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Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 21.—A plea that he had been under an intense nervous strain because of the case, was advanced by Burns and hirelings during the dynamite investigation, did not avail County Prosecutor Frank P. Baker when he appeared in the criminal court today to show cause why he should not be punished for contempt of court and Judge Markey fined him \$50.

Baker interrupted the trial yesterday when he forced Robert J. Foster, detective for the Erie County Association, to protect him against interference by Foster. The court said the prosecutor's action was irregular and unnecessary, but ruled that he would instruct the jury to disregard the identity of persons that had been mentioned in the prosecution.

To indicate the mental stress under which he had labored, Baker told the court that a member of the present grand jury had become insane through consideration of the alleged dynamite plot and had imagined he was John J. McNamara on trial for his life. The man was not dismissed, the prosecutor said because it was feared the public might misconstrue that action.

TOLLS ON SHIPPING IN PANAMA CANAL

President Taft Discusses Question of Payment by American Vessels

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—President Taft sent another of his promised series of messages to congress today. This time he dealt with currency reform, Panama Canal tolls and various governmental institutions.

PARLY HONORED

SINGLE TAX FOR MUNICIPALITIES

Mayor of Alberta Introduces Bill Which Provides Model Constitution

Edmonton, Alta., Dec. 21.—Premier Sifton has introduced one of the most progressive pieces of legislation ever brought forward by the Liberal government. The bill now before the Alberta legislature stipulates that within seven years the single tax principle shall be observed by all established municipalities, and that it shall be observed from the outset by municipalities hereafter established in Alberta.

VICTIMS OF MARINE EXPLOSION

Child Places Dynamite Caps in Stove and Explosion Follows

Los Angeles, Dec. 21.—Dynamite caps placed in the firebox by one of the children, blew up the kitchen stove in the home of E. E. Andrade today and every member of the family, numbering ten persons, was injured. The explosion occurred after Mrs. Andrade had made the fire to cook the morning meal. Andrade and the eight children were in the kitchen at the time and all were showered by broken iron and blazing fragments of wood. They will recover, although seriously cut and burned.

CITY WINS SUIT

FIGHTING IN PERSIA REPORTED

CONSTITUTIONALISTS AND RUSSIANS CLASH

Czar's Troops Will Advance Unless Persia Yields To-day

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BOY SHOOTS INFANT

SEAT IN SCOTLAND

Solicitor-General Defeated in Bye-Election for North Ayrshire

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The government has lost another seat in the House of Commons with the result of the bye-election for North Ayrshire, Scotland.

RATIFIES AGREEMENT

PARIS, Dec. 21.—The chamber of deputies ratified last evening the Franco-German accord on the question of Morocco. The ratification was adopted by 395 against 36 votes.

ANOTHER GRAND JURY AT WORK

INVESTIGATING EXPLOSIONS AT INDIANAPOLIS

McManigal Taken From Jail to Meet San Francisco Labor Leader

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 20.—Two grand juries here today investigated the dynamiting conspiracy.

The county grand jury inquired into similar explosions here and at Columbus, Ind. Walter Drew, counsel for the National Erectors' Association, was called to testify in the afternoon.

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Harrington was supposed to have left Los Angeles Monday morning coincident with the issuance of the federal subpoena. It was stated to-day that the postal authorities had been asked to reveal whether the sought-for attorney had ordered his mail address changed.

CHRISTMAS IN THE ROYAL HOUSEHOLD

Arrangements Made by King and Queen Before Departure for India

London, Dec. 20.—While the King and Queen are discharging imperial duties in the golden west, the work of sovereignty is proceeding at home without a hitch.

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Ottawa, Dec. 20.—If any private individual had done what the Grand Trunk Pacific has attempted to do in this case he would have been in the penitentiary, and rightly so.

This was the statement which Judge Maybee, chairman of the railway commission, made to the Grand Trunk Pacific at the conclusion of an argument in the appeal of Robert Kelly of Vancouver.

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Returns for Western Electoral Divisions—Total Population Now Placed at 7,192,338—More Men Than Women in the West.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—Another census bulletin has been issued from the office of the chief census commissioner. It gives the population of the Dominion by electoral divisions and by sexes.

The first bulletin issued gave Canada's total population at 7,192,338. These figures have now been increased to 7,192,338, which is an increase of 1,821,822 for the Dominion since 1901.

The increase in the male population since 1901 has been 1,654,642, while the female population has increased by 765,538. The explanation of the large increase in the male population can doubtless be found in immigration figures, which show that the arrivals of males from Great Britain, the United States and other countries largely exceed the influx of females.

The population of Canada by constituencies in 1911 and 1901, subject to revision, is:

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SOLDIERS NOW ON DUTY AT DUNDEE

Called Out Owing to Strike Riots—Threatened Lock-out in Lancashire

Dunfermline, Scotland, Dec. 20.—The arrival of troops requisitioned by the Lord Provost here to repress the disorders caused by the striking dockers and carters of the port, had a salutary effect on the disorderly element. Twenty thousand workers are idle and business is almost paralyzed.

Liverpool, Dec. 20.—A lockout affecting 100,000 cotton operatives is threatened on Christmas Day.

The trouble between the employers and workers has arisen over the question of the employment of non-unionists.

The weavers employed in one of the mills at Accrington intend to strike to-night unless two non-union workers employed there consent to join the union.

Organizer of Industrial Workers of the World Says Thousand Members Will Enter Bakersfield.

Bakersfield, Cal., Dec. 20.—Bakersfield is soon to be invaded by an army of not less than 1,000 members of the Industrial Workers of the World, says their organizer here, who, together with two subordinates, was arraigned yesterday in the police court for blocking a street in the eastern section of the city the night before.

Penitentiary, Dec. 20.—At the meeting of the Penitentiary board, J. J. have been pronounced as of the Kettle Valley Railway Company, succeeded in convincing the council that his company did not desire an extension of time for building their line from Midway to Merritt. It is said that the extension through a careless wording of their notice of application for extension of time, and that the extension asked for only applies to branch lines.

ELECTRIC RAILWAY EMPLOYEE FINED

Motorman Exceeded Speed Limit When Passing Car Discharging Passengers

Vancouver, Dec. 20.—The second prosecution under the tramway's inspection act was conducted in the police court yesterday by W. E. Burns, prosecutor for the attorney-general's department. The defendant was a H. C. E. R. motorman named Combs and the charge was that he had failed to bring down the speed of his car to the rate of two miles an hour while passing another car that was discharging passengers.

Mr. Burns stated that the action arose out of an inquiry on the death of a young girl on October 17. This man had alighted from a Granville car and was passing at the rear of it when he was struck by a New Westminster interurban car travelling in the opposite direction.

The motorman, on the other hand, said he had received letters commending his work on other occasions, and considered that the prosecution was quite uncalled for.

Magistrate Shaw said, however, that he must take cognizance of the fact of guilt and imposed a fine of \$10.

Decision of Admiralty Court Which Investigated Collision Between Liner and Cruiser.

London, Dec. 20.—The admiralty court has found that the White Star line steamship Olympic was responsible for the collision with the British cruiser Hawker on Osborne Bay, on the north side of the Isle of Wight, on September 20 last.

Victim of Train Wreck. Ortonville, Minn., Dec. 20.—Identified by the teeth, the body of the tenth victim of the wreck of the Chicago-Milwaukee and St. Paul railway train, the Columbian, which was struck Monday by a silk train, it became known yesterday was that of Hayes Calladin, aged 30, of Butte, Mont.

In Critical Condition. Halifax, N. S., Dec. 20.—Hon. B. F. Parson, who has been seriously ill with kidney trouble for the past ten days, has taken a turn for the worse.

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Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 20.—Attorney J. B. Harrington, who is wanted as a witness in the federal grand jury case here, United States vs. McNamara, et al., was arrested at Albuquerque, N. M., on his way home here yesterday morning.

Harrington was summoned by the McNamara defense as an investigator for the McNamara case, who were defending Harrington was summoned before the grand jury to answer questions, proceedings were held as usual.

As soon as Oscar L. Harrington, with Patrick known labor leader, for Chicago, he came out to serve the cause of the McNamara case and the sum of \$10,000 was paid to Harrington to appear as a witness.

Business Agent Seattle, Wash. Dec. 20.—Business agent Structural Iron Workers Association of the West subpoenaed to-day the federal grand jury as soon as possible.

In connection with the explosions in the under construction, made on the night of a blow up in the building in this city, and been blamed upon the McNamara defense, a Seattle his name.

Iron Workers Indianapolis, Ind., contest for possession of books of the Association of Structural Iron Workers ended to-day.

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Business Agent of Seattle Structural Iron Workers' Union Called.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 19.—Having failed to find Attorney John Harrington who is wanted as a witness in the federal grand jury dynamite probe here, United States deputy marshals sought in vain all day yesterday for the attorney who was wanted by the federal authorities for his alleged participation in the dynamite plot to blow up the McManara building in Chicago. Harrington, who was connected with the McManara defense, is on his way home to Chicago. He left here yesterday morning. While acting as an investigator for the attorney as an attorney, Harrington was summoned to testify before the county grand jury and was cited for contempt because he refused to answer questions. The contempt proceedings were held up when he agreed to answer several questions. As soon as Oscar Lawler, special government prosecutor, learned that Harrington was in Los Angeles, he telegraphed to Albuquerque, N. M., to have the deputy marshal sent to serve the attorney. Harrington was subpoenaed to appear here forthwith as soon as possible. Taulman's name has never been mentioned hitherto in connection with the investigation of the explosion because the dynamite was made on the night of August 22, 1910, in this city, and this explosion has been blamed upon union dynamiters. The dynamite was traced to a McManara alleges that it traced a member of a Seattle hotel containing his name.

Iron Workers' Records. Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 19.—The long list of names of correspondents and books of the International Association of Structural Iron Workers ended today when counsel for John J. McNamara and the association's attorney, J. H. Taulman, appeared in the Indiana supreme court from an order of a county court turning the records over to the federal grand jury. The evidence was seized in a raid on the association's offices on April 22 last, when McNamara was arrested. The case has been in litigation. It is understood that before the documents are returned to the iron workers they will make a long journey through federal and perhaps county grand jury jurisdiction in various parts of the country.

STRIKE TROUBLES. Stickers Attack Non-Union Chauffeurs at Minneapolis.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 19.—Reverend police activity in connection with the turbulent strike of taxicab drivers resulted today in a collision between a non-union driver, which culminated in a collision of a taxicab with a street car early to-day while the non-union chauffeur was fleeing from the taxicab.

William Pullman, a detective chasing John Tucker, the chauffeur, was the most severely injured of fifteen who were hurt when the taxicab crashed into a northbound 18th street car near Union station and swung against a southbound car. Tucker appeared at police headquarters after the accident and was held in custody because he had been struck on the head with a brick when three blocks away from the scene of the accident. Michael O'Brien, another non-union chauffeur, was perhaps fatally injured when struck on the head by rocks thrown from both a street car and a taxicab in a darkened street. He fell from the taxicab.

VICTIM OF HIS OWN GUN. Hunter's Weapon Discharged While He Was Beating Dog.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 19.—Armand Spearer, aged 23, of North Yakima, was the victim of his own gun while hunting near Crescent. He started to beat his dog with the gun when it was discharged, the entire load entering the hunter's breast, killing him instantly.

TARRING OF TEACHER. Lincoln Center, Kas., Dec. 19.—Sheriff Clark and John Schmidt, under conviction for complicity in the tarring of Miss Mary Chamberlain, the school teacher of Shady Bend, were sentenced by Judge Grover in the district court today, each being fined \$300 and costs. Clark and Schmidt furnished bonds and returned to their homes. The two men were accused together with A. N. Sims of being accomplices in the tarring of Miss Mary Chamberlain. The jury acquitted Sims and found Clark and Schmidt guilty.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER. London, Dec. 19.—The condition of Sir Charles Tupper is distinctly improved and the family is more hopeful.

JOHN BIGELOW DEAD. New York, Dec. 19.—John Bigelow, the venerable diplomat and author, died at his home here to-day.

COURT-HOUSE DYNAMITED. Damage Caused by Explosion Will Amount to Several Thousand Dollars.

Reno, Nev., Dec. 19.—The Lyon county court-house at Yerington, Nevada, was blown up by dynamite about 4 o'clock Sunday morning. The extent of the damage is not known, but the loss will be several thousand dollars. The powder was placed under the concrete walls on the interior of the building and the second floor of the building, which was in the course of construction, fell through to the ground. No arrests have been made in connection with the affair.

PRISONERS ESCAPE. Chain Jailer to Floor of Cell and Gain Freedom.

Mexicali, Lower California, Dec. 19.—Twelve prisoners, nearly all of them alleged revolutionists, who escaped from the court last night, are being sought to-day by the federal garrison. The men broke jail when the prison keeper entered with the evening meal for the prisoners. He was seized and shackled to a big iron ring sunk in the floor of the jail. He remained chained to the floor all night.

WILL MOVE ON PERSIAN CAPITAL. RUSSIAN TROOPS PREPARE TO MARCH

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TWO MEN ATTEMPT TO ROB BRANCH BANK

Vancouver, Dec. 19.—Two men entered the branch office of the Northern Crown Bank at Central Park shortly before midnight, shot the Japanese caretaker, T. Naika, in the wrist and then made their departure. Whether the shooting was followed by an attempt on the vault and whether it succeeded or not, will not be known until the police authorities at Collingwood clear up the mystery. The Japanese, after the shooting, boarded a car, went to the general hospital, but was unable to give any account of the "hold-up." The police authorities at Collingwood refused to give out any information.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL. Sherbrooke, Quebec, Dec. 19.—Chief of Police Robert Davidson must stand at next session of the court of the King's bench on a charge of forging the name of Magistrate Guay to a complicit warrant.

SHOT DEAD AT DOOR OF HOME. Huntington, Pa., Dec. 19.—Benj Galoup, formerly a farmer in Kansas, who was employed by a contractor here, was called to the door of his home and shot to death. Frank Calhoun, alleged to have formerly been an admirer of Mrs. Galoup, is under arrest charged with the murder. A shotgun said to have been owned by him was found in the garden where it had been hidden. Calhoun came here from Oregon.

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ROWDYISM MARKS CLOSE OF SESSION. Members of New South Wales Legislature Engage in Fisticuffs

Sydney, Dec. 19.—The session of the New South Wales assembly closed yesterday with scenes of wildest disorder and rowdyism, and certainly not in keeping with the spirit of the Christmas season. The trouble arose through the action of the Speaker, Mr. Willis. When the Premier, Mr. McGowen, intimated that the business was ended, the opposition leader, Mr. Wade, protested against the manner in which the opposition had been treated during the session by the Speaker of the House. Mr. Willis, shortly after Mr. Wade commenced his address, threatened to have the opposition leader removed from the chamber unless he desisted. Mr. Wade did not want to continue, but in evident disgust withdrew without further orders. Immediately upon his leaving the Speaker declared the House adjourned and hurried to his room.

SURVEYOR FOUND DEAD BY TRAPPERS. Had Been Missing for Five Days—Police Will Hold Inquiry

Mississippi, Dec. 19.—The body of Kenneth Kingston, aged 25, a Dominion land surveyor and graduate of McGill, who was subdividing timber lands north of here and had been missing since Thursday, was found near the trail by trappers yesterday. The cause of his death is unknown and the mounted police will hold an inquest. His parents live at Ottawa. Kingston left his camp about noon on Thursday presumably to inspect some work. Not returning on Friday a search party was sent out. When he started out he had no food nor a gun of any kind with him.

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MINISTER'S ASSAILANT SENT TO PRISON

Man Who Hurling Brass-Bound Box at Lloyd George Gets Two Months

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POWERS UNITE IN CAUSE OF PEACE

CHINESE REVOLUTION MAY SOON BE ENDED

Shanghai, Dec. 19.—Promise of peace in China became more definite to-day with the announcement that all six of the great powers, Japan, Great Britain, the United States, Russia, France and Germany, are united in a co-operative effort to assist Dr. Wu Ting-fang and Tang Shao-yi in their negotiations. "These were rejoicing when it was learned that the representatives of the six powers were preparing formally to offer their assistance for the speedy conclusion of an understanding. It is clearly understood that this action by the powers is taken in most friendly manner. The four parliaments between Wu Ting-fang and Tang Shao-yi passed with surprising smoothness and there is a complete absence of any strain which might have seriously hampered the diplomat. It is unmistakably evident, however, that the continuation of the Manchu rule, even as concerns the imperial throne at Peking, is considered unlikely by either side. In this connection much significance is attached to the statement of Tang Shao-yi that he does not represent the throne, but rather the people. Coupled with Wu Ting-fang's early insistence in establishing a republic this is taken to mean that Yuan Shi Kai is prepared to concede the ending of the dynasty. Even though the present dynasty is ousted, the premier evidently hopes to retain the imperial form of government, possibly the present emperor designated as the first ruler of a new Chinese dynasty and with Yuan Shi Kai as regent. The personality of Yuan Shi Kai dominates the convention. The great fight among the delegates will be as to whether the form of government is to be imperial or republican. If an empire, Yuan will be regent. If a republic, Yuan will be the first president. The revolutionary delegates believe that they will be victorious in their demands for a republic. Even the staunchest of imperialist delegates admit that the Manchu rule is doomed. The meeting has brought from the north many bureaucratic Chinese, who after 24 hours in Shanghai, express astonishment at conditions south of the Yangtze. Tang Shao-yi's delegates evidently are impressed with the widespread demand for a republic, but they still hope that the combined authority of Tang Shao-yi and Yuan Shi Kai will prevail. The action of the powers undoubtedly will have weight in the negotiations. Comment has been aroused by the prominence of persons of British nationality, both officers and others, in connection with the conference and the journey from Peking to the south of Tang Shao-yi. Both at Shanghai and at Hankow the British consul met the boat on which Tang Shao-yi was travelling down the Yangtze. Notwithstanding Tang Shao-yi lands at the French settlement, the British consul here took a leading part in the reception and persuaded him to take up his residence. The British authorities also provided a guard for the house in which Tang Shao-yi is residing and are assuming the responsibility for all the arrangements made for him during his stay. Tang Shao-yi's best host all visitors who call at the house and acts as censor of all communications sent or issued by Tang Shao-yi. The leaders of the revolutionary party express much chagrin at Tang's refusal to accept the hospitality prepared for him on neutral ground. The date of the next session of the peace conference is quite uncertain. Dr. Wu Ting-fang's associates assert that the revolutionary leader will decline to attend any further meeting of the conference unless Tang Shao-yi has withdrawn all the imperial government forces behind the points they occupied at the time of the armistice. A most significant point has been taken by Yuan Shi Kai, who has authorized Wu Ting-fang to use his (the premier's) name in his telegrams, that he will be able to utilize the telegraph wires which are now in imperial hands, while Yuan Shi Kai will use Dr. Wu Ting-fang's name in order to obtain communication over the wires in republican hands. Former Viceroy Siam. Peking, Dec. 19.—Tuan Fang, former director-general of the Hu Kwong railroad and at one time viceroy of the province of Chi Li, according to information by missionaries from China, Ming, has been killed at Tse Chow, in the Chan Si province, by his own soldiers. His brother was also killed.

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LIQUOR LICENSES FOR RESTAURANTS

Vancouver Council Would Deny License Commissioners of Powers

Vancouver, Dec. 20.—The board of license commissioners having twice declined to adopt a policy with respect to giving up its power to grant liquor licenses for restaurants, the city council decided at its last meeting to take matters into its own hands and accordingly the city solicitor was given instructions to apply for a charter amendment from the Provincial government covering the point mentioned.

Some time ago a petition with some 4,000 signatures was presented to the city authorities asking for the cancellation of all restaurant licenses in the city. This was passed on to the license board. It was suggested that a charter amendment be secured taking from the board the right to give any such licenses, but the commissioners sent the question back to the council. It was again returned to the board and for a second time was handed back without any recommendation.

"I understand that the commissioners do not care to lose any of their powers in this regard," said the mayor, "but no recommendation has been made."

The matter came up for settlement when the city solicitor reminded the council that previously he had been requested to give notice of such a charter amendment. He now desired to know if the amendment would actually be applied for.

Ald. Ramsay and Rogers moved to have the necessary amendment prepared to disallow the powers of the license commission to grant any liquor licenses in restaurants outside of hotels.

Ald. Enright said he wanted to see the board itself take action instead of showing the difficulty on to the council. He moved to that effect. Ald. McMaster seconded.

While in favor of having as close a supervision as possible Representative McBeath made it clear that his mind was closed on the two licensed restaurants would not mend matters any as "two frog shops will immediately open grill rooms and serve liquor on the table."

Ald. Enright's motion to send the question back to the board was lost and the resolution for a charter amendment to do away with its power to grant any restaurant licenses at all was adopted.

FRISCO MARINE NEWS.

Cape Breton Chartered to Load on Sound for Orient—Many Other Charters.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—The British steamer Cape Breton, at present under charter to load railroad ties in Japan for Redondo, has been taken on time charter to load general cargo on the Sound for China. She gets a rate of slightly over ten tons, which is the highest figure paid a tramp steamer on the time charter for some time and indicates a very strong market.

The French barque St. Louis, due here from Newcastle, Eng., with merchandise for Balfour, Guthrie & Co. was chartered to-day by Heatley & Co. to load wheat at Portland at 30s. The German barque Steinbeck has been rechartered by M. H. Houser to load wheat at Portland at 28s. 9d.

The barquentine Baska, now on Gray's Harbor, has been chartered by the E. K. Wood Lumber Company to load lumber there for Guaymas.

The British ship William T. Lewis, owned by Hind, Rolph & Co., arrived late last night from Anvers with general cargo for Meyer, Wilson & Co. She will probably load a return cargo of grain in the north.

After making one more trip to Tahiti in the service of the Oceanic Steamship Company, the liner Mariposa will be turned over to her new owners, the Alaska Steamship Company. Plans are being prepared for alterations to the Mariposa, costing approximately \$50,000, and which she enters the Alaska service in conjunction with her sister ship, the Alameda, she will be one of the finest passenger carriers plying northern waters.

A new smoking and observation compartment is to be constructed on her deck, decorations renewed in her main saloon, state rooms and cabins; a new steam heating system installed and an additional hatch supplied in order that she may aid in carrying the heavy cargoes of copper ore from Alaskan ports.

SENT TO PENITENTIARY.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 21.—W. T. Smith, who is alleged to have defrauded Oregon and Washington farmers out of more than \$10,000 by the operation of a loan office in Seattle that collected commissions in advance and never met, has been placed in jail and is being held in lieu of \$25,000 bail. He is charged with grand larceny yesterday and was sentenced to from one to fifteen years in the penitentiary. Smith, who is 63 years of age, was arrested in Vancouver, B. C., and returned to Seattle and jumped his bail, later being arrested in Winnipeg and successfully resisted extradition. Finally he was arrested in Richmond, Va., and returned here for trial.

STEAMER CAPSIZES.

Penzance, Eng., Dec. 21.—The British two-masted steamer Heloph of 1797 tons capsized and sank near here to-day. The crew was saved.

COMPANIES AND VOTES.

Vancouver, Dec. 20.—At a meeting of the city council the suggestion sent to the finance committee by T. T. Langlois that the representatives of joint stock companies have a vote at municipal elections came close to being defeated, but was ultimately passed by seven to five votes. Ald. Macpherson contended that the principle of giving one man two votes in one ward was wrong, and he moved that the recommendation from the finance committee be struck out. This was seconded by Ald. Enright.

Ald. Ramsay agreed that "one man one vote" would be quite right when everything was adjusted, but there was another side to the question, which was that property was taxed but was not allowed to be represented, which he did not consider was a fair thing.

Ald. Enright, M. P., pointed out that there was a great deal to be said on both sides, and that he was inclined to maintain the principle of personal representation, but he thought the matter should be more carefully thrashed out than he thought it had been.

When the vote was put there was an appeal from the chair, the mayor holding that the clause should be struck out. It was then called for, it was found that there was a majority in favor of the recommendation of the finance committee.

ALLEGED COMBINE OF ATLANTIC LINES

Demurrer to U. S. Government Dissolution Suit Has Been Overruled

New York, Dec. 21.—The full bench of the United States Circuit court yesterday over-ruled the demurrer interposed by the Hamburg-American Steamship Company and other transatlantic lines forming the "Atlantic Conference" against the government's suit for the dissolution of the "conference."

The government's contention is that the conference by reason of an alleged pooling agreement on passenger rates, is a trust in restraint of trade, and an injunction is asked to restrain the company from further execution of the agreement.

Judge Noyes, who read the opinion, said the transportation of passengers between the United States and Europe forms part of the commerce of the United States with foreign nations, and that congress had the power to prohibit all contracts, combinations and conspiracies in restraint of the foreign commerce of the country. He declared that the agreement between the companies affects foreign commerce, because its operations must divert a part thereof from the natural channels of free competition into fixed channels assigned to the parties to the agreement.

"Different lines," the judge added, "obtain not that which would come to them from their separate efforts, but precise and certain percentages of the traffic."

Judge Noyes said the contention that the combination was formed in a foreign country was immaterial, as it affected the foreign commerce of this country and was to be put in operation here.

"Citizens of foreign countries," he added, "are not free to restrain or monopolize the foreign commerce of this country by entering into combinations abroad, or by employing foreign vessels to affect their purpose."

The defendant's counsel contended that the government's complaint in February, B. C. E. R. CHANGES.

Vancouver, Dec. 20.—Several changes in the management of the British Columbia Electric railway were announced to-day. The resignation of Allen Purvis, who took over the agency for the metropolitan system two years ago, has been accepted, and G. H. Franklin, local manager of the Lulu Island lines, has been appointed in his place. Mr. Franklin has been in the employ of the company for about 12 years.

Mr. Stirling, who has been divisional trainmaster at the Lulu Island offices, will succeed Mr. Franklin. W. H. Elson's resignation as local manager has also been accepted. As yet no successor has been appointed.

Previously to joining the staff of the B. C. E. R., Mr. Purvis was superintendent of the Kootenay division of the C. P. R., with headquarters at Nelson.

WITNESS TELLS OF MURDER.

Golden, Col., Dec. 21.—Stella Forrester, who with her mother claimed to have witnessed the murder of Mrs. Maria Laguardia near here last August, for which Mrs. Agnelina Garramone is being tried, took the stand to offer testimony for the state.

She reiterated her story of how she held Mrs. Garramone's infant while the woman drew a butcher knife across Mrs. Laguardia's throat. She further explained that the Garramone woman took from the dead woman's dress a quantity of money amounting to about \$30. Both of the women have told of how Mrs. Garramone had inveigled Mrs. Laguardia to a lonely place in the mountains by telling her that she could take her to a mine at which Mrs. Laguardia's husband worked. The knife with which the murder was committed, both women say, was carried in a hunch basket.

THREE INJURED IN WRECK.

Glencoe, Minn., Dec. 21.—The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul's Columbian express, which was wrecked Monday at Odessa, with the loss of ten lives, again was wrecked to-day when it crashed into the rear end of a local passenger train near here. The fast train telescoped the baggage car and ploughed its way into the coach of the local. Two trainmen and one passenger were injured.

SHIPMENTS FROM BOUNDARY MINES

Over 1,100,000 Tons Sent to Smelters for Year to Date

Grand Forks, Dec. 20.—"The Grandby smelter will resume operations on Wednesday or Thursday of this week," said W. A. Williams, general manager of the large reduction works at this city, on Monday night. "Regular shipments of ore are now on the way from the Crown Nest for the Grandby Co., so that we will be in full operation by Christmas. Some men have already been put to work at the mines at Phoenix, which will be fully equipped next week, and there will be no delay in the resumption of work at either the miner or smelter."

There is a considerable tonnage of ore in the bunkers at the smelter at the present time, and it is stated that Phoenix shipments of 3,000 tons daily will be resumed by December 21st. The Boundary mines shipped 7,400 tons of ore during the past week. For the year to date the shipments have totalled 1,104,296 tons. The B. C. Copper Co. treated 7419 tons of ore at its smelter at Greenwood during the week, making a total treatment of 28,855 tons.

The Grandby smelter, which added to the Grandby treatment of 577,791 tons, gives the Boundary smelters a total treatment for the year of 1,142,246 tons.

A large attendance of members were present at the annual meeting and election of officers of the Grand Forks Agricultural Association. The officers for the new term were elected as follows: President, F. Clark; vice-president, A. B. Tweedle; secretary-treasurer, W. E. Hadden; honorary directors, Hon. Richard McBride, Hon. Martin Burrell, Hon. Price Edson and Ernest Miller, M. L. A.; directors, R. J. Gardner, A. Schmitz, W. H. Collins, Thos. Powers, C. H. Niles, J. T. Lawrence, T. A. McIntyre, C. C. Heaven and T. A. Love. The president was elected as delegate to the annual convention of British Columbia Agricultural Association, which meet at the coast shortly, with T. A. McIntyre as alternate.

Following the evidence submitted at the trial of some Doukhobors who were burying their dead without reporting the death to the proper authorities, Magistrate Cochrane of this city impressed upon the members of the colony living near this city the necessity of living up to the law. The three recent cases the fine was made \$100 and costs. During the trial it was brought out that during their 14 years residence in this country, these people have never reported the deaths in their colony, and they did not see why they should be compelled to do so here.

NOT PERMITTED TO SEE HUSBAND

Catholic Woman Who Married Protestant Denied Admittance to Hospital

Winnipeg, Dec. 21.—Public sympathy is interested in the case of Mrs. Frederick Brewer, Logan avenue, which comes into conflict with the No-Temperance decree. She is a Catholic, but her husband is a Protestant, and they were married by a Presbyterian. Some months he has been ailing and for the past three weeks he has been in St. Boniface hospital, where he is awaiting a critical operation. Until yesterday the wife and children were refused admission frankly on the grounds that the woman and man are not legally married. The woman claims that the church is in error because she permitted her daughter by her first husband to be married by a Protestant minister.

Grand Master Noble, of the Orange-men, to-day stigmatized the episode as characteristic of the lengths to which the hierarchy was prepared to go in support of the No-Temperance decree.

LOS ANGELES TRAGEDY.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 21.—Summonsed by his wife, Mrs. Gela, to the home of a customer, whom they had known before, Joseph Gela, a dealer in Oriental rugs and leathers, shot her yesterday and then committed suicide. Mrs. Gela died a short time later in the Ryan hospital. Gela and his wife had been separated. Mrs. Gela conducted a lace shop in the residence section of the city and yesterday when Mrs. H. Lingman was to Gela's store to purchase some Christmas gifts, the man told her that while he did not have what she wanted, he knew where the articles could be procured. Later he went out to Mrs. Lingman's home and had her call up his wife. When Mrs. Gela appeared bringing a selection of laces, the man leaped to his feet, rushed to the door and fired three shots into his victim's head and body. As Mrs. Gela rolled down the steps she sent a bullet into her own brain, and died on the porch.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

The dredge Mastodon will commence work at once on the north shore of First Narrows, about half way between Brockton and Prospect points. The morning chains on the port side of dredge extend nearly half way across the channel. The bow, stern, and side lines are well out on the way. Shipmasters and those interested are therefore notified to govern themselves accordingly.

During last century no fewer than 25 volcanic islands rose out of the sea. Nineteen of that number disappeared again, and ten are now inhabited.

HAS NARROW ESCAPE.

Tofino, Dec. 20.—Mr. Hudson had a narrow escape here a few days ago. When landing at the wharf he fell overboard and disappeared. Messrs. Davidson, A. Hanson and Albert Tunstall searched diligently around the wharf, while Capt. J. W. Thompson and W. Simpson pulled down the outgoing tide looking for the man. The searchers had returned to the wharf when Hudson was observed clinging to the pile. Simpson at once jumped into the water and rescued Hudson from his perilous position.

MAY OFFER TO ACT AS MEDIATOR

Taft Considering Question of Lending Services to Italy and Turkey

New York, Dec. 21.—At the suggestion of Dr. Lyman Abbott and Dr. Mary Eddy, an American woman who has spent many years in Turkey, President Taft took under advisement yesterday the tendering of the good offices of the United States as mediator in the Turco-Italian war. Dr. Abbott and Eddy spent more than an hour with the president urging him to take some action in the matter. When Dr. Abbott departed all he cared to say was that the president had the matter under consideration.

Under the Hague agreement any nation may tender its services as mediator to settle an international dispute.

URGES REDUCTION OF WOOL DUTIES

President Taft Sends Report of United States Tariff Board to Congress

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—President Taft sent to congress yesterday the long-awaited report of the tariff board on schedule K of the Payne tariff act and with it a message recommending that the rates on wool and woolsens be materially reduced.

The report showed that the existing duties on many classes of wool and woolsens are prohibitory and greatly in excess of the difference in the cost of production here and abroad. The duties are so arranged as to keep out of the United States entirely wool of finer qualities, which, if imported, might be used to displace the cheap substitutes now used.

President Taft urged a revision of the schedule, be proceeded with at once. Congress will begin consideration of tariff legislation in the committees of the two Houses after the holiday recess, though Democratic leaders of the House say no measure will be ready to report for some weeks.

Republican Leader Penrose, of the Senate, said the finance committee would begin its work in advance of the House, while Democratic Leader Underwood said the bill would be whipped into final shape until February.

The committee, he said, must decide what rates should be fixed, after thoroughly comparing its own data with the facts submitted by the tariff board in the report which President Taft submitted to congress yesterday.

Senator Penrose announced that he hoped Republican senators would be able to formulate a bill to comply with the tariff board's views.

EXPENDITURES ON PUBLIC WORKS

Department Authorizes Spending of Seven-Twelfths of Appropriations

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—The department of public works is sending out instructions authorizing the expenditure of seven-twelfths of the votes for all public works recently voted by parliament. While all are authorized, there will be many instances where, owing to winter having come and other reasons, it will not be possible to expend money. Of course votes not spent on March 31, 1912, the close of the fiscal year, will expire, and for works in progress but not completed at that time money will have to be reverted.

A FAMILY MIX-UP.

Canton, N. H., Dec. 21.—A grandmother at 20, mother of eight children and sister-in-law of her own daughter, is Mrs. William Golden of Nerry, a mining town six miles from here. Mrs. Golden has been married twice. The youngest of her children are twins, born last Saturday. Her grandchild is six months old. Mrs. Golden was married when thirteen years of age to Henry Bird. There are six children living as a result of that marriage. Bird died, and in July, 1870, Mrs. Bird and her eldest daughter, then fourteen years of age, were married to Floyd and William Golden, brothers. Mrs. Golden's mother and daughter are sisters-in-law, William Golden is stepfather to his brother's wife and the twins born to Mrs. William Golden are both uncles and cousins to the child of Mrs. Floyd Golden.

COL. S. HUGHES PROMISES REFORMS

Summer Camps for Cadets Next Year—Rifle Training to Be Improved

Montreal, Dec. 21.—Hon. Col. S. Hughes, minister of militia and defence, was banqueted last night by a large and enthusiastic gathering of the officers of the local militia regiments. Colonel Hughes made a speech outlining numerous reforms to be undertaken, and was heartily endorsed by his audience. Hon. F. D. Monk, who stated that he and Colonel Hughes now saw eye to eye and were working together for the good of the country.

"It is my ambition," Col. Hughes said, "to see that training schools are not centralized in distant parts, but placed at the door of every regiment in Canada. It is the desire of Mr. Monk and myself to see proper armories and barracks located throughout the country."

He declared that the men on the Reserve officers list should take great interest in military affairs of the country, and that he would give them every opportunity to do so and arrange matters so that their valuable services should not be lost to the country. He would also improve the rifle training which he would inaugurate in the militia and would have the unfair duty on uniforms not procurable in this country removed.

He referred to his western visit with General Mackenzie and said the municipalities there had offered valuable sites for armories and drill sheds and that he had seen enough to convince him that the people of the west, whether British born or otherwise, were united in the work of defending their country and empire.

Referring to cadet work, he stated that next summer the country would be divided into many districts and would turn out 25,000 or upwards, he expected at the various summer camps, and he would transport, ration, uniform and instruct them.

KOOTENAY CENTRAL RAILWAY.

Cranbrook, Dec. 20.—Within a very few days steel on the Kootenay Central railway will be laid into Fort Steele. The ceremony of driving home the last spike will be royally celebrated on December 22.

GETS TWO YEARS.

Vancouver, Dec. 20.—James Donovan, for stealing George Spinks in a hotel and cutting his head open with a water jug and endeavoring to rob him, was sentenced by Judge McInnes to two years in the penitentiary.

LITTLE PROSPECT OF EARLY PEACE

Chinese Revolutionists Firm in Their Demand for a Republic

Pekin, Dec. 21.—Late advices to the Chinese imperial authorities state the revolutionaries at Shanghai insist on establishing a republic as the only terms on which peace can be concluded. In an interview to-day Premier Yuan Shi Kai again declared he never would agree to a republic.

POISON MYSTERY.

Everett, Wash., Dec. 21.—Owen Tennell is dying and Mrs. Natalia Owens and daughter are ill as a result of drinking last night from a bottle, purporting to contain brandy, which was delivered at the residence by a messenger boy. The two physicians who are attending Tennell state that he appears to be suffering from strychnine poisoning. Tennell roomed at the Owen residence.

SEVEN MEN INJURED.

Dunkirk, N. Y., Dec. 21.—The first violence in the strike of the American Locomotive Company's boltonmakers occurred here early to-day. About 1,000 strikers and sympathizers clashed at the Lake Shore station with detectives and policemen over the possession of six strikebreakers who had just arrived on a train. Three detectives, one strikebreaker and three strikers were badly injured. The crowd threw several shots over the fence to cover their retreat.

CANDIDATES WITHDRAWN.

New Westminster, Dec. 20.—With the retirement of Aid. J. J. Johnston, who announced himself as a candidate for mayor, and the retirement of Moses B. Cotworth and J. Chapman, labor candidates for aldermen, a campaign which has promised to be exciting, now has the appearance of being quiet. The election committee of the trades and labor council will call another meeting shortly to receive nominations for candidates.

MINER CRUSHED TO DEATH.

Vancouver, Dec. 20.—Caught by a mass of falling rock, John Dempsey, a miner, met almost instant death in Marble Bay about the middle of the month. Dempsey had only been in the employ of the company for a few days and was working on the night shift. He was about 45 years of age, and is said to have been an experienced miner.

SHOT IN FIGHT WITH POLICEMAN

Portland, Ore., Dec. 21.—Gasping for breath after two hemorrhages from the lungs, due to bullet wounds inflicted by Policeman Charles E. Hewston, with whom he was in a revolver duel at First and Clay streets about 1 o'clock this morning, Frank Ryan, of Missoula, Mont., made a dying statement to Carl Blake, foreman of the E. F. Norton Company, hide dealers, by whom he was employed, and a reporter, in which he denied that he is guilty of any crime.

He charges that the first shot was fired by Hewston, who he says ordered him to throw up his hands and caused him to believe the bluecoat was a highwayman.

In a statement given out last night by the police department, it stated Ryan was the "Tacoma Kid" who has a criminal record in the Pacific northwest, particularly in Tacoma. It was stated by the police that the alleged robber fired at Policeman Hewston when the latter asked him his business on the streets at 11 o'clock this morning, and that in the exchange of shots which followed the "Tacoma Kid" and Hewston were wounded. It was also stated that the alleged "Tacoma Kid" had been taken into custody by Capt. Keller after a second running battle. That there was a second battle is denied by Ryan, as also is the statement of the police that he was taken into custody by Keller.

Ryan stated on what may be his death bed to-day, that after the exchange of shots with Hewston he ran from the scene, thinking that Hewston was a hold-up man, and, weak from loss of blood, took refuge in an empty freight car, where his groans attracted the attention of a citizen, who had him removed to the hospital.

Ryan was identified to-day by several persons who have known him since he came to Portland last August. Foreman Blake, of the hide concern, states that Ryan is a hard working, conscientious man, and that at various times he has had access to large sums of money and other valuables belonging to the E. F. Norton Company, and that nothing was ever stolen from the company's premises.

Ryan denied that he had made a confession to various robbers, as alleged by the police. He stated he told the officers, who were questioning him at the hospital early to-day, that he had no statement to make, and that he did not answer questions put to him concerning various robberies which have taken place in this city recently, save to "grunt" his denial. He was suffering too much pain to pay close attention to the detectives, he said, in making a statement, and to the reporter reiterated his innocence of any wrongdoing. He stated that he had played cards in a saloon in the neighborhood where he was shot and left the place shortly after midnight to go to his hotel. Ryan is a married man. It is understood.

ROSSLAND CARNIVAL.

Rossland, Dec. 19.—The preparations for Rossland's great winter carnival took another step forward when the executive committee held a formal but busy session. The date for the event was fixed for February 8 to 10 inclusive, and this will give a masquerade on the opening night and four full days of ice and snow sports.

LOSES LIFE IN FIRE.

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 21.—One man was killed, another fatally injured and two others burned early to-day in a fire which destroyed a three-story frame lodging house here. The others of the forty occupants of the structure, twelve of them children, are believed to have escaped.

VANDALS MUTILATE PAINTING.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—Vandals entered the Capitol and mutilated "The Little Lake Erie," the largest canvas of the collection of paintings which are on the walls of the corridors and stairs. A strip two feet long and three inches wide was cut from the lower left-hand corner. The strip was found close by on the floor. It can be replaced.

BREAKS DOWN ON WITNESS STAND

Wife Declares She Induced Her Husband to Accept Bribe

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 21.—The second day of the hearing on the second charge of bribery against Bert H. Franklin, the detective employed by the McNamara defence, resulted in the state completing its case and a continuance being granted at the request of the defense until December 27, by which time the defendant's attorneys said they probably would have decided upon their line of defence.

The preliminary hearing was concerned with the charge that Franklin had bribed Robert F. Bain, a sworn juror in the McNamara case, by giving him \$400 in cash and the promise of \$2,000 more at the conclusion of the case.

The principal witnesses were Bain, his wife, Mrs. Dora Bain, who collapsed while testifying that she had induced her husband to take the money, and George N. Lockwood, also summoned as a McNamara juror, and whom Franklin in another case was accused of having tried to bribe.

When Mrs. Bain went under cross-examination, the first question propounded by Attorney Gage rendered her so nervous that she collapsed and Justice Young was restrained to order a short recess. The question was: "What was your conversation with your husband, Robert Bain, after Franklin had talked to you?"

"I was the witness answered faintly, and again collapsed. She was taken into an ante room to recover.

Mrs. Bain previously had stated that in reality her husband had received only \$400. Franklin, she said, told her and her husband he did not have the other \$100 at the time but would pay \$2,000 instead of \$2,500 if everything came out all right. Mrs. Bain then told of how she broke down in Judge Bordwell's court after the alleged bribery arrangement when she learned that her husband had been accepted as a juror to try James H. McNamara.

The bribery charge against Thomas M. White, accused of complicity in the corruption of members of the police "purty squad," was dismissed at the request of Deputy District Attorney Frank Blair. The prosecutor's action was the result of the recent supreme court decision that a defendant could not be convicted of bribery on the testimony of accomplices. The dismissal of White, it is believed, will have an important bearing on the Franklin case.

MINERS MEET.

Ynir, B. C., Dec. 21.—At yesterday's session of the annual convention of District No. 3, Western Federation of Miners, which is proving the most important and successful in the history of the organization, resolutions were passed urging that the boiler inspection act be so amended that men operating electric motors and compressed plants, particularly electrical hoists, be compelled to become qualified by examination in the same manner as stationary engineers; that in the event of failure of the Kraus appeal before the Privy Council, the legislature be asked to amend the workmen's compensation act so as to make clear the claims of foreign dependents; that efforts to maintain the three-dollar per day minimum wage scale be made, the executive to develop other means for maintaining such scale when considered advisable by the members of the district.

The convention decided to advise the locals to admit wives of members and their children over sixteen years of age to the deliberations in order to accustom them to the problems with which the family bread-winners are dealing. This was introduced by Mrs. Clara of the Roseland Women's Auxiliary, the only woman in the convention.

PLEADS CAUSE OF PEACE.

President Taft Speaks in Support of Arbitration Treaties.

New York, Dec. 21.—President Taft delivered three speeches during his visit here, in which he touched on peace, politics and patriotism.

His political speech was made before the Young Men's Republican Club of Brooklyn, where he told his audience that although there came times "when the old party seemed to little weak and sluggish from blows received from inside and outside, its principles are strong enough, when the issue is drawn, to carry out the government."

HAZELTON SALE IS IN PROGRESS

LOTS IN NEW TOWN SOLD AT FAIR PRICES

Record Figure of the Sale So Far Obtained, \$1,700 for Corner Lot

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
The sale of the townsite of Hazelton, owned jointly by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway and Vancouver, B. C., which opened in Vancouver on Thursday last, is being continued here today. This morning a total of \$3,856 was realized. The prices obtained were generally about the same as in Vancouver, some going a little higher and others falling below the Vancouver prices for lots of equal value. The highest price of the sale was paid this morning, being \$1,700 for a double corner lot on Cunningham street and twentieth avenue, knocked down to A. Cresswell, of Vancouver.

On the whole fair prices were realized, although the auctioneer, Herbert Cuthbert, had to exert all his powers of description and persuasion in some cases to get the bids raised. There were about fifty present, including two ladies, but in spite of that the bidding was not at all brisk except in occasional instances. The lots sold this morning were all within four blocks of where the station will be, according to the company's present plans.

Mr. Cuthbert started the sale promptly at eleven o'clock by reading the conditions of sale—25 per cent cash and the balance in one, two and three years at six per cent. The bid and balance of the first instalment within five days. He pointed out that Hazelton had been a town ever since H. B. Company days, being the only place to supply for all the north country, and this position it would retain after the railway was through. It was the first important point on the main line between Prince Rupert and Calgary, although he predicted that its growth would be more rapid than that of the Alberta city.

The first lot put up was 30 in block 26, at the corner of Broadway and 23rd avenue, 33 feet by 120. This started at \$100, went up by fifties to \$600 and then by tens to \$890, at which it became the property of James Maynard. Lot 25 started at \$400 and went up rapidly to \$675, going to J. Moore. Lot 27 was started at \$800, but did not move much and was knocked down to C. L. Mallett, Vancouver, for \$920; lots 28 and 29 went to C. L. Mallett and S. D. Saunders respectively, for \$650 and \$700; lot 5 in the same block, on 22nd avenue, was sold to C. L. Cullin for \$300.

Some of the best prices of the morning were obtained for lots in block 74, which lies between Morris and Omineca streets, Field Boulevard and Hall street, immediately adjoining the railway. Lot 15 was started at \$1,500 and was run up quickly to \$1,800, at which it was secured by T. A. Spær; Mr. Cullin got lot 17 for \$1,050, and lot 13, corner of Morris and Field, which started at \$1,200 for \$1,300, lot 12 started at \$800 and the auctioneer managed to coax bidders up to \$1,000, but he could not get it beyond that. Lot 18 went to Christian Westerdale for \$1,000, and lots 27 and 28 to E. B. Ross for \$1,100 and \$1,575 respectively; lot 26 was purchased by H. E. Munday for \$1,025.

Block 42 is another good one, lying close to what was the business district, and like the others sold this morning, in the heart of the business district that will be. For the double corner lots 1 and 2, on Cunningham and 20th streets, \$1,500 was bid and advanced to the record bid for the sale so far of \$1,700, when Mr. Cresswell got it. Lots 3 and 4 were started at \$600 and were bid up to \$1,480, for which they were sold to Mr. Cresswell. Lot 27 and 28 each began at \$500, one going to Miss Emily Sarr at \$525, and the other to E. McDermott for \$750; the double corner in block 53, lots 1 and 2, were bought by Mr. Cresswell for \$625; E. B. Ross bought the double corner in block 17, lots 15 and 16, on Broadway and 20th, for \$1,875. Package lots on Sixteenth street, between Hall and Dewar streets, backing to the railway, in block 57, were put up and six of them sold in lots of two each, the buyers and prices being: 1 and 2, Max Flux, \$310; 3 and 4, Cresswell, \$530; 5 and 6, E. Hassard, \$525.

INVESTIGATION MAY LAST FOR MONTH

Many Witnesses Will Be Called by Grand Jury at Indianapolis

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 19.—Hotel registers showing the movements of men suspected in the dynamite conspiracy, other than the McNamara and Orrie McManigal, were taken before the grand jury yesterday.

Thomas J. Refiner, of Youngstown, Ohio, brought up hotel registers and some account books, said to show by whom certain bills had been paid. A bridge being erected by the Baltimore and Ohio railroad at Youngstown was damaged by an explosion on the night of October 30, 1907. This explosion was followed by others in northern Ohio, all alleged to

MAY HAVE COLLIDED IN SOUTHERN WATERS

Solway and Gulf Stream, Both Long Overdue, May Have Foundered This Way

Probabilities of a collision at sea in which two British sailing ships went to the bottom of the Pacific are being discussed by local mariners who are interested in the barques Gulf Stream and Solway, the first being overdue and the second already posted as missing. The theory is not an unlikely one, as both vessels must have been in the South Pacific at about the same time. Advice from Europe reports the British barque Solway posted at Lloyd's as missing, while the reinsurance rate on the Gulf Stream has taken another jump, and is now quoted at 46 per cent, an advance of 10 per cent in the past few days.

COQUITLAM FIRE BRIGADE

Coquitlam, Dec. 18.—The council at a recent meeting decided on the inauguration of a volunteer fire brigade. Constable Edwards was appointed chief, with a staff of his own choosing of twelve helpers. The following resolution was passed: 1. That a volunteer fire brigade be organized; 2. That Constable R. D. Edwards should be appointed chief; 3. That the chief should be given power to appoint 12 helpers; 4. That the pay should be 30 cents an hour for actual fire work; 5. That the brigade meet once a week; 6. That the organization should commence immediately.

ARE URGED TO ENLARGE HOTELS

New Westminster's Mayor Says Owners Must Keep Pace With Times

New Westminster, Dec. 18.—Mayor Lee, vice chairman of the board of license commissioners, at the annual meeting, stated that the hotels of this city were not up to the standard that he would expect to see in New Westminster. He was glad to hear from License Inspector Bradshaw's report that on the whole these hotels had been well conducted during the past year, but that their needs of enlarging and improving.

REMARKABLE VERDICT

Geneva, Ill., Dec. 18.—One of the most remarkable verdicts ever returned by a jury in Illinois, it was learned today, was the original of two which fixed the punishment of Harry W. Morris at life imprisonment for the murder of Mrs. Estelle Dumas of Pontiac. The verdict stipulated that on each anniversary of the slaying of Mrs. Dumas the prisoner be placed in a dungeon and put on a bread and water diet. It was further stipulated that no board of pardons should ever parole the prisoner.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH

Merritt, Dec. 18.—An inquest was held at Middleboro into the death of Robert Olshart, D. V. chemist, who died at the hands of Alexander Thompson, Jr., who lost their lives in a crosstank of No. 2 mine. After two hours deliberating the jury found that deceased met his death accidentally through carbon monoxide poisoning, and recommended as a rider that the Mining Act, chap. 23, sec. 37, part 2, rule 12, be amended to the effect that greater care of men's lives be taken by classifying a burned shaft with a misfire shaft.

MUST STAND TRIAL

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 18.—Captured as he stepped from a Vancouver steamer, a deputy United States marshal on a warrant from San Francisco, Nathan Dodowder was yesterday ordered removed to the southern federal district for trial on a charge of white slavery. Judge Hartford, according to information received by federal officials here, Dodowder was indicted last spring in San Francisco but escaped the warrant and went away with a young woman in New Westminster, where he was arrested by the Canadian authorities on the same charge and imprisoned for four months. Upon his release he was ordered deported, and was arrested in Seattle following his deportation; the warrant was served.

POWDER EXPLODES

Vancouver, Dec. 19.—All Vancouver was startled yesterday morning by an explosion that shook everything from Hastings street to Point Grey. What happened was that half a case of dynamite exploded in South Vancouver. Giant powder has to be warned to make it available for use—obviously by the experts here. The Rosinists who were getting ready for the day's work on the Bodwell road placed some dynamite near the stove in their shack. They then went to breakfast a short distance away. In some way the giant pellets went off with a tremendous report. The destruction of the shack was the only damage, which will not amount to more than \$100.

The rattlesnake of Sumatra is said to be the largest and most magnificent flower in the world. It is composed of five centers, petals, each four inches long, and of a red color, covered with numerous, irregular, yellowish-white swellings. The petals surround a cup nearly a foot wide.

FORCED TO RIGGING

Crew of Cornl Bart, at Seattle, Settle Grudge—Was to Be Thrown Into Bay

Seattle, Dec. 18.—Only the agility of the crew and the skill of the French barque Cornl Bart, who, with the timeliness of a cat, scampered high into the rigging to escape the fury of a rebellious crew, yesterday prevented the sailors from being bound hand and foot and thrown into the bay.

RESCUES MAN WHOSE SLOOP TURNED OVER

When passing Mountain Point, Johnson strays, last Friday, on her way south from east coast points, the attention of the officer on watch aboard the C. P. R. steamer Otter was attracted by several rifle shots. Upon scanning the shore with his glasses the officer discovered a man who was displaying distress signals. The Otter was stopped and a boat lowered, which in command of Chief Officer Gooch, went in and took off the man, who gave his name as William Bertrand, a German trapper.

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

Mayor Morley Wishes Vancouver People Success With Egeria as Training Ship

Among those who have congratulated the citizens of Vancouver on the interest displayed by them in seamanship through the purchase of the old schooner Egeria, from the Imperial authorities, was Mayor Morley. He sent a telegram to Mayor Taylor of the Terminal City which read as follows:

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WARDS REMAIN UNCHANGED

Prince Rupert, Dec. 18.—The Ward by-law, which proposed to divide the city into three wards instead of the present two, went down to defeat at a recent meeting of the city council.

GRANTS COMPENSATION

Olympia, Wash., Dec. 18.—Among the 108 claims passed upon by the state industrial insurance commission yesterday were those of the eight girl victims of the Chepan powder mill explosion on November 18. In seven instances the claimants were allowed pensions of \$20 per month, payment to continue until such time as the victims would have reached the age of 21 years. The minor son left by the only married victim was allowed a pension of \$10 a month and this will continue until he is 18 years old. Burial expenses of \$25 for each victim was also approved.

INQUIRY IS POSTPONED

Insufficient Evidence in Inquest—Name Case—Set for Dec. 27.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT BY COMPANION

Young Man Killed While Hunting Up North Thompson River

Kamloops, Dec. 18.—While A. Bedard and Arthur Denton were out shooting about 30 miles up the north river, the latter was accidentally shot by Bedard and died almost immediately. The body was brought to this city.

TOOK POISON BY MISTAKE

Revelstoke, Dec. 18.—Sam Allan, a logger at Camp Seven on the South track, one of the Dominion Saw Mills many camps in these parts, met an untimely death by drinking custard acid by mistake, the unfortunate man intending to have taken medicine. As soon as the fatal mistake was discovered by the fellow workmen of the deceased, medical aid was summoned at once, but it was too late, five minutes after the fatal draught had been taken the man was dead. The deceased was about 38 years of age and unmarried.

KAMLOOPS WATER SYSTEM

Kamloops, Dec. 18.—The first step toward an improved water works system was taken at the last council meeting, when Ald. Bauman introduced a motion that City Engineer Lee and Superintendent Wain be instructed to locate a site for a new reservoir. Some of the aldermen thought plans and specifications should also be drawn up and tenders called for, but only Ald. Bauman's motion was accepted.

PLOT TO KILL MADERO FRUSTRATED

Conspirators Planned to Proclaim Provisional President—Numerous Arrests

Mexico City, Dec. 18.—A conspiracy to assassinate President Madero and proclaim a provisional presidency pending the coming of General Reyes to the capital to assume the office of president, has been frustrated at the last moment, in the opinion of the authorities, by the arrest of Generals Higinio Aguilar and Meliton Hurtado, of the federal army, and of a score of other conspirators. The plan, said to have been disclosed by correspondence and documents found in the possession of the prisoners, was to have been carried out in the Reforma hotel, on the Avenida de la Reforma, as he rode from Chapultepec in the confusion which the world created the conspirators, who called themselves the "Independent Constitutionalists," were to swoop down upon the national palace, kill or seize the ministers, and take possession in the name of Reyes. The secret police were non-committal as to the sympathy with the movement. Hurtado, said to have been scheduled for provisional vice-president, was at one time chief of police under President Diaz.

TWO BARQUES RACE TO UNITED KINGDOM

Olivebank and Springbank, Sister Ships, Get Away Within a Few Days of Each Other

One of the greatest trans-ocean races between big four-masted sailing ships was now in progress between the British barque Olivebank, which passed out to sea on Thursday last week, and the British barque Springbank, which was towed to Cape Flattery last night. Both vessels loaded cargoes of wheat at Tacoma and as they are bound for the United Kingdom, more than four months is likely to elapse before the victor gets within sight of the chalk cliffs of England. Interest is added to the race by the fact that the two vessels are sister ships and are owned by Andrew Weir.

They are of identical construction, the only difference between the two being in size. The Olivebank is of 2,647 net tons, and the Springbank of 2,238. Otherwise there is not much to pick and choose between them. Luck probably will be a factor in the race, but aside from this the contest is likely to resolve itself into a contest in seamanship between Captain George Royal, skipper of the Olivebank, and Captain Royal, skipper of the Springbank. Both are men of first-class ability, and neither will overlook any advantage in the aquatic marathon.

Unusual features, aside from the fact that they are sister ships and owned by the same company, are adding to the interest of local waterfront men in the approaching contest. The race will be one of the few of its kind in which the competing vessels not only have loaded at the same port, but have carried the same cargo, have sailed within a few days of each other and have the same destination. The Olivebank is loaded with 4,400 tons of wheat, while the Springbank will carry 4,000 tons.

That the race will be close and may even be decided by a matter of a few days in sailing time, is indicated by previous records of both barques. They came to the Sound from Santa Rosalia. The Olivebank sailed from that port July 21 and made the voyage to the Straits in approximately sixty days. The Springbank sailed from Santa Rosalia on September 7 and reached the Straits in fifty-eight days. This shows it is slightly in favor of the Springbank but the margin of difference was not enough to give an index to the respective sailing merits of the sisters.

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OUTLOOK BRIGHT FOR COMING YEAR

A. D. McRae Says New Record Will Be Set for Prosperity in Canada

Vancouver, Dec. 22.—"Unless all signs fail, 1912 will establish a new record in national prosperity throughout the Dominion. I was much impressed with the optimistic sentiment prevailing among all classes of business men in Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg. There is not a cloud on the business horizon."

Mr. McRae is the executive head of a world-wide financial interest in many important British Columbia industrial enterprises, including the Canadian Western Lumber Company, the British Columbia Railway, and the Vancouver & Victoria Railway.

This year's crop after experiencing more vicissitudes than any crop in the history of the prairie provinces, is turning out all right and will be over 100 per cent in excess of last year's crop.

My advice is that there will be more building construction from one end of the country to the other than ever before and will establish a new record. This means an increased demand for lumber and an improvement in the British Columbia lumber industry.

Mr. McRae will leave Thursday for Minneapolis to spend Christmas with his family who are visiting there.

Charles Hayward is Again Elected President—Ladies' Committee.

The managers of the Protestant Orphans' Home elected at the recent annual meeting of the home held their statutory meeting Tuesday afternoon in the city hall for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year.

BOISE BANK CLOSED.

BADEN-POWELL TO TOUR THE STATES

Will Review Boy Scouts—Settles to Invite General to Coast

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 22.—Lieut. Gen. Sir Robert S. Baden-Powell will come to Seattle to review this city's Boy Scouts if efforts made to that end by the King county council of the organization are successful.

General Baden-Powell proposes to spend from February 11 to March 15 in a tour of the principal cities of the United States, during which he will review hundreds of thousands of Scouts.

On Saturday, February 10, more than 5,000 Boy Scouts will gather in New York to give a demonstration of scout activities in the presence of General Baden-Powell.

CALLS TO TAKE ON 'CROWD OF CHINESE'

Lucerie Makes Call Here Outward Bound for Yokohama—Has Full Cargo Aboard

To take on a number of Chinese steerage passengers who are bound for the Flower Kingdom to participate in the New Year's celebrations, the Weir steamship Lucerie, Capt. Mathie, called at the outer docks early on Wednesday.

UNITED WIRELESS REORGANIZATION

Seattle, Dec. 22.—R. H. Armstrong, general manager of the United Wireless Telegraph Company, yesterday received word from New York that plans for a reorganization of the company are soon to be carried into effect.

CASE DISMISSED.

Stevenson, Dec. 20.—The hearing of the case of Samuel Abernethy, charged with the murder of his wife, was closed yesterday.

TWO SPLENDID SKINS OF URSUS KERMODEI

George Cunningham, of Port Eslington, Arrouse Envy in Braesets of Zoologists

The arrival in town a day or so ago of two splendid skins of Ursus kermodei, the white bear of the Coast Range, has excited the interest of zoologists.

Although this skin was small and had been worn by an animal no larger than a grizzly cub one year old, its well-worn teeth indicated that it was a full-grown animal.

The Ursus kermodei is a bear of small size, much below the average black bear in general appearance.

TACOMA BASEBALL TEAM

Has Been Transferred to A. E. Rotherman by President Shreeder.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 20.—A. E. Rotherman, secretary of the Tacoma baseball club, announced today that rather than permit Tacoma to be without a ball club, President George M. Shreeder had turned the club over to him with a reservation.

TWO MEN FROZEN TO DEATH.

Walsenburg, Colo., Dec. 20.—Robert Burt, superintendent of the Rocky Mountain Coal mine, who disappeared from his home last Monday, and James McIntyre, were found frozen to death yesterday.

BIG LAND DEAL.

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—One million six hundred and seventy-two thousand acres of land near Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, has been sold to the Canadian Northern Railway's land department for \$15,000,000.

CYLINDER COVER OF MARU RETURN TO SOUND FOR REPAIRS

Liner Which Left Port Yesterday, Forced to Return to Seattle—Uses One Engine

Through having broken a cylinder cover when about 150 miles out from their port bound for Yokohama and other Oriental ports the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Awa Maru, Capt. Iriawva, which left the Outer Docks yesterday afternoon at 6 o'clock, is returning to Seattle to have her defective machinery repaired.

The Awa Maru arrived at the Outer Docks yesterday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock from Seattle and remained here for an hour and a half while the city Chinese embarked.

OPPOSED PROPOSAL FOR INDIGENT FUND

Aldermen Do Not Support the Mayor That Conditions Make Requirement Necessary

Notice of motion was given at the city council last evening by Mayor Morley for raising money to provide for the maintenance of charitable institutions, and for the care of indigent women and children.

The aldermen strongly objected to the proposal to provide for indigent poor, Alderman Bishop declaring that the city would soon become an easy mark for frauds, who would import to them a woman receiving assistance a maximum of \$20 a month and \$10 for each child.

Alderman Langley remarked that there was already a fund in existence to enable the mayor to make grants for benevolent purposes.

There was little discussion on a proposal to provide for the levy for charitable purposes, as the city will only be finding by rate what it now pays out of general revenue, and leave to introduce the measure was given.

WILL FISH WITH STEAM TRAILERS IN HECATE STRAITS AND OTHER WATERS

Superintendent of Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Co. to Buy Boats in England

Chief M. Stewart, superintendent of the Canadian Fish & Cold Storage Company, has gone to New York on a tour for England, where he will place orders for a number of steam trawlers to be utilized next spring in Hecate Straits and other northern territorial waters.

The company, which is owned exclusively by Canadian capitalists, is building a \$500,000 cold storage plant at Prince Rupert. The plant is located on a site on the harbor and is adjacent to the tracks of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway, whence fish will be shipped east on the completion of the line.

WILL RUSH WORK ON BRIDGE.

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—Orders have been received at LaPra from the headquarters of Mackenzie & Mann to proceed with the construction of the bridge over the Saskatchewan on the Hudson Bay road.

IDEAS OF A PLAIN MAN

Before us passes the procession of acquaintances. Souls rise and set in our ken like stars. Life is a string of beads, each bead a human spirit, whom we come, whom we lose, whom we miss, whom we love, whom we hate, whom we cherish, whom we cherish, whom we cherish.

ESCAPES FROM ABYSSUM.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—Joseph Lanouette, a dangerous lunatic who escaped from Longue Point asylum yesterday morning with a companion, who has since been recaptured, is still at large. Lanouette, who is an ex-poleman, was committed six years ago after making a murderous attack on Recorder Dupuis.

DISTURBED CHURCH AND PAID \$5 FINE

Socialist Leader's Son Made Noise on Street Sunday Night at Victoria West

Excessive disturbances by boys on the streets of Victoria West, and particularly the disturbance of the Methodist church service Sunday night last by the shouting and screaming of boys outside, led to the presentation in the city police court on Wednesday of William Oliver, seventeen years of age, a son of the Socialist leader, George Oliver, on a charge of creating a disturbance by screaming.

Mr. Oliver gave evidence as to his boy's general behaviour and of his behaviour on the Sunday night. He affirmed instead of taking the oath by kissing the Bible. Asked for his reason for affirming he said he objected to kiss the Bible for sanitary reasons.

MRS. JAMES A. AIKMAN DIES VERY SUDDENLY

Wife of Well Known Solicitor Found Dead at Her Home at Noon To-day

The death occurred very suddenly this morning of Mrs. J. A. Aikman at her home on Fort street. The cause of death is given by Dr. J. D. Helmcken, who was called to the house, as carbolic acid poisoning.

The late Mrs. Aikman was a native of Galena, Georgia. She came to Nanaimo when a child and attended school there. She was married twice, first to the late Mr. Kilpatrick, a lively stable proprietor, who died here about ten years ago.

ON WAY TO SHANGHAI.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—In the opinion of the Methodist Mission Board, the siege of Chentu, China, by the rebels in Wu Chung province, which lasted for four months, has been raised or ended by the success of the rebels in Choutou province, who were cooped up about a hundred Canadian Methodist missionaries and their families, besides about a hundred other foreigners.

CIVIC CENTER IS AGING TO FRONT

Delay on Completion of Dallas Road Seawall Due to Lack of Earth for Backfilling

The civic centre scheme came before the council again last evening, when the first reading was given to a by-law to submit a referendum to the ratepayers on the proposal at the next election along the line of the six alternative schemes already set out in the report of the building inspector.

Aldermen Langley and H. M. Fullerton offered the alternative scheme, the latter saying that the Mayor's proposal was unreasonable and childish. With so many proposals the ratepayers could not arrive at any intelligent decision.

The Mayor denied that the six choices offered were foolish. It was the duty of the council to leave the matter to the ratepayers. The council had decided in 1899 not to spend more money on the present scheme.

TRIAL OF PACKERS.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—When the trial of the meat packers was resumed in Judge Carpenter's court today, District Attorney James H. Wilkerson continued his opening address to the jury. It dealt with the National Packing Company, relating its history from the time of its organization to the date of the indictments were returned for criminal violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

He told the jury that the concern was designed and devised, not as an independent business enterprise, not as a corporation for the purpose of conducting business, but as an instrumentality through which the government claims an old pool of money.

It is understood that these all are being escorted down the river by troops, and a long period of anxiety that relations all over Canada have experienced therefore should be practically at an end.

