

CZAR'S "GIF" IS HOLLOW MOCKERY

Russian Popular Assembly to Be Held in Court's Leading String.

SOME CURIOUS ANOMALIES

Cabinet May Enact Laws Without the Assistance of Parliament.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 21.—The imperial manifesto and the ukases of March 8, which incorporate in the fundamental law of the empire the provisions for a national assembly in Russia, promised in the manifesto last fall, are disappointing in many respects. They constitute neither a constitution nor a "bill of rights" for the Russian people. They do create a popular assembly, but the privileges granted are hedged about with restrictive conditions that they will be rather political in name than in fact. Nevertheless, by the terms of the manifesto the emperor himself is powerless to revoke what he has now given. This constitutes the greatest defect which the people have won. They at least have an authoritative medium through which they can make their voice heard, and it is in this assembly probably that the great historical struggle against prerogative and privilege will be fought out. An examination of the documents shows clearly that their purpose has been to entrench the government at every point against the assaults of the people.

The Reorganized Upper Chamber.

The council of the empire, or upper chamber, as reorganized provides for the election of only half the members, and these are chosen by the nobility, clergy, zemstvos and commercial interests, so that with the other half directly nominated by the crown, the upper chamber will be a body of representatives of the nobility, clergy, zemstvos and commercial interests, so that with the other half directly nominated by the crown, the upper chamber will be a body of representatives of the nobility, clergy, zemstvos and commercial interests.

Members Appointed by the Emperor.

Other questions which go to similar committees are those relating to reports of the minister of finance on the cash in the treasury and savings bank reports, on the state pawnshops and matters relating to the law of primogeniture and titles conferred by the crown. These are all subjects which the representatives of the people will probably want to enquire into. The main weapon retained by the emperor is his power to dissolve parliament at will, or to prorogue the government's ability to promulgate "temporary laws," leaves the government master of the situation whenever it comes to employ this means.

Unpleasant Procedure

Instead of leaving to the chambers the creation of the rules and questions of procedure which are to govern them, they are carefully prescribed in the ukases, and it seems that the ukases and the documents by the foreign student of parliamentary institutions and procedure to make it appear that the cumbersome and complicated machinery devised is largely for the purpose of crippling parliament in its struggle with the government. The executive power is concentrated in the hands of the president of each house, only the president of the lower house being elected by the members of that house. The president of the upper house is appointed by the emperor, and it is as the intermediaries for the transmission of reports to the emperor.

Secret Committee Work

The work of all committees is done in secret. Bills, instead of being introduced on the initiative of a single member and referred automatically to committees, as in the American congress, must be supported by the signatures of at least 30 members, and accompanied by an explanatory statement to compel the president to start them on their way through the legislative mill.

All Idea that the cabinet would be responsible to parliament, which was freely intimated, the cabinet is abandoned. Even the privilege of interpellation, which has the authority of a law, is vague and perhaps ineffective. This right is specifically confined to enquiries relating to alleged violations of law by ministers or their subordinates. But such an enquiry, as in the case of the introduction of thirty members, and moreover, adopted by a vote of the house, before it becomes effective; within which the minister has one month to reply, and the minister's explanation or explanations asked or to inform the lower house of the cause which makes it impossible for him to supply the information required.

By a clause which practically invalidates the result of interpellation, moreover, explanations can only be demanded upon subjects directly under consideration; and ministers, as in the United States, can refuse to reply on the grounds that they intend to go in for fruit raising, or very large scale.

A. O. U. W. ADOPT A LIBERAL POLICY

Right to Petition Prohibited. The right to petition is specifically prohibited, either verbally or in writing. The following are given as the questions within the jurisdiction of Parliament: First—Matters relating to the publication of laws, their amendment, supervision or definite repeal. Second—The budgets of the ministers, and the estimates and the assignments to the crown not provided by the budget "in accordance with the special regulations relating to this subject." Third—The report of the controller of the empire upon the execution of the laws.

Grand Lodge of Ontario Approves of Options Now Given Old Members.

A TRUE SON OF OLD BRAM

Toronto Man Condemned for Bigamy Pleads That Women Made Overtures.

TORONTO, Ont., March 22.—Chas. J. Kendrick, four times married and with three living wives, got a sentence to three years in Kingston penitentiary from the police magistrate this morning. One of the women urged in the court that the sentence was too light. Kendrick's defence is that every woman he met wanted to marry him. Manifesto told him he was too dangerous to be at large.

Barriar's Unfortunate Death

John Canavan the well known barrister, injured Monday afternoon in a collision with a dray belonging to the Harry Abbot company is dead. The driver of the dray is under arrest. Mr. Canavan was in earlier days, one of the representative Conservatives of the city.

Worried by Old Age

Worrying because she feared old age was coming upon her, Mrs. Bridget Murray, wife of Michael Murray, a laborer, committed suicide yesterday by drinking carbolic acid.

Workmen Adopt Liberal Policy

Toronto, Ont., March 22.—The grand lodge of Ontario, A. O. U. W., yesterday approved of the options offered to old members. They will apply to members over the age of 65 years, but it is as follows: A member over seventy in good standing can sever his connection with the order by surrendering his certificate for a cash surrender value not to exceed one-half of the aggregate amount he may have paid to an association. The certificate for a new one of half its amount. He shall then receive one-third of the amount which he has paid in assessments, but shall continue to pay assessments during the term of the certificate. Any member may also surrender his certificate for a new one of forty per cent of its amount and be relieved from further assessments, which along with the benefit fund from the date of surrender.

Fort William Citizen Explains

Toronto, March 22.—Owing to highly colored reports in the Grand lodge of Ontario, A. O. U. W., yesterday about the typhoid fever epidemic at Fort William, I would like to state its facts. I am a member of the lodge, and I am taking to completely eradicate the malady, said Mr. S. G. Young to the "News" this morning. Mr. Young is a member of the lodge, and I am taking to completely eradicate the malady, said Mr. S. G. Young to the "News" this morning.

Brought a Cargo of Evil Germs

These vessels that journey up the lakes from many ports usually only in part loaded. In order to trim them, water ballast is used. This water is taken in wherever the boats happen to be with no regard whatever to its purity. In fact more often than otherwise, water is carried from the most unwholesome and infected sources. When these vessels reach Fort William, they load their cargoes they dump their evil ballast into the river right above.

The Town's Water in-Take Pipes

Prof. Stewart of McGill university called in to consult with the town authorities made this discovery and promptly advised the public authorities to suspend the use of the water supply for clean water supply. He has urged the town to go into the matter and to have a water supply of four miles out on Mount McKay and occupying an elevation of 350 feet; this lake has sufficient capacity to supply a city of 100,000.

Is Absolutely Pure

for all purposes and can never be contaminated. The town has engaged a corps of engineers to lay out a pipe line between Loch Lomond and Fort William, and an adjoining citizen's vote in a week or so, will spend a large sum on the works. A deputation from Fort William is on its way to Ottawa to petition the government to grant the town the power to protect the water sheds of Loch Lomond so that the intention of the town to have a pure water supply is unquestioned.

In the Examination in the case of fraud against Phillips, president of the York County Loan and Savings company, this morning, Birt, of the List & Co. company, down to several books produced were originally the books of the company used three years ago. He got down into the books they were submitted. Then he claimed that they had been burned accidentally by his wife. He was ordered to produce the books this afternoon or take the consequences.

CANADIAN ASSOCIATED PRESS Board of Trade of Macleod Heartily Approves of Proposition.

Macleod, Sask., March 22.—The board of trade passed a resolution thoroughly in accord with the expressed opinion of the eastern press association and urging upon the government the desirability of having a Canadian associated press organized as a means of promoting the fullest and freest circulation of news which is now regarded as important to the country. The resolution will be sent to the minister of finance.

COLORADO SNOWSLIDES

Enormous Slide Comes Down With Probable Fatal Results. Grande, Colo., March 22.—An enormous snowslide came down last evening in the Winfield and Clear creek mining districts, killing, it is reported, at least half a dozen men. A relief party was organized by James Call and has gone to the scene of the disaster. The news of the slide was brought to town by a courier.

PRINCE ARTHUR'S TOUR. Movements of His Royal Highness When in the East.

Montreal, March 22.—The movements of Prince Arthur of Connaught, after reaching Ottawa on April 14, have now been finally determined. They are as follows: April 20, leave Ottawa; arrive Niagara Falls 2 p. m. April 21; leaving Niagara Falls 2 p. m. spend two hours in Hamilton and leave Toronto; April 23, arrive Halifax 2 p. m. After remaining in Halifax until May 1st, John will be visited by the party en route to Quebec on the evening of May 3. From there it is proposed to go on a fishing trip to the coast of New Brunswick, and will arrive in Montreal on May 7, remaining in this city four days, and will sail for England on the steamship Virginian.

U. S. AMBASSADOR'S RECALL

Hasty Change Made in Embassy to Vienna, March 22.—Secretary G. Brien, of the American embassy, today informed the foreign office here that Bellamy Storer, the retiring ambassador, ceased his connection with the embassy for the consideration of \$1,000,000. Who is to succeed him, and the appointment of Charles S. Francis. This the foreign office declares is a most unusual proceeding. According to European diplomatic traditions, Mr. Storer is ambassador until the presentation of his papers of recall, and until this is done this government must be understood to be represented by him in all cases, but it is thought that the government of the United States must have good reason for doing so. The officials regard that the United States do not follow the usual diplomatic precedent, especially as Mr. Storer's recall does not interest Austria, and he is not a member of the cabinet.

Epizootic of Smallpox

Cherryman, W. Y., March 22.—(Special)—Fifty-seven cases of smallpox are reported in the farming districts of Cherryman and Bridge, in Union County, W. Y., and the smallpox cases in that county has been quarantined. The sources of the epidemic, it is reported, was an abandoned storehouse in Cherryman, owned by Cumberland, which a ranchman appropriated, using some of the partitions in his own dwelling and selling the timbers to neighbors.

A Quick Action Divorce

San Francisco, Cal., March 22.—(Special)—Superior Judge Graham today granted a divorce to Mrs. Harry E. Huntington, wife of the millionaire stock man on the grounds of desertion. No request for alimony was made, and her attorney refused to take the case, but it was there was alimony settlement. Mrs. Huntington appeared in court accompanied by her brother, Edward H. Grantie, and attorney. Her husband was represented by an attorney. Mrs. Huntington took stand and stated that she and her husband had not lived together for six years. She also said that there was no community property. The affairs of the husband got into court and Mrs. Huntington sailed for Japan on the steamer Korea this afternoon.

Too Much Free Love

Mount Vernon, Wash., March 22.—(Special)—Too much free love has caused the dissolution of the Freedland colony formerly Equality colony, near Bow, Skagit county. A receiver has been appointed by the court for the little band, and the community will be broken up and the lands sold to pay the debts. A number of years ago believers in socialist doctrines formed the colony, and for a time it prospered. When free lovers began to invade the place, and they led to dissensions. Other troubles followed and resulted in the breaking up of the public storerooms some weeks ago. Matters went from bad to worse and fresh troubles broke out. The affairs of the band got into court and now the members will soon be scattered. Judge Joiner has appointed E. W. Ferris receiver.

International Sports

James E. Sullivan, secretary of the amateur athletic union of America, and manager of the American team which will participate in the Olympic games at Athens, next month, today discussed with officials of the amateur athletic association of Great Britain a proposal to organize an international athletic union of the world, which will be held every two years alternately in the United States and England.

NORTHWEST ENTERPRISE

Strenuous Example Afforded by a Family in Chamberlain. Winnipeg, March 22.—The town of Chamberlain, Sask., is remarkable evidence of a resolution thoroughly in accord with the expressed opinion of the eastern press association and urging upon the government the desirability of having a Canadian associated press organized as a means of promoting the fullest and freest circulation of news which is now regarded as important to the country. The resolution will be sent to the minister of finance.

EXPRESS FEARS FOR SHIPPING

Fierce Storms Off Cape Flattery and Anxiety Felt as to Results.

A QUICK ACTION DIVORCE

Boiling Water Used With Deadly Effect on a Sleeping Man.

BATTLE, March 22.—(Special)—Fishing schooners arriving here report terrible gales off Cape Flattery and northward to the Alaska coast. Many schooners have remained for days under the shelter of Neah bay waiting for the weather to moderate. The schooner Mary brought half a cargo of halibut and it is feared several of the vessels in the Alaskan fleet may have been wrecked. The schooner Northland was driven before the gale 120 miles in less than 20 hours. Harriman's Terminal Properties. The terminal properties here bought by Harriman agents were transferred today to Elizabeth Jessup of California, for the consideration of \$1,000,000. Who is to succeed him, and the appointment of Charles S. Francis. This the foreign office declares is a most unusual proceeding. According to European diplomatic traditions, Mr. Storer is ambassador until the presentation of his papers of recall, and until this is done this government must be understood to be represented by him in all cases, but it is thought that the government of the United States must have good reason for doing so. The officials regard that the United States do not follow the usual diplomatic precedent, especially as Mr. Storer's recall does not interest Austria, and he is not a member of the cabinet.

Mr. Logan's Successors

Mr. Logan's success in the quantity given by a cow, and advised a change in the testing in this respect. It was also suggested that three cows be substituted for the five previously required, as many ranchers could put in three who would not be able to place five on exhibition.

The Prizes for Shorthorn Cattle will be increased this year. Mr. Logan's suggestions will be adopted, but other proposed changes will be left in the hands of the association.

The Dairyman's Association

to report upon. In considering the poultry clause it was decided to dispense with branding pens this year.

THIRTY LIVES PROBABLY LOST IN VIRGINIA MINE

Gas Explosion Fortunately Happens When Few Workers Were Under Ground.

Fairmont, W. Va., March 22.—Twenty five injured and from ten to twenty lives are believed to be dead as the result of an explosion of gas in the shaft of the Century Coal company's mine at Century, a small mining town situated fifty miles south of Fairmont, on the Baltimore and Ohio railway. Owing to the telephone being put out of commission by the high winds today, details are lacking and the names of the victims, six of whom are foreigners, were not secured at a late hour tonight. Over 250 men are employed in the shaft, and had the explosion been an hour earlier the loss of life would have been appalling. As it was, there were but a few remaining in the shaft, and the telephone being quit for the day, the giant fan which furnishes air for the shaft was partially wrecked by the explosion, but was repaired within an hour after the accident. Superintendent Ward having a relief gang in the mine by that time.

Ten Men Rescued

The relief party first brought out ten men—five dead and five badly injured. They were found near the bottom of the shaft. The living could give no details of the explosion, saying that they were on their way to the surface when the explosion occurred behind them. A second expedition explored the main heading, which was found to be uninjured, except that the brattices were down out. Four more bodies were found in this heading, and twenty injured were making their way towards the bottom of the shaft and were brought to the surface.

PURE BRED STOCK SALE AT NEW WESTMINSTER

Fair Prices Obtained Yesterday—Preparations for Agricultural Show.

NEW WESTMINSTER, March 22.—At the pure-bred stock sale this morning it was unanimously decided to make the sale an annual event. Shortly before the sale commenced a car of belated stock from the island arrived, delayed by an accident to the steamer Otter. It included Geo. Sangster's and C. Moses' animals. The prices realized, though only fair, although considering the sale is the first of the kind ever held here. The Live Stock association is not at all dissatisfied. The top price for Shorthorns was reached by the cow Sweet Marie, owned by H. M. Vasey, of Ladners, which brought \$152. S. H. Shannon's Shorthorn bull fetched \$112. W. H. Ladner's White Prince \$100 and Blaine \$85. Mr. Hadwen, of Duncan, got \$100 and \$75 for his bulls, \$92 for a Shropshire ram and \$15 for ewes. T. W. Paterson, of Victoria, got \$30 for a bull and \$70 for

FRENZIED FINANCE A LA AMERICAN

Insurance Investigation at Ottawa Reveals Some Startling Financing.

GEORGE RILEY IS SENATOR

Former Member for Victoria City Enters Upper Chamber Today.

OTTAWA, March 22.—(Special)—The life insurance companies reached a stage at which they begin to look interesting and disclosures at this afternoon's sitting appear prima facie, strikingly suggestive of the methods exposed in the American investigation. The Manufacturers Life went through the fire, and certain transactions were brought to light by Superintendent Fitzgerald and Actuary Blackadar, which will, to say the least, require a good deal of explanation. According to these officials the company made an unauthorized investment to extent of \$386,000, the market values of certain stocks were inflated in the returns on all loans and stock investments for which no authority exists are alleged to have been

Suppressed From Reports

while Mackenzie and Mann, the superintendents charged occupied dual capacities as lenders and borrowers. It is claimed as directors of the company they lent money to themselves without adequate securities. It also was testified that the company was allowed to establish a security company to take the quantity of stock in the company's hands. Dealings with affairs of the Manufacturer's constitute the most interesting piece of financing.

Interesting Piece of Financing

Against the commission had set up against was disclosed. They call it "padding." It was at an inspection of 1903 that Mr. Blackadar found two unauthorized stock in the company's securities upon which the company could not make loans. There were also illegal investments in Dominion and Crow's Nest coal. A transaction with Pellatt and Pellatt was next gone into. This firm were brokers for the company. They bought for it 1,000 shares of P. B. L. Afterwards Pellatt and Pellatt for themselves hypothecated the stock and when the time came for the Manufacturer's Life they could not make good.

Payment of \$100,000

was necessary to release the stock. The company paid this and also another amount of \$25,000 to release a lien on the company's stock in the Manufacturer's Life which he was going to offer as security. Mr. Pellatt gave the company a mortgage of \$120,000 on the property and when the time came for the Manufacturer's Life they could not make good.

Fruit Growers' Convention Ends

The Dominion Fruit Growers convention closed today. The delegates asked the government to establish a horticultural branch of the department of agriculture. The western representatives strongly urged the adoption of a standard fruit package. Resolutions to this end were adopted.

George Riley, ex-M. P., will be sworn in as a member of the senate tomorrow. A deputation representing the inland marine saw Hon. Mr. Brodeur this afternoon, but was unable to secure a removal of the tax of 6 cents per ton on foreign vessels for sick mariners dues. They said the immediate reciprocal effect would be the removal of the United States tax of 15 cents per ton on Canadian vessels entering American ports, and the change would greatly benefit British Columbia shipping.

C. H. Capelli, of Montreal, has been appointed honorary commissioner to the Milan exposition.

A deputation of patent medicine manufacturers saw Hon. Mr. Templeman today on legislative interference with their rights to manufacture.

HOMESTEADER'S DEATH

Lonely Young Man the Victim of Fatal Accident. Saskatoon, Sask., March 22.—Amos Tiffin, a young homesteader was found dead in his shack this morning with a Winchester rifle beside him and a bullet hole in his chest. Death is believed to have been accidental.

SPRIGGS FOUND GUILTY

Keeper of Notorious Resort in New York May Get 20 Years. New York, March 22.—James Spriggs, the colored proprietor of a resort where it is alleged white women were seduced, indicted with Spriggs and accused of keeping one of his houses to-day pleaded guilty or abduction of a young girl 15 years of age. She was also retained for sentence.

Well Known Expert Chemist Died Yesterday in New York.

New York, March 22.—Prof. Ogden Doremus, for many years a noted chemist, died here today aged 52 years. It was an expert on the toxicology of poison, perhaps that was his best known. As a result of his knowledge in this direction, he was called upon to participate as an expert witness in many of the famous murder trials, extending over a period of thirty years. Prof. Doremus has been connected with New York university and the college of the city of New York as instructor in chemistry for nearly sixty years and for more than forty-five years he had occupied the chair of chemistry in the Bellevue hospital medical college, of which he was one of the founders.

ROBBERY SEEN IN HALF A MILLION

Twenty Masked Men Hold Up One of Largest Banks in Moscow

AN EXTREMELY DARING JOB Policeman and Porter Stood at Entrance, and Knew Nothing of Occurrence.

MOSCOW, March 20.—The Credit Mutual, one of the largest banks in Moscow, was mysteriously robbed by masked men at dusk tonight.

Not a Word Was Spoken The guards were quickly bound and gagged and thrown into a dark corner.

Clean Haul of the Money had been made, not a kopek being left behind them.

COL. KING DEAD. Hussar Officer of Kingsville Succumbs to Sickness in London.

Kingsville, Ont., March 20.—Flags at half mast in honor of Col. A. S. King of this place.

ROYAL TRAIN EN ROUTE WEST FROM WINNIPEG Two Sumptuous Coaches Will Be Brought to Victoria Via the E. & N.

WINNIPEG, March 20.—The royal train which is being sent west to bring east Prince Arthur of Connaught and his party will leave the Canadian Pacific depot tomorrow morning.

southeast 1061, south 365, southwest 536, west 233, northwest 78.

New Westminster—Highest temperature 52.8, on the 18th; lowest 23.6, on the 19th; mean, 38.2.

Alberni—Highest temperature 62.1, on the 18th; lowest 24.0, on the 19th; mean, 43.0.

SUFFERING FROM CANCER. Confirmation of Report That Mr. Rockefeller Is a Victim.

New York, March 20.—The Evening Post today says: Confirmation was obtained today of statements that Mr. Rockefeller is suffering from cancer.

INCORPORATING ALBERTA CITIES Lethbridge, March 20.—Three Alberta towns will apply at the present session of the legislature for incorporation.

SMALLPOX OUTBREAK. Seven Inhabitants in Lower St. Lawrence Visited by the Scourge.

Quebec, March 20.—A serious outbreak of smallpox is reported from seven islands in the lower St. Lawrence.

TRAIN JUMPS TRACK. Four Persons Injured and Three Cars Damaged at St. Stephen.

St. John, N. B., March 20.—Four people were injured and three cars damaged on the New Brunswick Southern railway yesterday by three cars of the Stephen train jumping the track owing to a broken rail.

SEBAS TOPOI GARRISON REPORTED TO BE KILLED DURING

Cipher Message Received by St. Petersburg Revolutionists Alleges That Execution of Lieut. Schmidt Has Led to Furious Outbreak in Southern Fortress, the Men Having Turned Guns on the Town—Admiralty Affects Absolute Ignorance of the Occurrence.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 20.—The most sensational reports are current tonight that the execution of former Lieutenant Schmidt, which caused a feeling of depression throughout Russia, has been followed by an extensive mutiny of sailors at Sebastopol, the massacre of their officers and the turning of the guns of the fortress upon the city.

AGREEMENT REPORTED FROM ALGERIAS London Despatch States the Delegates Have Reached a Settlement.

GERMANY OFFERED A COMPROMISE Believes That Trouble Over the Moroccan Reform Has Passed.

MERCHANTS' SHIPPING ACT IS INTRODUCED Long Promised Measure Regulating the Service Has Been Brought Down

LONDON, March 20.—The long-promised bill relating to the Merchants' Shipping Act, so as to regulate the service of foreign ships, was introduced in the House of Commons today by David Lloyd George, president of the board of trade.

THE CASE BIANCA PROPAGATION while at the same time safeguarding the international principle.

RUSH TO NORTHWEST. Caron, Sask., March 20.—About eighty cars of settlers' effects will be unloaded at this village this spring.

NIAGARA CONSERVATION. U. S. Senator Abandons Project Owing to Public Apathy.

MOUNT JOLO BATTLE. Reports on Alleged Wanton Killing Is Denied by Officers Present.

Washington, March 20.—Secretary of War Taft today received a cablegram from Governor-General Lina at Manila dated today relative to the Mount Dajo fight.

Major Scott's Report. In his report Major Scott says: "The recent trouble in the Jolo had its beginning over a year ago, when a Sulu Moro by the name of Pala ran amuck in the streets of Zamboanga."

DEAD AT 112 YEARS. Centenarian Colored Woman of Woodstock Passes Away.

WOODSTOCK, Ont., March 20.—Aunt Dinah, as Mrs. Hannah Stewart, the centenarian colored woman of this city, who was affectionately loved by her many friends, is dead at the age of 112.

REILLY IS RELEASED. Conspirator in Bogus Ballot Box Case Completes Sentence.

Bellefleur, Ont., March 20.—F. J. Reilly, who has served a year in the Bellefleur gaol for complicity in the bogus ballot box conspiracy, in which he abetted the late Hon. J. J. Sheppard, was released this morning.

EXTENSIVE FIRES CAUSE LARGE LOSS IN TORONTO Premises of McCann Milling Co. and Others Gutted by Flames Yesterday.

TORONTO, March 20.—Nearly hundred thousand dollars loss was caused by a fire which broke out last evening in the premises of the McCann Milling company on Esplanade at the foot of Jarvis.

NEARING THE END. Algeciras, March 19.—The opinion has gained ground all day that the Franco-German controversy before the conference on Moroccan reforms is nearly at an end.

WASGOS AND TOWNS ARE ENDANGERED

Forest Fires Spreading and Already Great Destruction Has Been Done

FARMERS FIGHTING FLAMES Inspector Condemns Thousand of Life Preservers at San Francisco

BELLINGHAM, Wash., March 20.—(Special)—Three fires are now burning in the forest near the town of Bellingham, and the flames are spreading rapidly.

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FORESHORE RIGHT AT VANG

Full Text of Recent Judgment of Privy Council in Case of Attorney General vs. C. P. Appel Is Dismissed With Exhaustive Review of a Bearing on Important Point By Sir Arthur Wilson

Following is the judgment of the judicial committee of the privy council on the appeal of the attorney general for the province of British Columbia vs. the Canadian Ishk Columbia company, delivered 27th last, by Sir Arthur Wilson.

THE SUIT OUT OF WHICH this arises is of the nature of an appeal from the decision of the court of the supreme court of British Columbia, which affirms a previous decision of a single judge.

THE DEFENDANT COMPANY denies the plaintiff's title to the foreshore of the sea in and about the town of Vang, and had so constructed their railway works upon the foreshore as to obstruct the plaintiff's title.

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THE TELEPHONE SERVICE.

Mayor Morley has called a meeting for this evening in the city hall to discuss the rates of the telephone system and the arrangements that can be made for a more satisfactory service.

It is very difficult from the foregoing statement of the objects of the gathering to say just what from the discussion will take, and, therefore, difficult to anticipate arguments that may be advanced.

It is only recently that a new equipment was installed, and Victoria has today one of the most up-to-date systems on the continent.

It is contended that there should be competition, simply because the Telephone company happens to have a monopoly, we wish to warn the citizens of Victoria that the introduction of another system will mean that they will have to pay for the use of two systems at once.

It is again, it is advocated that we should have a municipal-owned or government-owned system, then we have an equally emphatic warning against a proposed innovation. The experience in Australia is wholly opposed to such a move.

Why is it that the entrance to Puget Sound has to be hunted for as a woman hunts for her pocket? Why is it that the entrance to the Columbia river can be missed if one isn't quite wide-awake?

A DEADLY PARALLEL.

The following from the San Francisco Argonaut bears so close a relation to the situation on the Canadian side of the line that one has only to substitute the names of Nova Scotia for the state of Maine, Victoria for San Francisco and the west coast for Vancouver Island for the entrance to Puget Sound with respect to the aids to navigation on this coast as composed with those on the Atlantic coast.

Three times told that if there had been a life-saving station near the scene of the disaster, had there been a telephone line—a signal station, even—the loss of life would have been less.

The first thing is that, while the Atlantic coast has one hundred and ninety-four life-saving stations, the Pacific coast boasts of only fifteen.

On the day of the election Bob hurried to the hotel, which was the polling place. There, in front of the building, a farmer was wrestling with a stubborn cow.

At a meeting of the Authors' club in New York, March 17th, 1906, about two men, Bob Smith and Caleb Brown, whom he used to know when he was a boy, were talking to each other.

A great deal of discussion has arisen over the question of life insurance in Canada, and as a consequence of an expression of public opinion, as voiced in the press, the government at Ottawa has yielded to the demand for investigation by granting a royal commission for the purpose.

THE PATENT MEDICINE ANALYSIS

The provincial government decided to drop the patent medicine bill from its programme of legislation for the present. It probably was wise.

There are grave abuses of the public confidence in the matter of patent medicines, no one can deny, but it will be found as long as the world lasts that laws will fail to prevent people being fooled or making fools of others.

legislation against all frauds and counterfeits, whether in medicines, foods or drinks. Since the agitation began in Physical Culture and Collier's Weekly it has spread and has attracted the attention of the department of inland revenue.

A bulletin has recently been issued dealing with the result of the investigations made, and the Montreal Gazette, dealing with the Montreal case, says that it is to be remembered in the connection that what is said of the composition of even those most strongly reported against those medicines does not mean that they are all what may be called frauds.

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TALKED WITH HIS HANDS.

The following sublime paragraph is from one of the latest fashionable novels: "With one hand he held her beautiful head above the chilling waves, and with the other he called loudly for assistance."

SOLICITUDE'S REWARD.

A prisoner accused in an English court of burglary, presented to the judge a written defence which he read on trial. It began: "I hope and trust these few lines will find you quite well."

FOLLOWING ADVICE.

The president of one of the prominent railway corporations in America was making a stirring address to an audience of young men, and dwelt with particular emphasis on the necessity of making a "When you are looking for work," he said, "be careful that you are presentable."

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THE PIONEER MINERS OF OLD CARIBOO

A Third Article from the Ashcroft Journal of Interest to Old Timers. The Ashcroft Journal in its issue of March 17th publishes the third in the series of articles on the life of the miners of Cariboo, as follows:

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OVER THE VALENCIA.

The U. S. S. Perry a few days ago visited the scene of the wreck of the steamer Valencia, and the ladies and gentlemen who saw the wreck were quite smooth a good opportunity of examining what remains of the wrecked vessel was secured.

Shave Yourself at Home. Other Shaving Soaps, Straps, etc., in large variety. Make our store your headquarters when you come to Victoria. CHEMIST, 98 GOVERNMENT ST., Near Yates St.

16. when the town of Barkerville was destroyed by fire; only one house remained, but, fortunately, that was a saloon. After the fire Shannon was in the Aurora on a cruise, and Jimmie Allen, Sam Walker, Wm. Smith, afterwards premier of the province, were among the owners. This party of 100 went to pieces before pay was struck.

Shannon's stories and the stories told of him would fill a book. He was born with the Irish wit and a hand that scatters money. Some other phrases of his in this claim many thousands of dollars were spent in the five or six years before pay was struck but it finally paid out the owners.

C. P. R. LAKE BOAT.

Description of New Craft to Ply on Okanagan Lake. Capt. Gore, superintendent of the C. P. R. lake and river service in British Columbia, and Mr. Huggert, superintendent of Nelson, spent a few days in the city last week, making arrangements in connection with the construction of a new steamer for the Okanagan lake routes.

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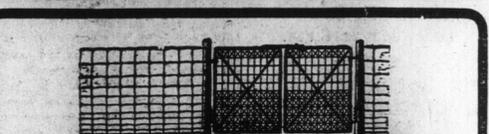
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While Eggs are cheap, preserve them for future use. Fifteen or Twenty-five cents invested in SHOTBOLT'S WATER GLASS NOW, and a few minutes of your time will save you dollars next winter. IT KEEPS THE EGGS FRESH. SHOTBOLT'S PIONEER DRUG STORE, 59 Johnson St., near Govern't St. Electric Sign



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SECOND SESSION OF THE S. S. CONVENTION

Good Attendance of Christian Workers at Concluding Session.

(From Thursday's Daily.) The second session of the Sunday School convention was held at St. Andrew's school rooms last evening when there was a good attendance of Christian workers throughout the city.

The report of the statistical secretary, Miss L. M. Munton, showed a decrease in every department. Rev. Mr. Daykin moved the adoption, Mr. Shakespeare seconded, and it was carried.

By a vote of 10 to 8 the convention declared itself absolutely opposed to the transfer of the licensing privileges of the church to any other person or persons.

That this convention again declares itself in favor of the international system of Sunday school work, recognizes the brotherly fellowship and concord engendered thereby, and trusts that it may become more extensively adopted by all sections of the Christian church.

That with a view towards securing greater harmony in the song worship of the Sunday schools, a committee consisting of the executive of this convention be authorized to prepare a book for the next convention a suitable hymn book for the use of all the schools within the bounds of the convention.

That the next annual meeting be held at Central Methodist church on the fourth Tuesday and Wednesday of March, 1907.

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D. M. Eberts K.C. Explained Good System Employed at Present by Victorians.

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There was a comparatively small attendance at the city hall last evening to consider the rates as at present charged by the B. C. Telephone Co. The meeting adjourned without arriving at any definite line of action.

Mayor Morley occupied the chair and in his opening remarks he explained the object for which the meeting had been called. He was of the opinion that it was a subject that should be thoughtfully considered by everyone interested.

Something should be done towards obtaining a reduction in the rates. The percentage shown on the telephone companies were only paying \$1,000 as against \$5,000 paid by the companies in Minnesota.

He thought that there were two ways in which the rates could be reduced. One was to have the companies either buy the systems or appropriate the systems. The article also showed that in Manitoba one in every twelve persons had a telephone.

His Worship went on to say that the percentage in respect to Victoria, but on questioning the local superintendent, he learned that in Victoria the percentage was one in six. He thought that the cost was very few present who did not wish to see the company make a fair share of the profit but the question was to bring the profits down to the smallest possible margin.

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The servant secured a connection over the phone. Regarding the statement of Ald. Hall he stated that it had been said that the system should be introduced at the rate of \$100 per instrument but.

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WINNIPEG WIRINGS.

Winnipeg, March 21.—Statistical report issued by Winnipeg Street Railway company shows that gross receipts last year were \$1,119,708.85, with operating expenses of \$975,747.27. It paid dividend of 9.86 per cent.

KILLED AT CROSSING.

Grand Trunk Train Runs Down Two Miles in London.

London, Ont., March 21.—While crossing the Grand Trunk tracks at Egerton street in a single rail last evening, William Farmer and William Pugsley were struck by freight train.

ANOTHER MINING DEAL.

Group of Claims in Gloucester Camp Bonded for \$40,000.

Grand Forks, B. C., March 21.—(Special) The place between the last few months was closed today where Geo. A. McLeod has bonded the Gloucester fraction.

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Kootenay Mountains Offered For Sale in Minnesota at 20 Acre Holdings.

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NEWS OF MONTREAL.

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A cablegram received here today from the Montreal Press announces the arrival there of the Canadian Pacific steamship Montegale on its way to Hongkong.

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The minister of inland revenue, Hon. W. Templeman, passed through the city this afternoon on his way to Ottawa, says the Winnipeg Free Press of Friday.

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Comment by Vancouver News-Advertiser on a Live Local Topic.

DEATH YESTERDAY OF MRS. C. E. REDFERN

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The unfortunate girl, employed by Mrs. Baines, of 194 Yates street, was in the habit of taking her children to Beacon Hill and had, on the night of her disappearance, to bridge the distance of 12 feet from the stone pier. It is usually about ten feet of water, but on Sunday, some one walking over the bridge nearly below the surface. They were long pole and investigated, and notified the police. Sergeant and Constable Fry went to the spot and recovered the body. It was identified by relatives, after, who made the post mortem examination, was the first written in the inquest. He said there were marks of violence, and all organs normal, the heart and lungs being enlarged. The cause of death by drowning was found. The police were telephoned and the body was recovered. Baines said the girl had left at 8:10, February 3rd and was seen again. There was a search for the body, but no wood spirits. Nothing strange noted, beyond spells of forehead at times, laughter that was hysterical. She was well behaved, mother of the unfortunate, said she had come home on Sunday for an hour, as usual. Some time before an idea she was hypnotized and her voice, the last month she was feeling better than for some time.

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London, March 19.—At a St. Patrick's day banquet in London tonight, John P. Redmond, chairman of the Irish parliamentary party, reiterated the belief which he expressed on Sunday that England will, ere long, give Ireland all that she could reasonably expect or demand. John Dillon, member of parliament for east Mayo, said that Irishmen had one compensation for their sufferings in fighting Ireland's battle. They were given Joseph Chamberlain to the Unionist party—a "disastrous gift, for so long as he remains in that party so long will Ireland's enemies be paralyzed and unable to rally for a fight against us. Long may he live, for he has been Ireland's greatest friend."

T. P. O'Connor, speaking at Liverpool, maintained that the Liberal government could not take a measure for Irish self-government by such an overwhelming majority that the House of Lords would not dare reject it.

The American ship subsidy bill is agitating British shipowners and builders, and forming the subject of a question in the House of Commons today, said Premier Campbell-Bannerman. He said the government did not think any useful action could be taken at the present stage. The government was unable to prophesy the probable effect of the measure on British shipping, but if the bill passed the consequence would of course be critically considered.

Earthquake in Formosa  
A despatch from Tokio to the Daily Telegraph says: "Advices from Taihoku, the capital of Formosa, state that the earthquake on that island was more serious than first reported. In the prefecture of Kagi alone, 1,400 houses were completely destroyed and 1,014 persons killed and 925 injured."

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Second Joint Meeting of Miners  
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MODERATE ADDRESS BY LABOR LEADER  
Deliberations on Subject of Re-  
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Indianapolis, March 20.—The second joint conference of the coal operators and miners of the central competitive district, comprising Illinois, Indiana and western Pennsylvania, which is the result of the efforts of President Roosevelt in his plan of peace in the coal regions, adjourned this afternoon, after referring the demands of the miners to the joint scale committee, which will begin its deliberations tomorrow.

The conference was called to order by President Mitchell. The conference organized at once by the election of George Baer, an operator of Chicago, as permanent chairman.

On motion of President Mitchell, the rules of the previous joint conference, requiring that the vote of the operators on all main and principal questions be cast as a unit, were adopted. This action empowers Mr. Robbins, retiring chairman of the operators, and Thomas Lewis, vice-president of the United Mine Workers, to prevent any action of the wage scale committee which they do not favor.

President Mitchell, being recognized by the chair, delivered a brief address, in the course of which he moved the adoption of the following resolutions, demanded by the miners in the joint conference which adjourned February 2, 1906, and provides for an increase of 12 1/2 per cent. to miners was lost wished; but they decided to remain on board in the hope that the steamer would be floated at high tide. The steamer was resting easily and no leaking. The Bodo registers 398 tons and is owned in Norway. The company is the Atlantic Auction Company of this city.

A VICTORIA BARRISTER  
SEEKING FOR JUSTICE  
Local Counsel for George Collins  
Interviews Governor of  
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San Francisco, March 19.—(Special.)—Frank Higgins, a barrister from Victoria, B. C., who was engaged for over three months in fighting the action brought by Attorney George D. Collins in the courts there to prevent his extradition, called at the Hall of Justice yesterday. He is here to bring suit against both the state and city and county of San Francisco if his bill, amounting to \$135,000, is not paid.

The state board of examiners has refused to pay the bill on the ground that the district attorney had no right to incur such a liability, there being no provision to that effect in the act.

Mr. Higgins holds that his bill is reasonable in the circumstances, and points to the fact that in all cases where criminals from British Columbia have been arrested in the United States, the expenses of special counsel when necessary.

THE STOCK SHOW.  
A Big Farmers' Event at New Westminster Opening Today.

The spring stallion show and section sale of pure bred live stock will open at New Westminster today. Judging begins at 10 o'clock, and selling begins at 1:30 p. m. tomorrow.

In accordance with an increased grant from the federal government, the Dominion department of agriculture, as well as the sum of \$50,000, has been granted to the British Columbia Stock Breeders' association, heretofore a gift to the British Columbia stock breeders' association, heretofore a gift to the British Columbia stock breeders' association.

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His worship then asked for suggestions as to how best to celebrate. Dr. Carter stated that several horsemen of the city had already had a meeting and were arranging to hold a horse and automobile parade in connection with the celebration.

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The Regatta should be held at the Gorge on the afternoon of the 24th. His worship was adopted. Regarding lacrosse and other sports, his worship was of the opinion that these matters should be left to the executive committee.

Mr. Eaton drew attention to the fact that the Seattle Gun club had asked if it was possible to arrange to allow their names to be put in nomination for election for May Queen, each vote to cost ten cents, the cost of the parade would be fairly well covered. Already one young lady had consented to allow her name to be put in nomination and several other ladies were expected.

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FIFTH ANNUAL S. S.  
CONVENTION HELD

Proceedings at First Meeting  
Held Yesterday of Victoria  
District Branch

(From Wednesday's Daily.)  
The fifth annual convention of the Victoria International Sunday School association held the first session in St. Andrew's Sunday School rooms last evening, when there was a good attendance of officers and teachers of the local churches.

The meeting opened with a praise service led by Mr. N. Shakespeare, after which Mr. Stanton took the chair. Reports of departments were submitted. Home Department—Vice-president Mr. Siddall, not being invited to any of churches has done nothing for Home Visitation—Vice-president Mr. Huggett gave an excellent report of his work completed. Primary and Cradle Roll Department—Vice-president Mr. Stanton, reported and great enthusiasm shown; he also stated that he had organized a primary at another help the primary teachers in their work.

Normal Department—Mr. McNeil had no report to give on account of sickness in his home which had interrupted him, although good plans had been made. Reports having been accepted and filed, Mrs. Stanger rendered an excellent solo entitled "I do not know the name of the child," which was much appreciated.

Col. Hall drew attention to the statement in the Colonist that the United States navy had been asked to participate. His worship replied that the invitation had been sent forward, but as yet no reply had been received. The meeting then adjourned.

The first meeting of the executive committee will be held on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock in Dr. Garesche's office, Yates street.

FOR HIGHEST LAKE.  
Steamer Built in Sections Shipped to  
Lake Titicaca in Peru.

According to the statements of one of the officers of the German steamer Mera, which was recently at Seattle from Peru, a steamer has been constructed for Lake Titicaca, Peru. This lake is the highest navigable body of water in the world. The vessel was named the Inca, after the famous race which ruled the country before the conquest of Umanu. The Inca is 220 feet long, 30 feet beam and has a displacement of 300 tons, with twin screw engines developing 1,000 horse power, giving her a speed of 12 knots.

The steamer was shipped from England by the Great Northern and was packed in 3,000 separate cases. From the sea port the steamer was transported to the lake, a distance of 100 miles. The Inca is equipped with an electric light plant and all modern conveniences.

Dangerous Awnings—During the past few days the owners of several awnings on the principal streets have come in for severe criticism from the numerous passersby who have not been able to go under the awnings without losing their heads. One awning in particular coming very near to causing a gentleman a badly damaged face.





