

# Progress Of Will Case

### Report of Wednesday's Proceed- ings at Frisco in Hopper vs. Dunsuir.

### Alleged That Testimony Was Ad- duced Proving Illegality of the Will.

### Application to Be Made to Set Aside the Proceedings in California.

The San Francisco Examiner of Thursday last, just to hand, contained the following further account of the trial of the famous Dunsuir-Hopper will case now proceeding in the Bay City:

Counsel for relatives contesting the will of Alexander Dunsuir, the late multimillionaire, has declared that they succeeded yesterday in adducing testimony before the British consular general which would deprive the will of any semblance of legality.

The aim of the lawyers battling to wrest from James Dunsuir, former premier of British Columbia, the estate bequeathed him by his brother is to have the Supreme court of the Canadian province legally decide that under the California law Alexander Dunsuir died intestate, permitting of a distribution of the property to his heirs.

This the attorneys will try to prove in a negative way, on the ground that when J. A. S. Lowe and James Taylor were called in to sign the testimony in the Agnew home in Oakland, the testator did not declare verbally to the signers that the instrument was his will.

The contestants' attorneys, it appears, were too keen and clever yesterday to ask witnesses point-blank whether Alexander Dunsuir made such a declaration, but by the elimination process of cross-examination brought out that only such and such things were said and done; therefore, that no such declaration was made.

If the expectations of the attorneys are realized, it will mean that the bulk of the estate now held by James Dunsuir will revert to Edna Wallace, his sister and to Mrs. Joan Dunsuir, the contending heirs.

It is known that Alexander Dunsuir was domiciled in California, and that he will be attested to here was improperly executed, then the Supreme court of the Canadian province will be bound to give effect to the will.

At the hearing yesterday the witnesses were cross-questioned. When they had finished they expressed themselves as well satisfied with the testimony brought forth and congratulated each other.

At the home of Alexander Dunsuir in this state and facts that would invalidate the will, were set out, and the suggestions of information sought from the witnesses by the men who are conducting the legal fray. They strove to bring out the facts that the home of Alexander Dunsuir after his marriage to Mrs. Wallace was in San Leandro.

They endeavored to prove that in executing his will Alexander Dunsuir did not declare the will in the presence of the attesting witnesses, as is required by California law.

James A. S. Lowe and J. P. Taylor, who were witnesses of the day, although in his evidence given on Tuesday Lowe charged the testimony given at Victoria, and stated that he knew he was signing a will, he did not state that Alexander Dunsuir declared the will to be his own.

Mr. Taylor, though, stating that the paper he signed was a will, also failed to show that the document he signed was properly attested.

Judge E. P. Coyne, who represents the interests of Edna Wallace Hopper, resumed the cross-examination of Lowe at the beginning of the hearing yesterday. The witness admitted that he had no memory to such an extent that he could not remember what had occurred at a meeting held twenty minutes before the time he came before the commission.

Judge Coyne tried to elicit from the witness the motive that prompted him to change his testimony, but got no satisfactory answer. At Victoria Lowe stated that he did not know the nature of the document that he had signed, but on Tuesday he stated that he knew it was a will when he signed it.

"You hoped that if you came here and changed the testimony that you gave at Victoria that James Dunsuir would take you back in his employ, did you not?" was a question put by Judge Coyne.

"No," came the short reply.

"What were the grounds on which you expected that you would take you back in his employ?"

"I expected that he would consider my long service."

"He certainly did not appreciate your services in the past. Did you not think that the fact that you came here and changed your testimony would assist you with him?"

"It was of no importance to you whether you changed your testimony or not?"

"No."

Then Lowe was questioned regarding his actions on last Saturday and also in reference to a conference held with his attorneys yesterday. He was asked if he had not shown the witness in question to a friend on the ferry boat on Saturday. He did not remember. His mind was equally uncertain regarding his conversation with J. McRae.

"Who told you to take protection behind the phrase 'I don't remember'?" asked Judge Coyne.

"I don't remember," was again the reply.

Attorney Luxton, who represents James Dunsuir, asked the witness in hand and had him explain certain parts of his testimony. Lowe stated that his salary was increased from \$250 to \$500 a month by the time he came to the beginning of the trial because of the extra responsibilities he assumed in conducting the business of the B. Dunsuir & Sons Coal Company.

to withhold anything." The letter in which James Dunsuir discharged Lowe from his service was introduced, and then James Taylor was called to the stand. He told of the signing of the document, which, he said, he knew was a will. He did not recall the conversation with respect to the boys in Pullman. Ten years ago I'd walked, but it's again my principles now. Thus spoke a hot carrier this evening in imitation of Mr. Dooley. He is one of the 45 carriers of the boat who have chartered a magnificently upholstered Pullman car to go to the convention of the International Hod Carriers and Building Laborers' Union, which opens in Minneapolis next Monday. The delegates will travel amid all the luxuriant environment of modern railway service, and will have the best there in en route and after they reach their destination. "There was no difference between our condition ten years ago and what it is today," said Herman Lilien, international president of the organization. "We have become thoroughly organized since then, and we receive a larger share of the wealth we produce. The commission adjourned to convene again on Saturday.

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**XRAS IN MUKDEN.** Russian Soldiers Busy Preparing for Their Yuletide.

Mukden, June 7.—The town is filled to overflowing with officers and soldiers buying Christmas presents. All of them look like the soldiers of the Russian army who have been interviewed declare that the troops are well fed and are not suffering from the cold, being quartered in huts which are more comfortable than the Mukden hotels.

**Two Yale Mines Prove Winners**

Claims Operated by Americans Show to Be Good Things.

Free Gold and Hydraulic Propositions Across the Fraser River.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 7.—Two more winners have been added to the mines of British Columbia, both in the Yale district and both operated by Americans. One is the International Gold Company of Yale, and the other is the Hydraulic Company. The International Gold Company have kept very quiet for the past year while it was making preparations for securing the gold from its free-milling proposition. The only news that enquiring people could get was that machinery was being put in place and the mill was being installed.

It is very difficult to get employees, however, to keep silent, particularly if a mine is paying them. The employees of the International have been talking of late. They say the stamps have been pounding for several months and the results are most satisfactory. Three hundred tons of the ore run through was very rich and yielded enormous returns. It was a year when the water was very low.

Another proposition which is being looked forward to with great interest is a hydraulic proposition. Mr. McRae of the Quebec Forks, Cariboo. This is also a hydraulic proposition. Mr. McRae has been operating in it that he decided to work it alone. After spending \$6,700 he says that it would take more money to operate it. He has a shaft and so far only one shaft has been sunk to some ten or twelve prominent Vancouver citizens at \$500 and \$1,000, thus raising \$25,000. This sum has been spent in prospecting the mine and all is ready to turn the water on in the spring. Experts have said that Mr. McRae's proposition is one of the best in the province.

One clean-up was made just before frost to test the plant, and bottles of magnesia, coarse gold were secured for samples.

It is not often that inventors are hurt, but Capt. Collier's statement in the Colist yesterday that his guns were shipped to the Orient as agricultural implements, because they "ploughed the ground," is rather good.

**RIDE IN PULLMANS.** Hod Carriers Nowadays Are in Prosperous Condition.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—"It's a hot carrier I am, and I'm going to ride to Minneapolis to the convention with the rest of the boys in Pullmans." Ten years ago I'd walked, but it's again my principles now. Thus spoke a hot carrier this evening in imitation of Mr. Dooley. He is one of the 45 carriers of the boat who have chartered a magnificently upholstered Pullman car to go to the convention of the International Hod Carriers and Building Laborers' Union, which opens in Minneapolis next Monday. The delegates will travel amid all the luxuriant environment of modern railway service, and will have the best there in en route and after they reach their destination. "There was no difference between our condition ten years ago and what it is today," said Herman Lilien, international president of the organization. "We have become thoroughly organized since then, and we receive a larger share of the wealth we produce. The commission adjourned to convene again on Saturday.

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**German Miners Growing Restive**

Long Controversy With Management May Result in Big Strike.

Two Hundred Thousand Workers Represented at Meeting of Delegates.

Berlin, Jan. 7.—Meetings of representatives of 200,000 miners employed in the mines of the Rhineland Westphalia Co.'s syndicate are being held throughout the district, regarding the silence of the members of the syndicate on the workmen's request for a different system of management. The mines are under individual management, the whole allotted product being marketed by the syndicate. Two hundred and fifty men in one mine refused to work today, but a general strike is not yet in prospect, although the miners are embittered by the long controversy. The miners ask that the hours of work shall be measured from time at mine's mouth until they reach the pit's mouth on returning, instead of from time reaching the working gallery until ceasing work. The men take an average of 45 minutes each way going and coming. The deep shafts and long galleries result in a long time of being away from the mine, and the result has become a day of nine or nine and a half hours.

The coal syndicate's contract with the men went into effect April 1, 1904, for 12 years and fixed the allotment of each mine for the entire period. The result is that the powerful mining companies are mining economically by using the weaker ones and closing them, and supplying their allotment from new shafts of the large mines.

The workmen of the small mines are forced to sell their coal at a sacrifice, and move to the large mines. There were government troops at a meeting of the miners and police and troops are held ready to suppress disturbances.

**THE CIVIC ELECTIONS.**

Interest Increasing With Approach of Polling Day.

The civic election campaign is "warming up" with the approach of polling day, and what seemed likely to prove a quiet contest promises to develop a large amount of excitement and speculation before the last ballot is cast.

On Thursday evening next, a new candidate for honors in Central Ward made his appearance in the person of Mr. Clarke, the well-known Douglas street grocer. The greatest plethora of candidates, however, is to be found in North Ward, in which district the contest promises to be especially keen—and the probabilities are that some "new blood" will be found in the aldermanic board from the northern portion of the city.

The next meeting of the campaign will be held at the North Ward school tomorrow evening, and on Tuesday evening the various candidates will present their views to the electors at a meeting to be held in Semple's hall, Victoria West, commencing at 7 o'clock.

Tomorrow at noon at the City hall and polling will take place at the Market hall on Thursday, the 12th. It is probable the campaign will close with a mass meeting in the council chamber on Wednesday evening.

One of the candidates in North Ward who is putting up a splendid fight in justification of his re-election is Mr. J. L. Beckwith. He is bold, aggressive and has a reputation for being a man of position respecting important civic questions and is sure to pull a very heavy vote.

**SUPPLIES FOR BAL TIC FLEET.** London Times Believes It Will Not Proceed Beyond Diego Suarez Bay.

London, Jan. 7.—The Times learns that there is no evidence that supplies have been arranged for the Russian second Pacific fleet, which is expected to leave for the Bay of Bengal, and that the Russian government has cancelled contracts for two large shipments of arms and ammunition from Liban to the East Indian archipelago and Saigon. The only infraction from Liban to the East Indian archipelago, the Times concludes, is that the squadron will not go beyond Diego Suarez bay.

**LIFEBOAT CROSSES ATLANTIC.** Norwegians Reach Gloucester on Their Way to New York.

Gloucester, Mass., Jan. 8.—The Norwegian lifeline boat, Urad, completed her passage across the North Atlantic Sunday after 12 o'clock this morning, but in entering this harbor made a mistake in the old lifeboat and grounded on Pavilion Beach. The Dolliver beach life-saver crew went to her assistance. It was thought that she would come off the sandy beach without injury. The Urad is bound from Anlesund, Norway, to New York, and carries a crew of four men and 100 days' stores. Her rudder and Thursday was sighted ten miles off Cape Cod.

# Storm King Triumphant

### Fierce Gale Rages Throughout New England Coast Yesterday.

### Four Men Rescued From Dered- ict Barge After a Hard Fight.

### Sudden Rise in Temperature Causes Floods in All Parts of Country.

Boston, Jan. 7.—The heavy northeasterly storm which set in last night embraced all New England. The rain, accompanied by a rise of about 30 degrees in temperature, rapidly melted the snow and caused considerable inconvenience. The gale, which reached a velocity of 80 miles an hour, was accompanied by rough seas and high tides. Two disasters were reported. The schooner Lizzie Carr went ashore at Concord, N. H., and one of her crew was killed. The schooner Watson went ashore at Bennett's point, N. H., and stuck fast, but was not damaged.

At Bar Harbor, Me., the Maine coast railway's ferry steamer Sappho was thrown against her dock by a huge wave and considerably damaged. The life-saving station at Price's point, near Newport, E. I., reported higher seas than any known there for years.

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Rome, Jan. 7.—One of the most important acts this year in the pontificate of Pope Pius X. has been embodied in a secret bull, the text of which will not be made public until the pontiff is dead, when it will read as forming part of the constitution in the next conclave to elect his successor. The bull is in connection with the claims of Austria, France and Spain as to their right to veto the election of any cardinal, which will not be the contents of the document, it having been drawn up in accordance with a decision reached in meetings held by the cardinals living in Rome with the exception of Cardinal Rampolla, who is absent from the city.

Briefly the bull says that all cardinals are absolutely forbidden under penalty of excommunication from the conclave and not being allowed to discuss it, or to give a message of veto, and that if any cardinal knowing the intention of his message to communicate his intention to his colleagues in the conclave he also will be excluded and not allowed to vote.

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**"A NEW YEAR'S BOUQUET."** Bunch of Roses Picked in Colonel Gregory's Garden January 1st, 1905.

Monmouth, N. J., the surf was pounding the sandy beach in such fashion as to make any attempt to land in a small boat certain death. At 2 o'clock this afternoon, after the men had been nearly all day in the open yawl, and had covered 15 miles along a cottage-lined but forbidding beach, they were picked up by the life-savers and taken into Sandy Hook.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 7.—Floods in Connecticut are the result of the last night's storm. The heavy rain has swollen the streams so that village streets and railroad tracks are under water, seriously hampering travel. In Winsted, Mud river overflowed its banks so that the main street was ten inches under water today. Traffic is suspended, and goods in the cellars of stores are seriously damaged. An accident to the new Milford Co's plant at Buttsville, Conn., has resulted in the death of a man. The plant is owned by the Waterbury, Meriden, New Britain and neighboring sections. Trains on all districts are suspended. The water is expected to be cleared up by the end of the week.

**A PRESIDENT'S PERIL.** Derby, Conn., Jan. 7.—On application of his father, R. A. Salvatore, of Shelton, an Italian aged 39 years, who is alleged to have been making preparations to go to Washington to kill President Roosevelt, was committed to an insane asylum. The youth had become imbued with morbid ideas through reading anarchistic books.

**IN MEMORIAM.** New York, Jan. 7.—The Philharmonic Society tonight paid tribute to the memory of its former conductor, Theodore Thomas, at its concert in Carnegie hall. The program was a fitting one, and the conductor who made a fine impression last year, again showed himself to be one of the most respectably gifted conductors of the society.

**ON THE FIRING LINE.** Mukden, Jan. 6.—On the night of Jan. 5 the Japanese turned searchlights on the Russian position at the village of Inzoy and tried to drive out the troops from the advanced positions, but were driven back. The same day there was a collision of the Russian foraging party with the Japanese scouts near the Hun river. The foragers drove back the Japanese.

**REVEALS HEREDITARY.** Boston, Jan. 7.—The Advertiser tomorrow will say that the Hereditary Commission, which for the past year has been making a study of cancer, will in its report to be made in a few days, declare the malady to be non-contagious. The commission will find: First, cancer is not infectious; second, it is a hereditary affliction; third, its cause is mysterious as the human life; fourth, the remedies are either a knife or a serum.

**KILLED IN MIMIC RACE.** London, Jan. 7.—At the Coliseum, the largest music hall in London, a vivid representation of the Derby is reproduced by a revolving stage. Tommy Jockey, Dent, jiding the outside horse, attempted to pull across, but his horse stumbled on the iron work surrounding the revolving platform and rolled over the proscenium into the orchestra. Dent was thrown violently on his head and was taken to a hospital, where he died.

**SNOW BURIES TRAIN.** Winsted, Conn., Jan. 6.—The train on the Central New England road from Goshen, N. Y., due here at 3:24 p. m., is buried in snow at Copake, N. Y., and up to late hour tonight the New York, New Haven and Hartford road had not succeeded in digging the train out. The snow has been falling steadily for many hours, being one of the heaviest falls in years through this section. All trains on the western end of the central New England branch are held up.

**CHARTS DEFECTIVE.** Strange Discovery as to Equipment of Rojensky's Squadron.

Paris, Jan. 7.—Information received in official quarters in Vienna, that Admiral Rojensky's charts of the waters in which the Russian second Pacific squadron is now cruising are defective and practically worthless. This arouses apprehension of possible future catastrophe, as it is known that these charts do not show the recent hydrographic changes of the Indian ocean.

**ANOTHER "CRISIS" AVERTED.** German Liberal Enlightens the Nations After The Event.

Berlin, Jan. 7.—The national Liberal leader, Dr. Paasche, addressing his constituents at Kreuznach today, made the following statement that Germany and Great Britain were on the verge of war, referring evidently to representations which the German foreign office made to Great Britain regarding a belated threat against Germany in the Army and Navy Gazette. Dr. Paasche's words were: "I know for an absolute certainty that Germany and Great Britain were much nearer warlike complications than many people dreamed. Our diplomatic success in averting the danger, though with difficulty."

Referring to the American duty on German wines, Dr. Paasche said he had mentioned the matter to Chancellor von Buelow, who had promised to do everything in his power to prevent it. Nevertheless, he added, the Americans were increasing their duty on German wines because of difficulties thrown in the way of the importation of American goods into Germany by the tariff.

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Emigration to the Colonies

Scheme Proposed for State Aid to Pauper Children of England. Returns by Agricultural Department Just Published in London.

News of The Federal Capital

Premier and Commissioner From the Northwest Confer With Sir Wilfrid. Canadian Cruiser can Not Join the British Squadron This Year.

Practical Suggestions For Augmenting the Importance of Fruit Raising Industry

The annual convention of the British Columbia Fruit Growers' Association concluded its business at Vancouver yesterday morning.

Special Cable to The Colonist

London, Jan. 5.—Board of Trade returns say 453,531 people left the United Kingdom last year for places outside...

Canadian-Australian Liner Left Last Night for South

Steamer Aorangi, of the Canadian-Australian line, sailed from the outer wharf last night.

Efforts May Be Made to Have Her Repaired Here

The American ship G. D. Carleton, which is fast on the beach at Bellingsham, has been damaged.

High Joiners To Come Together

Negotiations Now Being Carried on for Meeting of the Commission. Canadian Premier Insists on something tangible before assembling.

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General news Of The Province

Statistical Information Showing Mining Progress in Ross-land District.

Good News for Settlers on Dominion Lands in British Columbia.

(From Saturday's Daily.) A glance over the books of the local government office for the year 1904 gives the following statistical information: Forty-nine mineral claims and six placer claims were recorded. Seventy-five certificates of work on mineral claims were recorded. There were two instances where claim owners elected to pay the \$100 fee rather than do the hundred claims' work of work. There were recorded 17 bills of sale, 1 agreement of sale, 2 notices, 1 Supreme Court order, 1 power of attorney, 2 water grants and 1 leave of absence (placer). There were issued three hundred and sixty-five miners' certificates, three special certificates and nine company certificates.—Rossland Miner.

GOOD NEWS FOR SETTLERS.

Henry T. Edmondson, secretary of the Electric Association of British Columbia, writes The Edmondson as follows: "Knowing the information will interest many of your readers located on Dominion lands in British Columbia, the executive of the Electric Association, I have the pleasure to inform you that we are in receipt of a communication from the secretary of the department of the Interior, which indicates that action may be taken at the coming session of parliament to grant the return monies paid to the government by settlers on Dominion lands in this province. Although at one time we were informed that no return could be made, the Electric Association, believing firmly in the justice of the cause advocated, have every possibility of success. The return monies are placed on the same basis. We have felt the discrimination against us. We have, many of them under the most adverse circumstances, had to comply with government requirements. (to their own detriment and loss) and we are confident that relief would be granted when the justice was observed. This view of the matter is held by all the settlers so far apparent of our efforts."—The Edmondson.

DOMINION EXHIBITION.

Interest in the Dominion exhibition and the prospects of New Westminster securing the grant for the same is not centered in the white population of the district alone.

Early in the week His Worship Mayor Keary was visited on a deputation of Indian chiefs, representing the tribes from Yale down, who congregated to make certain propositions to His Worship with regard to the fair, providing New Westminster secures the grant. Those who composed the deputation were Chief Joe of Capilano, Chief of the Skeena, Chief Seymour Creek, Chief George of North Arm, Port Moody, and Chief Johnny of Sechart.

The Indians are willing to do their share towards making the exhibition a success. It is held in the city, and it is proposed that one of the attractions be a grand "Indian tattoo," by the massed bands of all the Indian regiments in this part of the province. They will be willing to come together as soon as the matter is decided. The fair, it is suggested, that an instructor be employed to drill the masses bands.

Indian canoe races and a lacrosse match between the different tribes was also included in the program. The grant from the government or elsewhere to cover some of the expenses.

A CHILLWACK WEDDING.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Knight, at the corner of the city, was interesting event on Wednesday, 28th December, 1904, it being the occasion of the wedding of their daughter, Margaret Dixon, to James Edward Bird of Campbell Creek. Beneath an arch tastefully decorated with flowers, the ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Letta. The bride, who was assisted through the trying ordeal by her sister, Mrs. Bird, was attired in a neat traveling suit of navy blue basket cloth with white trimmings, and carried a handsome bouquet of white chrysanthemums. The groom was supported by Mr. Boris E. Knight, cousin of the bride. The ceremony was attended by twenty guests, and at 3 o'clock the happy couple started on the journey to their new home at Campbell Creek, amid a shower of rice and good wishes. The number of useful presents testify to the pleasure which the bride and groom had had the pleasure of her acquaintance.—Chillwack Progress.

KOOTENAI'S PROGRESS.

The collections at the local customs house show an increase for the past month over December, 1904, of 15,074.75. As also is the case when the collections for the last six months of this year are compared with the last six months of 1904. This is a very tangible evidence of the very natural growth of the prosperity of Nelson. The official figures made up to 1 o'clock today, when the customs closed for the year, are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Month, Amount. Includes data for January 1905 and December 1904.

OKANAGAN'S DESIRE.

The following telegram was sent to Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the C. P. R., yesterday, by the Okanagan Board of Trade: "The Okanagan Board of Trade, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, President C. P. R., Montreal: We are unable to handle freight and passenger traffic. Settlers debarred from coming to Okanagan, business materially injured and great inconvenience to public. Must have immediate relief. Reply. R. J. DAVIES, Sec. Ok. Bd. of Trade."

FIRING ALMOST CEASED.

General Kuroki's headquarters in the field, Jan. 2, via Fusan.—The fighting against the Japanese trenches has almost ceased during the past two days. Whether this is due to the news from Port Arthur is not known.

results from common soaps: eczema, coarse hands, ragged clothes, shrunken flannels.

Advertisement for 'SUNLIGHT SOAP' with text: 'SUNLIGHT SOAP REDUCES LAUNDRY EXPENSE'.



ASSEMBLY HALL IN EDINBURGH WHICH HAS BEEN TAKEN BY FREE CHURCH.

It is difficult for those unfamiliar with Scottish ecclesiastical affairs to realize how completely the people of Scotland are absorbed in the church crisis. Every other question, fiscal reform not excepted, has been overshadowed and will remain so until parliament intervenes, as everyone is agreed it must, and effects a settlement. The Established Church of Scotland, though not directly affected by the case, is keenly interested in it, for it is a Presbyterian body, like the United Free and Free Churches, and the question of the relaxation of the Confession of Faith, which partly led to the rupture among the Free, is being agitated in the State Church also. On either side there is a strong desire to convert one only, but Scotland being what it is—a Presbyterian country—they are really of national significance. The Free Church adopted a declaratory act relaxing the Confession of Faith on this and other points. This act was a great offense to the Established Church, which later the Free Church united with another Presbyterian body, the United Free Presbyterians, who have never believed in a state church. This was the last straw upon the patience of those Free Churchmen who stick to the old establishment principle, and dislike the higher criticism. They stood out from the union and claimed all the property of the Free Church, on the ground that the majority had abandoned their principles. The Scottish courts decided against them, but the House of Lords has decided in their favor.

Mutterings of Deep Discontent

Grief of Russians mingled with bitterness against the Government.

Censorship received the people as to the true state of Affairs.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 6.—The fall of Port Arthur has taken all the heart out of the approaching festivities of the Russian Christmas. It is even proposed to dispense with the illuminations and decorations which are always features of the holiday. The churches are filled with mourning friends and relatives of the fallen heroes of the fortress. A national service in the Kazan cathedral, at which the Emperor and imperial family will be present, is being arranged for tomorrow. The Zemstvo and town council of many cities, including St. Petersburg, are expressing as testimony of their grief as a result of the public calamity, and subscriptions have already been started to erect a monument to General Kondratyenko, who was killed at Port Arthur December 15. The unmistakable grief of the people is accompanied by undeniable mutterings against the government. The papers are openly blaming the military censorship for keeping the public in the dark as to the true situation of the fortress, which the bridge is under to come as a surprise. They are using this as a text to show the necessity for taking the people into the government's confidence, and to denounce their attacks on the bureaucracy, "whose bloodless lips repeat the same old lie whenever it is proposed that the sovereign should have the voice of his subjects." The Russ declares the nation's well-wishers could not tolerate the idea of peace, but adds that no victory is possible unless the voice of the people is heard. "Japan is counting as much on the possibility of a revolution in Russia as upon her own army and strategist. Therefore it is with us possible, but if the war is to be pushed until the enemy's resources are exhausted the Russian nation will be sold, which, however, will only be possible by allowing the real representatives of the nation to speak."

OPTION EXPIRES ON THE VAN ANDA

Syndicate declines to Relinquish 'Copper Claims to Mr. Treat.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 6.—Mining news from Van Annda, B. C., is rather interesting. The syndicate of prospectors of London after working on the property for over a year have decided not to take up their bond. The property originally belonged to Harry Treat of New York. The purchase price for the group was to be \$750,000, to be paid out of the profit of the mine after the deduction of all expenses. The syndicate is now in Mr. Treat's possession, who is represented here by Mr. E. Burns, of Burns & Daly, barristers.

SHIPMENT OF A SUBMARINE.

Vessel With Boat Aboard Detained at Newport News.

Newport News, Va., Jan. 3.—The German steamship Adria with a submarine torpedo boat aboard, and a pilot on board was scheduled to sail yesterday, but she is delayed at Newport News. Reports of a submarine interference are current, but cannot be confirmed. Just after a pilot had boarded the steamer, which was scheduled to sail at 4 o'clock, a stranger whose identity cannot be learned appeared at the shipyard, and a few minutes later it was announced that the vessel would not sail. The information as to the cause of the change of programme, the destination of the submarine, and the identity of the messenger is refused.

PUNISHMENT FITS THE CRIME.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Representative Adam of Pennsylvania today introduced a bill providing for the establishment in the district of Columbia of a whipping post for wife-beaters. It prescribes that the whipping shall be done privately by the chief of police or his deputy in the presence of the jury only.

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FIRE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE.

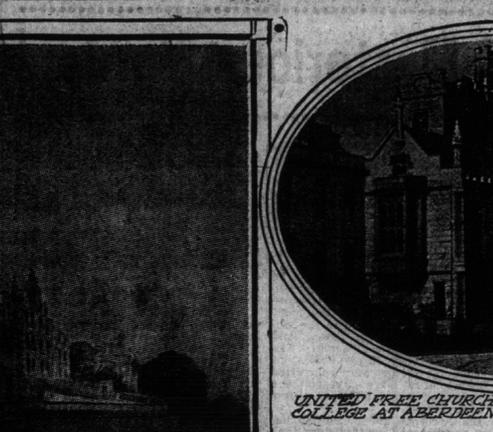
Berlin, N. H., Jan. 4.—Fire that broke out late tonight has practically destroyed the Clement opera house block, the H. Cannon block, the Klondike hotel and C. H. Brook's drug store. The loss is estimated at \$200,000. Several persons jumped from the upper floor of the opera house block, occupied by lodgers, and were injured. One man is said to have been killed. Telephone and electric light wires are down and the city is in darkness. At midnight the fire was thought to be under control.

NO BENEFIT.

Montreal Gazette.—English papers are now discussing the setback to trade caused by the heavy South African war. It is pointed out that the war was on there were people who spoke of its stimulating effect on business. They were the short-sighted ones. Business is never long benefited by waste, and war output is mostly waste.

FAIRLY GOOD AGE.

London, Jan. 1.—Healthy, active, and in possession of all her faculties, there is living less than a dozen miles from the Victoria Tower a woman said to be 107 years old. Her name is Henrietta Johnson. She resides in a lowly neighborhood at Kingston-on-Thames. She has been enjoying a pension since the fifties in the last century.



UNITED FREE CHURCH COLLEGE AT ABERDEEN.

At the time of the union. Of these, 1,078 joined the union and 26 stood out. There are three divinity schools, one of the professors in them joined the union. The church has more than 100 missions abroad. Every single one of the missionaries went with the union. The House of Lords has now decided that the whole of this organization—the church buildings, the colleges, the missions and the invested funds, amounting to over \$5,000,000—belongs to the majority, but to the twenty-six congregations who stood out. There is great unwillingness to question a decision by the House of Lords. It is regarded as right in law, though some challenge this and hold that the House of Lords was mistaken in applying the principle of trusts to churches, which is not a body with fixed articles of association, but a body with inherent powers of growth. However this may be, every one is agreed that the decision cannot be carried out in its entirety. The Free Church, even if they took possession of everything would be unable to carry on the church. For the support of home charges alone the United Free have to raise more than \$1,000,000 a year. The Free Church can only raise \$200,000 or \$250,000. The same applies to missions, which are mainly supported by current subscriptions and which will grow enormously in numbers and resources. However devoted they may be in the cause of the church, their own devotion is recognized throughout the country—they cannot maintain the machinery of a church which has taxed every resource of the state, and which is the richest parts of Scotland. Lord Davey, one of the judges who gave the decision, has himself suggested that the trustees be appointed a commission to consider the property in proportion to the sizes of the two sections. It is now officially announced that the government will appoint a commission to consider the present crisis, the terms of the commission to be stated later on.

A CONTEST FOR THE MAYORALTY

Requisition Circulating Asks Mr. Watson Clarke to Oppose Mayor Barnard.

An interesting phase in the heretofore apathetic municipal election campaign developed yesterday when it became known that a requisition was in circulation looking to arranging for the candidature of Watson Clarke for the office of mayor. Just what Mr. Clarke's attitude is towards the requisition, and Mr. Watson Clarke's attitude towards the requisition, is not yet known. The requisition is signed by all-comers by an overwhelming majority is universally admitted; and Mr. Watson Clarke's attitude towards the requisition is not yet known. The requisition is signed by all-comers by an overwhelming majority is universally admitted; and Mr. Watson Clarke's attitude towards the requisition is not yet known.

LOCK-JAW AND DEATH FOLLOW A FALL

Sudden Demise of Rev. C. Duff Father of Justice Duff at His Toronto Home.

A telegram from Toronto yesterday evening brought to his many western friends the sad intelligence that death, calling suddenly, had removed from the scene of his manifold and useful activities the Rev. Charles Duff, pastor of the Parkdale Congregational church, editor of "The Congregationalist," one of the foremost ministers of the denomination in the Dominion of Canada. Rev. Mr. Duff was the victim of an unfortunate accident on the streets of Toronto, which resulted in a compound fracture of the left arm. Lock-jaw and death followed in the end. The deceased clergyman was twice chairman of the Congregational Union of Canada, and was a prominent speaker and a vigorous writer was highly regarded throughout the Dominion. His son, Hon. Mr. Justice Duff, of the Supreme court of this province, was advised by wire on Wednesday evening of the serious turn taken in his father's case, and set out for Toronto, where he will arrive only in time to assist at the sepulchre of his revered parent.

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THE RUSSIAN LOAN.

Berlin, Jan. 4.—It is reported that the Russian loan of \$50,000,000 in Germany may be carried out by means of an underwriting syndicate, which is a novel method in German finance. According to the reports, the syndicate will consist of the underwriters receive 2.5 per cent. The prospectus of the new Russian loan of \$50,000,000 will be issued tomorrow or Friday. Subscription lists will be opened in Germany and Holland on January 12. The price of the issue in Germany will be 95. The bankers syndicate has paid into the Russian treasury 90 1/2. These terms are considered here to be very unfavorable to Russia inasmuch as the holders can demand redemption at par after six years, which is equivalent to a rate of 6 1/2 per cent. interest.

LOAN COMPANY SUNDRIES.

New York, Jan. 3.—The banking house of the United States Loan and Saving Association in West Brighton, Staten Island, was closed this afternoon by bank examiners. The association did a bond mortgage and building loan business and rumors that the bank was in trouble had started a run upon it. The association was incorporated in 1890. Jas. T. Rourke is its secretary.

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First Meeting In Civic Campaign

Municipal Election Ball Started Rolling at Spring Ridge Last Night.

The Various Candidates Explain Views on Projects Affecting City.

(From Saturday's Daily.) The civic campaign for aldermanic and school board honors was held yesterday evening in the I. O. O. F. hall, Fernwood road, a considerable number of citizens and residents of the district—being moved by public-spiritedness or vagrant curiosity to attend, and ex-Ald. Edward Bragg presiding—a tactful and acceptable chairman—the ward candidates for the council—Mr. Fullerton, Dr. Lewis Hall, Mr. W. J. Hanna and Ald. Beckwith—were accorded respectful attention during the greater part of two hours, in which the three aspirants for board honors fully detailed their views as to the various desirable features of practical civic policy for the Victoria of today, special attention being paid to the question of waterworks improvement and electric lighting, and the Ald. Beckwith defended the accomplishments of the board during the past year in a convincing speech; and nothing of special importance eventuated, and the criticism which followed on his remarks. It would appear from the discussion last evening that waterworks expenditure will be the chief issue in the campaign, which now has but few days to run. Further district campaign meetings are to be held in the North Ward school on Monday evening, and a Semple's hall, Victoria Ward, on Tuesday evening. It was Ald. Beckwith's part to defend the record of the board of which he has been a member, and this he apparently succeeded in doing to the satisfaction of the audience. He carefully reviewed the work of the council, justifying its course with reasons for each significant action taken, and ending by dealing with the question of improved water service. With respect to the cost of concrete sidewalks to the property owners of Victoria, the alderman pointed out of similar walks in the neighborhood of Vancouver and Seattle, Ald. Beckwith explained how the contention of Mr. Sorby and the alderman of the Ward's Association, based upon figures of cost, was highly misleading—the items of draining, blasting and filling (the real burden) expended not only on the sidewalk in the cities brought forward for purposes of comparison, while here such features of the work are charged. The real cost, the alderman pointed out, with the support of figures attested correct by the city engineer, was lower by considerable in Victoria than in the other cities referred to. After the aldermanic candidates, the aspirants for seats at the school board made short addresses, Dr. Bolton explained that although he was a resident of Victoria but three years, he feels deeply interested in educational effort and has thought that perhaps his professional acquaintance with the school subjects may enable him to render useful service to the city, more particularly in the improvement of the sanitary conditions and general hygiene of the schools. The other board candidates, Trustee Huggert and Mr. F. J. Riddell, also briefly and practically reviewed their views on educational matters, and the meeting dispersed shortly after eleven.

Days Doing At The Capital

Commission Appointed to Deal With All International Waterways.

Interesting Disclosures Expected as Outcome of a Liberal Suit.

From Our Own Correspondent. Ottawa, Jan. 6.—Messrs. J. Coste, J. B. Mayboe, K. O. and W. F. King, C. E., have been appointed a commission to deal with all questions affecting waterways contiguous in both Canada and the United States. The case of Latchford vs. the Ottawa Free Press, the Liberal organ, is the first on the list for the January session. Frank Latchford is suing the Free Press for \$10,000 damages for libel, and seriously enough one of Latchford's counsel is D. J. McDougall, the yearling of the Liberal candidates in the present provincial campaign. It is a beautiful mixture of the political and the legal, and today trying to effect a settlement. This is his second attempt and he has not succeeded so far. The case is now in the hands of the court, and the Free Press is now permanently appointed to the position. Assurances are being given to the judges of the Supreme court that the woollack will be in front of the throne at the opening of parliament. Their lordships' proceedings will be presented in all their official glory. The demand for knowledge of admission is the greatest ever known.

QUEBEC CUSTOMS.

In certain districts in England a mixture of butter, sugar, spices, and rum, called "rum butter," is made when rum is born. A special bowl of the delicacy is hidden in some out-of-the-way place in the house. Then number of young fellows of the neighborhood search for it. Sometimes they succeed in locating it and at other times they fail. The rum butter collection is made among the people and the money contributed is placed in the bowl for a young child and returned along with the bowl to the house where it was processed. In England the greater portion of the new-born children are christened in the church, go into the pockets of private individuals who for the most part do not attend the church on the day of the christening. The peculiar situation originated in 1822, when, to meet the expense of re-arranging the church, about 1000 children and a few organ seats were put up for auction and realized amounts varying from \$185 to \$200.

NAN PATTERSON'S BAIL.

Jerome Refused to Accept \$100,000 Offered as Security.

New York, Jan. 4.—Nan Patterson was taken into the Supreme court early today in an effort by her counsel to secure her release on bail. District Attorney Jerome has refused to accept any offer for bail, although two offers of \$50,000 each had been made in her behalf. Miss Patterson was taken before Justice Greenbaum on a writ of habeas corpus. The writ directed that the district attorney should appear to show cause why bail should not be granted. After hearing arguments, Justice Greenbaum reserved his decision until noon tomorrow, instructed his counsel to submit briefs in the meantime.

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### For Railroad To Northern Points

#### Arrangements Completing For Line From Vancouver to Fort George.

#### Japanese Residents Celebrate Fall of Port Arthur With Procession.

#### From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, Jan. 7.—President Henry of the V., W. & Y. railway stated today that arrangements were being completed which would ensure the commencement of the trunk line to the northern part of the province at an early date. The northern extension is planned to intersect the new transcontinental route of the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Canadian Northern, thus facilitating traffic between the U. S. G. N. R. and S. R. Port George, it is said, will be the point of intersection. An application will be made at the coming session of the provincial legislature for a land grant to the company.

The office of Messrs. McKinnon & Ferguson was entered last night and things were thrown into confusion. The burglar was really the notorious "Blacks," who during the past year has been active in Seattle and Vancouver is not certain. Clarke is still at large and all burglaries committed are laid to his door. He was seen in three or four places at the same time, but the police have not seen him since he held them up with a revolver and escaped.

#### On Question Of Ships' Anchorage

#### Matter Affecting Port of Esquimalt Taken up by Liberal Association.

At a meeting of the Esquimalt Liberal Association, held on Friday evening, an important resolution was passed in relation to the anchorage of ships within Esquimalt harbor, heretofore reserved for the British navy. An action was instituted some years ago by the Liberal party in Esquimalt, which is explanatory of the need of such contemplated amendment of the harbor. The resolution passed at a certain point, and was speedily notified to move, and the ship was removed to the Royal Roads upon the arrival of the German ship, the action which ensued, the German ship was awarded damages. Subsequently, the Liberal party passed legislation reserving to the navy certain anchorage grounds, which took up most of the harbor for warship purposes.

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Local Japanese residents celebrated the fall of Port Arthur today. Their pieces of business were closed early in the day and the streets were filled with the people who were assembled on the recreation grounds, where the surrender of Port Arthur was officially announced by Hon. G. Morikawa, colonial Japanese consul. Congratulatory speeches were made by several prominent Japanese, the tenor of the remarks being that if Japan were successful in her war she would proffer terms of friendship to the present foe and endeavor to assist in giving the people of Russia more liberty and a better civilization. A procession was then formed, and headed by two bands, marching through the principal streets to the Japanese consul's residence. There were several hundred Japanese in line, each carrying a lighted Chinese lantern. The procession returned to the grounds, where the celebration was kept up till a late hour. The Japanese also had an elaborate fireworks display.

#### NORTHERN ARMIES TO BE REINFORCED

#### Japan Will Send Nogi to Help the Campaign in Manchuria.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Japan has made no overtures for peace to Russia, directly or indirectly, through the United States or any of the powers, and she contemplates no such action, and now that Port Arthur has fallen, she is preparing for war in the north all the more vigorously by reinforcing the Japanese armies at Liaoyang with the greater part of the troops which have been besieging Port Arthur. This, in brief, represents the views of Kogoro Takihira, the Japanese minister.

#### ASKS DEGREE AGAINST LAWSON

Boston, Jan. 7.—Because he alleges that Thomas W. Lawson and his former partner, Camille Weldenfeld, sold to him certain shares of stock in a company which he is unable to find, James E. Leach, receiver of the Bay State Gas Co. of Delaware, in the suit of that company against Lawson and Weldenfeld to recover stock shares sold to be sold to the company, today filed a petition in the Supreme court asking that Mr. Lawson be adjudged guilty of contempt.

#### STORM IN BUFFALO.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 7.—Snow has been falling in this vicinity incessantly for the last 24 hours, and at intervals today ten inches were recorded at the weather bureau. The temperature was 22, and forecast for the wind was high. At the post office it was said that in general there had been no serious effect on the arrival of the mails. Mails between Buffalo and other points were to be from one to two hours late, while those from the west and north were about on time.

#### AS TO MRS. CHADWICK.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 7.—Judge Wing of the United States District court, yesterday abrogated his recent order that no person should be allowed to see Mrs. Chadwick in this county jail without a written permit signed by the United States marshal. Judge Wing said that this provision conflicted with the rules which govern the sheriff of the county jail made by the judge of the court of common pleas under authority of the state of Ohio. This decision places Mrs. Chadwick under the jurisdiction of the sheriff while she continues to be confined in the county jail.

#### WRECKAGE FROM BRERHOLME.

Hobart, Tasmania, Jan. 7. Cargo which has been washed ashore at South-west Cape has been recognized as belonging to the Hobart bark Brerholme, which sailed from London on January 21 for Hobart, and it is believed that the vessel and her crew have been lost.

### LESSONS OF WAR.

Berlin, Jan. 7.—The only lesson to be drawn from the manifold events of the "war" is that it is impossible to conduct a naval war without large battleships. The report that Germany intends to lengthen the course of instruction for torpedo boat crews, in view of the developments in the present war, evoked the foregoing statement from a German naval expert, which indicates that naval circles of Germany generally share the views of the American navy department, and there is no intention to depart from the present theory of dependence on battleships.

#### AFTER THE GRABTERS.

New York, Jan. 6.—At a meeting of the reform club here tonight, former State Senator Forster of this city pledged his support to the reform movement and declared that "members of both house of the state legislature are in the pay of corporations. Although the grabbers are known, they are returned year after year with increased majorities. In this town the people are all right, but the bosses and the machines stand between them and the grabbers. If we could only get some reliable man to go to Albany and come back and tell the people what their representatives are doing, I am sure there would be a change."

#### BARON KANBKO WON'T TALK.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Baron Kentaro Kaneko, a member of the house of peers of the Japanese empire, who came to the House tonight and remained with the President for over an hour. He refused to say whether the conference had to do with the proposed peace between Japan and Russia nor would he say whether the war between those countries was discussed at all.

#### On Question Of Ships' Anchorage

#### Matter Affecting Port of Esquimalt Taken up by Liberal Association.

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Local Japanese residents celebrated the fall of Port Arthur today. Their pieces of business were closed early in the day and the streets were filled with the people who were assembled on the recreation grounds, where the surrender of Port Arthur was officially announced by Hon. G. Morikawa, colonial Japanese consul. Congratulatory speeches were made by several prominent Japanese, the tenor of the remarks being that if Japan were successful in her war she would proffer terms of friendship to the present foe and endeavor to assist in giving the people of Russia more liberty and a better civilization. A procession was then formed, and headed by two bands, marching through the principal streets to the Japanese consul's residence. There were several hundred Japanese in line, each carrying a lighted Chinese lantern. The procession returned to the grounds, where the celebration was kept up till a late hour. The Japanese also had an elaborate fireworks display.

#### NORTHERN ARMIES TO BE REINFORCED

#### Japan Will Send Nogi to Help the Campaign in Manchuria.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Japan has made no overtures for peace to Russia, directly or indirectly, through the United States or any of the powers, and she contemplates no such action, and now that Port Arthur has fallen, she is preparing for war in the north all the more vigorously by reinforcing the Japanese armies at Liaoyang with the greater part of the troops which have been besieging Port Arthur. This, in brief, represents the views of Kogoro Takihira, the Japanese minister.

#### ASKS DEGREE AGAINST LAWSON

Boston, Jan. 7.—Because he alleges that Thomas W. Lawson and his former partner, Camille Weldenfeld, sold to him certain shares of stock in a company which he is unable to find, James E. Leach, receiver of the Bay State Gas Co. of Delaware, in the suit of that company against Lawson and Weldenfeld to recover stock shares sold to be sold to the company, today filed a petition in the Supreme court asking that Mr. Lawson be adjudged guilty of contempt.

#### STORM IN BUFFALO.

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 7.—Snow has been falling in this vicinity incessantly for the last 24 hours, and at intervals today ten inches were recorded at the weather bureau. The temperature was 22, and forecast for the wind was high. At the post office it was said that in general there had been no serious effect on the arrival of the mails. Mails between Buffalo and other points were to be from one to two hours late, while those from the west and north were about on time.

#### AS TO MRS. CHADWICK.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 7.—Judge Wing of the United States District court, yesterday abrogated his recent order that no person should be allowed to see Mrs. Chadwick in this county jail without a written permit signed by the United States marshal. Judge Wing said that this provision conflicted with the rules which govern the sheriff of the county jail made by the judge of the court of common pleas under authority of the state of Ohio. This decision places Mrs. Chadwick under the jurisdiction of the sheriff while she continues to be confined in the county jail.

#### WRECKAGE FROM BRERHOLME.

Hobart, Tasmania, Jan. 7. Cargo which has been washed ashore at South-west Cape has been recognized as belonging to the Hobart bark Brerholme, which sailed from London on January 21 for Hobart, and it is believed that the vessel and her crew have been lost.

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Henry Swears was caught in the act of attacking Miss Lillian B. Field, and the police were called. He was a murderer in his attempt, and it is not thought to be connected with the murder of the three young women. Why Cincinnati believes it has to deal with an entirely new grade of murderer, whose criminal genius makes it impossible to understand by a review of the following facts in the hands of the police:

#### The Case of Mary McDonald.

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It was thought by the authorities that the case was purely accidental. They investigated with this in mind. None of the other girls which had been run over anything. All the railroad men who looked at the spot said that the girl had been run over. The case there was blood on the inner rails of both tracks. They said the body had been lying on the tracks for some time. The girl had been run over by a train. They could not account for the mutilation of the face nor the injury to the hand. It was hoped to find the other track case from it.

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