. An instance was mentioned by Mr. Sutton where a ketch had taken a big steamer into Kyoquat Sound by the Admiralty chart without any difficulty, although he had never been there before.

This shore line and closeness to water transport, Mr. Sutton pointed out, was of immense advantage in the development of the island's resources and he cited several examples. Practically the whole interior of the island is known, however, the speaker said, due to some extent to the difficulty attending prospecting. Without trails it is impossible to get about and in the absence of detailed geological information prospectors were handicapped. One of the first things to be done, therefore, was to get the provincial government to cut trails. These should not cost over \$100 a mile. Then the provincial and Dominion governments should be asked to make a geological survey of the island, and a good geological map of the island would be of immense value to prospectors and would save them throwing away their money on mere surface indications.

In reply to questions Mr. Sutton stated that there were large agricultural areas yet untouched and even in districts like Comox a great deal of work is still to be done. 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. Mr. Sutton looked to the development of the lumber industry as the great hope of the future for the island, especially as the United States will have to take off the duty both on timber and coal, both of which they used and of which their west coast is destitute.

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. Mr. Sutton ran briefly over some of the minerals to be found. A. W. McCurdy asked if the wealth of the country to be opened would warrant the expenditure on trails and surveys. "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. (From Thursday's Daily.) Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Allen, 519 Niagara street, celebrated their silver wedding yesterday and were the recipients of many valuable gifts and cordial good wishes from a host of friends. They were married in Plymouth, England, on December 23, 1883, and came out to Canada four years later, settling in Victoria. Mr. Allen became a member of the police force, on which he has done excellent work, and he now holds the position of jailer at the city jail and his charge of the records.

Last evening Mr. and Mrs. Allen entertained a number of intimate friends at their home and a very pleasant evening was spent. The heartiest of good wishes were showered upon them and all united in wishing them another quarter century of happiness. In twelve months tigers in India were responsible for the death of 698 human beings and 23,714 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. The 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. Up-state farmers whose wells have been frozen for months, and who have been depending upon the streams for their water supply, are suffering greatly owing to the freezing of the brooks, farmers at Mercury Lake have been forced to drive five miles for water.

CABLES NEW YORK

New York, Dec. 24.—All efforts to settle the strike of the cab drivers affiliated with the Liberty Dawn Association failed yesterday. The cable is confronted with a prospect of a practically cableless holiday season.

ALASKA SALMON PACK WAS HEAVY ONE

Last Season Exceeded That Put Up in Preceding Years. (From Thursday's Daily.) A report on the Alaska salmon pack of 1908 has been prepared by the Griffith-Dunne Company, shows that it exceeds the output for the preceding year. The pack of Alaska reds for the present year was 1,697,294 cases as against 1,217,416 cases the year before, and 1,438,181 in 1906. The total pack for the season of all grades in Alaska was 2,615,852 during this year, 2,149,742 in 1907, and 2,219,637 in 1906.

Of the 1908 pack 50,000 cases, practically all pink, shipped on the Star of Bengal, and about 40,000 cases, principally red, shipped on the Lucile, were sent to sea on the coast of Alaska. From the foregoing figures it will be noticed that the pack of 1908 amounts to 464,000 cases more than the pack of 1907 and is more than 394,000 cases in excess of the pack of 1906. But even with this large increase in the pack there is a great scarcity of the best grades like Alaska red and Alaska king fish, and outside of a few cases of No. 1 and No. 2 flats and a very limited quantity of No. 1 tails the market on red fish is cleaned up, and what is left in tin cans is held at \$1.20 and in No. 3 flat cans at \$1.25.

PURE FOOD SHOW FOR END OF NEXT MONTH

Display of Processes of Manufacture Will be Made at Institute Hall. (From Thursday's Daily.) Commencing January 25th and continuing till January 26th, a pure food show will be held in Institute hall. View stater, where all manufacturers of foods in Victoria and on the mainland will have the opportunity of displaying their goods to the public upon whom they rely for patronage. The show is not confined to Victoria and Vancouver, but is open to manufacturers throughout the Dominion and extending into the American states.

The public will have the opportunity of seeing the goods in the raw state and of witnessing the processes of manufacture. The object of the show is to support the sale and purchase of pure preparations. Institute hall, where the exhibition will take place, has been marked off into aisles for exhibits and all have now been laid out. The exhibition promises to be most successful, and is sure to have the patronage of all who are interested in the ingredients contained in the many foods that are now offered for their daily consumption.

BOGUS CHEQUES

Visitor to Ship Inn Gets Cash in Easy Manner. The bogus cheque operator is again at work and the proprietor of the Ship Inn is out as the result of accepting two such bogus cheques. More than usual care had been taken in preparing them and most people would have been ready to rely on their genuineness.

Both cheques, one for \$12.50, and the other for \$22.50, purported to be signed by Captain Troup and the appearance of being bona fide, was carried out by the proprietor of the Ship Inn. The proprietor of the Ship Inn, who is a member of the British Columbia Coast Service, C. P. R., they were on the Bank of Montreal cheque blanks and with a rubber stamp, apparently, had been marked "Dec. 15, 1908." With the intention of conveying the impression that the bank had accepted it. The larger cheque was signed "F. W. Troup" and the smaller one "Capt. F. W. Troup."

Both were made payable to "A. B. Brown." "Brown" went in late at night and asked the proprietor of the Ship Inn to cash the cheques. He endorsed them with "Dec. 15, 1908," with the intention of conveying the impression that the bank had accepted it. The larger cheque was signed "F. W. Troup" and the smaller one "Capt. F. W. Troup."

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Methods Adopted to Re-establish Racing in New Orleans. (From Thursday's Daily.) 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," said Judge E. D. Saunders, of the United States district court, in charging the grand jury here yesterday. Judge Saunders' charge to the federal grand jury and the investigation which began immediately by that body started another chapter in the story of a determined effort to re-establish racing in New Orleans. It was charged by the court that saloons, hotels and other interests of the city were combined in a boycott of newspapers which opposed racing and race track gambling in its editorial columns.

Before adjourning for the day the grand jury heard several witnesses in the matter. "We cannot permit a quasi-criminal portion of this population to censor and dictate what the newspapers of this city shall be permitted to say in their discussion of public questions," said Judge Saunders to the jury. "And if there is a conspiracy of this kind then it behooves you to investigate it thoroughly, and indict the men engaged in it, so that they may undergo the severest penalties that the law may inflict upon them."

Lake Erie produces more fish to the world than any other body of water in the world.

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. Chronic headaches are caused by tissue waste, undigested food and other impurities remaining too long in the system. These poisons are not promptly eliminated because of sick liver, bowels, skin or kidneys. If the bowels do not move regularly and if there is pain in the back showing kidney trouble—if the skin is sallow or disfigured, with pimples, shows clearly what is causing the headache. "Fruit-a-tives" cure headaches because they cure the cause of headaches. "Fruit-a-tives" act directly on the three great eliminating organs—bowels, kidneys and skin. "Fruit-a-tives" keep the system free of poisons. "Fruit-a-tives" come in two sizes—25c and 50c. If your dealer does not have them, write to Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

LAI D AT REST

Funeral of Late Mrs. Nelson Took Place To-Day. (From Thursday's Daily.) The funeral of the late Mrs. Annie H. Nelson took place this afternoon from the family residence, Oak Bay avenue, at the Christ Church cathedral, where services were held. The deceased was the widow of the late Ulrich Nelson, a well known pioneer of the province. Mrs. Nelson was born in Adirondack, New York, and came here in 1865 as a bride. Her husband conducted business in Yale for a number of years. Three daughters survive her: Mrs. J. C. Hayes, Mrs. G. A. Hartnagel and Miss Louise Nelson.

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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 Esquimalt by the B. C. Marine Railway Company, and she will be docked for that purpose on Saturday. The Lord Shaftesbury will be ready to come out by that time to allow of her going in.

JUDGMENT RESERVED

Argument Heard in the Case of Crompton vs. B. C. Electric Railway Company. Argument on legal points raised in the case of Frank Crompton vs. the B. C. Electric Railway Company were heard by Judge Lammiman in the county court on Saturday.

A. E. McPhillips, K. C., for the company, considered that in any case the jury had awarded an unconscionable amount of damages, and did not seem to have followed any rule or principle in arriving at the amount. He contended that the action was barred by reason of not having been brought within six months of the date of the accident. On the point of liability he quoted section 5 of the Federal Electricity Inspection Act, 1907, which requires a contractor for the supply of electricity to maintain the lines and apparatus in proper condition and continues, "but he shall not be responsible for any damages arising from the use of the electric current in lines, fittings and apparatus not belonging to him or under his control."

J. A. Alkman, for the plaintiff, on the latter point, did not think it could be argued, or that any court would uphold the contention, that because a house was wired by a different firm or person the company supplying light should not be liable for damage caused by an undue amount of current going through those wires. Alkman contended that in actions for personal injuries brought where there was a contract between the parties the six months restriction did not hold. He cited several decisions which he considered supported him. Mr. Alkman relied a great deal on the proviso in the charter of the old railway and lighting company that the company should be responsible for all damages it caused. Judgment was reserved.

The trees and shrubs which produce some sort of rule grow in a narrow belt round the world, within five degrees north and south of the equator.

Local News

The local bank clearings for the week ending Tuesday amounted to \$1,145,723.

The school board offices will be closed during the Christmas holidays, including this week and next.

The death of Mrs. Annie Dow, wife of Hector Dow, of 420 Superior street, occurred Friday at the Royal Jubilee hospital. The deceased was a native of Nova Scotia.

The steamer Glenfarg left the drydock this afternoon and the ship Lord Shaftesbury took her place. The Shaftesbury will take about two days to repair and will then leave for the Fraser river to load lumber.

The committee of the Victoria Seamen's institute, and the Sailors, Ladies' Guild, hereby express their thanks for a very acceptable and timely donation of five tons of coal from His Honor the Lieut-Governor.

The secretary of the Protestant Orphan Home acknowledges, with thanks, the receipt of \$40.25, being the proceeds of a concert given by the young people of North Saanich and Sidney recently, in aid of the home.

The death occurred Tuesday at Work Point of Henry Pea, for years a British soldier, who had been here a long time and for eight years past has been engaged in military duties at Work Point. The deceased was a native of Ireland and was 58 years of age. He leaves wife and seven sons and two daughters, all living here.

S. Tranter, superintendent of reformatory work at the jail, is planning to give the usual Christmas entertainment to the prisoners on Friday next at 2:30 p. m. This entertainment has become a customary part of the Christmas Day celebration at the jail and it is hoped to make the affair very pleasant and bright for the men. Rev. J. Thompson will preside and a good programme will be given.

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, had been a resident of Victoria for many years. She leaves to mourn her loss two daughters, Mrs. H. Carroll, of this city, and Mrs. W. Shewan, of Goldfields, Nevada.

The probate of two wills was granted by Mr. Justice Gair in the law courts on Wednesday—those of the late Robert Paterson, on motion of H. G. S. Helstrom, and of the late Captain J. G. Cox, on motion of H. D. Helmcken, K. C. An order was made for the filing of a plan of part of the Fairfield estate. Judgment was reserved on an application to set aside a garnishee order in the case of Athbert vs. Leveson. R. T. Colburn, C. C., for the defendant, Robertson for plaintiff and defendant.

The sum of \$472 was cabled to London Tuesday by A. J. Brace to aid in giving the children of the province, one child. The money was sent to Sir John Kirk in aid of the Shaftesbury Union's ragged school Christmas dinner fund. Last year Victoria subscribers to the fund gave a total of something over \$350, and this year the contribution from this city will come to a little more than \$500. The Sunday schools have contributed largely, but the list of donors is so long that it is impossible to name all the donors who remember this fund year after year.

The old Trutch house and part of the grounds between the Trutch and Richardson streets has been purchased by W. J. Hanna from Fred W. Jones, the late owner, the deal having been put through by A. W. Jones & Co., the local brokers. Mr. Hanna has a large block with 100 feet frontage and a depth of 180 feet. He has already commenced pulling down the most dilapidated part of the old building which will be reconstructed and faced down with brick and stone. At that point it is Mr. Hanna's intention to preserve as much as possible the old shrubbery, and to make a beauty spot in which it is possible he may live later on.

For the second time the conference on abattoir matters by the joint committee of Victoria, Oak Bay and South Saanich council has been delayed by the failure of the Victoria representatives to appear. Councillor F. B. Pemberton, for Oak Bay, and Councillors Dunn and Mannix, for South Saanich, were prompt in their appearance, but Mr. Gleason, for Victoria, failed to turn up and the meeting had to be again adjourned. It is proposed that an up-to-date abattoir system be adopted, with cold storage facilities. The suburban councils favor the idea if the abattoir is established within the city limits. While Ald. Gleason was in the Old County last summer he is supposed to have gathered a good deal of information on this subject but he has not so far made any report on what he learned there.

The annual entertainment of the members of the First Presbyterian Sunday school was held on Tuesday in the schoolroom. At 6:30 o'clock an excellent tea was served and all present enjoyed themselves to the utmost. After the tea prizes for regular attendance in church and in Sabbath school attendance, and for knowledge of the shorter catechism, as well as for the number of scholars who have been induced to attend, were presented to the following: Joseph Pettigrew, John Fair, B. McVivrie, Olive and Arthur Aird, Hazel Maynard, Ellen Pettigrew, Irene Stewart, Semantha, Ruth Cochran, Bell Hastie, Annetta, Meston, Pauline Stitz, Markham Walker, Gordon Campbell, Cecil Norman, Agnes E. Amdach, Olive Tubman, Alex. Stewart, Elsie Stewart, Hazel King, Flora McVivrie, Irma Marwick, Mary McCallum, Gladys Creighton, Alice McCallum and Marjorie Jean Campbell. The prizes, which were selected by a committee formed of teachers, were distributed from an ark, a novelty which was used for the first time in this city.

Local News

In the county court Tuesday afternoon the case of Wetenthal vs. Breckman-Ker Miller was concluded and judgment reserved.

The workers of the W. C. T. U. Mission, on Yates street, have arranged to give Christmas's dinner on Friday to the men who make the mission their headquarters and to strangers in town. They are asking for donations from the friends of the mission to assist them in this very worthy undertaking. Mrs. Fields will be glad to receive anything that may be sent in to help cheer and brighten the lives of those who will be present on Friday.

The Oak Bay school closing exercises were held in the school house on Foul Bay road Friday and took the form of an entertainment given by the children. Miss Cathcart's class gave a short play which proved very interesting. The rest of the programme consisted of songs and recitations, in which a large number of the children took part. The work of the children reflected great credit on their teachers, Misses Cathcart and Godson.

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DISASTROUS FIRE IN BROOKLYN HALF CLAD PEOPLE FLEE INTO SNOW-SWEPT STREETS

Firemen Drag Unconscious Occupants of Apartment House to Safety.

New York, Dec. 23.—More than a thousand persons were made homeless and hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of property destroyed in a fire which burned over a block of apartment houses between Second and Third avenues and Forty-Fourth and Forty-Fifth streets, Brooklyn, to-day. Twenty persons were overcome by smoke, but were rescued by firemen. The great Bush Terminal Docks on the edge of the fire scene were saved by a fireboat, which kept the flames from spreading over Second avenue.

ALTRUISM AND ECONOMICS.

Harvard President Points Out Evils of Unions Limiting Production. Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 23.—President Eliot, for the second time in the forty years which he has been head of Harvard, yesterday delivered a regular lecture in a class room. He took the place of Prof. Taussing before the class in Economics. His topic was "The Strife Between Employers and Trade Unions."

Two of the greatest evils brought about by the unions, said President Eliot, were the limitation of output and limitation of apprentices. The former evil was limited by the unions with the altruistic purpose of guarding and giving more employment to workers, but this was pronounced by the speaker as an "unwholesome doctrine." "Altruism," he declared, "cannot be mixed with economic sense. The ultimate effect of such limitation, he asserted, was 'to rot the normal fibre of the workman.'"

BISHOP McQUADE DYING.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 23.—The condition of Bishop McQuade, who is recovering from an operation performed last morning, was somewhat improved, although the attending physicians hold out no hopes for his recovery and say his death is a question of days.

HARRY LAUDER'S LOSS.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 23.—While a truck load of Harry Lauder's stage effects was being loaded into a baggage car at the Exchange street station to-night, a gas engine backed a string of cars down upon it. The truck was overturned and \$500 worth of stage property converted into splinters.

TWO OAK BAY WARDS MAY BE CONTESTED

Public Meeting is to Be Held in January to Discuss Questions.

It is probable there will be a fight in two wards in Oak Bay municipality at the coming election. The retirement of Reeve Oliver has made little change for Acting Reeve Henderson will in all probability run in his place, and Mr. Oliver will be a candidate for the position of councillor in the north ward, along with Councillor McClellan. In the centre ward there will be a vacancy as Councillor Fernie has expressed his intention of retiring. A number of names have been mentioned for that ward, among them being, wife of C. S. Baxter. That gentleman, however, seems reluctant about entering the field, but his friends are still trying to induce him to run, practically guaranteeing his election if he does so. Several other residents of the district have been mentioned for the position, and it is not at all improbable that there will be a contest in that ward. In south ward it is also proposed to put in a third candidate, the present councillors being Messrs. Pemberton and Newton.

RECEIVED GIFTS.

Those Who Received Rich Presents at Sale of H. W. Davies.

EX-INSURANCE PRESIDENT DEAD

Police of Opinion That Frederick Burnham Committed Suicide. New York, Dec. 23.—Frederick A. Burnham, former president of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company, was found dead in bed at his home, 85 East Seventy-Eighth street, this morning of gas poisoning. The police say that Mr. Burnham committed suicide.

IRISH M. P. IN JAIL.

Dublin, Dec. 23.—James P. Farrell, Irish Nationalist member of parliament for North Longford, who has been advocating the boycott of certain individuals in the Longford League, of which he is editor and proprietor, refused to give sureties for his future good behavior and was sentenced in the King's bench division yesterday.

OARSMAN MURDERED WHILE OUT FISHING

Mysterious Crime Believed to Have Been Work of Robbers. New York, N. Y., Dec. 23.—A dispatch to the Times from Worcester, Mass., says that a fisherman was murdered while out fishing at Lake Quinsigamond, was shot and killed there some time late on Monday. He had been fishing through the ice and was preparing to go home evidently when the top of his head was blown off. His body was found yesterday.

RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLISION.

Pembroke, Ont., Dec. 23.—The coroner's jury has returned a verdict holding Engineer Nagle responsible for the collision near here on December 3rd, which caused the death of Engineer Rowe, of Ottawa.

URGES CO-OPERATION AMONG FRUIT-GROWERS

Maxwell Smith, Dominion Inspector, Addresses Meeting at Nelson. Nelson, Dec. 23.—Maxwell Smith, Dominion fruit inspector, delivered an instructive lecture in Miners' Union hall to a well attended meeting of the Farmers' Institute on the commercial aspects of the fruit industry.

SHOULD SEARCH FOR KING'S LOST TREASURE

Society of Antiquarians Has Curious Solution for Unemployed Problem. London, Dec. 21.—To solve the unemployed problem in England the curious suggestion is made to organize a big scheme for the recovery of the treasure lost by the English King John Lackland, of Magna Charta fame, in the Lincolnshire quicksands, nearly 700 years ago. At a recent meeting of the Society of Antiquarians at Cambridge, W. H. St. John Pope, vice-president of the Royal Archaeological Society, presented an exact reconstruction of the King John's fatal journey. The three most trustworthy chroniclers of the time agree that the catastrophe took place in the Well stream, a sea arm, which connected with the Wash, the bay which separates Lincolnshire from Norfolk.

CLOSING EXERCISES AT DUNCAN SCHOOLS

Enjoyable Programmes Rendered by Pupils—Presentation of Prizes. (Special Correspondence of the Times.) Duncan, Dec. 23.—The local schools have all been closed for the Christmas holiday.

DEATH OF HAMILTON MAN.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 23.—Ex-Alderman Taylor is dead from influenza contracted during the celebration at Quebec. He was prominent in the municipal and social circles of the city.

RUGBY IN OLD LAND.

London, Eng., Dec. 23.—Yesterday's Rugby game: Cambridge university 11, North of Ireland 11; Australians 3, Aberllyn 3.

FRANCE'S BIGGEST BUDGET.

Paris, Dec. 23.—The Chamber of Deputies and the Senate yesterday adopted the budget, which for the first time exceeded four billions of francs.

BONI-DE SAGAN LAWSUIT.

Paris, Dec. 23.—Public prosecutor Maitier was heard this morning in the suit brought by Count Boni De Castellane against his former wife, who was Miss Anna Gould, in which he asks that the custody of his three children be awarded to his mother. In presenting his conclusion to the court the public prosecutor recommended that the children be left in the custody of their mother. The Countess De Castellane secured a divorce from her husband and has since married Prince Helle De Sagan.

LADYSMITH COUNCIL WILL SEEK RE-ELECTION

Only One Alderman Decides Not to Be Candidate in Next Contest. (Special Correspondence of the Times.) Ladysmith, Dec. 23.—With one exception that council will seek re-election. This course was decided on at last night's meeting of the council as the result of a resolution adopted at the last meeting of the Citizens' League. The present council was practically elected by the league at the beginning of the year. The mayor and aldermen were all pledged to a city electric lighting plant, a city sewerage scheme, and the reduction in the qualifications for municipal office. The council has never found time to take up this last question, but they have agreed through both an electric light and a sewer by-law. The debentures for the money necessary to install these systems are now on sale, and the league has the ground that the council should be left to finish their work.

THOMAS TAYLOR HAS ASSUMED OFFICE

Sworn in as Minister of Public Works in Provincial Government. (From Tuesday's Daily.) As forecasted some days ago in these columns, Thomas Taylor, M. P. P., of Revelstoke, has been selected by Premier McBride to complete his cabinet. Mr. Taylor arrived in the city last night and this morning about 11 o'clock was sworn in as minister of public works.

NEARLY TWO MILLION TONS OF ORE SHIPPED

Returns for Mines in South-eastern British Columbia. Nelson, Dec. 23.—During the past week the most striking feature in mining circles in southeastern British Columbia was the semi-official announcement by the Canada Zinc Company, Limited, of the successful operation of their electrical reduction plant at this city.

Table with columns: Boundary, Week, Year, Rosland, Week, Year, Slocan-Kootenay, Week, Year. Lists production figures for various mines.

DRILL HALL CLOSING.

From Christmas to New Year it Will Not Be Open. The latest orders issued by Col. Hall, commanding the Fifth regiment, contain the following: The following extract from G. O. 190, October, 1908, is published for general information: Fifth British Columbia regiment—Lieutenant M. H. Doble is permitted to resign his commission, September 15, 1908.

DOG GUIDES HIS MASTER TO SAFETY

Lineman, Injured While Repairing Wires, Forced to Crawl Through Bush. Alberni, Dec. 21.—While out on the telephone line repairing the damage done by a gale of wind, F. Tyler, lineman at Howickville, slipped and badly sprained his ankle. He was then left in a predicament, as the telephone line was high and he was unable to get up. He crawled through the bush to where he had a canoe, and reached home next morning thoroughly exhausted. He states that but for his dog, which refused to accompany him a foot in the wrong direction, he would have lost his way a hundred times on the rough trail, which is difficult enough to follow in daylight, and with the use of half-way across when the tide set in with unexampled fury, and engulfed them all, man and beast.

MONSTER CHILDREN'S PARADE.

Scheme to Arouse Ottawa Ratepayers to Vote for Playgrounds By-Law. Ottawa, Dec. 23.—An unique event is being planned to take place on Saturday preceding election day, when the school children of the capital, numbering in all about 10,000, will participate in a monster parade to arouse support on behalf of a by-law which goes before the ratepayers to expend \$60,000 on the purchase and fitting up of playgrounds throughout the city.

DIAMOND SWITCHING.

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—Dramatic climaxes bristled throughout the case against Philip Greenbaum, the Canadian jewel thief, in the hollow court yesterday charged with diamond switching and the receipt of stolen goods. At its close, Greenbaum was found guilty on two counts and sentenced to serve two years in the penitentiary, while the other two were released. In addition to attempted robbery at Porte & Markle's jewelry store, Greenbaum was found guilty of switching a diamond ring from Dingwall & Co.'s store.

FRANCE HAS WRIGHT AEROPLANE.

Lille, France, Dec. 23.—The first Wright aeroplane to be built in France by the exploitation company that acquired the French rights for the machine has been completed. It will be sent to the aeronautic saloon in Paris for exhibition.

COSTLY CAXTONS.

Manchester, Dec. 23.—A Manchester paper states that J. Pierpont Morgan paid \$100,000 for the fifteen Caxtons, part of the famous library of Lord Amherst, of Heckenham, recently disposed of at public sale.

MAIL ROBBERY.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 23.—A mail package containing sixty pounds of registered mail matter consigned to eastern points, was stolen from a baggage room of the Belt line railroad last night.

STUFFED BALLOT BOX.

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Will Soon Be in Force Says Hon. R. Lemieux Believes Charges Will Eventually Be Reduced to Five Cents a Word. New York, Dec. 23.—That not only cheaper, but very much cheaper, rates for cablegrams across the Atlantic are near at hand was the confident assertion of Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, the postmaster-general in the Canadian cabinet, yesterday afternoon on the eve of his departure for Canada after a day spent in this city, following his arrival from Europe.

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rums across the Atlantic
and was the confident asser-
on, Rodolphe Lemieux, the
-general in the Canadian
esterday afternoon on the eve
ature for Canada after a
in this city, following his ar-
-Europe.

form has been accomplished
cific," declared Mr. Lemieux,
will soon come about on the
Mr. Lemieux said the move-
recommended itself to influ-
erests in the United States
he declined to be questioned
ther or not the United States
nt had or would be ap-
y Canada, or Great Britain
ter. However, he said it was
as significant when Whitelaw
American ambassador in Lon-
a dinner given to Mr. Le-
that city, declared in a semi-
way that the United States
stand by idly and see Can-
alone what he described as
boon of low cable rates to
If the cable companies would
reductions that would satisfy
ments according to Mr. Le-
then there would be no new
across the Atlantic, and he
that that was what he was
likely in any event he had
any assurances in London that
most certain that the day
his cheaper cabling between
and America was not far dis-
believed a state-owned cable
the Atlantic, it should be
necessary to lay one, undoubtedly
as successful and satisfactory
way as the Pacific cable from
to Australia.

project was first seriously
in the early '90's," he said,
was accomplished about 1900."
by it cost \$2.25 a word to send
messages from Australia to
The new cable brought about
tion of about fifty per cent,
to \$1.15, and there has since
still further reduction, namely,
nts. But for the state-owned
and its cheap rates, I am con-
that the old rate of \$2.25
ould still obtain. That line,
it has been described as
oney, yields not only sufficient
the interest on the bonds that
used for its construction, but
surplus for the eventual dis-
of the capital obligations."

lemieux said the demand on the
companies, which was ex-
to come to a conclusion. This
was not for an arbitrary rate
ence (four cents) a word, as
consciously supposed in many
It had been proposed in
at messages be divided into
classes, such as urgent, semi-
and deferred, for instance, and
for accordingly, but in any
rate is to be considerably
rate.

Henniker-Heaton, known in
as the father of penny post-
he has taken an active part
movement for lower cable rates
an even lower charge, namely,
or two cents, a word, he
is the belief of Mr. Lemieux
would eventually admit of a
of five cents a word.

DUE STORK IS
WRECK IN HUDSON BAY

Crew Saved When Vessel
Piles Up on Lisbon
Shoals.

Alpge, Man., Dec. 23.—Word was
sent here to-day by the Hudson's
Company, that there ship, the
which piles between London
under the Bay north, was wrecked
Lisbon shoals in Hudson's Bay
weeks ago. The crew was
and is now at Moose factory,
and will go overland from there
atreat. The cargo consisted of
and a half dollars in furs. It
get known if this can be salvaged,
ether the vessel is a total loss.

APPLES SIX CENTS APiece.

Apple Fetches Abnormal Price in
Antipode.

TUNE IN OLD TOMATO CAN.

St. Louis, Ill., Dec. 23.—Patrol-
an, he iced wagon driver, found
bill in the bottom of an old tomato
can which he had taken out of
the car. The bill was for \$1.00
and was a five-cent piece. The
driver was arrested and the bill
was returned to the owner.

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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 to-
day by Justice Wright, of the supreme
court of the district of Columbia, ad-
vers to 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 boy-
cott of the company's products, and
the putting of the company on the
"unfair list" and the Federation's al-
leged violation of Judge Gault's recent
mandamus has attracted wide atten-
tion.

The Buck Company prosecution of the
officials of the Federation began in
August, 1907. The original action was
a motion for an injunction to enjoin
the labor unions from using the
"unfair" and "we don't patronize"
lists in their fight against firms and in-
dividuals. Justice Gault, of the su-
preme court of the district of Colum-
bia, issued an injunction which later
was made permanent forbidding the
publication of the company's name in
these lists. President Gompers, and
editorial in the Federationist of Janu-
ary last, made known his intention not
to obey the court's order, contending
that the injunction issued was in de-
fiance 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.

Judge Wright's decision was a scath-
ing denunciation of the defendants. He
reited conditions antecedent to the in-
junction and referred to the fact that
for twenty-five years the Buck's
plant had operated as a ten-hour shop
and always has maintained an in-
dustry. He also spoke of the numerical
strength of the American Federation of
Labor with its 2,000,000 members and
of its repeated endorsement of the
boycott of the Buck Stove and
Range Company through the Ameri-
can Federationist, the federation of-
ficial organ, speeches by the defend-
ants, letters, circulars, etc.

"We don't patronize" list and "unfair"
list of labor organizations and said
that members of labor unions were
forced and coerced into a boycott.
"Whether individually willing or un-
willing, approving or disapproving," by
various methods. The court read ex-
tracts from numbers of resolutions of
labor organizations in which the
Buck case was tending to show the
methods of influencing members of
unions. "And these methods" the court
remarked, "seem to be known as per-
suasion, without duress or coercion."
The customers of the stove company,
the court said, had been intimidated,
browbeaten and coerced out of their
business relations with their custom-
ers by direct interference with, and
boycott of their (the customers) trade
relations with their own customers and
the public generally.

Following an exhaustive discussion
of the contempt charges, Justice
Wright said, in the foreword to the
foregoing it ought to seem apparent to
truthful men that the defendants to
the bill, each and all of them, have com-
bined together for the purpose of
bringing about the breach of plain-
tiff's existing contracts with others;
second, depriving plaintiff of property
(the value of the good will of its busi-
ness) without due process of law. This
is in accordance with the revocation of
the obnoxious decrees by Venezuela.
The order says, however, that the ac-
tion is a provisional injunction on the
part of the court, pending further ne-
gotiations.

U. S. to Negotiate.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—A re-
sumption of American diplomatic rela-
tions with Venezuela is at hand, an
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Brazilian minister at Caracas ex-
pressing the wish of the late President
Gomez to settle satisfactorily all inter-
national questions between the United
States and Venezuela and for the pres-
ence of an American warship at La
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represent the United States in any ne-
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WEDDING AT ALBERNI

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(Special Correspondence of the Times.)
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lands.

The government is in receipt of an
official dispatch confirming the revoca-
tion by Venezuela of the decree of
General Castro last summer prohib-
iting the transshipment at Curacao of
goods destined for Venezuela. A local
strategy was also cancelled, and the
operation of this ruling would great-
ly harden the position of the govern-
ment.

BIG CROWD GATHERS
IN PITTSBURG COURT

Councillors and Bankers Ar-
raigned on Charges of
Bribery.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 23.—When the
seven councillors and two former
bankers arrested on Monday as a result
of alleged corruption in the city's legis-
lative affairs were arraigned to-day be-
fore Magistrate Bradley for a prelimi-
nary hearing, a crowd including many
local politicians were gathered in the
vicinity of the court. Owing to the size
of the courtroom, however, 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 news-
papermen.

The following are the accused men:
Councillors: Brand, Wasson, Klein,
Ferguson, Atkinson, Coffel and Mc-
Maney. The bankers are: W. W. Ram-
say and A. A. Vilsack, of the German
National Bank.

OBJECT TO PURSE BEING.
Nanaimo Fishermen Will Interpose Ralph
Smith and Fisheries Inspector.

Nanaimo, Dec. 23.—At a mass meeting
of white fishermen held in this city
this morning, the following resolutions
were adopted:
First, That Inspector Taylor be asked
to close the sealers from 5 p. m. until
8 a. m.
Second, That Japanese be stopped put-
ting herring on American boats.
Third, That the petition prepared by
Capt. Bradford to now sailing in the
harbor of Nanaimo against the inter-
ests of Nanaimo and the herring fishing
industry, and we consider that the said
petition is a misrepresentation as it
was not signed by any fishermen.
Fourth, That Mr. Taylor be requested to
stop the sealers from fishing with purse
seines as at present, and confiscate their
gear.
Fifth, That all sealers and gill netters
who have been licensed in their own
name be stopped from fishing.
A committee of fishermen was appointed
to interview Ralph Smith, member for
British Columbia, and Taylor, the local
fisheries inspector, on the matter.

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 abnor-
mally low figure. Dr. Knight, of Victoria,
proved himself to be
New Alberni defeated the Indian
team on Wednesday. The final struggle
for the cup will be between the
Alberni and the Indians.
Mrs. Giesseford left on Tuesday for a
visit to Ontario. She will be absent
some months.
Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Garrard are visit-
ing Alberni, and will remain for some
weeks. Mr. Garrard is interested in
timber claims in the vicinity of Central
lake.
Harry Woodward, of Cherry Creek,
has left for a trip to England; he will
return in the spring.
H. C. Newton arrived in town on the
last boat, and spent a few days in-
specting the Golden Eagle mine.

BODY OF INFANT FOUND.

Wrapped in Old Shirts and Thrown
Into Bush on Vacant Lot.

Vancouver, Dec. 22.—The body of a
newly-born male child was found in
a vacant lot between Fairview, between
Burrard and Ninth avenues, and Vine
and Balsam streets, laid yesterday af-
ternoon. The body, wrapped loosely in
two old shirts, lay in a thicket of trees
and wet undergrowth, in a little huddle
of the late James McKenize, of Beaver
Creek, John McKenize, brother of the
bridegroom, acted as best man, and
Jennie Grady, niece of the bride-
groom, acted 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.

BISHOP'S PLEA
FOR OLD MEN

APPEARS BEFORE THE
COURT OF REVISION

Joseph Peirson Quotes Favor-
able Decision of Kam-
loops 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
or 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 de-
sired 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. Scow-
croft told him he could not take it from
him. He had no desire to escape taxes,
but he considered he should be given a
vote.

City Solicitor Mann—is not the cor-
poration sole on the list.
Bishop Perrin—it is, and I represent
it, of course, but it is my personal vote
I am seeking.
It transpired that at the time he put
in his application the bishop stated
voluntarily that he was over fifty. As
it may not be generally known, it may
be explained here that while the law
permits men over the half century
to mark on the list as household voters,
it does not prohibit them from
paying, and unless they are claiming
exemption they are not called upon to
state their age.

"It is to me an extraordinary thing
that a person should not have a vote
because he is over fifty," said his lordship.
Mr. Scowcroft, the collector of votes,
proclamation yesterday which con-
cludes as follows:
"I have constituted a cabinet repre-
senting the public opinion of Ven-
ezuela, and, with the collaboration of
my ministers, I intend to reform the
constitution, to guarantee to respect
the autonomy of the various states of
the Venezuelan republic, to protect
industries against manipulation, to
find a decorous and pacific solution of
the diplomatic disputes, to live at
peace and harmony with the other
peoples, and to permit the law alone
to hold undisturbed sovereignty
throughout the land."

Blockade Is Ended.
The Hague, Dec. 23.—The Depart-
ments of Marine and Colonial Affairs
have sent telegraphic instructions to
the commanders of the three Dutch
warships in Venezuelan waters to
cease further activity against Ven-
ezuela.

STANDARD OIL COMPANY
"OUSTED" FROM MISSOURI

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 23.—The Su-
preme 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 Com-
pany of St. Louis.
In addition each of the companies is
fined \$50,000.

MERCHANTS REPORT BRISK TRADE—Build-
ing Proceeds Satisfactorily.

Fernie, Dec. 22.—Notwithstanding the
cold spell work on the uncompleted
building is being done at a rapid rate,
and the part of the store or office is added to
the long list of those which have been
constructed since the town was laid in
the winter. The main business thorough-
fare already has been practically com-
pleted, and it is now apparent that
when the few vacant blocks are built
upon in the spring, the main section of
the town will be far more substantial
than it has ever been.
As regards the replacing of the public
buildings very little progress has been
made. The new post office which had
been completed when the fire oc-
curred, is being erected as rapidly as
possible.
From a business standpoint condi-
tions are exceedingly bright, merchants
reporting a very brisk trade in all lines.
Although the prospects for contin-
ued prosperity are better than they
have been.

NEW STEEL BRIDGE

Work Is in Progress on Structure
South of Duncan.

Duncan, Dec. 22.—The work of re-
placing the railway bridge south of
Duncan with a steel structure is in
progress.
The Cowichan river during the re-
cent heavy rains has done out-
banking in some places. Considerable
damage has been done to the property
of Mr. Ashdown Green. The river has
changed its course several times; log
jams have often turned the current
aside.
When a man grows bald it is safe to
say that his wife's influence is gone.
She has lost her pull.

CAR OF RICH ORE

Lessees of Mine Receive \$2,400 For
Thirty Tons.

Trail, Dec. 22.—Messrs. Whitford
and Jenkins report that the last car
of ore on which they received returns
from Trail smelter, netted them \$2,400
after paying freight and treatment
charges of \$10 per ton. The ore, there-
fore, netted them \$80 to the ton. The
ore shipped consisted principally of
oxidized material from the top of
the ledge and for a short distance be-
low the top. This is the richest car-
load of ore ever sent from any of the
lesser properties of the camp, with the
possible exception of the I. X. L. for a
considerable period.

A double compartment shaft is now
being sunk on a ledge 30 feet to the
top of the ledge and which was
hitherto being worked. It is thought
this ledge is of a higher grade than
the ledge on which they have so far
been operating. The intention is to
drift along the ledge to a greater
depth has been reached in the shaft,
which is now down about twenty feet.
Messrs. Whitford and Jenkins report
that they have secured a renewal of
lease on the Blue Bird for another
year.

JUDGMENT RESERVED
IN ARBITRATION CASE

Argument in Victoria West Dis-
pute Concluded Yesterday
Afternoon.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
The arguments in the Victoria West
case, on Mrs. Sarah Ward's application
for a writ of prohibition against the
arbitration proceedings, were conclud-
ed yesterday afternoon before Mr. Jus-
tice Martin, and his lordship's decision
will be announced later.

Thornton Fell, for the city, argued
that the proper time for Mrs. Ward to
take action was later on, when a by-
law has been passed levying the as-
sessment on property owners for the
payment of whatever compensation the
arbitrator awards. Mr. Fell quoted
English authorities to show that the
courts had so construed by-laws that
the duty of protesting, which is the
arbitration by-law, should not render
it nugatory.

R. T. Elliott, K. C., contended that
the by-law established a tribunal not
entirely independent, which, in the
matter at hand, should not render
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CHARTER AMENDMENTS

Vancouver City Council Will Ask Leg-
islature to Grant Additional
Powers.

Vancouver, Dec. 22.—Last evening the
city council held a long session to dis-
cuss the charter amendments to be
asked for at the coming session of the
legislature. It was resolved to ask the
legislature to grant the city the fol-
lowing additional powers:
To open and establish new lanes on
a local improvement plan.
To simplify and alter the sections
relating to the placing of voters on
the voters' list.
To regulate and compel the weigh-
ing of all fuel delivered in the city.
To enable the city to levy a special
tax on all rateable property for the
purpose of contributing towards the
necessary expenses of the Vancouver
General Hospital.
To build, maintain and repair
pedestals.
To prohibit hawkers and peddlers
from carrying on their business on
the streets during certain hours of
the day.
To license and regulate the owners
and drivers of automobiles used for
hire and to establish the rate of fares
to be taken for the same and to en-
force payment thereof.

MONEY IS PLENTIFUL

Ladysmith, Dec. 22.—The Christmas
trade is in full swing this week. The
merchants paid for their "Thank-
you" work on Saturday, and there is now on
a combined pay week and Christmas
rush.
Horace Cretchley has left town for
a trip to the old country. He expects
to return in the spring.
Archie Perry, the fourteen-year-old
son of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Perry, of
Extension, was taken down to Victoria
on Saturday for medical treatment.
The funeral took place Sunday of
John Muir, a well known resident of
the district, who died last Thursday.
Mr. Muir came to the island over
twenty years ago, and resided con-
tinuously in the Wellington district for
the last twenty-five years

LONG SITTING OF THE COUNCIL

PREPARING FOR THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Contract Considered for Garbage Disposal—Loan By-Laws Pass.

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granted and the necessary by-law was passed. The Brackman-Ker company and other property-owners near the Gorge park asked for the extension of the water mains from Harriett street to the end of the Gorge road and to a point twenty-five feet beyond the limits, and asked the city to bear a portion of the cost, which would be about \$1,000.

The council ordered the signing and sealing of the agreement with the B. Wilson company, giving that company permission to lay a salt water main, use the city's electric light poles and drain into Government street surface drain.

The finance committee reported adversely on the offer of the Colonist Printing and Publishing Company to let the city have one thousand copies of their Jubilee number for \$250.

Mayor Hall said he understood the reason the city was asked a higher price than the newsdealers was because the pages had to be put back on the press.

Reports on Works. The streets, bridges and sewers committee report was adopted as follows: Gentlemen—Your streets, bridges, sewers and water committee having considered the undermentioned subjects, beg to report and recommend as follows:

Re tenders for pump: The following tenders for pumps for the high pressure salt water fire protection system, were presented to your committee, and in order to save time in making the award of the contract, and allow of their being adjudicated upon by Arthur Adams, water works consulting engineer, the same were, on motion opened and referred to Mr. Adams, the purchasing agent and the city engineer, for report to the council, namely:

Watson Stillman & Co., \$9,850 and \$7,850. Hutchinson Bros., \$11,300 and \$10,550. Victoria Machinery Depot Co., \$9,900 and \$13,945.

Canadian General Electric Co., \$10,275 and \$13,945. R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd., \$9,935 and \$8,865.

Other Engineering Co., per Jas K. Redbeck, \$9,950 and \$7,770. Recommended that the city engineer be instructed to have the floor of the new fire halls paved, with creosoted wooden blocks, and lower the grade of the approach to the Kingston street hall.

Recommended that H. T. Knott be informed in reply to his request for a sewer on the south side of Pandora street from Vancouver street, easterly, that your committee cannot comply with his request, as there are no funds on hand to carry out the same, but should the additional sewer loan by-law be passed by the ratepayers the same will be given attention.

Re communication from the Honorable J. S. Helmcken re appropriation for drainage and making the road on a new street from Wallace street to Rupert street, as per agreement between himself and the city.

Recommended that Mr. Helmcken be given the assurance of the council that the work will be carried out in accordance with the agreement as early a date as possible.

Re communication of Oliver Johnson for permission to move a building across Esplanade, and the premises of the Victoria Machinery Depot Company to a lot on the opposite side of the street.

Recommended that the city engineer be authorized to grant the request subject to the usual conditions imposed in such cases.

Recommended that the request of James O. Nicholl for the extension of the 4-foot sidewalk (plank) on Bushby street for a distance of 50 feet, be granted. Estimated cost \$14.00.

Re communication of J. J. Gaibraith for a surface drain on Queen's avenue, and that Mr. Gaibraith be informed that the council has no funds for surface drainage purposes other than for those drains which are provided for in the main surface drainage loan by-law, but should there be a balance on hand when the work contemplated in the by-law is finished, his request will be given consideration.

Re communication of James M. Melis re improvement of Ladysmith street.

Recommended that the writer be informed that all the necessary steps for the improvement of this street as a work of local improvement have been taken, and that the work will be commenced in the near future.

All expenditures contemplated in the foregoing to be subject to favorable report thereon by the finance committee, and adoption of said report by the council.

SEVERELY PUNISHED. Six Months' Imprisonment for Supplying Liquor to Indians.

Thomas O'Connell, the special Dominion constable, Friday arrested Robert Irvine on a charge of supplying liquor to Indians on the different reservations. Irvine was brought before Indian agent W. R. Robertson, of Cowichan, and Mr. K. R. Streetfield, J. P., of Saanich, and sentenced to a term of six months at hard labor without the option of a fine, he having pleaded guilty to the charge.

Irvine has been giving the officials a lot of trouble in the district for some time past. The present case was provided up to the hilt, liquor being found in his possession and he was arrested in an Italian house in company with two Indians who were drunk. It is felt in the Saanich district that his conviction and imprisonment will have the effect of stopping the liquor traffic among the Indians on the island reservations.

Irvine was convicted at Cowichan some five years ago of a similar offence. Mr. O'Connell brought the man to the city Friday night and lodged him in the county jail.

REWARD OF BRAVERY.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 22.—Capt. Robert D. McGilivray, of Seattle, master of the steamship Jeanie, owned and operated by the Alaska Coast Company, has been signally honored by the Japanese government.

For his brave act in rescuing six starving Japanese sailors from the wrecked fishing schooner Satsuma Maru, Capt. McGilivray has been awarded a scarlet ribboned silver badge, together with a diploma of the imperial Japanese decoration, setting forth in Japanese characters the heroic services of the Seattle shipmaster. These valuable tokens of recognition and appreciation were received yesterday through the Japanese consul, T. Tanaka.

MODEL MEAT MARKET HAS BEEN OPENED

Lawrence Goodacre & Sons Occupy Their Newly Fitted Up Premises.

Lawrence Goodacre & Sons, who have been having their premises overhauled for some months past, have rushed forward the work so that they are now in the new quarters. The butcher store of this firm will when completed be one of the most up to date on the Pacific Coast, it is said.

At present the quarters are not finished, but a good idea of them may be obtained by a visit to the store. Considerable marble work has yet to be put in about the cold storage display cases, which are placed in two rows up the entire length of the store.

These will form perfect refrigerator cases with marble bases and plate glass shelves. The machinery necessary will be in the basement and is now being put in by Phil L. Serris & Co. of Seattle. The system will be the Larsen-Baker refrigerator. With a basement extending under the whole store and including the premises next door to theirs, the firm has ample room for the installation of the most modern plants and storage quarters.

Established in 1858, the firm has always maintained its reputation at the forefront. With the new premises completed the facilities for handling the various meats will be far superior to what they have been in the past.

The new store is finished inside in a very effective way. White is the predominant color, with cream ceiling and white tiled floor. The walls are of white tiled half way up, with delicate shades of coloring above it. Everything that will aid in the handling of the meats seems to have been thought of in the fitting up and the quarters now make a model store.

For the Christmas trade this old store always has made a special display. This year will be no exception to the rule, except that they are preparing for a greater display than ever. Already a part of the stock is in place, including the very best of poultry and other meats. Messrs. Goodacre pride themselves upon their locally raised turkeys and in addition have a carload of eastern ones for Christmas.

DRAWN EIGHT IN 'TRISCO. San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 22.—Jimmy Walsh, of Boston, and Monte Attell, of San Francisco, fought in a round draw here last night. Ring honors were even.

ASK POWER FOR POLICE TO SEARCH FOR OPIUM. City Council Will Seek Amendments to the Criminal Laws of Dominion.

In order the better to enforce the anti-opium legislation which was largely the work of the minister of inland revenue, Hon. William Templeman, the local police authorities are seeking for an amendment to the Criminal Code of this Dominion.

The city solicitors, in a communication read at last night's council meeting, point out that while the law now prohibits the manufacture, sale and having in possession of the drug, it does not give the police power to search for or seize it, nor does it make it an offence to frequent opium dens. These latter provisions, of course, are for the department of justice to attend to.

It was suggested by the solicitors that the city ask for amendments which would make it an offence to smoke or inhale opium or to frequent opium joints and dens, and empowering the police to enter any place where it is suspected that opium is being used and search for it. A draft resolution was forwarded by the solicitors which they suggested the city council should pass.

Ald. Pauline asked if it was not a fact that the manufacture of opium was prohibited now.

Mayor Hall replied that the idea was quite a long time of opium was in stock which would take some time to use up.

City Solicitor Mann stated that any stocks in a large lot had been resealed, and Nanaimo also tried out a couple of men. The legislation sought would enable the police to deal more effectively with the evil.

Ald. Henderson thought that the matter would have more weight with the federal government if it came from the local government or with its endorsement, but the city solicitor pointed out that the province had nothing to do with criminal legislation.

On motion of Ald. McKee, seconded by Ald. Gleason, the resolution was adopted and ordered to be sent to the British Columbia members of parliament.

The funeral of Gertrude, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Calderwood, took place yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. T. W. Gladstone officiated and interment took place at Ross Bay cemetery.

CASTRO CHERPUL. Berlin, Dec. 13.—President Castro, of Venezuela, who is spending his last day in the city, is spending the preparatory to entering Jerusalem. The atmosphere to-morrow, still maintains a cheerful attitude in spite of the trouble in Caracas.

The German foreign office has received no advices from Venezuela today.

REGULATIONS AT CHINESE COURT

THE REGENT'S POWERS HAVE BEEN DEFINED

Interesting Condition of Affairs in the Celestial Empire Described.

SAY MESS WAS MADE OF WASH-HOUSE BY-LAW

Aldermen Again Wrestle With Complaints of Nuisance.

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 follows: (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 Ch'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 with what 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 memorial of the ministers 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 on the left side of the throne. (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 memorial of the ministers 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 on the left side of the throne. (12) After the Emperor has fulfilled the period of his education and been married, the various officials shall be allowed to return to the government into his Majesty's hands. (13) After the Emperor has taken up the reins of government, the Regent may not attend the court. (14) The Regent shall be allowed to travel in a sedan chair from the Chien-tsing gate to the Imperial palace.

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 drew 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. Quagliotto'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 few months' rest on the return of the party kept on by canoe and portage trip across the continent. Down the Saskatchewan and on to the Great Lakes they went and finally reached Montreal. There the young girl attended school, and returned a few years later to her father's house at Dunvegan by the same method of transportation. She later went to the Red river valley, married and lived in Manitoba nearly ever since.

She left five sons and daughters: Rev. Thomas Bunn, now residing in Manitoba; Alfred Bunn, of Vancouver; Albert Bunn, of Stonewall, Man.; Frances Manno, of Victoria, and Mrs. George Aske, of Vancouver.

Several 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 house 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.

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Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Lawyers for Thornton Jenkins Hains assert today that every effort will be put forth to shatter that testimony that the defendant Annis' testimony that the two men went to the boat 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' testimony 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," he said. "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 defendant 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." "Who are you?" 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. Some people 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. Dr. Downs said: "A good deal is being said over your road and it is very generous, even at that point I should like to see it."

John C. Stephens, a Bayside Yacht Club member, a witness of the shooting, was next called. He was seated in the boat when the shooting commenced. He said there was one shot, an interval of 8 or 10 seconds, then several more shots. Mr. Stephens said Annis rose at the first shot and after the chief of police called to the water. Mr. Stephens said that on landing on the float he saw Thornton swinging a gun and saying: "The first to move is a dead man," or words to that effect. The witness said that later when the defendant handed over his revolver, Capt. Hains said: "We have finished our business. There will be no more shooting."

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Louis Harway, who suffered with William E. Annis the afternoon he was shot, was an interesting witness. "As our boat drew up at the float I looked up and found Capt. Hains pointing a revolver in my face. I thought it was a practical joke. The pistol dropped down and a shot was fired under my left arm. There was a pause and then some shots. After the first shot I turned and saw Annis holding his hand over his side, saying 'Don't don't stop.' As I came off the boat the defendant was swinging his revolver from side to side, saying: 'Stand back, stand back.' " "When you heard the words 'stand back' was the firing still going on?" "Yes."

A recess was then taken for luncheon. Mrs. Claudia Hains.

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

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"H'm," said his lordship. "Let Curfax 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 on 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.

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

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. Botz remained.

Maurice, after lunch, had resumed his seat near Perculier, and as the judge disappeared he said to Perculier: "Think the thing will be over to-day?"

"No!" said Perculier 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 incident 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 unforseen turn of events. He 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 Curfax. 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.

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There was a pause. And even the greediest members of the audience perceived that they had got comfortably swallow—one final and supreme thrill. They were 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, reunder the gas-lights. And all were aware that he 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.

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he stood 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 ceremoniously 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 in vainly 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—"

"During the trial," Lord Doncastle proceeded firmly. "I can't find words to express the keenness of my sympathy with you. 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."

"I do not," he said. "Ah!" he 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 not. 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, wistful 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 trust discretion would be not to mention the fact. He had no suspicion that his letter to Crampiron had changed the course of the trial. He was not to be told that he had not been so ready to answer his question, he had proceeded to show to the members of the government, the circles of diplomacy, and the ruling families of England, that it was quite possible for the unassisted masculine to entertain beautifully.

The success with which he accomplished his role was due to a pretty taste in cushions, entree, tea, blossoms, knock-knocks, foolism, fireworks, and a host of other things, 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 Wolpole over the mantelpiece in the room mantelpiece was well displayed against a Morris wall-paper; while underneath the latest pattern of well grained held the cleanest Walsell coal.

The rare Persian carpet was absolutely free from spots, and the grand 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, and a pair of slippers, and a pair of shoulders, 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.

Millicent leaned forward in her chair, and raised her gloved hands with a gesture that Lord Doncastle could not interpret.

"I don't remember," said Millicent, proudly, in her extraordinarily clear, precise enunciation, "ever asking a favor from you before. But I decided last night that I would come up to you early this morning to ask this favor from you. And I've come. I'm here, asking you to do something for me. Won't you do it? Or shall I have rich bread showed a quarter past ten, and the mirror at the other end of the room showed Lord Doncastle nibbling at a Faber H. B. pencil.

At this juncture in the history of the British Empire a footman entered the room and handed Lord Doncastle a card which he handed to you in a very unusual one for me. I want you to understand that I have only undertaken it because I feel very deeply about Norah. I am so sorry for that poor child, that I—"

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"I'll see Bott at once," he said. "I'll telephone—"

"See Mr. Bott?" she questioned coldly. "Why see Mr. Bott? You are the Prime Minister, aren't you? Your authority comes before the authority of Mr. Bott, doesn't it?"

There was one reply to make and Doncastle made it. "It does," said he, sitting down, and gathering all his courage together to usurp the functions of Mr. Bott.

"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." He jumped up and rang 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."

"I am delighted that you did," Doncastle answered—"delighted!"

"Now that she had swept him by force of her will into definite, prompt, and slightly dangerous action to serve her, he experienced a most singular self-content. He was quite proud of himself.

"There was a silence."

"She trusted to me. As he thought of these words, and of the tone in which they were uttered, they affected him curiously and profoundly. She was an angel of mercy! She had the calm of a goddess, the loving-kindness of a mother, the intellect of a philosopher. She was the incomparable pearl. Never before had her merits so dazzled him. He told himself that he had always known, always clearly perceived; that she was the incomparable pearl. As he thought of her, he forgot the cabinet meeting. He forgot the important interview which had preceded the cabinet meeting. Politics seemed a ridiculous, unimportant toy. He thought only of the long vista of solitude which lay before him. It was awful, awful. To have always a gracious woman in his rooms. To have this unique woman! To rely on her! To fate her! To obey her! Instead of sitting opposite to a secretary! What bliss!

He glanced into his drawing-room, of which he had been so proud. And it seemed to him a mere coil, massulms imitation of what Millicent would make it.

He approached her and stood over her.

"I would do anything for you," he said softly. "I would do anything for you. No one has such influence over me. I have never dared to—to—"

"He took her gloved hand timidly. "Don't, Lord Doncastle," she replied, and withdrew her hand. The gesture was final.

"When she had gone, he sighed. "It's just as well," he murmured to himself. "Just as well."

And he glanced into the room and rediscovered his pride in it. He felt he could not have borne to see a woman meddling with his cushions—not even the incomparable pearl.

The amorous crisis had been as brief as it had been violent, and the street. "Mr. Beakbane, sir," said the footman.

"Show him in. No, I'll see him in my study. No, I'll see him in here. Thank you, sir. I'll be down in a minute. He pushed aside the grandfather's chair and exposed to view the purple garment.

CHAPTER XVI. Rise and Fall of Beakbane. If Mr. Beakbane was nervous, Mr. Beakbane had ample ground for his nervousness. It was every morning that even a Beakbane gets a message, by special messenger, from the Prime Minister of the nation, containing a request—a request, not a command—for immediate attendance at the Prime Minister's official residence. Beakbane received the pleasing shock just after he had arrived at the Crampiron offices in Clement's Lane for a day's work in connection with Crampiron's affairs. "I've just had a note from Doncastle asking me to go and see him at once," said he to the chief cashier, with whom he happened to be talking. "Doncastle," said the chief cashier, at a loss. "Yes, Lord Doncastle, the Prime Minister. By the way, what's his number 10 or 12? This letter is written on Foreign Office paper." The anarchical confusion which reigned in the chief cashier's mind, as it reigned throughout the Crampiron offices during those unexplained days, was much increased by Beakbane's announcement. And for a few moments the chief cashier had wild thoughts of fitting unostentatiously to Valparaiso with a hundred thousand pounds of negotiable securities upon which he knew he could lay his hands.

Beakbane, tearing the paper sheaths from his cuffs, called aloud for a cab, rushed out, jumped into it, and drove to his rooms in Golden Square, where he changed all his clothes—that is to say, all of them that would be visible to the eye of a Prime Minister. He chose a waistcoat of a hundred thousand pounds upon which he knew he could lay his hands.

"The statesman came towards him. "You are inclined to be disquieted," said Beakbane, solemnly. "But what can I do? Nothing. Nothing can be done until after the execution. Then, and not till then, my lord"—Beakbane shook his finger—"some power will be invested in his daughter—at least I presume so—and we shall know where we are."

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H. C. BREWSTER MEETS ELECTORS

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, he had any criticism to offer in regard to his views 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, thereby 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 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 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, 1916. 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 large 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.

On the question of appropriation he scored the government for their discrimination against Liberal districts as easily demonstrated by a comparison between the different districts on the island, and proved that on the floor of the House, and otherwise he had made every effort to impress on the government the necessities of this district and the failure of the government was certainly not due to lack of full information on the subject.

Mr. Brewster then dealt with the bill introduced by himself to Safeguard the Wages of Miners engaged on developing prospects where the ordinary mechanics then would not apply. It was intended to meet cases where men took hold of small undeveloped mines, worked them for a few months, paying the men as seldom as possible, and then if the prospects were turning out well, they quietly decamped, leaving the miners with nothing but a worthless hole to meet their claims. The bill he had introduced had prevented this, but with such simple restrictions as would in any way hamper legitimate enterprise. He intended to bring it before the House again, and hoped to see it become law.

At the invitation of the speaker the chairman invited questions and a few were put. A resolution was passed endorsing the principle of the bill introduced by Mr. Brewster, and requesting that he might press it before the legislature again.

A hearty vote of thanks to the member concluded the proceedings.

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, six 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 5 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 to the port of 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, of 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 and 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 \$5 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.

The plans submitted by H. S. Griffiths for the Provincial asylum to be built at Coquitlam 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.

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; that you will not be 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 Fehring, a member of the band, a detailed statement not only of the Ranken tragedy, but of a score of more outrages.

Garrett 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, Fehring said to the victim: "Do you want 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."

Fehring was arrested by the military police before Gov. Patterson, who was personally in command.

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

Fehring 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 Fehring, involving the men as night riders, was given with an extraordinary amount 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, charged with cruelty and asking maintenance. In September the riders visited her father's home and left word that she must withdraw the suit. She failed to do so, and the second visit her father was whipped.

On both occasions she was at her sister's home. The riders seemed to have realized this, for on September 30, at 10 o'clock at night, they went to the sister's home. Mrs. Johnson awoke to find her bedroom filled with masked men. A man whom she said she recognized as Fred Pinion, one of the defendants, was standing so close that she could touch him.

"We have come to tell you for the last time that you must discontinue this suit," Pinion is charged with saying.

"I will not withdraw it," she replied. "You will before we get through with you," came the response. "If you discontinue the suit, we will not touch the child, but you must not touch his property," he continued.

Mrs. Johnson obstinately insisted that she would press the case. Then the men fled into the yard to consult. In fact, she minutes the return. Pinion she said, stepped over to her and said: "Come with us."

Two others of the band seized the young woman, dragged her roughly from the bed and hurried her about 250 yards away. They threw her on a log in the woods, and one of them beat her across the shoulders with a strap. After the first beating they asked her if she would discontinue the suit. She said no. Then she was again whipped. This time her fighting spirit was broken and she sobbingly said she would give in to their demands.

"Let's give her another," said one of the band.

"No," Pinion is said to have replied; "she has had enough."

Judge Jones sent out the jury before court adjourned and said:

"There are eight defendants here charged with a capital offence. They are not handcuffed and are under guard of only two deputies. I do not think this safe. Therefore I order the sheriff to handcuff these men and ask the military to detail ten armed men to serve as guards."

The defence objected vigorously, but

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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 Yangtze 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 across on the Behring Strait last September he found it blocked with ice, that being unusually early for to be closed. The result was that he had to return down the Siberian coast and cross on the Japanese liner. 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.

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HOLT IS FOUND GUILTY.

Murderer of Bandman Johnston at Fort Worden Sentenced to Capital Punishment.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 23.—"Guilty, without capital punishment, 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, was returned by the jury 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 4th.

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 bells, six o'clock, and an enjoyable time was spent.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 23.—"If attention to do business is effected by waste and in getting better why is not combination important in philanthropic work? In this question is set forth of an article by John D. head of the standard Oil in the World's Work. The general Mr. Rockefeller's article is the co-operative principle Mr. Rockefeller expresses that the general idea of co-giving for education, social step in advance when Andre consented to become a member of the standard Oil in the World's Work. The general Mr. Rockefeller, "the vital principle of co-operation, the educational institution.

Washington, Dec. 23.—I statement issued at the on Saturday in regard to interference in the cases Gompers, Vice-President Secretary Morrison, of Federation of Labor, not for the contempt of court is called by the fact that still before the courts, matter what the president may be as to the Justice of the peace, he can action looking to pardon any opinion as to the case.

The text of the statement "Various appeals have to the president to interfere in the case of Mr. his associates. Those appeals are apparently not facts that the matter is a civil suit, ties, and there has been which the government of whether the president think the sentence of M. his associates excessive of consequence, because any action or expression while the case is pending.

"When the decision is president can promptly er the terms of imprisonment or improper. But impossible for the president to appeal is being nothing whatever to court must finish with and the defendants an moment at liberty on appeal the matter will be brought before the executive case it will receive favorable attention. The president has a perfect duty to execute their appeal, and in the final court, the don or commutation. they are prosecuted, the president has nothing matter.