

AUDIT TO BE MADE OF BOOKS

COUNCIL DECIDED UPON THAT COURSE

Routine Matters Disposed of at Last Evening's Meeting of Mayor and Aldermen.

An audit of the city books was authorized in a resolution passed by the council at last night's meeting. At first the suggestion was vigorously opposed by several of the aldermen who considered such a course would be a slight on City Auditor Raymur.

The Mayor raised the question of the validity of such a motion, and read a letter from the city auditor, whom he had written to on the subject. The letter stated that an audit of the city accounts would take two months; that it would cost in the neighborhood of \$750 and \$1,000, and that the council could not authorize such a step because they had no funds to meet it.

Ald. Weston inquired if it did mean a letter from the city auditor, whom he had written to on the subject. The letter stated that an audit of the city accounts would take two months; that it would cost in the neighborhood of \$750 and \$1,000, and that the council could not authorize such a step because they had no funds to meet it.

In reply Ald. Fell stated that it would be as much for the protection of the council, who were responsible for all expenditures and for the safeguard of the incoming auditor.

"The city auditor should make no demur," argued Ald. Fell, "for it will be a proof of his confidence in the Mayor. Morley ventured the statement that he knew very determined efforts had been made at the latter end of last year to have an audit of the books, but it had been turned down. 'I would suggest, however,' he said, 'that we refer it to the favorable consideration of the incoming council.'"

Ald. Fell, who introduced the motion, explained his reasons for wishing an audit of the books. He remarked that the most sensible time for such a thing was when everybody expected it.

"I'll undertake to say," he announced, "that the city cash has never been counted. There have been some expenditures made that were never authorized. Now what we want to know is was the city's money properly spent and was it authorized? There are some people, however, who seem anxious to be passing of this motion," he concluded.

"Do you mean to reflect on me?" interrupted the Mayor.

"Not unless the cap fits you," was the answer. "But it is impossible for me to attend on the nights selected by this committee. I asked the chairman to change the day so I could attend, but he would not."

The resolution relative to the going on with work on Government street paving was introduced by Ald. Henderson, and the by-law was put through its various stages.

Authority was given to begin construction on permanent sidewalks under the local improvement plan on parts of Douglas, Langley, Broughton, Gordon and Courtney streets; to lay a permanent sidewalk of cement on the east side of Government street and the Dallas road; also to construct a permanent sidewalk with gutter on the north side of Simcoe street, from Menzies street to Beacon Hill park, and on the south side of the said street from Menzies street to Government street, to grade and macadamize the said street from Menzies street to Beacon Hill park.

With only a few minor changes the incinerator by-law, which will come before the electorate at the municipal election, passed its first reading.

The by-law provides for \$54,000, which includes the plant, but not the cost of maintenance. Council devoted considerable discussion to the advantages of this destructor, but it eventually turned out that whoever was responsible for the estimate of maintenance had made a glaring mistake. The time limit for the payment of money and stipulated in the by-law at 50 years, but this was amended to 25.

The by-law was sent back to have the sum necessary for maintenance properly stated.

A letter was received from A. T. Goward, local manager of the B. C. Electric Railway Company, with respect to the proposed change in the car line to Spring Ridge. It read as follows:

"Dear Sirs,—In reference to the question that has been up between us in reference to the change in location of track, Spring Ridge. As already pointed out, our company has made arrangements to purchase half an acre of block 54, and our idea is to extend the present track along Caledonia avenue, then across this half acre, making con-

nection with the present track on North Chatham street. After having had the benefit of a consultation with the Worshipful the Mayor and some of the members of the council on Saturday last, I understand it is probable the council will raise no objection to the proposed change of location, provided our company is willing that a portion of the half acre, which we intend to purchase, shall be used for a continuation of Caledonia avenue, making connection with North Chatham street. Our company is quite agreeable to this.

It would suggest that the necessary steps for the required fill on block 54 be taken up with as little delay as possible, as I quite hope, when the new track is built, to be able to give an improved service on Spring Ridge. I enclose blue print showing the present track and the proposed new track."

The application was granted. The streets, bridges and sewers committee's recommendation were received and approved of as follows:

"The city engineer and city purchasing agent, to whom was referred the claim for cement supplied by Rithet & Company, reported as follows: 'Gentlemen,—The claim rendered by Messrs. Rithet & Co. for cement delivered on corporation works, but without an official order. We are of opinion that after finding out a shortage in the amount of cement used on Carr street compared with other pieces of work, that Messrs. Rithet are entitled to the sum of \$91.06, for the 35% barrels they claim to have delivered on July 11th. As to the 40 barrels said to have been delivered September 20th, on South Turner street, we find no counterfoils of receipts, other than relating to the proper official orders which have been paid for, therefore, unless Messrs. Rithet & Co. can produce our foreman's receipt for the amount claimed to have been delivered, we cannot see our way clear to pass same.'

This was referred to the finance committee. A letter was received from the city solicitor with respect to the suit between the city and the Victoria Terminal Company. It was as follows: 'Gentlemen,—We have the honor to report that the city solicitor has examined the late vice-president, and now director, Mr. Woods, and Mr. Van Sant, the examination being for foreman's receipt for the amount claimed to have been delivered, we cannot see our way clear to pass same.'

"The company have put in a statement of defence and counterclaim, in which they assert that they complied with the terms of the contract and that the suit is based on the contention appears to be that they are at any rate entitled to one year's payment, and this contention is, of course, disputed by the city.'

All records for "the Christmas rush" in the parcels department of the post-office have been smashed during the last few days, according to E. Fawcett, of the customs. Although the staff has been tumbled, it has been put to work night and day since the middle of last week, keeping pace with the pressure of parcels and Christmas packages which have poured in from all quarters. In one day alone the English mails brought in packages in excess of the corresponding mail last year, and a similar increase is recorded in respect to parcels from the United States.

Through the liberality of the Dominion government in regard to the Christmas mails, many articles which have previously been dutiable have this year been sent to the Dominion free of charge, which is in some measure responsible for the excessive business reported.

A notable fact about the present season is that, although the number of packages from across the line and from the old country has so greatly multiplied, the value of the articles they contain is, collectively, less than in previous years. This is no doubt due to the prevalence of labor and financial depression in both countries making the selection of Christmas gifts for those away from home a matter of strict economy.

DR. FAGAN DEMANDS AN EXPLANATION

He Has Taken Exception to Statements Alleged to be Made by Mayor.

The question whether or not the dump on James Bay flats constitutes a menace to public welfare will be threshed out at a conference Dr. J. C. Fagan, secretary of the provincial board of health, will hold with the local board of health this evening.

This arrangement was arrived at last night after a lively interchange of views between Mayor Morley and Dr. Fagan. Immediately after the council convened his Worship called upon Dr. Fagan to state his objections to the decision of the city board. He replied that he was surprised at the extraordinary action which the city had taken. Further, that in his communication he had solicited a conference, and that he did not expect to be asked for explanations, as the reply reserved him.

"If you wish it," declared the doctor, "I will go into the matter fully."

"The Worship retorted: 'The council cannot give its time if it entails a lengthy discussion.'

Ald. Henderson suggested that it was a matter for the city board of health to deal with.

Addressing himself to the Mayor, Dr. Fagan then said: "You don't seem to realize the position. The city board of health have never consulted the provincial board in anything pertaining to the sanitary condition of the city. In regard to the dump we are in a position to permit or condemn it, and our experience is far greater than the municipal board; yet we are ignored."

"It took the city a week to reply to my letter," he continued, "whereas the question could have been discussed at the last meeting of the city board of health. And consequently I have had to alter my plans regarding leaving the city."

Ald. Fullerton asked that a special meeting of the health board be held this evening to discuss the question with Dr. Fagan.

Then Dr. Fagan took up another matter with the Mayor. He opened the passage of arms by demanding an explanation from Mayor Morley concerning certain alleged charges.

"You have taken upon yourself to throw out some vague charges against me in my capacity as secretary of the provincial board of health. Now what do you mean?" announced the doctor, "I don't think this is a matter to come up at a council meeting," replied the Mayor.

"Insist on knowing what you mean," retorted Dr. Fagan, and publicly within the next few days.

"I shall have several questions to ask pretty shortly," was the reply. "And, 'I shall answer them as I see fit.'"

LIBERAL VICTORY IN CENTRE YORK

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The latest returns from Centre York gives D. G. MacLean a majority of 19. Campbell's majority at the last election was 76, not 124 as reported in the Parliamentary Guide.

INDICTING A BOOK.

Even in Russia it does not often happen that a charge is brought against a book, and not against the author or publishers thereof. Yet a case of this kind was brought before the Warsaw courts the other day. The charge was laid against a work by a certain Gustave Baumfeld as being of a nature "likely to arouse its readers to revolutionary actions." The dock was perfectly empty, and evidence was given by the police, who had confiscated the book. The verdict was pronounced against the book, and amounted to an order that it should be burned.

The explanation of this peculiar incident is that the book in question was discovered by the police whilst still in the printer's hands, and that, as it had not yet been published, neither the author nor the publisher was held responsible for its revolutionary tendencies. All the blame was laid on the book, of which every sheet has now been destroyed.

PAPAL GREETINGS.

Rome, Dec. 24.—The Pope was present in the sacred college to-day for the exchange of Christmas greetings with the cardinals.

CONNECTING ISLANDS BY TELEPHONE

After completing the laying of the Dominion government telephone cables between Union Bay and Dennan Island, Horby and Denman Islands and Beaver Point, Salt Spring Island and Pender Island, the public works tug Petrel returned to port this morning towing the scow which was utilized for the purpose.

In all, several miles of sea cable were laid, and the work of establishing telephonic communication to the points mentioned is now a comparatively easy matter.

The new line, which will be opened at the end of the month, will connect with stations at Beaver Point, Salt Spring Island and Browning Harbor and Hope Bay, on Pender Island. The work has been carried out with commendable dispatch, and the Petrel, aided by propitious weather conditions, experienced little difficulty in sinking the cables.

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REVISION COURT TO BE POSTPONED

Application Made to Mr. Justice Irving, Who Fixed Date as January 3rd.

The earliest date at which the court of revision on the civic voters' list can sit is January 3rd. This fact was brought before the city council last night in a letter from the city barrister.

The court should have opened last Saturday, but neglect to advertise the sitting for five full days in a local newspaper according to the Municipal Elections Act is responsible for the delay.

The letter was as follows: "Dear Sir: Regarding the sitting of the court of revision, in view of the omission to advertise the sitting of the court for five consecutive days prior to the day appointed for sitting, namely 21st inst., it will be necessary to give fresh notices, namely, ten days' notice of the sitting to be posted on the usual bulletin board at the city hall and five days' advertisement in some city newspaper, under present proceedings entirely. In order to comply with the time limits of ten days and five days, the earliest date on which the court may sit will be January 3rd.

"The principal upon which the matter proceeded to-day was the old one that where a statute imposes a duty on a public body, the performing a public duty at a particular time, the mere omission to perform such act at such time does not prevent individuals affected from obtaining redress by legal proceedings."

The order of Mr. Justice Irving fixing the date for the court of revision was also read. Application was made to Mr. Justice Irving yesterday morning by the city solicitors and the order was made.

Ald. Fell wanted to know why the delay occurred and who had been instructed to bring the matter before the courts.

Mayor Morley informed the council that there had been an oversight in regard to advertising in the papers. It had not been advertised until Wednesday January 23rd, at a particular time, the mere omission to perform such act at such time does not prevent individuals affected from obtaining redress by legal proceedings."

"What about our own solicitor?" inquired Ald. Fell.

City Solicitor Mann explained that he had not been consulted on the matter until after Mr. Taylor's opinion had been secured.

His Worship then made reference to various reports which had received evidence in some quarters to the effect that the delay was a ruse to prevent the objections being made against certain names on the lists. He wished to give an unqualified denial to such reports.

Ald. Fullerton also declared that no member of the court of revision had attempted to block the proceedings.

Ald. Hanna then remarked: "Then the medal goes to Ald. Fullerton, as he seems to have had charge of the matter."

7,000 OUT OF WORK.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—The South Chicago plant of the Illinois Steel Company, employing 7,000 men will be shut down until after the holidays.

Tug Petrel Returns to Port After Laying Cables—Several Miles Established

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WINDING UP OF YEAR'S BUSINESS

OAK BAY COUNCIL HELD ITS MEETING

Boat Club Asks for Privileges on Waterfront—Arranging for Election.

If suitable arrangements can be made the polling for the Oak Bay municipal election will take place in a shed on the premises of Mr. Richards, alongside his new store at the corner of Monto-ry avenue and Oak Bay avenue.

The clerk was instructed at last night's meeting of the Oak Bay council, to try to make arrangements to that end in order to make it convenient for everyone to turn out to vote.

A public meeting of the electors will take place early in January at a date to be set when the council holds its last meeting on January 6th. At that meeting the public accounts will be read and the members of the old council will give a general account of their stewardship.

The voter's list is being prepared by the clerk and copies will be printed and placed at convenient places in each ward for the voters to be able to examine it before the court of revision sits on the 11th of January. The election will be held on the 18th, nomination on the 15th.

Councillor Henderson has given notice of a motion to the effect that the council shall purchase the property at the Old Men's Home for which negotiations were opened some time ago.

The councillor does not state for what purpose the property would be used if purchased. He will probably explain the matter when the motion comes up at the next meeting.

Frederick and Mary Pauline were, asking the council to open the road to their property and that of a number of others who have been using what they call an alley for a long time, and which is now blocked up with beach wood. This was referred to the roads committee for report.

It was arranged that the council should meet on the new municipal grounds on Friday morning at 9:30 for the purpose of selecting a suitable spot on which to build the new municipal hall and stables.

The regular business of the council having been completed, the petition presented by the clerk signed by 49 property holders in the municipality and headed by John Virtue asking for certain privileges for a boating club which it is proposed to launch. The performing a public duty at a particular time, the mere omission to perform such act at such time does not prevent individuals affected from obtaining redress by legal proceedings."

"To the Reeve and Councillors of the Municipality of Oak Bay, 'Sir,—We the undersigned residents and ratepayers of Oak Bay, beg to petition you as follows: '1. That you will grant permission to a club, to be known as the 'Oak Bay Boat Club,' to remove the boat house owned by Mr. Virtue, to a point inside Turky head.

"2. To have the use of a piece of land as a site for said boat house, boating landing, and runway, and free access to the same over municipal lands.

"3. To allow club property to be free from taxation.

"The objects of the club are as follows: (a) To provide much needed conveniences for the public and residents of Oak Bay, in addition to providing similar conveniences for club members.

"(b) To provide a club house with accommodation for the storing of boats, canoes, etc.

"(c) To provide a floating landing for the convenience of club members, and for the public under club regulations.

"(d) To supply boats for hire by members or the public.

"(e) To provide a runway for the convenient handling of boats to and from the water and the boat house.

"(f) To put down moorings for the convenience of members and the public.

"(g) To provide a caretaker at a regular salary, to look after the property of the club, and of its members, also to care for boats left at the club premises.

"(h) To raise a revenue for the purpose of conducting the club by charging membership fees, and also by charging fees, for the storing and taking care of boats, canoes, yachts, launches and for the rental of boats to the members and the public.

"We see fit to grant the above concessions, the boat club will guarantee to improve the building and keep it in good repair, and to keep the grounds neat and clean, so that the good landing place available at all stages of the tide.

"The boat club is being formed to overcome these difficulties, and will be an added inducement to residents to make their homes permanently at Oak Bay, and an added attraction to visitors staying in the municipality."

The request was supported by Councillor Newton, who in a long and forcible speech, pictured the advantages which would accrue to the municipality. He was emphatic in stating that the club had no intention of making one saw the dead dogs. Mr. Alkman pleaded for the defence

The greatest gathering of renowned singers that Canada has ever known will be seen in this country next autumn, according to the plan now being outlined in the shires of England.

Dr. Charles A. E. Harris, formerly director of the McGill University Conservatorium of Music, has been in England for some months and has extended invitations to leading musical organizations to send delegations to visit the Dominion. The plan is an extensive one, and to bring the various parts of Canada one of the Allan Steamships will be chartered. Sailings from Glasgow on October 24th next, something over a fortnight will be spent in this country, during which time the people of the leading cities of the coast will have an opportunity to hear the talented musicians and singers of the Old Land.

The following cablegram has been received by His Excellency the Governor-General from the Sheffield Musical Organization, one of the foremost musical organizations of the North of England: "To His Excellency Earl Grey, Governor-General of Canada. 'Lord Mayor of Sheffield and three hundred members of the Sheffield Musical Union, assembled, send respectful greetings to Your Excellency and ask to accept Dr. Harris' invitation to visit Canada next October and sing for kindness beyond the seas.

"HARRY PARKER MARSH, 'Lord Mayor of Sheffield.'

SUSPENDED SENTENCE. O'Brien and Vernon Found Guilty of Breaching Cargo on Princess May.

John Edward Vernon and William O'Brien were this morning allowed out on suspended sentence by Judge Lampman, the crown counsel, George Morphy, acquiescing in the judgment. They were allowed out on their own recognisances to come up for judgment when called upon.

The case was tried yesterday and the accused were found guilty, but as they have already been in prison for six weeks, and they have previously borne the best of characters, it was thought by the judge that no good purpose could be served by keeping the men in prison. They were given a warning, and a statement was made by the judge that if any other cases should come before him of a similar nature he would deal very severely with them. The law makes the offence of cargo breaching a very serious offence, the extreme penalty being 14 years with hard labor.

In the evidence yesterday, which was very similar to that given in the police court, everything pointed to the men having taken the liquor, although no one saw the dead dogs. Mr. Alkman pleaded for the defence

ARREST MADE IN TRUNK MYSTERY

MYSTERIOUS NEW YORK TRAGEDY REVIVED

Grim Story of Murdered Armenian Priest—Sarkasian Tells of Discovering Body.

New York, Dec. 21.—Paul Sarkasian, in whose room in West Thirteenth street the body of Father Kasper Vatorian, a murdered Armenian priest, was found on May 26th last, was arrested last night.

Sarkasian returned to the United States five days ago from Marseilles, to which city he fled after the murder. He was later arrested there, but as no notion looking to his extradition was taken was released.

Recently he told the police he was told at the United States consulate at Marseilles that he could safely return to the United States.

Father Vatorian was murdered presumably for the money he carried, though some found a connection between his death and the political ideas he had promulgated. The body was placed in a trunk and left in a furnished room occupied by Sarkasian and John Morrodian.

Sarkasian, who is 23 years of age, last night denied complicity in the murder. He said that he was employed in a restaurant at the time. On the night of May 22nd he went to his room and there found the trunk containing the priest's body. It had been brought to the room after he had left that morning. He found a key and opened the trunk, recognizing the body of the priest.

He remained in the room all night, but Morrodian did not return. The next day, fearing that suspicion would be directed towards him, he left for Montreal. From there he sailed for Europe. While in Montreal Sarkasian said he communicated with his brother-in-law, Manoghassian, at 40 Grande Street, Providence, R. I., who sent him \$120.

ENLARGED FIELD. Consul Smith Will Have Charge of All Vancouver Island Consular Work.

On January 1st United States Consul Smith will commence his eleventh year of office in Victoria and will, for the first time since assuming the local consulate, have full control of the consular work on Vancouver Island.

The Cumberland consulate office, in charge of Geo. W. Clifton, was formerly under the control of Colonel Edwin Dudley, United States consul in Port Morien (Glouce Bay), the Nova Scotia station, have been conducting a series of tests to ascertain the actual speed of wireless transmission. Monday afternoon, the wireless station at Clifton, and 4 p. m. in London.

A message from Port Morien was received and deciphered in Clifton and a reply via the same wire was transmitted to Clifton in exactly two minutes. These figures are supplied by a Clifton correspondent. A Port Morien correspondent, in a message also sent by wireless (and which went from Port Morien to London in a little over an hour), supplements the account of the test by saying:

"Grand success of test. I sent a message to the respondent at Clifton and received a reply in five minutes. Mr. Marconi complains of trouble with the land wires. Everything working splendidly."

The test message referred to was despatched from Port Morien at 11:40 a. m. (3:40 p. m. English time), and, though it reached Clifton in the time above indicated, did not reach London until 4:23 p. m. This would seem to justify Mr. Marconi's complaint of the slowness of the land wires on both sides.

As part from the tests, the Port Morien correspondent sent a news message of seventy-three words relating to the Newfoundland fisheries. Dispatched at 2 p. m. (Greenwich time), it reached Clifton at 2:27 p. m., and London at 3:12 p. m.

NEW YORK XMAS BUSINESS. New York, Dec. 24.—That the Christmas business this year will be smaller than it was last year is admitted by most dealers in New York. The crowds are larger than the oldest dealer has ever seen, but the people are spending less money.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Articles of agreement between the British and German admirals in respect to intervention in a British protectorate, troops in that were common British officer.

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ANGRY MOB STORMS CHINESE QUARTERS

Sudden Outbreak of Racial Antipathy in Lethbridge—Restaurant Windows Smashed—Crowd Dispersed by Mounted Police

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TWO SUSPECTED OF GRIM GREYNA CRIME

Circumstantial Evidence Points to Negroes Having Done to Death Fred Leclair.

Gretna, Dec. 24.—The preliminary trial of the men suspected of murdering...

The preliminary hearing revealed some startling circumstantial evidence...

The white prisoner had no money about him when found, but the negro had concealed in his shoe...

A few days ago reference was made in the local press to an old mine...

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WIN FOR ESQUIMALT.

Three Goals to Nil Result of Game Against H. M. S. Egeria.

Despite the stormy weather Christmas morning the Esquimalt and Egeria...

The Esquimalt team did not seem to be in good condition. Referee Brown, however...

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PREMIER FOUGHT BLOODLESS DUEL

Hungarian Minister Refutes Allegation of Dishonesty by Colleague at Point of Sword

Budapest, Dec. 23.—Dr. Wekerle, the Hungarian premier, and former Minister of Justice...

Dr. Wekerle proved his superiority as a swordsman in both the bouts that were fought. He broke down his opponent's guard and dealt him harmless blows with the tip of his sword.

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WHEN BRITAIN SOUGHT GERMAN AID

Oversea Possessions See Far More of Foreign Warships Than Those Flying White Ensign

The Berlin correspondent of the London Standard sends particulars of an incident at Zanzibar which he says has made a considerable impression not only on the natives of that place...

Some time ago, he writes, before the Sultan of Zanzibar left for England, the soldiers of the imperial bodyguard...

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FIVE FEET OF ORE.

Opening Up of Gum Claim at Head of Cariboo Creek.

Messrs. Nordquist and Rugee came down the first of the week from the head of Cariboo creek, a tributary of South Fork, where they have been pushing development on a number of claims during the summer and fall, says the Kaslo Kootenian.

Before quitting operations for the winter they had the satisfaction of striking the lead through a cross-cut tunnel on the Gum claim and finding therein five feet of high grade dry ore.

Most of this season's work has been confined to this "property. A cross-cut was started in the summer and the successful outcome was quite pleasing to the fortunate owners and all who have belief in the mineral resources of the South Fork.

The ore is very high grade and will run close to 200 ounces silver to the ton. All of the claims in the neighborhood are of a similar nature. When work was left off last week, enough drifting had not been done to determine the extent of the find, but judging from the surface indications the deposit is likely to prove quite extensive.

Messrs. Nordquist and Rugee have been looking for the winter and will return in the early spring for the purpose of prosecuting further active development. They look upon their South Fork holdings as extremely valuable, and have just had raised their estimation of the property considerably.

It is his intention to return to Victoria in the spring.

MURDEROUS ASSAULT. Morris, Man. Dec. 26.—The man Latham on whom J. C. Badger made the murderous assault on Dec. 12th, is now slowly recovering. It is doubtful if it will be able to attend at the Winnipeg court on Dec. 27th. His recovery was considered doubtful by many who saw him, but it is now hoped that he will recover.

TO EXCAVATE HERCULEANUM. New York, Dec. 24.—A dispatch from Rome to the Times says the Italian government announces that the excavation of the buried city of Herculeanum will begin at once. The work will be carried out by the Italian government with Italian funds and the advice of eminent foreign archaeologists will be gratefully accepted.

PICTURE THEATRE AFIRE. Brandon, Man. Dec. 28.—A fire in a picture theatre here last night destroyed the moving picture machine and three sets of films.

PROPOSED BOATING CLUB FOR OAK BAY

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THE REPORT OF MR. ADAMS.

The long-expected final report of Water Expert Adams has arrived. In part all the material upon which his deductions are based is not yet available, but it is the conclusions and recommendations that will study with the greatest amount of interest.

Mr. Adams sets forth the essential facts as gleaned by him from the data supplied by the officials of the corporation. They are brought out so clearly that the wayfaring man without expert knowledge may thoroughly comprehend them. He estimates that with an expenditure of approximately a million dollars an improvement of various kinds sufficient water for the fifty-eight thousand people may be drawn from Elk Lake. This estimate is contingent upon the metering of all services. It would provide for a draft of not quite three million gallons of water per day, an increase in capacity of less than one million gallons per day.

If we are not satisfied with Elk Lake we are told we can tap the Highland District of five million gallons per day, the estimate of the storage capacity of the scheme in the year of minimum rainfall, at a cost of between nine hundred thousand and one million dollars. There is Goldstream also as an alternative proposition. Five million gallons of water can be procured from there at a cost of less than half a million dollars and delivered into the present distribution system of the city. The courts have decided that we cannot touch the waters of Goldstream except under an arrangement with the Esquimat Water Works Company, so that to this estimate must be added the price placed by that company upon its property, modified by the value of that property as a power proposition and also by the fact that as the city grows in population an additional eight million gallons of water can be procured as it is required.

The cost of tapping Sooke Lake is considerably less, under Mr. Adams's estimate, than was anticipated by the average man, expert or inexperienced. Five million gallons per diem may be delivered to consumers from this great natural reservoir for about one million one hundred thousand dollars. The capacity of the lake, is estimated at twenty-three million gallons, sufficient for the requirements of a city larger than Victoria is likely to be within the lifetime of the present generation.

The matter is now finally and definitely in the hands of the aldermen primarily and of the ratepayers ultimately. The whole is obviously between Elk Lake and Sooke Lake, unless the terms of the proprietors of the Goldstream works shall be considerably modified. But it is clear that if Elk Lake be adhered to, some provision ought to be made, as recommended by Mr. Adams, against the day when the present source of supply will be insufficient for requirements. Victoria is certainly going to grow in population. Inside of twenty years, even at the present rate of progress, she will have outgrown the capacity of Elk Lake, with all the undesirable restrictions that can be placed upon water consumption.

WORK FOR A TRUE IMPERIALIST.

English newspapers intimate that there is a prospect of Mr. Chamberlain, the militant apostle of the Empire, returning to the political fighting line. It is said the member for Birmingham has all but recovered his health and is disposed to again take his place in Parliament and stir the members out of their constitutional lethargy by delivering some of his fighting speeches. We fear there cannot be any very substantial foundation for this hope. Mr. Chamberlain is an old man even for a British statesman. He can hardly be expected to be restored to the vigor of body and of mind for which he was noted a few years ago. But he would be useful in the House of Commons at the present time. The Imperial government seems disposed to attempt to avenge the scheme for a line of steamships of the first class connecting Great Britain, Canada and Australia, although its representatives in the last Imperial conference signified their acquiescence in the resolution of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, that reasonable excuse there can be for such indifference in view of the enormous subsidy given the Cunard Line for the purpose of maintaining means of swift communication with the United States passes comprehension. There Australia threatens that unless something is done to provide for the carriage of mails and passengers over an Imperial route she will subsidize a line giving the colony connection with San Francisco. That will mean the virtual establishment of a direct line between Great Britain and

Australia through the United States. How any government could justify such a thing to a sane Parliament must pass mere colonial comprehension. It certainly cannot be considered as a means towards the promotion of Imperial solidarity. The government is in dire need of an advocate endowed with both imagination and enthusiasm to stir it up and inspire it with the colonial feeling which it seems to regard with something closely approaching contempt.

Discussing the possibility of the re-appearance of Mr. Chamberlain in Parliament an English newspaper says: "Mr. Chamberlain's keenest political opponents will unite in hoping that the aged statesman may, indeed, find it possible to return to the fighting line next session; his is a figure greatly missed in the House of Commons. Yet we are not sure that the great career would be enhanced by an immense strain on health and strength, without perhaps altering the position of parties. If the prolonged rest has entirely restored the patient to a former vigor, then surely he will receive a welcome equally cordial from friend and foe. But the whirlpool of politics cannot wait upon the necessities of imperfect health, and it would be lamentable if a splendid reputation for alert dialectics and courageous debate—now undimmed—were to be risked by the desire to fan the flames of Tariff Reform for a few months longer. Than Mr. Chamberlain no man has better earned that affectionate regard which is invariably extended by all parties to statesmen who enjoy the leisure that comes from a great day's work—valiantly accomplished amidst the strife of tongues. That reward may be more precious than the fascination of another bout in the always dusty and disappointing arena."

EASTERN PROBLEMS.

Persia, like Russia, has been granted a constitution. The Persians, like the Russians, do not appear to know exactly what to do with such an unaccustomed luxury as a constitution now they have got it. They are threatening a revolution in order that the provisions of their constitution may be made effective. The Shah, like the Czar, appears to have repented of his decision to give his people a word or two to say about the government of their country. It must be explained for the benefit of his sublime majesty the present Shah, however, that he was not consulted about the extension of the constitutional principles of government to Persia. That decision was reached by his predecessor when in retreat. Probably the late Shah was not in a condition of mind to correctly estimate the outcome of his suddenly assumed generosity or liberality. The present ruler of the Persians evidently desires to go back to the old time-honored or dishonored customs of his royal forbears. Perhaps he thinks his people should not be entrusted with any of the responsibilities of government, or otherwise, is better for them under present circumstances and until, like the Russians, they can be educated up to their job. That is the excuse the Czar makes for his dissatisfaction with the various Dumas which have been summoned to assist him in the perplexing task of governing a people of very embarrassing ideas respecting their rights and their liberties. We notice that his Majesty of Russia has threatened his third Duma with dissolution unless it accepts his ideas with respect to expenditures on the navy. Sarcastic people may say that the old navy did not behave itself so valiantly that any just reason can be given for the imposition of special taxation for the creation of a new one. But the advocates of a progressive naval policy have plenty of answers to such an impudent observation as that. The members of the third Duma ought to be mightily well pleased if nothing worse happens to them than dissolution. Fragments of former Dumas have been sentenced by an irresponsible judiciary to exile and hard labor in the mines of Siberia, where the climate is just a trifle harder than that of Vancouver Island. We fear these impossible people of the East are a stiff-necked generation. They have never accustomed themselves to constitutional liberties. As it was with them in the beginning, so it is to-day. The despots who have been ordained by providence, or some other power, to rule over them, evidently believe they are temperamentally unfitted for self-government. Perhaps the denunciation might not be justified if they were given a fair chance. The time when they will be given such an opportunity seems to be very remote, judging by the disposition of the Shah and the Czar. What about India and Egypt? That is another story.

IN THE HANDS OF THE SPOILERS.

The McBride government has, at the eleventh hour, placed a reserve upon all the timber lands of the province which have not already passed into the hands of speculators. The opposition press has been urging for months that some action should be taken to protect the natural wealth of the public. But the administration turned a deaf ear, doubtless for reasons which will become evident in due time. In another column will be found a letter from "Watchman" which contains a fairly accurate estimate of the situation. Of course the decision of the government is hailed by its newspaper supporters as an evidence of the all but supreme wisdom and regard for the welfare of

the people which has characterized its career from the beginning. Now that sufficient revenue is guaranteed from the timber of the province, the time is opportune to pull a veto upon further speculation—at least until such time as the hangings-on of the administration have disposed of their holdings at enhanced prices. But, as everyone who has paid attention to the movements of the past couple of years knows, millions of dollars which under a wise direction of affairs ought to have passed into the treasury of the province have actually been diverted into the pockets of private individuals. That fact in itself—and it is a fact which there is no gainsaying—is a sufficient commentary on the policy of the government.

Neither the time nor the season is opportune for adequate comment upon the matter. Later on we hope to have the opportunity of making the facts clear, in order that the public may be awakened to a full understanding of what the power to bind and to loose means in the hands of such a band of ruthless exploiters.

SIGNIFICANCE OF BYE-ELECTIONS.

Let us consider—how long a time it is since we were told in all gravity that the time of the single stray of the Colchester, N. S., was an infallible sign of the direction of the political wind? Of course the political unbeliever laughed at the deductions drawn from Colchester and pointed out that it had been since the consummation of the Canadian Confederation a Conservative seat, and had probably only been carried by a Liberal at the general election because the Conservative candidate, Mr. Gourlay, was a very weak man and his opponent an exceptionally strong one. There have been elections since Colchester. Shall we apply the same methods of deduction to them for the purpose of estimating the trend of political sentiment in the Dominion? If the system is fair in the one case, it cannot be anything but fair in the other. A few days ago a bye-election was held in Labelle, to fill the place left vacant by the retirement of Mr. Bourassa. The Conservative party looked upon Henri Bourassa as their strong ally, although he sometimes strove every way months to convince to pronounce some of their economic "bibbleths." They did not attempt to constrain Labelle, which they manifestly ought to have done if they were anxious to prove to the public that the political tide was running strongly with them. They permitted the Liberal candidate to be returned by acclamation. Was this a sign of increasing decrepitude or of waxing strength? A seat in Ottawa was also vacant, due to the translation of Mr. Belcourt to the Senate. Here was a chance to prove the growing strength of the conservative sentiment right in the heart of Canada. Mr. Caron, the Liberal candidate, was elected by between three and four thousand of a majority. Ottawa had not hitherto been considered a Liberal stronghold. Does the case of Ottawa also indicate the trend of the political breeze? Centre York became great personal popularity and some of its late member to the upper chamber. Centre York is a part of the Tory stronghold of Toronto, although there is sufficient reason to believe that the result in these three constituencies but the obvious one that in the portions of the country where the Laurier government is strong it is increasing in strength, while in the sections where Conservative influence is supposed to be strongest its hold upon the public has not weakened in the slightest degree.

FEATHERED CHORISTERS.

In all candor it must be confessed that yesterday was not a day to inspire enthusiasm for outdoor exercises. At times the wind blew fiercely, driving furies of rain which was by no means gentle upon the face of the pedestrian bent upon working up an appetite for his Christmas dinner. Yet, although the weather bore no resemblance to that experienced in Victoria on a day in June, the spirits of the choir which has made itself quite at home, apparently, in the fields at the rear of the Jubilee Hospital were not daunted one whit. Whether it was the spirit of Christmas that was upon them, or whether they realized by some mysterious promptings, as wild creatures which have no scientific apparatus for measuring the courses of the planets, sometimes apparently do, that the sun had turned the corner and was coming back, bringing with him the season of song and of love and of hopekeeping duties, the skylarks were circling beneath the lowering, black clouds in an alien sky, singing their carols with an heartiness of voice and a fullness of tone which portend sweet music for all who care to listen when spring comes in due season. Now when these outwardly unattractive strangers just outside our city gates are heard tuning up in the very depths of a Vancouver Island winter's day, it may safely be assumed that they are in a fairly healthy condition mentally and physically. They are not as the swan, which is popularly and therefore erroneously, reputed to sing its sweetest song at the very moment of

dissolution, or as the human poet, whose "best things" are inspired by soul tribulation. No; the skylarks are evidently of the opinion of every other sentient being who has had the fortune to visit these shores—that their lot has been cast, albeit possibly against their will, in a very desirable place indeed. They are doing well, and unless they spread themselves abroad over the land more than they appear to be inclined at present to do, there will soon be a sharp demand for residential sites around the spot they have made their abiding-place.

TROUBLES OF DESPOTISMS.

The Empress of China has told her hundreds of millions of subjects that if they but have patience they will be granted a constitution. The business of bestowing constitutions is becoming quite popular with despotic sovereigns. First the Czar said he would and did grant his people the right to govern themselves. In practice the scheme of his Majesty has not worked out quite satisfactorily, principally because the throne reserves the right to do certain things and more also to the Russians in case they refuse to govern themselves as he and his advisers think they ought to be governed. The bestowal of a constitution has cost many of the Moujiks and the superiors of the Moujiks who sympathize with popular aspirations their lives and their liberties. Consequently the price of liberty in Russia is going to be great tribulation, suffering and death. Liberty in countries where tyranny and oppression and spoliation have been the rule for centuries cannot be bought with a mere paper constitution. What is true of Russia applies to Persia also, whose people have lately been endowed with a paper constitution by the royal Shah. His Persian Majesty evidently thought his people were going to take his constitution and parliament too seriously—as something implying a political revolution—so the hereditary ruler has taken steps to set their minds right upon the subject. He has put bounds to his constitution and purposes proving that he is not bound by it to any greater extent than his arbitrary will dictates. But his predecessor in the very act of granting a constitution released forces which will continue to work until something of the sequence happens in Persia, and that something the throne will not regard as precisely in harmony with the idea of the royal prerogative. The Chinese, who have been promised a constitution, are in many respects a slow moving people, as they are an eminently patient people. By and by, to use an expression exceedingly popular with them, they will want to know how their constitution is getting along and how soon it may be expected to come forth ready for active business. Although they do not appear to be greatly affected by political movements which affect them only extraneously, we who know them realize that they are subject, like the rest of mankind, to the influences of environment. They will soon demand a voice in the management of their vast empire, and when hundreds of millions of people demand reforms as with one voice more or less united, how long will the comparatively few of the ruling classes be in a position to effectively resist the thunder of such a grand chorus? A political earthquake appears to be pending in Asia, of which Russia is of course one of the principal powers.

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FEW AMERICAN SHIPS.

In a report on the shipping of Hull, England, United States Consul Walter C. Hamm directs attention to the disappearance of American shipping at that port as follows: "Among the 25,000 or more ships that have entered the Humber river ports during the past seven years, there has been only one ship of American registration. This was the barque Homeward Bound, from San Francisco, loaded with barley, which reached Hull in March, 1906. In the years from 1885 to 1900, both inclusive, at least one American ship in the seven and a half years from April 1900 to October, 1907, only the one ship of American register has entered the Humber river. No more striking evidence of this probably can be given of the decadence of the American merchant marine. Regular lines of steamship run from Hull to New York and Boston. Another line to Galveston touches at Grimsby, the second port on the Humber river. Chance steamships also run frequently to Philadelphia, Norfolk, Savannah, New Orleans and Galveston. Not one of them, however, of the American flag. The trade must be profitable or it would not be



TANGO MARU IN PORT.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Tango Maru reached quarantine last night after a pleasant trip from Yokohama and docked this morning at the outer wharf. For this port she had 96 Japanese, 1 Hindu, 9 Russians and 2 Chinese. The Russians decided to continue their journey to Seattle on the steamship, and did not land. For Seattle there were 14 Japanese and 6 Chinese.

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The Tango had 22 saloon passengers, four of them landing here. They were Mr. Sherwood, a California mining expert, who has been looking over some property in China for an American company; S. Friss, well known in this city, who has returned to Victoria from Holland, bringing his sister, Miss E. F. Friss, and T. J. Thorpe, an Englishman who has resided for several years in northern China, and is about to join his brother in Vancouver.

Among the other saloon passengers was A. S. Mihara, who has, for a number of years, been head agent for the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line in Hongkong. Mr. Mihara has been sent to this continent to look into the railway connections afforded by the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railway, the American agents for the N. Y. K. After studying the situation Mr. Mihara will either report in person or by mail to the headquarters of the steamship line at Kobe. He will then take up the post of general agent for the company at New York or Chicago.

Mr. Newhouse, an expert buyer of Oriental goods and agent for a Seattle firm, was also a messenger. He brought with him several hundred tons of merchandise. After unloading nearly two hundred tons of freight at the outer wharf the Tango will leave this evening for Seattle.

GREETINGS BY WIRELESS.

Constrained by duty to be absent from the festive boards of their homes and to spend Christmas day in wintry loneliness off the West Coast, Capt. Hackett and the officers of the G. S. Quadra yet found a way to convey expressions of felicity to their relatives and friends in Victoria yesterday. The Dominion government wireless stations at Pachena Point, which place the Quadra touched, and at Gonzales Hill, Victoria, together with the Pacific coast steamship Governor, New York-Steamer Company, made possible the transmission of the following message: "Pachena, B. C., via S. S. Governor, to wireless station at Victoria. Capt. Hackett and the officers of the Dominion government steamship Quadra wish their families and friends in Victoria a Merry Christmas, by wireless."

This message was received from Pachena by the Governor while the vessel was off the Oregon coast, and was transmitted to Victoria. The recent storm having disorganized the telegraph service it was only possible to reach this city by means of the wireless service.

The Governor also acted as intermediary station for the following exchange of greetings between the Pachena and Gonzales Hill wireless operators: "Messrs. Haughton and Hughes, Dominion government wireless station, Gonzales Hill, Victoria. Messrs. Madigan and Thompson, Pachena wireless station, wish you both a very merry Christmas and falling something stronger, drink your health in rain-water."

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JAPS FROM HONOLULU.

"Another effort is to be made to divert Japanese labor from here to Canada," says the Hawaiian Gazette, Honolulu. "A new scheme is being formulated to this end, and a steamer, it is stated on the best of authority, has been chartered to leave here in January."

The same people are engineering this scheme who chartered the Kumeric after her arrival here with Spaniards, and took the several hundred Japanese to Vancouver, whose experiences with show money and in landing were published all over the world. The plans for this new exodus are being exploited more or less carefully and quietly among the Japanese.

The name of one Horuchi appears at the head of the enterprise, although among the Japanese it is conjectured that Maruyama, Charles Chillingworth's Japanese factotum, is at the bottom of the management and arrangement for the scheme. The same hotels and hotelkeepers were seen in the Kumeric scheme are in this. The names are as follows: Higoya, Sakaiya, Shinsuya, Kimmamoto, Onomichi, Chikushiku, Kyushuya, Onomichi, Komatsuya, Ashikaku, Fukukaya.

All the reports from British Columbia show that conditions so far as the Japanese are concerned are bad. It is winter there, and many industries are stopped. So well known are these facts that undoubtedly the Japanese consul general here and all the Japanese papers will oppose the scheme to the extent of their ability.

AMERICA'S FINEST YACHT.

According to a dispatch from New York C. K. G. Billing's new turbine yacht Vanadis, which is being built at Ramage & Ferguson's yard at Leith, Scotland, will be completed and ready for delivery in the middle of February.



COAST CHARTER MARKET.

Another reduction has taken place during the week in the grain freight market. One spot steamer at San Francisco has been taken at a reported figure of 20s, but an additional one was taken at the same time at 28s 9d, together with a sailer (to arrive at the same time) on the steamship, and did not land. For Seattle there were 14 Japanese and 6 Chinese.

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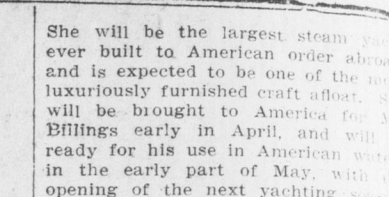
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With a tale of hardship and privation that adds another chapter to the romance of the sea, Mateo, French Morrison, of the long-lost boat, the Alexander Quebec, arrived at his home in Southampton, L. I., in time for Christmas, says a New York message. The boat, which was wrecked in the near the equator and the crew put in two boats. One of the boats, in which was Mateo Morrison, was blown to sea, and he and four others remained for five months until they were rescued by a sloop manned by the sailors who were put off from the house in the other boat, and who finally reached the mainland. During this time they lived on turtles and lizards, and all the water they had was from a small brackish spring.

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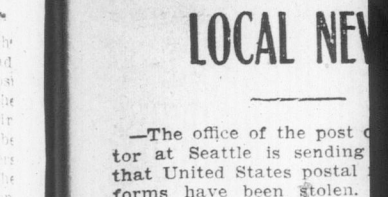
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BLANCHARD—At residence, Craigflower road, on the 16th inst., H. S. Blanchard, a native of Devonshire, England, aged 44 years.

LEWIS—At St. Joseph's hospital, of typhoid fever, on Thursday, at 2 o'clock, Chas. W. Lee, aged 34, of Birmingham, England.

FOR REEBE To the Electors of the Municipality of the District of Saanich. Ladies and Gentlemen.—At the request of a number of electors I have the pleasure of announcing myself as a candidate for Reeve at the forthcoming municipal election, and so solicit your votes and influence.

TEES TO RESUME SERVICE. The overhauling of the C. P. R. west coast steamship Tees has been completed, and she will be floated this afternoon from the Victoria Machinery Depot yards. The Tees will resume her schedule sailing on the west coast upon the Amur's return from Cape Scott, sailing for Ahousat on January 1st.

QUADRUPLETS. Multiform Christmas Present of Virginia Woman to Her Husband. Richmond, Va., Dec. 24.—The Christmas present of Mrs. William Luck, of Richmond, to her husband-to-day, says a special of the News-Leader, was two boys and two girls, all doing well.

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CHANGE IN TIMBER LAWS OF PROVINCE

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The provincial government is evolving a new policy with respect to the timber lands. This is nothing new. Hon. F. J. Fulton, the chief commissioner of lands and works, advised a reporter this morning that a change of the timber laws had been for a long time contemplated by the government, and that an order in council passed yesterday would give the government time to develop its policy with respect to the timber lands.

MAYOR'S STORIES OBJECTED TO

ALD. HANNA TAKES EXCEPTION TO THEM

He Explained to City Council Why He Opposed the Chief Magistrate.

Replete with worthy encounters as last night's council meeting was, the liveliest occurred during a discussion of the motion regarding the improvement of transportation facilities between Mayor Morley and Ald. Hanna. In response to a query, Ald. Hanna stated the chief magistrate of telling stories which not only bordered on the vulgar but were absolutely indecent. The incident arose from the mayor asking whether or not the (Ald. Hanna) had gone to the city solicitor's office and taken away a map, the property of the city.

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Law and Order Has no Part in Campaign of United Irish League.

A cable to the New York Herald from London says that Ireland is in a state of extreme agitation, and that the police describe their experiences as the worst since the 1840s. The United Irish League is doing its best to stamp out the cattle industry by "cattle driving," and the sport of hunting as well, and in the scurrilousness which take place both police and people get broken heads.

NEW POLITICAL PARTY IN U. S.

Platform to be Issued by Thomas W. Lawson—Roosevelt Again for Presidency.

New York, Dec. 24.—Thomas W. Lawson, of Boston, who on last Tuesday called on President Roosevelt at the White House and who subsequently said he would "probably make a statement to the public within a few days," will, according to an interview published by the World yesterday, soon launch a new political party.

ROOSEVELT AS PEACEMAKER

Berlin, Dec. 24.—The leading article which appears in the Deutsche Tageszeitung this morning, and which bears as the caption "Roosevelt as Peacemaker," rejoices in the president's efforts to secure peace in the South American republics. The article recognizes the cessation of revolution and wars in these regions as of very great advantage to European, and especially to German, enterprises.

KAID MACLEAN'S RANSOM

According to a telegram from Tangier, the terms for the ransom of Kaid Sir Harry Maclean have been definitely fixed with his captor Raisul. The indemnity to be paid will be \$150,000, and England will advance it to the Maghzen in order to secure an early release. The confiscated property in Tangier will be returned to Raisul, as well as the captured women connected with his household. Raisul will be allowed to reside in future, where he pleases, with certain exceptions, under the protection of Great Britain, but he has been warned that such protection will be withdrawn on the least unwise action on the part of his followers.

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CHINESE SOLDIERS MUTINY

Officers Murdered in Manchuria—Troops in Pursuit.

Vladivostok, Dec. 23.—News has come in here of the mutiny, a fortnight ago, of a detachment of Chinese soldiers near Alguon, on the Amur river, in Manchuria. The men murdered their officers and started on a march in the direction of Tsitsihar, pillaging villages and robbing Chinese and Russian caravans on their way. A force of 500 cavalrymen, together with some artillery, were sent in pursuit, and yesterday met the mutineers, who numbered 500 men, and engaged them near Morgehen. The encounter was not a bloodless one, however, for the insurgents turned toward Tsitsihar by another route.

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SPORTING NEWS

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL. BAYS WIN CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Fifth Regiment developed unusual strength in the game against the J. B. A. yesterday by taking on several old timers, but in spite of this they were unable to make a win of it, the Bays getting the only goal scored. This gives the Bays the championship of the city.

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VERY DRASTIC. In connection with the discussion which has taken place in regard to amateur and professional players the following letter received by J. G. Brown from F. J. Wall, secretary of the English Football Association should prove of exceptional interest.

"Dear Sir,—I am pleased to receive your letter of the 25th November. Our rules (rule 28) a copy of which I send you herewith, defines a professional football player as follows: "Any player registered with this association as a professional or receiving remuneration or consideration of any sort above his necessary expenses travelling expenses actually paid shall be considered to be a professional."

"The British Columbia Football Association will doubtless take steps to protect its members having regard to the rule of the Canadian Amateur Athletic Union.

"There are many of our university and public school men playing with the best professional clubs in England. The amateur status of these players is in no way affected by the fact that they play against professional clubs.

"I do not think I can state the matter more definitely than I have done but if you think I can be of further use please do not hesitate to write to me. Believe me, yours very truly, "F. J. WALL."

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MISCELLANEOUS. A SOUVENIR. A very fine souvenir record of the athletic year 1906-7 of the University of Pennsylvania is now on hand. The book is the half-toned illustrations which are of the very first order, especially those dealing with football.

RUFGY FOOTBALL. STARR JORDAN KNOWS. President David Starr Jordan, of Stanford University, in an address to the students of Occidental college, a few days ago, branded American football as "unethical, unchristian and unpatriotic," and endorsed Rugby football as the only game for American colleges.

THE RING. WANTS TO FIGHT BURNS. Jen Roche, of Wexford, the Irish champion, has for some time been in the news to challenge the winner of the Burns and Mohr fight—long before its consummation. The fact that Mr. Roche's backer, journeyed from London to London for the purpose of challenging Burns, and made a strenuous effort to publicly proclaim the fact in the National Sporting Club immediately after the contest. He was informed that challenges of this nature were not allowed in the club, and must be made through the sporting press.

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"TOUCH DOWN." HOCKEY. PRINCELY SALARIES RECEIVED. How would you like to be a hockey player? Immense salaries are being paid to puck-chasers in the eastern Canada Hockey League this season, and unless the game breaks all precedents as far as attendance and popularity go, some of the club backers will be nanaling around I. O. U. notes about eastern time. Salaries, in fact have soared higher than ever before, and one would hardly believe the high salaries the different clubs are going to pay their men.

LOCAL Y.M.C.A. LOSER. Owing largely to the absence of Bob White through illness, Victoria Y. M. C. A. Assessment Roll, with power to place a special or additional tax on vacant lands fronting or abutting on the water mains, and to choose a card; with careless generosity he spreads the pack before you in fanatical haste, with you make a selection; with gorgeous ostentation he disclaims any desire to influence your choice when you pause on your pack and draw it from the pack, does it not seem to you the very card you wanted? My dear sir, you did not choose that card, it was chosen for you. He knew all the time which you must take. Not the one you wanted, but the one he wanted to get rid of. It was a forced card.

THE ART OF ADVERTISING. It is really this art of advertising—the art of forcing the card. You have better practice in public man than in the "professor of the ledgerman," and possibly you have a better grasp of the business than the greatest blunderer who ever chose a card; with careless generosity he spreads the pack before you in fanatical haste, with you make a selection; with gorgeous ostentation he disclaims any desire to influence your choice when you pause on your pack and draw it from the pack, does it not seem to you the very card you wanted? My dear sir, you did not choose that card, it was chosen for you. He knew all the time which you must take. Not the one you wanted, but the one he wanted to get rid of. It was a forced card.

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To the current number of the Nineteenth Century Mr. J. B. Williams contributes an interesting article on the "Early History of London Advertising." It is an article curious not so much in London did not begin to practice that graceful art—since carried to such perfection in this country as to reflect the name of Scotland. Yet ancient Rome had its recognized media of publicity, and in an even earlier age Babylon heaved its towers into the air, telling it what it wanted and where it was sold. Elizabethan London could think of no better plan than to station its premises outside the shops with the cry "What d'ye lack?" Now this showed a remarkable ignorance of the underlying principle of all advertisement, which is no means consists in asking another fellow what he wants. Just the opposite.

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IMPRactical AIDS FOR ARTISTIC NEEDLEWOMEN

Chrysanthemum Design for Blouse

The little people of Japan have taught us the decorative value of the chrysanthemum for painting and embroidery. Indeed, to them we owe many of the finest natural blooms that brighten for us the last days of fall.

While it would be hard for us to rival the exquisite embroidery done by the Japanese, which is flawless on wrong as well as right side, we have borrowed from them many of our most effective designs for art needlework.

Especially is this so in the various adaptations of chrysanthemum motifs, which we have grown fond of using on lingerie, household linens and for purely decorative purposes.

One reason that most embroiderers enjoy working a chrysanthemum is that it is susceptible of so many different treatments. For instance, the lazy worker may merely outline the long and slender petals and jagged foliage of even so graceful a motif as the one given to-day, and yet have quite an effective blouse.

Or again, it may be done in shadow stitch, which, though somewhat past its first furore, is still in great favor for those who like results without undue effort.

If this method of working is selected, do the flowers in the shadow stitch and the foliage either in long or short stitch, with the veins done in outline, or with half the leaf padded and covered with satin stitch and the other side corded on the edge and filled in with seeding. The dots should also be worked in satin stitch.

The truly Japanese treatment of the chrysanthemum is to do both petals and foliage in Kensington stitch. This is the most difficult of all methods, as the proper slant of the stitches is hard to get.

The outer edge of the leaves should be worked first in alternate long and short stitch, the second row being set well up into them, so there may be no break in the smoothness. The Japanese do this so skillfully that it is almost impossible to tell the wrong side from the right;

but few Americans acquire this perfection of art.

A good rule to remember in acquiring proper stitch direction is to slant each stitch toward the heart of the flower. If shading is to be used, the Kensington work is by far the best treatment to choose, as much more natural effects can be gained and the colors be more deftly blended.

Another pretty variation is to do one petal of the chrysanthemum in satin stitch and the next in seeding. This,

many embroiderers think, gives a lighter and more airy look to the work than any other treatment.

But the best and most popular way to develop a chrysanthemum motif is along the lines shown in the photograph.

The petals and dots are heavily padded in chain stitch with darning cotton and worked in satin stitch. The lower half of each leaf is treated in the same way, while the upper portion is corded on the edge and filled in with seeding, which is nothing more than a small, even backstitch, set in rows at regular distances apart.

The stems may be outlined, corded or done in narrow French stem stitch, as is preferred.

The dots in the center may also be made of French knots or eyelets. Today's design is particularly desirable, as it is so arranged that it may be used for a shirtwaist that opens either in the front or back. The sprays are easily separated and applied on each side of a

box pleat. For heavy linens this seems the preferable treatment.

The waist opening behind is improved by a narrow pointed yoke of allover lace or of lace and Swiss insertion, set in horizontal rows. A few side pleats on the shoulder give extra fullness when necessary.

The collar and cuff motifs, after being embroidered, should be joined to the blouse by beading, or can have a row or two of lace insertion and new pleated frills as a finish.

When worked in white, as is the usual method for the sheer lingerie blouse, a rather fine mercerized cotton should be used. About one dozen skeins will be necessary.

This motif would be particularly effective, carried out in the dull blues so much seen in the real Japanese embroidery. Three or four tones of blue should be used and the design executed in Kensington stitch.

The design, as given on this page, is but one-half working size.



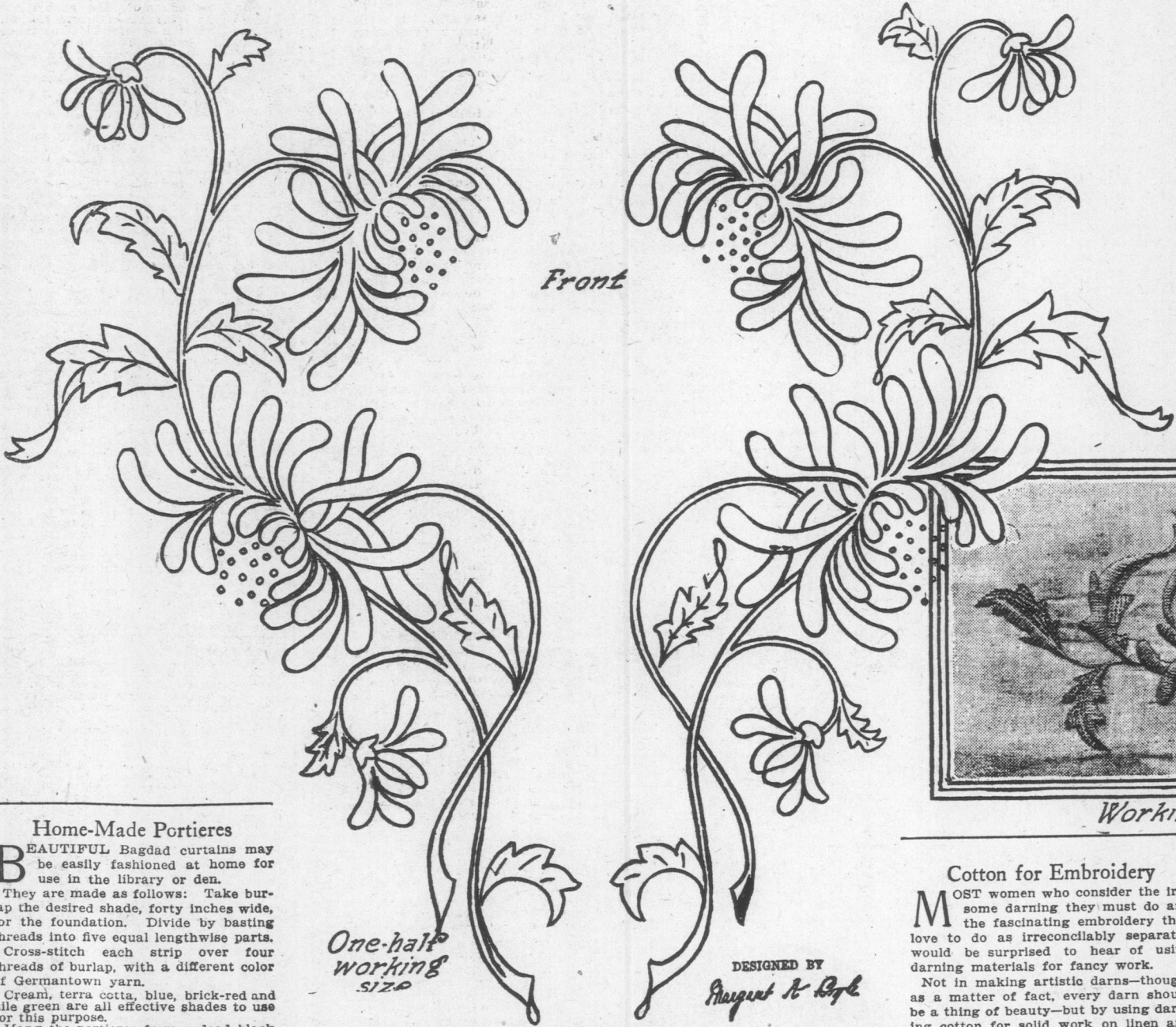
The Finished Blouse



Cuff



Collar



Front

Working Detail

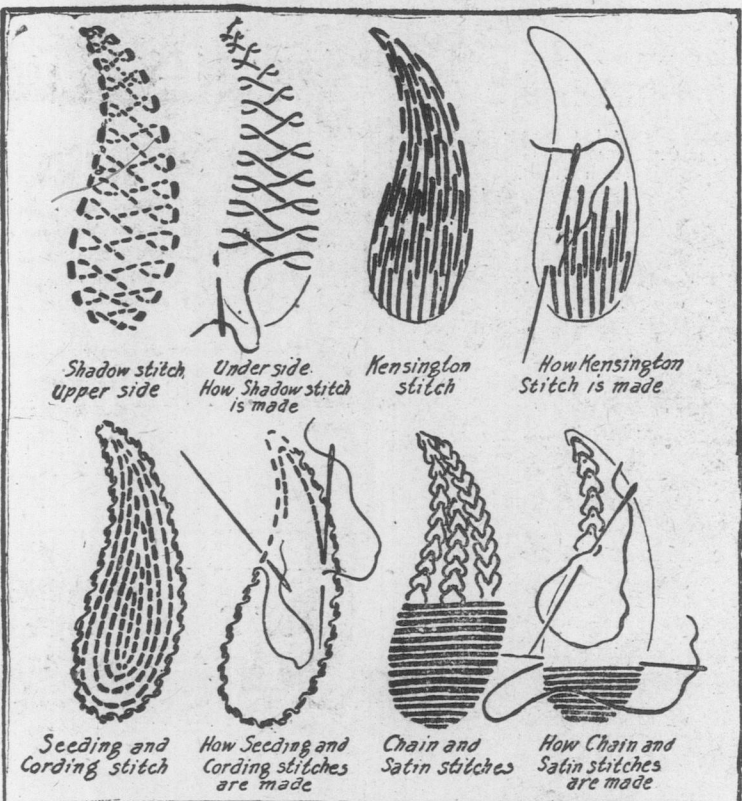


Diagram of Stitches

Bobbin Lace
IN MAKING bobbin lace, it is convenient to know that, after the initial stitches are known, the simple lace can be copied by making a blue print from a small piece of lace desired, picking the holes in it, using it as a pattern for a scallop or two and then constructing a complete pattern from it.

Lace on Lingerie Blouses
IN making lingerie waists, with their insets of fine lace, it is often a problem as to the best way to put in the lace.

Home-Made Portieres
BEAUTIFUL bagdad curtains may be easily fashioned at home for use in the library or den.

Trunk Tray Covers
AN ATTRACTIVE gift for a fall bride would be an outfit of trunk tray covers made from gray or natural-colored linen embroidered in large initials with white cotton floss.

The Baby's Bib
DANISH ANGORA cloth is splendid material for infants' bibs on account of its weight, and it launders beautifully.

Fancy Work Gifts for Bride
EMBROIDERED towels and scarfs make desirable gifts for a bride. Plain or figured buckaback is used in making these towels and scarfs, about a yard and a quarter being allowed for each.

French Embroidery
FRENCH embroidery or satin stitch is usually highly padded before being worked, and it is only after much practice that one becomes really an expert.

Bedroom Set in Applique
EDROUG SETS in shadow-work applique are charming, and may be used over white or colored linings, and the effect of these shiny counterpanes over highly polished woods must be seen to be appreciated.

CAMOUSIN
Only steamer on the route built with water-tight compartments and bottom, insuring safety of passengers.

Trunk Tray Covers
Laid over the top of the trays and tucked in around the packed clothing, they are extremely useful as well as pretty.

The Baby's Bib
A Hanger button and a little loop edge the bib at the back.

Fancy Work Gifts for Bride
Outlining, cross-stitching, solid embroidery and buttonholing are used in the decorations.

Cotton Embroidery
MOST women who consider the irksome during they must do and the fascinating embroidery they love to do as irreconcilably separated would be surprised to hear of using darning materials for fancy work.

French Embroidery
An uneven running or darning stitch is the best padding to use for small figures, though rows of chain and double outline may be worked in large spaces.

Essential Stitches of Embroidery

THE essential stitches of embroidery are the outline (or stem) stitch, long-and-short, solid, Kensington, buttonhole, satin, slim and overlap stitch, seeding, and also French knots.

The outline is perhaps the easiest to learn. The outline, or stem, stitch, is best described by saying it is a long stitch forward on the goods and a short one backward on the under side. It is very much like the back stitch used by dressmakers. Care should be taken to make a perfectly even line.

The long-and-short stitch is perhaps next in importance, as it is the foundation of all solid embroidery. It is, as its name indicates, first a long stitch then a short one, then a long stitch. With this stitch shades can be blended perfectly.

The buttonhole stitch has many uses, but the principal one is to finish the border of linens. Any edge stamped with scallops or scrolls is worked with the buttonhole stitch, as it gives a firm edge to the fabric.

The buttonholing is done by passing the needle over the goods and under the edge of the top thread, coming out at the lower line, where the cotton or silk is held by the left thumb, just to the right of where the needle will come through, so the loop is formed which fastens itself.

In material which is to be cut away from the edge, the long-and-short buttonhole is used.

The satin stitch is like the Kensington, but more conventional. It is used to cover solid forms, but as it does not admit of shading, it cannot be used to obtain pretty color effects.

The stitches are laid close, and must be parallel. They may be made straight across or at an angle, but the slant must be kept throughout, if worked in that way.

The overlapped stitch is similar to the long-and-short stitch, but is used for curved surfaces when the scrolls or tendrils are to be made solid and raised.

The seeding stitch is a series of small, regular back stitches, and is very effectively employed in large leaves and similar designs.

Laundering Colored Embroideries

THE laundering of embroidery needs special care; this is particularly true of colored embroidery. Plain simple embroidery, with no raised surfaces, does not require so much care.

An embroidery piece should be washed in warm water with a lather made of a pure white soap. The most soiled pieces can be rubbed lightly between the hands, avoiding hard rubbing.

After thoroughly rinsing in clear water to remove the suds, lay the piece between two dry pieces of muslin. After it has remained between the muslin for a few moments, lay the piece face downward upon a soft blanket, which has been white-cloth over it.

See that the iron is perfectly clean, and iron quickly. If it has become too dry to press smoothly, dampen it lightly with cloth or sponge.

Damp linens, a good iron and rapid movements are necessary to successful laundered embroidery.

New Wallachian Designs

A GREAT variety of new designs are shown in Wallachian embroidery.

The embroidery is so rich, so effective and so quickly done that it will surely take, to a great extent, the place of shadow embroidery, that so long has held sway.

Wallachian can be done on coarse or fine material, and with a coarse or fine thread. Very coarse thread may be used on linen, but when silk or cloth is used silk thread is needed in working out the design.

A bit of Wallachian work on the collar and cuffs after the dressmaker or tailor has finished a frock will remove the garment at once from the commonplace.

For lunch sets and other table linen the Wallachian embroidery is especially adaptable. With careful laundering, the colored embroidery threads will remain as good as new for several seasons, and it cannot be denied that a touch of color is very effective on the dining table.

How to Apply Coronation Braid

IT MUST be sewed on neatly and carefully to insure pleasing and durable results.

The braid must be firmly stitched in place. The worker who merely takes one or two over-and-over stitches between each two sections of the braid will find it impossible to keep the stamped outline, especially on curved lines.

On sheer material, where the stamping shows through, the cord may be sewed on the wrong side, hemming it in place with firm stitches.

When done on heavy material, the cord must be sewed on the right side, using a kind of a slip or blind stitch on the section, and taking one or two overhand stitches between them.

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THE enthusiastic workers in raffia might, by way of a change from interminable weaving, use it as a working material on burlap.

Really attractive table and pillow covers for a country home may be evolved from burlap by working it with a broad or narrow cross-stitch border in raffia. Finish with a fringe of the same, made by cutting equal lengths of the raffia and drawing it through the edge of the cover with a crochet needle. One end should be slightly longer than the other, and tied over it as one would knot a four-in-hand necktie.

For the natural-toned burlaps, the dyed raffia should be used, while the colored ones, especially dark green or red, look extremely well worked in the uncolored fibers.

How to Pad the Satin Stitch

IN THE filling or padding of the satin stitch lies the secret of all good work.

If the former is badly done, no amount of care will produce a result worthy of the name.

An outline or an uneven running darning stitch is the best padding to use for small figures, though rows of chain and double outline may be worked in large spaces.

Be sure to have an even outline, and keep the padding perfectly smooth.

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The supply of turkey was up to the needs this year, and was of good quality.

The retail prices are as follows:

Table listing market prices for various goods including Garden Produce, Meat, and Fish.

Table listing market prices for various goods including Butter, Eggs, and other food items.

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BROKEN HEARTED HE ENDED HIS LIFE

Brooding of Medical Student Over Death of His Father Led to Tragedy.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 23.—After brooding for two years over the death of his father, John Grafton Herald, a young medical student of Queen's university, Kingston, Ont., shot himself through the head in a room in the Strathcona hotel on Saturday night.

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show that his reason for that was that he had promised another man to get a bag from the St. Francis hotel, and wanted an excuse to get ashore that he might carry out his promise.

The deceased came to Winnipeg from Morris on December 9th, and registered at the Strathcona hotel together with his chum, Lewis D. Lawson.

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COFFIN CO. BODY

Exhumation in Lo Brings to a Po

London, Dec. 26.—The body of Charles Druce in Highgate was exhumed this morning.

The official statement given representatives of the home others who were officially the exhumation, not only defied the coffin was found to contain the body of a man named Thomas Charles Druce.

The scene at Highgate cemetery morning when the vault was opened and the body of a man named Thomas Charles Druce was exhumed.

George Hollamby Druce, who is the rightful heir to the dukedom and its title, was present to get into the cemetery with a stern refusal.

COAL OIL TRAGEDY

Husband Left Cup on Stove Exploded Killing His Wife

Napinka, Man., Dec. 26.—Yeomans, wife of John Yeomans of Modora, most prominent farmer, died suddenly this morning as a result of injuries received from the explosion of a cup of coffee.

Mr. Yeomans, before going to his chores, lighted a fire in the range, leaving a cup of coffee on the top of the range.

Magistrate Williams said it was not at all necessary, as there was not a particle of evidence against the prisoner.

CIRCUIT OF HORSE SHOW

Movement on Foot to Include Calgary, Seattle, Portland and Denver.

Calgary, Dec. 30.—A number of breeders, American and Canadian, are planning to start a circuit of horse shows, beginning in 1908.

INCENDIARIES AT W

Three Fires, Totalling Loss of \$100,000, Within Two Days North Battleford.

North Battleford, Sask., Dec. 26.—A serious fire on Saturday night destroyed a number of business houses in the city.

CHINESE TELEGRAM

Amoy, China, Dec. 30.—A telegraph line which has begun to operate between the two cities of Amoy and Chang Chou.

DIED AT FOURCO

Montreal, Dec. 30.—Made Bruchet, mother of the Arc Montreal, died yesterday.