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## ASSISTED PEARY TO HOIST FLAG

### COLORED LIEUTENANT TELLS OF JOURNEY

#### Hensen Says No Open Land is Visible From the North Pole.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Battle Harbor, Labrador, Sept. 15.—Matthew Hensen, Commander Peary's colored lieutenant, according to his own story, is the only civilized man who ever reached the pole. He says four Eskimos accompanied Peary also. Hensen assisted in raising the American flag at the pole just before noon April 8th, said Hensen, "the party consisting of the commander, myself, four Eskimos and 36 dogs, divided into two detachments, equal in number and headed respectively by Commander Peary and myself."

"We had left the last supporting party at 37 degrees 35 minutes, where we separated from Capt. Bartlett, who was on a task of reaching the pole was to build two igloos, as the weather was hazy and prevented taking accurate observations to confirm the distance travelled from Cape Columbia. Having completed the snow houses, we had dinner, which included tea made on our alcohol stove, and then retired to rest. This sleeping room was shining when I awoke and found the commander already up. There was only wind enough to blow out the small flags. The engines were hoisted two miles from tent poles and tied with fish lines."

"We had figured out the distance pretty close, and did not go beyond the pole. The flags were up about midday April 7th, and were not moved until late that evening. The haze cleared away early in the morning, and we made observations. We made three close together."

"When we first raised the American flag its position was behind the igloos, which, according to our initial observations, was the position of the pole, but on taking subsequent observations the Stars and Stripes were moved and placed 150 yards west of the first position. The difference in the observations being due, perhaps, to the moving ice."

"When the flag was placed, Commander Peary exclaimed in English: 'We will plant the Stars and Stripes at the North Pole.' In the native language I proposed three cheers, which were given in the Eskimos own tongue."

"Commander Peary shook hands all around and had a more liberal dinner than usual, each man eating as much as he pleased. The Eskimos danced about and showed great pleasure that the pole at last was reached. For years the Eskimos had been trying to reach that spot, but it came always with them 'tigueit,' which translated means 'get so far and no closer.'"

Hensen, who reached the farthest north with Peary three years ago, said that conditions were about the same at the pole as elsewhere in the Arctic circle. All was a level sea of ice, with a two-foot lead of open water two miles from the pole.

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## MORE STRIKE RIOTS FEARED

### CAR PLANT EMPLOYEES ARE ROUGHLY HANDLED

#### Strikers Surround Mills and In- timidate Men on Way to Work.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Pittsburg, Sept. 15.—With the Pressed Steel Car plant surrounded by 5,000 dissatisfied workmen, the scenes of violence which characterized the two months' strike settled only last week are being renewed to-day. When the 7 o'clock whistle blew this morning the strikers surrounded every foot of the big mill, and when the workmen not in sympathy with the strikers attempted to enter the plant they were forcibly restrained. Several men were refused to listen to the demands of the strikers who were roughly handled.

The men who went out on the strike yesterday are practically the same that tied up the plant for two months. When the first strike was settled last week by the company granting every demand of the strikers, the workmen insisted that all strikebreakers be immediately discharged. This, according to the dissatisfied workmen, the officials promised to do. Instead, however, the employees charge that a number of the strikebreakers were put over them as bosses, and yesterday they again walked out.

Many of the strikers are to-day declaring that they were betrayed by the leaders of the first strike.

## BARON UCHIDA TO BE SENT TO WASHINGTON

### Succeeds Baron Takahira as Ambassador to United States.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Tokyo, Sept. 15.—It was decided today by the foreign office to appoint Baron Yasuya Uchida, at present Japanese ambassador to Austria, to succeed Baron Kogera Takahira, as the Japanese ambassador to the United States.

Takahira is now in Japan conferring with officials of the foreign office on the memorial action which was anticipated that there will be large gathering of society people for the occasion.

## TAFT SUSTAINS SECRETARY BALLINGER

### Orders Dismissal of Chief of Field Division of U. S. Land Office.

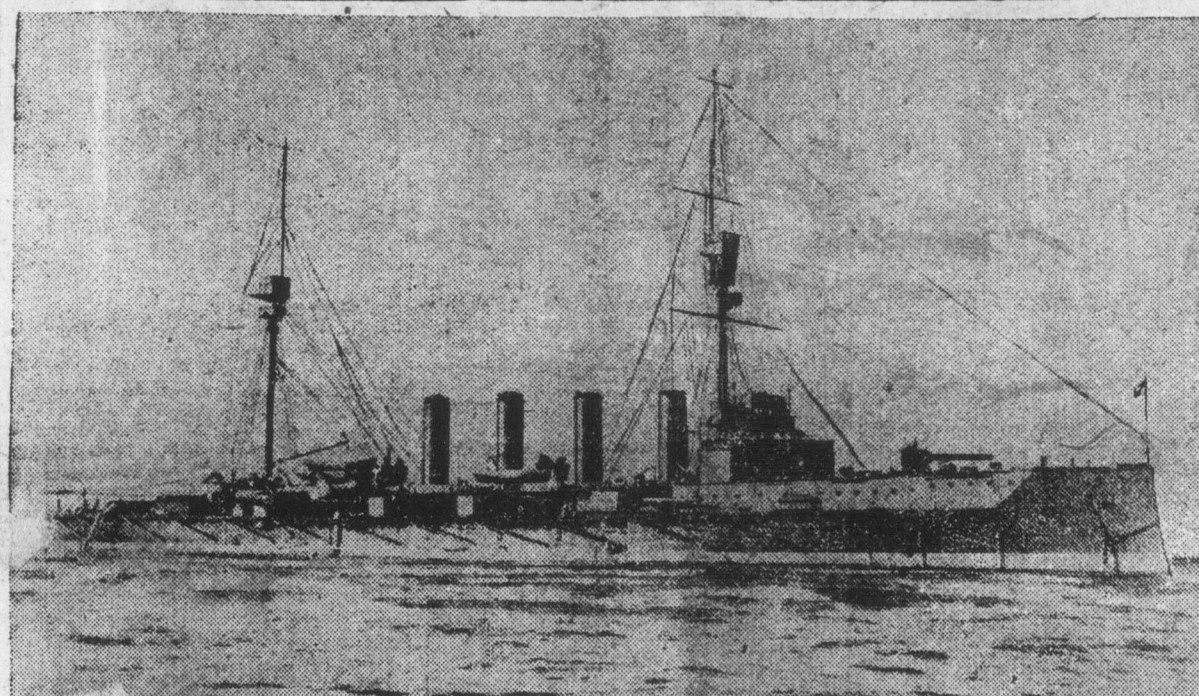
(Times Leased Wire.)

Washington, D. C., Sept. 15.—In accordance with authority given him last night in a letter from President Taft, Secretary of the Interior Ballinger today directed the dismissal of L. R. Glavis, chief of the field division of the general land office, with headquarters in Seattle, Wash. district.

The reason for the dismissal of Glavis is stated in Mr. Taft's letter to Ballinger as follows: "The filing of a disingenuous statement unjustly impeaching the official integrity of his superior officers."

In this letter President Taft exonerated Ballinger of charges made by Glavis against him in connection with the Cunningham coal land cases in Alaska.

Declines to Make Statement.



Bristol class of cruiser which it is suggested will be type to be built by Canada.

## EXHIBITS ARE BEING PLACED

### FIRST ARRIVALS OF DISPLAYS FOR FAIR

#### Everything Now Ready for the Formal Opening on Monday.

Exhibits are now commencing to arrive at the buildings preparatory to the opening on Monday next of the great fall fair and horse show under the auspices of the Victoria Agricultural society, and there seems every assurance that a huge success will be achieved in every particular.

Judging will commence at 11 o'clock on Monday and in this connection great satisfaction prevails amongst exhibitors because of the fact that this year the list of judges includes some of the most eminent experts on the continent. Secretary Smart is congratulating himself at attracting such great attention throughout the world to-day. The Strobel airship which is to be shown here in no sense a toy, but a large machine capable of supporting the weight of several men and making real flights without the aid of any special vice contrivances and support. Two flights will be made each day in full view of the grandstand.

There will be hand concerts both afternoon and evening and at 7 p.m. the great pyrotechnic display, illustrating the bombardment of Alexandria will be given. Secretary Smart authorizes the statement that this exhibit of fireworks is the finest ever shown at any fair in British Columbia. An area three hundred feet in length is utilized and the piece portrays nine battleships in the memorable action which won such renown for the British navy.

The famous guileless trotter will make his appearance on Tuesday. This event is sure to prove a great source of attraction to all visitors to the fair. Alone and unattended, the highly trained animal trots at full speed against time twice around the track, pulls up at the sound of a bell and makes a bow in front of the grand stand.

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## BOY SHOTS MAN "JUST TO SEE HIM FALL"

### Remarkable Murder by Indian Lad Reported From Alaska.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Seward, Alaska, Sept. 15.—A remarkable crime is reported to-day from Kodiak, where a 14-year-old Indian boy shot and killed an Indian without any apparent provocation whatever. At the inquest the boy calmly stated that he shot the man "just to see him fall." The real reason for the crime is believed, however, to be the receipt by the boy of a letter from a native who is now serving a term in the Washington state penitentiary on McNeill's Island, in which the writer says that he is having a good time in prison and likes the life. It is the theory of the authorities that the boy deliberately committed the murder so that he, too, could go to prison.

## EXCHEQUER COURT SITTINGS IN WEST

### Judge Cassels Will Come to the Coast Early Next Month.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Sept. 15.—Judge Cassels, of the Exchequer court, will go west on October 1st to hold sittings of the court. The first sitting will be held at Winnipeg October 5th, and subsequent meetings that month at Brandon, Regina, Calgary, Vancouver and Victoria.

## DEATH OF FORMER CABINET MINISTER

### Lord Tweedmouth, Who Had Distinguished Career, Passes Away.

London, Sept. 15.—Edward Marjoribanks, second Baron Tweedmouth, died last night.

Lord Tweedmouth was born on July 8th, 1849, and succeeded his father in 1894. He entered the House of Commons as M.P. for Berwick in 1880, and became Comptroller to the Household in 1888. He was parliamentary secretary to the treasury and chief Liberal whip 1892-94; Lord Privy Seal and Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster 1894-95. He was first Lord of the Admiralty in the Campbell-Bannerman administration and later Lord President of the Council. He married Lady Fanny Octavia Spencer-Churchill. His heir is Hon. Dudley Churchill Marjoribanks.

## MONTREAL MAYORALTY.

(Special to the Times.)

Quebec, Sept. 15.—It is announced that Senator Choquette will be a candidate for mayor of the city at the elections on February 10th. The present incumbent, Sir George Carneau, will not run again. La Cramon, an advocate, will oppose Choquette.

## AUTO FATALITY.

Buffalo, Sept. 15.—Mrs. H. F. Good, a daughter of the late J. H. Hoxie, of Chicago, was killed by the overturning of an automobile a few miles west of Buffalo last evening. Her mother, Mrs. J. H. Hoxie, of Chicago, had her arm broken, and her brother, John Hoxie, was bruised. The auto got beyond control on a steep hill.

## ALDERMAN SUES.

Action for Libel Arises Out of Montreal Civic Inquiry.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Montreal, Sept. 15.—An action for libel has been commenced by Alderman Emery Lariviere against W. McLean Walbank for \$25,000. The action arises out of evidence given before the royal commission by Walbank to the effect that Lariviere asked him for \$10,000 for election purposes for himself and other members of the council.

## RAILWAY RATES.

Complaints of Shippers Will Be Heard at Seattle Next Month.

## NEWS RECEIVED FROM LEFFINGWELL

### IS IN WINTER QUARTERS ON FLAXMAN ISLAND

#### Intends to Make Several Trips Into Arctic Regions.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Pasadena, Cal., Sept. 15.—Ernest de Koven Leffingwell, the Arctic explorer, has gone into winter quarters on Flaxman Island near the mouth of the McKenzie river, according to a statement to-day by his father, the Rev. C. W. Leffingwell, of this city. He has established a base of supplies on the island, and in company with First Mate Storgensen and a party of Eskimos, will make several long trips into the Polar regions in search of fossils and geological specimens.

Dr. Leffingwell yesterday received a letter from the explorer, acquainting him with this plan. The letter denied the rumor that Leffingwell has been deserted by his whalers, stating that he found the season too late to carry out his whaling schemes and dismissed the party.

## GOVERNOR JOHNSON'S ILLNESS.

Slight Improvement in Condition of Chief Executive of Minnesota.

Rochester, Minn., Sept. 15.—Governor John A. Johnston, who was operated upon yesterday for intestinal trouble following an operation for appendicitis, is somewhat improved this afternoon, although his condition is still regarded as critical.

Late this afternoon Dr. McNevin, the house physician at St. Mary's hospital, issued the following statement: "Governor Johnson is resting fairly well this afternoon, although he still is suffering from some gaseous pains."

## CALL TO WINNIPEG.

Winnipeg, Sept. 15.—A cable was received yesterday from Rev. David Christie, of Glasgow, Scotland, to whom a call was given by the congregation of Westminster church, asking that he fill the pulpit here, in which he thanked them for the honor, but did not state whether he would accept or decline the offer.

## OLD QUESTION IS AGITATING SCIENTISTS

### Director of Lick Observatory Declares Mars Lacks Life- Sustaining Elements.

(Times Leased Wire.)

San Jose, Cal., Sept. 15.—A wordy war among the astronomers of the globe, relative to the question of whether or not the planet Mars is inhabited, is expected to begin shortly following the announcement of Director W. W. Campbell, of the Lick observatory, that the planet Mars lacks water, vapor and other atmospheric constituents necessary to sustain life.

Recently Campbell headed a party which made a number of observations from the summit of Mount Whitney, where the water vapors of the earth were reduced to nil. There, according to their observations of the distant sphere, its atmosphere is diametrically opposite to the atmosphere credited it by Astronomer Sillpher, who studied the globe from a flagstaff.

As a result of Campbell's complete overthrow of the time-honored theories regarding the probable habitability of Mars, the group of scientists siding with Lowell and Sillpher and the believers in the canals are expected to question the deductions of Campbell and his colleagues and attempt to support their own views.

## ELEVEN PERSONS LOSE THEIR LIVES

### DROWN AFTER LEAVING STRANDED STEAMER

#### Vessel Grounds During Fog and May Be a Total Loss.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Cape Town, Sept. 15.—Eleven passengers of the steamer Umhalla were drowned to-day when the vessel grounded in the fog at Cape Point. With the exception of five women and six men, the passengers were all landed safely. This party started for the shore in a boat which capsized, and the passengers went down before aid could be sent to them.

Four other boats filled with passengers were lost in the fog for several hours this morning, and it was with difficulty that they finally landed safely.

The Umhalla is pounding on the rocks and it is feared that the vessel will be a total loss.

## PEARY WILL SEARCH FOR SOUTH POLE

### Capt. Bartlett to Accompany Explorer to Antarctic Regions.

(Times Leased Wire.)

St. Johns, Nfld., Sept. 15.—The mail boat from Labrador, which arrived at St. Johns last night, reports that Commander Peary and Capt. Bartlett have already settled on an expedition to the South Pole. They have on board the Roosevelt furs, sledges and other equipment necessary for such an expedition.

Capt. Scott's Expedition.

London, Sept. 15.—The report that Commander Peary has decided on a South Pole expedition is expected to create a great stir in geographical circles. Although Capt. Robert F. Scott's expedition was decided upon before the arrival of the news of the Peary and Cook expeditions, it admittedly was pressed forward with the intention to forestall a possible American expedition.

## CALIFORNIA OIL WELLS ARE BURNING

### Forest Fires Spreading in Several Sections of Southern States.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Oxnard, Cal., Sept. 15.—Two forest fires that have been raging in the mountains near here, met early to-day on the crest of the Escondido grade, and are sweeping down Balcombe canyon. Scores of fire fighters, weary from their exertions of the last three days, have been rushed to the new danger zone, and are making an apparently futile stand against the advance of the flames.

The Escondido oil wells property of the Union Oil Company, which lay directly in the path of the flames, are burning, according to reports brought here. The loss will be considerable. Several men were overcome by heat and exhaustion and were brought here for medical treatment.

## MURDERED MAN'S WIFE ARRESTED

### MRS. CARLSON HELD BY POLICE OF NANAIMO

#### Was Taken Into Custody at the Close of the In- quest

(Times Leased Wire.)

Nanaimo, B. C., Sept. 15.—As a result of the inquest held last night into the death of Gus Carlson, who was murdered in his own house on Monday night, his wife was arrested immediately after the inquiry and lodged in the local jail. The story of Mrs. Carlson never altered or became confused even when she was subjected to a merciless cross-examination. The police produced three pillowslips, two of which were badly splashed with blood. The third was also slightly stained.

The medical evidence had revealed that Carlson's skull was badly fractured, and the theory is that the man was struck in bed, the rope wound round his neck, and then that he was dragged into the room where he was found. The blow on the head would have caused death in about ten hours in any case. The appearance of the room and the way the body was lying, together with the discovery of the pillow slips with their bloody evidence of guilt all strengthen the theory that the man was first rendered insensible and afterwards dragged to where his body was found.

The verdict of the coroner's jury was as follows:

"We, your jury empaneled to inquire into the causes resulting in the death of August Carlson, find that he came to his death on the night of Monday by the hand or hands of a party or parties unknown."

Last Monday night neighbors were attracted to the Carlson cottage by the screams of Mrs. Carlson, who was found tied to her bed. She declared that her husband had gotten out of bed to investigate a noise in another room, and shortly thereafter two men had entered her bedroom and after robbing her of all the money in the house, had bound and gagged her. She succeeded in removing the gag soon after 11 o'clock this morning, when the alleged robbers departed, she claimed, and had then called for assistance. Her husband's body was found in an adjoining room with a "nose about" in his neck, supposedly the victim of burglars.

## TAFT'S JOURNEY.

### President Visits Chicago, Where He Receives Hearty Welcome.

Chicago, Sept. 15.—The first lap of President Taft's Western trip was reached when he arrived at Chicago shortly after 11 o'clock this morning. When the presidential train pulled into the La Salle street station, thousands of people had gathered to greet the chief executive of the nation, and as he stepped from the train he received an ovation.

A spectacular feature of the reception was an automobile parade. At Washington Park 200,000 school children had gathered, and as the president and his escort passed the children joined in the strain of "Columbia the Gem of the Ocean."

Following the parade the president was taken to the Grand Hotel, where he had luncheon. This afternoon the president will be present at a baseball match.

## MYSTERY SURROUNDS CHICAGO TRAGEDY

### Two Women Dead in Apart- ment House—Reported Con- fession of Murderer.

(Times Leased Wire.)

Chicago, Sept. 15.—The police have so far to-day failed to throw any additional light on the mystery that surrounds certain features of the killings of Mrs. Julius Tripp and Mrs. Jacob Silvers, who are dead as the result of what is supposed to have been a pistol and knife duel in the former's apartments in a fashionable district of this city. There were ten bullet wounds and one cut on the body of Mrs. Tripp while Mrs. Silvers suffered a bullet wound in the chest and several knife slashes. Only one revolver was found in the apartments and from this fact it is believed that the weapon must have been re-loaded during the struggle.

Mrs. Tripp was not dead when found and confessed. It is said, before she died, that she had murdered Mrs. Silvers after a desperate struggle and then made sure of her own death. Mrs. Silvers had been staying at the Tripp home for some time, and the two women are said to have quarreled over the division of the household duties.

EIGHT PERISH IN COLLISION

TRAINMEN BURIED UNDER WRECKAGE

Fire Follows Wreck and Bodies of Several Victims Are Cremated.

Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 15.—Eight men are known to be dead as a result of one of the worst wrecks in the history of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis railroad to-day, when passenger train No. 4, travelling at a high rate of speed, crashed into a freight at Pagram, 25 miles west of here. A number are also missing.

The following are known to be dead: Will Morgan, travelling engineer, body burned; George Greer, passenger engineer, body burned; Jesse Tarkington, freight engineer, body burned; Jos. Roach, messenger; Sam Whitten, freight brakeman; Wm. Stanley, mail clerk; L. T. Bailey, mail clerk, body burned; Ellis Martin, freight conductor.

Following the collision the engines, which met head-on, were overturned and the mail coach and baggage car of the passenger train was demolished.

While the panic-stricken passengers, many of whom were injured from flying glass, rushed from the cars, flames burst from the front of the engines and caught in the splintered wreckage, incinerating the bodies of the trainmen caught underneath.

While the train crew and male passengers worked heroically to stay the progress of the flames and rescue the bodies of the unfortunate victims of the wreck, dispatches had been flashed to Nashville for aid. The engine switch engine and a car loaded with physicians, nurses and employees of the company was immediately rushed to the scene to render all possible aid to the injured.

Men are now working in the wreckage attempting to clear it away in the hope of extricating the missing who are imprisoned under the cars.

AMERICAN BANKERS.

Chicago, Sept. 15.—The American Bankers' association will this afternoon elect its officers for the coming year.

All business was suspended by the bankers at the morning session to-day and the work of the clearing houses and trust companies was discussed. Edward Perine, of New York, will be the principal speaker at the meeting. His topic will be "trust company resources and revenues."

Vice President Sherman, who was scheduled to speak last night, was unable to do so, being called away on business.

MURDER AT POLITICAL GATHERING IN JAPAN

Tragedy Marks Celebration of Founding of Constitutional Party.

Tokio, Sept. 15.—A large assembly which had gathered to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Seiyukai constitutional party was thrown into a panic to-day when a well-known member of the Sochi Kawakami became infuriated, and with one blow of his dagger murdered another man, a member of the Sochi Taya, who had entered into a heated political discussion with him.

It was some time before the people could be quieted so that the ceremonies could begin.

The principal speaker at the celebration was Marquis Saonji, who has led the party since 1903. In his address he said that a constitutional government in Japan would be useless without a strong political party with noble, unselfish principles to support it.

FIVE ARE INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Machine Turns Turtle, Pining Three of Occupants Under Car.

Aberdeen, Wash., Sept. 15.—Two women and three men, composing an automobile party, are suffering from serious injuries to-day as the result of an accident which befell them yesterday near Junction City, when the large touring car in which they were riding turned turtle, and pinned three of their number under the heavy car.

The party consisted of A. Townsend, owner of a large bakery here, and his wife; C. V. Loy, manager of the West Coast Advertising Bureau; A. E. Willson, manager of the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company, and Mrs. Crow.

When the accident occurred Townsend and Mrs. Crow were thrown clear of the machine. This undoubtedly saved the lives of the others, who, pinned beneath the car, were unable to release themselves. Townsend and Mrs. Crow, although themselves injured, finally managed to extricate the others.

TUNNEL UNDER THE DETROIT.

Windsor, Ont., Sept. 15.—The final section of the Detroit river tunnel was lowered into place yesterday, thus connecting tubes in the river bed with the shore on this side. The contractors say the tunnel will be ready by October 1st for a preliminary trip from one side to the other.

VESEVIUS AGAIN ACTIVE.

Rome, Sept. 15.—Mount Vesuvius is again active. Guides report rumblings, followed by slight eruptions. The small craters have been unusually active in the last few days.

ARE RUSHING ALL CITY WORK

GANGS ON STREET IMPROVEMENTS INCREASED

Much Activity Prevails in the Vicinity of the Causeway.

The city engineer's staff is taking full advantage of the present fine weather and is rushing work on all the civic improvements in hand with the utmost dispatch, so as to make all the progress possible before the wet weather sets in. Mr. Topp has during the past few days put a large number of extra men at work.

No less than sixty men are employed in the construction of the big surface drain on Cook street, which is to be about a mile in length and cost in the neighborhood of \$45,000.

The improvements will be much appreciated by the residents along that thoroughfare, as the low-lying section which has long been a source of complaint will now be drained. The brick portion has been completed along Cook to Moss street, and work is now progressing on the balance from Moss street to the water front, near the cemetery on Dallas road.

Much activity also prevails in other sections of the city, especially where permanent pavements are in progress. A very busy district is the eastern end of James Bay, where all the streets in the vicinity—Wharf, Humboldt, the Causeway, Belleville and Douglas—are being treated to permanent pavements.

In about a week's time a start will be made on the laying of the vitrified brick across the Causeway. The cement driveway on the west side, in which the wires will be placed underground, has been completed, and the sidewalk on this side will be taken in hand and finished within the course of a week.

The southern end of Gordon street has now been graded down to preparatory to the laying down of the block pavement will be undertaken. On Belleville street, east of Government street, the laying of cement walks has been completed. The area surrounding the Empress hotel will have been transformed from one which presented many eyesores to one of the prettiest and most attractive in the whole city—quite in keeping with the palatial buildings which rear themselves at the gateway to the city.

The management of the Empress has elaborately planned for the beautification of the grounds surrounding the hotel and ultimately the scene presented to the eyes of visitors as they emerge from the steamers landing at the C. P. R. wharves will be one of impressive beauty.

JAPANESE FIRE ON CHINESE

TROOPS BEING RUSHED TO NORTHERN KOREA

Chinese Preparing to Defend Themselves Against Neighbors.

According to advices brought from Japan by the steamer Kaga Maru there have been unpleasant disturbances at the island of Chientao between the Japanese and Chinese. The Japanese have been rushing troops on to the island and have rearrisoned all the forts along the frontier. Over one thousand men in northern Korea, and after landing they marched in a northerly direction, their destination supposed to be Chientao.

A law quarrel which took place on the island a few weeks ago resulted in the Japanese firing on a Chinese yamen and killing one man and wounding others. The affair has caused a good deal of unpleasantness, and is one of many similar cases in which the Japanese are said to be overbearing in their dealings with China and the Chinese. The latter country is not taking any active steps openly but is steadily arming and preparing for the defense of themselves against their aggressors. In the meantime the Chinese have very little trade relation with the Japanese, this being their method of reprisal for the present. In this way they remain a thorn in the flesh of their enterprising neighbors.

GIRL KILLED.

Livermore, Cal., Sept. 14.—Two children of Frank Bargman, a rancher living here, are suffering from broken lives while the third, a girl of 14 years, is dead at the morgue, as a result of the overturning of a header on which the children were playing. The machine was standing on the side hill when the children climbed to the driver's seat, twelve feet above ground. Their weight was sufficient to cause the heavy machine to topple and crash to earth on its side.

Dora, the oldest girl, struck on her head and was killed instantly, while Bargman's youngest daughter and son each sustained broken limbs. An hour after the accident the injured children were found lying in the field by a passing farmer.



OH, JOY! CANADA CLAIMS IT.

Tacoma Ledger.

AMERICAN GIRL CREATED PRINCESS

EMPEROR OF AUSTRIA HONORS MISS A. STEWART

Marriage to Prince Miguel de Braganza Solemnized in Scotland.

Dingwall, Scotland, Sept. 15.—Miss Anita Stewart, the New York Heiress to the millions of the late "Silent" Smith, of Wall street, to-day became a princess in her own right by the special patent of Emperor Franz Josef of Austria, when she married Prince Miguel de Braganza, of Portugal, at high noon, at the great estate recently leased by her mother, Mrs. James Henry Smith.

The services were held in the St. Lawrence Catholic church and the Bishop of Aberdeen, Franz Joseph Highland pipes played "The Stars and Stripes" and then the Mendelssohn wedding march, as the bride entered with her brother, Wm. Rhinelander Stewart, of New York.

The prince, who met the bride at the altar, wore a resplendent scarlet uniform, with gold decorations. The church was elaborately decorated. The pergola leading to the main entrance was draped with the flags of America, Austria and Portugal. Over the portals was the following inscription in Portuguese: "God bless the emperor, the prince and the beautiful bride."

The ceremony proper was simple, lasting altogether about 15 minutes. After the wedding a feast was served to the guests in Tulloch castle. There was a great array of wedding presents, valued at several hundred thousand dollars. Among them was the Bishop of Aberdeen's Franz Josef, creating the bride a princess in her own right. The action of the Austrian emperor made it possible under the rules of royalty, for the marriage to be a regular wedding and not a morgue alliance as it has been reported at various times that it would be.

Mrs. Smith, the mother of the bride, recently settled a million dollars on the prince. It is expected that the bride will come in for a large share of the fortune left by the late "Silent" Smith.

It is expected that the royal couple will go to Austria on their wedding trip, where they will be received as the special guests of the emperor, and the American girl will formally take her place in the ranks of European royalty.

A large party of guests, including many notable Americans and members of the European nobility, were entertained at the castle last night by Mrs. Smith at an elaborate dinner. The wedding breakfast this afternoon was also an elaborate affair and altogether the presence of important personages, the pomp and ceremony, and the excitement and thrill of the wedding, this countryside has not seen such activity in many a long year.

J. T. Blackshaw, of Derbyshire, Eng. and G. N. Blackshaw, of Salisbury, Rhodesia, spent a few hours in the city Wednesday, guests at Diard. They are professors of agriculture and are taking a holiday tour through America and incidentally inspecting the government farms in Canada and the United States. Coming west from Montreal they looked at all the experimental stations and on returning to the Atlantic coast prior to debarking for their homes will take a similar glance of inspection at the districts on the other side of the line.

They express themselves as delighted with what they have seen of Victoria in their brief visit. Before sailing for Seattle this afternoon, they took an auto drive around the environs of the city.

CANADIAN CLAIMS TO POLAR REGIONS

Government Will Not Make Formal Declaration of Exact Limits.

London, Sept. 15.—In the House of Commons to-day Col. Seeley, under secretary for colonies, answering Lord Balcarras, said that the secretary of state understands that the Canadian government will not make a formal declaration of the exact limit of their possessions between the American horizon and the North Pole, but it was believed they considered themselves entitled to claim all lands within those limits.

LORD TWEEDMOUTH IN CRITICAL CONDITION

London, Sept. 15.—Lord Tweedmouth, former lord president of the council, is reported to-day to be at the point of death.

PORTLAND FLOUR MILLS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Loss is Estimated at \$300,000—Outbreak Followed Explosion in Plant.

Portland, Ore., Sept. 15.—After destroying the Portland Flouring Mills, the largest plant of its kind in the northwest, and spilling thousands of dollars worth of grain, a fire which started from an explosion at the mills early to-day was brought under control shortly before noon. For a time it was thought that several employees had lost their lives and that a section of the manufacturing district of the city would fall a prey to the flames. The estimated total loss will exceed \$300,000.

As far as could be learned none of the seventy employees of the mills were killed, although a search of the ruins will be made.

A general alarm was sounded shortly after the fire started. In spite of the score of engines and two fire boats the mill was soon a mass of flames and only desperate work on the part of the firemen kept the fire from spreading to adjoining manufacturing plants.

The blaze was spectacular from the fact that the flames ate their way downward, floor by floor. When the engines responded to a general alarm the sixth and seventh floors were almost consumed. Then the flames traveled to the third and second floors, seizing the grain and inflammable materials in the building.

The plant was the largest in the northwest and had a capacity of 4,500 barrels daily. The building was supplied with modern machinery and an automatic water sprinkler. It is believed that the force of the explosion disconnected the sprinkler attachment.

EARNINGS OF RAILWAYS OF UNITED STATES

Chicago, Sept. 15.—According to figures compiled by the bureau of railway news and statistics from the monthly reports of the interstate commerce commission, the gross earnings of the railroads of the United States for the year ending June 30th, 1909, were \$2,437,388,841. The operating expenses were \$1,611,927,768; taxes, \$81,475; and net operating income, \$744,985,608.

STEAMER SENT TO MEET PEARY

PLACED AT HIS DISPOSAL BY CANADA

Scientists Comment on Explorer's Refusal to Give Additional Information.

Point Richie, Nfld., Sept. 15.—(Marconi Wireless, via Cape Bay.)—The Canadian cable steamer Tyrian, en route to meet Commander Robert E. Peary at Battle Harbor, arrived here to-day bearing a large delegation of reporters.

Capt. Dickson immediately sent the following message to the explorer: "I have been ordered to meet you at Battle Harbor. Please accept my congratulations. My ship is at your disposal if you care to return to Sydney aboard it."

When it was announced that the Roosevelt was making but five miles an hour, and that it would be compelled to lay in Battle Harbor until Friday for repairs, the Canadian government rushed the Tyrian to Battle Harbor to be placed at the disposal of the explorer in the event of his wishing to use it. The Tyrian is expected to arrive at Battle Harbor to-night.

Criticism Peary's Statements. New York, Sept. 15.—Scientists are to-day commenting on Commander Robert E. Peary's statement of last night in which he declined to give out more information regarding his discovery because "it might be used by others." Peary also declared that Whitney is the sportsman whom Dr. Cook declares is holding some of his data, but Peary maintains that he did not discuss Cook's claims with Whitney. The explorer also refused to discuss Whitney's reason for leaving the steamer Jeanie.

Dr. Hansen, a noted specialist, who has been in the north studying eye diseases, declares that Whitney was ousted from Dr. Cook's house at Anaktok by Peary's giant Norwegian guard, and "treated like a dog." The specialist says that Whitney had no love for Peary.

Replying to a question as to why no white man had accompanied him to the Pole, Commander Peary is quoted as saying that after a life-time of trying he wanted all the honor of the discovery for himself.

FOREST FIRES ARE RAGING

MUCH VALUABLE TIMBER BURNED IN CALIFORNIA

Number of Homes Destroyed—Change of Wind Aids Fire-Fighters.

Santa Rosa, Cal., Sept. 15.—The men who have been fighting the forest fires in this region for the past week are now making some headway against the encroaching flames owing to the abatement of the wind.

The fires are still burning freely, but with the great amount of back firing which has been done it is believed to-day that the situation is well in hand. Should the wind rise again it is difficult to estimate the damage that will be done by spreading the fire into the forest again.

Thousands of acres of timber have been burned over and a number of homes destroyed, and until each individual loss can be ascertained no estimate of the damage done can be made.

School Destroyed. Santa Cruz, Cal., Sept. 15.—The forest and brush fire which has been burning seven miles from here for the past two days, last night consumed the school house of the Hill school district, in spite of the desperate efforts of fire fighters to save it.

Timber Saved. Napa, Cal., Sept. 15.—The forest fire in Napa valley to-day are abating and the situation is much improved. Many of the smaller fires have been extinguished and the shifting of the wind has saved thousands of acres of timber lands from the flames of larger conflagrations.

At St. Helena further serious damage is anticipated from the forest fires, which at Calistoga, the flames are practically extinguished.

Crops Damaged. Ventura, Cal., Sept. 15.—Damage amounting to more than \$60,000 has been done to avaries and crops in this section by the forest fires that have swept Las Posas and Camulos hills and Tapo canyon during the last three days.

Between the villages of Piru and Simi, 1,500 stands of bees have been destroyed, according to conservative estimates, and it will be years before the bee fields of this section, which are blackened wastes to-day, will yield another honey crop. Thousands of tons of hay, in addition to valuable fruit crops, are total losses.

INCREASED WAGES FOR CHICAGO CARMEN

New Schedule Will Be Ratified by Street Railway Employees.

Chicago, Sept. 15.—The new scale of wages submitted to the street car men by the companies will be ratified at meetings of the unions called for Friday night. The new scale calls for an increase of wages and the victory seems to be with the street car employees who have stood out for their demands during the long drawn out negotiations with the traction companies.

Riot Leaders Arrested. Gaspe, Que., Sept. 15.—Matters are quiet at Fox River. Thirty of the ringleaders in the recent fishery riot have been arrested and lodged in jail, awaiting preliminary trial.

NEW YORK CENTRAL

New York, Sept. 15.—Although the New York Central directors met this afternoon they failed to elect a successor to fill the vacancy in their number caused by the death of E. H. Harriman. It is expected that the vacancy will be filled at the next meeting of the directors.

COAL RIGHTS CASE DECISION

FULL COURT DECIDES AGAINST FIDDICK

Local Company Interested—Appeal Will Go to Privy Council.

Vancouver, Sept. 15.—By a majority decision the Full court yesterday decided that the crown grants under the Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act of 1905, giving not only surface rights, but rights to the coal beneath the land, are inoperative and reversed the decision of Chief Justice Hunter in the case of Fiddick vs. the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway. Mr. Justice Irving and Mr. Justice Clement found for the appellants, the railway company, and Mr. Justice Morrison dissented, dismissing the appeal.

Notice was given that the case would be taken to the Privy Council. The Full court held that the crown grant could have no operation until it had been issued according to the formally prescribed in the statute; that although the crown grant could not be set aside in an action to which the crown was not a party, still the holder could be restrained from taking any rights under it, and the court could declare that the crown grant was inoperative. Having that jurisdiction the Full court held that there was no jurisdiction to issue a grant without calling upon the railway company and without giving them the opportunity of contesting the claims.

Mr. Bodwell, K. C. of Victoria, was for the railway company, and L. G. McPhillips, K. C., Vancouver, for the respondent. The latter obtained leave to carry the case direct to the Privy Council.

This case is one involving the right to part of the lands which the Pacific coast coal mines acquired for coal mining purposes. The land is situated at South Wellington, and was acquired from the Fiddick interests by John Arbutnot's company some years ago, after the acquisition of the lands by the Fiddick interests under the settlers' rights case.

JAPAN'S REVENUE EXCEEDS ESTIMATE

No Increase in Expenditure for Maintenance of Army and Navy.

Tokio, Sept. 15.—In a speech to be delivered before the Bankers' Club of this city to-night, Premier Katsura will outline the financial policy of the government for the coming year in anticipation of the annual budget which will be adopted soon by the diet.

It is generally understood that there will be no increase in the expenditures for the maintenance of the army and navy. In the adjustment of last year's budget the estimate of actual expenditures over receipts shows that the prediction that the income would be underestimated by 20,000,000 yen (\$30,000,000) was realized.

STETSON ON ROCKS.

Greer Tug Met With Serious Accident at Swanson Narrows.

Tug Stetson, of the Greer fleet, met with a serious accident a few days ago, going on the rocks in Swanson Narrows at Beryl Island. She was taking a light scow to load with coal when the accident happened. Finally she was got off by the aid of the tug Albatron and towed to port, and is now on the ways at Turpe's yards. The scow also was badly damaged and will have to be repaired.

EXPLOSION WRECKS CONSTRUCTION CAMP

One Man is Instantly Killed and Several Others Sustain Injuries.

Nehalem, Ore., Sept. 15.—A special train carrying surgeons, nurses and supplies arrived here to-day to succor several injured workmen who narrowly escaped death in a premature explosion of 10,000 pounds of dynamite five miles from here yesterday. One man was killed instantly by the explosion and five others seriously hurt.

The dynamite "sicked back" instead of exploding in an upward direction and 10 buildings in the construction camp where the accident occurred were destroyed. Among the injured is John W. Sweeney, president of the Sweeney Construction Company of Portland. He was struck by flying rocks, but it is believed he will recover.

Sweeney holds a contract for construction work on the Pacific Railway & Navigation Company's line and had arrived in camp to supervise the work which had been under way for several weeks.

A charge of 10,000 pounds of explosive was placed at a tunnel working. Before the men who placed the charge reached their places of shelter the dynamite exploded. One man, a Greek, was blown to atoms. The camp, which was 200 feet away from the tunnel opening, was demolished.

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Glace Bay, N. B., Sept. 15.—Joe Nash was committed for trial yesterday on the charge of murdering Max Crasseeze.

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COUNCIL AND  
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FRICION DEVELOPS  
BETWEEN TWO BODIES

Long Debate on Request for In-  
formation on Water  
Question.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)  
A simple request of the board of trade that a committee appointed to study the water problem of Victoria, with the object of assisting the citizens in solving it, be furnished with an information bearing on the subject in possession of the city council, caused a half-hour's debate to no purpose at the meeting of the latter body Monday evening.  
That any objection would be made to such request from such a body came as a great surprise to the majority of the board, but as soon as the city clerk had read the communication from the secretary of the board of trade, Ald. Fullerton arose and asked the mayor if he thought a similar request would be granted. He did not like the tone of the letter. The board of trade was not a responsible body.  
Mayor Hall could not for the life of him see any objection to granting such a request. Any body in the city could have the right to ask for such information.  
Ald. Stewart inquired whether the Trades and Labor Council was any more of a responsible body than the board of trade. He had no objection whatever to granting the request. The board of trade was representative of the whole city and the council should at all times be glad to give all the information at its disposal to anybody on the water question.  
Ald. Fullerton persisted in his opposition to the request. He did not want any organization granted special privileges.  
Ald. Turner could see no objections to doing what the board of trade asked. The board of trade was representative of all interests in the city and should be made acquainted with the whole situation affecting the water problem.  
Ald. Fullerton argued that the board of trade had not acted in proper fashion in taking a partisan attitude on the question of the by-law for the expropriation of Goldstream.  
Mayor Hall differed with Ald. Fullerton on this point. The board of trade had taken no part in the campaign for the passage of the water by-law.  
Ald. Henderson took a similar position to that of Ald. Fullerton. The board of trade was asking for all the available information, suggesting that they wished to work with the city council. He did not like this proposal. The council was elected to manage the city's affairs and should not allow any other organization to work with them. The board of trade was getting too intimate with the city council. During the campaign on the by-law many members of the board of trade took an active part in favor of one by-law at least. If the citizens were desirous of becoming familiar with the facts on the water question the council was prepared to lay the cards before them. The council would present the facts in straight fashion. The board of trade might twist the information to suit its own views. The council should show its position as the governing body of the city's affairs and not surrender any of its rights to the board of trade.  
The Mayor—The letter is a very simple request. Any citizen could prefer a similar one and the council should be glad to supply the information. No special privileges were being asked for.  
Ald. Stewart said he was much surprised at the objections to the request. The council should give everybody who asked all the information at its disposal. Ald. Henderson seemed to be under the impression that the council had something to hide. He was getting just a little tired of Ald. Henderson. He knew of no member of the board who had such an ability to twist a simple matter into the form of a mystery.  
Ald. Henderson wanted to know if we do not trust the board of trade had appointed a committee to work with the city council on the water question.  
The mayor replied that it had not, and he read from a letter to show that this was correct.  
Ald. Turner again pointed out that the people were entitled to every particle of information which the council could give them regarding any civic scheme.  
Ald. Ross—Here you are again, talk, talk and doing nothing. To my mind you made a great mistake when you took the referendum. Why not get all the reports necessary on the water question and go ahead?  
Mayor Hall explained that no referendum had been taken on the question of determining Sooke Lake as a source of water supply.  
Ald. Henderson and Ald. Fullerton contended that there had been, and the mayor explained that the only question which the electors had been asked to vote upon was, should the council acquire rights at Sooke.  
After this long debate the matter was disposed of by a decision being reached to grant the request of the board of trade.

IMPRISONED FOR ROBBERY.  
Revelstoke, Sept. 15.—As the result of the prompt work of Chief of Police Parry, George Hicks, one of the men concerned in the robbery of \$200 from the lumber-jack, J. Landrey, who has been working for the Adams River Lumber Company, was captured at Vernon. He was on Saturday brought before Police Magistrate Foster and sentenced to four months' imprisonment in Kamloops jail.  
Landrey gave evidence of two men doling him on the river bank, when one of them knocked him on the back of the head, made him dizzy, and when he recovered he found his money gone.  
John Stover, who had also been arrested on suspicion of being the other man concerned, was discharged.

PROGRAMME FOR  
EXHIBITION

JUDGES SELECTED TO  
OFFICIATE NEXT WEEK

Airship Display to Be Given  
Each Day on  
Grounds.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)  
The following judges are announced for the Annual Fall Fair to commence Monday next at the fair grounds, Wil- lows Beach, and to run the full week: Light horses—George Gray, New- castle, Ont.  
Heavy horses—W. Elliott, Galt, Ont. Cattle, sheep and swine—Prof. Gris- dale, Ottawa.  
Dairy produce—Miss Laura Rose, Guelph, Ont.  
Fruit—J. S. Shepard, Salem, Ore.  
Horse show—George Gray, W. El- lott, T. S. McGrath of Portland, and one other judge to be named.  
The full programme of events to be given in addition to the show is as follows: Monday.  
11 a.m.—Judging commences.  
2 p.m.—Opening ceremony.  
2.30.—Airship flight. The airship will make three flights each afternoon.  
City band, musical selections.  
7.45 p.m.—Fireworks display, "The Bombardment of Alexandria by the British Fleet."  
Tuesday.  
Morning—Judging continued.  
Afternoon—Airship flights.  
2.30.—Races, first day.  
3 a.m.—Exhibition of guideless trot- ting by Lou Creana.  
Night—Illuminated airship flight. Fireworks.  
Wednesday.  
The programme will be similar to that of the preceding day, with the exception that judging will have been completed and that the horse show will commence in the evening, with a musical programme by the Fifth Regiment band.  
Thursday.  
11 a.m.—The annual meeting of the British Columbia Agricultural Society will take place at the offices on the ground, and at noon the stockmen's dinner takes place in the restaurant. At 2.30 the horse show will be open and again at night.  
The regular afternoon races and airship flights will also take place.  
The same programme will be con- tinued Friday and Saturday.  
In connection with the airship flight the secretary of the association started local merchants by an enquiry for sulphuric acid and iron filings. Two and a half tons of the former and two tons of the latter are required to make the flights possible for the full week. A local firm asked if they could supply the goods wired to Vancouver and found that 100 pounds of sulphuric acid could be obtained, and though this would be sufficient. They were amazed when the order came through for two and a half tons. The demand will, however, be filled.

SANTOS DUMONT BREAKS  
AEROPLANE SPEED RECORD

Saint Cyr, France, Sept. 14.—Santos Dumont yesterday broke the aeroplane speed record to win a wager of \$200. With the aeroplane "Demotele" he made a flight across the country to Buc, a distance of between eight and nine kilometers, in five minutes at a speed of about 55 miles an hour.

KING PETER'S HEALTH  
IS FAILING RAPIDLY

Servian Politicians Are Quar-  
relling Over Choice of  
Successor.

Belgrade, via Semlin, Sept. 14.—With the information to-day that King Peter's health is falling rapidly it became known that civil troubles of the worst kind are threatened over the Servian throne. Peter's death is now a matter only of months and it seems certain that fighting will follow any attempt of Prince Alexander to succeed him.  
The politicians are divided into two factions. Those concerned in the assassination of King Alexander and Queen Draga, want to see Alexander, Peter's second son, on the throne because they think they can manage him and be safe from punishment for the regicides.  
The majority of the army officers seemingly favor Prince George, who renounced his title to the throne under Italian pressure, known whom he has repeatedly threatened to hang if he ever has an opportunity.

KILLED IN FIGHT IN  
SEATTLE ROOMING HOUSE

Man Who Recently Returned  
From Alaska is Stabbed to  
Death.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 14.—Patrick Finn, aged 40, recently returned from Alaska, is dead to-day from knife wounds received in a fight in a rooming house on Eighth avenue south last night. Detectives are searching for an Italian plater known whom "Tommy," who is charged with wielding the knife. How the fight started is not known.

STATION TO BE ENLARGED.  
Montreal, Sept. 14.—It is announced at C. P. R. headquarters that a contract has been let for the construction of the pier foundations and enlarge- ments that are planned for the Wind- sor street station.



IN 1912.

Esquimalt Citizen to Old Resident: "An improvement even on the old navy days, eh?"

PLAN RECEPTIONS  
FOR EXPLORERS

CITIZENS OF NEW YORK  
MAKING ARRANGEMENTS

Rear-Admiral Schley Praises  
Dignified Stand Taken by  
Cook.

New York, Sept. 14.—New York to-day is North Pole mad. Criticism of Dr. Cook, who is on his homeward journey—and of Commander Peary, who is somewhere in the far north country on board the steamer Roosevelt, also bound for America, are heard on every hand, the partisans of each being, to all appearances, about equally divided in numbers. Comment on the relative merits of the two explorers is animated and frequently bitter to the point of scoldery. In the clubs, the hotels, business houses, in homes and on the streets, the North Pole question monopolizes the conversation. It is the topic of the hour.  
The enthusiasm of the people of greater New York was kindled in a reception which is being planned to honor Dr. Cook when he arrives from Norway on September 21st. Singing societies of Brooklyn have arranged to go down the harbor in a chartered steamer to welcome their hero with lyric praises. Bells will ring and whistles blow from factories, ferries and all the water craft on the bay.  
The Arctic club will give a banquet to Dr. Cook and present him with a gold medal. This medal will be two and a half inches in diameter, showing in bas-relief Dr. Cook standing on top of the globe waving the stars and stripes.  
In response to the equally great interest in Peary, preparations are being made at the American Museum of Natural History to set apart a special section of the building for a display of Peary's Arctic collections, which have been housed in moth proof vaults for the summer.  
That Commander Peary will not have the solid support of the United States navy was made plain to-day when a letter from Rear-Admiral W. S. Schley was made public by Capt. B. S. Osborn, secretary of the Arctic Club of America, of which Dr. Cook is a member. The letter is from Pocoon Manor, Pa., and says: "I like Cook's attitude im- mensely in this unfortunate, un- necessary and unwise controversy. He certainly has been dignified and manly in the stand he has taken."  
In commenting further upon the situation, Capt. Osborn said that Dr. Cook's attitude in withholding details of his discovery was attributed to his desire not to anticipate the publication of his book.  
"But as soon as the other claimant got within reach of the wireless," he said, "he sent dispatches to everybody he could think of, but delayed in informing the mother of the unfortunate Marvin, who perished during the expedition."  
Following a meeting of the executive committee of the Arctic Club of America last night, R. O. Stebbins, its chairman, gave the club's attitude on the affair.  
"The Arctic Club of America," he said, "has nothing to do with the controversy. All that the Arctic club recognizes is that Dr. Cook is the discoverer. Neither side has proved its case to America, but since the Danish government has recognized Dr. Cook we feel that the burden of proof now falls on his opponent."

HARRIMAN'S WILL TO BE  
PROBATED THIS WEEK

Estimates of Railway King's  
Fortune Vary From \$50-  
000,000 to \$200,000,000.

New York, Sept. 14.—The will of E. H. Harriman will be filed for probate some day this week, probably Thurs- day, according to one of the family attorneys. It is believed that a board of trustees will be named to control the estate. This board is expected to com- prise Judge Lovett, chairman of the executive board of the Union Pacific railway, and Chas. A. Peabody, Harri- man's personal attorney.  
Estimates of the fortune left by the railway king vary from \$50,000,000 to \$200,000,000. It is believed that a majority of the money left by Harriman will go to the widow and children.

LIGHTNING STRIKES CHURCH.  
New Orleans, Sept. 14.—St. John's Catholic church was almost totally de- stroyed by fire as the result of a stroke of lightning yesterday. The loss is \$200,000. About fifty persons who were in the church at the time received slight shocks.

MAN MURDERED IN  
CAFE AT PRINCE RUPERT

William Shiells Stabbed to  
Death During Drunken  
Quarrel.

Prince Rupert, B. C., Sept. 14.—Murder was perpetrated last night in the Maple Leaf cafe. Wm. Shiells, a stranger, was done to death in a drunken quarrel. The murderer is Chas. Egan. He used a knife, gashing his victim in the left breast. Egan and another man named McKenzie, who was with him, are now in custody.  
The murdered man had been in town two weeks and was drunk all the time. Egan came down the river last evening and the two quarrelled in the restaurant. Egan stabbed Shiells twice with a knife, one blow being over the heart. The murderer will be given a hearing to-day.

FOUR DROWN IN  
RIVER IN ALASKA

Boat is Wrecked by Striking  
Rock While Running  
Through Canyon.

Cordova, Alaska, Sept. 14.—Four men of a party of five who were descending the swift Nisina river were drowned near Box Canyon when their boat, driven against a high bluff, was wrecked and the men thrown into the water. The only man to escape was a son of Congressman Andrus, of New York, a wealthy manufacturer and banker of Yonkers. Those lost were: James Hinton, Robert Furst, Benj. Mullendorf and David Piper.  
The men had been employed at the mine of George Esterly on the Nisina river and were coming out for the winter. They had successfully negoti- ated the rapids in the canyon when a swift current hurled the frail craft against the rocks, and in a twinkling the occupants of the boat were being carried down the swift stream. Andrus was luckily washed ashore and was later picked up by a passing boat. Only one of the bodies of the victims of the accident was recovered, that of Hinton, which was buried on the shore where it was found.

BANKERS IN SESSION.

Speaker Cannon Addresses the Con-  
vention at Chicago.

Chicago, Sept. 14.—The greatest gathering of financiers ever assembled in America began this business sessions of the American Bankers' Association convention to-day at 10 o'clock at the auditorium.  
George M. Reynolds, president of the association, called the convention to order. After the invocation, Governor Deneen, of Illinois, and Jos. Taibert, president of the Chicago Clearing House Association, delivered brief speeches of welcome. These were fol- lowed by the annual address of Presi- dent Reynolds.  
Joseph Cannon, speaker of the House of Representatives, spoke informally. He was given a great reception by the members of the convention.  
Lawrence O. Murray, comptroller of the currency, spoke on "Some of the Problems of the Comptroller's Office," and J. J. Hill, the railway magnate, also addressed the convention.

WELL-KNOWN SEATTLE  
SHIPBUILDER DEAD

William Moran, Who Had Been  
Ill for Two Years, Passes  
Away.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 14.—As a result of overwork in the superintending of an important department in the con- struction of the United States battle- ship Nebraska, Wm. Moran, of the shipbuilding firm of Moran Brothers, of this city, is dead, aged 50 years.  
Moran had been ill for more than two years and had recently returned from Europe, where he had travelled ex- tensively in search of health. He had been improving and was in the best of spirits until Sunday night when he became suddenly worse and the end came yesterday afternoon.

BANK PRESIDENT  
ENDS HIS LIFE

CUTS THROAT IN  
NEW YORK HOTEL

Nervous Breakdown Believed  
to Have Led to  
Suicide.

New York, Sept. 14.—John W. Castles, president of the Union Trust Company, and a director of other well known corporations, is dead to-day, a suicide, having cut his throat at the Grand Union hotel here last night.  
Castles left no note of instruction, and his brother, who found the body, ascribed his act to a nervous break- down.  
The Castles had registered at the hotel three days ago, the brother intend- ing to look after John W. Castles while he was in such a nervous state. During his temporary absence, Castles locked the door to his room and killed himself. He leaves a widow and a daughter and a son.  
The Union Trust Company of which Mr. Castles was president is one of the largest institutions of its kind in the city, and is situated on Broadway in the heart of the financial district. It is considered one of the strongest banks in the country.  
Castles also was a director of several railroads and other corporations. He was United States trustee for the Northern Assurance Company, Ltd., of London.  
It is said that financial matters had no bearing on the tragedy.

BOY SUCCUMBS TO  
BULLET WOUND

Victim of Supposed Agent of  
Black Hand Dies in  
Hospital.

Utica, N. Y., Sept. 14.—Freddie Lu- fusino, the little six-year-old boy who was injured by a supposed agent of the black hand, and who was found beside the body of Teresa Percopia, eight years of age, and his wounded three- year-old sister Fannie, died early to- day at the local hospital.  
In spite of the fact that the police with blood hounds have been following every available clue, they are unable to find the perpetrator of the crime.  
The police are confronted with sev- eral theories. One of them is that the man who shot the children is a maniac. Warning has been issued to parents to watch their children carefully, because of the belief that a maniac child-slay- er is at large.  
Another theory is that the man is an enemy of the Percopia family, and that he chose a fiendish method of revenge upon them.

BREMERTON CITY  
COUNCILMAN ARRESTED

Is Accused of Conducting  
Gambling Games in His  
Cigar Store.

Bremerton, Wash., Sept. 14.—On a complaint sworn to by City Attorney George A. Padlock, City Councilman J. L. Humble was arrested here yester- day afternoon on a charge of conduct- ing gambling games in his place of business. Four men were arrested on a charge of gambling in the council- man's store. Councilman Humble and the other men gave bonds for their appearance and were released. When the trials are held some interesting in- side history of Bremerton is likely to be brought forth.  
Councilman Humble is the proprie- tor of a cigar and candy store on Front street. City Attorney Padlock charges that Humble has been con- ducting poker and other card games in a back room of this establishment for several months.

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TRADE DEPRESSION  
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LARGE INCREASE IN  
CANADIAN BANK DEPOSITS

President Hobson Speaks at  
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Manufacturers.

Hamilton, Sept. 14.—The annual meeting of the Canadian Manufac- turers' Association opened here to-day, the features being the address of the retiring president, R. Hobson, and the presentation of a volume of reports of the most exhaustive character.  
The report of the treasurer shows a surplus of \$15,000, while the mem- bership committee's statement shows total roll of 2,356 names, 1,444 being in On- tario, 547 in Quebec and 38 in Mani- toba. The increase for the year was 323.  
President Hobson, in the course of his remarks, said the trade depres- sion which at one time had paralyzed the bank deposits for the year showed an increase of \$20,000,000, bringing the total Canadian deposits up to \$121,000,000. The traffic through the canals from the opening of navigation until the end of July showed a total of 35,237,721 tons, or more than the total for the whole of the season of 1908.  
Referring to the labor question, Mr. Hobson expressed the view that while conditions had been not altogether to the liking of factory employees, there was no inclination to create a distur- bance. American gave in to the Em- minion government for a serious in- tention to prevent strikes, something should be done to prevent foreign pro- fessional agitators who warp the minds of American boys in Canada. The Dominion government for a serious in- tention to prevent strikes, something should be done to prevent foreign pro- fessional agitators who warp the minds and passions of working people till they imagine there is trouble where no grievance exists. The strike of coal miners was evidence of unwarranted interference of this class of importation which used its influence to force men to break their agreements with employers.  
Referring to the American tariff, President Hobson characterized the action of the American senate as a violation of trust reposed in it by the people of the United States, while it is barren of all desire to create closer trade relations with Canada. His action puts the farmer on the same level as the manufacturer, both of whom must look to home markets. Our sales to the States total about \$2,000,000 annually, while American sales in Canada re- sponded \$180,000,000. The Canadian government is called upon to take the American government at its word and bring into effect the provisions of the Sur- tax Act of 1905.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Underwood, Ont., Sept. 14.—Donald McPhail, aged 75, was burned to death in a fire which destroyed his home yester- day. A son resides at Arcola, Sask.

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AT NANAIMO

GUS CARLSON STRANGLED  
IN HOME BY ROBBERS

His Wife Bound and Gagged  
by Murderers, Who  
Stole \$90

Nanaimo, Sept. 14.—The town is horrified this morning by the news of a dastardly murder which was com- mitted last night in Haliburton street, one of the principal streets of the town.  
Gus Carlson and his wife had been to the moving picture show last night. They returned home about 9:30, and a few minutes later retired to bed. Some time later they heard a noise in one of the other rooms, and thinking it was a cat Carlson, according to the story of his wife, got out of bed to put it out. The next thing she knew two masked men walked into the bedroom and demanded to know where she kept her money. She immediately complied with their demands and they took all there was, about \$90. They then tied her hands and feet, gagged her and left the room. After working with the gag and the bonds for some time she suc- ceeded in slipping the gag off and at once shouted for assistance. This was at once forthcoming. She was freed from her bonds and then asked where her husband was, and upon a search being made he was found lying prone on the floor of the sitting room. He was quite dead. He had been struck on the side of the head behind the right ear, but this was not the cause of his death.  
The funds responsible for the deed had evidently stunned him as soon as he entered the sitting room and then, as he lay unconscious, had tied a slip- ping rope around his neck. The rope had first been drawn tightly around the neck of Carlson by a noise and then for the rest of its length, about eight feet, coiled as tightly as it could be pulled around the neck. The man had been strangled, and strangled in the most brutal manner.  
Robbery was the only motive for the crime. There was \$90 in the house, and from this paltry sum Carlson was brut- ally murdered. The body was removed to the undertaking parlors, there to await the inquest, which will be held to-day.  
So far the police are without a clue to the perpetrators of the crime, but Mrs. Carlson describes one of the men as having a heavy beard and mous- tache. It is the first crime of the kind ever to happen in Nanaimo, and to- day the murder is on everybody's tongue. The whole town is horrified at the thought of such a brutal crime be- ing committed in its midst.

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HOW CANADA GROWS.

The federal department of immigration has issued a report which shows statistically how Canada is growing as a result of the flow of the tide of population from other countries.

CANADA AND THE AMERICAN TARIFF.

The New York Journal of Commerce does not approve of a tariff war between the United States and Canada as a consequence of the official interpretation of the maximum provisions of the Payne tariff bill and the timber policy of the provincial governments of Ontario and Quebec.

JAPANESE TRADE TACTICS.

The Tokio correspondent of the London Telegraph has been sending letters to his paper which throw much light on Japanese methods in trade, and explain their invasion of sealing and shipping as well as other departments of commerce.

This may be seen in what is now going on in Manchuria. There is no question as to the existence of the so-called "open-door" but there is a grave question whether after passing through the door the alien intruder is able under present conditions successfully to compete with the door-keeper in the great and yet expanding commercial fields of North China.

This apprehension is somewhat emphasized by a consideration of the recent experiences and prospects of certain lines of American trade in Manchuria. Before the Russo-Japanese war the demand for American cotton in Manchuria reached the value of 1,600,000 annually.

Now, with what means has this change in favor of Japan been so quickly accomplished? No one familiar with affairs in the Far East will be surprised to find that the achievement is mainly the result of the paternal care and financial assistance of the Japanese government itself.

The government borrows this money abroad at 5 1/2 per cent. interest, including bank commission, and then lends the money to the cotton shippers at 2 per cent. to enable them to control the market in cotton fabrics.

Of course, the Japanese authorities cannot be aware of the fact that this policy must ultimately prove an unproductive investment of capital, seeing that in every loan to the cotton traders there is a clear loss to the nation.

LUMBERMEN BLAME RAILWAYS FOR FIRE

Evidence Given Before the Forestry Commission at Cranbrook. Cranbrook, B. C., Sept. 14.—A feature of the session of the timber commission yesterday was a heavy indictment against the railways for the cause of the bulk of the forest fires.

Wm. Pearce, head of the irrigation department at Calgary, called Superintendent Chudleigh, master mechanic, and Chief Forest Ranger, to the defence of the company, and all swore that the regulations were lived up to, and the engines were all equipped with spark arresters.

Archie Leitch, manager of the East Kootenay Lumber Company, gave evidence at the previous day's session. Like other lumbermen, he favored perpetuity of tenure, with a fixed rental, leaving any increase in the public revenue from timber to be raised by higher royalties.

Speaking at Halifax the other day Hon. Mr. Fielding said: "We have been engaged hitherto in trying to make Canada a land worth defending. The time has now come when Britain, looking at the great colonial states, asks them in proportion to their strength and ability to take up the question of their own defence as

sociated with the defence of the empire. The question is what shall be done? The New Zealand government has offered a Dreadnought, but this does not seem to be the best thing for Canada to do.

It is announced that the contractor who erected, or rather "ran up," the condemned Lamson street school, which was a menace to the lives of all who entered it, has settled the case with the government for a money consideration.

Apparently the reason why the "public utilities" of the little city of Guelph, Ont., have been so successfully managed is to be found in the fact that the commissioners in charge of them are public-spirited citizens who give their services without money and without price.

VICTORIAN MARRIED TO NANAIMO LADY

Mr. Hugh Pettigrew and Miss McCuish Wedded Last Evening.

Last evening, in the presence of numerous friends at the home of Mr. Thos. Gordon, Halliburton street, Nanaimo, B. C., Mr. Hugh Pettigrew, of Victoria, was united in matrimony to Miss McCuish, of Nanaimo.

WOMAN LOSES PEARLS VALUED AT \$3,000

San Francisco Police Are Trying to Find String of Gems.

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 14.—The police are investigating the mysterious loss of a string of pearls valued at \$3,000, by Mrs. E. D. Lederman, wife of the president of the Sterling Realty Company.

PILOT BLAMED FOR COLLISION IN COLUMBIA

Certificate Suspended for Ten Days as Result of Investigation.

Portland, Ore., Sept. 14.—Capt. W. H. Patterson, who was pilot in charge of the G. W. Elder, when that vessel rammed and sank the Daniel Kern in the Columbia river near Astoria two weeks ago, has been suspended for ten days as a result of the collision.

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PRINTERS WANT LOCAL WORK

TOO MUCH SENT EAST THEY CLAIM

Movement to Bring Pressure to Bear on Firms Sending Out of Town.

A movement has recently been inaugurated by the Master Printers' Association of this city, a society formed a short time ago for the purpose of trying to secure for Victoria workmen the printing which is now being sent to the East.

A committee has been appointed by the master printers to confer with the Trades and Labor Council, the Allied Trades, which includes the bookbinders, pressmen and others engaged in related work; and also with the Typographical Union. The object is to devise ways and means to keep the work in the city.

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ST. JOHN'S STORE

St. John's, Nfld., Sept. 14.—Allan Whitten, who was boatswain of the Peary auxiliary steamer Erik in 1905, and again in 1908, gave his recollections of the Peary expedition yesterday.

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I. J. FISHER'S HOUSE PARTLY DESTROYED

Fire Occurred This Afternoon—Department Responded.

A fire occurred this afternoon on Mitchell street, off Oak Bay avenue, just outside the city limits at the home of I. J. Fisher, the Discovery street blacksmith. The fire seems to have started from a spark falling on the roof fanned by the breeze which was blowing at the time.

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STEEL WORKS FOR PROVINCE

J. A. MOORE SPEAKS OF HIS ENTERPRISE

Location Has Not Yet Been Decided—Will Be Considered Later.

J. A. Moore, of Seattle, the head of the Ironclad Steel Company, is in Victoria to-day. He expects to return to Seattle again this afternoon. When interviewed to-day on his project Mr. Moore said that within sixty days he expected to have work in full operation at Ironclad, looking to the manufacture of steel there.

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LARGE NITRE BEDS IN CALIFORNIA

Mojave Valley Deposits Promise to Surpass Those of Chile.

New York, Sept. 14.—That San Bernardino county, California, contains enormous nitre beds that promise to surpass the famous Chilean deposits, was the announcement made to-day by Wm. J. Dinges, a California millionaire, who has located claims aggregating 16,000 acres, in the district. The deposit, which Dinges asserted is fabulously rich, is located near Johannesburg, on the Mojave desert.

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Another gas tragedy at Peary was blown in gas buoys charged, by the steamer returned to the Arctic Club, declared himself indignant over the criticism directed against Commander Robert E. Peary for taking Cook's stores in the north. Bridgman is quoted as having said that Peary had the right to take the stores as Cook had abandoned them.

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### GAS EXPLOSION AT SAN JUAN

THREE MEN INJURED BY CARBIDE

#### Recharging Buoy When Accident Occurred—Men Marooned at Carmanah.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Another gas explosion took place yesterday at Port San Juan when a man was blown forty feet from one of the gas buoys which had just been recharged, by the mate and men from the steamer William Joliffe. Three men were standing on the buoy at the time the explosion occurred. They were mate J. J. Moore and two seamen, G. Alexander and W. Gavin. Alexander received the greatest shock, it sending him into the water. The others were slightly injured. All were taken to the hospital on arrival here, but the mate was able to leave for home after having his eye dressed. The others are still at the hospital.

The buoy was replaced after being lifted and recharged. Four separate explosions occurred at intervals of some minutes. The buoy was then taken in tow and brought to the Government wharf in this city.

The Joliffe recharged a buoy at Kyuquot and delivered a quantity of coal at Carmanah on the present trip. While at the latter place the men who were discharging the coal were marooned at the lighthouse and had to spend a night on the beach. They had just landed a boat load of coal when the wind rose suddenly and the sea became too boisterous to allow them to return to the steamer.

Owing to the large amount of construction work being undertaken by the marine department of the Dominion government it has been found necessary to continue the William Joliffe in the lighthouse service for the present. She will leave for the west coast in a few days with materials for the new works there.

### DOMESTIC SCIENCE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

#### Subject Again Discussed by Council of Women of Royal City.

New Westminster, Sept. 15.—The Local Council of women dealt with a number of matters at a monthly meeting. The principal subject under discussion had reference to the domestic science classes which the council has sought to inaugurate in connection with the public schools, but which the lack of funds has deferred any action yet by the trustees. However, the committee was empowered to go on with the negotiations and to arrange if possible for a cooking demonstration at the provincial exhibition.

Arising out of the fair the council which hitherto has been responsible for the management of the rooms at the Women's building, decided to offer their control to the Women's Auxiliary of the Royal Columbian hospital, a question which will be taken up at an early meeting of the auxiliary. A committee was named to look after the exhibits of women's and children's work at the exhibition, a branch which has been a marked success of the local council's work in past years.

### PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN BRINGING RESULTS

#### New Westminster Will Shortly Consider Comprehensive Scheme.

New Westminster, Sept. 15.—The publicity work of the secretary of the board of trade shows a constant tendency to expand. Although up to the present there has been very little money in sight for advertising on a comprehensive scale, yet the work already done covers the whole world. Only the other day a letter came from Northern India, from the son of a major-general in the army, the writer being himself a captain, and having small capital anxious to settle in an equitable climate.

During the last few weeks 6,000 folders have been distributed at suitable places, exclusive of 4,000 sent to the Seattle exposition. Of this last effort direct value has already been obtained, several men having visited Mr. Wade at his office who stated they would never have heard of New Westminster but for the distribution of this literature.

Six hundred of the odd booklets have been sent out, and have done useful work in arousing interest in the district. The agent-general for B. C. in London, Hon. J. H. Turner, has received one supply, and has written to the B. C. E. R. men for their opinion. The secretary has big plans for approaching soccer season, and is making arrangements to gang with Lady Smith, Nanaimo and Seattle. Players who want to get in either of the two Esquimalt elevens can do so by communicating with the secretary. There are a few positions on the teams open and men are wanted.

### Recommended As An Ideal Remedy



W. S. BOND, Esq.

Lloydton, Ont., March 19th, 1909.

"For some years I have been greatly troubled with headaches and indigestion, brought on by stomach disorders, constipation and biliousness. I had tried many remedies with only indifferent success, until 'Fruit-a-tives' came to my notice. Being a general storekeeper, I was selling a good many 'Fruit-a-tives' to my customers and, remarking how pleased they were with the results obtained from using 'Fruit-a-tives,' I decided to try them and, I might say, the effects were almost magical. Headaches and biliousness disappeared and to-day I recommend 'Fruit-a-tives' to my customers as 'An ideal remedy.'

"I might also add that about three years ago I was laid up with LUMBAGO AND SCIATICA—couldn't get out of bed or lift one foot over the other. A good treatment of 'Fruit-a-tives' cured me of these pains and banished the Sciatica and Lumbago so that to-day I am as well as ever and can lift anything necessary."

(Signed) "W. S. BOND."

### DEED OF HEROISM ON H. M. S. OTTER

#### Unknown Sailor Loses Life to Save Ship and Companions.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Word was received yesterday by the steamer Kaga Maru of the Japanese Mail line that a serious explosion had taken place on H. M. S. Otter stationed at the British port of Wei Hai Wei, August 16th. Two men were killed and another was in a precarious condition at the time the explosion took place. It is the custom for the torpedo-boat destroyers to leave their moorings about 8 p.m. and to go outside for night firing about three times a week, and on this occasion steam was being got up when the accident occurred.

Details of the accident disclose a story of great bravery on the part of a second-class petty officer of the torpedo-boat destroyer. Unfortunately the man's name was not known, but a sailor from one of His Majesty's ships at Wei Hai Wei recounted the incident as follows: When the tube burst below there were about half-a-dozen men in the stoke-hold and vicinity. The bursting of the tube was followed by a huge volume of steam rushing from the boiler, and realizing that an accident had occurred the petty officer forced his way below and immediately set to work to secure the safety of the ship and at the same time stop the rush of steam conveying the doctors on board. This he accomplished after a terrible experience. The work of getting the other men out was begun at once and it is reported that those who were below and got out alive owe their lives to the bravery of this man. All the men were got to the deck alive, but one was so badly scalded that he died shortly afterwards, and another was very badly injured, and died later. When all danger was passed the petty officer came on deck, and he is told, and said "Are the boys all right?" and on being answered in the affirmative he replied that he thought he was about finished. The man then collapsed, and died without regaining consciousness. His hands were beyond description.

The accident occurred at about 6 o'clock at night and visitors on the decks of the Otter and the pinnaces conveying the doctors on board. The two men who had died as a result of the injuries they had sustained were buried with full naval honors.

### HELD CONSTABLE AT BAY.

#### Michel Man Sentenced for Assault and Theft of Rifle.

Fernie, Sept. 15.—Judge P. E. Wilson, sitting in the county court, disposed of the case of William N. Hartgrave, who was charged with stealing a rifle and threatening to do bodily harm to Thomas Crahan, proprietor of a hotel at Michel. The prisoner was arrested by Provincial Constable Buley and, after considerable difficulty in capturing him, as he kept them covered with a rifle and threatened to shoot. The accused appeared in the dock with his head bare and the constable having had to subdue him with his baton before he was placed behind the bars in the Michel jail. He pleaded guilty to the charges and was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

### WILL FLY IN AMERICA.

Paris, Sept. 16.—Glenn H. Curtiss, the American aviator, who won the international cup at Rheims and the grand prize of \$5,000 in the aviation meet at Issoudun, which has just ended, sailed for New York city yesterday. Before leaving for America he stated that he probably will participate in the Hudson-Pulton celebration when a number of aviation contests will be held.

### FORFAR'S DEATH DUE TO NEGLIGENCE

#### Verdict of Inquest Held Before Coroner Hart Yesterday Afternoon.

Before Coroner Hart yesterday afternoon an inquest was held into the manner of the death of Alexander Forfar, who succumbed to injuries received while engaged in repairing one of the boilers in the engine room connected with the Empress Hotel. After deliberating half an hour, the jury, which was composed of Lawrence Goodacre (foreman), W. H. Gibson, Frederick Johnson, R. J. Matthews and Donald Blane, returned a verdict of accidental death, with the rider to the effect that while engaged in repairing one of the contributory negligence on the part of two engineers employed by the C. P. R.—Joseph B. Venty and Thomas Grey. Dr. G. A. B. Hall, who attended Forfar, testified that death had resulted from the severe burns that the deceased had received when the steam had been turned on.

Robert Dewar, foreman of the Robertson Iron Works, explained the circumstances under which a gang of men had been put to work repairing the boiler on Tuesday, September 7th. They had worked that day and the following on Thursday, about 11 a. m., Forfar, who was working within the middle boiler, was heard to shout. As some riveting was going on, it was some little time before attention was paid to the man's cries. Forfar when rescued was found with his legs sticking out of the boiler, and had evidently himself made an effort to escape. There was no steam in the boiler when work was started, but the boiler on either side of that in which Forfar was employed had steam on, and that made the middle boiler so hot that the men had to work in shifts of fifteen minutes. Forfar had only just gone into the boiler when the accident occurred.

Joseph B. Venty, the first engineer, said that on Thursday morning, the day of the accident, he had tested the valves. The stop valve was shut off to the best of his knowledge and belief. On hearing the shouts of the men who were endeavoring to rescue Forfar, he immediately closed off the cock on the pipe leading to No. 3 boiler and then went to the valve on the pipe leading to No. 2. He found this valve was quite tight, there being sufficient opening to allow steam to enter. This steam would blow in just immediately beneath the man's feet, and he was endeavoring to escape. It was witness's opinion that had deceased remained where he was when he found that steam was coming into the boiler he would not have been so severely injured, as the steam was largely escaping out of the manhole. Witness had no idea how the valve on No. 2 came to be left partially open. He had closely questioned the engine crew, but no avail. It was just possible that the valve, after being shut off when hot, had, after cooling, eased off a little.

The coroner, in instructing the jury, said that two verdicts were possible in the face of the evidence—one of accidental death and the other manslaughter. He said that he had brought in if the jury believed that there had been gross negligence on the part of anyone. The responsibility for the death of Forfar narrowed down to the two engineers.

The jury retired and in half an hour returned the verdict recorded above.

### SAN FRANCISCO CELEBRATION.

#### Number of Nations Will Send Warships to Golden Gate Next Month.

London, Sept. 16.—C. C. Moore, of San Francisco, has returned to London from the continent, where he travelled in the interests of the celebration to be held at San Francisco from October 19th to 29th to commemorate the discovery of the Golden Gate by Gaspar de Portola. Mr. Moore's efforts have been most successful. Great Britain has decided to send three warships to participate in the naval pageant. Holland, Italy and Germany will send one each, while France will send either a delegation or a ship, and Spain will send a delegation.

—Ernest McGaffey, the secretary of the Vancouver Island Development League, has contributed an article to the Westward Ho! magazine, entitled "Victoria, a City of Surprises."

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### ALPINE CLUB PROUD OF FEAT

#### APPRECIATE WORK OF REV. G. MCKINNEY

Presentation Made to Mountain Climber—Live on Gophers.

The scaling of Mount Robson by George B. Kinney, formerly of this city, has been very much appreciated by members of the Alpine Club of Canada. The Calgary members of the club have raised \$100 and presented it to Mr. Kinney, with the following address:

Rev. Geo. B. Kinney.

My Dear Sir,—Herewith I enclose cheque for \$100, which amount your Alpine friends of the city of Calgary ask you to accept as a slight token of their appreciation of what you have done for the Alpine Club of Canada. Three years ago our institution started out a mere babe and has struggled manfully through its childhood years, but it remains for you by reason of your having captured Mount Robson to usher our club from a period of adolescence into the stature of full manhood, more recognized men than before throughout the Alpine world.

You have sacrificed much in time and also in money to accomplish this feat, and we know that you were actually to No. 2. He found this valve was quite tight, there being sufficient opening to allow steam to enter. This steam would blow in just immediately beneath the man's feet, and he was endeavoring to escape. It was witness's opinion that had deceased remained where he was when he found that steam was coming into the boiler he would not have been so severely injured, as the steam was largely escaping out of the manhole. Witness had no idea how the valve on No. 2 came to be left partially open. He had closely questioned the engine crew, but no avail. It was just possible that the valve, after being shut off when hot, had, after cooling, eased off a little.

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Wishing you every success in your labors whither you are bound to enter upon the scaling of the mountain of the Calgary members of the Alpine Club of Canada.

Sincerely yours,  
P. D. M'TAVISH.

In the course of an interview with the Calgary News, Mr. Kinney related some of his experiences that have not yet been published.

"I was never in any danger of actually starving to death," said he, "but for a couple of weeks the members of our party had no flour, bacon, beans or anything of that sort."

"What did you eat?"

"Gophers sometimes, birds and fish. We had to live away from our base of supplies and—"

"How did the gophers taste?" queried the interested scribe.

"Like a chicken," said Mr. Kinney, "but gophers, I have never yet had to try the prairie kind. They were good eating all right, but some Boston baked beans would have added mightily to their appeal."

Rev. Mr. Kinney met the Amery party of British explorers as he was coming out. They had an elaborate equipment, but he was not very much impressed by their ability to climb the mountain. Mr. Kinney has a collection of excellent photographs to substantiate his claims, so he cannot possibly be accused of exaggeration.

"I arrived in Edmonton the same day as Lord Strathcona, but my only luggage was what I wore, and the least said about my appearance is the better."

"You haven't a photograph of yourself in that raiment that you could lend me to make a cut from for pub—?"

"Sh! don't mention it. Even the navies along the right-of-way from Yellowhead Pass, which I tramped to reach Edmonton, made jests, rude and unthought, at my appearance, and mere memory of my garb was quite sufficient for me."

### PRINCE RUPERT HAS BOAT CLUB

Prince Rupert, Sept. 15.—A number of the local boating enthusiasts have organized the Prince Rupert Boat Club. The following officers have been elected: President, W. E. Fisher; Vice-president, Dr. Tremayne; treasurer, E. K. Strathy; secretary, V. Gamble; committee, Major Gibson, J. H. Pillsbury, Dr. Baker, P. R. Backus, L. Crippen. The need of such an organization is keenly felt, and it is hoped that the club will have boats and a boathouse in the course of a few weeks.

### W. E. Fisher is the First President of New Organization.

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### TRIES TO END LIFE.

Vancouver, Sept. 15.—A demented Chinaman this afternoon attempted suicide by jumping off the Union Steamship wharf into the inlet. He was hauled out with great difficulty, as he fought with his rescuers.

—E. C. Musgrave has returned from the North, where he has been traveling in the interests of the Tyeo Copper Company, Ltd. Among other mining camps, he visited the new Stewart camp at the head of Portland Canal, and while there he was enabled by the courtesy of the owners to examine the properties of the Red Cliff Mining Company and the Portland Canal Mining Company. He considers that both these properties are likely to develop into mines of great value, and that the general outlook for the camp is very bright.

A young man named Pike, who was employed on the Athin steamer Gleaser in the steward's department, died at Athin Wednesday afternoon from effects of a gunshot wound which he received in the stomach a few days previous. Pike, who was formerly in the British navy, was handling a 23-calibre rifle when it was accidentally discharged, the bullet penetrating his stomach.

### ANDREW WEIR LINERS TO CALL

#### ALL WILL CARRY CARGO FOR VICTORIA

#### Captain Baird Here in Connection With Ellisland Going to Sidney.

After the next steamer all the Andrew Weir liners plying between Manila, Hongkong, Yokohama and these waters will call at Victoria and will bring a quantity of freight for local merchants. The arrangement was entered upon too late for the American to be informed, so she will go direct to Vancouver, but the British and all other steamers will bring cargo here. This was the statement made this morning by Captain Baird, marine superintendent for the company on Puget Sound and British Columbia. He further stated that every steamer after the American would have several hundred tons of freight for this port. This would make it worth while for the steamers to call.

Captain Baird came over yesterday in connection with the visit of the Ellisland to Sidney to load lumber. The men were anxious that the ship should tie up to the wharf, but Captain Whitten would not himself take the responsibility, and the pilots would not give any guarantee. The result was that the Ellisland refused to go unless Captain Baird himself so ordered. Yesterday Captain Baird went to Sidney in an automobile and found that the conditions were not good enough for him to risk his vessel there. She will accordingly anchor under the shelter of James Island and the lumber will be lightered across to her.

The Ellisland left this morning for her anchorage, where she will take on about two-thirds of her cargo.

### ORE SHIPMENTS FROM KASLO MINES

#### Output for Year to Date Exceeds Thirteen Thousand Tons.

Kaslo, Sept. 15.—The ore shipments through Kaslo over the K. & S., for the month of August, were the largest known for any single month for some years past. The output was 100 cars, comprising a total of 2,322 tons. Of this amount zinc ore formed the bulk with 1,710 tons and 482 tons of silver-lead. The latter was consigned to Trail and the former to four zinc smelters in various parts of the United States. The largest shipper was the Whitewater, with a total combined output of 1,010 tons of both classes of ore, zinc predominating, and the Lucky Jim a close second with 990 tons of zinc only. Although mining as a whole appears rather quiet, the output so far for 1909 is the largest for a number of years past, the total for the district to date being 13,779 tons of all kinds of ore, and from this is omitted the past month's output for the Ellswood, which would swell the August output at least 500 tons more. At the present rate of shipments the output for the year will easily touch or go over the 20,000 mark, which will establish a latter day record.

The following is the list of mines and their tonnage for August:

Silver Lead—Bambler, 120 tons; Cork, 82 tons; Whitewater, 60 tons; White-water Deep, 200 tons; Wellington, 20 tons. Total, 482 tons.

Zinc—Lucky Jim, 990 tons; Whitewater Deep, 750 tons. Total, 1,740 tons.

### EXHIBITS ARE BEING PLACED

(Continued from page 1.)

Many improvements over last year are observable at the fair grounds. This summer 200 additional stalls have been added to the accommodation for the horses, and it is anticipated that all the available space will be required.

In the exhibit of horses no less than 200 entries have been received. In the exhibit there are 209 entries, sheep, 105; piglets 17; poultry, 505.

The agricultural and horticultural entries are well up to those of last year, and in the specialized exhibits the showing will be an excellent one.

The arrangements in connection with the women's department of the show are in the hands of a committee consisting of Mrs. Richards, Mrs. Spragg, and Mrs. Crane. Entries of women's exhibit have come from Calgary, High River, Seattle, Vancouver, Tacoma, Ladners, Chilliwack, Nanaimo, Duncan, Westholme, Mayne Island, Pender Island and Galliano Island.

The horse show will open on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock and during the remainder of the fair will be held afterwards as well as evenings.

Close upon 300 race horses will take part in the racing throughout the week. The exhibition grounds are now being strung with electric lights and the illumination will be better than was the case last year.

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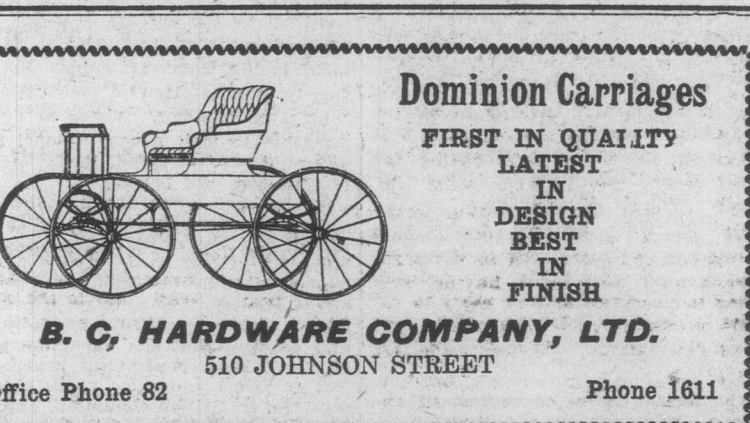
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cover is not going to get the advantage of the new grain route that was expected last spring. Everything is now at a standstill, and orders have to be suspended for want of terminal facilities in Vancouver. The C.P.R. authorities did not act as was expected, and Mr. Strong suggested that some more activity be necessary for your end if you hope to get benefitted next year. I would suggest that you get in touch with Strong at once."

Mr. Lanagan says that a large grain business is now being done through the 80 members of the Calgary exchange, but all the shipments are being made by the old route via Fort William. He says it is astonishing to see the numerous orders Mr. Strong has for grain which should go via Vancouver, but he feared such arrangements would be impossible this year. On the other hand, the C.P.R. declares the machinery is ready here for handling wheat.

### LAND ACT. VICTORIA LAND DISTRICT—Coast District, Range One.

Take notice that Murray Clarke Potts, of the Water Commissioner, or license to use water from Cushion Lake Outlet, C. Beddis, Lake Outlet, Aug. 30th, 1909.

**NEW WESTMINSTER LAND DISTRICT**

Take notice that I, Clarence Patrick Miller, prospector, intend to apply for permission to lease the following described land: Commencing at a post planted about two miles west and in a southerly direction from the head of Cook Creek, thence following shore line about one mile more or less in a northeasterly direction, thence at right angles seaward about half a mile more or less, thence following at a distance of about half a mile from shore line to a point opposite point of commencement, thence to point of commencement.

MURRAY CLARKE POTTS.  
Dated July 10th, 1909.

### LAND ACT. TEXADA LAND DISTRICT, DISTRICT OF NEW WESTMINSTER.

Take notice that I, C. P. Miller, of Vancouver, B. C., occupation, prospector, intend, sixty (60) days after date, to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted on the beach about 3 1/2 miles west of Lot Nineteen (19), south side Texada Island, thence north eighty (80) chains, thence west eighty (80) chains, thence south about twenty (20) chains more or less to beach, thence east eighty (80) chains, following high water mark along the beach to point of commencement, being 40 acres more or less.

CLARENCE PATRICK MILLER.  
July 21st, 1909.

### FORM NO. 11. LAND ACT. TEXADA LAND DISTRICT, DISTRICT OF NEW WESTMINSTER.

I, Barclay Bonthron, intend to apply for permission to lease 1,000 acres of land, bounded as follows: Commencing at a post planted at the beach about one mile west from the southern corner of Lot 23, Texada Island, thence north 100 chains, thence east 120 chains, thence south 80 chains more or less to the north boundary line of Lot 23, thence following the north and west boundary lines of Lot 23 to the beach, thence southerly along the beach to the point of commencement, together with the foreshore in front of this application.

BARCLAY BONTHRON.  
12th August, 1909.

**YOUNG JERSEY BULLS FOR SALE.**

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INVESTORS TURN TO BRITISH COLUMBIA

English Manufacturer Will Purchase Zinc in This Province.

That British capital, attracted by the solid basis upon which the mining industry of British Columbia is at present being conducted, is likely to come into the province in large and steadily increasing amounts within the next few years is the opinion of John B. Orr, president of the great English firm of Orr's Zinc White, Limited, of Liverpool, who is now touring the province with a view to making arrangements for obtaining zinc for use in the manufacture of zinc paint, which is steadily replacing the older form of lead paint.

In most countries there is a growing objection to preserving the inside of houses with a coloring material made of lead owing to the poisonous nature of the salts of the metal. This is especially so in France, where the government has taken strong measures to discourage the public from using paint manufactured from lead. That the consumption of zinc will rise rapidly therefore seems certain.

In conversation with a representative of the Nelson Daily News, Mr. Orr said: "I think that the British capitalist will be only too glad to find such a profitable field for investment of his money as British Columbia, from what I have seen of it, appears to be. All that is necessary is for him to get to know something about our province. So far it has been almost terra incognita but just in proportion as the English capitalist obtains reliable knowledge of your great province, he becomes more finally interested. The British investor is generally of a fairly careful nature, but he is never blind to a chance for solid and safe investment of his money and he believes that in British Columbia he will find a field entirely after his own heart."

"I have been delighted with my trip through Canada and with the tremendous increase in the value of the open ore before me. There is easily room for twenty to thirty millions more people in this great Dominion, and I do not think it will be very many years before the increase in your population will reach this figure."

"Since crossing the Atlantic I have seen practically all the provinces of Canada with the exception of Ontario and Ontario is far, very far ahead of the rest. Your province is the most attractive, most seductive place in the whole vast Dominion of Canada. It is a great province, I might say country, and as I said before, opens an excellent field for investment."

"I also visited the board of trade offices and saw some splendid samples of zinc ore and galena. What astonished me most was the high values in silver which the argentiferous lead ore carries. In this district I have seen 12 ounces of silver to the ton we think it is something extraordinary, but here I understand the values frequently run into hundreds of ounces to the ton."

LAND RESERVE CONTROVERSY.

United States Congress Likely to Take Up Ballinger-Pinchot Row.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 15.—No matter what the decision of President Taft may be in the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy, that the row will become a subject of congressional investigation next winter, practically is assured. A preliminary investigation of the principal features of the controversy will start in a few days when the senate committee on Indian affairs visits the northwest to inquire into conditions of the government Indian reservations. It was announced that experts of the interior department and the department of agriculture have been invited to accompany the committee.

COMMITTS SUICIDE.

New York, Sept. 15.—Oscar Leisner fulfilled a promise made over his wife's coffin when he committed suicide Monday by shooting himself through the head. Before he shot himself, Leisner tried to find his little son, and his failure to do so may have saved the boy's life.

SIR R. CARTWRIGHT VISITS THE COAST

Minister of Trade Impressed With Possibilities of the West.

Vancouver, Sept. 15.—Sir Richard Cartwright, federal minister of trade and commerce, arrived in the city Monday night on his first visit to the Pacific coast. Although his first trip west has been primarily for the sake of recruiting his health, he has come prepared to take back with him, as did the other members of the Dominion cabinet who visited here this summer, a full appreciation of the progress, possibilities and needs of this western land.

The scourge of rheumatism drove the minister west in the first instance, and for the past three weeks he has been taking the baths at Harrison Hot Springs. His son, Dr. C. Cartwright, went up to the springs Monday. Sir Richard returned to-day, and expects to be in the Dominion capital by Sunday, in time to attend a meeting of the cabinet on Monday. It was at first his intention to visit a son, Colonel Cartwright, at Sumnerland, B. C., but lack of time will not permit.

TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE.

Negotiations for Consolidation of Western Union and American Bell Companies.

New York, Sept. 15.—The New York news reached a point yesterday afternoon to the statement that considerable progress has been made toward consolidation of the Western Union Telegraph Company and the American Bell Telephone Company. The telephone company has been trying for several months to control the Western Union, but the officials could not agree upon terms.

IDEAL LOCATION FOR NAVAL RESERVE

Commander Stratton Speaks of the Advantages of Puget Sound.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 15.—"Puget Sound, with its inland waters, its many cities, its vast shipping, its recognized position of supremacy in regard to the commerce and politics of the Pacific, offers to-day the most ideal location in the United States for a powerful naval reserve."

This was the statement of Samuel W. Stratton, commander of the naval reserve of the district of Columbia, who left for Washington yesterday after a short visit to the exposition. Continuing, he said: "In Seattle, Tacoma, Everett and Bellingham enough reserves could be mustered to ask for and receive a naval vessel from the government. It is, as I say, the ideal coast, and Washington should have ready for the government in time of war several thousand well trained reserves. And, think of it. You have a navy yard right here at your door."

STUMP DEMOLISHES ROOF OF ELECTRIC CAR

Thirty Passengers on Way to Vancouver Have Narrow Escape.

Vancouver, Sept. 14.—Thirty passengers on a B. C. Electric car running from Steveston to Vancouver narrowly escaped serious injuries while the car Ladner had a portion of the roof demolished by the criminal carelessness of those blasting stumps at what is known as the Horseshoe bend. Without warning, as the car was starting down the grade at a slow pace, a terrific explosion occurred right alongside the car, and a big stick of timber shot through the air landing on the roof of the car and breaking a hole through, also smashing the rear sign-board.

ON FIRST HUSBAND'S GRAVE.

New York Musician Killed His Wife and Shot Himself. Charles A. Orlamunder, a New York musician, 65 years old, shot his crippled wife dead and then killed himself with the same revolver at the grave of the woman's first husband in Hoboken cemetery in such a position that it is thought the wife must have been leaning forward on her crutches over the grave when her husband shot her above the left ear.

SIR R. CARTWRIGHT VISITS THE COAST

Minister of Trade Impressed With Possibilities of the West.

Vancouver, Sept. 15.—Sir Richard Cartwright, federal minister of trade and commerce, arrived in the city Monday night on his first visit to the Pacific coast. Although his first trip west has been primarily for the sake of recruiting his health, he has come prepared to take back with him, as did the other members of the Dominion cabinet who visited here this summer, a full appreciation of the progress, possibilities and needs of this western land.

MORE FARMERS ARE NEEDED, SAYS HILL

Unless Agricultural Population is Increased U. S. Must Import Wheat.

Chicago, Sept. 15.—"The idea that we feed the world is being corrected, and unless we increase our agricultural population and the product, the question of a source of food supply for our people will be a serious one."

RELIEVED OF CASH.

Visitor to Seattle Reports His Loss to the Police. Seattle, Wash., Sept. 14.—George E. Annis requested the police to-day to endeavor to locate a new-found friend who separated him from \$100 last night.

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Omaha, Sept. 15.—Interest to-day in the convention of the Fraternal Order of Eagles centred in the nomination of officers for the ensuing year. The election will be held to-morrow. The only contest to develop was in the nomination of trustees.

WILL SPEAK AT VANDOUR.

Vancouver, Sept. 14.—Lord Northcliffe will address the members of the Canadian Club at a luncheon next Thursday noon at the Pender hall.

BIG CROWDS ARE COMING

ATTENDANCE AT FALL FAIR WILL BE LARGE

Most Gratifying Reports Received From All Points by Secretary Smart.

Reports which J. A. Smart, secretary of the Agricultural Association, has received from Nanaimo and other points up the line of the E. & N., from Seattle and Tacoma, from Vancouver and New Westminster, justify the belief held by officers of the organization that the forty-ninth annual exhibition and horse show under the auspices of the association, which opens on Monday next, will prove the most notable and successful ever held in the history of Victoria.

CLAIMS BONDED.

Vancouver, Sept. 14.—The London group of copper-gold claims at Green Lake, thirty-five miles from Newport, in the Stikine valley, have just been bonded for an amount at present withheld, to a syndicate of Vancouver and eastern United States capitalists. These claims are being developed on several occasions the claims have been examined by experts, and it is stated that the engineers who have made the examinations have reported that the ore shows justifying an extensive development, but in the past no person could be found who was willing to go to the expense of thoroughly opening the properties up owing to their inaccessibility. Contracts are to be let within a few days for tunnels and cuts.

BUSINESSMEN'S PICNIC.

Nelson Committee decides to Make It Annual Event.

Nelson, Sept. 14.—A meeting of the various committees of the first annual businessmen's picnic was held at the board of trade rooms at which the accounts were passed and a committee was appointed to prepare a detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures. It was decided that the excursion should be held annually, after which the meeting adjourned to the call of the chair.

TWO FISHERMEN HAVE NARROW ESCAPE

Nelson Residents Almost Drowned When Their Boat Capsizes.

Nelson, Sept. 14.—Two young men, residents of Nelson, had an extremely narrow escape from drowning at Williams siding, about five miles west of the city. The two had gone fishing, and when starting to return in some way upset a boat which they were using and were forced to cling to the overturned craft until rescued, forty minutes later, by Joseph Marsden and Mr. Shaw, an employee of Lambert & Co., at their Tughm mill.

MONTREALS AND SHAMROCKS TO TRAVEL

Manager Welsh Gives Out Statement on Return From East.

In an interview given out in Westminster on his return from the East, A. C. Welsh, manager of the New Westminster Lacrosse Club, said that probably the Montreals and the Shamrocks would play the West at the close of the Eastern lacrosse season. The Shamrocks are expected to issue a challenge for the Minto Cup in the event of their coming out in the lead, but he expects the Montreal to win the championship this year.

INVESTIGATION AT MONTREAL CLOSES

Mark Workman Denies He Offered Bribe to Alderman.

Montreal, Sept. 15.—The Royal Commission which has been probing into the alleged bribery case of Mark Workman, closed its investigation yesterday. Judge Cannon will now make his report to the attorney-general of Quebec.

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BRYAN MAY BE CANDIDATE FOR SENATOR

Attacks Senator Bailey for Attitude Regarding Duty on Hides.

Dallas, Tex., Sept. 15.—Attacking members of the Texas congressional delegation who voted for a duty on hides, Wm. J. Bryan denounced them as violators of their party's platform and as aides of Cannonism. Bryan's speech is considered here as a direct challenge to Senator Bailey to take up the defence of his action, but the Nebraska did not mention Bailey's name in the course of his address.

ATTACKS HIS WIFE.

Edmonton, Alta., Sept. 15.—What may develop, in all probability, into a case of murder and attempted suicide took place at section 22, township 56, range six, ten miles north of Nudare, on Monday morning. The parties are S. Zibhly, a Russian farmer, and his wife, each about 35 years old, who now live at the point of death in the village hospital. Some days ago the man quarrelled with his wife, with whom he has not since lived. On Monday morning the wife accompanied by another woman, went to the shack. According to the story told, the man is alleged to have attacked her with a short axe, cutting her head in a terrible manner which would have resulted in her death, but he then mutilated himself in a frightful manner with a jack knife. Zibhly was corralled in the house by his neighbors, and the wife was summoned. The woman, still unconscious, and her husband were taken to Vegreville. She cannot recover, but it is thought he may survive.

RICH ORE FOUND IN SUMMIT CAMP

Samples From the Tulameen Run Over Four Hundred Dollars to the Ton.

Rossland, Sept. 14.—Charles Connell, the veteran prospector, has arrived from the Hope Summit of the Tulameen from what is known as the Summit camp, which is a great mining centre in the making. Mr. Connell had with him a number of samples of ore from the Celtic Chief group, which he has been developing for the past eleven years. The samples are galena, carrying high values in gold, silver, copper and lead. Assays show that this ore runs a little over \$400 to the ton. The ore was taken from a blind ledge, running east and west and was encountered while driving a crosscut vein in a north-easterly direction to tap the main lead, which runs east and west. The ledge from which the ore was taken is six feet wide, with a pay streak of twelve inches the balance being concentrating ore. The main lead is seven feet wide and carries ore similar in character to that of the lead from which the ore was taken. In the Celtic group, owned by Mr. Connell, there are four claims, the Celtic Chief, Celtic Chief fraction, the Blue Bird and the Black Bird.

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PERMANENCY OF ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Major Shepherd Delivers Lecture at Vancouver—Dust Prevention.

Vancouver, Sept. 14.—Permanency of road construction was the point emphasized by Major James Shepherd, the good roads expert, in his lecture at the city hall last night. He maintained that even in the suburban districts it was far better to put down good roads and walk than to do simply grading and planking which would never give good satisfaction, and invariably, with the first and second costs, proved an expensive proposition.

BENEFITS OF IRRIGATION.

Spring Wheat Yield in Alberta is Increased. Calgary, Sept. 14.—Two acres of my spring wheat goes 90 bushels to the acre; the balance runs 40 bushels. While the latter of August, having come by, I could have secured 60 bushels per acre from the entire field by applying water," such is the statement of Mr. Budd, of Gleichen.

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WOMEN MEET TO DISCUSS PLANS

REGULAR GATHERING OF CENTRAL BODY

Protest Made Against Betting at Fair Races—Other Business.

The Local Council of Women held its quarterly meeting Monday afternoon, with Mrs. C. E. Cooper presiding.

The secretary was asked to write saying that it would be impossible to attend the meeting on the 28th.

The resignation was received with regret. Mrs. Jenkins, for moving the acceptance of the resignation, expressed the regret that was felt by all members of the council at this move.

Mrs. Spofford as a lady active in many public spirited enterprises. A card of thanks for the hospitality of the Council of Victoria, signed by the president, Miss Gino Krohn.

The president, Mrs. Cooper, wrote to Mrs. Richards regarding the woman's building. The letter was read. Mrs. Richards answered saying that when the enterprise had been undertaken she did not expect to be so busy.

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The treasurer had no general business report upon the matter of the entertainment of the delegates from the congress reported that there had been expended \$466, and a balance of \$75 was left over.

The president brought up the matter of the recent decision of the school trustees to appoint a man as principal of the school.

A reference was then made to the decision of the quinquennial provincial conference, and Mrs. Day said she would be glad at any time to give an account of the proceedings.

GOOD PURSES FOR FAIR MEET

PRIZES FOR HORSE RACES AMOUNT TO \$8,200

Wednesday's Leading Event Will Be Times Trotting Race.

For the fall race meet run under the auspices of the British Columbia Agricultural society prize money to the amount of \$8,200 will be given away.

The feature event of Wednesday's card is the Times purse of 2:30 trotters and 2:35 pacers, one mile, best three in five. The prize is \$500.

The judges for the races are announced as follows: Presiding judge, W. H. Babbs, Calgary; starter, Joseph Vancouper; invincible, Patchen, Geo. Rowan, Ladner; scriber, J. Gleason, Victoria; Toug Nut, J. Brooks, Vancouver; Pedro, W. Foster, Vancouver; Pat, Preston, J. W. Hollenhead; B. Priest, J. W. Wilkinson, Chilliwack; Corsican, H. Swanston, Armstrong; B. C.; Princess Sunbird, H. Grocut; Beneta, A. M. Gibson, Seattle; Cornelia, G. Davis, Seattle; Major Deane, Lightout, W. Millington, Victoria.

The young man, who was but 19 years of age, was born in New Westminster, but sometime afterwards removed to North Saanich with his parents. He was a member of the I. O. O. F.

TO WORK UP TRADE WITH B. C. CITIES

Trade Commissioner Wants Victoria to Take Advantage of Position.

The Bureau of Information of the local government has received inquiries from J. B. Jackson, Canadian trade commissioner at Shanghai, asking to be put in touch with the boards of trade of the British Columbia cities.

TAFT STARTS ON HIS LONG TRIP

President Will Deliver 300 Speeches During His Tour.

Beverly, Mass., Sept. 14.—President Taft started to-day for Washington, D. C., but his way lies along the Pacific and Atlantic seaboard, which he will visit before he arrives back at the national capital.

TRADE OF EGYPT.

Commenting on the decline in imports and exports of Egypt in 1908, the British vice-consul at Alexandria, where 94 per cent. of the trade passes through, says: "The mainstay of Alexandria's commercial prosperity is, of course, cotton."

TWO STEAMERS ARRIVE FROM NORTHERN PORTS

Princess Royal and Queen City Both Here This Morning.

The Queen City brought some canned salmon, which was discharged in Vancouver. Among her passengers was W. J. Sutton, who is engaged by the Dominion government in the geological survey, his territory covering part of Vancouver Island. He joined the steamer at Rock Harbor. Mrs. Wilson also came south from the Bear River cannery.

MINORU PARK TRACK ASSAULT CASE

Hearing of Charge Against Hugh Springer and Detective Walsh.

Vancouver, Sept. 14.—Hugh Springer, manager of the Minoru track, and Chief Walsh, of the Canadian detective agency, appeared before Mr. Foulkner, J. P., at Stoveston on a charge of aggravated assault laid by Henry Moon, a Seattle telegraph operator. The case arose out of Moon and Plummer, two Americans, working a correspondence system by which results of the races were wired away to agents in Seattle and Victoria, thereby beating out the official results of the races at Minoru park.

JOE TYLER WILL RANK AS TENNIS CHAMPION

Schwengers Only Player to Defeat Spokane Crack This Year.

Joe Taylor will receive rank No. 1 among the northwest players when the official ranking list is made out, because of his wonderful run of victories in five of the six tournaments he entered this year.

SEATTLE WILL WAGE WAR AGAINST RATS

Giant Traps Will Extend Nearly Two Miles Along Waterfront.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 14.—Giant rat traps, extending nearly two miles to catch waterfront rats, will be installed by the city department of health and sanitation, according to plans under consideration to-day by Dr. J. E. Crichton, commissioner of health. This plan is more economical than former methods, because it requires less attention. A large V-shaped corral will be built at regular intervals, and the sides of high wire netting, the opening of the "V" facing the water and the point extending back to the rear of the overhanging wharf. At the point of the "V" a small opening will give into a barrel sunk flush with the ground and covered with a door, so hinged that it will drop the rats into the barrel beneath. By means of this pitfall it is hoped to keep the rats well thinned out.

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This is the last week on which the Alaska steamers Princess Royal and Princess May will relieve the Princess Victoria and Charlotte on the triangular run, as throughout the fall until early in November a regular five-day schedule will be maintained in order to cope with the rush of people which is expected, as well as the growing general trade with Prince Rupert. After the first week in November the Princess May will take the run alone.

STEAMER FLORISTON CUTS FORMER RATE

Carrying Wheat Cargo for 28s. 9d. Tacoma to United Kingdom.

According to the San Francisco Commercial News the only important fixtures of the week were the British steamer Floriston to load on the Sound at 28s 9d, which compares with 30s, the former rate for steamers and the charter of the French barque Bayard at presumably a slight concession. The French barque La Perouse has been fixed on the round from Antwerp at 14s 6d.

HARD TO ESTABLISH IDENTITY OF A DOG

Judge Lampman in County Court Confronted With Puzzling Problem.

Much amusement was provided for all who happened to be present in the County court on Tuesday, when Judge Lampman heard evidence in the case of Greenwood vs. Birnie, residents of Kingston street, the plaintiff charging that defendant's dog did deliberately bite a malice aforethought, forcibly enter upon his premises and there slay, in the most cruel and cold-blooded fashion, certain little pet rabbits, to the number of sixteen.

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Independent Infantry Team Successful in Match at Kamloops.

Kamloops, Sept. 13.—The officers of the Gold Range Rifle Association and particularly the commodore who has charge of the affair must feel highly elated over the splendid success which was scored at the first annual meet at the local ranges...

The team representing the Independent Infantry of Armstrong won the beautiful shield donated by the corporation of the city of Kamloops. They have asked permission to allow it to be competed for at the annual meet of the Okanagan Rifle Association...

The visiting riflemen were entertained at a smoker in the drill hall. The occasion was marked by the election of officers for the ensuing year. Capt. Vicars was chosen as president and with him as vice-presidents were Major J. M. Harper, C.M.R., Lieut. W. J. Anderson, Armstrong, Capt. J. W. Clark, K.D.H., and Tom Wilson...

Among the many other matters up before the meeting was the decision of the publicity committee to shortly commence a publicity campaign in the press, the proposed visit of the Calgary business men to the annual fair, the mail service on the Arrow lakes and the question of lighting of buoys on the lake.

A report from J. L. Buchan, for the advertising committee, was read by the secretary. Mr. Buchan stated that the Nelson exhibit had arrived at Toronto in excellent condition. Mr. Buchan also stated that it was the intention of the committee to shortly commence a campaign of newspaper publicity.

Nelson, Sept. 13.—The committee appointed by the board of trade to prepare a draft of a brief for presentation to the board of trade, showing the advantages of Nelson as a tourist resort with a view to inducing the company to locate the proposed tourist hotel at or near Nelson, made their report at the last meeting.

Naples, Sept. 14.—A duel to death between two Italian girls, both members of the wealthy families, was fought on the outskirts of Mugano, according to a dispatch received here yesterday.

Ashcroft, Sept. 13.—At a well attended meeting held by the members of the Ashcroft Jockey Club last week, the programme of races and athletic sports which will be held on Thursday and Friday, October 14th and 15th, was arranged for.

LAI D AT REST.

Funeral of the Late W. M. Gray at New Westminster.

New Westminster, Sept. 13.—The remains of the late W. Myers Gray were laid at rest on Saturday at the Anglican cemetery. The hearse was followed by representatives of all the legal firms in the city, and many from Vancouver and other cities.

The casket was buried in a profusion of blossoms from all parts of the continent, a tribute to the esteem in which he was held.

Nelson, Sept. 13.—One of the prettiest weddings that have been solemnized in Nelson for some years was that which took place at St. Saviour's church, Wednesday, when Miss Dorothy Mary Agnes Reynolds was married to Henry Crozier Smith, C.M.R., by Rev. Mr. Reynolds, father of the bride, performed the service up to and including the exhortation, while Rev. F. H. Graham took the concluding portion.

San Jose, Cal., Sept. 14.—Donald McDonald, aged 35, and 17-year-old stepson, Vincent Cook, are in a precarious condition in the local hospital following a knife and pistol duel, when the two men fought to take the life of the other.

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MANY FISH AT SKBENA HATCHERY

OVER FOUR MILLION SOCKEYE EGGS TAKEN

Best Season in Many Years at the Skeena Hatchery.

There has been a large run of salmon this year up the Skeena river to the Dominion government hatchery at Lakeelse river and lake. The fish were so many late in arriving spawning not commencing until August 8th, but notwithstanding this the hatchery was filled to its capacity by August 25th, six days earlier than ever before.

Altogether throughout the season 4,686,000 sockeye eggs were collected in splendid condition, and the fish were still running in large numbers after the hatchery was full of ova. They were much more numerous than on any previous occasion.

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The Young People's Society of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church opened their season's work with a banquet Monday. There were present the 150 guests sat down to four large tables headed by Thomas Whitwell, who is in charge of the hatchery, since the season has been a splendid one.

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TO ADVERTISE CITY OF KAMLOOPS

Council Grants Five Hundred Dollars to the Board of Trade.

Kamloops, Sept. 13.—The city council has granted \$500 to the board of trade to assist that organization in promoting the big publicity campaign. The board asked for \$1,600, but the aldermen thought this was a little too much to give so late in the year and the board was satisfied that with the council grant and \$500 which they have on hand that the work can be prosecuted satisfactorily until the end of the year.

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PROPERTY OWNERS AND COST OF PAVING

City Council Claims They Have Been Fairly Treated in Matter.

A deputation of property owners on Fort street, consisting of Judge Harrison, and Messrs. Humphries, Verinder and Conyers, waited on the council Monday to ask that more generous treatment be accorded them in respect to the apportionment of the cost of paving Fort street from its junction with Yates street to its junction with Oak Bay avenue.

Members of the deputation argued that as the volume of traffic was very great through this street, it being in fact the only artery by which all the traffic of Oak Bay and Oak Bay districts reached the city, and as the tram company occupied practically all the street, there were special reasons why the council should treat the owners in a very generous fashion.

After fully going into the matter the mayor and aldermen came to the conclusion that the property owners on Fort street were being very fairly treated, all the circumstances being considered.

It was agreed to pay for the cost of the upkeep and maintenance of an automobile which the city engineer proposed buying, so as to better get about the city to attend to his duties.

Messrs. Skene, Love and J. C. Newberry, who had been appointed to arbitrate with the property owners so as to permit of the opening of Government street, between Simons and Niagara, reported that they could make no recommendation in the matter as several property owners objected to removing buildings.

On motion of Aid. Henderson it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the city engineer, who will report on the cost of expropriation.

G. S. Kennedy wrote asking that the council should compel all motor cars to have number in front as well as in the rear. The council has no power under the present by-law, and the writer will be so informed.

Portland, Ore., Sept. 14.—Indictments in the "big red touring car case," charging murder in the first degree, were returned yesterday by the Multnomah county grand jury against Frank Rodman, manager of an automobile garage, and Mrs. Minnie Maddux. The defendants are charged with responsibility for the death of Mrs. Clara "May" Reah, early in the morning of August 5th last.

WOMAN ENDS HER LIFE

Guelph, Ont., Sept. 14.—Mrs. Robert Gault committed suicide Sunday by shooting while in a fit of despondency caused by illness.

Very little business was done by the Oak Bay council at its regular meeting Monday. There were present the mayor and councilors Albert, McCoy, and Noble. It was shown from the report of a meeting of the roads committee that it had been decided to purchase an electric motor for the rock crusher of Eschwege road, which was there. As it was necessary to do the work before the sidewalk was laid the work was ordered to be proceeded with.

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URGE PATRONIZING OF HOME INDUSTRY

Trades Council Objects to Merchants Sending Money East for Printing.

(From Thursday's Daily.) At an interesting meeting of the Victoria Trades and Labor Council last evening...

The chairman, Vice-President Douglas, who presided in the absence of President Watters, named Delegates McEachern, Nicholson and Tibbits to meet the allied printing trades...

The civic war problem was discussed, and after a long debate regarding the difficulties citizens had in obtaining reliable information and data regarding the various schemes...

The Labor temple building committee reported regarding the special meeting held on September 8th. A full and detailed programme of the way the council should proceed with the organization of the Labor temple building society was laid before the meeting...

The secretary of the Lord's Day alliance wrote inviting the delegates to attend a meeting of the alliance. The secretary of the Local Option League wrote to the same effect.

The organizing committee of the Brewery Workers' Union wrote to say that they were making strenuous efforts to get the brewery workers into union line.

Delegate McEachern had been instructed to get into communication with the English Labor leader, Will Crooks, M. P., with the object of getting him to speak in this city while on his way to Australia...

The intention is to have the meeting held in the Victoria opera house, and A. Leary, secretary of the Seamen's Institute, suggested that collection be taken up for the benefit of the Seamen's Institute.

After some consideration it was decided to invite all labor bodies not affiliated with the council to take stock in the building association.

During the progress of the fall fair next week a great quantity of literature describing the beauties and attractions of Victoria and Vancouver Island will be distributed...



Wilkerson's Prize Cups For Fair and Horse Show

A large, new stock just to hand ready for the Exhibition in sterling silver and best English and Canadian plate.

PRICES \$2 TO \$50 See Window Display W. H. Wilkerson The Jeweler 815 GOVERNMENT ST. Tel. 1608.

RECEPTION AT PARSONAGE.

House Warming at Home of Rev. T. E. Holling Yesterday.

(From Thursday's Daily.) A reception was given yesterday afternoon and evening at the new Metropolitan parsonage...

During the evening a good musical programme was given, which delighted those in attendance. Among those who took part were: Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Longfield, Mrs. Gleason, Miss Cocker and Mr. Shandley.

SOCCER MEN STRANDED OFF MORESBY ISLAND

Much Music on Steamer Takes Place of Game at Ganges.

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SPECIAL EXCURSION FOR FALL FAIR

Chippewa to Bring Crowd From Bellingham and Anacortes.

In order that the people of Bellingham and Anacortes may have an opportunity of visiting the Victoria fall fair, the International Steamship Company has decided to run a special excursion...

Renting wedding outfits is a common practice in France. It frequently happens that the bridesmaids by participants at a wedding are hired for the occasion.

CITY TO SUE OWNERS OF CATTLE FOR DAMAGE

Instructions Issued to Superintendent of Parks Last Evening.

(From Thursday's Daily.) At a meeting of the parks' board held last evening, Parks' Superintendent D. D. England notified the board that the poundkeeper had refused to collect damages assessed by himself for damage done by cattle running at large on the boulevards.

Poundkeeper Craig said that he was being guided by the instructions of the city solicitor, who held the opinion that the poundkeeper could not hold cattle for damage done, and the only way for the city to reimburse itself is to bring a civil action against the owners of the cattle.

Mayor Hall expressed the opinion that one or two prosecutions should be instituted, and it was finally decided to instruct the parks' superintendent to take any necessary steps to collect for any damage done property of the city.

Superintendent England also addressed a communication to the board in regard to the matter of his salary. This was formerly \$150 but has been reduced to \$125. Mr. England is satisfied to continue at the latter figure, but he would like an assurance that his services would not be dispensed with at the end of the year.

PRETTY WEDDING AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Mr. Dodgson and Miss Phelps Married—Chemainus Couple Wed.

(From Thursday's Daily.) A pretty wedding was solemnized in the First Presbyterian church last evening, when Mr. Herbert Dodgson, of the B. C. Electric Company of Vancouver, was united in marriage with Miss Gertrude Phelps, of this city.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Campbell. The bride was a member of the choir of the church, and the members of the choir were in attendance and assisted in the ceremony.

The church had been very prettily decorated for the occasion by the friends of the bride, many of whom were in attendance at the church. The bride was attended by Miss Hazel Harkness, while Mr. Thomas Carson supported the groom.

After the wedding a reception was held at the home of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Dodgson, who were at the midnight steamer for Vancouver, where they will make their home.

W. C. T. U. DONATIONS.

Receipts at the Pound Party Held by Organization.

The following donations were received by the W. C. T. U. at the pound party: Mrs. Spencer, chairs and tablecloth; Mrs. F. W. Grant, crab apples; Mrs. Todd (Cedar Hill), box of apples and vegetables; Mrs. Crawford, vegetables and tea; Mrs. Ricketts, tea; A. Friend, rolled oats; Mrs. Hickford, plums; Mrs. Moor, preserves; Mrs. H. S. McLean, box of apples; Mrs. Munroe, sack of potatoes and cash; Miss Bower, tablecloth; Mrs. W. K. Higgins, rolled oats, macaroni and cash; Mrs. Lumsden, rolled oats; Mrs. Arthur Lee, sack of flour; Harrison McDonald, confectionery; Miss Miller, sack of flour; Mrs. J. A. McTavish, sack of sugar and cash; Mrs. J. McLoe, sack of sugar; Mrs. (Dr.) Hunter, box of oranges; William H. Bone, stationery; Mrs. Perrin, coffee, matches and soap; Mrs. Barnard, sack of flour; Mrs. E. B. Marvin, sack of flour; Mrs. John Flett (Maple Bay), curtain stretcher; A. Friend, cash; Mrs. Gill, butter; Mrs. Creech, preserves; J. G. Brown, fish; Mrs. (Captain) Butler, rolled oats and tea; Mrs. Cochrane, ground chocolate, cocoa, etc.; Mr. Cochrane, castle soap; Mrs. Frank, tea and cake; Mrs. Winspy, rolled oats; A. Friend, tea; Mrs. Shakespeare, sack of flour; Mrs. Wootton, soap; Mrs. Snowcroft, soap; Mrs. Brink, rolled oats; Mrs. Carno, sugar; Mrs. Ricketts, sugar; Mrs. Erskine, soda crackers; Mrs. Wood, tea; Mrs. Goodacre, sack of flour; Mrs. J. B. Lovell, sack of flour and cash; Mrs. J. Y. McDonald, tea and cash; Mrs. McIntyre, tea and cash; Mrs. Toller, cocoa; Mrs. Haynes, tea; Mrs. G. N. Richardson, tea; Mrs. Mitchell, tea; Mrs. J. Cullen, currants; Mrs. Templeman, cash; Mrs. McCans and butter and tea; Mrs. Luscombe, grapes; Mrs. A. E. Johnstone, tea; Mrs. Gordon Grant, coffee; Mrs. Parsons, tea and cake; Mrs. Clark, soda biscuits; Miss Clark, rolled oats; Mrs. Carno, butter and tea; Mrs. Durham, butter; Mrs. Powell, tea; Mrs. Lewis, tea and sugar; Mrs. Willis, coffee; A. Friend, tea; Mrs. Hooper, tea, cocoa, baking powder and coconut; Miss Bell, ham; Hon. J. S. Helmecken, cash; Mrs. George Powell, cash.

PROMISES TO OPEN LAND TO SETTLEMENT

Premier McBride Gives Favorable Hearing to Members of Development League.

The officers of the Victoria branch of the Vancouver Island Development League, who yesterday afternoon held an interview with Premier McBride on the subject of land for settlement on Vancouver Island, express themselves as well satisfied with the result of the conference and hopeful that the object sought will be attained before long.

The deputation from the league consisted of G. W. Wilson, the president, and E. McGaffey, the secretary, and on Monday Mr. McBride said that the question was one to which he had given, and was now giving, serious consideration. When the forestry commission returned to Victoria the matter would again be laid before them. He understood that the members of the league were at present working out the details of a plan whereby certain portions of leased timber tracts might be thrown open to settlers. Such a method, of course, he is opposed to. The Premier informed the deputation that he felt it important before any definite action was taken along the lines suggested he obtain more data concerning those portions of land so leased, and where it could be thrown open without infringing on the rights of the lessees.

The entire fire department of Frankfurt-on-the-Main, Germany, was changed from horse to motor traction.

PRETTY WINDOWS FOR HORSE SHOW

Local Firms Make Artistic Displays in the Competition.

(From Thursday's Daily.) The window dressing competition in connection with the annual horse show held by the B. C. Agricultural Association has caused quite an amount of interest to be taken by the local firms. Three cash prizes are to be given to firms having the best dressed windows descriptive of the horse show. Secretary Smart, of the association, has received eleven entries for the competition. The windows are all dressed very neatly, and are a credit to those who have undertaken the work.

In the window of Dixie H. Ross is an artistic display of the kind which has been fixed up in the window and covered with bunting. In this two small Shetland ponies are placed, and are on view from 9 o'clock to 12 o'clock in the morning and from 2 o'clock to 6 o'clock in the afternoon. The floral decorations consists of two large horse shoes made of gillardia, a number of vases of dahlias and a few sunflowers. A large number of bottles of preserves add to the decorations, while red, green and yellow ribbons are intertwined everywhere. The motto of the window is "If you live in Victoria you will surely patronize the horse show; if you are a visitor don't fail to go, for there you will find enjoyment, society and value for your money."

At Angus Campbell's, the ladies outfitters, is a very pretty window. A large wax lady in her Sunday best stands in the middle of a horseshoe of daisies. A large number of bottles of preserves add to the decorations, while red, green and yellow ribbons are intertwined everywhere. The motto of the window is "If you live in Victoria you will surely patronize the horse show; if you are a visitor don't fail to go, for there you will find enjoyment, society and value for your money."

W. H. Wilkerson, the jeweller, another who has made entry, has prepared a neat little window. A horseshoe of yellow and brown dahlias stands in the centre of the window, and the minute head of a horse is in the middle of it. In front of this is a little race track, the course being lined with a watch chain, and this is supported by tie pins. A number of stop watches, whips and cups are laid throughout the window, and little narrow strips of red, yellow and green ribbons finish off the neat display.

FALL SKIN DISEASES.

AN ARTICLE FOR MOTHERS.

When the children "break out" with eruptions and skin diseases, so common in the fall, don't run to useless and nauseating medicines, Zam-Buk is what is needed. It is a skin food as well as a healing balm.

Mrs. Chas. Levere, of Prescott, North Channel, Ont., tells how Zam-Buk cured her baby. She says: "My baby's head and face was one complete mass of sores. The itching and irritation were fearful, and the little one's plight was so fearful that at one time we feared her ears would be eaten off."

"We had to keep her hands tied for days to prevent her rubbing and scratching the sores. Doctor after doctor treated her in vain, until we had had five doctors. They all agreed it was a frightful case of eczema, but none of them did any permanent good."

"As a last resource we were advised to try Zam-Buk. The first box did so much good that we felt sure we were at last working in the right direction. We persevered with the treatment until we had used thirteen boxes, and at the end of that time I am glad to say Zam-Buk effected a cure."

Mrs. Holmes, of 30, Gulse street, Hamilton, is quite as eloquent in her praises. She says: "Zam-Buk cured my boy of boils and eruptions when he was so bad that he had been unable to mix with other children. Prior to the boils breaking out he had had a bad eruption, but Zam-Buk cleared him away too, and made his skin clear and smooth. It is a wonderful preparation, and mothers throughout the land should always keep it handy."

For eczema, eruptions, rashes, tetter, itch, ringworm and similar skin diseases, Zam-Buk is without equal. In all cases, cures cut, burns, scalds, piles, abscesses, chronic sores, blood-poisoning, etc. All druggists and stores at all times have a box, or post free for price from Zam-Buk Co., Toronto.

EXACT INFORMATION.

Railway Committee of Board of Trade Ask Survey at Bute Inlet.

At a meeting of the railway committee of the board of trade this morning a preliminary report was presented showing the progress the committee is making in collecting information bearing on the projected line of railway from the shores of Bute Inlet eastward to connect with one of the transcontinental systems. This information when complete will be forwarded to the heads of the railway companies which will be interested.

It was recommended by the committee, in view of the importance of the scheme, that the provincial government be asked to undertake an initial survey of the route which a railway would follow from Bute Inlet to Tatla lake. Previous surveys gave the gradient which would have to be followed on this section as from one to two per cent. The investigations of the committee lead to the belief that a much lower grade can be established and it is for this reason that the committee asks the assistance of the provincial government.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Notice has been received by the marine agency in Victoria from the hydrographic office at Port Townsend, dated 15th September, 1909, that the S. S. Cottage City passed Mary Island lighthouse, Alaska, at 10:50 p. m. on 4th September, and the light was not burning.

MAIL CONTRACT

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the Postmaster General will be received at the office of the Postmaster General, Victoria, on Friday, the 17th of October next, for the conveyance of His Majesty's mails fortnightly each way between HAZELTON AND PRINCE RUPERT, HAZELTON AND KITIMAT MISSION, connecting at the Postmaster General's pleasure.

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E. H. FLETCHER, Post Office Inspector's Office, Victoria, B. C., 2nd September, 1909.

EARL GREY WILL PAY VISIT TO NELSON

Governor-General to Be Guest of Canadian Club on September 28th.

Nelson, Sept. 15.—Earl Grey will be the guest of the Nelson and district Canadian Club on September 28th. This was the substance of a telegram received by the secretary of the club from Lord Lascelles, A.D.C. to the Governor-General.

The news that Earl Grey will be the guest of honor at a luncheon given by the Canadian Club will be received with pleasure throughout the district by members of the club and the public alike. The only regret will be that the Governor-General is unable to visit Nelson a few days earlier and officiate at the opening of the fair.

The Nelson and district Canadian Club now has a membership of over 160, and in view of the great empire builder and statesman who is to be the guest on September 28th, it is expected that the number will approach 200 by that date. In order to be prepared for the large attendance which is anticipated, the executive of the club have decided to make use of the armory which has been placed at their disposal through the courtesy of Major Lorne Stewart of the 102nd regiment. The building will be suitably decorated and it is intended to make arrangements for an orchestra which will play during the first half hour of the luncheon and at the close.

It is probable, too, that specimens of good local flowers and fruit will be used as part of the decorations for the building in order that his excellency may gain some idea of the fertility of the Kootenay soil and of the great progress which the fruit-growing industry has made during the past few years. A committee of ladies will be in charge of the fruit and flowers.

Lord Lascelles' telegram was dated from Windermere, where the Governor-General and party have been staying since Wednesday last.

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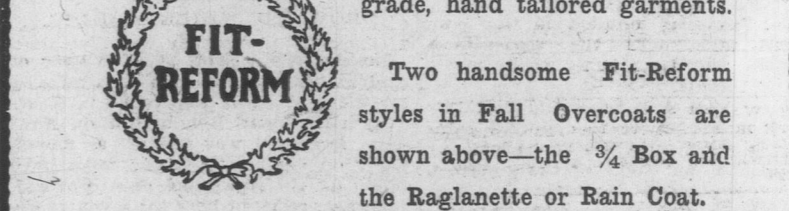
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## CITY OF GUELPH HAS COMMISSION SYSTEM

**Owens and Operates All Its Public Utilities—Has Been Able to Reduce Tax Rate By Eight Mills on the Dollar.**

That the city of Guelph, Ont., was the first Canadian city to own and successfully operate all its public utilities, that under management by civic commissioners all these have been greatly reduced in cost, and that they further reduce the cost of ordinary taxation by eight mills on the dollar, are the extraordinary and encouraging statements made by Mr. W. J. Bell, of Guelph, in a paper which he read—with documents to support it—before the Guelph board of trade the other day.

The city of Guelph, says Mr. Bell, may justly and proudly claim to have been the first Canadian municipality to own and successfully operate all of its public utilities.

From the earliest times almost all our towns have controlled their water works systems, but to this day the majority of them have been satisfied to let it go at that.

Some twenty-two years ago Guelph took a rather radical departure from the regular groove and built its 15 1/2 mile steam road, under the title of the Guelph Junction railway. This it leased on a percentage basis to the Canadian Pacific under a 99 year agreement, and, as you are all aware, receiving yearly dividends amounting to about \$25,000 or at the rate of 13 per cent per annum. Those dividends have constantly increased, and are constantly increasing, and will unquestionably reach double their present proportions in the lives of many here present.

**Lighting Greatly Reduced.**

In the year 1903 the city purchased the gas works, and the electric light and power plants, at a cost of \$135,000, on which it subsequently spent in betterments a further sum of \$55,000, making a total investment in these utilities of \$190,000. Prior to these works being taken over our citizens had to pay \$1.80 per 1,000 feet for illuminating gas, and 14c per 1,000 watts for commercial, and 12c for private electric current. We are now charged but \$1.00 per 1,000 for gas, and 10c all round for electric lighting, and on the amounts of these two commodities consumed by our people last year a net saving of over \$15,500 was made by the public. In addition to which, the commissioners of these departments cleared a gross profit of \$34,179 for the twelve months, or, after paying interest on debentures, a handsome clear profit of \$25,215. Considering that out of profits alone debentures to the extent of \$17,845 had already been paid off at the end of 1908, this net profit was equal to a dividend at the rate of about 15 per cent on the net investment of \$192,054, which the city then had in these utilities.

The light and heat commissioners pay the same to the water works, and supply the city with arc lights for street illumination at \$5 per year less than their predecessors. Truly this is a wonderful record, but the end is not yet. If the present anticipations of the commissioners are to be realized, these gentlemen assure me that with the advent of Niagara power next year they expect to supply gas at 90c per 1,000 feet, and electric light at 6c per 1,000 watts. Please note these figures and at the same time remember that if these anticipations are fulfilled, and I quite believe they will be, we will be having the cheapest artificial gas of any city in Canada, with one single exception. As it is I may say that, even now, there are only three cities in the whole Dominion which are receiving supplies with artificial gas at a lower price than we.

**City Makes Big Profit.**

Since taking over the two plants, and after allowing for depreciation, the commissioners have all together made a net profit of one hundred thousand dollars, not one penny of which, however, has been used for the reduction of the city tax rate, but has been applied to paying off debentures, adding to the sinking fund, etc., although, of course, in time the profits made in these departments will go towards still further reducing our already low tax rate.

As has been generally the experience in cities of this size our street railway proved an unprofitable venture when operated as a private enterprise. Since the commissioners took charge the road has been improved to such an extent that it is now pronounced in the official reports of the government to be one of the best railways of its kind in Ontario. In this the city has \$108,000 invested, on which last year it made a profit of \$5,065, notwithstanding the fact that one of our workmen may purchase 100 car tickets for \$3.00, and thus each day effect a saving of 8c (or \$25 a year), on the usual fare charged in most cities for his two rides daily each way to and from his place of employment.

Since the water works passed from the hands of the city council to those of the commissioners water rates have been reduced by 10 per cent, while the profits made have gone up by less than one bound until last year they amounted to the large total of \$21,139 on an investment of \$172,948, equivalent to a dividend of 12 per cent. The commissioners, as you are all aware, are now about completing improvements in the whole plant at an outlay of \$125,000, when it is believed that we will have a water supply second to none.

Our tax rate this year is 14 1/2 mills on the dollar, which is not only the lowest of any city in Canada, but it is levied on property assessed at the lowest valuation of any city in the country having a population of approximately the same as we. This latter is not an idle statement by any means, as is proven by the fact that our total tax-

able property is assessed at but \$6,091,000, a smaller total than that of any city of equal size, and even lower than many with a distinctly smaller number of inhabitants.

**Dividends Reduce Taxation.**

I find from actual calculations made by Mayor Hastings that the net dividends received from our various public utilities have reduced the tax rate on the city by 8 mills on the dollar. In other words, if we did not own all of our utilities we should not only have to pay more for their use, but we would have a tax rate of 22 1/2 mills this year, instead of 14 1/2. The gas, water, electric light and street car rates would be higher, and for every \$1,000 that we are assessed we would have to pay an additional \$8 per year in taxes. Just pause for a moment and let these facts sink right in. For example take a six roomed house with modern conveniences, assessed at say \$1,500, in which it would be necessary to burn about 12,000 feet of illuminating gas per annum, and then go back to the year 1902, before we owned our public utilities, when the tax rate stood at 21 mills on the dollar, and house owner would find expenses as follows:

Taxes on \$1,500 at 21 mills	31.50
Water, bath and closet, net	10.24
12,000ft. of gas at \$1.80	21.60
Total	\$63.34
Whereas at present they are:	
Taxes on \$1,500 at 14 1/2 mills	21.75
Water, bath and closet, net	8.96
12,000 ft. of gas at \$1.00	12.00
Total	\$42.71

Net annual saving under present conditions of \$20.63. A nice direct saving, is it not? And one to which may be added the indirect saving made in street car fares on an improved city-owned street car line.

I have compiled and submit herewith comparative statistics of the expenditure for taxes, water and gas for both a mechanics' dwelling in the larger cities and for a six-roomed house with bathroom and closet in all of the smaller Ontario municipalities having a population of not less than 3,000 people. I have also obtained similar particulars from the nearest American city of the smaller class: Port Huron, Michigan, with which many of us are familiar.

To prevent the possibility of error in this statement I have written the authorities of each, giving them the exact figures which it is my intention to publish with reference to their various cities, so that this chart may be relied upon.

**Cheapest City in Canada.**

Notwithstanding that we are not blessed with cheap natural gas like a few rival cities, the net results are very gratifying to Guelph, as they prove that our tax rate is not only the lowest of all, but that it is levied on a total assessment lower than that of any city of a similar size. Taking the combined three items of taxes, water and gas, Guelph is shown conclusively to be the cheapest city in Canada in which a workman can live, with his weather neighbor, with a higher assessment, will find it correspondingly advantageous to reside here.

These pleasing facts should prove attractive to manufacturers looking for a city in which to locate new industries.

After carefully considering the foregoing is it any wonder that the envious eyes of the taxpayers of all other Canadian cities are constantly turned to Guelph when municipal taxation is being discussed? From the last word on the subject is expected, and if I am not greatly mistaken we still have some surprises in store. Personally I do not mind going on record to predict that the city of Guelph, inside of five years, will have some of the most interesting and profitable of its public utilities are at present owned privately, and I am glad to draw your attention to the fact that its assets exceed its total liabilities by the handsome figure of \$27,462.

Neither too high praise nor too great thanks can possibly be given to the public-spirited gentlemen who have acted as commissioners of our different city utilities. One and all they have, without exception, proven themselves men of not only the highest integrity, but of superior ability as well. Every one of our utilities is now in infinitely better shape in every way than when privately owned.

**Utilities Admirably Managed.**

Notwithstanding that the rates for gas and electric light have been materially reduced and that we can now buy 100 street car tickets for three dollars, the profits in all three departments have been substantially, very substantially, increased, while our water rates under the commissioners have been reduced 10 per cent below those charged when the water works were controlled by a committee of the council, to say nothing whatever of the great improvement made in the entire plant itself.

Now it is entirely due to the fact that this far we have been fortunate enough to have the management of our utilities in the hands of upright, capable and energetic commissioners that these successes have been achieved, but it must not be lost sight of that our various commissioners will not live forever, and that they will not, nor can they be expected to, act for all time without remuneration. Changes are sure to come, and it is now our bounden duty to prepare a way in which the city's best interests will be protected when the time for this inevitable change arrives.

To me it appears that perhaps we have more independent commissions than are necessary. Could not the

whole be amalgamated, and, together with all of the other affairs of the city, be left in the hands of a general manager at an adequate salary, with the title "City Business Manager," as is given such a representative in the similar sized city of Staunton, Virginia? Such a man could act under the advice and direction of one single commission of three members, who in turn should be properly compensated for the time and ability which they would devote to the interests of the city. All Mayors Favor Centralized Government.

In order to be possessed of reliable data for the writing of this paper I put myself in communication with the Mayors of about forty different cities and from these I asked an expression of opinion as to the merits and demerits of government by commission. The replies received varied in the amount of enthusiasm shown, but generally speaking all favored the idea, some of them emphatically so, with the exception of the Mayor of the City, who, while owning that all possible good might come from commission government was not prepared to admit that government by aldermen was necessarily a bad thing. This gentleman, like myself, is after "Results," and the showing of his own city under aldermanic administration is certainly both exceptional and gratifying.

The tax rate in Kansas City for all purposes is 12 1/2 mills on the dollar on property assessed at but one-half of its actual value, while the net debt of the city is under \$4,000,000, as against a net debt of six times that amount owed by the city of Toronto, which it equals in both population and wealth, and much exceeds in commerce. This Mayor is the only one who expressed the opinion that a change to commission government is unnecessary.

Now, if the city of Guelph were to belong to a private individual, how do you think that owner would have its affairs looked after? Would he have aldermen elected by wards or general vote? Would he have in addition an advisory committee dignified with the name, "board of control," with very little power to do anything, as in Toronto? Would he have a separate set of commissioners to manage each and every public utility we have in Guelph, or would he employ a limited number of first-class men and pay them adequate salaries to devote their time and energies to the proper conduct of the city on business principles? The American cities governed under commission laws have adopted the latter plan. How long will we be in following their seemingly excellent example?

Guelph was the first Canadian city to fully adopt the principle of "commission government" and operating all public utilities. Will it also be the first to place its entire business affairs in the hands of Municipal Commissioners?

**TWO QUARDERS TO BE BUILT ON TYNE**

**Most Important Contracts Taken in Last Four Years.**

The Cunard company has placed the order for their new liner with Messrs. Swan, Hunter, and Wigam Richardson (Ltd.), of Wallsend-on-Tyne, while the contract for the engines has been secured by the Wallsend Shipway and Engineering Company. The latter will be of the intermediate class, but is nevertheless another very important undertaking for Tyne-side. She will be 300 ft. long by 70 ft. beam, and she is to be propelled by two sets of reciprocating turbine engines. The vessel will take the place of the wrecked Slavonia, and will be capable of acting as a substitute for either the Metastonia or the Lusitania when they are taken off for repairs or overhauling.

There has been keen competition between the Clyde and the Tyne for the order, and the success of the order, in the face of this competition has given great satisfaction on Tyne-side. Messrs. Swan, Hunter, and Wigam Richardson built the Metastonia, which holds the Atlantic record east and west, and the performance of that vessel has no doubt been an important consideration in placing the order for the new steamer. The vessel to be built in every way a handsome addition to the famous line. There have been already four Cunarders built at Wallsend Shipyard, namely, the Utonia, Ivernia, Carpathia, and Mauretania, all of which have done exceedingly well, the most successful being, of course, the Mauretania. This is the most important order in the way of passenger steamers that the Tyne has secured since the Mauretania was booked over four years ago, and it will brighten the shipbuilding outlook on the river.

**NEW DEER FOR PARK.**

Two Does Have Been Received From Spokane for Beacon Hill.

The deer enclosure in Beacon Hill Park is to have its inmates increased. Two deer have arrived from Spokane and will be placed there. Superintendent England is making arrangements to have these two deer added to the permanent inhabitants of the enclosure.

In addition to the deer there have been several guinea pigs sent from Spokane also. It is commonly believed that rats will not stay in premises where guinea fowl are. The truth of this will be tested, and it is hoped by Superintendent England that it is well founded as he hopes by this means to rid the park of the troublesome rodents.

**A Mail-Whisker, the Sheffield lawyer and politician, who is mentioned in Monday's dispatches to the Times has become insane in Vancouver, was a passenger from Liverpool on the Empress of Britain which arrived in Quebec on the 9th. Several Victorians were fellow passengers of Mr. Wilson, and state that his strange actions compelled Capt. Murray to place him under surveillance. He was a great sufferer from insomnia, and informed some of the passengers that he had difficulty in restraining himself from jumping overboard. At the ship's consignment and in ordinary conversation his manner was that of an overworked man whose nervous condition was alarming. He was booked to sail on the Makura a few evenings ago for Australia on his voyage round the world.**

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**Naval Yards to Be Established in Connection With the Scheme.**

Mention was made on a previous occasion of a determination of the Chinese government to commence naval construction in the near future. This has been confirmed by news brought Wednesday by steamer Kaga Maru, which has just arrived from Chinese ports. A telegram was sent to the viceroys and governors shortly before the departure of the steamer stating that an appropriation had been sanctioned by the Prince Regent amounting in all to about 18,000,000 taels. This in Canadian currency would be about the same number of dollars, varying according to the price of silver. The sum will be used in the construction of naval yards and warships. This is to be in addition to the ordinary expenditure of \$2,000,000. The appropriation for the construction of warships is 17,000,000 taels, of which 500,000 taels are to be defrayed this year and 16,500 taels in another four years, and the expenditure for the construction of naval yards amounting to 1,000,000 taels, next year. The amount to be borne by the department is 5,000,000 taels, and the rest be contributed by the provinces.

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### JOHN MCKANE IS LEAVING FOR JAPAN

**Interesting Personality to Be Passenger on Empress This Evening.**

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Among the dozen passengers who will join the white liner Empress of Japan when she leaves here this evening will be John McKane, one of the most picturesque characters in Canada, and latterly one of the richest.

Mr. McKane has had a varied career. A few years ago he espoused the Conservative cause in Upper British Columbia, running for the Dominion House against W. A. Gallier. He also previously took a prominent part in politics, being a candidate on one or two occasions for the local legislature.

When defeated by Gallier he left for the United States, and it was then that he laid the foundation of his fortune. He, along with a number of others, struck it rich at Tonopah, and for some time was associated with Schwab in financial ventures. Since that he has invested heavily in Canada, at the present time having an interest in, if not the control of, several of the larger Canadian newspapers. At the last Dominion election he is said to have put up half a million dollars for the purpose of defeating Sir Wilfrid Laurier, but that was one of the cases where money did not count.

Mr. McKane is now on his way to Japan for a holiday.

**SAYS CLIENT IS INSANE.**

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 15.—The trial of James Cunningham, the laborer who is charged with having murdered Carolina Brasch, a clerk in Gray Brothers Construction Company's office, was interrupted to-day and the judge ordered that the self-confessed murderer be taken before the examining board this afternoon and examined for his sanity. Cameron King, Jr., Cunningham's attorney, took the stand and swore that he believes his client to be insane, basing his belief on the fact that Cunningham can give no coherent story of the shooting and that he is continually talking about a girl who he declares is trying to hypnotize him.

On King's testimony, the order for Cunningham to appear before the board was given.

A quiet wedding was solemnized at 1413 Mine street on the 13th inst., when Miss Nellie K. Russell, eldest daughter of M. J. J. Russell, late of Cedar Hill, was united in marriage to George W. Allison, late of Scarborough, Eng. Only members of the family were present at the ceremony, which was conducted by Rev. J. S. McCoy. Miss Marian Russell, sister of the bride, made a charming bridesmaid. The happy couple left for the Sound cities by the Princess Charlotte, where the honeymoon will be spent. On their return they will take up their residence at 1819 Stanley avenue.

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### ANOTHER STRIKE AT STEEL CAR PLANT

**Men Claim Strikebreakers Are Being Promoted by Company.**

Pittsburg, Sept. 15.—Practically the entire 5,000 striking employees of the Pressed Steel Car Company, who returned to work last week after tying up the plant for more than two months, quit in a body this afternoon. The men claimed that instead of the strikebreakers being discharged as had been promised, many of them had been promoted to be bosses. The employees are indignant, and a repetition of the bloody rioting during the first days of the strike is feared, unless the strikebreakers are discharged.

### JAPANESE TRADE ENVOYS.

Butte, Mont., Sept. 15.—The Japanese trade envoys who have been the guests of the business men of this city for several days left this morning for St. Paul. Last night the visitors were tendered a banquet at the fashionable Silver Boy Club by the merchants' associations of Butte.

The city assessor on Wednesday issued a permit to R. A. McGaffan for the erection of dwelling in Oaklands district, to cost \$1,500.

The remains of the late William McFarlane were interred in Ross Bay cemetery on Wednesday. The funeral left the Victoria Undertaking Parlors at 2:30 o'clock.

E. E. Blackwood, Atlantic steamship agent, has been advised that the Cunard liner Ivernia arrived at Boston Tuesday from Liverpool with 1,493 passengers.

The Vancouver Island Development League has received a communication from the Hon. W. Pugsley, Minister of Public Works, promising that the matter concerning the advantages of Esquimalt for the location of a new graving dock would receive his careful consideration.

The following resolution was passed Tuesday by the board of the Metropolitan Methodist church: "Resolved that this board enter its protest against the action of the Agricultural Association, in allowing bookmaking at the fair, and that a copy be sent to the local papers and the secretary of the association."

### TRIES TO KILL WIFE.

**Woman Will Probably Die From Wounds—Would Be Murderer a Fugitive.**

Ukiah, Cal., Sept. 15.—A posse is now scouring the hills in this vicinity searching for Stewart Faundree, of Forestville, Sonoma county, who is alleged to have shot and probably fatally wounded his wife on the main street of Ukiah last night.

Mrs. Faundree, it is said, was visiting friends here following some trouble with her husband at his home. He came after her but she refused to return to Forestville with him. Last night he asked her to take a walk with him. The couple began to quarrel and the man pulled a revolver from his pocket. Begging for mercy the woman fell on her knees before him. According to her story told to-day the enraged husband then coolly aimed the revolver at her and fired three shots in quick succession. One shot struck the side of her head, the second tore through her body and the third pierced her groin. The woman fell to the ground and Faundree escaped.

The city treasurer and staff and the water commissioner and staff have occupied the remodelled offices at the city hall and find them much more convenient and commodious than formerly. The carpenters have a similar big remodeling job in hand at the headquarters of the fire department.

All members of the High school cadet corps are requested to be present at a rifle practice to be held on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock at the Clover Point range.

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