

MINING SEASON DRAWS TO CLOSE

Review of Work in Barkerville District—Bright Outlook for Next Year

The hydraulic season of 1910 has now about drawn to a close and the majority of the mine managers have taken their departure for the coast. Mother Earth has again covered with a mantle of snow about 18 inches in depth, which is an indication that winter has now set in for good, says the Ashcroft Journal. The past season has been fairly successful and whilst we have been unfortunate in having, perhaps, the shortest hydraulic season in the history of hydraulic mining here, yet the gold output has been considerably in excess of last year.

In view of the fact that, within a few years we will have a transcontinental railway almost intersecting one of the richest placer belts ever discovered, and a branch line running from the main line along the Willow river to Barkerville and a wagon road from the coast to the near Lake country, it should be a strong inducement for miners, speculators and promoters to acquire claims in this district.

The magnificent showing in the many quartz discoveries made recently by E. E. Armstrong and others, the recent hydraulic strike made by the Venture Mining Company in the deep ground of the creek, the good prospects lately obtained by Joseph Wendle on the hydraulic properties on Willow river, together with many other discoveries of more or less importance, has attracted the attention of the mining community in the district in a manner not qualified since the quartz excitement in the days of '49, or the last placer excitement in 1871, when the now famous lightning creek was discovered, which is tributary producing according to the best authorities, about 37,000,000 lbs. of gold. A number of the other large producing creeks might mention: Williams creek and tributaries, which produced approximately 9,000,000; Stevens creek, \$1,000,000; California creek, \$1,000,000; Antler creek, \$5,000,000; Grouse creek, \$3,000,000; Towhee creek, \$3,000,000; Mosquito creek, \$3,000,000; Nelson creek, \$3,000,000; Burns creek, \$1,000,000; Dragon creek, \$1,000,000; Strath creek, \$1,000,000; and a large number of smaller creeks too numerous to mention here. On conservative estimates we are of opinion that, within a radius of 25 miles around Barkerville district, there are at least 100 creeks and their tributaries, the majority of which prospect high in gold and silver minerals.

The chief reason for the lack of development of a large number of creeks in this great gold producing belt is the great difficulty in handling the large amount of water in the creek beds in sinking, and the high cost of transportation of machinery and supplies, which is at present \$2 per ton. All these drawbacks will be easily minimized if not entirely eradicated on the advent of railroad transportation into this district.

The operating hydraulic mines are all yielding dividends, and it is confidently expected that an additional number will be opening next season. The larger mines will be equipped and running next season, might be mentioned Dismalton, Last Chance and Stewart's creek. The management of the Stewart's creek plant is also being installed at the north Wales shore the direction of J. A. Pinner. Workings on Grouse creek will be opened up by Messrs. Chas. Edwards and Pinkerton and Cunningham creek by J. Mahon. J. Wendle will operate a number of plants on Willow river. There are a number of transfers and arrangements now pending, and it is probably in operation this coming season.

We can with confidence predict that with each succeeding year will be added still greater number of dividend paying properties to those already in operation.

VICTIMS OF CHOLERA LYING IN STREETS

Chinese Desert Village When Plague Breaks Out—Many Succumb

(Times Leased Wire.)
Hongkong, Dec. 12.—Spreading from Mongolia, the plague and cholera are ravaging the Russian-Manchurian frontier and scores have fallen victims to the disease. All Russian towns have been picketed by soldiers, and the Chinese quarter at Harbin has been isolated since November 12th.

Russian physicians are experiencing much trouble in caring for the sick owing to the superstitions of the natives. One village of 200 souls, Chintso Sung, is reported to be practically deserted. It is said that the natives fled, leaving the dead and dying victims of cholera in the streets and houses.

MEXICAN SITUATION.

Conditions in Republic Reported to Be Normal.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 12.—Enrique Creel, son of the Mexican minister for foreign affairs, is not a prisoner in a rebel camp, according to the following telegram, received to-day from E. L. Johnson, a Los Angeles magnate, who is touring Mexico:

FISHING PLANS FOR QUEEN CHARLOTTE

HEAVY INVESTMENT IN NEW INDUSTRY

Northern Islands Look for Busy Times Next Year, Says D. R. Young

(From Monday's Daily.)
Queen Charlotte has a bright future before her, and she is growing slowly but surely. So far there has been no boom, but its turn is coming next summer. Nothing can stop it now.

So says D. R. Young, editor of the Queen Charlotte News, who is down in the Capital on business.

Careful and steady investment of millions of capital by the Victoria, Vancouver and other investors in farm lands, timber lands, and coal lands have reached such a stage that they are all going ahead in earnest. The following coal companies are going ahead: Island River Coal Co., Ltd.; Queen Charlotte Island Coal Co., Ltd.; A. C. Frost & Co., Ltd.; Massena Syndicate Coal Co.; Graham Island Collieries, Ltd. These are making preparations for proving and developing their coal fields next spring, when not less than six diamond drills will be in operation.

The fishing industry is going ahead by leaps and bounds. The wharfage station at Esquimalt has changed hands at \$1,000,000, and the Pacific plant is ready for an immense fishery at Queen Charlotte. The Molton Fish and Refining company are preparing to erect a plant at a cost of not less than \$15,000, and the Queen Charlotte Cold Storage and Black Cod Fish company have a plant now under construction of at least one hundred and fifty tons capacity, with two fishing stations at Dawson Harbor, on the west coast of Queen Charlotte Island.

The construction of the railway from Queen Charlotte to the head of Masset is assured, Mr. Young says. The wireless station at Koda Head has been completed, and the one at Lone Tree Point, with telephone lines to Queen Charlotte, is now under construction. The railway will give splendid service with the outside world.

The provincial government's revenue from the islands has more than doubled during the past year. The revenue reaches nearly the half-million mark. The investments for the past two years in timber, fisheries, farm lands, coal lands and real estate, Mr. Young expects to exceed \$20,000,000.

ELECTION RACE CONTINUES EVEN

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY YET TO BE ELECTED

Earl of Crewe Predicts Early Settlement of Constitutional Question

(Special to the Times.)
London, Dec. 12.—Following is the standing of the parties at 1 o'clock this afternoon:

Unionists	227
Liberals	186
Labor and Socialists	22
Nationalists	57
Independent Nationalists	6
To be elected	160
Unionist gains 21; Liberal gains 22.	

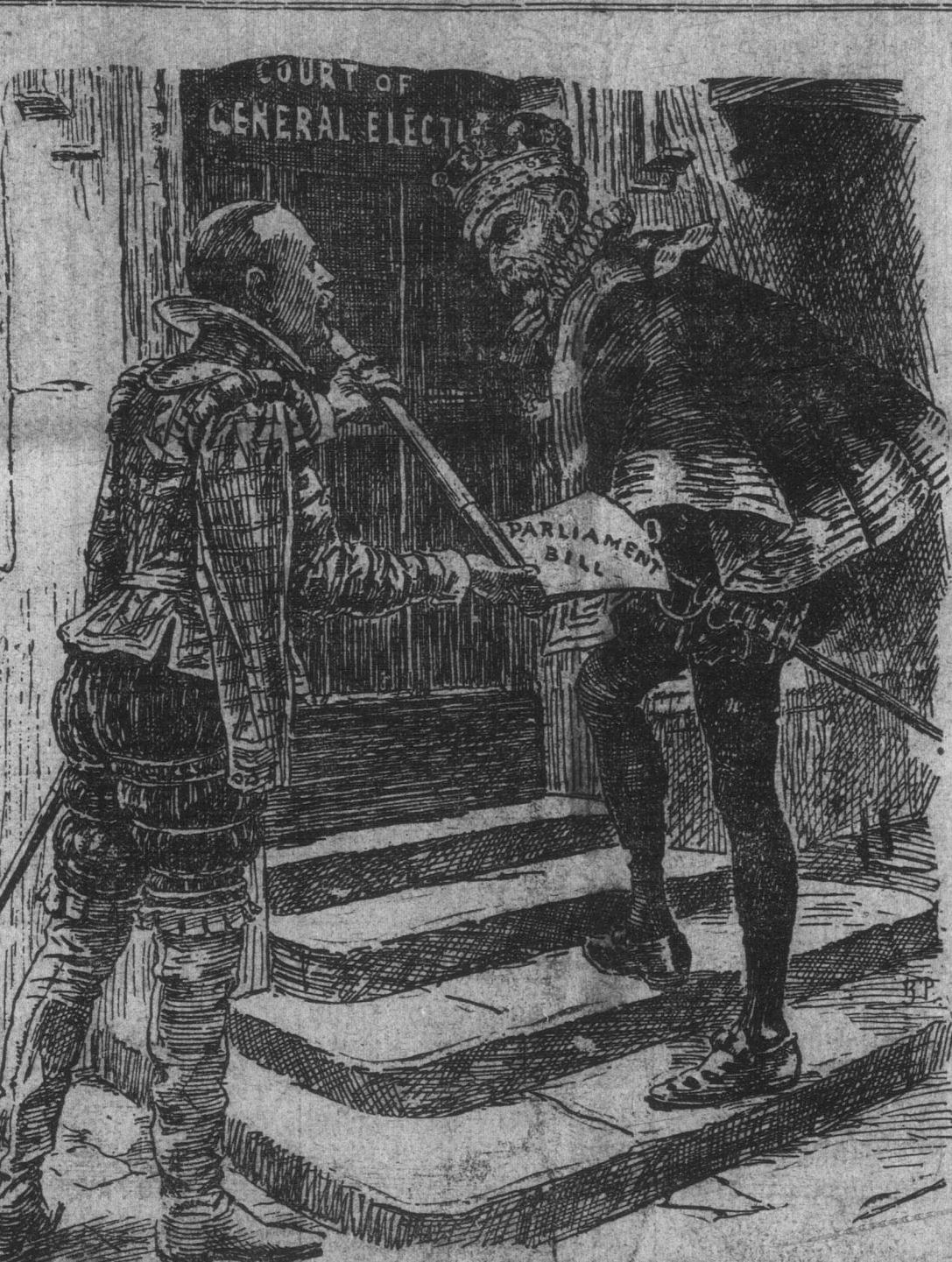
The votes cast are as follows: Unionist, 1,622,862; Liberal, 1,606,251; Labor, 275,731; Socialist, 6,506; Nationalist, 22,716; Independent Nationalist, 13,587.

David Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer, who was most bitterly assailed by the peers of all the Liberals, was on Saturday returned by the Welsh constituencies to the Carnarvon district—with an increased majority.

The following are results of elections held on Saturday:

Essex: Walthamstow-Simon, Liberal, 16,398; Belcham, Unionist, 13,475. Unchanged.
York: Colne Valley—Leach, Liberal, 5,147; Carpenter, Unionist, 4,847. Unchanged.

Leaders Speak.
After the declaration of the poll at East Fife Premier Asquith stated that he would now go forward to the grave and serious task now set before the Liberal party, reinforced by the knowledge that he had behind him the loyalty and confidence of his constituents.



LORD CREWE. "This, I think, is the instrument you were enquiring about?" LORD LANSLOWNE (on his way to trial). "Thanks, I thought I'd just like to glance at it."

VICTORIA WEST WANTS TO KNOW

KNOTTY PROBLEM IN Sooke Lake Scheme

Must They Pay for Project by Which They Cannot Hope to Benefit?

(From Monday's Daily.)
Shall the property owners of Victoria West, who cannot hope to benefit from the project, be called upon to pay part of the cost of the huge undertaking involved in bringing water to Sooke Lake? It is this that they should be asked to do so, seeing that they are compelled to purchase water from a private company and must continue to do so for a great many years under the terms of the franchise possessed by that company? Should not those favoring the Sooke by-law under consideration give the owners in Victoria West some assurance that they will be exempt from taxation for that scheme?

These are pertinent questions which the ratepayers in Ward One are asking these days, and reference to this phase of the question is likely to be made at this evening's meeting of the city council, when Mayor Morley will introduce a Sooke Lake water by-law. While every member of the aldermanic board is anxious to facilitate in every way possible the placing of the by-law before the ratepayers at the earliest possible moment, several feel that in justice to the people of Victoria West it should be so framed as to provide that they should be immune from taxation, if such an arrangement can by any possibility be arrived at.

A conservative estimate of the cost of the Sooke Lake project is \$2,000,000, and the proportion of this sum which would have to be met by Victoria West ratepayers would be considerable. This, taken in conjunction with the fact that the people across the Arm are already suffering a disability in that they are called upon to pay a water rate to the private company in which excess of that charged by the city to its consumers, is felt to be fatal to the hope of getting their support.

Advocates of the Sooke Lake scheme, however, profess to be quite certain that the people of Victoria West will be numbered among the most enthusiastic supporters of the by-law, arguing that the scheme will prove beneficial to the whole city and therefore beneficial to Victoria West. They refuse to admit that to ask them to pay a proportion of the cost of an enterprise which cannot offer them any relief in respect to a solution of their water problem is to outrage every principle of equity.

REVISION COURT CONCLUDES WORK

IMPORTANT DECISIONS GIVEN ON LEGAL POINTS

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There is a total enrollment of voters on the mayor's list of 7,346, 184 names having been struck off for various causes. This is an increase of approximately 11 per cent. on the list of last year, which totalled 6,598.

By a ruling of City Solicitor F. A. McDiarmid it was ordered that no member of a firm or company holding a trader's license shall be entitled to vote, the opinion of the solicitor being that such license was impersonal and therefore inoperative as giving any right to vote. This is understood to be contrary to the practice in other cities in Canada.

It was also ordered that where a declarant male household head has not paid his \$2 tax until after November 1, he shall not be entitled to vote.

OVER HUNDRED MUTINEERS KILLED

VICTORY OF LOYAL BRAZILIAN TROOPS

Number of Spectators Shot While Watching Bombardment of Island

London, Dec. 12.—Loyal Brazilian troops are in full possession of Combra Island, the scene of Saturday's mutiny, according to advices received to-day by the Brazilian minister here. Nearly 600 mutineers are under arrest.

The dispatch said that during Saturday's fighting approximately 150 mutineers were killed. When the prisoners were marched out of the barracks a concerted break was made and a dozen more were shot.

The Brazilian hospitals are filled with wounded sailors and soldiers, several of the land batteries having been shelled.

It was reported that spectators, many thousands of whom gathered to see the bombardment of the mutineers by the loyal ships in the harbor.

STEAMER OLYMPIA GOES ON REEF DURING GALE

Alaska Liner Runs on Rocks While on Voyage from Cordova to Valdez—Passengers and Crew Have Been Rescued.

(Times Leased Wire.)
Cordova, Alaska, Dec. 12.—The fate of 103 persons aboard the Alaska Steamship company's steamer Olympia, which is pounding to pieces on a reef near Bligh Island, Prince William sound, was unknown here at an early hour to-day. Several vessels have put out from here and from Valdez to aid the ship. The gale, which began Saturday, still sweeps the sound, and grave fears are entertained for the safety of those who took passage on the vessel.

When the Olympia left here Saturday night there were 52 passengers aboard, most of whom were bound for Valdez and Sevard. Among them were United States District Judge E. E. Cushman, Mrs. Cushman, United States District Attorney George R. Walker and other members of the third district court, who were en route to Valdez, where court was to convene to-day.

The ship is in command of Captain J. Daniels and carries a crew of fifty-four men.

The Olympia sailed from Cordova at 6 o'clock Saturday night, having arrived from Seattle earlier in the day. She carried a number of passengers who previously had sailed on the steamship Northwestern, which went aground at False Bay, San Juan Island, December 2.

The night was clear, but a 55-mile gale was blowing when the ship started for Valdez.

It is believed that she struck the reef at midnight, as a wireless call for aid was picked up at the naval wireless operating station shortly afterwards.

The vessel was answered immediately and Operator Hayes aboard the wrecked vessel flashed the news that the Olympia had struck the reef and that high seas were breaking over her.

According to Hayes, the ship had struck an exposed position on Bligh Island and the passengers were in the peril. Hayes did not explain the cause of the wreck.

PARDONABLE CURIOSITY

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The lessee of premises which are assessed shall have no locus standi.

Licenses holders, in order to vote must have paid all license fees for the current year before the first of November.

Included amongst those whose names were struck off the lists were 21, who had made declarations that they had paid the tax, when the contrary was the case. This implies, of course, that there have been many cases of technical perjury.

FORTY-FIVE PERISHED IN ALBERTA MINE

Bodies of Employees and Members of Rescue Party Recovered

(Times Leased Wire.)
Ferne, B. C., Dec. 12.—Early on Sunday morning the last of the forty-five bodies had been recovered from the mine of the Western Canada collieries at Bellevue, Alberta, where an explosion occurred Friday.

All the missing have been accounted for. It is thought that several injured men will die. Hundreds of men arrived here from adjoining camps in the Crow's Nest district to assist in recovering the bodies.

Members of Winnipeg Conciliation Board Will Submit Two Reports to Minister of Labor.

Winnipeg, Dec. 12.—The abortive meetings of the conciliation board which has been endeavoring to settle the dispute between the Great West railway and its men ended abruptly to-day when it was announced that the majority and minority reports were being submitted to the minister of labor in Ottawa. The majority which was signed by W. J. Christie, chairman, found that the company was justified in dismissing the four men in question and that there was no proof of discrimination. The minority report, signed by Mayor Pelletier, of Port Arthur, on behalf of the men, is in the nature of a compromise, suggesting that the company take back three of the men discharged without pay for lost time, subject to the men consenting to a new rule on personal conduct to prevent further misunderstandings and to the withdrawal by the men of the charge of discrimination. He further recommends that the company institute a system of overseeing men on report for duty.

HOLDS OVER SEVEN FEET AND NO LEAK

Smith's Hill Reservoir Fur- nishes Another Surprise— Will Remain Eight Feet

At 11 o'clock this morning there was 7 feet 7 inches of water in the reservoir at Smith's Hill, and there was, according to the information received by the city engineer, no sign of any leakage whatever. It is just one week since the operation of refilling the big basin was commenced, after it had been emptied and some temporary repairs effected. The fact that with the quantity of water in it it is still holding tight would seem to indicate that this repair work has proved effective.

"It shall let the reservoir fill up to a depth of eight feet," said the engineer to the Times this morning, "and hold it at that until March, when the season of the year will be more favorable for undertaking any further necessary repairs on a large and permanent scale."

It may be added that no special attempt is being made to refill the reservoir, the surplus over consumption merely being allowed to run in each night.

AUTO FATALITY.

Steamship Agent Crushed to Death When Car Capsizes.

Gonzales, Cal., Dec. 12.—An inquest into the death of Lendal M. Gray, coast agent of the Cosmos Steamship Company, who was killed by his automobile here yesterday, probably will be held this afternoon.

Gray's death, it is believed, was the result of driving his automobile at a high speed over roads full of sandy stretches. His machine overturned when it struck one of these places. At the time it was travelling about 30 miles an hour, it is said, and the Gray's wife and James Rooks, his chauffeur, who were in the automobile were not injured beyond a severe shaking up. His dog, which sat on the seat beside him, was killed. Mrs. Gray and the dog were caught under the tonneau of the overturned machine.

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UNITED, ONTARIO

TO RUSH WORK DURING WINTER SHOULD HURRY ALL LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS

Resolution at Monday Evening's Meeting of Council to This End

(From Saturday's Daily.)

People in all sections of the city are clamoring for works of local improvement which have been authorized by by-law to be proceeded with immediately, the city engineering staff is just now grappling with the task of laying out a programme of procedure for the next few months, and should weather conditions remain normal during the balance of the winter it is likely that considerable progress will be made in catching up with the mass of work which has accumulated.

At Monday evening's meeting of the streets committee a resolution will be presented providing that the city engineer be instructed to at once call for tenders for the execution of a large amount of work ordered many months ago in the southeastern section of the city. The streets affected by this resolution are May, Wallington, Howe, Moss, Cambridge, Faithful and Cook street, from Dallas road to May. The work consists in the main of asphalt pavements, curbs and gutters and boulevards.

Discussing the matter with a Times reporter this morning a member of the sidewalk board said: "There is in my opinion no valid reason whatever for long delays in proceeding with these works of local improvement. Everybody knows that during a considerable part of the winter weather conditions are ideal for the execution of such work as is contemplated; and in view of the manner in which the city is expanding in every direction, and the consequent rapid piling up of work, it is simply stupid not to take advantage of every opportunity to the requirements."

Property owners are clamoring at the work be proceeded with. The government has sanctioned the necessary expenditure, the by-laws have all been passed, contractors stand ready to bid for the execution of the work and there is no conceivable obstacle to prevent it being ordered done at once."

Another matter which will engage the attention of the board on Monday evening is the extension of the sewerage system to Pandora avenue from Harrison street to Oak Bay avenue. It is understood that the city engineer has placed G. Foreman, in charge of the preliminary survey work in connection with this project.

DISCUSS DALLAS ROAD SEA WALL

COUNCIL OBJECTS TO CHANGE IN PLANS

Much Discussion Last Night Over Engagement of Super-vising Engineer

(From Saturday's Daily.)

A considerable portion of the time at last evening's meeting of the time committee of the city council was spent in dealing with a new development in connection with the contract for the erection of the Dallas road seawall.

On the admission of the city engineer it appears that consideration has been given to the question of altering the plans in certain particulars, and that G. Foreman, an engineering expert in concrete, has been engaged in making these alterations. The mayor and several other members of the board thought the procedure a most peculiar one, inasmuch as the plans and specifications had been agreed upon and the contract let it was a little late in the day to alter them, particularly without notifying the council of the proposed changes. Nothing was done, however, as a result of the discussion.

The subject was brought up by Ald. Humber asking if it was true that Mr. Foreman, whose services were ordered to be dispensed with until such time as the contractor was ready to proceed with the wall, was still employed.

MAJORITY OF 33 RESULT TO DATE COALITION LEADS IN GENERAL ELECTIONS

Only 177 Contests Yet to Be Held—Three More Gains for Liberals

(Special to the Times.)

London, Dec. 10.—With only 177 constituencies still to hold elections, each side in the parliamentary voting at this stage has exactly the same number of seats that it had in the last parliament. The coalitionists have 283, a majority of 33.

Unionists are shaking hands with themselves over the results of elections in Scotland, for although no Radical seats have been won no Unionist seats have been lost to date. Radical majorities of last January have been cut down and Unionist majorities increased. Liberal organizers confidently anticipated recapturing some of the county seats lost in January, and when yesterday's successes were announced to-day they were greatly chagrined at their failure.

With Liberal and Labor members in a majority of the English boroughs the Liberals are hoping that their predominance will be maintained, and with a fair amount of good fortune they are looking forward to a clear majority of the whole representation of England and Wales combined. To-day's returns already show three Liberal gains.

Business men, both Tories and Liberals are kicking against the long drawn battle. They complain that there are too many rounds to the electoral fight, seeing that the decision might be arrived at in one or at most two rounds. This election will probably be the last that will be prolonged over three weeks. It is proposed that borough elections will be held within a week after the issue of the writs, and county elections within a fortnight.

Bonar Law's Views. Bonar Law, speaking at Radcliff, said if the final result showed that the government had lost ground he did not think even Premier Asquith or any member of the government could go to the House of Commons to upset the constitution of the country.

In this connection the Times declares that a "scrutinized" coalition majority could have no moral authority to fundamentally change the constitution. Friday's Elections. Following are results of Friday's elections, declared at noon to-day: Cambridge, Liberal, 5,011; Newton, Unionist, 4,444; Unchanged. Cheshire, Liberal, 4,811; Ashton, Liberal, 7,727; Stewart, Unionist, 10,042; Unchanged. Essex, Suffrag. Walden—Beek, Liberal, 4,871; Troby, Unionist, 4,631; Liberal gain.

File, East—Aqulth, Liberal, 5,049; Sprot, Unionist, 3,350; Unchanged. Lancashire, Lancaster—Lancaster, 7,117; Ford, Unionist, 5,322; Unchanged. Lincolnshire, Spalding—McLaren, Liberal, 5,335; Bryce, Unionist, 3,070; Unchanged. Liltshire—Ure, Liberal, 3,835; Kidd, Unionist, 3,785; Unchanged. Middlesex, Alxbridge—Mullik, Liberal, 4,282; Mills, Unionist, 9,005; Unchanged. Somerset, East—Thompson, Liberal, 3,874; Jardine, Unionist, 4,748; Unchanged. Yorkshire, Cleveland—Samuel, Liberal, 6,870; Lewis, Unionist, 5,343; Unchanged. Yorkshire, Howdenshire—Norris, Liberal, 4,838; Broadly, Unionist, 5,018; Unchanged. Sussex, Ochester—Reis, Liberal, 2,985; Talbot, Unionist, 5,000; Unchanged. Westmoreland, Apleby—Wilson, Liberal, 2,678; Sanderson, Unionist, 3,258; Unchanged. Hertfordshire, St. Albans—Phillimore, Liberal, 4,771; Garrile, Unionist, 6,899; Unchanged. Nottinghamshire, Newark—Willis, Liberal, 4,310; Starkey, Unionist, 5,049; Unchanged.

(Concluded on page 8.) PIONEER DIES AFTER STABBING HIS SON Heart Failure Believed to Have Caused Death—Wounded Man May Die (Times Leased Wire.) San Jose, Cal., Dec. 10.—Joseph H. Howarth, a pioneer of Willows, is dead and his son Charles is in a precarious condition at the Howarth home in Willows, as the result of one of the most peculiar tragedies ever recorded in this country. Howarth stabbed his son and then dropped dead. Death apparently was due to heart failure, although an autopsy will be performed to determine the exact reason.



NEW PHASE OF THE WATER PROBLEM.

RIGHTS ON E. & N. RAILWAY BRIDGE

RAILWAY COMMISSION'S RULING UNSATISFACTORY

No Decision Yet Made as to the Rights of Pedestrians

(From Saturday's Daily.)

At last evening's meeting of the streets committee of the city council, the city collector, F. A. McDiarmid, forwarded for the information of the board a copy of the ruling just handed down by the railway commissioners in the matter of regulations for the operation of the swing bridge across the harbor by the E. & N. Railway Company.

The report was taken up and settled, and the power schooner P. Alber is also safe in port after an experience very much like that of the Duxbury. For 23 days the Alber was imprisoned in the ice, and it was only after many privations and much work that she managed to free herself and make port.

The power schooner Duxbury, a vessel carrying mail during the summer season between Alaskan points, arrived after a trip from Nome that consumed 30 days. During the storm which the Duxbury encountered, William Schroeder, a seaman, was swept from the deck, but managed to grasp the line as he went overboard and was saved. The Duxbury brought a few passengers who were mighty glad to see the twinkling lights of Seattle.

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SECOND MUTINY IN BRAZILIAN NAVY

Several Sailors Killed During Shelling of Naval Barracks and Scoutship

(Times Leased Wire.)

Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 10.—Five hours bombardment of the naval barracks at Corcovado Island by local Brazilian ships and shore batteries in Rio de Janeiro harbor, ended a second revolt in the Brazilian navy to-day.

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SUFFER HARDSHIPS ON VOYAGE FROM NOME

Crews of Power Schooners Tell of Privations in the North

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 10.—After fighting free from the grasp of a terrific wintery gale on the northern seas, two battered craft have crept into port, the crews telling of terrible hardships on the voyage down from Alaskan points.

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COUNTING VOTES OF ENGINEERS

BALLOT BELIEVED TO FAVOR STRIKE

Will Be Invoked Only When Other Means to Secure More Wages Fail

(Times Leased Wire.)

Chicago, Dec. 10.—Ready to count and tabulate the vote on the strike question taken by the engineers of 61 western railroads, the heads of the Brotherhood of Railroad Engineers, gathered here to-day. Warren S. Stone, grand chief engineer, arrived from Cleveland last night, and other time of the union are on hand to go over the returns of the referendum ballot that ended December 5.

The work of counting the ballots is under way at the Great Northern hotel, where the labor chiefs have their headquarters. Although it is believed enough of the votes will be tabulated to-night to show definitely the sentiment of the engineers, it was anticipated to-day that the count might not be completed before the representatives of the engineers meet the general managers of the railroads Monday.

LAKE STEAMER IS GOING TO PIECES

Twenty Men and Two Women Rescued After Undergoing Terrible Hardships

(Times Leased Wire.)

Ontario, N. Y., Dec. 10.—After two days of terrible exposure, nearly dead and suffering from hunger and thirst, two women and twenty men were taken off the lake steamer Sharpless on Gallop Island.

FISHING VESSELS FOUNDER. Corbeke, France, Dec. 10.—Many persons are reported to have been killed by a storm that swept Northern Spain early to-day. Six fishing vessels sank in Coruña harbor, several men being drowned. Bilbao and Seville suffered severely, although none in either city was killed.

EXPLOSION IN MINE CLAIMS MANY VICTIMS

Twenty-Five Miners Known to Have Perished in Colliery Near Frank Several Men Still Entombed in the Workings.

(Special to the Times.)

Winnipeg, Dec. 10.—Thirty miners have been removed from the Western Canadian Collieries' mine at Bellevue, Alberta, where an explosion occurred last night entombing 45 men. Ten of the men are dead, several fatally burned, and others unconscious.

The explosion was caused by poisonous gases. The Bellevue mine is a heavy producer, and employs Italians and Slavs. The accident is the worst that has happened since the disastrous explosion in the Fernie mines, seven years ago.

At the pit mouth wives and relatives of the entombed men soon gathered, and pitiable scenes were witnessed as they waited for the bread winners who were imprisoned or entombed in the mine, which is one of the largest producers in Western Canada, is working day and night, but yesterday the shift was smaller than usual.

SEATTLE PAIR DIVIDED. Stockholders Will Donate Thousands of Dollars to Anti-Tuberculosis League.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 10.—The directors of the Alaska-Tukom-Pacific exposition announced to-day that a dividend amounting to \$30,000 is ready for distribution among the stockholders. A major share of this money will be paid to the local anti-tuberculosis league, stockholders having assigned their stock to this charity.

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(Times Leased Wire.)

Vancouver, Dec. 10.—Reports this afternoon from Frank, Alberta, say that twenty-five miners are known to be dead, with the probabilities that several more are dead, whose bodies have not yet been found in the depths of the Bellevue coal mine, which was the scene of a disastrous gas explosion last night.

According to the dispatches received here, 21 bodies have already been recovered. Four of the eighteen men who were rescued alive died to-day from burns received.

The dead are laid out on tables near the mouth of the mine and along the railroad tracks.

It is reported that several members of the rescue party have been overcome by aftersick while working in the mine. Among the victims was Dr. McKennie, who was overcome by the stinking gas when he was sent down to the mine this afternoon. Other doctors are working over him, and it is probable that he will recover.

Rescuers cannot stop to bring the bodies of the dead from the shaft. They are bending their energies in a search for any who may yet be alive.

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WILL OPEN IN APRIL

Pioneer Grocery House Plans a Large Building for Wharf Street

No better proof of the growth in importance of this city than the coming shown in it by outside financial and commercial corporations. During the past year, especially, a large number of these have established branches here. Reference has already been made in the Times to the banking institutions opening here, of which the last was the Bank of Vancouver.

The latest firm to decide on opening a Victoria branch is the big wholesale grocery house of Kelly, Douglas Company, Limited, of Vancouver. This long-established and most reliable business firm expect to have a warehouse ready for occupation by the beginning of April next.

It is understood that the building will be located on Wharf street, in the heart of the wholesale district, close to the Grand Trunk Pacific docks.

The Kelly-Douglas firm are among the pioneers in the wholesale grocery trade on the Pacific coast, and are said to do the largest business of any similar wholesale house in Canada.

MAYOR GAYNOR'S ASSAULT.

Jersey City, N. J., Dec. 10.—James J. Gallagher, who shot Mayor Gaynor, of New York, may never be tried for the slaying. Physicians now observing Gallagher's movements will return a report that he is delirious. It is expected, instead of going to prison, Gallagher probably will be committed to an asylum. Gallagher's trial has been set for December 20.

GIFT OF HOSPITAL.

Toronto, Dec. 10.—The gift of a fine hospital has been made to the town of Petrolia by Mr. J. N. Englishheart, chairman of the Teeslingham & Northern Ontario railway board. He has made over in handsome residence, valued at \$50,000, also giving \$5,000 cash to remove the building, which he intends to be a memorial to his deceased wife.

MUST NOT DISCRIMINATE.

Winnipeg, Dec. 10.—All railways in Western Canada are ordered by the railway commission to reduce their freight tariffs so as not to discriminate against Regina and Moose Jaw in favor of Winnipeg. Owing to the great activity of potatoes in Manitoba railways have given steep rates on this commodity when shipped into this province.

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Canonized has been overhauled by the Commoner. "The speaker ought to be the presiding officer of the house, not the boss. The committees ought to represent the party's wishes, not the wishes of the speaker. Champ Clark is just the man to lead in the inauguration of this reform, as he led the overthrow of Canonism in the first session of the present congress."

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HONDURAN REVOLT

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Marshall law has been proclaimed in Tegucigalpa and the jails are filled with rebels.

It is reported that the United States cruiser Mahoning will arrive at Puerto Cortez tomorrow to protect American interests.

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The woman's body was found near the Southern Pacific tracks Wednesday, her head in a pool of blood from a wound in her head. The authorities immediately reached the conclusion that she had been struck and killed by a train. Late last night Brooks walked into the police station and surrendered himself, saying that he had killed the woman because she had refused to give him fifty dollars. He said he met her on the train early Wednesday morning, and when she refused him money he struck her on the back of the head, with a hammer which he carried. Without a struggle she fell to the tracks. Brooks said that he then searched her clothing and found \$50 in her pocket. He put the money in his pocket and walked to Medford.

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In answer to certain questions submitted by the court the jury held that the consent of the conductor was not reasonable or proper, and that the accident was due to his negligence. The proper course, it was held, was for the conductor to stop the train and put the man off or place him under arrest. The case was a reversal, which was ordered by the court of appeal. At the first trial the plaintiff was awarded \$2,000.

HUNDRED WITNESSES.

Santa Rosa, Cal., Dec. 9.—With the reopening of the court for the trial of the Willard P. Burke, the aged proprietor of the Santa Rosa sanitarium on a charge of having dynamited the dwelling of a neighbor, Smith, action before Justice Teitel yesterday that the trial would be a bitter one and will consume six weeks or more. One hundred witnesses have been summoned, and attorneys from both sides predict sensational testimony. The courtroom was crowded, and nearly one third of the spectators were women. The day was devoted principally to an outline of the case for the prosecution by District Attorney Lea.

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REV. DR. SHEARER CROSS-EXAMINED

Declares Information Regarding Conditions in Winnipeg Well Established

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Winnipeg, Dec. 9.—At the opening of inquiry yesterday Mr. Justice Robson said the case must close by Saturday evening. "The city was being put to enormous and unnecessary expense by continuing it longer. He also charged that the police commission was acting in bad faith by trying to prevent the inquiry and in threatening to recall witnesses and further that he believed the evidence of respectable witnesses from the segregated areas."

The early session was occupied by rather academic examination of Rev. Dr. Shearer by City Solicitor Hunt.

City Solicitor Hunt elicited from Dr. Shearer that he had not interviewed any of the city authorities, police or magistrates, as he had in the case of the Lord's Day observance campaign, and that none of his charges were the result of personal observation and knowledge, but Dr. Shearer while admitting this, affirmed that his information was correct and well established. Finally Dr. Shearer claimed that the administrators of the law were either incompetent or not acting in good faith.

Regarding graft, Dr. Shearer said in an interview he had used the term private police graft, but that the papers had dropped the word private.

Being then challenged by City Solicitor Hunt, "You exonerate the police?" Dr. Shearer replied: "No." He did not exonerate, but did not make specific charges.

City Solicitor Hunt, stating he could give the doctor some information regarding Toronto, Justice Robson broke in with, "I don't want to hear it." Counsel Denistoun then rising, began questioning Dr. Shearer regarding Toronto conditions, but the judge ordered the witness not to answer and counsel disputed this ruling on the ground that the third charge declared Winnipeg conditions the rottest in Canada. The judge held, however, the case must be confined to Winnipeg proper, and refused to permit comparisons.

It is probable that the pavement of Langley street with asphalt will be authorized at tonight's meeting. The owners themselves are having the project taken in hand by the Worwick company simultaneously, with the progress of the work on this city.

ALTITUDE RECORD.

Pau, France, Dec. 9.—Aviator Le Gagneux in a Blériot monoplane to-day broke the record for altitude, according to an official announcement. His barograph showed that he ascended 30,400 feet.



TRADING STAFF OF THE GEORGE JAY SCHOOL. Standing (left to right)—Mrs. Coady-Johnson, J.-Spouse, Principal H. B. Maclean, E. Dalby. Seated (left to right)—J. Macleod, E. Andrews, Mrs. Menkus, S. Hiscock.

instrument has not yet been verified, but it is believed that the barograph was accurate and that the record will stand.

Winnipeg Bank Clearings

Winnipeg, Dec. 9.—Winnipeg bank clearings this week, while showing a slight decrease over last week's returns, continued to be those for the corresponding week last year. With the big month just passed, the clearings still hold remarkably strong, and little doubt exists but that the total clearings for the year will pass the billion mark. Already last year's twelve-month total has been passed with eleven months' returns to December 1 and with market and business an exceptionally steady nature, 1910 promises to stand forth a record. Week ending December 8, twenty-five and a half millions, corresponding week 1909, twenty-four millions.

WILL HUNT DUCKS FROM AEROPLANES

Two Aviators Plan a Novel Shooting Expedition in California

(Times' Leased Wire.)

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 9.—"Bud" Mars and Hubert Latham, claim to be in earnest in their announced intention to hunt ducks from their aeroplanes. They have agreed to meet to-night to conclude arrangements for a novel expedition to a southern California marsh during the coming week.

Mars and Latham met last night in a downtown hotel. The Frenchman chaffed Mars regarding a recent report that he intended to hunt bear in his airship. Mars retorted that Latham's craft ought to furnish an excellent disguise as a doughbill, enabling its operator to get close enough to the ducks to put salt on their tails.

To Latham, the suggestion was an excellent one, and he at once invited Mars to accompany him on such a hunt. The preserve of the Alaminos gun club at Long Beach has been mentioned as a probable field for the sport.

PLAQUE SPREADING.

Surgeons Are Hurrying to Manchuria to Fight Disease.

Harbin, Dec. 9.—The authorities are hurrying surgeons to Manchuria from Siberia to fight the plague. The Chinese have been warned that restrictions will be placed on the sending of wheat and beans to the central market. It is feared the trade of the whole country will be suspended for weeks and perhaps months.

AWAKENING OF BLANCHARD ST.

WANTS CLUSTER LIGHTS AND ASPHALT PAVEMENT

Petition Will Be Presented at To-night's Meeting of Streets Committee

(From Friday's Daily.)

Blanchard street has caught the "wake-up" fever also, and is determined to get in the band-wagon with neighboring thoroughfares which are enjoying a ride on the highway to prosperity. At this evening's meeting of the streets committee of the city council a petition will be presented for its property owners praying that it be paved with asphalt from Pandora to Fort, and that the cluster light system now in effect on Douglas and Yates be installed.

The petition is signed by Max Leiser and many others, and it is said to represent the views of at least 90 per cent. of the property owners. The request embodied in the petition is felt to be a very natural development of the situation, as all the streets in the immediate vicinity have secured large improvement features within recent months.

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FORMAL CEREMONY THIS AFTERNOON

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going their share towards the success of the event. Speeches are to be made by His Honor Lieut.-Governor Patterson, Hon. Dr. Young, minister of education, Dr. Alex. Robinson, superintendent of education; George Jay, chairman of the school board; Principal H. B. Maclean and school trustees.

The children will give vocal and instrumental solos, recitations, choruses and drills in the intervals.

MUST EXPLAIN.

New York, Dec. 9.—Mrs. Theodore Belmont was ordered yesterday to appear before the surveyor of the port to explain the presence in her baggage of \$20,000 worth of jewels seized when her trunks were searched at the steamship Kaiser Wilhelm, Dr. Grosse.

Mrs. Belmont said that failure to declare the jewels was the result of ignorance of the law. She said she took \$20,000 worth of jewels to Europe to have them exchanged for more valuable cut stones, and that she did not think the exchange would require declaration. Mrs. Belmont's declaration of personal goods was \$8,500.

VALUE OF MAN'S ARM.

Olympia, Wash., Dec. 9.—In reaffirming the verdict of the jury that heard E. G. Cook's suit against the DuPont Powder Company, of Pierce county, the Supreme court of Washington has gone on record yesterday that a man's arm is worth \$7,500 to him.

Cook was injured while at work in the Donahoe mill, and his right arm was amputated as a result. The defendants appealed from the award made by the jury in the Superior court declaring it excessive.

PROVINCIAL MINISTERS CONFERENCE.

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—The provincial ministers met and remained in conference for two hours this morning. On adjournment they stated that there was nothing to be given out. They will meet again this afternoon. Sir James Whitney was elected chairman.

FLYING FOR CHARITY.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 9.—With \$15,000 subscribed in a few hours, preparations for the first aviation meet ever given for the benefit of charity started here yesterday. No member of the committee in charge is to receive any remuneration for his services, and the surplus, after all expenses are paid, will constitute a fund for needy children.

The plans provide for holding the meet the first week in January. Hubert Latham, of France, yesterday joined the flock of aviators here. While Latham brought his Antoinette monoplane along, he has no engagements to fly on the Coast, but undoubtedly will participate in meetings to be arranged.

Other aviators here are Glenn H. Curtiss, Walter Brodies, Arch. Hoxsey, C. F. Willard and J. C. Mars.

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MASSACRE BY BEDOUINS.

One Hundred Christians and Turkish Garrison Slain—Fighting Continues.

Constantinople, Dec. 9.—One hundred Christians and the Turkish garrison at Kerak, a town in the Turkish vilayet of Syria, were massacred by Bedouins, according to a telegram that reached here to-day.

Kerak is now in the hands of the Bedouins and desultory fighting is now going on.

The trouble arose, it was reported, because of the execution by the garrison of a Bedouin.

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NEW CUNARD.

Clyde Firm to Build Vessel 88 Feet in Length With Displacement of 50,000 Tons.

Liverpool, Dec. 9.—The Cunard Steamship Company has placed a contract with John Brown & Co., Clydebank, for the construction of a big liner for the New York service.

The specifications for the new Cunard liner stipulate that she will be a little longer than the White Star liner Olympic, the largest vessel in the world. She will be 88 feet in length, with a total displacement of 50,000 tons and a speed of about 23 knots. She will carry 60 first-class passengers, 740 second-class and 2,400 stowaways.

COLLEGE BUILDING BURNED.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 9.—Eight women students of the college of Fine Arts of the University of Southern California were driven to the street when fire destroyed the college building and an adjoining dormitory. William L. Judson, dean of the college, was asleep in his apartments in the college building when the fire was discovered. His rooms were filled with smoke and he was compelled to leap through a window to the street.

The loss, according to Dean Judson, is about \$21,000.

IMMIGRATION TO CANADA INCREASES

Reports Indicate That Arrivals Next Year Will Total Half Million

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—Immigration to Canada for the first five months fiscal year totalled 180,330, an increase of 71 per cent. compared with last year. According to the rate of increase being now steadily maintained the total immigration for the year will be nearly 350,000, and reports of immigration agents in Europe state the figures next year will reach half a million.

B. C. APPEALS.

Supreme Court of Canada Gives Judgment in Number of Cases.

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Ottawa, Dec. 9.—The Supreme court of Canada gave judgment to-day in the following British Columbia appeals:

Canadian Pacific Lumber Company vs. Patterson, appeal dismissed with costs.

Robert vs. Piper, appeal allowed with costs.

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Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern Railway Company vs. MacDonald, appeal dismissed with costs, the chief justice and Davies J., dissenting.

McKinnon vs. Perry, appeal dismissed with costs.

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TACOMA'S POPULATION.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 9.—The correct population of Tacoma, as announced by Chief Statistician Hunt of the census bureau to-day, following a complete reenumeration of the city, is 83,743.

The original announcement given out by Director Durand at Washington, which was responsible for the protest by local commercial organizations that brought about a recount, gave Tacoma a population of 82,972, or an increase of 120 per cent.

INVITED TO WINNIPEG.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 8.—The supreme lodge, Ancient Order of United Workmen, at its annual meeting elected William M. Morris, Muscatine, Iowa, supreme master workman. The Manitoba delegation invited the supreme lodge to meet in Winnipeg in 1914, and San Francisco bids for the 1915 meeting.

THE WEST HOUGHTON DIVISION.

Lancashire shows a decrease in the Liberal majority of 1,542. The Unionist majority in the Hornsey division of Middlesex increased 62. The Liberal majority in Pontefract decreased from 450 to 52. In Stockton-on-Tees, the Liberal majority fell 468. The Eland division of Yorkshire the Liberal majority fell 710.

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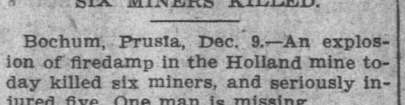
LEADERS ON ISSUES.

Premier Asquith, addressing workmen in Fife, said that to reduce the House of Lords to the position of a subordinate body was the whole point of this election. Premier Asquith was questioned on Home Rule. He replied that he could not give definite details of this measure at this stage.

Lloyd George, speaking at Wrexham, asked if tariff reform was going to do so much for industries, how was it that the greatest centres in industry were voting consistently against it? There was only one exception, that of Birmingham, which was loyal to Joseph Chamberlain.

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WORK POSTPONED.

Lillooet, Dec. 8.—At a meeting of the directors of the Lillooet District Hospital Society it was decided to postpone the construction of the hospital until the spring of next year. Owing to the pressure of work in the Lillooet district this year it was found impossible to obtain competent carpenters to tender for the work. It is hoped that the hospital will be completed and ready for use early next summer.

SCOTLAND AND WALES TO SPEAK

GOVERNMENT EXPECTS EFFECTIVE MAJORITY

Premier Says the Problem of House of Lords is Whole Point of Election

London, Dec. 9.—The standing of parties today is as follows:

Unionists	206
Liberals	159
Laborites	156
Nationalists	22,229
O'Brienites	59

The votes cast yesterday were: Unionists, 1,323,393; Liberals, 1,165,450; Labor, 226,373; Socialists, 6,606; Nationalists, 22,229; Independent Nationalists, 11,996.

On the result of yesterday's polling the government is one up. The fight as a whole is so stubborn that there almost seems a possibility of the sporting interest subsiding. The political interest in the matter of gains and losses. With England nearly polled the Liberals are now awaiting the piling up of an effective majority.

Scotland appears sound and Wales also, despite the defection in Cardiff, and at least they anticipate a couple of gains today.

At Lloyd's insurance against various coalition majorities are being made on the following basis: 9 to 1 that the Government gets 100 of a majority; even money that they get 120; 200 to 35 against their getting 130 majority. The coalition majority in the recent house was 122.

In Dundee Winston Churchill again heads the poll, but with a decreased majority on a decreased poll: Mr. Wilkie, Labor, retains the second seat for Dundee; also on a decreased poll and majority. In January Mr. Churchill polled 10,747 votes, while yesterday he received only 9,242. Mr. Wilkie in January received 10,355 votes, against 8,657 cast for him to-day. The two Unionist candidates in January received respectively 4,552 and 4,339 votes, while yesterday they received 3,805 and 4,014. A prohibitionist candidate who in January received 1,512 votes, today received 1

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BRITISH MEMBERS' EXPENSES.

It is an expensive luxury to sit in parliament in the Old Country unless you happen to be a Minister of the Crown. The cost of elections there is probably greater than in this country, yet the member is not paid for his services. Is it any wonder that Joseph Martin, M. P., objected to again going to the country? It meant a very serious outlay for him to again carry his constituency of St. Pancras East. The cost of the last election as shown by a blue book just issued by the British government was a little over six million dollars to the candidates alone, without counting the cost to the government. The cost per voter has been calculated and shows that in England the price is almost a dollar each; in Scotland about a dollar and ten cents, while in Ireland the rate drops to less than seventy-five cents. These figures are good only for contested elections. While it cost Premier Asquith nearly four thousand dollars to secure his seat, the sum spent by the leader of the opposition, A. J. Balfour, was considerably over eight thousand dollars. Even Keir Hardie had to pay over four thousand dollars, but Lloyd George, with a smaller constituency, was out only two thousand five hundred. The lowest average cost per vote was in the Hull division, the junior member, James Parker, paying only at the rate of sixteen cents per vote, while the highest was over ten dollars per vote in the Waltham division of Liverpool. The total number polled being only 451. More than half the cost to the candidates consist of returning officers' charges. These it is proposed the government shall in future pay, and it is also proposed that the members shall receive a salary sufficient to cover the actual expense of living in London in a moderate way.

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS.

Preparations are now being made for the proper celebration of Christmas. It is the time to make purchases at the shops, for as the festive season approaches the difficulties of careful selection are necessarily increased, and many of the choicest gifts are gone. It might not be out of place to say a word or two about the selection of Christmas presents. As a rule people like to receive something, if possible, made by the giver, finished by the giver, or in some manner linked up with the name, character or calling of the donor. The average man or woman would prefer a mere trifle by the owner to a rich gift purchased at random from a heterogeneous collection. Ladies do not find it difficult to provide such gifts, but with men it is a more serious task. Not many men are artists or are able to make anything which might prove acceptable. Some few are photographers, and the products of the kodak and the dark room may often be used with effect and provide lasting remembrances. For those who purchase their presents, the selection is always difficult. To send to Eastern Canada or across the Atlantic, it is well to choose something especially western if possible. The difficulty is that so many curios are made in Eastern factories and are displayed at the same time in all the shops of the continent. Books are usually acceptable if well selected. It is a pretty good rule in the selection of these that no book should be given unless it has first been perused by the donor, and is such as would likely please the recipient. The ordinary presentation volume is a delusion and a snare, and is laid away, seldom, if ever, to be opened after the first glance through it. The choice of presents for children is something which seldom gives much consideration. The cheap toys are purchased because they are pretty, or "cute," and are of no value whatever. The useful present is one that a boy or girl can use. Boxes of tools are generally appreciated by the older boys, and similar useful things by girls. Children love to do things, and if the giver of a present can help them in doing or learning to do, he will give much more pleasure than by presenting a mere toy.

IMPERIAL COUNCIL.

The question of how the Empire shall be governed is a live one today. Matters of local government will have to be fought out locally, but the foreign policy of the Empire must eventually be controlled by representatives of all the self-governing countries which form the Empire. That goes without saying. The constitution of the body to which this task shall be given is another matter altogether, and a great many schemes are being put forward for the consideration of the public at the present time by men of all shades of opinion and from all parties. The latest of these to come to hand is set forth in a pamphlet written by James Roberts, Esq., L.L.B. In brief his scheme is as follows: The foreign policy of the Empire shall be controlled by an Imperial cabinet made up of representatives of each self-governing part of the Empire, but with the United Kingdom holding the balance of power. The holding of offices would terminate at the pleasure of the King, on receiving a hostile vote of the cabinet, or if withdrawn, by the state or dominion represented. Any member would be eligible for the position of Prime Minister and the others would all be given departments, which they would control. They would be either elected by the people direct or appointed by the government of each state. The foreign policy of a country includes, of course, the matter of defence, and the allotment to each state its share in the general scheme. Then matters relating to Imperial trade, mutual preferences, commercial treaties, boundaries, and any other subjects which might affect the Empire as a whole would come within the scope of the cabinet. It is argued that this method would tend to remove Imperial questions from party strife, and provide greater uniformity in foreign policy, as an election in any one country would not change the whole personnel of the cabinet. Party strife would then be confined to domestic questions. It is further argued that this body could be constituted without legislation or the creation of a written constitution, just as the present cabinet and responsible government plan has been developed. The functions of the cabinet would be purely advisory and consultative. This is in a few words the proposal. We cannot see why it should be necessary for the Imperial body to be a cabinet, in which each member should have charge of some particular department. It seems to us more reasonable to have a simple advisory council presided over by one of its members. Each of the members might well be a member of the home government, which he represents and would retire on the defeat of that government. He would then keep in close touch with the wishes of the other members of his government and be responsible to his own premier. Instead of the United Kingdom being the predominant partner, we should suggest that she have an equal representation with the whole of the other dominions. While she still has a preponderating population, this will be only for a short time, for the aggregate of the other countries is fast overtaking her. We also are inclined to think that the government of India should be represented. Suppose Newfoundland, three, Australia two, South Africa two, New Zealand one, India one, and Great Britain and Ireland two, the council would be plenty large enough. The number of representatives could, of course, be arranged at an Imperial conference and matters of population, area, commerce, and development would have no influence on the decision. The subject is an interesting one to discuss, and doubtless will be well thought out before any action is taken.

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CHIVALRY.

The question of chivalry is constantly cropping up. Women are demanding what they call their rights, yet they still expect more than their rights. In Toronto they are being blamed for the regulation against smoking in the cars. Some of the men who have been in the habit of smoking on the platform say that hereafter they intend to sit, and no matter what the crowd they will keep their seats. In the Old Country it is impossible to give up a seat to a lady because no one is allowed to stand. If a lady gets into a crowded car and a man gives up his seat, a policeman is liable to come along and put him out. This officialdom has struck a blow at chivalry. The complaint is also made that women often do not appreciate being allowed to sit, in fact that some women are not ladies. If a man, tired with the work of the day, relinquishes a seat to a woman who has no need of it, and on doing so she drops down without so much as an inclination of the head, he feels resentful. If this occurs a few times he probably gets mad and sits it out next time. For the time being woman has not all the privileges that are accorded to man, so she will be still treated in a chivalrous manner. When, however, she is allowed to vote, and is given in every way the same standing as a man she must expect equal treatment on street cars and at other public places. This seems reasonable. Reason does not always prevail, however, and the probability is that woman will continue to rule even when she has been given the vote. We are inclined to think that the male advocates of woman suffrage are the enemies of the opposite sex who are trying to curb her power, but they will not succeed. It will take more than a vote to bring her down from her pedestal. Man will continue to fawn on her as long as her name is woman. In his second manifesto to his constituents Winston Churchill, dealing with the "Locks" rate, says: "The...

have to take it from them. You will have to take it from them now. You will have to take it from them forever. One good wrench, and out it comes."

The new Zealand parliament has decreed that hereafter all wagering shall be illegal in any part of that dominion.

No details of the new law have yet been received, but it is said to be very comprehensive. We fancy we have heard some few years ago that laws had been passed in Australia to make strikes impossible, and under certain circumstances illegal, but the big coal strike of last year was one of the biggest industrial fights in many years. Legislation does not amount to much unless backed by public opinion.

One very noticeable feature of the British elections is the absence of any efforts to purchase votes through promises of public works. In a settled country like Great Britain there are few public works needed with the exception of improved roads, and the building of those comes under the direction of the County Councils. The result is that the elections are fought on questions of general policy, either foreign or domestic, the bribery element being almost wholly absent.

Cyril Jackson, acting agent-general for West Australia, in a letter to the Standard of Empire, says that there are over 800,000 acres of land open for settlement in that state, and that it is all near railways. The land has to be improved by the settlers, so that speculators have very little chance of doing business with it. Is it any wonder that settlers do not take up the land in this country, where the speculator has the first chance, the landings being reserved for the pre-emptor? We earnestly hope something will be done at the coming session of the House to remedy the existing infamous state of affairs.

The Victoria waterworks reservoir at Smith's Hill is not the only constructive failure in this line. News has just come to hand of a similar occurrence in Scotland near Dumfries.

The district committee constructed a huge beam with a capacity of 200,000, 700 gallons at a cost of a million and a quarter dollars. It was designed by Sir William Copland, of Glasgow, and the construction was supervised by John D. Parker, C. E., of the same city. With only fifteen feet of water there is so leakage, but as the pressure increases so does the leakage increase. So far the engineers have not determined the cause of the leakage, nor have they devised a way to stop it.

Very little news has come through by telegraph in regard to the Welsh strike riots, but the Old Country newspapers give long accounts of the struggle in the Rhondda valley, particularly at Tonypandy. A number of the Metropolitan police were at first sent down in an endeavor to quell the disturbances, but eventually it was found necessary to call out the military. An attempt was made to stop the fans while the mine ponds were still below. This would of course have resulted in the death of the animals, but the attempt was frustrated. That a spirit of lawlessness is abroad in the South Wales mining districts seems evident. The following little ditty, which is heard sung quite commonly by the men, is an illustration of the feeling:

Every nice girl loves a collier
In the Rhondda Valley war,
Eyes and looks of a hot striker,
And you know what strikers are.
In Tonypandy they're very handy
With their sticks and their stones and
Walking down the street with Jane,
Breaking ever window-pane,
That's lost! That's lost! That's lost!

TWO HUNDRED KILLED.

Casualties in Battle Between Brazilian Mutineers and Loyal Troops.
Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 12.—The dead and wounded in Saturday's battle between mutineers at Corbra Island barracks and the loyal warships and troops amounted to 200. It was authoritatively learned to-day. Of this number ten are citizens who were watching the bombardment and who were struck by stray bullets. Most of the rest are mutineers. The casualties among the loyal troops were very slight.

WINNIPEG MAYORALTY.

Winnipeg, Dec. 12.—With the municipal council divided both parties are competing organizations for getting out what is expected will prove the heaviest vote ever cast in a civic election. While the shepherds and the supporters of Mayor Evans and the police commission profess themselves confident of the result, it depends almost entirely on how the silent vote will go.

ELECTROCUTED IN BATH TUB.

Stockton, Cal., Dec. 12.—Eckley Hall, a contractor, is dead here as a result of an electric shock received while taking a bath. Hall was standing in the bath tub, it is believed, and reached up to turn on the electric light above his head. The water in the tub containing the discharge pipe formed a short circuit, and the full 220 volts of the system was taken through his body. Death was instantaneous.

MOB ATTACKS JAIL.

Columbus, Ga., Dec. 12.—Early yesterday morning a mob of two hundred men made an attempt to force their way into the jail here, in an effort to secure a negro prisoner charged with an attempt to assault a young woman here several nights ago. The mob was repulsed. The jailer warned the mob before the attack that he would fire on the first man who attempted to enter and when the attack was made he fired a number of shots, wounding several. The jailer was shot in the breast, but it is not believed that he is fatally wounded. After about 100 shots had been fired, the mob dispersed. The police and militia arrived and dispersed the mob.

RUSH WORK SOON ON NEW BANK BLOCK

Fine Home for Union Bank to Go Up on Government Street

It is understood that all preliminary details have been completed looking to an early commencement on the work of erecting a handsome new home for the Union Bank of Canada on the fine site at the northeast corner of Government street and Tروonce avenue. Thomas McCaffrey, provincial superintendent of the Union Bank, has been in the city for several days past in this connection.

With the erection of this proposed structure, which by the way, is to be of the most modern type, and the execution of the project for the extension of View street through to Government from Broad street, there will be a complete transformation of one of the most prominent points in the heart of the business section on the leading pioneer thoroughfare, and the change will decidedly be for the better, for the old buildings at present occupying the site being but two stories in height, are very much out of place in the new Victoria which is being so rapidly created.

POLICE ON TRAIL OF DYNAMITERS

More Explosives Found in Seattle—Arrests Are Expected Shortly

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 12.—The police are to-day convinced that the discovery of eight sticks of high power dynamite under the marine supply shop of H. C. Doman will lead to the apprehension of a band of terrorists and blackmailers who have used the explosive in wrecking several Seattle buildings during the last year. Two men were seen loitering about the Doman place shortly before the dynamite was discovered, and the police are confident of apprehending them to-day. It is believed that the same men who placed the dynamite under the Doman establishment are responsible for the wrecking of the garage of the Italian consul.

PRICES WILL SOAR.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 12.—Pork products, which include all provisions, hams, bacon and lard, are to move upward during the coming week on the Pacific coast unless there is a sudden reversal of the situation and at this time such a thing is unlikely, according to local dealers.

Talk of the coal jumping over the moon has all the total number of what may be expected with the price of beef after a while, for the shortage this winter promises to be the greatest ever shown in this section as well as in other portions of the United States, say the wholesalers.

UNITED STATES AHEAD OF GERMANY IN TONNAGE AND NUMBER OF GUNS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—The United States closes another year in second place among the world's naval powers. The great navy building race between Germany and Great Britain has not brought the former country up to the United States, in number of battleships afloat, but in ships protected and un-protected, and in the armaments of all kinds, Germany will crowd the United States to third place. These facts are shown in the new navy book prepared by Pittman and published by the senate committee on naval affairs, and soon to be issued by the government printing office. In armored cruisers, although the technical division made in the United States indicates Germany to have more than the United States, the actual strength of the United States exceeds that of its European rival.

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FOUR MURDERED Woman and Three Men Beaten to Death.

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Children's Coats on Sale Tuesday

CHILDREN'S COATS of tweeds, serges and worsted materials in the most up-to-date practical winter models. Regular values up to \$6.00. Tuesday... \$3.75. Regular values up to \$8.75. Tuesday... \$5.75. Regular values up to \$12.50. Tuesday... \$8.75.

Rubber Hot Water Bottles, Special for Wednesday

2 quart and 3 quart, regular price \$1.75, \$2.00. For... \$1.00. Now is your opportunity to obtain a cold-water necessity at a price never before equalled. These bottles are made of the very best rubber. Each one guaranteed. They are made specially for us. "Spencer's special" stamped on each bottle. Considering the advance in the price of rubber, you can see the saving to be made by purchasing one of these.

Women's Strong Shoes, Special \$2.65

These Shoes are all sound new goods, thoroughly up-to-date. Made of solid leather throughout and absolutely dependable. We recommend them as first class values at their regular price of \$3.50. WOMEN'S BOX CALF BLUCHERS, stout sewn soles, low heel and broad toes... \$2.65. WOMEN'S VICI KID BLUCHER BOOTS, patent tips, Cuban heel... \$2.65. WOMEN'S GUN METAL BLUCHER BOOTS, sewn soles, military heels... \$2.65.

Silk Underskirts on Sale Tuesday, \$3.90

To-morrow morning we are placing on sale a number of Taffeta Silk Skirts, which were designed to suit the prevailing styles of Overskirts. Made with deep accordion pleated flounce, or three piece tucked flounce. Colors red, navy, brown, black, fawn, Persian blues and myrtle. Tuesday... \$3.90.

Special Sale in Christmas Slippers

When in doubt give Slippers. One can never have too many, and the arrival of a pair of our cosy Felt Slippers will be eagerly welcomed by any member of the family. WOMEN'S ALL FELT SLIPPERS, maroon and gray. Price... 25¢. WOMEN'S ALL FELT SLIPPERS, extra thick felt soles. Assorted colors. Prices 75¢, 60¢, 50¢ and... 35¢. WOMEN'S FELT SLIPPERS, with flexible leather soles, black and red. Price... 50¢. WOMEN'S VELVET SLIPPERS, thick felt soles, black, navy and maroon. Price... 60¢. WOMEN'S QUILTED SATIN SLIPPERS, thick felt soles, black, red, pink and blue... 60¢. WOMEN'S JAEGER FELT SLIPPERS, turn over collar, thick felt and leather soles. 60¢. CHILDREN'S ALL FELT SLIPPERS, thick felt soles, ankle strap, assorted colors. All sizes... 40¢. CHILDREN'S JAEGER FELT SLIPPERS, thick felt and leather soles, ankle strap... 50¢. MEN'S ALL FELT SLIPPERS, maroon and black... 50¢. MEN'S FELT SLIPPERS, flexible leather soles, black and red... 60¢. MEN'S JAEGER FELT SLIPPERS, thick felt and leather soles. Price... 60¢.

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HAD RIDE ON A SNOWSLIDE

Prince Rupert, Dec. 5.—J. L. Fanning, engineer of the Pacific Mail Company, is back from a recent excursion to the interior, where he has been for some days in the inspection of company's properties there known as Rock Wall group. He says he was told had a contract for a large amount of work during the winter owing to the usual snowfalls. One of these calls for the construction of a tunnel of 100 feet in length, and the contractor to call off further operations until the early spring.

TWO DIED SUDDENLY.

Everett, Wash., Dec. 12.—William Hewitt and his wife, who were on a motor trip, were killed Saturday morning by a car which struck them while they were crossing the street. The car, which was driven by a man named... Hewitt was killed by a blow on the head, and his wife was killed by a blow on the chest.

GIRL BURNED TO DEATH

Vancouver, Dec. 12.—White three children, the eldest nine years of age, and the youngest five, were alone in their home at 14 Eighth avenue east Friday night. Myrtle Driscoll, the smallest, got up to see what was wrong. She saw a fire, and she saw a man who she thought was a burglar. She tried to get up to her father's room, but she was too late. She was killed by a blow on the head.

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NEVELSON CURLERS

Nelson, Dec. 5.—At the annual meeting of the Nelson Curling Club in the hotel trade rooms it was proposed to hold a special local banquet in Nelson some time in January next, to give notice of a similar function under the auspices of the club and to organize a series of matches between the club and some of the various curling clubs in the city. The first matter taken up was the election of officers for the year, which resulted as follows: Patron, P. Burns; Club secretary, C. D. Blackie; honorary vice-president, Harry W. A. Starkey; and A. T. Walley. The executive committee—P. J. Glasgow, A. Starkey and J. G. Bunyan and J. G. Bunyan and J. G. Bunyan.

PRINCIPAL HOME.

Kamloops, Dec. 10.—Next spring see the new provincial home built started. It will be a handsome structure and will be much larger than the present affair. The present building will not be touched until the next session of the legislature for next year, when it will be all that has been built next year.

NEW BRANCH LINE.

Nelson, Dec. 5.—The C. P. R. has decided upon the construction of another branch line into the Kootenay. It will run from Hazelton and Galloway south towards Kamloops and then west to the coast. The line is important and it is believed that it will be a great benefit to the province, passing as it does through valuable timber lands and extensive tract of rich agricultural land. This is the second branch line to be constructed by the C. P. R. in the Kootenay within a short time the other branch line to Wellington.

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Coffee Merchant Is Dead—Second Man and Lady Stenographer Ill

Vancouver, Dec. 11.—As a result of a light supper which consisted of some hard boiled eggs and Rainier beer, George E. Black, a prominent tea and coffee merchant of this city, whose place of business is at Pandosy street, west, is dead, and Miss Biddle Gordon, stenographer to Mr. Wolten, a prominent poolroom proprietor, is in the general hospital in a serious condition, while Mr. Wolten himself, though still at his flat at 888 Granville street, is still suffering acutely from the effects of the meal of which they all partook. It appears that Mr. Wolten came home about 12 o'clock and found that his friend of fourteen years, Mr. Black, had just boiled four eggs for himself and Miss Gordon, who lives near his flat, and that while the eggs were cooking Mr. Black had gone to take a bath.

In the meanwhile Mr. Wolten put on a couple of eggs for himself. As soon as these were ready they all took the meal and shortly after it Mr. Wolten fell to the floor. He raised himself when he heard Miss Gordon call to him that Mr. Black was very sick and had also fallen down. He reblied that he could do nothing and that she must give him some cold water.

He then rushed into the room and found Black on the floor but was himself so sick that he could do nothing. In the meantime Miss Gordon was herself taken sick. Doctor Gourley was called by telephone after efforts had been made to administer a glass of water in the house with the plight of the victims. When Doctor Gourley arrived he found that Mr. Black was dead.

He then gave his attention to Miss Gordon and to Mr. Wolten. The former was found on her bed, to which she had been able to walk. Mr. Wolten was able to sit up and tell the story. Miss Gordon was later taken to the general hospital.

Mr. Black has been in the city for some three months. He came here from Seattle, where he leaves a wife, his son, aged sixteen, lives in a large apartment house in the neighborhood of Broadway.

Mr. Wolten is the proprietor of a pool room at 68 Hastings street west. Miss Gordon is his stenographer and lives just across the street from the flat.

NELSON CURLERS

Nelson, Dec. 5.—At the annual meeting of the Nelson Curling Club in the board of trade rooms it was proposed to hold a special local bonspiel in Nelson some time in January next, to give a dinner or some similar function to the curlers in the club and to organize a series of matches between rinks selected from the various curling in the city. The first matter taken up was the election of officers for the year, which resulted as follows: Patron, P. Burns; Calgary, honorary president, C. D. Black; honorary vice-president, Harry Wright; M. P. B. president, Harry Headston; secretary-treasurer, A. T. Walley. Executive committee—E. J. Olsson, F. A. Starkey and J. H. Fox. Ice committee—B. Bunyan and A. Bunker.

Umpires—Hon. Judge Fortin and Frank Deacon. Membership committee—C. D. Black, George Thurman and D. H. Proudfoot. Delegates to the British Columbia Curling Association annual meeting next week—F. A. Starkey and A. T. Walley. The question of holding a local bonspiel, to be run on the same lines as the great annual ice carnival of the British Columbia Curling Association, was discussed at length and very favorably received by the meeting. It was proposed that the bonspiel should commence at 5 o'clock in the evening and last until midnight on a day to be selected later towards the end of January when the ice and other conditions for the Scotch national game are most favorable.

HAD RIDE ON A SNOWBLADE

Prince Rupert, Dec. 5.—J. L. Parker, mining engineer of the Pacific Metals Company, is back from Goose Bay, Government Inlet, where he has been spending some days in the inspection of the company's prospecting there. Parker, Red Wing guide. He says the company had let a contract for a large amount of work to be built first, but the contractor had found he could not carry on the work during the winter owing to the conditions. One of these carried away P. Carroll, and the blacksmith had a thrilling ride of some 80 feet. A snowslide also broke down the mouth of one of the tunnels and it was this that led the contractor to call off further operations until the early spring.

PROVINCIAL HOME

Kamloops, Dec. 10.—Next spring will see the new provincial home building started. It will be a handsome stone structure and will be much larger than the present affair. The present building will not be touched until the east and west wings of the new building are completed, when it will be torn down and the creter gap filled in. The east wing will be built first and the contract moved into it. This wing will cost something over \$70,000, the whole building costing close to \$350,000. A portion will be placed on the estimates next session of the legislature for the east wing which will be all that will be built next year.

NEW BRANCH LINE

Nelson, Dec. 5.—The C. P. R. has decided upon the construction of another short branch line into the Kootenay. It will run from below Eldo and Galloway southward over the Wilds and Bynes' lake. Through this line is important and is likely to be remunerative, passing as it does through valuable timber limits and an extensive tract of rich agricultural land. This is the second branch line to be constructed by the C. P. R. in the Kootenays within a short time—the other being the line to Wellington.

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SKELETON OF MAN FOUND IN WOODS

Believed to Be Remains of Wm. Johns Who Was Lost While Hunting

Nanaimo, Dec. 10.—What are supposed to be the remains of Wm. Johns, who was lost in the woods two years ago near Nanocos Bay, have been found.

At that time Johns, in company with another man, went to inspect some claims in that vicinity, and when the other man left to come out home to Wellington, Johns remained in the woods in search of game. From that time nothing more has been seen or heard of Johns until yesterday his skeleton was found by T. Budge, who was out on a hunting trip. Poisons of search parties went out after Johns, and the tragedy of his disappearance was further accentuated by an accident to one of the hunting parties, by which a man named J. Holden was fatally shot. All this searching was fruitless, and Johns was never discovered.

Mr. Budge was out in the woods yesterday after deer in the district where Johns disappeared. On top of a high ridge he came upon a rifle leaning against a rock, and some distance from this he found what are supposed to be parts of the skeleton of Johns. Clothing was scattered all around in shirts and patches. He was unable to locate the whole of the skeleton. The skull was broken up, the legs were gone, and the largest complete section was the spinal column.

The finding of the skeleton was reported to the provincial police, who have gone to investigate.

TO-DAY'S POLLINGS IN OLD COUNTRY

London, Dec. 12.—The following sections will be held to-day, the names of the government candidate, coming first and party majority at previous general election last: Cambridgeshire, Newmarket—Sir C. D. Ross. G. E. Vernal, Unionist 12,000. Cornwall, Bodmin—J. Foot. Lt.-Gen. R. Pole-Carew. Unionist 50. Devonshire, Tonquay—Sir F. L. Barrett, Liberal. Burn. Liberal 11,000. Essex, South-East—Burrage, J. H. M. Kirkwood. Unionist 111. Glamorganshire, East—Edwards, F. H. Gaskell, Stanton. Labor Liberal 8,294. Herefordshire—Ross H. Webb, Capt. P. A. Clive. Unionist 326. Lancashire, North-East—J. Bliss, G. B. Haddock. Unionist 69. Lancashire, N. E. Rosedale—Hon. Sharcourt, Hayle. Liberal 2,490. Lancashire—Haywood, H. T. Casley, Hutchinson. Liberal 1,052. Lancashire, S. E. Chorley—J. Hodge, Labor. H. Wyatt. Labor 473. Lancashire, S. W. Southport—Woodcock, Maj. G. D. White. Unionist 412. Middlesex, Tottenham—P. Allen, E. V. Sturdy. Liberal 515. Middlesex, Brentford—Lobjoit, Lord Compton. Unionist 3,856. Nottinghamshire, Mansfield—A. B. Markham, Cookerell. Labor 2,248. Oxfordshire, Woodstock—P. N. Bennett, A. S. Hammersey. Unionist 728. Shropshire, Oswestry—E. Powell, W. C. Reidman. Unionist 224. Somerset, Bridgewater—H. Hicks, R. A. Sanders. Unionist 1,670. Staffordshire, North-West—A. Stanley, Labor. Crutcher, Labor, 2,812. Surrey, Reigate—Goldberg, Col. R. H. Dawson. Unionist 2,524. Sussex, Ryde—St. J. Hutchinson, O. L. Courtchoppe. Unionist 3,602. Yorkshire, Hallamshire—J. Wade, Labor. Smith, Labor, 4,008. Cork, Mid—Abern. D. D. Sheehan. Independent Nationalist 825. Cork, South-East—J. M. Burke, F. Cream, Independent Nationalist. Independent Nationalist 543. Londonderry, South—Johnston, J. Gordon. Unionist 317. Tyrone, Mid—McCree, G. F. Brunskill. Unionist 405. Wicklow, East—J. Muldoon, Howard. Nationalist. acclamation.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH

Vancouver, Dec. 10.—"Accidental death" was the verdict given by the coroner's jury into the demise of Fritz Harmon Zorgetzky. The deceased was run down near Hastings by the C. P. R. train for Agassiz and fatally injured. While on the way to the general hospital the unfortunate man died. In his possession were found several letters written in Russian, but nothing further has been learned so far concerning him.

TWENTY BY-LAWS TO BE SUBMITTED

Vancouver Council Proposed to Spend Nearly \$3,500,000 on Improvements

Vancouver, Dec. 10.—Twenty money by-laws will be submitted to the property owners at the municipal elections to take place on January 11. All told, the city council decided at its special meeting held last night that money by-laws involving a sum of \$2,473,000 should be presented. The borrowing powers to extend to \$3,473,378, so it will be observed that \$1,000,378 will be left for contingencies during the year 1911. Besides the by-laws it was also decided that \$110,000 should be constituted as a reserve fund in connection with the expenditure which will be involved in the annexation of Hastings Townsite and D. L. 201.

It was early morning before the council adjourned, 1.30 o'clock striking when the final readings of the proposed by-laws were commenced. The by-laws which were passed follow:

- 1. To raise \$50,000 for equipping and maintaining parks.
2. \$300,000 for macadamising streets.
3. \$115,000 for exhibition park purposes.
4. \$1,000 for building a fire hall.
5 and 6. Two by-laws combined to raise \$400,000 for extending and improving city waterworks.
7. Construction of a bridge from Dunsmuir street to connect with Keefer street intersections of Beatty and Main streets respectively at cost of \$400,000.
8. To raise \$45,000 for purchasing part of block 22, D. L. 200 A for city purposes.
9. \$75,000 for improvement of Clarke Drive.
10. \$50,000 for opening and rough grading lanes.
11. 12 and 13. To raise \$387,000 for school purposes.
14. \$240,000 for extension to general hospital.
15. \$29,500 for purchase of land for general hospital purposes.
16. \$7,000 for wharf and boat house for isolation hospital.
17. \$25,000 for acquiring park sites not quoted in the recommendation of the board of park commissioners.
18. \$500,000 for bridge to cross False Creek from the end of Burrard street to Klitslano; \$200,000 to be recovered by the city by the aid of a tax on the property owners.
19. \$200,000 for investment in the Second Narrows bridge.
20. \$25,500 for construction of a public morgue.

The proposed by-laws which went down to defeat consisted of the following: \$10,000 for a fireboat; money for purposes of widening Granville street at the corner of Fourth avenue, the widening of the street, the bridge was broken up, the legs were gone, and the largest complete section was the spinal column.

In connection with the Hastings townsite by-law it was decided that it should be on the table until Monday morning.

ACCEPTS CALL

Kamloops, Dec. 8.—At a meeting of the Kamloops Presbytery at Chase, Messrs. McCall, of Arrowhead, and J. Hyde, of Chase, were ordained into the ministry. Rev. Mr. McRae, of Golden, moderator, leading in the ordination service. Rev. M. G. Motwin, of Revelstoke, preached the sermon and Supt. G. Wilson, of Vancouver, addressed the newly ordained ministers. Rev. Duncan Campbell, who resigned the double post at Roderby and Armstrong, received urgent calls from each place and accepted that from Roderby. After the ordination service Rev. Mr. Campbell addressed the congregation.

POLICEMAN ENDS LIFE

Weyburn, Sask., Dec. 12.—The town was thrown into excitement when it was discovered that a mounted policeman, H. H. Curvey, had committed suicide and had been lying dead in his room nearly three weeks without being discovered.

The November figures for library issues are still on the increase, three new records having been made. Borrowers took out 5469 books during the month, making an average of 210 books borrowed daily. New cards written out numbered 146, and the highest daily issue was 357, but this was exceeded two months ago. New patrons of the library soon learn that it is not desirable for everybody to call on Saturdays. The other departments are still increasing their useful work, and it is a question how much longer the existing accommodation will be sufficient for the public demands.

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MORE TROUBLE BREWING IN PERSIA

Shah's Advisers Are Directing Operations of Kurds Against Turkish Army

Tehran, Persia, Dec. 9.—While according to the Turkish assurances that the Shah desires the integrity of Persia...

A SEATTLE ROMANCE

Young Couple Wedded Here in February, Keep Secret.

Seattle, Dec. 9.—Secretly wedded in Victoria last February, Carl Jones, the 26-year-old son of Thomas E. Jones...

POLLINGS TO-DAY IN OLD COUNTRY

London, Dec. 9.—Following are the day's voted elections, names of the government candidates...

GRAND FORKS POST OFFICE

Grand Forks, Dec. 8.—The plans and specifications for the new post office building have arrived from Ottawa...

S. P. C. A. BRANCH REORGANIZED

New Westminster, Dec. 8.—After one or two abortive efforts the New Westminster branch of the British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals...

PROCTOR WFARE

Proctor, Dec. 8.—The new government wharf is now nearly completed and the boats will land there after this date...

INVESTIGATING SMUGGLING RING

Alleged Peonage Among Chinese Who Are Landed in United States

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 9.—Federal investigation into the extensive smuggling ring revealed the alleged existence of Chinese peonage in America...

Whether the customs and immigration officials were aware of the existence of the first band is not known...

MYSTERY ROBBERY

Box Containing \$15,000 Disappears From Office of Express Company at Minneapolis.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 8.—The disappearance of a strong box containing \$15,000 from the office of the Atlantic Express Company...

WAS DRIVEN TOWARDS PACIFIC GRAVEYARD

Barkentine J. M. Griffiths Narrowly Averted Stranding at Cape Beale.

Through the arrival of the steamer Tees from West Coast points, last night, further particulars concerning the barkentine J. M. Griffiths...

MAURETANIA AFTER ATLANTIC RECORD

Will Make Speedy Trips to Keep Pace With Christmas Traffic

All trans-Atlantic steamship records will be broken if the great Cunard liner Mauretania maintains the schedule which has been outlined for the holiday season...

There is not the slightest doubt but that the vessel will remain on the occasion of her engines are capable of reeling off 27 knots an hour...

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New York, Dec. 8.—George Xendla, a juror in the trial of Edward Rosenheim, charged and acquitted of the charge of murder...

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DETAILED RESULTS OF ELECTIONS

London, Dec. 9.—Following are detailed results of elections held Wednesday and yesterday:

- Essex, Epping-Symonds, Liberal, 3,981; Lockwood, Unionist, 8,990. Unchanged. Kent, Tunbridge-Hedges, Liberal, 6,189; Clay, Unionist, 6,298. Unchanged. Lancashire, North - Shoreley-Jackson, Liberal, 4,887; Balcarres, Unionist, 7,428. Unchanged. Dublin, Harbor-Abraham, Nationalist, 2,440; Brady, Independent Nationalist, 651. Unchanged. Berkshire, Abington - Sands, Liberal, 3,228; Henderson, Unionist, 4,677. Unchanged. Cumberland, Eskdale-Howard, Liberal, 4,211; Lowther, Unionist, 4,827. Unchanged. Dorset, North-Willis, Liberal, 3,887; Baker, Unionist, 3,929. Unchanged. Hertfordshire, Huntingdon-Brett, Liberal, 2,139; Cator, Unionist, 2,287. Unchanged. Lincolnshire, Gainsborough - Bentham, Liberal, 5,823; Weiland, Unionist, 5,748. Unchanged. Lancashire, Horncastle-Linfield, Liberal, 4,181; Dersey, Unionist, 4,706. Unchanged. Northamptonshire, Mid-Manfield, Liberal, 4,319; Paget, Unionist, 6,031. Unchanged. Somerset, Frome-Barrow, Liberal, 5,944; Foxcroft, Unionist, 5,398. Unchanged. Staffordshire, West, Unionist, 6,423; Lloyd, Unionist, 5,822. Unchanged. Sussex, East Grinstead-Spalding, Liberal, 4,521; Cautley, Unionist, 5,828. Unchanged. Wiltshire, Chippenham-Freeman, Liberal, 4,118; Terrell, Unionist, 4,138. Unchanged. Devon, Tiverton-Tressall, Liberal, 3,444; Davdon, Unionist, 5,983. Unchanged. Westmorland, Kendal-Somersley, Liberal, 2,783; Bages, Unionist, 3,043. Unchanged. Stafford-on-Avon-King, Liberal, 3,402; Foster, Unionist, 5,147. Unchanged. Surrey, Guildford-Devey, Liberal, 4,832; Horne, Unionist, 5,489. Unchanged. Hampshire, Gosport, Liberal, 3,377; Phillips-Granite-Poorman, Liberal, 2,295; Nugget, milled, 110; 5,290. Highland, milled, 550; 3,383. Lancashire, Wigan, Liberal, 4,213; Richmond-Eureka, 32; 3,774. Silver City, 28; 937. Dublin, Stephens Green-Brady, Nationalist, 3,594; Herbert, Unionist, 2,763. Unchanged. Linmerck City-Joyce, Nationalist, 2,462; Rice, Independent Nationalist, 882. Unchanged. Cheshire, North-Buxton, Liberal, 5,187; King, Unionist, 4,681. Unchanged. Norfolk, Norwich-Brunner, Liberal, 6,411; Knopp, Unionist, 5,749. Unchanged. Devon, Tiverton-Tressall, Liberal, 3,444; Davdon, Unionist, 5,983. Unchanged. Lancashire, Horncastle-Linfield, Liberal, 2,176; Lawson, Unionist, 2,178. Unchanged. Tower Hamlets, St. George's-East-Benn, Liberal, 1,941; Brown, Unionist, 1,823. Unchanged. Paderington, North-Franklin, Liberal, 3,662; Straus, Unionist, 4,251. Unchanged. Tower Hamlets, Stepney-Jones, Liberal, 2,283; Unionist, 3,811. Unchanged. Tower Hamlets, Bow and Bromley-Lansbury, Liberal, 4,811; Amroy, Unionist, 3,452. Unchanged. Paderington, South-Tenne, Liberal, 1,217; Harris, Unionist, 3,210. Unchanged. Tower Hamlets, Limehouse - Pearce, Liberal, 3,567; Rose-Jones, Unionist, 2,724. Unchanged. Tower Hamlets, Poplar - Buxton, Liberal, 3,977; Bartlett, Unionist, 2,148. Unchanged. Hull, Central-Aske, Liberal, 3,625; King, Unionist, 3,418. Unchanged. Payne and Falmouth - Goldman, Liberal, 1,585; Butt, Liberal, 1,282. Unchanged. Sheffield, Attercliffe-Pointer, Liberal, 6,522; Walker, Unionist, 5,554. Unchanged. Lancashire, Eccles-Pollard, Liberal, 1,487; Campbell, Unionist, 1,716. Unchanged. Leicestershire - Melton - Yates, Unionist, 4,211; Dunn, Liberal, 7,267. Unchanged. Cumberland, Eskdale - Howard, Liberal, 4,211; Lowther, Unionist, 6,581. Unchanged. Chester-Paul, Liberal, 3,881; Yeburg, Unionist, 3,737. Unchanged. Hampshire, East Ham-Barnes, Liberal, 1,217; Unionist, 4,857. Unchanged. Sheffield, Ecclesall-Derry, Liberal, 5,849; Roberts, Unionist, 6,039. Unchanged. Percy, Unionist, 3,929. Unchanged. Sheffield, Brightsides-Walters, Liberal, 5,766; Vices, Unionist, 3,082. Unchanged. Dudley-Griffiths - Bosconan, Unionist, 2,850; Hooper, Liberal, 7,900. Unchanged. Lancashire, Newton - Walmer, Unionist, 6,778; Seddum, Liberal, 6,652. Unchanged. Galway City - Gwynn, Nationalist, 1,062; Wanklyn, Unionist, 203. Unchanged. St. George's, Hanover Square-Bell, Liberal, 1,188; Lyttleton, Unionist, 4,892. Unchanged. Hull, East-T. R. Pears, Liberal, 1,718; Montefiore, Unionist, 5,337. Unchanged. Sheffield, Halam-A. Neal, Liberal, 6,593; Stuart-Wortley, Unionist, 5,788. Unchanged. Lancashire, Accrington-Baker, Liberal, 1,896; Gray, Unionist, 6,481. Unchanged. Greenock-Collins, Liberal, 4,398; Chapman, Unionist, 2,313. Unchanged. Lancashire, Middleton-Adkins, Liberal, 7,071; Hewitts, Unionist, 6,284. Unchanged. Wandsworth-Kimber, Unionist, 15,183; Fairbairn, Liberal, 10,654. Unchanged. Essex, Epping-Symonds, Liberal, 2,361; Lockwood, Unionist, 6,990. Unchanged.

STEWART DECIDES TO INCORPORATE

Bill Will Be Presented at Forthcoming Session of Legislature.

Stewart, Dec. 8.—A public meeting held in Hattie's hall unanimously endorsed the draft bill for the incorporation of the city of Stewart...

SCOTLAND AND WALES TO SPEAK

Norfolk, Mid-Lester, Liberal, 4,078; Boyle, Unionist, 4,443. Unchanged. Lancashire, New Hambleton, Liberal, 6,186; Ramsbotham, Unionist, 6,652. Unchanged. Tullibardine, Unionist, 4,077. Unchanged. Denbighshire, West—Sir J. H. Roberts, Liberal. Ross and Cromarty—J. G. Weir, Liberal. Kildare, North—J. O'Connor, Nationalist. Clare County, West—A. Lynch, Nationalist. Queen's County, Leix—P. Mehan, Nationalist. Kilkenny, North—M. Meagher, Nationalist. Dorsetshire, West—Col. R. Williams, Unionist. KING GEORGE INTERESTS. Becomes Patron of the Amateur Athlete Association.

SUICIDE ENDS ROMANCE

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 8.—In despair because his sweetheart had married another man, Louis Ah Wing, jumped aboard the steamer Humboldt off Prince Rupert, B. C. last Sunday and drowned.

WILL BE EXECUTED

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 8.—Marg Wilkins, who killed Kerna Carman and buried her body in the rear of her home at Elmwood, will be hanged at San Quentin on February 11. Wilkins' sentence, which for two years has been delayed while an appeal was pending, had been confirmed by the Supreme court, and sentence was reimposed yesterday by Judge Weate, of the Superior court. Wilkins has been in jail since July, 1909.

FIGHT HARLEY TO BE LONG

Renewed Efforts to Prevent Extradition of Porter Charlton to Italy

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 12.—The effort to prevent the extradition of Porter Charlton, wanted in Italy for the murder of his wife, was renewed today by a court of appeals yesterday.

The fight to prevent the extradition of Charlton has only begun, according to R. Floyd Clark, Charlton's counsel. Secretary Knox's decision that the state department must acquiesce in the extradition of Charlton is not according to Clark.

GRAIN CHARTERING LIGHTS

Weekly Review of Coast Charter Market. Also Shows Little Activity in London.

There has been a small amount of chartering during the week, the San Francisco Commercial News union says, being upheld both here and abroad by the market. The rate of chartering is not much activity, shippers being inclined to hold off at the present as they expect a further rise in the steam tonnage on time charter.

HONOR FOR PEARY

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—Capt. Robert E. Peary will soon receive some token of appreciation for his discovery of the north pole, which was predicted here. It was intimated that the house committee on naval affairs soon will report on the recognition of Peary's achievement.

THREATENED TO END LIFE

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 9.—Denied not to let a single opportunity of playing on public sympathy for the attorneys defending Hattie Blane, on trial here for the murder of Clarence Glover, introduced testimony yesterday to show that the girl sworn to commit suicide if she convicted.

CRAINBROOK CITY HALL

Crainbrook, Dec. 8.—The question of a municipal building in the settlement of the property owners voted in favor of the by-law which asked for an appropriation of \$18,000 for the construction of a city building.

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TRADE RELATIONS

New York, Dec. 9.—The political platform of the party which represents the protective tariff principle in this country...

COTLAND AND WALES TO SPEAK

Norfolk, Mid.—Lester, Liberal, 4308; Uye, Unionist, 4343. Unchanged.

KING GEORGE INTEREST

London, Dec. 9.—Right Hon. Lord Alverstone, president of the Amateur Athletic Association...

CRANBROOK CITY HALL

London, Dec. 8.—The question of a specially owned building was settled when the city council voted in favor of the proposal...

FIGHT LIKELY TO BE LONG ONE

Renewed Efforts to Prevent Extradition of Porter

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 12.—The fight to prevent the extradition of Porter...

PROTESTANT ORPHANAGE

Lady Visitors' Report for the Month—November Donations.

HONOR FOR PEARY

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—That Capt. Robert E. Peary will soon receive some token of appreciation from congress for his discovery of the north pole...

THREATENED TO END LIFE

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 9.—Determined not to let a simple operation of playing on public sympathy escape the attorneys defending Hattie Lee...

VANCOUVER THIEVES LIBERATED CITY

One Returns to Jail for a Month—The Other Advised to Leave Town

John Ogilvie, who came out of jail yesterday, after having served a sentence of six months for a robbery committed in Vancouver...

SCHOOL BOARD AND CITY COUNCIL AGREE

Lot on Kingston Street Will Be Expropriated for School Purposes.

NORTHWESTERN IS PULLED OFF ROCKS

(From Saturday's Daily.) Yielding to the strong and steady pulls of the tug William Jolliffe and the wrecking steamer Salvor of the E. J. Crisp Co., Seattle, Wash., the Northwestern, a large lumber schooner...

IS NO NEED FOR A REFUGIUM

SCHOOL BOARD AND CITY COUNCIL AGREE

It is improbable that anything further will be heard of Mayor Morley's proposal to take a referendum at the approaching municipal elections on the question of the relations between the school board and the city council.

ALASKAN WATERS BETTER LIGHTED

Following Canada's Example Many Acetylene Lights Will Aid Northern Navigation.

PACKERS SEEK DELAY

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Chicago packers individually indicted for conspiracy in violation of the Sherman law fled today with United States Judge Cropper's order...

POWELL WINS HANDS DOWN

New York, Dec. 7.—Law Powell, the San Francisco Lightweight, is in great demand among matchmakers today as a result of the finished manner in which he polished off Young Otto...

NEWEST DREDGE IS BEST IN SERVICE

Scottish Builders Launch Powerful Vessel for Canadian Government

One of the latest and best equipped dredges, designed for use by the Dominion government, was launched a few days ago at the shipbuilding yards of William Simons & Co., Glasgow, Scotland...

ROYAL OAK NEWS

A grand masquerade ball was held in the new hall last Thursday night. The costumes were brilliant and many well-sustained characters created much for the spectators until the grand march and unmasking was directed by W. J. Quick...

RELIEF FOR "STRAP HANGERS"

"No Seat, No Five Cent Fare" Stand Taken by Supervisor at San Francisco.

SEEKS NEW TRIAL

Denver, Colo., Dec. 12.—Genkio Mitunaga, convicted of the murder of Mrs. Katherine Wilson and sentenced to life imprisonment, has appealed from his conviction to the supreme court.

RESTAURANT FIRE ON RATES STREET

Confusion Reigned on Government Street During Busy Hour Saturday Night

An alarm of fire and the rush of the fire brigade at the corner of Government and Yates streets on Saturday night, during the busy shopping hours, served to collect a tremendous crowd of the vicinity of St. Lawrence street...

POPULATION OF U. S. AND ITS POSSESSIONS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—The grand total population of the United States is 101,100,000. These figures represent the United States and all its possessions.

TEACHER WANTED FOR OTHER PUPIL

South Vancouver, Dec. 10.—Because of the meager light in which the municipal employees have to work, both at the commencement and end of the day...

KOMURA WILL RESIGN

Tokio, Dec. 10.—The resignation of Count Komura as premier of Japan, must be regarded as an event of the not far distant future.

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THE "UNWRITTEN LAW." Vincennes, Ind., Dec. 9.—Mento Moore, charged with the murder of Charles Gibson, whom he shot and instantly killed October 24, was acquitted yesterday.

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