

CASTRO LANDS ON FRENCH SOIL

HOPES TO SMOOTH OVER MATTERS WITH EUROPE

Dislikes Diplomatic Ceremonial, So Will Settle Disputes in Person.

Bordeaux, Dec. 10.—President Castro, of Venezuela, disembarked here today from the French steamer, Guadalupe, of which he sailed from La Guayra on November 20th.

A representative of Foreign Minister Pichon boarded the steamer and had an interview with President Castro.

When one of his aides was informed of the reported revolutionary expedition under Generals Rolando and Fernandez, that it sailed to Caracas, the other smiled and declared the movement would be utterly abortive.

French Attitude. Paris, Dec. 10.—The French government apparently is reconsidering its attitude towards President Castro.

7 YEARS FOR COUNTERFEITING. Milton, Ont., Dec. 10.—Thos. and Milton Crozier pleaded guilty when arraigned before Judge Magee at the assizes here yesterday for their second trial on charges of counterfeiting, and were sentenced, the father to seven years in Kingston penitentiary, and the son to one year in the Central Prison.

STILL NO VERDICT IN RUEF TRIAL. Jury Out Since Yesterday Afternoon Has Not Reached Agreement.

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HINDUS REFUSED I. S. CITIZENSHIP

(Special to the Times). Albany, Ore., Dec. 10.—The first official attempt of a Hindu to become a citizen of the United States has resulted in failure.

NORTH COAST LIMITED WRECKED; 20 INJURED

Spreading Rails Cause of Accident in Which One Man Dies.

Bismarck, N. D., Dec. 10.—Twenty-five passengers were seriously injured, one of whom, a man, died to death, according to reports when the Northern Pacific North Coast Limited jumped the track and ran down a ten-foot embankment last night within half a mile of the town of Mackenzie, 20 miles east of this place.

POPE'S DELEGATE TO CANADA HAS AUDIENCE WITH POPE.

Rome, Dec. 10.—The Pope today received in a private farewell audience the Rev. Paul Brughesi, Archbishop of Montreal, Canada.

CIVIC OWNED COAL MINE.

Lethbridge, Dec. 10.—This city will buy and operate coal mines for the benefit of the city's needs.

ONTARIO LIBERALS.

Representative Convention to Be Called Next June.

HON. R. G. TATLOW RETURNING.

London, Dec. 10.—Hon. R. G. Tatlow, British Columbia's finance minister, will leave tomorrow for Canada on board the Empress of Britain.

RAILWAY OFFICIALS VISIT LADYSMITH

They Look Over Land Which is Being Cleared by C. P. R.

Ladysmith, Dec. 10.—A party of C. P. R. officials, including Messrs. R. M. Marpole, H. E. Beasley, F. Busted, J. G. Goodfellow, Camble and Bainbridge, paid a visit to the town yesterday. The party is on a tour of inspection, and they stopped off the train here to look over the land which is being cleared by the company.

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FIREMAN'S RUSE SAVES BOOTY

THREE BANDITS HOLD UP TRAIN IN WASHINGTON

Desperadoes Make Escape on Engine After Looting Mail Car.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 10.—Three men held up an eastbound Great Northern No. 4 train a mile and half east of Hilliard in this state, at an early hour this morning, robbed the mail car and made their escape. Only the presence of mind of W. Perrin, the fireman, prevented the looting of the express car which carried a large amount of money, including \$30,000 consigned from a Spokane bank to a Montana town.

The train had slowed down in the yard at Hilliard when three men, all armed with revolvers, crawled over the tender and covering the engineer and fireman, ordered the train to be brought to a stop a little over a mile from the station.

The robbers then left the engineer and fireman with the train and boarded the locomotive and themselves ran it several miles east where they brought it to a stop, rifled the mail car, then again boarded the engine uncoupling it from the cars which they drove to west, where a sign was waiting and they made their escape.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPEROR'S FUNERAL

Strange Procession Follows Remains of Kwang-Su—Foreigners See Ceremony.

Pekin, Dec. 10.—The funeral observances in connection with the death of Kwang-Su were notable for a strange admixture of ancient Chinese customs with western forms and practices, a fact that shows the modernization of the nation in recent years.

The cortege was accompanied by 6,000 mourners and 4,000 soldiers. Fully 10,000 men knelt in the streets of the Imperial City as the procession went by.

In the procession also were horses with strange cushioned saddles, camels with packers on their back and other pack animals used in caravan transportation.

In accordance with an ancient custom all the personal effects, clothing, costly furs, etc., belonging to the late Kwang-Su have been incinerated.

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BUCKSTOVE CASE BEFORE COURT

FEDERATION APPEALING FROM GOULD INJUNCTION

Fight Between Manufacturing Interests and Ranks of Organized Labor.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—The big labor test case, with former Democratic presidential candidate, Alton B. Parker, of New York, among the counsel, and the executive heads of the American Federation of Labor, with its 2,000,000 odd members arrayed against the Buckstove & Range Company of St. Louis, affiliated with great manufacturing interests in the country, was argued today in the court of appeals of the district of Columbia.

ANOTHER OUTBREAK OF CATTLE DISEASE

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 10.—The "foot and mouth" disease has appeared on the farm of the Bellona Bissell estate at North Bergen. Eighteen head of cattle and 20 hogs have been destroyed by government inspectors.

CASUALTY LIST ON CANADIAN RAILROADS

Killed During First Ten Months of Year Number 242.

Toronto, Dec. 10.—The following is a record compiled so far this year of casualties on Canadian railways.

Table with 4 columns: Month, Killed, Injured, Total. Rows for Jan through Oct, plus Totals.

TEAMS DROP OUT OF SIX-DAY GRIND

Eight Couples Still Keep Up the Pace—Ahead of Record.

New York, Dec. 10.—The killing pace that has been maintained by the riders in the six-day bike race which began at Madison Square Gardens just after midnight, on Monday morning already has proved too great a strain for eight of the sixteen teams. Even those who had withstood the fearful grind and had kept steadily ahead of old records until early today began to slow down after 7 o'clock with the result that at 8 o'clock the leaders had fallen four miles behind the mark set by Miller and Walker in 1899.

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HALF A BILLION FOR WATERWAYS

U. S. A. IS CONSIDERING GIGANTIC SCHEME

Canal From Lake Superior to Gulf of Mexico is Mooted.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 10.—Sentiment in favor of the issuance of government bonds for a comprehensive improvement of the rivers, harbors and canals of the country, to the end that this nation shall have the greatest system in the world, gained considerable headway at the annual meeting of the rivers and harbors congress here yesterday.

The scheme contemplates the issuance of \$500,000,000 worth of federal bonds for internal water courses, to be distributed over a ten-year period, or \$50,000,000 annually. Following the lead of President Roosevelt and President-elect Taft, both of whom, before the joint conservation meeting advocated the issuance of government bonds for the construction of permanent public improvements, increased endorsement was yesterday given the proposition at the rivers and harbors congress by such leading figures as Vice-President Fairbanks, Andrew Carnegie and Joseph H. Ransell, president of the congress.

It was learned yesterday that the congress will probably adopt resolutions asking congress to authorize the issuance of bonds.

Yesterday's session witnessed one of the most notable gatherings in the history of the congress. Leading figures in the public, industrial and commercial life of the nation indicated approval of waterways improvements by their presence and participation in the proceedings. Upwards of 3,500 delegates, representing forty-four states and the Territories of Alaska, New Mexico, Hawaii and Porto Rico, were in attendance.

Governor J. A. Johnson, of Minnesota, in an address yesterday before the joint conference of the National Conservation committee and the governors of different states brought an enthusiastic message of accord from the great middle west in the scheme of conservation, and declared that the paramount problem of the hour is the development of inland waterways.

"I believe the greatest investment this nation can make today is to construct a canal from Lake Superior to the Gulf of Mexico," asserted the governor. "It will solve the problem of water regulation in the interior, and will make unnecessary further discussions between sections or political parties as to whether federal control, absolutely, or state control will be best, because competition itself would solve the problem."

U. S.-JAPANESE UNDERSTANDING.

Democratic Senators Outline Their Opposition.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The correspondence between Japan and the United States in regard to the entente for maintaining the integrity of China and protecting the interests of America and Japan in the Orient was the subject of discussion yesterday in the Senate committee on foreign relations. In view of the fact that the Republican Senators were compelled to attend a caucus, the session of the committee was brief. The Democratic members of the committee, however, outlined their opposition to the understanding between the two governments unless it is sent to the Senate in the form of a treaty for ratification.

SAFEGUARDING LIFE.

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—The railway commission has ordered the daily inspection of electric bells at all railway crossings. Another order stipulates that where freight cars are used on main line passenger trains they must be equipped with air brakes, steel tires and metal trucks designed for passenger service. Where these requirements are not complied with on account of exceptional circumstances, trains must not be run more than thirty-five miles an hour.

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Among the British colonial rarities were two fine used unsevered pairs of the Barbadoes, 1878 issue, one penny surcharged on the halves of the five shilling stamp, each pair differing from the other. They sold respectively for \$60 and for \$65.

DEMANDS LIVE AGAIN OF PANAMA CANAL SCANDAL

"New York World" Makes Startling Charges— Says That Roosevelt's Public Letter Is Reeking With Misstatements—Dubious Dealings.

New York, Dec. 8.—The New York World, which Delavan Smith, editor of the Indianapolis News, referred in his reply to President Roosevelt's attack upon him as the authority for the articles on the Panama canal which appeared in his paper, and called forth the president's letter, says to-day: "In view of President Roosevelt's deliberate misstatement of fact in his scandalous personal attack upon Mr. Delavan Smith, editor of the Indianapolis News, the World calls upon the congress of the United States to make immediately a full and impartial investigation of the entire Panama canal scandal. The investigation of 1906 by the senate committee of the Inter-Oceanic canal was blocked by the refusal of Wm. Nelson Cromwell to answer the most pertinent questions of Senator Morgan, of Alabama. Since that time nothing has been done, because after the Senate was adjourned there was no successor to carry on his great work of revealing the truth about Panama corporations.

"The Indianapolis News, said in the editorial for which Mr. Roosevelt assails Mr. Smith, that it had been charged that the United States bought from American citizens \$40,000,000 worth of property that cost those citizens only \$12,000,000. There is no doubt that the government paid \$40,000,000 for the property, but who got the money? "President Roosevelt's reply to this most proper question is for the most part a string of abusive defamatory epithets. But he also makes the following statements as truthful information to the American people:

"The United States did not pay a cent of the \$40,000,000 to any American citizen. The government paid the \$40,000,000 direct to the French government, getting the receipts of the liquidator appointed by the French government to receive the same. "The United States government has not the slightest knowledge as to the particular individuals, among whom the French government distributed the same. So far as I know there was no syndicate. There certainly was no syndicate in the United States that got the knowledge had any doings with the government directly or indirectly.

"To the best of the world's knowledge and belief all of these statements quoted by Mr. Roosevelt and quoted above, are untrue, and Mr. Roosevelt must have known they were untrue when he made them. As to the details of distribution of the Panama loan, only one man can say that, and that man is Wm. Nelson Cromwell. The two men who were most in Mr. Cromwell's confidence are Theodore Roosevelt, president of the United States, and Elihu Root, former secretary of war, and now secretary of state. It was they who aided Mr. Cromwell in consummating the Panama revolution, arranged the terms of the purchase of the Panama canal zone, and agreed to pay \$40,000,000 for the canal properties, and an additional \$10,000,000 for a manufactured Panama republic, every penny of both of which sums was paid by the United States government. States treasury to J. P. Morgan & Co., not to the French government, as Mr. Roosevelt says, but to J. P. Morgan & Co.

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MINISTERS WIN IN SASKATCHEWAN

(Special to the Times). Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 8.—The Saskatchewan elections resulted in the return of the Hon. J. A. Calder, in Saskatchewan, and the Hon. W. R. Gower, in Humboldt, by large majorities. Their opponents will probably lose their deposits.

HONDURAN GOVERNOR ON WAY TO VANCOUVER

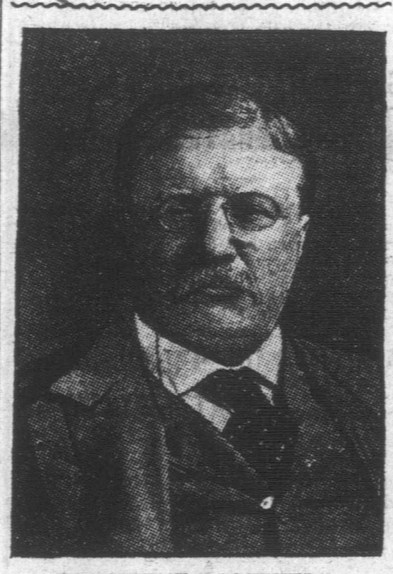
Conference With Immigration Department on Question of Removing Hindus.

(Special to the Times). Ottawa, Dec. 8.—Col. Swayne, governor of British Honduras, left this afternoon for Vancouver where he will see what can be done to further the project of the transportation of the Hindus to Honduras. Colonel Swayne had a long conference with the government dealing with the Hindus, and may be able to induce the latter to adopt a more reasonable frame of mind. He was in conference with the immigration department here yesterday.

UNITED EFFORT TO SPREAD GOSPEL

Federated Council of Churches of Christian America in Session.

Philadelphia, Dec. 8.—After a most successful meeting, during which many subjects of vital importance to the church were discussed and a long step forward was made in the movement to bring all Protestant denominations together for the united effort in spreading the gospel, the federal council of the churches of Christian America will adjourn to-day to meet again in 1912. The attendance has been gratifying to the leaders in the movement. Every one of the thirty-three denominations identified with the federal council are sending delegates to its sessions. The two subjects on the programme for the closing session were "Family Life," which will come before the council in the form of a paper prepared by Bishop Doane, of Albany, and "International Relations," in a report prepared by Henry Wade Rogers, dean of the law department of Yale University.



PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, Who last message was communicated to Congress immediately after the convening of that body at noon Tuesday.

PUBLIC DEMAND IN STEINHEIL CASE

"Is There One Law for the Great and Another for the Lowly?"

Paris, Dec. 8.—The interpellations regarding the Steinheil case, which were to have been made in the Chamber of Deputies yesterday by M. Berry, were postponed at the request of Minister of Justice Briand, who pointed out that the judicial machinery of the government is now being replaced by another. "The public demands to know the facts of this strange case, in which so many innocent people had been arrested and then released, and on which no magistrate had been replaced by another. "The public demands to know," said M. Berry, "whether there is one sort of justice for the great and those who have influence in high government circles, and another sort for the meek and simple."

STANDS FAITHFUL TO HER ALLY, AUSTRIA

Buelow Defines Germany's Attitude in the Balkan Crisis.

Berlin, Dec. 8.—In the Reichstag yesterday Chancellor von Buelow referred to Germany's attitude in the Balkan crisis. He said: "It is our wish to see Turkey politically and economically strong, but we never wanted Turkish territory from the fact that the geographical situation is not suitable. Turkey really lost nothing through the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina by Austro-Hungary. Neither did the independence of Bulgaria mean the loss of any territory. "From the very beginning two points were to me clear for the exercise of German diplomacy. First we must leave the lead in southeastern Europe and politics to other powers; and second, we must never hesitate for a moment to stand faithfully by our ally, Austria-Hungary. (Cheers) We were informed of Austria's intention to annex Bosnia and Herzegovina about the same time that Russia and Italy received similar notification. "Prince von Buelow expressed the hope that the national conference would have a soothing effect.

TRAGEDY SUCCEEDS TRAGEDY

Trinidad, Colo., Dec. 8.—Maggie Garcia, 18 years old, and Francisco Martinez, who was suspected of having murdered four members of the Garcia family last week were found dead yesterday twelve miles west of the Garcia ranch in the extreme eastern part of the Las Animas county. Both had been shot. Apparently Martinez murdered the girl and then committed suicide.

LEAGUE OF EMPIRE

London, Dec. 8.—At the annual meeting of the League of Empire, Sir Frederick Pollock reported that the organization was flourishing, that the scheme of the interchange of teachers was in operation and that the imperial text book would soon be ready. "Mr. G. R. Parkin urged the unification of bodies with imperialist aims.

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(Special to the Times). Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 8.—In a collision in the C. P. R. yards at Fort William last night, between a yard engine and a freight train, E. R. Noble, engineer, and A. Horseley, fireman, were killed.

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(Special to the Times). Fort Townsend, Wash., Dec. 8.—The court-martial of Lieut. Hay, of the revenue cutter service, commenced yesterday. The charges are preferred by Capt. Henderson. "Lieut. Hay is charged with drunkenness and conduct unbecoming an officer, and it is said that Capt. Henderson made a good witness for the prosecution, which is conducted by Lieut. Chalker, Capt. Newton, of the coast artillery, is in charge of the defence.

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How Octopus Forced Smaller Dealers From Field— Earnings in Indiana.

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CITY COUNCIL PASSES BY-LAWS MATERIAL OFFERED FOR TAR MACADAM

Many Matters of Routine Are
Considered by Mayor and
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The city council sat for the full three hours Monday night, most of the time towards the end of the meeting being taken up with consideration of by-laws.

The Store street laundry question was dealt with and disposed of at the outset of the meeting, as referred to in another column, after which the aldermen settled down to dispose of routine matters.

To Formulate a Policy.
In reply to the city, A. T. Goward, local manager of the Victoria Gas Company, wrote to say that the company make about five tons a month of coke breeze, which the city could have for \$1.50 per ton. This material is useful in the laying of tar macadam roads. Mr. Goward also stated that the company had some seventy-five tons of clinkers at its works, which the city would be welcome to for the carting of it away.

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Contracts Awarded.
The water commissioner and purchasing agent reported on the tenders opened last week for the supply of lead pipe, brass goods and galvanized fittings for the waterworks department, and on the tenders for the contract for lead pipe to be awarded to A. Shoret for \$4.35 per 100 pounds; to E. G. Prior & Co. for brass goods to a total of \$1,126; and to A. Shoret for galvanized fittings to a total of \$1,965.63.

A by-law was put through dealing with the proportion to be borne by the city under the second Government street paving by-law. Owing to the necessity for repaving that thoroughfare four years before the proprietors had finished paying up their share of the original cost the city agreed to pay the proprietors' share under the new by-law, the owners continuing to pay under the old by-law until the expiry of the ten years. It has been found from the final balancing of accounts that the work cost some \$2,000 more than the first estimate, on which a by-law was based. The present by-law is necessary to re-adjust the amounts which shall be paid. It was put through all its stages.

A local improvement by-law was put through for the grading, macadamizing and draining of Cook street, from the south side of Pandora avenue to the south side of Pakington street, with a boulevard curb and gutter on the west side between Pandora and Hilda and on the east side between Pandora and Pakington. The total cost will be \$35,883.

The greater part of the session was taken up with the consideration of the by-law to regulate subdivisions and street lines. Several schemes were struck out and at 11 o'clock the matter was left over till next meeting.

Ald. Mabie remarked that the union was a valuable organization but in his opinion it would accomplish more good if it met in the capital when the House was in session, instead of meeting upcountry.

Acknowledgments were read from Hon. Wm. Templeman, of the receipt of plans for streets on the reserve and from the agent of the department of marine and fisheries of the city's lease of water-front lots at the foot of Herald street.

day evening, December 14th, for the purpose of holding the annual meeting, when the Mayor will preside.
A further communication from Captain Curtis, R. N., relating to dogs and containing pointers for the dog-catcher and pound-keeper, was referred to those officials.

Street Works.
The streets, bridges and sewers committee's report was adopted as follows: Recommended that the following recommendations of Mr. Arthur L. Adams, re tenders for water meters, be adopted: 1. That the award be made for the "Trident" meter, T. A. Johnson, tenderer, to the number of approximately one-half of the quantity of meters advertised.

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Recommended that the following plan sidewalks be laid: On Nelson street, east side, from end of present walk to Mrs. F. Williams' house. Estimated cost \$12 (4 foot).

On Queen's avenue, south side, from Blanchard street eastward to a distance of 150 feet. Estimated cost \$25 (2 planks).

On Chapman street 2 plank walk. Estimated cost \$20.

All expenditures contemplated in this report are subject to a favorable report thereon by the finance committee and adoption of said report by the council.

G. W. Gapp, of Atlin, connected with the White Pass & Yukon railway, speaking on the prospects for next season in the Atlin district, said that the Salmon on Tuesday that the development work done this season through the district pointed to many more men than ever before going into Atlin in the spring. Of the prospects that have been opened up there will be big work done on the following: On Spruce creek, J. M. Rufner has this year constructed a six-mile ditch, and is now ready for extensive operations. Prospecting and development was continued right up till the freeze up on McKee creek, where work will open again when the spring opens.

A petition for a four-foot sidewalk on the east side of Foul Bay road, between Oak Bay avenue and Cadboro Bay road, was presented and the usual course will be taken in preparation for proceeding with the work. The same action was taken with petition for water and sewer mains on Chaucer and Byron streets and part of Foul Bay road. These sewers will flow into the city main on Foul Bay road.

ATE HER OWN HAIR.
New Orleans Child Was Also Fond of Mud Pies.
New York, Dec. 8.—A dispatch to the Tribune from New Orleans says: Pearl Fleming, eight years old, who developed an abnormal appetite through the habit of eating mud pies, died in the Charity hospital here as the result of following, against the wishes of her own mother, the case puzzled the surgeons, who were unable to diagnose the malady. It was observed that her hair was disappearing, but no trace of it following, until an autopsy was performed, when the stomach was found to resemble a cushion, the cavity being lined with human hair.

CHANGING FISCAL YEAR.

Toronto, Dec. 8.—It is stated in Ontario government circles that arrangements have been completed to have the fiscal year terminate on October 31st instead of December 31st as at present. Two months will give the government officials sufficient time to prepare the public accounts and estimates and have the same ready to lay before the legislature when it is called earlier in the year, instead of having, as at present, to waste several weeks waiting for public accounts and estimates.

PIGGERIES UNDER BAN OF INSPECTOR

Oak Bay Council Will Deal With Unsanitary Buildings.
Four Chinese piggeries have come under the ban of the sanitary inspector of the Oak Bay municipality and if that official is supported by the local sewers and bridges committee, to which the matter has been referred, the undesirable institutions will have to go. The report of the sanitary inspector showed in the case of the piggery on Myrtle road, that the pigs are kept in a building, part of which is used as a dwelling, and that it is old and unsanitary. Hop King, on Hampshire road, keeps his premises clean on the surface, but the buildings are old, the floors bad, and the place thoroughly unsanitary. Hee Ho's place on Monterey avenue is in much the same condition, while Wah Yune's piggery on Cranmore road is not as bad as the others, but is offensive and unsanitary and a nuisance to the neighbors.

Councillor Noble said that several things would have to be considered in dealing with these piggeries, and he moved that the matter go to the committee. This was carried.

Another matter in which the sanitary inspector was interested was brought forward by the reading of a letter from the city sanitary inspector, offering to disinfect such houses as necessary from time to time for a retaining fee of \$5 a month, or at the regular rate of \$5 a house. Mr. Lancaster stated he had a similar arrangement with the Esquimalt district and South Saanich municipality. After some little discussion it was decided to inform Mr. Lancaster that the municipality already had a sanitary officer and he was expected to do that kind of work whenever it might be needed.

A discussion in regard to an open ditch on Foul Bay road was introduced by Acting Reeve Henderson. It was pointed out by some of the councillors that this ditch had already caused the death of one child and that a man had fallen in there during a dark night and spoiled a new suit of clothes. The matter was left to a committee to again try to induce the city to abate the nuisance.

The matter of repairs to Oak Bay avenue, opposite the end of Mitchell street, was again brought up, no action having been taken "to improve the road." A committee of three, headed by the clerk reported having interviewed Mr. Goward, when the latter claimed that his company was not responsible under the act. It was decided to again meet the contractor and to have the clerk report thereon.

William Graham, of Maywood, wrote asking to be given charge of the new rock-crushing outfit which is arrived. He gave testimonials, showing that his work in other places had been entirely satisfactory. He stated that he was about closing an engagement with the Saanich municipality. This was referred to the roads and bridges committee.

Arthur Gore asked \$10 a month rent for one of his lots where the municipal road was piled, that being the amount which he understood was being received by the owners adjoining. This was also referred to a committee. Two letters were received from H. H. Hewitt, one asking that a small ditch be constructed to keep the water from flowing over his property on Prospect road, and the other asking the council to assume the responsibility of moving the surplus water on Beach drive, which crossed his property. Both letters were referred to the roads and bridges committee.

A letter from the special committee of the Victoria Board of Trade, asking the municipality to appoint a representative to confer with them on the matter of the advertising of the resources of Vancouver Island, was read. The idea met with the approval of the council and Councillor Newton was appointed to act on behalf of the Oak Bay municipality.

An invitation from the Union of Municipalities to send a representative to the next gathering at Vernon on January 6th did not meet with much favor, but a courteous reply was ordered to be sent.

The expiration of the strip of land fronting on Alexandra Park subdivision will be proceeded with at once, the land company having agreed to the terms laid down by the council. A petition for a four-foot sidewalk on the east side of Foul Bay road, between Oak Bay avenue and Cadboro Bay road, was presented and the usual course will be taken in preparation for proceeding with the work. The same action was taken with petition for water and sewer mains on Chaucer and Byron streets and part of Foul Bay road. These sewers will flow into the city main on Foul Bay road.

REVIEWED WORK OF THE ORPHANS' HOME

Ladies' Committee of Institution Held Meeting Yesterday Afternoon.
(From Tuesday's Daily.)
The usual monthly meeting of the ladies' committee of the British Columbia Protestant Orphans' Home was held at the home yesterday afternoon. The ladies present were Mesdames McCaughy, Higgins, McColough, Munster, Langley, C. F. Todd, small, Shakespeare, Toller, Miss Bralo.

The meeting was opened as usual by prayer, after which the minutes were read and adopted.

Final reports relative to the chrysanthemum show, were detailed, the net results being \$386.65, and expenditure \$28.85. The ladies expressed gratitude to all who assisted so generously in this event.

Another business arose from a discussion, on the Christmas tree event, which will be held at the home on Tuesday, December 29th, from 3 to 6 p. m., when the public are cordially invited to make it the success it has always proved in past years. Bills were paid amounting to \$203.50.

A splendid donation list was read, and the following interesting report was received from the visiting ladies: Madam President and Ladies: I submit herewith the report of the visiting committee for the month of November.

The first business of importance this month was the chrysanthemum show. The ladies in charge worked very hard and are sure felt well repaid by the great success of the affair. It being considered the most successful one yet held, and being ambitious, we sincerely hope the one next year will prove a still better money-maker.

On our second visit we found the mardon and children busy mending the road. It being Saturday they worked at home from school—other days all the children, but three, attend school. On entering the kitchen the first thing to attract the eye was an immense dish of apple sauce all ready for Sunday supper. In the "Broom" room were found several blankets were needed for the winter, and procured six pairs.

The spring mattresses were in great need of immediate repair so we have had twenty bedsteads re-matched, and a few of the others braided.

We are very thankful to be able to report all the children in good health. Two of the youngest had to spend an uncomfortable hour at the hospital being their tonsils attended to, but as misery loves company, perhaps it made it easier for them being two instead of one.

On Saturday, the 25th, Mrs. Tye invited the children to the anti-tuberculosis fair in the A. O. U. W. hall. Thirty-three were taken and had a glorious time, each child was given ten cents to spend; a present of the Christmas tree, ice cream and cake, and even the little ones at home were not forgotten, for a little present was sent to each one. The children will not forget the treat, and who knows but in a few years they may be able to help in this good work.

The manager of the Victoria theatre sent a very kind invitation for the children to attend the moving picture show. This was readily accepted, and the hours counted until Saturday should arrive. Thirty-five of the children were taken and they will remember Saturday, December the 5th, for a long time to come.

LOUISA TODD,
CATHERINE MUNSIE.
The following donations for November were reported: Tony Silvers, 14 lbs. sugar, 14 lbs. butter; St. Michael's church, fruit and vegetables; St. Saviour's church, per Rev. C. S. Cooper, fruit and vegetables; Mr. McRae, Cedar Hill, sack of peas; Chas. Hayward, 2 sacks peas; Dr. Holden and Dr. Lewis Hall, professional services; A. Friend, per Porter & Sons, clothing; F. Angus, St. Charles street, 2 sacks apples; Mrs. King, Cedar Hill, 4 sacks potatoes, 1 sack apples, cakes; J. E. Painter, 1 load of hardwood; Mrs. and Miss Adronach, clothing and 45 cents; Mrs. E. W. Hayes, John street, 2 sacks apples; Mrs. H. Ruckle, Salt Spring Island, 10 sacks potatoes; Mrs. C. F. Todd, rugs and mats; Mrs. W. Munster, shoes and clothing; Mr. and Miss Gass, stockings, clothing, box of apples; Mrs. Hickey, Jr., dressmaking; Mrs. Beecham Tye and ladies of the Anti-tuberculosis Society, invitations to thirty-five children to visit the fair and have tea; Mrs. Beecham Tye and ladies of the child ten cents to spend; St. Andrew's Young People's Society, per G. S. Brown, 1 sack wheat flakes, 3 lbs. tea, 16 lbs. raisins, 6 lbs. jam and jelly, corn starch, chocolate, biscuits, bread, sugar, fruit and candy; Times and Colonist, daily papers; Mrs. Devoreaux, Bay street, 2 sacks peas; Denham, Victoria theatre, invitations to the children to see the moving picture; Mrs. W. Fleet, Robson, \$2.50; Mrs. Gill, \$2; A. Friend, \$2.50.

The pupils of the kindergarten class- per Miss M. Penwill and Miss Irving, for Thanksgiving, 45 cents; Mrs. names, candles, fruit, cakes, biscuits, jams, jellies and clothing. Names of the pupils: Jack Meldrum, 50 cents; Charles Humber, Donald Lamont, Harry Hanson, Albin Snelling, Malcolm Dickson, Mrs. Agnes Kingham, Helen Tappett, Noel LeMaster, Donald Lawson, Grace Hall, Amy Brice, Helen Forman, Kenneth Lawson, Victor Hall, Leslie Mitchell, Harold Wilson, Billy Wilson, Harrington Gilling, Halley Bale, Helen Graham, Majorie Graham, Vivian Combe, Allan McLean, Donald McLean, David Williams, Wilson Mit-

chell, Tommy Beckett, Eleanor Gresley, Thursday Witherson.
After the closing prayer the committee meeting adjourned.
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"REFINEMENT OF CRUELTY." HOW B. C. WAS SAVED FOR CANADA

Promptitude of British Government Prevented Province Belonging to U. S. A.
Ottawa, Dec. 8.—James White, Dominion geographer, in an address to the Canadian Club of Ottawa, a few days ago, on the boundaries of Canada, put a somewhat different aspect on the generally accepted opinion in Canada that British diplomacy had unduly sacrificed Canadian interests in the negotiations of the Ashburton treaty of 1841, and the Oregon treaty of 1846. Mr. White after succinctly reviewing the history of the negotiations leading up to the arbitration of the dispute respecting the boundaries of Maine and New Brunswick, declared that in the negotiations of the treaty fixing the boundary as at present, the cardinal principle of effective occupation had been completely overlooked by the two governments. He was of opinion that all of the facts being considered Lord Ashburton had gained as much as could be expected.

On the subject of the treaty of 1846, settling the boundaries of British Columbia and awarding Oregon to the United States, this same principle of effective occupation had been adhered to and respecting the boundaries of the disputed territory on Myrtle road, that the pigs are kept in a building, part of which is used as a dwelling, and that it is old and unsanitary.

In respect to Canada's present dispute with Newfoundland over the Labrador boundary which is to be argued before the Privy Council soon, Mr. White, deploring the negotiation of the treaty for a few years until the Fraser river gold rush had brought thousands of American miners into British Columbia, the whole of the province might have passed to the United States.

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U. S. COUNTRY LIFE.

Roosevelt Commissioners Visit Apple Show at Spokane.
Spokane, Dec. 8.—Dr. Liberty H. Bailey, chairman of the commission on country life, appointed by President Roosevelt, and Henry Wallace, Iowa; Kenyon L. Butterfield, Massachusetts; Charles D. Barrett, Georgia, and W. A. Beard, California, met hundreds of farmers, ranchers and orchardists from various parts of the Pacific northwest at their sessions in Spokane. It is believed that the result will result from the discussions of farm conditions. The commissioners were entertained by the chamber of commerce and the local committee of the 17th national irrigation congress, which will meet in Spokane September 27th to October 2nd next year.

They also visited the national apple show, where, Dr. Bailey declared, that the exhibition is without an equal, adding that it will do more than anything else to encourage the apple industry all over the country.

RICH ORE STRIKE.

Kaslo, Dec. 7.—News of another rich strike of ore comes from Sandon. This time it is Dayton group, known as the Ya-Ya, on which, reliable report says, two feet of clean ore has been cut into. The Dayton property is located on the Sandon side of the Payne, and consists of four crown granted claims. It was located in the early days of the Slovan silver excitement. Most of the development had been confined to the Algonquin claim, the tunnel portal of which is within a few feet of the main Ya-Ya. S. track. About 450 feet was driven on the lead, but only a zinc-iron mineral was exposed. This was of little value at that time. About two years ago Dr. W. E. Gordon took a lease on the bond on the group, and changed the name to Ya-Ya.

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REFERENDUM ON SUNDAY CLOSING

COUNCIL WILL SUBMIT IT TO RATEPAYERS

Decision Reached on Question of Petition Presented at Meeting.

A petition was read at the council meeting on Monday, asking the council "to submit a referendum by-law to the electors re the closing of shops on Sundays." This was signed by some 450 persons, and its prayer was granted by the mayor and aldermen.

Ald. Gleason moved that the request be granted.

City Solicitor Mann pointed out that it was extremely doubtful if the province or the city could do anything in the way of legislating on this matter. For himself he wanted time to look into the matter as affected by the petition.

Ald. Gleason said what the people signing the petition wanted was to have the question submitted to the ratepayers as to whether fruit and candy and cigar stores, and so on, should be closed on Sunday or not. Early in the year he had introduced a Sunday closing by-law, from which the council struck out the provision for closing stores and the people who were the means of having that introduced desired to have an expression of opinion from the council should take this further step. At the time he had brought in his by-law the city solicitor advised him that the council had power to close these places.

City Solicitor Mann explained that he had advised the alderman that certain trades could be dealt with and he had pointed out a way in which this might be done, but as to whether it would hold water if tested in the courts he did not wish to commit himself. His own opinion was that it would, but other lawyers held otherwise. His suggestion in this case was that he be given time to go into the matter so as to avoid the council incurring any expense. A referendum would be useful but not the submission of a straight by-law closing the stores.

Ald. Cameron favored the proposition for a referendum and said it was one of the arguments he had used against the adoption of the by-law. He said: "I would especially favor a referendum in such matters as these, where they have not been discussed in the municipal campaign and no alderman has been elected on a platform embracing them. I am in favor of consulting the people as often as possible as to their views on debatable questions."

Ald. Henderson advised the council to be sure of its power before it submitted the question to a referendum. It would be absurd to ask the people whether a certain thing could be done or not and then find out that the city had no power to do it.

Mayor Hall thought there would be no trouble about this. All the city would have to do would be to pass a by-law regulating the Sunday closing of stores, as it had already done in regard to poolrooms and places of amusement.

Ald. Fullerton fully endorsed the idea of asking the ratepayers for an expression of opinion.

Ald. Pauline also approved of a referendum, but thought the petitioners had not expressed themselves very clearly as to what they desired. The city solicitor should be asked to go into the matter and be heard. Ald. Gleason drafted a question for submission to the people at the elections next month.

Ald. Gleason's motion was adopted.

OAK BAY ELECTION.
Nominations on January 11th and Polling Five Days Later.

The Oak Bay municipal elections will take place at the new school house on Oak Bay avenue on January 11th, and Floyd to be the returning officer. That was the decision of the council at its regular meeting in the old school meeting of the council on Monday by motions will be made in January 11th and the new council will hold its first meeting January 18th, according to the Municipal Act.

There was some doubt expressed as to whether the new school would be completed in time for the election, but it was pointed out that even if it was not finished it would be best to use it for the polling place. All the councilors were present with the exception of Councillor Ferrife, Acting Reeve Henderson presiding.

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FLOUNDERING IN THE MIRE.

The Colonist has advanced at different times widely different reasons for the result of the late election in Victoria. In the first place our contemporary claimed that Mr. Templeman ought to be defeated because personally he failed to take advantage of his opportunities to lay the views of the West before the government and Parliament. Confronted by an almost unanimous expression of opinion to the contrary from the press of the province irrespective of party, it has been deemed expedient to shift ground. We were later told that the Minister ought to be rejected because Mr. W. T. R. Preston as the representative of the government in Japan was openly advocating the immigration of Orientals so this country. That was then the paramount issue. Faced with facts which proved beyond question that Mr. Preston was not engaged in any such propaganda, the shifty editor side-stepped again. The public were told that in any case the government's general scheme of Asiatic exclusion had failed. Evidence was shamelessly manufactured in proof of this assertion. The shipment of immigrants which the Colonist depicted as arriving at this port have never reached the docks. The palpable fact is that Asiatic immigration has practically ceased. Canada is in all respects save with regard to the immigration of Chinese and Hindus pursuing a policy identical with the policy of the United States in regard to the immigration of Orientals. Hindus cannot come here at all. We have never seen an expression of opinion from the Colonist or from any conservative newspaper that the restrictions upon Chinese are not satisfactory. Yet we are boldly informed that there was never any misrepresentation in regard to the admission of Orientals; that the Minister would have been defeated in any event; that the Colonist is about to celebrate its jubilee. Possibly its mind is falling. Scarcely a day passes in which the arguments of yesterday are not refuted by the arguments of to-day. And it knows that if the people of Victoria were given an opportunity of reviewing the judgment of October 26th now that public opinion has regained its natural poise, notwithstanding all it could do and Premier McBride and his well-oiled machine would do, Mr. G. H. Barnard would be defeated by a large majority.

A QUARTETTE OF PUPPETS.

Our readers will doubtless have observed from what has recently occurred that the federal representatives of Victoria, Vancouver, Yale-Cariboo and Kootenay recognize their true position in the political field. They are in reality not representatives of their constituents, but political grapplephons designed to mechanically grind out the views of Premier McBride of British Columbia in the House of Commons at Ottawa. These four gentlemen, in response to a summons issued, have attended the Presence in Victoria and received instructions as to the course they shall pursue and the views they shall express on the floor of Parliament. Like faithful servants they will act in strict accordance with instructions. It will be remembered that each of these representatives immediately after their election expressed their intentions of doing all in their power to assist the government in conceiving and passing measures designed for the material benefit of British Columbia. These pledges were doubtless given during the short spasms of emotion which possessed them following their signal triumph over political opponents. But that gust of passion has passed, and the gentlemen doubtless realize their true position, which is one of opposition to the government. If they needed any reminder, it is safe to assume Hon. Richard McBride stated the case clearly and outlined their future course in plain, terse and choice language. They now know what is expected of them, and they have learned it without consulting the Conservative caucus at Ottawa. The situation is that Messrs. Barnard, Cowan, Burrell and Goodwin, elected by the majority of the people of their constituencies, will go to Parliament for the purpose of representing Premier McBride and to pursue a policy designed to strengthen that astute political boss in this province. In the light of what has transpired it is impossible to refrain from laying a surly upon the head of Mr. McBride for the masterly manner in which he marshals and handles his forces. Whether his lieutenants be Conservatives or Socialists, they bend the knee in submission when he raises a hand in blessing or in menace. The political rallies, or we know, and all within the inner circles, are based upon insincerity, deceit, hypocrisy, and worse; but the

public has been successfully fooled for the time being. Hon. Richard McBride is "on top," as he would say himself. He reigns, with the assistance of a combination of elements which are naturally repugnant to each other. But it is only a question of time. One of these days something will creep into the pot which will fire the compound, and there will be an explosion.

GERMANY AND BRITAIN.

It is all very well to scoff at the opinions of Mr. Rhodes with reference to the apparent antagonism between public opinion in Great Britain and public opinion in Germany at the present time; but there is no question that the gentleman frankly expresses views which are strongly entertained in private in both countries. Germany believes that Great Britain stands in the way of the natural expansion of their great empire. That empire is increasing her population at the rate of one million a year. Opportunities at home are limited. The surplus population is mostly lost to the empire because it must seek its opportunities in foreign lands. Great Britain is in possession of the greater part of the undeveloped territory of the two continents which at the present day naturally attract the white races, North America and Africa. German ambitions in South America have been effectually checked by the application of the Monroe Doctrine. Britain's preferred position is undoubtedly due to the fact that she was first in the field of colonization. She took advantage of early opportunities. Maps cannot now be changed except by war. It is the knowledge of this fact, doubtless, which causes Germany to chafe. Britain assumes that she is chafing and is determined upon striking a blow at the bonds under which she is confined. The feverish anxiety to create a great navy let the cost be what it may and the burdens what they may are attributed to the ultimate design of German statesmen. In the meantime it is apparent that European diplomacy, directed by Great Britain, is endeavoring to bottle the German Empire up tighter than ever at home, guaranteeing the integrity of Holland as evidence of that purpose. All the facts considered, it is evident that the situation is extremely delicate and that a very small matter, on the surface, might at any time precipitate a conflagration in Europe.

THE SENATE PROTESTS.

The United States Senate lost no time in expressing its opinion of the national executive. The upper House has always been jealous of the president. It cannot disguise its legislative mind of the idea that there is animosity between the executive and legislative branches of the country. This enmity has been manifested repeatedly in the discussion of treaties negotiated by the executive branch. Scarcely ever does it happen that the Senate approves of the work of the cabinet in negotiating treaties, which are of course subject to the approval of the upper chamber. Hence it is that treaties are generally rejected or so radically amended that they are not acceptable to the authorizer of the "parties of the second part." This truth has been frequently illustrated in specific instances. On account of the action of the Senate, the fact will be remembered that the treaty of amity between Great Britain and the United States fell to the ground. It was doubtless a realization of these things that induced the executive to "exchange notes" with Japan instead of entering into a formal treaty with that nation. A treaty would have had to pass the ordeal of the Senate, with the certainty of being "hung up", for an indefinite period and the remote possibility of being finally rejected or so amended as to prove practically worthless. Consequently it is no wonder that the Senate protests that its functions are being usurped by the executive. It is the only thing, apparently, a strong executive can do if it hopes to establish a good relation with foreign powers. The situation discloses the fact that there are weaknesses connected with the republican system as exemplified by the "notes" that system in the United States. It is not likely that the executive, upon deal of notice of the Senate, would test. Whether it has set a precedent which will serve as a guide to future presidents remains to be seen. In the meantime "notes" have been exchanged between the United States and Japan which have practically the effect of a treaty. The Senate may give its approval, but the people will probably approve. If they disapprove, it is not clear that they can effect a withdrawal of the "notes".

COUNCIL AND TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

Greater cities than Victoria have discovered by experience that it pays to draw attention to their attractions from a climatic and business point of view. No person endowed with the faculty of observation and deduction from facts observed questions that the advertising programme carried out by the Tourist Association has resulted in great benefits to the city. Situated as Victoria is, it is possibly true that with its manifold attractions the city is bound to grow; but no one will gain-

say the fact that such growth must be accelerated by judicious advertising of such attractions. It does not pay a city to sit still and wait for things to turn up any more than it is the case of business wisdom for a commercial establishment to wait in patience for the public to discover the merits of the wares it carries. Not in these days of commercial enterprise and aggressive energy. Consequently it is satisfactory to note that the city council of Victoria has decided to exercise such powers as it possesses under present financial conditions to assist the association in the work which it is anxious to undertake in the immediate future. It would be a grievous mistake now that such work is beginning to have effect and to bear fruit to allow the association to pass out of existence for lack of funds. The opportunities for advertising will be exceptional during the coming year. The Alaska-Yukon Exhibition to be held in Seattle will unquestionably attract enormous crowds of people from all parts of the American continent. The depression has lifted, and tourist travel will assume its normal, if not greatly increased, proportions during the year. The greater portion of this commerce would almost certainly never hear of Victoria unless attention were drawn to the city in some definite way. We have no doubt whatever that if the matter is properly placed before the people during the coming municipal elections, the action of the council will meet with general endorsement.

WHY DISPLAY IMPATIENCE?

The Colonist resignedly confesses that it must possess its soul in patience in respect of the disposition of the portfolio of Inland Revenue. But will our contemporary say why it should be impatient for Sir Wilfrid Laurier to act? The Premier is not violating any constitutional principles in taking time for consideration of the conditions created by the defeat of Mr. Templeman. If the interests of Victoria (which we assume to be first in the mind of our contemporary) or of the province were likely to suffer because of the deliberations of the Premier we could understand the Colonist's impatience. But it will hardly be contended that the presence of Mr. Templeman in the cabinet is a menace to the best interests of either the city of Victoria or of the province at large. Why then is the Colonist sighing and fuming, controlling itself with an obvious effort, because of the alleged dishonesty of the Prime Minister? Are there any reasons why the public should consider itself impatient for the Premier to resign? Our contemporary's conduct both during and succeeding the late election campaign is calculated to create the impression either that it cherished personal malice against the Minister of Inland Revenue or that it has private interests which it believes could be better served if Mr. Templeman could be put out of the way.

TEMPLEMAN SHOULD BE RE-TAINED.

(Vernon Otanagan.)

The announcement in a recent dispatch from the east that the Hon. Wm. Templeman has handed in his resignation as Minister of Inland Revenue to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, will be received with genuine regret by a majority of the people of British Columbia, exclusive of the partisan politicians, whose unfair tactics were responsible for his defeat. That the defeat of Mr. Templeman is secretly deplored by even the most bitter of the Conservative partisan press is pretty clearly indicated by the attitude of the Conservative party in the portfolio offered to either Mr. Smith or Mr. Sloan. This repentance comes rather late in the day and proves that the campaign they waged was never founded on sincere issues else they or honest men would not now be found swallowing their so-called principles. If they were right on October 26th they are right now; they believed they were right up to November 12th because the same issues which defeated the Hon. Wm. Templeman in October were largely responsible for the defeat of Mr. Ross and Mr. Curtis in November. The attitude of the Conservative party is a confession that the issues upon which the election in the cities of Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster were decided had no grounds whatever in fact and political expediency alone dictated the policy of these Journals and the campaign managers. All this, however, is now past and gone, a good man has been relegated to private life on most unjust grounds, but the interests of the province demand that we should have a man in the inner councils of the government at Ottawa who has experience and knowledge of the wants of the province and who would be most essential in obtaining for us more than average consideration

A CANADIAN HERO.

Colonel Sam Hughes arrived in Victoria the other day, and, marvellous to relate, his presence was not preceded or followed by any manifestation of a supernatural character. The Colonel is known from one end of Canada to the other. He achieved fame, or notoriety, in connection with the Boer war. First he got into an altercation with the military representatives of Great Britain over some point of army etiquette. "The Colonel's glowing martial ardor and intense imperial zeal" are appreciated wherever the British flag flies. Naturally he wanted to go to South Africa to fight the Boers. He failed, being a man of standing, upon having a commission, or something just as good, in the Imperial forces engaged at the Cape. For some reason no fellow can understand, unless it was that the British representatives in Canada brook faith in the Colonel's discretion, he was not recommended for a commission. By the military he is held in high esteem. He is not a man of letters, but he has a footnote to the letter in which this daring feat was narrated. Colonel Hughes mentioned the fact that on the morning following the surrender the captured commando walked away and left its captors all forlorn. But, when you come to think the matter over, some explanation was necessary. There is no record of such a commando having been turned over to the authorities, and of afterwards having been deported to St. Helena or Bermuda along with other prisoners. The "Colonel" must have been an officer or he would not have had a "man" captured a whole Boer commando. It is true that in a footnote to the letter in which this daring feat was narrated Colonel Hughes mentioned the fact that on the morning following the surrender the captured commando walked away and left its captors all forlorn. But, when you come to think the matter over, some explanation was necessary. 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UNIVERSITY NAME CHOSEN SCHOOL TRUSTEES APPROVE SELECTION Combined Effort to Secure Provincial College Site for Victoria.

(From Thursday's Daily.) A very interesting report was made to the public school board last night by Chairman George Jay in regard to the taking over of the university branch of the high school by the Royal Institution for the Advancement of Learning of British Columbia. The Institution took over this branch last year and supplemented the salaries of the teachers employed.

MRS. MAYBRICK WINS 'MILLION DOLLAR SUIT' Rich Lands Come Into Possession of Notorious Woman.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 9.—The case of Mrs. Florence Maybrick and her mother, Baroness Von Roqui, of New York, involving title to land said to be worth \$2,500,000, was decided in their favor in the chancery court here on Monday.

EXCELLENT ENTERTAINMENT. FORMER VICTORIAN WEDS IN CALIFORNIA Marriage of Miss Ida E. Gardner and E. Wallace Kirkpatrick.

A Riverside, Cal., paper containing the following reference to a recent marriage there, one of the principals being a former resident of this city, Miss Ida Elvina Gardner, sister of Captain W. E. Gardner:

FANATICAL OUTBREAK IN KANSAS CITY James Sharpe Not Wounded—Police Cannot Discover Him.

Kansas City, Dec. 10.—Efforts of the police yesterday to find James Sharpe, haled by his ten fanatical followers as a second Messiah, failed to reveal his movements after Tuesday's bloody fight with the police.

TO SETTLE IN PRINCE RUPERT. Chatham, Ont., Dec. 10.—H. S. Clement, former Conservative member of parliament for West Kent, defeated in a recent election, and George Hayward, a prominent citizen, leave for Prince Rupert, B. C., after the holidays.

LOUIS PRATT DIES OF HIS WOUNDS Victims of Fanatical Outbreak in Kansas City Now Number Four.

Kansas City, Dec. 10.—Louis Pratt, one of the leaders of the band of fanatics that fought a bloody battle in front of the city hall here on Tuesday with a squad of police officers, died at the hospital this afternoon of his wounds.

THE GOODSELL FAMILY RECOVERED. Trenton, Ont., Dec. 10.—H. Goodsell, engineer for electric company and his family, were completely pros- trated a few days ago with colds, but recovered through using Catarrhose.

WEDNESDAY'S WEATHER REPORT. Victoria Meteorological Office, December 2nd to 8th, 1908.

At Victoria there were 18 hours and 18 minutes recorded of bright sunshine, highest temperature, 49 on 8th; lowest, 28 on 4th; rain, 1.53 inch.

CONCERT BY VICTORIA MALE VOICE CHOIR Local Musicians to Be Heard at Institute Hall on Monday.

The Victoria Male Voice Choir will hold its first concert of the season on Monday evening at the Institute Hall. The choir will be heard in a variety of songs and choruses.

THE ROMANIAN, ELI HELI, WHO WAS STABBED IN THE COLONIAL BAR ON SATURDAY EVENING, LEFT THE HOSPITAL YESTERDAY AFTERNOON WITHOUT THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITIES NOTIFYING THE POLICE, AND AS HE HAD NOT BEEN FOUND IN TIME FOR THE HEARING OF THE ASSAULT CHARGE THIS MORNING, HE WILL BE ADJUDGED UNTIL MONDAY.

The Romanian, Eli Heli, who was stabbed in the Colonial bar on Saturday evening, left the Jubilee hospital yesterday afternoon without the hospital authorities notifying the police, and as he had not been found in time for the hearing of the assault charge this morning, he will be adjudged until Monday.

DATES FOR MAILING CHRISTMAS PRESENTS The Days Upon Which It Is Advisable to Dispatch Parcels.

For England in time for Christmas delivery to all parts, parcels should be posted at the Victoria office by Friday afternoon, at 6 o'clock. Letters can be posted at the post office until Friday next at 11:30 p. m.

INTERPRETERS' TROUBLES. Difficulty in Conducting an Indian Case in Police Court.

The greater part of the Songhees reserve population appeared to be in the police court this morning when Jumbo, an Annapet Indian, and Charles Toland, a Nootka, were brought up for preliminary inquiry on a charge of having committed an assault upon a Nootka klookthman named Marian.

CAPTURED LOUIS RIEL. Thomas Howrie is Buried With Special Honors in Dawson.

Dawson, Dec. 10.—Thomas Howrie, age 50, capturer of Louis Riel, leader of the Northwest rebellion, is dead of pneumonia after a long illness. He was buried here with special honors. His parents reside at Regina.

WHEAT CROP IN PUNJAB. London, Dec. 10.—There is a prospect of an enormous wheat crop in the Punjab where there is a great scarcity of labor as a result of the Indian government's importing labor-saving reaping machines from England.

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Separate vs. Bulk Tenders. A consideration of the resolution to call for separate tenders for each trade for Chambers street school was asked by Trustees McNeill and Jenkins, in order that it might be amended to call for tenders for the whole work and for each trade separately.

The chairman expressed his opinion, based on experience, that there should be but one tender. It would be much more satisfactory for the board in every way, and it would have but the one bond and have but one contractor to deal with.

LEMIEUX PACT HOLDS GOOD

JAPAN NOT TRYING TO BREAK AGREEMENT

Consul General Shimizu Denies Sensational Report From Vancouver.

(Special to the Times).
Ottawa, Dec. 9.—There is no foundation for the report that Japan is trying to break the Lemieux agreement, limiting the arrival of Japanese coolies to four hundred a year. This was stated in a Japanese paper and reprinted in Vancouver and Victoria with a comment, that Consul Yada was in Ottawa consulting with Consul General Shimizu and the Canadian government.

HOMAGE TO MILTON.

London, Dec. 9.—There was a notable gathering in the theatre of the British academy at the opening of the celebration of the tercentenary of John Milton's birth. Those who assembled included men most prominent in art, science and literature, the learned professions, the events of the evening were the reciting of a poem of homage specially written by George Meredith, the novelist, and an oration by Dr. A. W. Ward, of Cambridge, who presided.

RIOT IN THEATRE.

Paris, Dec. 9.—The most violent demonstration in years marked the performance last night at the Comedie Francaise of Moliere's "Le Foyeur," a venomous satire on the upper classes. The police were called in and ejected the rioters, only after a prolonged fight, in which one policeman and a number of spectators were injured. Twelve persons were arrested.

FOR IMPROVEMENT OF U. S. WATERWAYS

Notable Gathering Assembles in Washington, D. C.—Ambassador Bryce Speaks.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—One of the most notable gatherings ever assembled in the history of the United States, in the interests of waterway development, was called to order today when the National Rivers and Harbors Congress met in the fifth annual convention. The congress is national in its purpose, representing all sections and all waterways and is endeavoring to impress congress with the necessity of a comprehensive policy for improving the rivers, canals and harbors of the nation. Senators, representatives, diplomats, captains of finance, governors of many states, and others, high in official life were present.

NEW RAILWAY COMMISSIONER.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 9.—J. T. Brown, the Liberal candidate in J. Appelle, Sask., who made a splendid run against R. S. Lake, reducing the Conservative majority from eight hundred to fifty, is being mentioned for the vacant railway commissioner's position on the western board. Premier Scott endorses him the cabinet will find it hard to refuse, as Saskatchewan is entitled to a "plum" by its showing for the Liberals in the late election.

TUG HOPE ARRIVES IN TOW OF JOLLIFFE

No Serious Damage Sustained by Boat Which Grounded in Dodd's Narrows.

The tug Hope, which went ashore on Saturday night in the narrow channel in port on Tuesday in tow of the salve steamer William Joffe, and was taken to the Skyward wharf at the sawmill. At the time of the grounding the tug was going north with supplies for the logging camps at Powell Lake, opposite Texada Island. It was with a heavy load of cargo, when, just as she was rounding a point and making the turn, she was caught in the charge of the mate. The tug listed and very soon was flooded with water, although there was no particular damage to the hull. The supplies and some of the coal was unloaded on the beach, and when the Joffe arrived she was pumped out and towed into Ladysmith, where the salve steamer went for coal. The tug was unable to travel under her own steam as something had gone wrong with the steam pipes. She was hauled out on Turpel's ways on Tuesday.

HOPS ONLY IN BEER.

Bill Prohibiting Use of Substitutes Introduced into British House.
London, Dec. 9.—A bill prohibiting the use of hop substitutes in the manufacture of beer was introduced in the House of Commons yesterday by the chancellor of the exchequer, David Lloyd-George. This bill, which the tariff reformers hail as a protective measure, was read for the first time. In addition to stopping the use of hop substitutes, it prohibits the importation of hops except in bags properly marked.

CATHOLICS AND CORONATION OATH

PROPOSED ELIMINATION OF OBNOXIOUS FEATURES

Earl Crewe Makes Announcement in the House of Lords
(Special to the Times).
London, Dec. 9.—A special cable from Ottawa says: Earl Crewe, colonial secretary, replying to a question asked in the House of Lords, announced that the government was contemplating submitting to parliament proposals eliminating from the Coronation oath words by which the sovereign is compelled to declare that Catholicism is superstitious and idolatrous.

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Lord Lansdowne, on behalf of the opposition, welcomed the announcement. The Duke of Norfolk thanked the government on behalf of the Catholics, he being the leading English layman of that faith. He commented on the courage of the proposal.

DREDDGE'S 15,000 MILE VOYAGE.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 9.—The United States government dredge Clatsop passed down the Delaware river to-day on a 15,000 mile journey to Portland, Oregon. The dredge is only 133 feet long. The voyage will be made by way of the Straits of Magellan.

FOR IMPROVEMENT OF U. S. WATERWAYS

Funeral Cortege of Barbaric Splendor

Body of Emperor Kwang-Su is Carried Out of "Forbidden City."

Pekin, Dec. 9.—The body of Kwang-Su, the late Emperor of China, was today carried with much ceremony from the hall in the "Forbidden City" where it has reposed for a week, to the Coal Hill mortuary. It will continue to lie in state there pending the construction of the imperial sepulchre.

HOYT'S STATEMENT ON PANAMA CANAL AFFAIR

U. S. Solicitor General Says Money Was Paid to French Republic.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Solicitor-General Hoyt, in commenting yesterday upon the president's letter to Mr. Fouke, regarding the payment for the Panama canal, said: "I furnished to the president the facts concerning the method of payment of the money for the Panama canal to the French people. The president's statements are absolutely true. The money was paid at the bank of France to the liquidator, M. Gautron, appointed under the decree of the civil tribunal of the Seine, having jurisdiction over the case, and the amount was appropriated between the rival companies in the exact proportion decided in this decree of the civil tribunal of the Seine. Any pretense to the contrary is a mere puppette over names."

St. John, N. B., Dec. 9.—News was received yesterday of the death at Liverpool, Eng., of Peter Owen, a member of the great Liverpool shipping firm of James Watson and Jardine, with very large interests in Canada, particularly in New Brunswick. They are closely identified with the Canadian lumber trade. This firm has control of the Gibson and Snowball business.

CASTRO REACHES EUROPEAN WATERS

Intends to Settle Venezuela's Quarrels

Dutch Warships Practically Establish a Blockade in Caribbean Sea.

Santander, Spain, Dec. 9.—The French steamer Guadaloupe, with President Castro on board, came in here to-day. It was learned soon after his arrival that President Castro will continue on board the steamer to Bordeaux and that from Bordeaux he will travel overland to Berlin.

Warships Watch Venezuela.

The Hague, Dec. 9.—The Netherlands government apparently has not yet decided upon any exact course of procedure against Venezuela, but it is intimated here to-day that the patrol of the Venezuelan coast by three Dutch warships, which began last Wednesday, may develop into more active measures if any Venezuelan warships attempt to leave port.

STOLE CAMPAIGN LITERATURE.

Coburg, Ont., Dec. 9.—The grand jury has returned a true bill against Postmaster Roles, of Fenella, accused of the theft of Conservative campaign literature.

TO ADVANCE INTERESTS OF VANCOUVER ISLAND

Different Centres Appoint Representatives for Joint Meeting.

The proposition made by a select committee of the board of trade that representatives of the various communities on Vancouver Island should meet and discuss plans for a systematic advancement of the interests of the Island is taking well with various representative bodies.

ASSISTED IMMIGRATION.

Wellington, N. Z., Dec. 9.—Premier Ward, speaking of assisted immigration, said he had called instructions to the imperial government that the assistance in regard to passages should be given only to small farmers and domestic help.

POISONING MYSTERY AT LAUNCHING CEREMONY

Waiter Dies From Effects—Governor Gillett Will Recover

(Special to the Times).
San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 9.—Governor Gillett, of California, one of the several hundred persons poisoned by food served at a banquet in honor of the launching of the collier Prometheus at Vallejo on Saturday, will recover. He is at the Redding, Calif. hospital.

ROCKEFELLER'S PLANS.

London, Dec. 9.—John D. Rockefeller will become a member of the colony of fashionables at least part of every year, according to indications. It is learned that the Standard Oil magnate has purchased houses and 40 Queen Anne's Gate. Workmen have begun the demolition of the structures to make way for a mansion.

YACHT CLUB MURDER.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Capt. Peter C. Hains, jr., stationed at Fort Hancock, Sandy Hook, who is under arrest charged with the murder of William E. Annis, has been transferred to the Sixty-second company of Coast Artillery, which is stationed at Fort Worden, Port Townsend, Wash. The order will be effective February 1st, 1909. It was stated at the war department that Capt. Hains' transfer is merely a "paper" assignment, and will not interfere with his trial.

SANFORD EVANS NEW MAYOR OF WINNIPEG

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 9.—Sanford Evans has been elected mayor by a thousand majority. The controllers elected are Messrs. Cockburn, Waugh, Harvey and McArthur. The aldermen elected were Messrs. McDonald, Ed. Cass, McMeans, Milton, Gowler, Willoughby, McLean and Potter.

THINKS ANGLO-GERMAN WAR IS INEVITABLE

"Sooner it Comes the Better for England," Says High Naval Officer.

City of Mexico, Dec. 9.—The following statement was made yesterday by Frederick Rhodes, cousin of Cecil Rhodes, who is in this city in the interests of the large mine owners. He has just returned from a trip to England.

CANADIANS FOR CLERICAL POSTS

Dominion Should Not Draw on England, Says Bishop of Ottawa.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 9.—That Anglican churches in Canada should no longer augment their clerical supply from Great Britain was the opinion expressed by the Bishop of Ottawa at the conference of the Anglican church here yesterday. He said the time had arrived when the Anglican church ought to advance the view of the client number of clergymen from among Canadians and should no longer go to the Old Country, particularly in view of the fact that in England there is a falling off in the supply.

STEAMER D. M. CLEMSON MUST HAVE FOUNDERED

Wreckage Coming Ashore at Whitefish Point Indicates Loss of 25 Lives.

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 9.—There is little doubt that the steamer D. M. Clemson went down with all hands near Whitefish point, Twenty-three hatch covers have been washed ashore and their description convinces the Provident Steamship Company that they belong to the missing boat. A patrol of the shore where the wreck was found is now maintained, and a tug has been ordered to the spot.

HOW J. J. HILL THINKS COUNTRY WILL GROW

Says U. S. A. Will Have Population of 200,000,000 in 30 Years.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 9.—Surrounded by more prominent railroad officers than ever before visited Peoria at one time, James J. Hill last night addressed 500 persons at a banquet given in honor by the Commercial and Crevecoeur Clubs of Peoria. Mr. Hill advocated the development of the agricultural interests of the country as its future prosperity. He held that no country ever prospered unless it was based on agriculture as its chief industry.

CHARLOTTE EXPECTED BY CHRISTMAS DAY

New C. P. R. Flier Has Left Coronel Bound for Callao, the Next Coaling Port.

The new C. P. R. steamer Princess Charlotte left Coronel Monday for Callao en route for Victoria. She is making a fast trip and is expected to arrive here in time for the officers and men to eat their Christmas dinner. The attention of the whole coast is on her and according to all the accounts that are heard she will not disappoint those who are pinning their faith on her.

TORONTO'S Y.M.C.A. SECRETARY.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 9.—After fifteen years' service, Frank Pratt, general secretary of the Toronto Y. M. C. A., has resigned in order to take a rest for eight months.

DISORDERS IN HAYTIEN TOWNS

OUTBREAK SAID TO BE A REVOLUTION

Object of New Movement is Unknown—May Be Against General Simon

Cape Haytien, Hayti, Dec. 9.—There has been a revolutionary outbreak in several of the northern towns of the republic and it is feared that the movement will spread. The principal towns are Port De Paix, Hinche and Jean Babel. Other points of minor importance also report outbreaks.

"BLACK HAND" POSTCARDS.

"BLACK HAND" BOMB OUTRAGE IN NEW YORK

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 9.—William P. Dunlop, piano tuner, was arrested last night charged with writing "Black Hand" postcards to a number of friends. He will be examined as to his sanity.

OCCUPANTS OF NEW YORK TENEMENT PINNED IN BED BY DEBRIS.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 9.—More than a score of persons were injured, five seriously, early to-day when a bomb was hurled into the flat of the tenement house at 330 East 61st street. The house was "thru" by the explosion. The occupants of the house were pinned in their beds by the debris which fell upon them.

BAKERY GUTTED; BOY PERISHES IN FLAMES

Disastrous Fire in Keewatin—Winnipeg Man is Heavy Loser.

Keewatin, Ont., Dec. 9.—A disastrous fire broke out this morning about 7 o'clock in the large frame building on Main street, owned by J. Stinson, of Winnipeg, and occupied by John Allan, as a bakery and confectionery store. The building was completely destroyed together with all of the contents, and Andrew, the 18-year-old brother of Mr. Allan, lost his life in the flames.

HON. GEO. EULAS FOSTER ON POLITICAL BRIBERY

Disfranchisement Proposed as Remedy—Moral Reform Council in Session.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 9.—The opening session of the moral and social reform council of Canada was held here yesterday, when a large number of leading churchmen were present. Archbishop Sweatman, primate of all Canada, presided. It was decided that various provincial councils should adopt constitutions similar to that of the Dominion council.

WARSHIPS PASS SINGAPORE

Singapore, Dec. 9.—The United States Atlantic battleship fleet, under Rear-Admiral Sperry, passed through the harbor here on Sunday. The stately procession impressed both the experts and the many tourists who came to see the fleet.

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CARLETON VACANCY.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 9.—A. E. Kemp, former member of parliament for East Toronto, who was defeated last year, is mentioned as the possible Conservative candidate in Carleton, which will be re-elected under the decision of R. L. Borden to sit for Halifax.

FEMALE CROSSBUDS, Mrs. Mary G. Finckley Was One of World's Wealthiest Women.

New York, Dec. 9.—Miss Mary G. Finckley died yesterday of pneumonia at the Hotel Buckingham at the age of 99 years. She was credited with being one of the wealthiest women of the world, the value of her holdings in Manhattan real estate alone being estimated at \$10,000,000.

PUBLISHERS AND PRICES.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 9.—The American Publishers' Association has a right to maintain a fixed price for copyrighted books, but has no jurisdiction over the price of uncopied volumes, is the effect of a decision handed down yesterday by the court of appeals in the case of Isadore and N. S. Traus, of New York, against the American publishers' association. The firm sought to restrain the association from fixing the price of books.

OFFICIALS WILL INSPECT E. & N.

R. MARPOLE AND PARTY GOING TO COMOX

Increased Areas of Land May Be Cleared for Settlement.

(From Wednesday's Daily).
This morning R. Marpole, general executive assistant of the C. P. R., H. E. Beasley, his assistant; J. H. Campbell and other officials of the company left by Mr. Marpole's private car "Brunswick" on a tour of inspection along the E. & N. They will go north as far as Comox before returning on Sunday.

At Chemsalmo another stop will be made and the land cleared for settlement will be inspected. The work the company is doing there is very satisfactory, and it may be that an increased area may be cleared for settlement.

Nanaimo will be made the base for inspection of the work upon the extension of the E. & N. and the clearing of land at Little Qualicum. This latter work is going forward well, and a new steam equipment was just recently taken in to facilitate the work. Before returning, Mr. Marpole and party will drive to Comox, making a personal inspection of what cruises have reported upon. Locations will be looked over for land clearing sections which might be situated so as to afford shipping facilities by water, pending the continuation of the line. During the summer cruises have been over the ground seeking a route for the proposed extension of the line in the direction of Campbell river.

WILLY SCENE IN KANSAS CITY

RELIGIOUS FANATICS CLASH WITH POLICE

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 9.—In the shadow of the city hall, a riot, in which religious fanatics and the police participated, resulted yesterday afternoon in the death of two persons, the fatal injury of three others and the severe injury of two others.

Revolvers Used Freely—John Sharpe, Leader of "Dreamers," Fatally Wounded.

The dead are A. O. Dablow, policeman, and Lola Pratt, a girl 14 years of age. Fatally injured—Patrick Clark, police lieutenant; John Sharpe, a street preacher known as "Adam God"; Michael Mullane, policeman.

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Ladysmith, Dec. 8.—The vessels coaled at the Wellington wharves during the week were: Sanary, Truter, 1904; St. George's, Endicott, Commodore, Teague, Beatrice, Oscar, Lebro, Claes, Scow, Otter and scows. Le Bro, Shawnap, Charger, Sea Lion, East, Quatre, Escort, George, Kerr and St. Clair.

INDEMNITY FOR TURKEY.

Bulgaria Willing to Pay \$18,500,000 as Price of Independence.
Paris, Dec. 9.—The Temps yesterday afternoon published a dispatch from its Servia correspondent saying that Bulgaria has notified the powers of her willingness to indemnify Turkey in the sum of \$18,500,000 for the damages sustained through the Bulgarian declaration of independence.

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Rates Are Likely to Be Low on This Coast Next Season.

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THOMPSON CUP GAMES FOR SCHOOLS SATURDAY

Vancouver and Victoria High to Meet in Three Contests.

On Saturday next teams representing the High School of Victoria and the High School of Vancouver, will play in Victoria in a series of matches for the Thompson cups, the ownership of which stands for the premiership of the province. The cups donated are the hockey, Rugby and basketball, and are played annually. At present Victoria holds the hockey and basketball trophies, while the Rugby trophy is in the hands of Vancouver High School.

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REPAIRING BOILERS.

Steamer Amur moved to Hudson's Bay Wharf Tuesday.

Get acquainted with Black Watch the big black plug chewing tobacco. A tremendous favorite everywhere, because of its richness and pleasing flavor.

CHARGES AGAINST INDIANS.

Serious Offences Are Alleged on the Part of Natives.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) Jumbo and Charles Pollard, two Abous Indians, were placed on the police court dock this morning on a very serious charge. It is alleged that on Saturday last they made a kiotheeman named Marian drunk, beat her and her husband, and then criminally assaulted her.

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British Barque Lora Shaftebury to Carry Lumber to Sydney.

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BOILER PLANT TO RESUME.

Port Townsend, Wash., Dec. 9.—The contract has been let to overhaul the boilers and machinery of the Washington Mill Company's mill at Port Hadlock, placing it in readiness to start up. This plant has remained idle since the death of Mr. Adams, president of the company, about a year ago. It is understood that as soon as the repairs are made the plant will be operated to its full capacity.

FRANCO-CANADIAN TREATY.

Paris, Dec. 9.—Despite the explanations of M. Cruppi, the Minister of Commerce, at yesterday's meeting, the tariff commission of the senate maintained its opposition to many of the provisions of the Franco-Canadian commercial convention. The minister decided to prepare a statement for presentation to the commission which would fully meet all the points raised by those who are opposed to the convention.

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THE FRUITS OF THE EARTH

Seen to Be Nature's Provision for Keeping Man Healthy and Warding Off Disease.

Cereals, vegetables and meat supply the elements needed for man's sustenance. Yet fruit—though it has very little food value—has proved to be absolutely necessary for perfect health. Careful investigation has shown that all the common fruits act on the Liver, Kidneys, Bowels and Skin. These are the organs that rid the body of dead tissue and waste products, and the fruit juices stir them up to more vigorous action, thus keeping the whole body clean and healthy.

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MACHINERY FOR MINE.

Work of Installing Plant at Royal Collieries Will Soon Begin.

Leithridge, Alta., Dec. 9.—During the past week shipments of machinery for the plant of the Royal Collieries, Ltd., have been arriving in the city, and a part of this same has already been hauled to the mine. This machinery consists of a ventilating fan, air compressor, weight basket, scales and coal punchers, and work on the installation of the same will be commenced immediately.

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CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

President Dallain Assisted in Preventing Abuse of Horses.

President Dallain, of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, in company with Constable J. J. Russell, of Saanich, drove out in the neighborhood of Gordon Road on Tuesday to look into some cases of the working of horses in an unfit state. They shot one horse and inspected another, giving the owner notice to have it attended to at once.

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SCHWENGER'S RANKED

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Committee Issues Status of Tennis Men in the North Pacific.

Schwengers, the local tennis champion, has been ranked by the ranking committee of the North Pacific International Lawn Tennis Association second in the list, first place being given to W. A. McBurney, of Spokane. McBurney and Schwengers have two championships each for the year. They played in two tournaments only, and both were unbeaten. McBurney, however, has the slightly better scores.

1. W. A. McBurney, of Spokane. 2. B. P. Schwengers, of Victoria. 3. J. C. Tyler, of Spokane. 4. Frank T. Payne, of Tacoma. 5. Walter A. Goss, of Portland. 6. Mr. Fitz, of Seattle. 7. S. L. Russell, of Seattle. 8. B. H. Wickersham, of Portland. 9. C. J. Hall, of Everett. 10. A. Armstrong, of Tacoma.

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TRUST COMPANIES HAVE AMALGAMATED

Headquarters Building for Victoria to Be Erected at Once.

The Imperial and the Dominion Trust companies have consolidated, according to a report from Vancouver. The negotiations looking to this amalgamation have been on for some time, and have now come to a conclusion. The question of the name for the consolidated company has not been fully decided upon, but will likely be the Dominion.

The Imperial Trust Company has been represented by Herbert Outbiter in this city, and he will continue in the capacity of local manager. One result of the union will be that the building on the waterfront, opposite the post office, will go forward without further delay. Pending the settlement of the question of amalgamation, the building has been delayed. It is announced that a \$180,000 headquarters will be provided for this city.

The local bank clearings for the week ending yesterday amounted to \$1,113,461.

Building permits were issued Tuesday to W. J. Hatch, Caledonia avenue, for a dwelling, estimated to cost \$1,000, and to M. H. Dolne, Duchess street and Leighton road, for a dwelling, to cost \$1,800.

There will be a mixed foursome handicap competition played on the Oak Bay golf links on Saturday, the 19th instant. Entries should be sent to the secretary, Harry Combs, on or before Thursday, the 17th. There is an entrance fee of \$1 for each pair.

At the mane of the First Presbyterian church Tuesday night Mr. Campbell celebrated the birthday of Mr. Vincent William Gabb, of Alberta, and Gladys, daughter of the late Capt. Butler, of Saanich. Mr. and Mrs. Gabb leave shortly for Alberta, but will subsequently return and take up their residence in Victoria.

The W. C. T. U. home committee desire to acknowledge very gratefully donations for October and November from the following: Mrs. E. B. Marvin, the ministering circle of King's Daughters, Mrs. Wm. Bone, Mrs. McNaughton, Mrs. Myers, Dr. A. A. Humber, James Todd, Mrs. Spofford, Times and Colonel.

It has been arranged by Bishop Perrin that Rev. Wilmot Baugh Allen will, at the beginning of the New Year, take charge of the parishes of St. Paul's, Esquimalt, and of St. Mary's, at Metchohn, while the Hon. the Rev. T. R. Heneghan, M. A., will take charge of St. Mark's parish. Rev. Allen will move to St. Paul's rectory.

The funeral of the late Gordon Fraser Grant took place Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence, Saanich road, when services were conducted by Rev. E. J. Thompson and Rev. Baugh Allen. There was a large attendance of friends of the deceased and many flowers were sent. The following acted as pallbearers: Capt. Gaudin, J. K. Rebbeck, Fredk. Davey, M. P. P., Duncan Grieve, John Taylor and Frank Adams.

The funeral of the late James Brown took place Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of his son, J. G. Brown, Gladstone avenue. There was a large number of friends present and a number of floral offerings were sent. Rev. Dr. Reid, assisted by Rev. D. McRae, officiated. The following acted as pallbearers: W. H. Dempster, Mayor Hall, Wm. Henderson, John Lang, M. P. P., Alex. Hendry and J. M. Malcolm.

A Christmas dinner will be given by the Y. M. C. A. on Christmas day afternoon at 2 o'clock for all young men away from home. Already the secretary acknowledges the following subscriptions: Mrs. Truran, \$1; Mrs. Tuff, \$2; W. Ralph, \$1; Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Gillespie, \$1; First Baptist Sunday school, \$10; Baraca class, \$5.75; St. Barnabas' Sunday school, \$3.25; St. Columba Sunday school, \$3.10; St. Andrew's Sunday school, \$3; A. Friend, \$1; Ross Bay Sunday school, per A. T. McAndrew, \$1.15. The subscription list will remain open until the 18th inst.

THE HOUSE OF QUALITY.

The Timeliness of Diamonds

Diamonds are timely ALWAYS. But they have an added charm when associated with the gladness of Christmas.

The Diamond as a Present Means giving "the best the whole world affords"—if it be a "Whitney" gem. And when one's heart and thought are in the giving, nothing but the best will serve. Quality is as assured in a \$10 purchase here as one at \$50. We will be favored should you allow us the privilege of showing to you these gems of the first water.

THE J. M. Whitney Co. Diamond Merchants, Jewelers, Silversmiths and Opticians. Old Number 39 Govt. St. New Number 1003 Govt. St.

HENRY'S Nurseries. Now Ready For the Fall Trade. 90,000 Peach, Apricot, Nectarines, Cherry, Plum, Prune, Pear and Apple. In all leading varieties. 10,000 Ornamental Trees. Select varieties suitable for B.C. Strictly home grown and not subject to damage from fumigation. STOCK OF BULBS on hand from JAPAN, FRANCE and HOLLAND. Bee Supplies, Spray Pumps, Seeds. CATALOGUE FREE. Office, Greenhouse & Seedhouse. 3010 Westminster Road VANCOUVER, B. C. Branch Nurseries, Nanaimo Hill and South Vancouver.

GOOD YEAR AT ORPHANS' HOME

SUBSCRIBERS HEAR EXCELLENT REPORTS

Annual Meeting Held Yesterday—Election of Committees.

The reports presented on Tuesday afternoon at the thirty-sixth annual meeting of the subscribers to the British Columbia Protestant Orphan's Home, disclosed a most gratifying condition of affairs in connection with that worthy institution. The funds are in a particularly healthy state. As the result of a vigorous canvass during the year many new supporters have been obtained for the orphanage, and the annual contributions have increased by some \$500. The year at the home has been one of steady progress and of happiness among the children.

The meeting yesterday was held in the city council chamber and was presided over by Charles Hayward, who occupied the seat in which he formerly sat as chief magistrate of the city. Among those present were: B. S. Helsterman, J. McLaren, Edger Fawcett, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, Rev. E. G. Miller, L. Goodacre, D. Spencer, Mrs. W. F. McCulloch, Mrs. Toller, Mrs. McTavish, Mrs. Todd, Mrs. E. L. Higgins, Hon. Senator Macdonald, J. H. Lawson, William Sawcrot, Ernest Hayward, Ernest Hayward, H. D. Helmecken, K. C.

The chairman welcomed the subscribers to the meeting and called on Rev. W. Leslie Clay to open the meeting with prayers.

A letter was read from Mrs. Louisa J. Toller, secretary of the ladies' committee, inviting the subscribers to attend the Christmas tree entertainment on Tuesday, Dec. 29th, from 2 to 6 p. m. The invitation was accepted.

Mr. Hayward read the report of the committee of management, which was as follows:

"On Tuesday, the thirty-sixth year of the beneficent work of the British Columbia Protestant Orphan's Home. During those past eventful years it has gone steadily forward, with its avowed purpose of providing a home for the orphan, destitute and other children, to educate them in the Protestant faith, and instruct them in the elements of secular knowledge, and all this time favored as we gratefully believe with the Divine blessing, its position viewed either financially or otherwise is a source of much satisfaction to those whose generous sympathy and active support have contributed to this gratifying result. Who can estimate the far-reaching and useful effect of those long years of tender, loving, and careful training of the host of little ones who have been the objects of its special care, or how much suffering and misery has been alleviated by its kindly operations, or how much happiness diffused.

"As will be seen by the annexed report all the internal and domestic management of the home has been entrusted to a committee of ladies whose careful summary of their year's efforts appear therein. In it is manifested amongst other things their continued loving interest in the work and their success in raising money for the support of the home. The committee of management together with all friends of the society are deeply indebted to those ladies for their economical, energetic, self-denying labors.

"The hon. treasurer's statement, appended hereto, makes an excellent showing, particularly in the increased amount over \$500 received from annual contributions, and in the addition of a large number of new members to the list of active supporters.

Expenditure Heavy.

"The expenditure for supplies, salaries and general maintenance is practically the same as last year, but a considerable additional outlay has been incurred for repairs and furniture, necessitated by extensive improvements to our sanitary arrangements, which are now believed to be in excellent order. To make them perfect requires an extension of the city sewer to the east of Fourth street. It is hoped that the city authorities will soon find their way to make this necessary and useful extension. The increased amount paid out for fire insurance is due to the fact that the premiums are payable every three years, and most of them fell due during the current term. In reviewing our financial position, our friends should kindly remember that nearly all the year's contributions have just been received, and that until next year's collections are made, the funds on hand will be immediately required for current disbursements, and are barely sufficient for three months' operations.

"At the commencement of the year, business engagements compelled Mr. E. Crow Baker, who had been hon. treasurer many years, to relinquish that position. Your managers regret very much to lose Mr. Baker's services, which had been of great advantage to the institution. As empowered by the by-laws, your committee then elected Mr. Bernard S. Helsterman to this vacant office, who has since faithfully discharged his onerous duties.

"Your committee in closing, desire to acknowledge the kindly appreciation of their labors that have at various times been accorded to them, and sincerely hope that similar sympathy and prompt generosity may be extended to their necessary work in the future.

"Rev. E. G. Miller expressed the pleasure of the subscribers at the growing interest in the work of the home, and their thanks to those who had made such an energetic and successful canvass. The committees were entitled to great credit, especially the ladies, who had always shown such a keen interest in the work.

The Ladies' Committee.

A highly interesting report on the work of the ladies' committee, submitted by Mrs. C. A. McTavish, their

president, was read by Mrs. Toller. It was as follows:

"Gentlemen,—In presenting our annual report our hearts are filled with a sense of deep thankfulness as we review the work and events of the past year, in which seasons of shadow and perplexity have but intensified the sunshine as it has come to us in so large a measure during the months which have intervened since our last report. Well attended meetings, and the faithful discharge of duties connected with our work all testify that the welfare of the home and the benefit of the children are very dear to every member of this committee.

"Early in the year we mourned the loss of our esteemed secretary, Mrs. Berridge, whose faithful work and deep interest in the orphanage will long be remembered by us with gratitude. To our sorrow, also, two of our bright children passed away from us to the home for little children, above the bright, blue sky, notwithstanding the best and kindest of hospital care and treatment. The home contains 38 little inmates, 20 boys and 18 girls, one having during the year been adopted as a member of a luxurious and happy home circle.

"The three great annual events of the orphanage, the Christmas tree, round party and chrysanthemum show, all proved very enjoyable and satisfactory occasions. Owing to previous illness, Christmas, 1907, was of a more private nature than usual, but notwithstanding exceedingly happy and delightful time to the children, whose hosts of friends and well-wishers, not forgetting how essentially this glorious festival is the children's by right, shone upon them in turkey, galsor, plum puddings, fruit, candy and all sorts of gifts, their Christmas tree being a wonder of beauty and delight.

Successful Entertainment.

"The 'round party' was a memorable and successful event, owing to the wonderful generosity of friends, whose thoughtfulness again allied to overflowing the store rooms and larder with necessities and even luxuries for the delight of the children and the cash donations amounted to \$35.10, which were most gratefully received. As we record the successful issue of the recent chrysanthemum show, which netted the substantial sum of \$236.65, we feel great indebtedness to all who attended and to those who in many and varied ways contributed their assistance, rendering this event so enjoyable. We desire to express hearty thanks to the following musical organizations, who on these occasions, have cheered and enlivened us by their sweet music: Messrs. Longfield's orchestra, the City band and the Plowwright Mandolin orchestra.

"In a measure we have thanked those ladies and gentlemen who each year have added so much delight and happiness to the lives of the little ones in the home by automobile drives, picnics, garden parties and entertainments, and we desire yet again gratefully to record the kindness of Mrs. McLaren, Mrs. Henry Croft, Mrs. Matson, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Newton (Oak Bay), 24th May celebration committee, agricultural exhibition committee, the trades and labor council and the anti-tuberculosis committee, through Mrs. B. Tye for invitation to attend the fair, an excellent tea and the means of enjoying the many delights offered there.

"We, as members of the committee, as also our matron, Mrs. Kay, feel it impossible adequately to thank Dr. Holden for his skilful and gratuitous professional services so faithfully rendered, sparing neither time nor trouble in order to benefit the children and keep them in health; to him and to Dr. Lewis Hall for professional services so freely and willingly rendered, we desire to offer very grateful thanks.

Many Generous Friends.

"We have received so much assistance and kindness from the following city churches and societies who, from time to time have remembered the needs of our large family by donating most liberal gifts of cake, bread and all kinds of dainties, that we feel that the teachers and officers of the Centennial church Sunday school, the ladies' societies of the Congregational, Presbyterian, Baptist and Anglican churches, also from fraternal orders and societies, the Y. M. C. A. and the Jubilee hospital, whom our sincere thanks are expressed. We are also much indebted to friends from Salt Spring Island, Cedar Hill, Craigflower, Duncan, Saanich and lake districts, who have brought us articles and gifts for very acceptable and generous gifts of fruit, vegetables and other necessities which form so important a part of needed and healthful diet. We have many remarks to make of great pleasure, the increasing interest evinced by children in their little friends cared for at the orphanage, and the recent delightful gifts of fruit, candy, clothing, etc., kindly presented by Miss Penwell and her very kind, little kindergarten pupils, was a gift which brought great pleasure to those for whom they were intended, and the sincere thanks of the committee.

"Our generous friend, whom we have termed 'the fairy god-father' of our little ones, Mr. Tony Silven, has earned our deepest thanks, his gifts are so constant, so generous and so timely that we sometimes wonder how we managed without his assistance. We record, also, very appreciative thanks to Miss Marjorie Kitto, for her kindness in fostering the evident artistic taste of one of our girls, giving her valuable time so generously for this purpose, with marked success. We are also indebted to Messrs. Porter & Sons and to J. King for forwarding books, and to the Colonist and the Daily Times for daily issues and unfailing kindness in press reports.

Work of the Staff.

"We feel that our annual report would be incomplete without mentioning the work of our esteemed matron, Mrs. Kay and her assistant, Miss Laycock, to whose careful management the present most satisfactory state of the home and the well-being of the children, both morally and physically, is so largely due. A letter recently received from Principal J. M. Campbell, of the North Ward school, enclosing a most appreciated donation to the home, has so cheered and encouraged us, that we venture to quote from it as he states: 'I am glad to contribute to so excellent an institution. The conduct of the pupils from the home,

especially in my own division, is worthy of all praise.'

"In conclusion, we desire to thank the committee of management of the Protestant Orphanage, for their unflinching kind consideration and courtesy to us during the past year, and we trust that they will ever feel we deeply realize the responsibility of our position as the joint guardians of these boys and girls, to whom the orphanage means home and happiness."

Senator Macdonald referred to this as a splendid and most encouraging report. The ladies deserved credit for their unflinching work and for framing such a report.

The Treasurer's Statement.

B. S. Helsterman read the following financial statement:

Receipts.

Balance from last year, cash	20.73
Acct. current, Bank of Commerce	42.74
Savings Dept. Bank of Commerce	615.76
Sub. contributions	1,423.15
Sub. collected by Mrs. Toller	55.00
Sub. collected by Mrs. Sawcrot	21.23
Sub. collected by Mrs. McLaren	44.30
Donations	145.83
Estate Jas. Crawford, legacy	100.00
Estate Mrs. Mary Brocklehurst	50.00
Board of Intermediate Education	1,542.90
Net amount from rents	588.55
Victoria debentures	240.00
Wm. E. Higgins, refund on purchase	71.70
Proceeds sale of calf	12.40
Savings bank interest	4.48
Total receipts	55,709.19

Expenditures.

Monthly accounts (12 mos.)	3,714.15
Salaries	1,403.50
Light account	12.70
Water	15.20
Fuel	150.75
Printing and advertising	108.90
Carter and Post Office	87.40
Furniture account	242.65
Taxes (1908)	254.88
Labor	201.30
Insurance	331.50
Interest account, loan	9.85
Exchange	25.15
Carter on hand	3.00
Balance, credit current account	435.61
Bank of Commerce	48.61
Savings Dept., Bank of Commerce	19.48
Total expenditures	13,709.13

Secretary's Report.

William Sawcrot, honorary secretary, reported that at the end of the financial year there were twenty boys and eighteen girls in the orphanage. Since then three girls have been received, making forty-one children in all.

The reports were adopted and ordered to be printed on motion of Rev. W. Leslie Clay.

New Committee Elected.

There were sixteen nominations for the committee of management, which consists of twelve members, namely: Bishop Cridge, a member of the committee since the foundation of the orphanage; Hon. W. J. Macdonald, Bishop of Victoria; Rev. W. Leslie Clay, nominated to represent the Presbyterian Synod of British Columbia; Alex. H. Fraser, S. R. Charles Hayward, J. H. Lawson, B. S. Helsterman, Wm. Sawcrot, Lawrence Goodacre, J. L. Beckwith, H. D. Helmecken, K. C., David Spencer, Rev. T. E. Holling, Edger Fawcett and Rev. John Campbell, D. D.

The first result of the election of Bishop Cridge, William Sawcrot, J. H. Lawson, Charles Hayward, B. S. Helsterman, Lawrence Goodacre, Rev. W. Leslie Clay, H. D. Helmecken, K. C., David Spencer and A. E. Fraser, as Rev. Mr. Miller spoke of the need for street improvements on that part of Cook Street between Queen Street and the harbor. It is proposed, he said, to be seconded by Edger Fawcett, that the attention of the city council be called to the matter and this motion was adopted.

Senator Macdonald proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the officers and committees for their work during the year and put the question to the members to be carried unanimously. Mr. Hayward acknowledged the vote on behalf of all the workers for the orphanage and assured the subscribers that in the future, as in the past, they would be kept in every way for the children committed to their care. This concluded the business of the meeting and Rev. E. G. Miller pronounced the benediction.

FOREIGN VESSELS DOUST U. S. SHIPPING

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 8.—With the purchase by the war department of the big Oriental liners, Shawmut and Tremont from the Boston Steamship Company, the American bottoms, with the exception of one, plying in the foreign trade from Puget Sound are taken. This one exception is the Great Northern Steamship Company's liner Minnesota, the largest of all American vessels on the Pacific coast.

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Monday evening at the First Presbyterian club was ladies' night, and every one present voted it the best of the season. The programme consisted of a vocal solo by Miss Saximith; instrumental solo, Miss J. Wilson; vocal solo, Miss Cameron; duet, Misses Cameron and M. Wilson. After refreshments had been served a sociable time was spent. Next Monday will be gentlemen's night. The meetings are open to all who care to attend, and strangers will be given a hearty welcome.

GANG CAPSIZED, INDIAN DROWNED

Member of Treshaft Band Swept Down Somass River—Alberni Happenings.

Alberni, Dec. 6.—An Indian of the Teshaft band, named Bob, lost his life in the Somass river last week. The recent floods had thrown a large tree to the river and it is supposed the Indian, paddling home in the dark, had forgotten this and that the current upset the boat when it became entangled in the partially submerged branches. The body was recovered lower down the river in shallow water.

Charles Oskham met with an accident on the banks of the Somass river. On Dec. 6 he was engaged with a team, a log struck a stump causing it to swing suddenly against his leg, breaking it. He was taken to the hospital and attended to by Dr. A. D. Morgan.

A meeting of the committee in charge of the local cemetery took place yesterday. The resignation of T. Kirkpatrick as chairman was accepted and the committee was re-elected for the next year. A vote of thanks passed for his services. Capt. G. A. Huff was elected in his place. It was decided to once proceed with the fencing of the cemetery and to have the ground carefully plotted, showing all existing graves, and that in future burials will only be allowed in properly allotted spaces for which a charge will be made, except in the case of the poor. Contributions to the purchase or improvement of the grounds.

The death occurred on the 28th ult. of Nell McFarlane, for seventeen years a resident of this city and one of our earliest settlers. Deceased at one time acquired a fortune in California, but lost it through speculation. In funeral took place on the 30th ult. in presence of a large gathering of old friends.

A meeting of the Farmers' Institute is called for Monday, the 14th inst., at 2 p. m., to hear Dr. A. Knight, of Victoria, lecture on the "Management of a Dairy Herd and the Importance of a Big Syndicate of American Capitalists, will be here in a few days, and will lift the bond. He is now in New York, but has written to Kamloops parties to say that he is prepared to close most of the deals.

The new owners of the Iron Mask are steadily increasing their staff of men and as intimated in the Standard last week, by next summer they will have over one hundred men at work.

W. H. Fowler has made the final payment of \$2,000 on the option on the Laura mine, near Jacko. This is regarded as a valuable property and it is generally felt that Mr. Beckman and others are behind Mr. Fowler in this purchase. Other smaller transfers have already been registered.

M. Tebo has returned from a two months' trip to Winnipeg, which was a success. Mr. and Mrs. George Clarke have taken Dr. Mackenzie's house, formerly owned by A. Harrison, for the winter months.

Considerable interest is being taken in football circles in the competition for the championship of the recently formed West Coast Football league. At present the standing of the teams is: Victoria, 10 wins, 1 loss, 1 tie; Alberni, 10 wins, 1 loss, 1 tie; Indian Head, 10 wins, 1 loss, 1 tie; and Kamloops, 10 wins, 1 loss, 1 tie.

R. Gordon, public school inspector, arrived on Saturday from Clayoquot, where he had been engaged in connecting the apparatus for a school building for that section. He will inspect the schools in this neighborhood before leaving.

FERRY STEAMER CRASHES INTO WHARF

One Passenger Killed and Several Seriously Injured.

Oakland, Dec. 7.—Missing the slip in the almost impenetrable fog that had settled down upon the bay, blotting everything from view, the ferry steamer Berkeley, crowded with commuters returning home from San Francisco, collided with the wooden wharf at the bulkhead at the end of the Oakland mole with such force that one of the passengers was killed, three seriously injured, and a score of others crushed and lacerated in the panic that followed.

The dead: Mrs. Kate Crowley, of Berkeley, crushed about the breast and internally injured. Died at hospital. A. S. Seriously injured: W. M. Shot, Oakland, left leg fractured; Frank Crell, Oakland, right arm crushed and broken; Frank S. Mills, Berkeley, shoulder dislocated and several ribs fractured.

The Berkeley with almost 1,000 passengers from Alameda, Oakland and Berkeley, left the ferry on the San Francisco side of the bay at 6 o'clock in a thick fog. So dense was the haze that it was almost impossible to see from one rail to the other on the upper decks. Keeping the steamer's siren blowing every few seconds, Capt. E. A. Johnson slowly felt his way through the thick white mist. As the vessel proceeded slowly through the haze the passengers became nervous and began shouting at the rail, or the forward and aft decks.

The fog bell on the end of the Oakland pier proved to be deceptive and the pilot miscalculated the distance. Unable to see the red and blue lights at the end of the slip he thought the slip was some distance away when suddenly the bulkhead loomed up a few feet ahead. Before the pilot could pull the signal telegraph to the engine room the Berkeley crashed into the end of the slip.

The force of the collision was so great that the heavy piling snapped and the Berkeley pitched forward. Several of the broken off piling fell upon passengers on the deck.

When the Berkeley hit the slip there was a wild rush for life preservers and a panic followed in which men, women and children were trampled under foot. The steamer finally succeeded in getting into the slip and landed the passengers.

Following the accident to the ferry steamer Berkeley, early in the evening, the steamer Oakland and Newark, of the same service, came together in the fog on the bay, late last night. No damage was done.

ACTOR SHOT DEAD

Domestic Difficulties Said to Have Caused Tragedy in Bakersfield, Cal.

Bakersfield, Cal., Dec. 9.—E. N. Blacker, a prominent business man of this city, suffered himself to the sheriff last night after he had shot and fatally wounded Adrian Von Plank, a member of a local theatrical stock company. Blacker brought down the door of Von Plank's room, and the actor attacked him as he reached for a rifle. Blacker fired five shots from a small revolver, one of the bullets lodging in Von Plank's spine and inflicting a fatal wound. Domestic difficulties are said to have caused the tragedy.

SYNDICATE TO BUILD SMELTER AT KAMLOOPS

Local Stock Company to Be Organized—Properties Charged Hands.

Kamloops, Dec. 8.—Many mining deals are pending in this district at the present time. By next spring the majority of them will be completed and the local camp will be the scene of much activity.

"We are going to have the greatest year in the history of the camp. Capital is only beginning to appreciate the value of the deposits in this district. Kamloops will be the biggest copper camp in Canada." That was the statement of Herman Beckman, owner of the Cooper King and Kimberly properties, and he fully represents the sentiment of those who are in close touch with local conditions.

G. Young, who has bonded a number of properties, the interests of a big syndicate of American capitalists, will be here in a few days, and will lift the bond. He is now in New York, but has written to Kamloops parties to say that he is prepared to close most of the deals.

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RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

Fault is Found With the Condition of the City Streets

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The fifth annual general meeting of the Ratepayers' Association of Victoria was held at the city hall Tuesday.

The board of management for the closing year reported on the various matters dealt with by them during the past year, including the more satisfactory definition of the term "householder" as the limitation of the voters' lists to actual direct tax payers, the maintenance of the right of every citizen to petition against any arbitrary action on the part of the council, and also some advances had been made in the direction of an independent audit of municipal accounts.

The members expressed themselves in favor of the adoption of some general system of keeping accounts to be applicable to all municipalities as tending to enhance their commercial status in the markets of the world, and the appointment by the Lieutenant-Governor in council of public auditors to audit the accounts of all municipalities. The members commented as to the state of the roads of Victoria.

Exception was taken to the method of constructing the roads which was described as out of date and contrary to the system found satisfactory in other cities. On this point attention was particularly called to Belleville street and the causeway, where the roadbed was thoroughly saturated and the water was seeping through the walls of the embankment. Exception was also taken to the wood block paving. During the twenty-one days the road surface was not only pervious to rain fall, but no adequate provision was made for drainage or expansion.

It was contended by members of the board that the engineering staff was inadequate for the work required.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, F. B. Pemberton; members of the board, G. A. Kirk, E. Musgrave, J. K. Rehbeck, Hon. M. D. Macdonald, J. E. Wilson, C. T. Dupont and T. C. Sorby, secretary.

The regular meeting of the Ministerial Association was held Monday morning when an instructive address on "Local Option" was delivered by Rev. Dr. Spencer. The chair was occupied by the president, Rev. H. A. Carson. Among those present were Rev. W. Leslie Clay, Rev. T. W. Gardner, Rev. D. MacRae, Rev. C. Burnett, Rev. Dr. Reid, Rev. J. McCoy and Rev. T. E. Holling. It was decided to hold a week of prayer starting on January 4th, and a committee was appointed to make necessary arrangements.

The barque Homeward Bound, which has arrived at San Francisco from Swaneau, reports a terrible time rounding Cape Horn. The vessel was in a terrific hurricane and for several days was covered with ice and snow. Many of the crew were frost bitten and vessel's decks and fittings were badly damaged. She was 81 days on the voyage.

FORMALLY BOUND OVER

Phil. R. Smith Recalled To-Day By Magistrate to Comply With Rules.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Phil. R. Smith, of the People's Press, was in the police court this morning for formal commitment of his case for trial by a higher court. When the case was up last week the formality of reading the statutory caution to him and of asking him if he had anything to say was overlooked, and he had to be called back to-day.

After the police magistrate had advised him in set terms that he had nothing to hope from promises or to fear from threats, Mr. Smith, who reserves his defense, stated that he had nothing to say at present.

J. A. Aikman, for Mayor Hall, pointed out that Mr. Smith might merely be bound over to appear instead of being committed for trial. There was no desire to put him to any undue trouble in the matter, but simply to obtain a judgment from a higher court as speedily as possible on the label which it was contending was not a libel. The publication of the cartoon in question, Mr. Smith was accordingly bound over in his own personal bond for \$1,000.

BAYS DEFEAT NORTH WARD IN FIRST GAME

Basketball Season Opened Last Night—A Four Point Win.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

In the first game of the basketball season played last night at the Assembly rink, the North Ward team met defeat at the hands of the Bays, who recorded 23 points while the men from the north end of the city were successful only in securing 19. The Bays, therefore, have compiled a two point lead towards the total that will at the end of the season decide which of the four teams in the league will hold the handsome Redfern cup for the year.

With the continued practice obtained by the players the game last night was surprising from the lack of accuracy and judgment displayed on both sides. All through there was very little system used. The Bays had the advantage of a little extra weight over their opponents and made good use of it.

The first half the Bays won the game by securing 11 points to 4. This lead was more than the North Ward could manage to make up and at the same time kept going ahead after the points W. Bays were adding to their first half score. North Ward, however, chased the Bays well up till ten minutes before time when the winners got to work and with Spencer's help settled the game by adding five more goals in rapid succession. During the second half the ball struck one of the electric lamps and shattered it with a loud explosion. No damage was done beyond that to the lamp. The Bays scored 13.

Field Goal Goal. Total
J. B. A. A. 4 1 5
R. Peden 2 0 2
L. Finlayson 3 0 3
J. Spencer 2 0 2
J. Clark 2 0 4

North Ward—
Field Goal Goal. Total
J. Dakers 4 1 5
A. Dakers 4 0 4
W. Malcolm 2 0 2
J. Dakers 2 0 2
C. Cousins 4 0 4

Frank Smith gave satisfaction to both teams as referee.

The next game in the senior division will be played at the rink December 21st when Victoria West and the Y. M. C. A. teams meet.

STOLE A LAUNCH

Vancouver, Dec. 8.—Edward Boyd, of Seattle, and Geo. DeLair, of Everett, were to-day sentenced to three and two years, respectively, for the theft of a launch from Vancouver a month ago. They took it to Everett, where they tried to sell it.

INDICATES THAT MONEY IS PLENTIFUL HERE

Only One Hundred People Call for Dividends on Green-Worlock Estate.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

That money is evidently plentiful in Victoria at the present time has been evidenced in a peculiar manner. Yesterday B. S. Helsterman & Co., trustee, took an office on Langley street to provide for the expected rush of creditors to receive the Green Worlock dividend which had been declared. The amount to be paid was \$32,500, the creditors number seven hundred, but yesterday only some 100 of these turned up to receive their dividends.

On previous occasions there has been a big rush on the opening day when payments are to be made, and never previously has such a languid interest been taken. Last year some 300 people called for their dividends on the day of its announcement. This is a sign of the present apathy is that the people have sufficient money and can allow this dividend to lie over.

B. S. Helsterman removed the office to-day to his own premises at 1207 Government street, where the dividends will be paid. Up to date 65 per cent has been paid on the Green-Worlock estate and it is announced that a further and final dividend will be declared in the near future.

PROSPECTOR SUFFERS TERRIBLE PRIVATIONS

Lost His Way and Subsided for Three Weeks on Berries and Roots.

New Westminster, Dec. 8.—After being lost for three weeks in the Fraser Lake district, during which time he suffered terrible privations, a prospector, and occasional packer, stumbled into a road camp on the new Nechaco road, on Thursday afternoon, too weak even to speak. After he had received attention and a stock of provisions he was found in a deplorable condition, both mentally and physically, and had to be taken to Barkerville hospital, where he remains in a critical condition.

When Leade lost his way he was journeying from Quesnel to Fraser lake, a thinly settled district that offers scarce enough vegetation for wild animals. During the twenty-one days he was astray he subsisted on berries, roots and leaves, mainly the latter. Being without ammunition he was unable to kill any game and so secure a supply of fresh food for his commiseration.

During the last five days, in which he wandered aimlessly around, he suffered terrible agonies from the cold, having one foot and several fingers badly frozen.

VANCOUVER MAN MISSING.

Vancouver, Dec. 8.—Edgar Latshaw, of 381 Cordova street east, is missing. Part of his clothes and some of his effects are at the police station, having been found by the caretaker of the Evans, Coleman & Evans wharf on Saturday night. But there appears to be some doubt as to whether Latshaw is at the bottom of the inlet or out of the city.

The funeral of the late Bromley Jones, infant son of Albert G. Jones, took place on Tuesday from the family residence, 597 King street, where Rev. Stanley Ard conducted a short service.

LADYSMITH SEEKS AID FROM GOVERNMENT

City Incurred Heavy Bill of Expense Stamping Out Smallpox.

(Special Correspondence.)

Ladysmith, Dec. 8.—There was very little business transacted at the weekly council meeting last night. Aid, Campbell was appointed to look over a new laundry which a Chinaman is about to start on First avenue. There have been many complaints from the business men and residents round there.

The city during the last two months has been put to a great amount of unexpected expense. The mild epidemic of smallpox required prompt and drastic measures to stamp it out. In addition to the weekly wages of watchmen there was a hospital built and furnished, a doctor engaged, a nurse hired and other necessities had to be ordered. The measures fortunately were completely successful and there has not been a fresh case reported for nearly four weeks, and it is generally thought to be stamped out. But the bill of expenses is greater than the city can meet, and last night the council was petitioned by the provincial government in view of the depleted state of the city treasury incident upon the heavy expenses incurred to render the city some financial assistance.

Under the auspices of the Ladysmith Football Club the Tennessee Jubilee singers will give an entertainment in the opera house on Thursday evening, December 17th.

The boarders of the Temperance House and Abbotsford hotel played what has almost come to be an annual game of football, on Sunday afternoon. The proceeds are donated to the Chevaliers hospital. Sunday 325 was taken at the gate. The game resulted in a draw, so that the Temperance men retain their last year's title to the championship.

H. Taylor, who has been a resident of the town for the past two years, has left for Cincinnati to take a clerical position in a wholesale house.

Major Nicholson has finished the new school house at the head of Oyler bay, agent of the C. P. R., was quietly married to a Seattle lady a few days ago. Mr. and Mrs. Bland will take up their residence here.

URGES MANY NEEDED TO BRIGHTEN DREADNOUGHT NECESSITIES

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—I annual message to Congress decried the present management of the numerous subjects, among them corporations, labor, the courts, railroads, inland waterways, interstate fisheries, foreign affairs, mail lines, Hawaii, the Philippines, Cuba, the Army and the Navy, message in part as follows:

Monetary Situation.

"The financial standing of the country at the present time is excellent and I believe that the interests of the government in the last seven years has shown most satisfactory results. But our monetary system is impeded and I earnestly hope that the commission will be able to provide a thoroughly good system which will go away with the existing defects.

Corporations.

"As regards the great corporate engaged in interstate business, and especially the railroads, I can say that I have repeatedly urged, and I believe that under the interstate of the constitution the United States has complete jurisdiction over interstate commerce and I believe that the government can only endorse this with wisdom and effectiveness, both to secure justice and to the benefit of the great corporations which are the most important in business.

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In any failure on the part of the interstate commerce commission to exercise of the necessary power in a way which would be honest and wrong to the corporation, it is hoped that the Interstate Commerce Commission will recognize the unwisdom of the hostility they have displayed in the last few years to the country and to the interest of the business. The truth is, we believe in this movement, in the public interest of the

ROOSEVELT'S MESSAGE

Urges Many Needed To Brighten Dreadnought Necessities

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—I annual message to Congress decried the present management of the numerous subjects, among them corporations, labor, the courts, railroads, inland waterways, interstate fisheries, foreign affairs, mail lines, Hawaii, the Philippines, Cuba, the Army and the Navy, message in part as follows:

Monetary Situation.

"The financial standing of the country at the present time is excellent and I believe that the interests of the government in the last seven years has shown most satisfactory results. But our monetary system is impeded and I earnestly hope that the commission will be able to provide a thoroughly good system which will go away with the existing defects.

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ORATORIO "ST. PAUL" SCORES GREAT SUCCESS

Credit Due to Conductor and All Taking Part in the Production.

First Presbyterian church was well filled last night when Mendelssohn's finest oratorio, "St. Paul," was presented by a chorus of 120 voices and local artists under the direction of Victoria's veteran conductor, J. G. Brown. Promptly at 8.15 the large chorus were seated quickly and in perfect order. From the opening strains of the instrumental introduction to the final chorus, those present enjoyed a musical treat all too rarely offered nowadays. The magnificent singing of the chorus must be given the palm. A better balance of parts has seldom been heard, and only in one or two choruses were there any particular hesitation or uncertainty. The attack came with clockwork precision, which would delight the heart of any conductor, and each part was as good as the other. The quality of tone was far above the average, and notwithstanding the strain on the sopranos, they were apparently as fresh at the finish as at the beginning. The alto, too, maintained their reputation as readers, and the rich quality of their voices was pleasing to listen to. It is usual to have a weak tenor part, but not so last night. The tenors were equal to any of the other parts, and but seldom failed in their leads. The basses were magnificent, and gave that solidity and sonorosity which makes the success of any chorus.

The best of the numbers: by the chorus were: the opening number, "Lord, Thou Alone Art God," "Stone Him to Death," "Sleepers Awake," "O Great is the Depth," "How Lovely are the Messengers," "The Gods Themselves," "See How He Loves," and "Not Only Unto Him," the latter the concluding number.

The soloists acquitted themselves in a manner befitting the support of such grand singing by the chorus. The two quartets, "To God be All Praise," and "To Thee O God," were gems of finished singing, the voices of Mrs. Hicks, contralto; Mrs. Gregson, soprano; J. Fitch, tenor, and R. Morrison, bass, blending beautifully. The quartets by Mrs. Gregson, Miss Harris, Miss Cooker and Mrs. Hicks, was sung with exceptional taste, the voices also blending well. The duet for two basses, "The Verily Have Heard," by R. Morrison and W. McDonald, although short, was well given, the rich heavy voice of the latter making a splendid combination with the lighter voice of Mr. Morrison.

The chief solo in "St. Paul," and the only one in the work for contralto, is "But the Lord is Mindful of His Own," and from the first notes of the recitative preceding, Mrs. Hicks gave token of the great talent which she possesses, a deep sympathetic singer, and a description of her singing of this lovely solo cannot do justice to her effort. Mrs. Gregson, in her recitatives and solos, scored another triumph in this line of work, and her singing of "Jerusalem, Thou That Killst the Prophets," and "I Will Sing of Thy Mercies," stamp her as an artist in an oratorio.

Her pure and brilliant soprano charmed all who heard her. J. Fitch, who made his initial appearance in oratorio, is possessed of a good voice, but lacking in that power and breadth necessary for works of this kind. Especially was this noticeable in his upper notes, where the voice was strained and hard, but his singing of "And They Stood Him," and "And Saw His Face No More," was especially good, as was the duet with Mr. Morrison, "Now We Are Ambassadors," which was well done, except that it was a trifle low.

R. Morrison, who also made his first appearance in oratorio, has both the power and the quality required for the exacting work demanded of the leading character in "St. Paul." His opening solo, "Consume Them All," did not indicate his ability with the same extent as later solos. How different was his rendition of "O God Have Mercy." There was a grasp of the subject and a depth of feeling wanting in part in the first number. This was also manifested in succeeding numbers, particularly in "For Know Ye Not," Mr. Morrison's final appearance in oratorio was certainly a good one, and with a more extended study of its characteristics he will make a splendid soloist. He has the voice, presence, and as was shown last night the power of interpretation without which oratorio singing is colorless. The duet by J. Fitch, R. Morrison, and Mr. Morrison was splendidly given, and the voices rang out as brilliant and full in this duet as could be desired.

The work of Mrs. Lewis Hall at the piano was praiseworthy indeed. Every number that she essayed was faultlessly given, not a note missed or blurred, and the necessary support at all times being given to the soloists. Mrs. Hall had an arduous task and she performed it without a flaw. J. Jennings Burnett, whose work lay more particularly with the recitatives, gave every satisfaction.

As a conductor Mr. Brown is a success. He has the magnetic quality largely developed, and his work last night stamps him as far above the rest. This feat is reliable, and he is always anticipated the lead of the parts, a slight nod here, a hand there, and when working his chorus up to a climax, does not unnecessarily exercise his body. There was not a single hitch in any of the multitudinous arrangements connected with such a big undertaking, and it speaks well for the administrative qualities of the conductor, who was also organizer and secretary as well.

It is suggested that such a body of singers should not be allowed to disband, but that regular rehearsals be kept up during the winter at some work or another.

The St. Andrews' Society will hold the monthly concert and dance on Tuesday night next at 8 o'clock in the A. O. U. W. hall.

MISSING PROSPECTORS LAST SEEN IN JUNE

T. R. Wilson, Who Took Horses to Hazelton, Calls on Supt. Hussey.

Thomas R. Wilson, a prospector who is at present residing at Oak Bay, yesterday called on Superintendent Hussey and told him he was one of the two prospectors who had been given charge of the horses and effects of the two English prospectors, Harry Phipps and Matthew Trimmon, who are supposed to have lost their lives by drowning in the Findlay river, about twenty miles from Fort Graham. He bears out the statement of the Hudson's Bay Company's agent as given in the Times two days ago. Mr. Wilson and his companions, while prospecting in the neighborhood, discovered the men's camp and took the effects into Fort Graham, where they were given charge of the four horses and saddlery, as well as the two kit bags. The latter contained papers, bank books and personal effects belonging to the missing men, and were taken by Mr. Wilson and his companions, with the horses and equipment to Hazelton, where they handed them over to Mr. Vailant, the Hudson's Bay agent there. One of the horses was lost about six miles from Hazelton, while the others were sold at auction with the saddlery.

While prospecting about August 5th the two men were on their way from the Inghenka country to Hazelton, via Fort Graham. They had seen nothing of the missing men, though they had been told of them passing Fort Graham on June 29th.

At Hazelton Mr. Wilson met Mr. Perry, who told him he had seen the men about fifty miles up the Inghenka river about June 18th, and that they were then short of provisions. He gave them a rough map of the country, showing them they were forty miles from McConnell creek. From all the information to hand this is the last that has been heard of the men. They, however, have never reached McConnell creek or returned to Fort Graham, and are thought to have either perished in the immediate neighborhood or to have met their death by drowning in the river, as they could not have gone far with the scanty supply of provisions in hand at the time of meeting Mr. Perry. Mr. Fox, the agent there, was prepared to send out an Indian to search for the missing men.

Superintendent Hussey, from the reports in his possession, feels assured the men have met an accidental death, and therefore thinks it unnecessary to take further steps towards their discovery.

GROWTH OF CANADA'S FOREIGN TRADE

New White Star Liners of 14,000 Tons to be Placed in Service.

The expansion of Canada's foreign trade is seen in the preparations now being made by the White Star line to place two new steamships of 14,000 tons register on the Canadian route, says the Standard of Empire. The first of these, the Laurentine, has been already launched and is approaching completion, and the sister ship, the Megantic, will be launched shortly. The Continental North Atlantic Shipping line have also decided to organize a service of cargo steamers to Canada, under an agreement with the Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk railway systems. During the last two years (1896-1898) there has been a remarkable expansion in the foreign trade of Canada—namely from \$28,000,000 in 1896 to \$62,700,000 in 1900. The total trade of Canada with Great Britain in the same period has risen from \$35,500,000 to \$220,500,000. The exports of Canadian produce to this country have risen from \$62,700,000 to upwards of \$126,000,000. The railways carried 63,858,153 tons of freight, as against 24,500,000 in 1900, and the country added no less than 6,000 miles to its railway system.

YACHT CLUBS ARE STILL AT DEADLOCK

Possibility of No Race for Canada Cup Next Year.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 9.—The misunderstanding between the Royal Canadian Yacht Club of Toronto and the Rochester Yacht Club, over next summer's international races on Lake Ontario continues and may end in no race. The Canadian club seems to be willing to race if the winner of the international series, the Seneca, is not raced again. They want to leave the eligibility of the Seneca to race, and the terms of the deeds of gift of the Canada cup, the race trophy, to a committee.

At this situation the Rochester Club had added this telegram sent to the Canadians: "Telegram received. You have misunderstood our letter of November 30th or else have purposely added an additional question to be submitted to the Yacht Racing Union. Our offer was to refer to the Yacht Racing Union only the question of the eligibility of the Seneca under its Rules. We refuse to submit to that association any question other than the construction of its own rules."

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CHINESE GOODS ON AKI MARU

TANGIBLE EVIDENCE THAT BOYCOTT IS AT AN END

Valuable Silk Cargo is Being Rushed Through to New York.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The Aki Maru, one of the big stagers of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line, this morning brought tangible evidence that the boycott by the Chinese against the Japanese goods is being dropped, for the vessel had 500 tons of Chinese goods among her cargo, and also reported having carried another 500 tons from Shanghai to Kobe. There was also one Chinese passenger aboard. Some months ago a dispatch from the East stated that the boycott was at an end, and the information further brought by the Aki is that the boycott is still being continued among a certain class of Chinese, but that among the wealthier and better educated people it is over.

The Aki Maru brought over a valuable consignment of silk, valued about \$750,000. It consisted of 1,444 bales, mostly raw material, which will be hurried across the continent. Five tons of the cargo are being held in readiness at Seattle to carry it on the first passenger train.

Besides the silk the Aki had a large consignment of oranges for the Christmas market, of which was landed at this city, the remainder being taken to Seattle. She also brought matting, rice and numerous other Oriental goods. Five hundred and thirty tons were unloaded at Seattle in all.

Three gales were encountered on the trip across, but only one was a severe one. Fortunately it was from the West, so that it did not delay the ship, although it rolled her about, and washed her decks. It is an extent that the captain became anxious for the valuable cargo which he carried.

There were in all 55 passengers, most of whom were Japanese. A Withers, a retired military officer who has come with the other members of his family on this coast, and H. Fuse, landed here. The other passengers for Victoria were four Japanese and one Chinaman. One of the Japanese was returning to the other three were women coming to join their husbands. The Chinaman was also returning for a visit. In the saloon for Seattle were five Japanese, one a missionary, Rev. H. Shimazaki, who for the past fifteen years has been doing work in Tokio, and has come over to take charge of the missions among his own people on the Pacific coast. He was in Vancouver ten years ago. The others were Mr. Yagi, and all the other officers are Japanese, with the exception of the first mate.

ZAM-BUK AS A CURE FOR PILES

IMPRESSIVE CURES OF WOMEN SUFFERERS.

Our Readers Should Note These Cases.

Wherever there is suffering from piles, Zam-Buk should be applied. The reason of reasons for this, but one of the best is that in practically all cases of piles where the use of Zam-Buk is persevered with complete cure—not mere relief—is the result.

Mrs. Wm. Hughes, of 233 Hochelaga street, Hochelaga, Montreal, says: "I suffered from blind, itching and protruding piles for years. Sometimes they were so bad that I could hardly bear to move about. The inflammation, the burning, smarting pain, the throbbing, the aching, the overpowering feelings of dullness and dark despair which this ailment brings, the shooting spasms of agony—all were so terrible, that only Zam-Buk afforded me a hope for relief."

Mrs. E. Boxall, of Scott street, St. Thomas, says: "For months without cessation I endured great pain from hemorrhoids. For as many months I tried everything which I thought would give me ease, but in the end, dispirited and still suffering, I gave in."

"Then it was she heard of Zam-Buk and she said: 'Although I feared Zam-Buk would be like the ordinary remedies—useless—I am glad it was not. It soon proved itself to be very different. It rapidly gave me relief, and after a time cured me completely. I would like to let all sufferers from piles know what a grand thing Zam-Buk is.'"

STAR PITCHERS ASK FOR INCREASED PAY

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Manager Chance isn't the only one of the Cubs insisting on more pay for his next season's work. All of the champs are after higher stipends, hot and heavy.

Unless the ante is raised in the case of Mordecai Brown and Orvie Overall, the two star pitchers of the team, they are pretty certain not to play. Brown has been offered \$100,000 by the proprietor of one of the local semi-professional clubs to take charge of that team and manage its affairs, just as James Callahan handles the Logan Square team.

The whole amount will be in the bank for Brown; any time he will consent to sign. To pay such a sum would be a risky business move, but a celebrity like Brown is worth a try. You are well paid people every Saturday and Sunday. As the other expenses would be trivial the club with Brown at the head of it might be a financial winner as well as an artistic success. Practically the same kind of an inducement has been held out to Overall, and the popularity of the big Californian undoubtedly would make him a drawing card.

DESCRIPTION OF EMPEROR'S FUNERAL

(Continued from page 1.)

full imperial power. The people regard him as the emperor de facto. His enthronement will take place at the end of the period of mourning, and all officials will then make to him the same obeisance that they have already made to the late emperor.

An edict recently promulgated by the throne put an end to the ceremonies that have been performed from time immemorial every time there was an eclipse of the moon. The nature of these repeated edicts, issued in the name of the Dowager Empress, shows that she is holding her position as head of the imperial family in the conduct of palace affairs.

GREAT VALUE OF WATERPOWER

Winnipeg, by Completing New Plant, Will Have City Beautiful and Industrial.

What has the development of electric power in the Niagara district in Ontario done for that section of Canada?

Within the range of distribution of the Niagara and St. Catharines generating stations, 39 cities and towns will have secured actual and not theoretical results for manufacturers by a reduction in power cost under that of the old system. It is estimated that the smoke nuisance and fuel supply problem will be definitely and satisfactorily solved.

If as large a saving can be made where facilities for getting coal as fuel for manufacturing, what will be the result in Winnipeg, where the adobe is plentiful and the transportation difficulties in transportation tie-ups prevail? asks the Winnipeg Tribune.

No sooner had the hydro-electric commission offered the individual municipalities in Ontario lower rates than Toronto, London, Guelph, Berlin, St. Thomas, Woodstock, Ingersoll, St. Mary's, Preston, New Hamburg and other towns took action, and have as a result been granted the benefit of power before manufacturers who may be seeking a location.

Toronto in 1907 passed a by-law authorizing the incoming council to enter into a contract with the commission for a supply of 15,000 or more continuous horse power at a maximum charge of \$18.40 per horse power per annum, delivered at their distributing stations, 28 miles in length, at the rate of \$24.00; St. Thomas 1.50 at \$28.50; and other towns including St. Mary's closed contracts at \$25.50. The transmission power lines of the Ontario government, 298 miles in length, are now under construction by the F. H. McGuigan Co. the contract price for the undertaking being \$1,270,000. The first was turned on November 16th last.

BUTTE DROPPED FROM NORTHWESTERN LEAGUE

Six Club Circuit Named—Portland Ball Team Gets Franchise.

Seattle, Dec. 9.—At the annual meeting of the directors of the Northwestern Baseball League, yesterday, in this city, Portland was unanimously admitted to membership and Butte was dropped.

The circuit for the season of 1909 will consist of six clubs: Portland, Tacoma, Spokane, Aberdeen, Vancouver and Seattle.

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HEAVY EASTBOUND TRAVEL ON ATLANTIC

Empress of Ireland to Carry 1615 Passengers to England for Xmas.

Montreal, Dec. 10.—The largest number of passengers ever carried from Canada on any one vessel will leave St. John to-morrow afternoon on the Empress of Ireland for Liverpool. This is the Christmas sailing, and the rush for accommodation has been so great that the boat is sold out and special trains will be necessary to carry passengers to the ship's side. No less than 1,615 passengers have already been booked. Of these, 1,000 are steerage, while the balance is divided between second and third class.

Many of the passengers are well-to-do people from Ontario and western Canada who are going to England for the Christmas holidays. The Allan line also reports a large Christmas trade.

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LICENSED PREMISES STRICTLY OBEY LAW

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Princess saloon, from Francis Ledingham to George Stokes.

Ship Inn saloon, from Robert Finlayson to John Viara.

White Horse hotel, from James Geifin to Nels Hansen and Hans Klesow.

Colonial hotel, from Thomas Hunter and Joseph Giachero to Thomas Hunter and Ernest Alexander Ferguson.

Grand Pacific hotel, from John Viara and Virginia Bargetto to Virginia Bargetto and Joseph Giachero.

The following temporary permits were extended until the March sitting:

St. George's hotel, transfer by permit from estate of late Thomas Griffiths to Mrs. Alice Griffiths.

Garrick's Head saloon, transfer allowed from W. H. Bell to Arthur Knowles Vaughan.

Imperial hotel, licensed in the name of J. D. Norrish, executor of the estate of the late D. C. McKinnon.

The big three-masted barque Glory of the Seas, which is engaged in the coal carrying trade between Nanaimo and Seattle, is lying at the coal company's wharf in the former city, awaiting the loading of a cargo of coal.

In the South of France women are employed on the railways at level crossings and at warlike stations, as signallers.

WARLIKE ACTION IN CARIBBEAN

DUTCH CRUISER SEIZES VENEZUELAN CAPTAIN STUFFS

Country's Flag in His Pocket.

Wilhelmstad, Island of Curacao. The following detailed story appeared on Saturday last by a Dutch coastguard ship Alix, by Dutch cruise ship Guelderland, was on this morning from an officer of the Guelderland. At 6 o'clock on Saturday morning the Guelderland was steaming slowly a short distance off the Puerto Cabello, she noticed the coming in, and after taking up a position that prevented the passage of the smaller boat, she ordered her to stop and sent a boat to search the vessel.

It was discovered that the captain Alix had hidden his Venezuelan pennant in his pocket, and the vessel had a passenger on board. Alix, however, declared to the officer that the Alix was a coast guard vessel. A search was then made and a flag was seen in the pocket of Alix, his revolver, and a small quantity of ammunition also were discovered in the cabin.

The crew of the Alix were given a choice of coming to Curacao or ashore at Puerto Cabello. They preferred the latter course, and embarked on their own boats and pulled to the harbor.

The Venezuelan gunboat Restrepo was at Puerto Cabello, and the Guelderland could see her in the distance. Smoke was being put up from her funnel. The Guelderland was outside Puerto Cabello for several hours, waiting to see if the restrepo would come out, but it did not venture forth. The Guelderland then left for Curacao, where she arrived at 4 o'clock.

Venezuela protests against the territorial violation of the territory of Venezuela, by the three warships that have been cruising Venezuelan waters since Dec. 2nd. No blockade has been set forth and the continuation of the coastwise shipping is having a detrimental effect on commerce of neutral powers.

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MURDER MYSTERY.

Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 14.—Mr. Brandt, widow of a former Pottsville resident, was found on Saturday stabbed to death by the throat with a kitchen knife. The case is a mystery, as the home bears no signs of having been robbed, and the knife entered the throat and emerged from the neck, that it is not thought could have been self-inflicted.

The woman was 89 years of age and resided in the latter part of her life at a boarding house. She was found in the kitchen, where she was engaged in preparing food for her boarders.

ROCKEFELLER IN CLEVELAND

Cleveland, Dec. 13.—Unexpectedly John D. Rockefeller was found on Saturday on his way to Cleveland on Saturday morning. The oil magnate went to his hotel and then for the first time in years about in his usual way, he went to the East Cleveland estate, where he had spent the night.

MRS. EDDY'S HEALTH

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