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WANTED AS WITNESS BY GRAND JURY

Business Agent of Seattle Structural Iron Workers' Union Called.

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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 to-day in a collision...

VICTIM OF HIS OWN GUN

Portland, Ore., Dec. 19.—Armand Spearer, aged 23, of North Yakima, was the victim of his own gun while hunting near Crescent.

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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...

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Chicago, Dec. 19.—Fire which started early to-day wrecked the open board of trade building, one of the landmarks of the "loop" district...

MUST SPEND QUIET NEW YEAR'S EVE

San Francisco Will Not Be Permitted to Indulge in Noisy Demonstrations

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 19.—San Francisco's board of supervisors went on record yesterday as being opposed to riotous observance of the advent of the New Year and passed a resolution in which the chief of police was urged to do all in his power to assist in the "suppression of excesses."

SURVEYOR FOUND DEAD BY TRAPPERS

London, Dec. 19.—Alberto Randemmer, the famous composer and singing master and probably England's best known orchestra conductor, died yesterday, aged 79 years.

HAVOC WROUGHT BY FLOODS IN WALES

Swansea, Dec. 19.—The floods through South Wales have subsided to a great extent. A score of bridges over the River Avon have been swept away and hundreds of homes inundated.

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.

MINISTER'S ASSAILANT SENT TO PRISON

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

London, Dec. 19.—Allan Ross McDougall, who hurled a brass-bound box at Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer, while the latter was attending a women's Liberal meeting Saturday evening, striking him in the face with the missile, yesterday was sentenced in the police court to two months at hard labor.

WESTERN SHOPMEN WILL NOT STRIKE

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 19.—"No sympathetic strike of shopmen on all western railroads at this time," said James W. Kline, president of the International Brotherhood of Blacksmiths...

NEW QUEBEC COUNCILLOR

Quebec, Dec. 19.—At a banquet at the Chateau Frontenac yesterday afternoon Premier Gouin announced that the appointment of Mr. Amyot had succeeded the late Hon. F. B. Garneau had been practically decided upon.

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TRAINS COLLIDE

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Spokane, Wash., Dec. 19.—The Oriental Limited train, No. 1, westbound, on the Great Northern, was wrecked near Odessa, Wash., this morning in a head-on collision with the east-bound No. 44, eastbound. The limited was standing at the station when the east-bound train sprang in from the west at the same time. The engineers and firemen jumped. Railway officials report about a dozen men injured but none seriously.

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CHINESE REVOLUTION MAY SOON BE ENDED

Imperial Delegates to Shanghai Conference Admit Manchu Dynasty is Doomed

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.

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Yet these law-makers to whom the people of the province have committed their destinies have, in turn, committed them to these responsibilities...

What the government actually did was to pass special legislation enabling the promoters of this railway to acquire through the medium of a construction company...

The agreement does not state whether earning power of the road is to be computed over the whole transcontinental line or within the province only...

We find, then, that the 600 miles of railway must earn \$5,858 per mile above the cost of operation in order to meet the interest claims...

The Times in two previous articles dealt with the action of the government in placing in escrow vast tracts of public land to be administered by the Canadian Northern railway...

The Act of Incorporation by which the company holds its charter rights in the province gives the company power to do almost any conceivable kind of business that may be carried on in a country rich with resources...

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Tersely figured out, it results as follows: The company may issue \$25,000,000 of capital stock and \$30,000,000 of mortgage stock at \$60,000 per mile...

How the debts of the company would be computed and how much of the liabilities of the subsidiary or associated companies would have to be taken into account is not stated in the agreement...

The Times does not pretend that all these facts and figures are new to the public or are its latest discovery. Extended reference was made to the loop-hole and jug-handled character of the whole bargain with the Canadian Northern company at the time the Acts were under discussion in the legislature...

It is worthy of mention again—though we do not intend to elaborate the point—that the charter of the company permits it to use all the capital raised by the sale of stocks and guaranteed bonds in any enterprise it deems good to do...

In three previous articles the Times has devoted some attention to the crudities of the Agreement and Act of Incorporation by which the province has alienated sundry rights in the Crown domain and otherwise obligated itself to the Canadian Northern railway corporation...

The Lieutenant-Governor in council may, from time to time, having due regard in so doing to the position and interests of the company, modify any rates established by the Pacific Company for the carrying of freight and passengers...

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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 the 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 a motion that his mind closing up the two licensed restaurants would not mend matters any as "two frog shops will immediately open grill rooms and serve liquor on the table," put it off. "We are not to control and give a good deal of trouble," remarked Ald. Ramsay. At one time there were no restaurant licenses. Now I believe the board has four. 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 Etchaka, now on Gray's Harbor, has been chartered to 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 Amoy 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 when 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 was 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, however, 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 by the council. 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, and 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 agreement 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 cited to answer 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 previously stated, the resignation of Mr. Purvis was accepted. He was previously in charge 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 Fortune, who with her mother claimed to have witnessed the murder of Mrs. Maria Laguardia near here last August, for which Mrs. Angelina 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 Granby 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 Granby 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 1,104,295 tons. The B. C. Copper Co. treated 7419 tons of ore at its smelter at Greenwood during the week, making a total treatment of 28,555 tons. The company, which added to the Granby smelter 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. Clarke; 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, E. J. Gardner, A. Schiller, 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 will 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. In the last of 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 to 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.—Summonsing his wife, Mrs. Selma, to the home of a customer, whom they had known before, Joseph Geba, a dealer in Oriental rugs and leathers, shot her yesterday and then committed suicide. Mrs. Geba died a short time later in the Ryan hospital. Geba and his wife had been separated. Mrs. Geba conducted a lace shop in the residence section of the city and yesterday when Mrs. H. Lingman was to Geba's store to purchase some Christmas gifts, the man told her that while he knew her he wanted her, he knew where the articles could be procured. Later she went out to Mrs. Lingman's home and had her call up his wife. When Mrs. Geba 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. Geba 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 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 out-going 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. 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 improve the rifle training and would have the unfair duty on uniforms not producible in this country removed.

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. "Freedom," the report urged, to these points and upon that 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, Ill., Dec. 21.—A grandmother at 20, mother of eight children and sister-in-law of her own daughter, is Mrs. William Golden of Nerris, 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, 1910, Mrs. Bird and her eldest daughter, then fourteen years of age, were married to Floyd and William Golden, both of them. 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."

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KOOTENAY CENTRAL RAILWAY GETS TWO YEARS.

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 Spink's 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. He was also sentenced to a period of from 5 to 12 years in Walla Walla.

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. Outlook Gloomy. Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—Washington was gloomy to-day over the vanishing prospects for a speedy conclusion of a peace agreement between the imperialists and the republicans in China. Reports say that matters are very discouraging. American naval officers have been instructed to be in readiness to respond to any appeals for protection from American and foreign interests.

POISON MYSTERY.

Everett, Wash., Dec. 21.—Owen Tennhill 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 Tennhill state that he appears to be suffering from strychnine poisoning. Tennhill roomed at the Owen residence. The coroner was notified and together with detectives took steps to apprehend the man who sent the bottle. Henry Berg, the messenger, was unable to give a very good description of the man. He stated that he was called out by a newboy and found the man who told him to take the bottle, and he said he would have more later. The police are looking for the divorced husband of Mrs. Owens, who is alleged to be jealous of Tennhill.

SEVEN MEN INJURED.

Clash Between Officers and Strikers and Sympathizers. 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 line of defence. 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

Wounded Man Declares He Thought Officer Was a Highwayman

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 detective, 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 1 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.

MINERS MEET.

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ROSSLAND CARNIVAL.

Roseland, Dec. 19.—The preparations for Roseland'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 the 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?" "After the recess stage, indicating the effect of his previous question, told Mrs. Bain he would modify and asked: "Did you induce your husband to accept a bribe?" "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.

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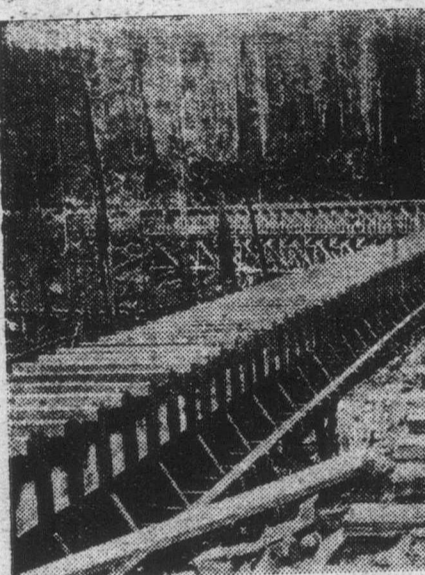
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THE POWER PLANT AT JORDAN RIVER

SOME DETAILS ABOUT A BIG UNDERTAKING

How Vancouver Power Company is Solving Difficult Problem—Heavy Work

In view of the great importance to this city of the undertaking of the Vancouver Island Power Company's new power plant at Jordan river, the following description of the work which appeared in a recent issue of the B. C. Mining and Engineering Record will be of interest.



FLUME AND TRAMWAY, VANCOUVER POWER COMPANY'S ENTERPRISE, JORDAN RIVER.

The question of power has been a more difficult matter to solve. Under the advice of the engineer, Wynn Meredith, who successfully carried through the B. C. Electric Railway Company at Vancouver, the Vancouver Island Power Company, a subsidiary organization of that company, planned and executed the installation of the Jordan river power plant.

This river takes its rise in the high mountains forming the backbone of Vancouver Island, on the west coast of the city and suburbs, and the west coast. The river enters the Straits of Juan de Fuca at a point forty miles from Victoria, and from its mouth to its source at the Jordan Meadows, is about 24 miles in length.

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The telephone is now used for railroad purposes on 27,000 miles of railroad in United States.

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NORTHWEST EXHIBIT

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THE CITY MARKET

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DIVORCE RING

Chicago, Dec. 20.—A new fad in the Chicago divorce colony has been started by Mrs. Marina Delgado Parke, divorced wife of the secretary of the board of supervising traction engineers.

ALLEGED PERJURY

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 21.—Lewis White, formerly district attorney and president of the Fairbanks Banking Company, of Fairbanks, Alaska, has been arrested in Alameda by the United States district marshal on a warrant charging perjury in a divorce case.

MUNICIPAL NEWSPAPER

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 20.—The judicial committee of the city council has approved for submission a proposed charter amendment authorizing the publishing and circulating of a municipal newspaper in which all legal news pertaining to the city should be printed.

WHEAT MARKET

Table listing various market prices including Wheat, Flour, and other commodities.

CARNIVAL OF CRIME

Burglaries and Holdups at Portland—Patrolman Stabbed by Prisoner

PREVENTION OF SEALING IN U. S. SENATE

Bill Introduced Provides for Patrol by Ships and Trial of Violators of Law

LOCAL NEWS

Got Six Months—Geo. Paletto was sentenced to six months' imprisonment by Judge Lampman this morning for inflicting bodily harm upon John Hall.

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Service of Praise—Next Sunday evening a Christmas service of praise will be held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, when selections from Handel's "Messiah" will be given by the choir.

Enjoyable Entertainment—A delightful social evening was spent by the ladies of the Y. W. C. A. and the gentlemen of the Y. M. C. A. on Monday, when the Young People's Society of St. Andrew's church held a reception in the lecture room of the church for these two organizations.

ALPINE CLUB BRANCH

A local branch of the Alpine Club of Canada was formed in Victoria on Tuesday, when at a meeting in the Alexandra Club the Victoria local committee was organized with W. W. Foster as chairman and Frank Heim as secretary.

Timely Suggestions

In the way of presents can be found quickly in the wide variety of attractive GIFT GOODS in our store.

Many Witnesses by Grand Jury

Indianapolis, Ind. Registrars showing McNamara and others were taken before Grand Jury yesterday.

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Advertisement for Cyrus H. Bowes, featuring various household and personal care products.

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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, which opened in Hazelton 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, reading the conditions of sale—25 per cent cash and the balance in one, two and three years at six per cent. He 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 first 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 \$600, but did not move much and was knocked down to C. L. Mallett, Vancouver, for \$620; 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. Mallett for \$700.

Some of the best prices of the morning were obtained for lots in block 74, which lies between Morrill and Omicron streets, Field Boulevard and Hall street, immediately adjoining the railway. Lot 15 was started at \$1,500 and was run up quickly to \$1,600, at which it was secured by T. A. Spahr; Mr. Cullin got lot 17 for \$1,050, and lot 13, corner of Morrill 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 \$1,450, 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 Faux, \$313; 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 barque 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 insurance 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.

The Solway left Newcastle in June for Juno, on the west coast, while the Gulf Stream, en route from Glasgow to Vancouver, was last sighted near the equator in the Atlantic in May. It is possible that later in the summer the two vessels met in collision in the South Pacific. At any rate the fact remains that both are now long overdue. Friends of Capt. Salter, master of the Solway, deeply regret the news that the Solway has been given up as lost. Three years ago, when master of the barque Mathehorn, Capt. Salter and his crew narrowly escaped death, when that vessel foundered off the Washington coast. The vessel was laden with barley and turned turtle during a heavy storm.

Some ships have been known to reach their destination after being posted on the missing list at Lloyd's, and hope for the Solway has practically been abandoned. She was laden with coal. The vessel carried a crew of 25 men. From the west coast she was to have come to the North Pacific to load grain. The Gulf Stream, with cargo for Victoria, and under charter to the wheat at Tacoma for the United Kingdom is now out 234 days, and though she has never distinguished herself by small records, there is every fear that she has met disaster.

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.

Mayor Lee and Commissioner Gitchrist were present to inspect the inspectors' report for 1911. In this it was stated that during the past year there had been registered thirteen convictions under the Liquor Act of two of these were against hotelkeepers, two against bartenders, two against persons tending bar without a license, and the remainder were for selling liquor without a license. For the rest the law relating to the sale of liquor during prohibited hours had, on the whole, been well observed. The large number of cases of drunkenness dealt with in the police court the inspector attributed to bottle drinking and not to drinking in the hotels.

A certain number of temporary bartender licenses were then confirmed by the board, and existing hotel licenses were renewed for coming year to every applicant. The mayor remarking that the hotels had behaved fairly well during the past year, but that, perhaps, the exception of one. He warned the hotelkeepers, however, that they must show a greater tendency to enlarge their houses, or else they would lose their licenses. In favor of others who were willing to do so. The inspector had pointed out in his report how the hotels were doing. The inspector was for any crowd of visitors, and he said that this condition must change, now that the city was growing so rapidly.

MUST STAND TRIAL

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 19.—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.

FORCED TO RIGGING

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

Seattle, Dec. 19.—Only the agility of the crew and the skill of the rigging saved the Cornl Bart, a small schooner, from being thrown into the bay. The vessel was being towed by the tugboat, when the rigging gave way and the vessel was left to the mercy of the waves. The crew was forced to abandon ship and the vessel was thrown into the bay.

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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 seamanlike training through the purchase of the old schooner Egeria, was Mayor Morley. He sent a telegram to Mayor Taylor of the Terminal City which read as follows:

"Permit me on behalf of the council and citizens of Vancouver, and especially the Navy League, on the day of the inauguration of the Imperial volunteer training service on the Pacific coast for purposes of defence and protection. All honor to Vancouver for the purchase of the Egeria, and success to the good ship Egeria."

The Vancouver people have received many warm words from the leading men of Canada and it is hoped as a result of the establishment of the Egeria as a training ship that British Columbia will turn out some of the greatest mariners the world has ever known. Boys in Victoria are greatly interested in the schooner and intend to go to Vancouver to take a course aboard the ship.

WANTED LARGER SENTENCE

Vancouver, Dec. 18.—When Harry McLean was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary, and James Bell to eighteen months in the provincial jail by Judge McInnes, Bell begged to be given a longer sentence. He said that eighteen months was a long time to spend in the provincial jail.

If the sentence was made two years he could go to the penitentiary and earn a living, as he had done at present. Judge McInnes agreed to amend the sentence.

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Officer Picks Up German Trapper on Lone Shores—Was Caught in Squall

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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.

The inquest was held in the provincial court room, in company with A. Bedard, Denton was hunting about three miles from the former's home, and while walking through deep snow and the muzzle of his gun, slipped and fired. After cleaning it off he transferred it from one hand to the other, and in doing so the charge exploded, the bullet striking young Denton in the back. At the sight of the wound Bedard fainted. Being unable to carry the wounded man through the deep snow, Bedard started off for aid, and when he returned with several of the neighbors Denton was dead, having lost a great quantity of blood. The coroner commended the efforts to reach the unfortunate man, and a verdict of accidental death was returned, with a rider enjoining greater care in the handling of firearms.

Accidental Death.—Prince Rupert, Dec. 18.—A verdict of accidental death was returned at the inquest into the death of Muskie Bell, which was his death from a rifle wound received while hunting near Prince Rupert.

Two witnesses were examined. One was a companion of the deceased who described how the accident happened. Deceased stumbled, and a ball from his own rifle which he was carrying, passed through his body. The other witness, a fellow countryman of the deceased, told of a conversation he had with deceased during the last hours. He had told him that it had been an accident. He had stumbled, and his rifle was accidentally discharged.

DEPUTATION PROPOSED ON ASIATIC WORKMEN

White Men in Building Trades Protest Against Employment of Asiatics

White labor circles an effort is being made to arrange a deputation to interview ministers when the provincial legislature meets next month to discuss the employment of Chinese in craft industries. The unions' feeling were more that carpentering and plastering are allowed on some of the non-union jobs to be done by Chinese. Whatever may be the circumstances of handry and domestic work being done by Orientals, they think the legislature should prohibit the employment of Asiatics on building contracts, and that, therefore, the skilled trades and construction work should unitedly and against the Orientals.

A case occurred in the present week when a plasterer was so disgusted at the foreman sending a Chinaman to work on several of his beams, that he left by the next boat for the Southern States, saying he was going to use his union card where the Asiatic was unknown. Men have been withdrawn from several jobs because of this. What steps the legislature might take on the invitation of ministers remains to be seen, as the whole question is bound up in the Oriental problem, and it is difficult to say where organized labor is not affected, when unskilled as well as skilled is now organized, into unions.

SERIOUS STRIKE RIOTS

Dundee, Scotland, Dec. 19.—The dockers here who are on strike are causing great disturbances near the wharves. Rioting became so serious today that the local police sent requisition to headquarters for troops. The rioters threw several wagons and a quantity of machinery over the docks and did considerable property damage. The police made several charges, using their clubs freely, but were powerless to suppress the disorders.

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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.

VICE-PRESIDENT BOSWORTH HERE

OPPORTUNE ARRIVAL FOR TWO FUNCTIONS

Will Visit Princess Alice Today, and Alberni on First Train To-morrow

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Vice-President G. M. Bosworth, of the C. P. R., accompanied by R. M. Marpole, chief executive agent of the company, Vancouver, and Mr. Bosworth's secretary, G. C. Dew, arrived in the city yesterday. His visit coincides with the arrival of the Princess Alice to-day, and the opening of the Alberni Extension of the E. & N. to-morrow. As the departments of traffic, steamships, hotels, dining and sleeping cars are under his special care, the arrival of the new steamer will be particularly appropriate. Mr. Bosworth will be joined to-day by Capt. and Mrs. W. D. Birchall, and Mrs. Eastworth, his daughter, who stayed over another day in Vancouver, for the visit to-morrow to Alberni.

The party left Montreal on December 3, and have been journeying by easy stages across the continent, having spent some time in Winnipeg and Vancouver. The vice-president has not been west for four years, and is naturally greatly impressed with the marvelous development of the country west of Winnipeg in that time. On this occasion his principal business has been to make a number of appointments in the telegraphic service. J. Fletcher, superintendent at Vancouver, becomes superintendent of traffic for the eastern lines of the C. P. R.; J. F. Richardson, now Superintendent at Montreal, transferred to Vancouver; J. McMillan, superintendent at Calgary, goes to Winnipeg; J. Tait, superintendent at Winnipeg, is transferred to assist the general superintendent of western lines, B. S. Jones, whose headquarters are at Winnipeg, and Mr. Coomes, inspector at Winnipeg, becomes superintendent at Calgary. All these appointments take effect in the new year.

The vice-president approached about the E. & N. coast service, and the need of more vessels to meet the demands on the service had been made by Capt. Troup, and details of construction and present time for improvement of terminal facilities were held up by the incomplete nature of the proposals for dealing with the Songhees Reserve, and until that question is settled he did not see how the company could act. He agreed, however, that the demand for improvements was urgent on account of the impossibility of handling freight here economically and expeditiously.

Great improvements are contemplated on the Pacific division of the C. P. R. The interviews which have already appeared in the press have explained the position of the vice-president on these improvements, which the company have in view, including the new passenger depot and overhead driveway at Vancouver, the new Hotel Vancouver, and the hotel additions and extensions at points in the Mountains. It is the intention of the party to stay off at Bamfr, where the C. P. R. company have a large amount of work in hand, and possibly at other points en route east. They will remain in the city till Saturday. Accompanying Mr. Bosworth west from Winnipeg was A. C. Flamerfelt, vice-president of this city.

The visiting vice-president is 53 years of age, and a native of Ogdensburg, N. Y. State. His railway career has been as follows: Entered the Ogdensburg and Lake Champlain road, of which his father was elevator manager, in 1875, appointed clerk of the local freight office; clerk of the general freight office; general freight agent; travelling freight agent of the National Despatch line at Chicago 1881-82; assistant general freight agent Ontario and Quebec lines of C. P. R. 1882; general freight agent of the lines east of Fort William, Ont., 1884-85; assistant freight traffic manager till 1886, and traffic manager of the system till 1891, when he received his present appointment as fourth vice-president.

LOCAL NEWS

Presentations to Chief Davis.—Two organizations in the city have presented to Fire Chief Davis handsome cut-glass bowls in token of his services to the community. The presentations were made Monday.

Plaintiff Wins.—Judge Lussman has given judgment for the plaintiff in the action Hale against Anderson. The plaintiff gets \$106.25 and costs. The defendant is connected with the Royal Bay Gravel Company, for which Hale worked and drew plans.

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More Moose Initiated.—Fifty-three candidates were initiated at a lodge room Monday night at the Moose club on Government street. Following the initiation the usual entertainment was given. Supreme organizer for the Northwest, H. L. Repple was in attendance to close the charter, but at the urgent request of Victoria lodge, he consented to let it remain open for ninety days, as the local lodge wishes to show a membership of 2,000 before closing it. Van-

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Ball Escorted.—Ball in the amount of \$300 was escorted on Tuesday in the police court when Ross Ferguson, Vice-Lord, Henry Edmund Sanders Jordan, charged with vagrancy, did not appear. The vagrants have left the city but warrants were issued for their arrest to prevent their return at a future date.

Building Permits.—Recent building permits have been granted to Thos. Ashe for a house on Gladstone street, designed by G. E. Watkins at a cost of \$4,750; W. L. Jones for a four-roomed house on Walnut street for \$1,000; to Harrison and Henderson for a five-roomed house on Pembroke street costing \$1,850, and to David A. Leach for a four-roomed cottage on Cook and Topaz streets.

The Labor Mail.—Owing to changes in the arrangements of P. Burns & Co., who were going to use the labor hall for storage purposes, it is possible that they will not require the same now, and if so the unions may retain possession in the new year, as their tenancy expires on December 31. At least one of the unions, the Gospel hall, Pandora street, which, however, may be required whether the labor hall is retained or not.

Kingston Street School.—An alarm report which has been in circulation in James Bay district with reference to the prevalence of scarlet fever at the Kingston street school has been traced to a single case which came under the notice of Sanitary Inspector Lancaster and which was sent to the isolation hospital. The head mistress was not notified of the case by the parents, and, of course, was in complete ignorance of what the child was suffering from when absent from school.

Opposition to Extension of Boundaries.—The residents of the western portion of the section of Saanich proposed to be amalgamated with the city emphatically showed their opposition to the proposal on Monday by signing down with only three dissentients any proposal to consider the proposition, at a meeting held at the Colquhoun hall. Reeve Nicholson again presented and two of the members of the committee were present in the person of Councillors Grant and Layritz. There was no representative from the city present to put the case for annexation. The speeches were strongly against the extension of boundaries. To-night there will be a meeting at Gordon Head, bringing the series of gatherings to an end.

SEVENTH SCHEME FOR CIVIC CENTRE

FORMER ALDERMEN HAVE ANOTHER PLAN

Propose Utilization of Pandora Avenue Gore Itself for Site—Some Advantages

To the various schemes which have been advanced for the provision of a civic centre, and upon which the chairman of the building committee and the building inspector have been asked to report, a seventh has been added in a suggestion which three ex-members of the city council discussed informally Monday, and explained to a Times representative.

They would like the city instead of adopting scheme five for the purchase of the property at the head of the gore on Pandora avenue, with extensions north and south, to give sufficient space for presentation to the ratepayers, to take under consideration in submitting a list in the referendum to consider the possibility of utilizing the valuable portion of the street between Cook and Chambers, where Pandora avenue widens out into the gore, and which at the present time is not in use as a public street, for the purpose of erecting the proposed civic building. So far as the use of the land is concerned a special act of the legislature could be obtained to legalize the use of the property, and there would be no expense incurred, as the land already belongs to the city. It is on high ground and possesses a splendid view, which is generally admitted. They point out that a quarter of a million would be available from the sale of the present city hall site, and this would pay for the construction of a city hall large enough to meet the present needs of the city, allowance being made in the plan for the future. It would not disturb the fire and police quarters which ought to

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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 economic horizon."

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ORPHANS' HOME MANAGERS.

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.

UNITED WIRELESS REORGANIZATION.

Seattle, Dec. 2.—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.

BOISE BANK CLOSED.

Boise, Ida., Dec. 22.—The Boise State bank closed its doors for business yesterday. The closing of the bank followed the action of the Boise clearing house association, which investigated the affairs of the bank Monday night and announced that no further assistance could be given by the association.

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.

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FIRE AT PHOENIX.

Phoenix, Dec. 19.—One of the most spectacular fires started here in an old store belonging to Webster Rogers, an old resident of the city.

CALLS TO TAKE ON 'CROWD OF CHINESE'

Luceric 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 Luceric, Capt. Mathie, called at the outer docks early on Wednesday.

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 by the Canadian Northern Railway's land department for \$15,000,000.

TWO SPLENDID SKINS OF URSUS KERMODEI

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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.

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.

WILL RUSH WORK ON BRIDGE.

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—Orders have been received at LaPrairie from the headquarters of MacKenzie & Mann to begin the construction of the bridge over the Saskatchewan on the Hudson Bay road.

WIFE OF WELL KNOWN SOLICITOR FOUND DEAD AT HER HOME AT NOON TODAY

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.

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.

CYLINDER COVER OF MARU BREAKS

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. Iriawa, which left the Outer Docks yesterday afternoon at 6 o'clock, is returning to Seattle to have her defective machinery repaired.

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ESCAPES FROM ABYSSUM.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—Joseph Lanouette, a dangerous lunatic who escaped from Longue Point asylum yesterday afternoon, is still at large.

SCIENTIST LEADER'S SON MADE NOISE ON STREET SUNDAY NIGHT AT VICTORIA WEST

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.

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