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**VOI. 34.**  
**DOWAGER EMPRESS IN WARLIKE MOOD**  
**DETERMINED TO FIGHT FOR MANCHURIA**  
**Foreign Control Would Lead to Destruction of Empire—The Russian Japanese Situation.**

London, Jan. 22.—A special dispatch from Seoul, Korea, dated to-day, says Japanese railway men have been attacked by Koreans at several points along the Seoul-Fusan railway, and that the Korean authorities have been notified that unless they prevent a recurrence of these affairs necessary steps will be taken by Japan to prevent them.

The Dowager Empress has, according to the Globe's Shanghai correspondent, determined to fight for the freedom of Manchuria from foreign control. Confessions between the dowager and the leading statesmen, it is added, have convinced her that any other policy would be tantamount to dynastic suicide, as the result of the whole world would be impudently in the eyes of the Chinese, and unless a vigorous effort is made to restore the Ming dynasty with the result of the complete destruction of China.

The Russian minister at Peking, the correspondent continues, has learned the result of these conferences, and is convinced that in the event of war, China will be forced to participate, with the result that the whole world will practically be involved.

"In the meanwhile," the dispatch continues, "Japan, though ostensibly anxious to see the whole of Korea united with its own group of powers devoted to the policy of anti-partition, and who have virtually agreed to get her to defend herself against the Japanese."

French View.  
Paris, Jan. 22.—Information reaching the foreign office during the last twenty-four hours shows a definite improvement in the Russo-Japanese situation. The question of the Japanese settlements in Manchuria has been one of the most difficult under consideration.

The Russian minister at Peking, it is stated, has made known here, that the real issue is the maintenance of full supremacy in Northern Asia. It is maintained that Russia's insistence that reasonable limits be placed on the establishment of Japanese settlements in Manchuria has the same end as the American and British laws, the latter in Australia in protecting the commerce and labor of whites from the Mongols.

It appears that Russia is chiefly apprehensive of the springing up of large Japanese settlements along the lines of the Russian railroads and other centres of Russian influence, as it is practically nullify Russia's privileged position in Manchuria, which Japan has been willing to recognize.

The War Correspondent.  
Winnipeg, Jan. 22.—A party of war correspondents bound for Japan passed through this city on yesterday's transcontinental. They are: Mr. William Maxwell, representing the London Standard, accompanied by Mrs. Maxwell; Mr. C. L. Brownell, a man of literary attainments, author of "In the Heart of Japan," who is associated in this mission with Mr. Maxwell, on the staff of the Standard, and representative of the London Telegraph; Mr. E. J. McHugh, Mr. Melton Prior, artist-correspondent of the Illustrated London News, who passed through Winnipeg a few days ago, and has been spending a day or two at Glacier, B. C., will join this party at the coast and sail with them on the 25th.

Korea Causes Uneasiness.  
Washington, Jan. 22.—The situation in Korea is arousing fresh apprehension among the powers in the Far East. It is the opinion of the military experts here that in the event of war between Russia and Japan, Korea would be the battleground, at least in the beginning.

Mr. Allen, the American minister at Seoul, called the state department to-day from Seoul as follows: "Considerable disturbances throughout Korea. The Japanese have been attacked in many places."

It is learned that in view of the position of Korea being unable to afford proper protection to Japanese subjects, the Tokyo authorities have dispatched a Japanese military officer of the highest rank, namely, a major-general, to Seoul where he will be in a position to direct any military operations that the Japanese troops may undertake. The Korean government has 3,500 men under arms, but

they have not been trained in the modern school of war, and rather resemble constabulary rather than soldiers.

It is anticipated here that Japan in Korea will repeat the performance of Russia in Manchuria and make the distance on the Japanese railway the ground for a military occupation of the line in great force, corresponding to Russian occupation of the Manchurian railway.

Tokyo, Jan. 22.—The Japanese government is still preparing for war, and the pacific reports that are emanating from London, St. Petersburg and Washington, find no response here either in sentiment or governmental action.

This fact was doubly emphasized to-night when the news became public that the government was getting ready to negotiate an internal loan amounting to 100,000,000 yen. In addition other extraordinary precautions are being taken that indicate grave doubts of a peaceful settlement are felt by the members of the cabinet.

There will be no trouble floating the loan as the prominent Japanese financiers have announced their willingness to take care of all the war bonds that it may be found necessary to issue.

In Korea.  
Seoul, Jan. 22.—This city is quiet at present. Seven out of ten ministers of the cabinet have resigned, and four new ones have been appointed. They are all neutral as regards the revival of the progressive independence clause which the government offers as inducement to insure that in the southern provinces because of official oppression.

Reply Not Ready.  
St. Petersburg, Jan. 22.—The czar has not called the council to consider the Japanese reply, but it is said at the foreign office that the summit may be issued any day.

The delay, coupled with dispatches from Tokyo saying that Japan is armed and grimly waiting, has caused a slight return of public nervousness, which was reflected by the weakness of the bourse to-day. This alarm is seemingly not shared in the higher government circles, where it is insisted that the czar's pacific declarations were not idle words. The worst that is now anticipated is a breakdown of the negotiations, in which the United States Asiatic squadron will remain in Philippine waters.

Warren Hayashi Interviewed.  
London, Jan. 22.—Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister, in an interview to-night, was very emphatic regarding the rumors that Japan would modify her demands. He said "I think it is very well understood that my government from the first has asked an irreducible minimum."

The Associated Press is officially informed that the Japanese government will not accept the mediation of any of the foreign powers.

Never Initiated.  
Washington, Jan. 22.—The Washington government has been cautiously and quietly making inquiries at the various foreign capitals supposed to be particularly interested in a peaceful solution of the Eastern problem, with a view to reasonable limits be placed on the establishment of Japanese settlements in Manchuria and Japan together. It is developed that neither of the principals was willing to solicit the good offices of outside powers in the adjustment of their dispute, so that the movement was never formally initiated.

Port Arthur, Jan. 22.—High officials here say they believe war or peace will be declared upon to-day or to-morrow.

After a conference of the heads of all departments of the Manchurian administration, orders were issued that a list of every available army and navy reserve man in Manchuria be drawn up, as well as a list of those indispensable for the civil administration, which it is impossible to send to the front. It is claimed that the reserves total 80,000.

The bulk of the Port Arthur fleet is stationed just outside the mouth of the harbor. Naval and military stores in usual quantities are being bought on the condition of immediate delivery. The admiralty authorities decline to fine the rights of neutral ships bound for Japan.

Shipping rates have advanced a hundred per cent. The shipping companies are preparing to withdraw from here. The authorities are considering the question of removing the non-combatants, for whose transportation ships are in readiness.

Japan Unyielding.  
London, Jan. 23.—The Daily Graphic this morning says it understands that there is no likelihood of a compromise owing to the unyielding attitude of Japan on the Manchuria question, and the fact that in her note last to Russia Japan struck out the whole article in the draft of the treaty relating to the demand of Russia for a neutral zone.

The correspondent of the Morning Post at Chefoo has sent in an alarming report that 12,000 Japanese troops have landed at Masampo in southern Korea, and the Port Arthur correspondent of the Paris edition of the New York Herald also refers to the fact that the news of the occupation of Masampo is being received calmly. These reports are discredited by Baron Hayashi.

The Tokyo correspondent of the Daily Mail writes: "The Jiji Shimpo says that on the day following the ratification of the Chinese-American treaty Russia notified Japan that it was useless to negotiate a neutral zone on the Yalu, as

the ratification of both treaties showed that Manchuria was Chinese domain."

The Shanghai correspondent of the Mail declares the Chinese government has learned that Russia is sending a large force to Chinese Turkestan.

May Depend on Powers.  
London, Jan. 23.—A dispatch to the Central News from Tokyo says: "An extraordinary issue of the Gazette has been published containing an imperial ordinance approving the various coast defence regulations and forbidding under stated penalties the navigation of private vessels and fishing within specified limits. The decree is regarded as being highly significant."

The Kokumin Shimbun, in a warlike editorial, declares that the non-arrival of Russia's reply does not affect the situation, and says: "Every hope of securing the legitimate demands of Japan diplomatically has been abandoned, and the government therefore is compelled to take such steps and to reserve to itself such freedom of action as will insure peace in the Far East."

Confirming his dispatch of yesterday, saying that the Dowager Empress of China has decided at all costs to fight for the freedom of Manchuria from foreign control, the correspondent of the Globe at Shanghai says China has been given full reason to depend on the armed assistance of the powers for the maintenance of the integrity of the Empire, quite irrespective of any action on the part of Japan.

Reply Not Received.  
Tokyo, Jan. 23.—3 p. m.—No reply has yet been received from St. Petersburg.

**MANY PROPOSALS AS TO RAILWAYS**  
**LEGISLATURE BEING PRESSED TO ACTION**  
**Rivalry Among Different Sections as to Which Lines Shall Be Given Precedence.**

Proposal to Place Families Now in Slums of America's Cities Upon Farms.  
Chicago, Jan. 23.—The Inter-Ocean to-day says: "Chicago millionaires are organizing a society for the purpose of purchasing land, no less than the colonization of the slum population of the great American cities upon farms. The Field and Work Society is the organization which has been formed to work out the details. The organization will be national. Fifty thousand dollars will be spent in organization. The society is organized in all the cities, delegates will meet in convention and elect trustees to conduct the business of the society. The embryonic organization of this society is an advisory board of 100 members."

"The first move of the new society will be to get land from the United States government. That is the crux of the scheme. The land under the operation of the homestead Act can be secured at a nominal price by settlers. The society will have some families as far as the end of success from the congested districts to a new settlement, expecting the railway to give them free transportation. The society will purchase the land, and will reimburse the society later. The scheme is to be financed by the issuance of bonds against the lands secured by the settlers. The millionaires are expected to take the bonds."

"The project does not differ in purpose from what other societies have attempted. The difference is one of scope."

**CARS AND COAL IN HARBOR.**  
Train at Union Bay Got Beyond Control of Breakman—Loss About \$100,000.  
Nanaimo, Jan. 23.—Last night while a breakman was letting a train of seven cars down from the high level to the low level at Union Bay, ready for shipment to Vancouver on board transfer No. 1, they got away from him and ran down the incline, gathering speed, until towards the end of the mile and a half of track they were travelling at a tremendous rate. They crashed into the slips, smashing everything in front of them, and went over into the harbor, where they now lie a heap of wreckage of kindling wood and coal. The loss is not less than \$100,000.

The most successful party show ever held in British Columbia, according to visiting experts, closed this morning. A white Langshan cock belonging to J. S. Moore, fall of the moon belonging to the brown Leghorns which scored 95%, these being but a few of numerous instances.

**KILLED BY MOROS.**  
Manila, Jan. 23.—A report has been received from Mindanao to the effect that Lieut. Campbell, W. F. H. has been killed and that Lieut. William F. Rogers and Private Perry had been badly wounded when on a scouting expedition against Moros, all of the men belonging to the twenty-second infantry, United States army.

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**WOMEN WISHED TO REMAIN ON SHIP**  
**John Davis, Witness at Inquest, Says Many Protested Against Going in the Small Boats.**

Port Angeles, Wash., Jan. 22.—Edward Norton and Wm. Patterson of this city, about noon to-day found a body of one of the Clallam victims on the outside of Ediz spit, opposite this city.

The body is that of a woman between twenty-five and thirty years old. She has long dark brown hair, a green shirt waist with a white stripe down the sleeves, a gray skirt, two rings, one a band and one a set ring on the left hand, and a gold watch. The features and hands are badly decomposed. There was no life preserver on the body.

The coroner will bring the body over from the spit this evening.

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**COWARDLY ATTACK.**  
Aged Woman Brutally Assaulted by a Young Man—Victim in Serious Condition.  
London, Ont., Jan. 23.—A murderous assault was made on Mrs. Parker, an aged woman, who keeps a small grocery at the corner of Colborne and Simcoe streets, last night. A young man stepped into the store and asked for a plug of tobacco, and when Mrs. Parker turned to get it he dealt her a heavy blow on the back of the head with a large iron bolt. When Mrs. Parker turned round and faced the would-be-murderer he struck her another blow on the forehead, and becoming frightened apparently fled. Mrs. Parker is in a serious condition.

**TWO PRIESTS DEAD.**  
New York, Jan. 23.—The Tribune says: "Two priests of the Dominican priory, Lexington avenue, long associated in the work of their order, died almost simultaneously yesterday. They were Father Peter A. Dinahan, 56 years old, and Father O. Pius Conley, 57. Father Dinahan, after a long illness from cancer, died at the priory at 12:10 p. m., and 10 minutes later Father Conley, who was at the dining table in the convent of the Sisters of Mercy at White Plains, was struck by apoplexy and fell dead to the floor. A double funeral will be held to-day in St. Vincent church. Both priests were natives of the state for 30 years. Father Dinahan was a native of London, Canada, and Father Conley of Ohio."

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ERNEST CASHEL HAS BEEN CAPTURED

CAUGHT BY THE POLICE SIX MILES FROM CALGARY

Lively Exchange of Shots Before Being Taken—Will Be Executed Tomorrow.

Calgary, Jan. 25.—Ernest Caschel, the condemned murderer who made such a daring escape from the police barracks guard house here, was captured yesterday about six miles northeast of Calgary. He is now in the guard room and will be hanged on Tuesday.

Caschel gave the police a chase of 45 days, and during that time has not been more than six miles away from the city at any one time. During a portion of the time he was in the city.

The police learned of his supposed whereabouts two weeks ago and have been quietly keeping watch, until yesterday when his capture was effected without great trouble. Caschel was game to the last and did not give up without a struggle.

Constable Biggs found his man crouched in one corner of the cellar of Pittman's house. He held a light to the corner, where he saw a man with a revolver, the bullet grazing the constable's head. Another shot also failed, and Biggs retired from the cellar as he was unarmed.

Procurer a revolver Biggs returned the cellar, but was met on the dark stairs by Caschel and further shots were exchanged, only one taking effect, as it lodged in Caschel's head.

The murderer returned to the cellar corner and the police retired outside, when it was decided to burn the building. Caschel called out he would kill himself and merely wanted to leave a letter for his mother. He fired several shots but the police would stand no bluffing and warned him to come out of the building.

Caschel finally emerged with his hands in the air and was soon placed under arrest, and is now lodged in his old cell at the police barracks. He said he had complete knowledge of everything that was happening and did not want to leave the country until his brother was released.

NATIVE RISING.

Germany Lost Heavily in Attempt to Relieve Besieged Town Settlers and Families Murdered.

Berlin, Jan. 25.—An official dispatch from Windhoek, German South West Africa, says the Germans have lost heavily in an unsuccessful attempt to relieve Okahandja, the five settlers and their entire families have been murdered, and that the Hereros have been threatening Windhoek.

Light has been thrown by the Frankfort Zeitung on some of the contributory causes of the Hereros rising in German South Africa, as the result of statements made to that paper by a traveller who has just returned from Windhoek and Okahandja. The merchants and the traders allied with them and are charged with purposely involving the natives in debt. The natives usually do not complain, merely nursing their grievances, and if they do complain the police have difficulty in discovering the offending traders.

A German patrol which engaged the natives near Hepehor lost a reserve officer, one non-commissioned officer and six men killed. The garrison of Windhoek numbers 250 men, part of the force being horsemen, with two machine guns.

RAILWAY WRECK.

Several People Reported to Have Been Killed—Doctors and Nurses Leave For Scene.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 25.—The Illinois Central train No. 2, from New Orleans to Chicago, was wrecked to-day near Gates, Tenn. Several persons are reported killed. A train with doctors and nurses has been sent from Memphis. The scene of the reported wreck is 80 miles north of this city.

ANOTHER CHICAGO FIRE.

Outbreak in Garrick Theatre Caused Considerable Excitement Among People in Building.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 25.—A small fire in the Garrick theatre, which is on the first floor of the Schuller building, a sky-scraper, caused considerable excitement among the tenants to-day. No one was in the theatre, and the nervousness of the people in the building, who were easily susceptible to panic, owing to the Iroquois disaster and the panic in the Masonic Temple, was quickly allayed.

RETIREES FROM BENCH.

Chief Justice McDonald, of Nova Scotia, Has Resigned.

Halifax, Jan. 25.—Chief Justice McDonald, of the Supreme court of Nova Scotia, has resigned. He was minister of justice of the Dominion from 1878 to 1881.

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THE TWO MINISTERS.

Japanese Takes Gloomy View of Situation While Russian is Hopeful.

London, Jan. 25.—There is no confirmation here of the reports that Japan has occupied Masampho. Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister, not only discredited them, but he said: "The Japanese government had previously decided not to take any half measure, or any step which could be construed as being prejudicial to the negotiations so long as they are proceeding. When Japan decides to take action she will announce it frankly to Russia and the rest of the world."

According to Baron Hayashi, the situation is unchanged. He continues to take the gloomiest view of the situation. The Russian ambassador, Count Benckendorff, when questioned as to the truth of the rumor that the Japanese of Russia to Japan was sent from St. Petersburg yesterday, said: "It is not true."

Count Benckendorff significantly remarked he believed the question of Japanese settlements in Manchuria to be the most important outstanding question.

"But this," he added, "certainly does not seem worth going to war about. As regards the Japanese demand for the inclusion of a Russian acknowledgment of Chinese sovereignty over Manchuria in the Russo-Japanese treaty, that is merely a matter of words, and surely no war about words would be justifiable. So, I am hopeful of a peaceful outcome of the negotiations."

Korea Neutral.

Seoul, Korea, Jan. 23.—The Korean government has made a formal declaration of neutrality in the event of war between Japan and Russia.

MINER LOST HIS LIFE IN SNOWSLIDE

Joseph Diron Caught in Avalanche While on Way to Visit His Brother—Body Found.

Sloan City, B. C., Jan. 25.—After two days of incessant snowing and preceding into the huge snow slide near the Ahlstrom mine, a short distance from this city, by nearly a hundred willing workers, the body of Joseph Diron was discovered at 9 o'clock yesterday. It lay in the bottom of the valley, carried down by the rolling mass of snow a distance of two thousand feet from where he was struck. The body has been brought to town, and will be buried here to-day.

It is evident that the unfortunate man was endeavoring to make a short cut from the Ahlstrom mine, a short distance from this city, and instead of following the usual trail where safety was assured, he worked his way alongside the mountain slope, the action of his sled, and doubtless starting the mass of snow to slide. He was within fifty feet of crossing the danger point when he was caught and hurled below to his death.

Deceased was highly respected as a business man, and others closed their doors and joined in the search.

Diron, who was employed in the Specular mine, started on his Tuesday last to visit a brother working at the Black Prince mine. On finding out on Friday that he had not yet reached there, he returned to Sloan City, the populace got alarmed, and a large search party, with teams and saddle horses started out. Between the two mines a huge slide, about a quarter of a mile wide and 200 feet high, was encountered. The imprints of skis were plainly visible to the slide and there lost. Digging was immediately started with the result that the body was found as stated, above.

DENY REPORTS OF HOSTILITY.

Russian Officials on Manchurian Policy of the United States.

Port Arthur, Jan. 25.—The highest officials here reported that the published accusations of Russian hostility to the United States, because of its Manchurian policy and the appointment of American consuls under the usual treaty with China.

It is asserted that no large reinforcement of eastern forces is expected at present. The military authorities, however, do not object to arrangements being made for a larger supply of ponies from the province of Chi Li for the Cossacks and mounted infantry.

The demoralization of the passenger and freight traffic on the Manchurian railway continues in consequence of the military activity, and there is no great block of freight at Port Dalry.

DRIVEN FROM THEIR HOMES.

Portion of Parkersburg, W. Va., Are Under Water—People Seek Places of Refuge.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Jan. 25.—The lower portion of Parkersburg, including the third part of the town almost up to Third street, is under water, while among the resident districts, Riverside, Berea and South side are well under water. All the public buildings available were occupied last night by persons from the flooded districts, and several hundred persons were driven from their homes while many are living in second stories of houses that are partly under water. Business houses and factories were flooded last night and many of them have forces of men at work all night to remove property. Railroad traffic is suspended.

DEATH IN TORONTO.

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 3.—The total number of dead as a result of the tornado is thirty-eight, six of whom are white. The injured is twenty-five, of whom twelve are expected to die.

Newspapers here to-day that the recent storm struck a settlement near Sumter mines in the southern part of this county, killing four negroes, and injuring several others and damaging much mining property.

Piers Washed Away.

Philadelphia, Jan. 23.—What promises to be the most disastrous flood this city

RISING WATERS CLOSE MANY MILLS

SEVERAL STREETS IN PITTSBURG INUNDED

People Rescued From Perilous Positions in Small Boats—Property Loss Will Be Heavy.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 25.—Forester Ridgeway has received a telegram stating that the ice gorge at Frerport, forty miles north of this city on the Allegheny river, started with a rush early to-day. It is expected to reach this city about 10 o'clock. Everything indicates one of the worst floods in the city's history.

The police department has patrols out warning the residents and business houses in the threatened districts. The largest ice gorge in years at Springdale, 16 miles north of this city on the Allegheny river, began to move at 7:35 this morning, causing great excitement and apprehension. Flat boats along the river side were caught and crushed. So far no damage has been done to the Springdale dam, and it was thought by experienced observers that the water was too high for any to be wrought.

Reports received by the weather bureau up to 10 o'clock indicate a general breaking of the ice. The ice gorges are letting go at different points, and the water is rising with the headwaters of both rivers. The weather is mild and rain is reported from all sections of Western Pennsylvania. All conditions favor a great flood, but it will probably be late this afternoon before any definite report on the stage of water can be made. At 10 o'clock the water was rising at the rate of nearly a foot an hour, with the Allegheny marks registering twelve feet.

A Greensboro, Pa., dispatch states that the ice broke in the Cheat river at 8:30 a. m., and is coming on in a blasting way at the back of it. The ice is running over dam seven on the Monongahela river.

The outlook at 3 o'clock this afternoon was more encouraging. The rapid rise in the rivers had been checked to some extent. The forecaster announced that in his opinion the flood would not be a record breaker. A stage of 22 feet will probably be reached, but it was not likely to greatly exceed that. The marks now show 21 feet.

Carried From Moorings.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 25.—A gorge broke above the city and a flood swept down the Cuyahoga river, tearing away trestles and bridges from their moorings. The vessels were carried down the stream and crashed into the drawbridge of the Superior street viaduct. The boats were left adrift, and a large collision, and it is believed the foundation of the big bridge has been seriously damaged. The river is completely blocked by the vessels jammed about the piers of the viaduct, and the water is rising.

The fire department tug Cleveland ran ashore to avoid collision with the steamers.

Situation Serious.

Buffalo, Jan. 25.—Nearly twelve hours of continuous rain, with from two to five inches of snow, has been falling here every river in Western New York over their banks. The situation in South Buffalo, where early thaws always cause a great deal of trouble, is particularly serious. The rainfall should continue throughout the day, a record-breaking rise of the water in Buffalo creek is looked for.

Dispatches from all points in Western New York tell the same story. Floods are being reported from the headwaters of Shenandoah, Allegheny and Chemung rivers. The water is rising from five to six feet, and the sudden thaw is sending immense quantities of water in the rivers.

Port Arthur, Pa., says the Shenandoah is now four feet above its normal level and rising rapidly. Two trestles on the Pennsylvania have been carried away. Erie and Lake Shore bridges are threatened. The water is being carried away to allow the water to run off.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 25.—The crest of the flood which is sweeping down the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers will be reached in Pittsburg by noon to-day, and it is expected the maximum stage of water will be 30 feet. At 9 o'clock this morning the marks registered 28 feet and rising three-tenths of a foot an hour. All the lower parts of the two cities and south side are submerged. In Allegheny an extra force of police was patrolling the flooded district in shifts to protect the residences and administer to their needs.

In this city Duquesne Way, Water street, and many side streets as far east as Ninth street are partly covered, while on the south side nearly all the mills and manufacturing plants fronting all along the river have been forced to suspend operations on account of the high water. Traffic on every railroad entering Pittsburg is more or less affected by the flood. Freight trains are almost at a standstill. The big gorge in the Monongahela river at the point bridge, which menaces the many coal boats tied up along the river landings, broke this morning, and passed quietly, carrying a pump boat. The two boats from Lewis and Delta reported missing last night turned up all right to-day. Up to this time there have been no lives lost in the flood, as far as known. The property loss will probably reach \$1,000,000.

A passenger train on the West Pennsylvania road on way from Tarentum to Allegheny was caught by the rising water of the Allegheny river at Glassmere, and the passengers had to be taken from the train by means of skiffs. More than a dozen skiffs were used to carry the passengers to the dry ground, and trip after trip was made for nearly an hour to get all to shore. The train was made up of four coaches and a combination baggage car.

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ENTOMBED IN A PENNSYLVANIA MINE

NEARLY TWO HUNDRED MEN UNABLE TO ESCAPE

Wives and Children of Imprisoned Miners Gather Around Pit Waiting For News.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 25.—An explosion occurred in the shaft of the Carwick Coal Co., near Cheswick, Pa., on the West Pennsylvania railroad about 8:30 o'clock to-day, cutting the escape of about 125 miners who were at work at the time. Three trappers were badly burned, and one will probably die. At 10 o'clock Supt. George Schertz said that he could not estimate the extent of the damage or how the men in the mine fared. A messenger was hurriedly sent to Cheswick and to Springdale for the physicians of those towns. The shaft is about a mile back of Cheswick station.

Later Particulars.

Pittsburg, Jan. 25.—The number of men in the mine is said to be larger than at first reported. From 150 to 180 miners, including a fire boss and a pit boss, it is said, are entombed. There are 200 shafts about 200 feet apart, and over 200 feet deep. The excitement is intense at Cheswick, a number of X-ray apparatuses surround the mouth of the pit, and the wails of the women and children of the entombed men are pitiful. The three injured men were put on a train for Allegheny, and one died on his way to the city.

When the explosion occurred the concussion was so great that it is said a mole was blown out of one shaft. It is not yet known what caused the explosion or just how it occurred.

Work of Rescue.

Pittsburg, Jan. 25.—Between 125 and 150 men were entombed by the explosion in the shaft of the Harwick Coal Company. None of them had been rescued at noon, and it is believed that many were either killed outright by the explosion or have been suffocated by the gas. Several hundred men are at work trying to liberate the men imprisoned inside. About 200 men are employed at the mine, working inside and the remainder on the tipples.

With a loud report and upheaval like an earthquake the woodwork of the tipple was destroyed. The walls of the shaft were filled with debris, rocks and earth, completely shutting off all means of escape for those in the mine.

Whether the explosion occurred at the far extremity of the mine and killed the men by concussion, or whether it occurred nearer the shaft and imprisoned the men in the wreckage, has not yet been ascertained. The exact nature of the disaster and the number of men killed.

If the mine entrance cannot be cleaned out so that the men can get fresh air, all will have perished in the course of a few hours.

Help was summoned from all available sources, and many men are assisting the work of rescue as can conveniently work there.

Half-a-dozen men worked near the mouth of the pit on the tipple were caught in the wreckage and a number were seriously injured.

Superintendent Geo. Sheeb, as soon as he heard of the accident, telephoned to Cheswick and Springdale for assistance. Gangs of workmen were sent in response, and physicians have rushed to the scene to take care of the injured.

The mine is about a mile from Cheswick, and was operated about two years ago. The company is allied with the Allegheny Coal company, and it is said was operated by Cleveland capitalists.

The mine, it is stated, has always been a gaseous one, but there has never been any serious trouble there before to-day.

The superintendent telegraphed to J. B. Morris, manager of the Pittsburg & Duquesne Company, at Cheswick, for assistance. The works there were closed and the entire force of men, numbering 75, were sent to the scene. The superintendent stated that he feared the worst, but there was a possibility that some of the miners might have sought refuge in one of the mine chambers away from the fire and thus escaped death.

As quickly as possible a rescuing party was organized, but no one has as yet been able to descend into the mine.

HARCOURT'S POSITION.

Report That He Will Support Rosebery and Devonshire in Opposition to Chamberlain.

Birmingham, Eng., Jan. 22.—The Post to-day says the movement for placing the Duke of Devonshire, president of the Liberal Unionists, at the head of the free traders of the party, effected a complete healing of the breach between Lord Rosebery and Sir William Harcourt, that the latter will shortly make clear his position and will warmly support the Devonshire-Rosebery combination, which is opposed to the protective tariff policy, advocated by Mr. Chamberlain. Many industrial Conservatives are urging Premier Balfour to refer Mr. Chamberlain's fiscal proposals to a grand parliamentary commission and report.

It might be stated in this connection that should the proposals be referred to the commission as suggested it will mean their complete burial.

WOMAN DIED ALONE.

London, Ont., Jan. 25.—Mrs. Mary W. Ball was found dead at her home yesterday afternoon, huddled up beside a fire frozen stiff.

THE RESPONSIBILITY

FOR CHICAGO THEATRE FIRE RESTS ON THE MANAGEMENT AND BUILDERS.

Chicago, Jan. 23.—Upon the management and builders of the Iroquois theatre has been placed the responsibility for the recent fire horror in a report rendered to Mayor Harrison by Fire Chief Musham.

The report was prepared by Fire Department Attorney Monroe Fulkerson, after the examinations of nearly 100 witnesses. No criticism is made of the building department, although seven violations of the building ordinances are noted. Attorney Fulkerson concludes that the theatre building was not completed at the time it was opened, that the theatre employees did what they could to put the fire out, and that the doors and exits were generally locked throughout the building.

The grounds for placing the responsibility upon the builders and managers was similar to the statements which have been published.

Will J. Davis and Harry J. Powers, managers of the Iroquois theatre, made their appearance before the coroner's jury. Neither one was disposed to accept any responsibility in connection with the defective construction, faults of the management or neglect to provide fire protection.

Powers placed the responsibility for the management of the theatre upon Davis, who was the active manager while he was not passive in the conduct of its affairs. Davis refused to place the blame upon any person.

PANIC AT FT. REB.

Outbreak in Twenty-Story Skyscraper in Chicago—Fortunately No One Was Injured.

Chicago, Jan. 23.—Fire in the Masonic Temple, a twenty story skyscraper, one square east of the Iroquois theatre, today caused a panic among the 4,000 occupants of the building and did \$200,000 worth of damages. All occupants of the building escaped without serious injury through the bravery of the elevator men, who remained at their posts operating their cars while dense columns of smoke filled the building.

The fire broke out on the fifth floor in the rooms of Robert Friedlander & Co., manufacturers of X-ray apparatus. A lighted match carelessly thrown into a pile of excelsior is believed to have started the blaze. A number of X-ray vacuum tubes exploded the moment the heat reached them. Robert Friedlander, senior member of the firm, realized the danger from these tubes, and ordered them until overcome by smoke, throwing them out of the window.

The fire spread rapidly through the company's rooms to a light shaft, through which the smoke rose to the upper stories.

Thousands of the occupants of the building, with the memory of the Iroquois theatre holocaust fresh in their minds, rushed into the elevators, many women fainting in the scramble, but none were seriously injured, and the large building was emptied within half an hour after the fire was discovered.

ROSSLAND MINES.

Construction Work in Progress in Camp—Last Week's Shipments.

Much interest centred about the progress in construction work in Rossland camp during the past week. At the White Bear mine the steel wire cable has been received, and is being placed in the hoisting room. It is one inch in diameter, only an eighth less than the Le Roi cables. The 20-horsepower motor has also been received, but the 350-horsepower motor for its operation has not come to hand, so that shipping operations will necessarily be delayed.

Twenty cars of machinery have been received to date at the Rossland Power Company's concentrator.

The shipments for the past week follow: Le Roi, 5,600 tons; Centar Star, 1,220 tons; War Eagle, 1,400 tons; Kootenay, 240 tons; Jubo, 280 tons; Le Roi No. 2, 350 tons; Le Roi No. 2 (milled), 330 tons. Total for week, 9,620 tons; year to date, 31,718 tons.

CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATE.

M. Burrill, of Grand Forks, Selected to Contest Yale-Cariboo at Dominion Election.

Kamloops, Jan. 22.—The Conservative convention here yesterday selected A. Burrill, of Grand Forks, as candidate for Yale-Cariboo. There were three nominations: Mr. Burrill, proposed by Mr. Gray, of Greenwood, seconded by Mr. Crawford, of Grand Forks; T. W. Shatford, of verdon, proposed by Price Ellison, seconded by Mr. Johnson, of Queneston Forks; J. R. Robinson, of Kamloops, proposed by Mayor Mitchell, and seconded by J. Gill, both of Kamloops. The first ballot gave Shatford 144, Burrill 110, Robinson 54, and the second gave Burrill 167, Shatford 138. On the motion of Mr. Shatford, seconded by Mr. Robinson, Mr. Burrill's nomination was made unanimous. The convention was presided over by Ex-Premier Semlin. There were fifty-nine delegates from Kamloops district, and Mr. Robinson got fifty-two of their votes, but none of the voters. There is great disappointment here over the result.

BROKE THE BANK.

Russian Grand Duke Alexis Won \$50,000 in Half an Hour at Monte Carlo.

New York, Jan. 22.—A dispatch to the Sun from Nice says: "The Russian Grand Duke Alexis has broken the bank at Monte Carlo, winning about \$50,000 in half an hour, playing roulette."

DEPORTING CHINESE.

Providence, R. I., Jan. 22.—On board the Baltimore-bound steamer Dorchester, when she sailed last night, were 66 Chinamen from Boston and Buffalo, listed for transportation to their native country. They are in charge of a United States marshal, and have been convicted of being illegally in the United States.

SEVERAL PEOPLE PERISH IN BLIZZARD

NUMBER OF DEATHS REPORTED FROM EAST

Intense Cold at Chicago, Where Man Was Found Frozen on the Street.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 25.—A severe blizzard is raging in Winnipeg. There has been several deaths.

Growing Colder.

Topeka, Kans., Jan. 25.—This portion of Kansas is in the grasp of a fierce blizzard, which came sweeping down from the north on Sunday night. The government weather bureau reported the temperature at five degrees below at 9 o'clock, and it is constantly growing colder.

Below Zero in Chicago.

Chicago, Jan. 25.—Piercing cold made the whole northwest suffer to-day. The thermometer reached 15 below zero in Chicago. The record here is 23 below, and there is some expectation that a new low point will be touched before the cold spell is ended. One man frozen stiff was found by pedestrians on an outlying part of 23rd street. There are countless instances of frozen hands and ears. Traffic was greatly hampered. The first hard cold experienced to-day at 15 below is the most intense so far this winter in Chicago. Stretching to the northwest the mercury fact to fall descending scale, the minimum in the United States being at Bismarck and Williston, N. D., where the official figures are at 24 below zero. The crest of the wave is around the national boundary line. Minnesota, N. W. T., reports 38 below. There are no telegraph stations northward from Minnesota.

Suffering at St. Louis.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 25.—Street car and railroad traffic is considerably delayed here today. The blizzard that has prevailed for several hours. While not the coldest day of the season, the thermometer stands at about 4 degrees above zero, a few points higher than the lowest point reached this winter. The full effects of the storm were felt at the World's Fair, where less than one-half of the 100,000 men employed on the construction work reported for duty today. These worked under great difficulty and with considerable suffering.

NEW PACIFIC LINER.

The Mongolia Goes on Trial Trip—She Is Over Six Hundred Feet Long.

Camden, N. J., Jan. 25.—The steamship Mongolia, built for the Pacific Mail Steamship Co., left the yards of the New York Shipbuilding Company to-day for Newport on her trial trip. The vessel, which is 616 feet in length, is the largest ship of her kind ever built in the country. After tests she will proceed to New York. She is a sister ship of the Manchuria, recently launched. The company between San Francisco, Hawaii, China and Japan.

MONTREAL BY-ELECTIONS.

The Liberals and Conservatives Have Selected Their Candidates.

Montreal, Jan. 25.—A Liberal convention on Saturday selected A. Gervais as Liberal candidate for the St. James division of Montreal in the coming by-election. H. Berger will be the Conservative candidate.

MORO TREACHERY.

Shot Lieutenant Willie Major Was Paroled With Twenty of the Natives Killed.

Manila, Jan. 25.—It has been learned here that the late Lt. Willie Major, of the 22nd Infantry, was killed while trying to enter Moro Cotta in Mindanao for the purpose of examining the locality. He was accompanied by a private of the 22nd Infantry, and the private was shot treacherously, the Moros firing on the party while Major Bullard was parleying with them. Moro Cotta was at once abandoned, and the party fled to the expeditionary forces. The estimated loss among the Moros is twenty killed.

CANNOT REDUCE GAS

Injunctions Restraining City of Chicago From Lowering Price to Seventy-Five Cents.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 25.—Judge Groscock, in United States district court to-day, decided against the city of Chicago in its 75 cent gas case. He declared that the state did not give to the city the power to regulate the price of gas.

The decision was the outcome of suits brought by D. O. Mills, stockholders in the People's Gaslight & Coke Company, and F. G. Jones, a stockholder in the Northwestern Coal & Coke Company, asking for injunctions restraining the city from reducing the price of gas to 75c. Both injunctions were granted.

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For years the author of Dr. Agnew's Heart Cure has believed that the health of the heart is most entirely responsible for the health of the nerves and stomach and now it can be proven. Dr. Agnew's Heart Cure will relieve heart disease in 30 minutes and cure it for ever.

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Dr. Agnew's Liver Pills, 40 doses, 10c.

CHIEF ENGINEER GIVES HIS

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his proposed action. It would prompt judges to be more careful in charging a jury than sometimes they were. He was looking to the interests of the public, and not his profession. The most eminent counsel was just as liable to omit to take objection as the young lawyer was. This provided a means of redress. Mr. Macdonald held that the reference to an eminent counsel not being more likely to note an objection than the young lawyer cast a serious reflection upon the profession. It was a rule of common law founded on common sense that objection should be taken at the time the charge was given. The contention that judges would be more careful was met by the other contentions that it made counsel less careful in watching Counsel having made a long study of their cases had the best grasp of the action. They were, therefore, the best able to note any mistake in the direction.

He showed that the result would be that counsel in many cases would neglect to take exception for the direct purpose of getting a new trial and harassing the opposing side. The Attorney-General asked that the section stand over. The committee rose and reported progress. Night Sessions Proposed. The Premier announced that the government intended to hold night sittings next week. Mr. Oliver protested against this in view of the fact that the committee had still much work in hand, and it was not practical to go into night sittings. The Premier said that he would not if the work of committees were interfered with that the House sit at night. The intention, however, was to begin night sittings. The House adjourned until 2 o'clock Monday.

BRIEF LOCALS.

The Liberal Association have arranged to hold their regular quarterly meeting on Wednesday evening next, 27th inst., at 8 o'clock, in Pioneer hall, Broad street. As this is the first meeting of the year a large attendance of members is requested. After the business of the association is disposed of a good programme of speeches, songs, etc., will be provided.

There was a large attendance at a dance given by the pupils of Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. Dickinson at the Assembly hall last night, and an present spent a thoroughly pleasant time. The hall was beautifully decorated, and the floor was in splendid condition. About midnight a supper was served and done justice to by all. The strains of "God Save the King" did not give the signal for dispersal until the early hours.

On Thursday Epiphany services were held at St. Barnabas's church. There was a poor attendance owing to doubt to the inclemency of the weather. The musical programme was carried through as published in last night's Times, and was well rendered. Solo work, which was in the hands of Mrs. Daville, Master J. Barton, and Messrs. H. Moxon, E. Godson and Gideon Hicks, was especially fine. A number of violin solos were given by Jesse Longfield, L. V. C. M. The singing was by the choir, Mr. Johnson acted as accompanist on the organ.

The remarkable self-possession of the two eldest children of Mr. and Mrs. T. Le Messurier, of Garbally road, Thursday evening, averted what would likely have proved a dangerous fire while their mother was out two of the children accidentally upset the lamp, and the burning oil spread over the carpet. Grace, the eldest, who is twelve years of age, quickly removed the baby and three little ones to a place of safety, while Ernest, who is nine years of age, ran for some water. This was of no avail, so he secured an overcoat. He and his sister then succeeded in extinguishing the flames.

H. Cuthbert, secretary of the Victoria Tourist Association, has received the following communication from J. H. Brathwaite, president of the Chamber of Commerce of Kendal, England: "The delegates from the Kendal Incorporated Chamber of Commerce and Manufacture having reported the great hospitality and courtesy so generously accorded to them by the Canadian committee of arrangements and many other friends, the council desire to record its hearty thanks to all who combined to make the delegates' visit so enjoyable and instructive." The delegates from Kendal to the Congress of the Chamber of Commerce of the World in Montreal were G. W. Wakefield and Herbert W. Baron.

Thursday afternoon the funeral of the late W. H. Harte, took place from the residence of his son, E. F. Harte, Heywood avenue. Religious services were conducted by Rev. Elliott S. Rowe. There was a large attendance of sympathizing friends and many floral tributes. The following gentlemen acted as pallbearers: W. E. Staneland, C. F. Beaven, W. H. Gibson, George Huxle, S. Tranter and W. J. Holden. The late Mr. Harte since his arrival here, four years ago, was active in religious and charitable work, he was a constant visitor at the church, and has preached in all the Methodist churches of the city, and also at the jail and Jubilee hospital. Mr. Harte has been a lay preacher of the Methodist church for nearly 50 years, delivering his

first sermon on November 25th, 1855, and the last on January 17th, 1904, two days before his demise.

The Hudson's Bay Company in this city has a letter addressed to "Mr. Jonathan Martin, late of Crofton, Kent, Eng., emigrated year 1850, Vancouver Island, (H. B. Company)." The company is anxious to find the claimant for the letter.

At the recent quarterly examination of the Law Society the following candidates were successful: Preliminary, C. H. Harrison and J. P. Walls, Jr.; first intermediate, F. C. Davie and A. M. Harper; second intermediate, F. G. T. Lucas, J. P. H. Bole and J. B. Bell.

Peter Glendenning, aged 71 years, a native of the South of Scotland, died Saturday at the residence of his brother, Adam Glendenning, Cedar Hill. The funeral is arranged to take place from the residence on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

W. H. McKeen, general merchant, of Springvale, Ont., writes to the Times that A. P. McKeen, one of the survivors from the Clallam, is a son of his. He was also a survivor from the wrecked steamer Islander. In the list of those saved the name has heretofore appeared as A. McKeen, Seattle.

There is considerable conjecture as to who will compose the board of police commissioners. It is reported that the government has practically decided that John Crow will be one member, Ald. Beck with another, while Mayor Barnard, of course, will be chairman. So far, however, no announcement as to the personnel of this board, or the licensing board has been made.

Sergt. Dunn, R. G. A., the physical instructor recently appointed by the J. B. A. A. to take charge of the gymnasium, had the misfortune to break his collar bone while playing football down at the barracks, which will necessitate his complete rest from physical exercise for about three weeks or a month. This, however, will not interfere with the classes, as, with the consent of the commanding officer, the J. B. A. A. have arranged with Sergt. Paley, R. G. A., to take charge until Sergt. Dunn is able again. Classes will be held in the gymnasium on Monday and Friday afternoons from 4 to 6; and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 8 to 10.

The Victoria clearing house have asked the Times to give publicity to the following regarding the number of forged cheques that have been circulated in the city during the last few months: Extraordinary attention should be used by merchants, tradespeople, hotel proprietors and saloonkeepers in cashing cheques for people who are not well known to them; the name of the drawer should bear no resemblance to the name of the payee, as the forgeries are almost invariably of the name of some well known person or company. As such cheques are seldom cashed by banks on the part of the general public in refusing to cash cheques for unknown parties would reduce the malpractice to a minimum.

The movement initiated by Paul Beyrnan having for its object the organization of a singing and recitation club, is being brought to a head next week, when a meeting will be held. Mr. Beyrnan announced his purpose in the Times several days ago, and since that time he has received assurances of support from all quarters. His Honor the Lieut-Governor has proffered the movement his hearty sympathy. Mayor Barnard will preside at the meeting, which will be addressed by Rev. Dr. Rowe and others. The meeting will be held on Thursday night. If the project is supported by the citizens, funds will be raised by subscription, donations, etc., to acquire a lifeboat and modern lifesaving apparatus. This undertaking is altogether independent of any action the government may take in the matter.

Court Northern Light, A. O. F., at their meeting next Wednesday evening, after business, at 9 p. m. will hold open court, to which Foresters and their friends are invited. The address is expected that Rev. Bro. C. R. Baskett, who is in the city renewing acquaintances after an absence of twenty years, and who for the past sixteen years has represented Belisport district, Dorset, at the annual High court meetings in England, will address the court on the work of the order in Great Britain. It will be interesting to Foresters to know that Bro. Baskett first saw the light of Forestry by initiation into Court Vancouver over twenty years ago. The secretary of Court Northern Light is in receipt of a letter from Bro. G. Abbott, past high chief ranger, and brother of T. Abbott, the present high chief ranger, stating that he expects to visit the brethren in this city during the coming summer.

Native Sons' ball and social function will take place Friday evening, 5th February, and promises to eclipse all previous affairs. It is said that the number of our beautiful daughters who are anxiously awaiting this event to make their formal bow and debut is far in excess of any former ball of this popular society, which is saying a good deal, as this ball is always the lead star for the debutantes of the city. The music of the best available, and will be furnished by the full Fifth Regiment band augmented to twenty-three pieces, and great care has been exercised in the selection of the musical programme, the music commit-

tee promising a list of most perfect dance music, including some old favorites by special request. The tickets have been printed, and will be on sale from Monday to date of this city, in two days year will be a concert by the Fifth Regiment band from 8.30 to 9 p. m. in the ball room, and the first dance on the programme will be played at 9 o'clock precisely.

On Tuesday evening there is to be a social meeting at Colquitz hall, Carey road. Ralph Smith, M.P., W. B. McInnes, M.P.P., Henry Tanner, M.P.P., and others, will speak. Light refreshments will be served.

Important improvements are shortly to be carried out on the Victoria & Sidner railway track. The whole line is to be overhauled, the cattle guards removed and replaced with new ones, and the track placed in a good state of repair. This work will be started as soon as the weather will permit, and a large force of laborers will be employed in carrying it through to completion.

Sunday was an up train on the E. & N. line, was leaving Cobble Hill, a passenger, who lingered rather long on the platform, had a narrow escape from being hurt. As the train was getting up speed the passenger grabbed the railing of a car, but was unable to keep his feet, and was finally thrown a distance of about ten feet. Fortunately he fell at the feet of a gentleman standing talking to a lady, who succeeded in keeping him, saving him from serious injury.

A delegation numbering twenty-five, and representing the different I. O. O. F. lodges of this city, visited the Ducanes on Saturday, and were there loyally received by the local Odd Fellows. The delegation, after going to the Ducanes hall, adjourned for lunch, and on returning to the hall initiated a candidate and gave the first and second degrees to two brothers. The Ducanes lodge then entertained the visitors at a banquet. The general admission ticket is for one person, and the first and second degrees to two brothers. The Ducanes lodge then entertained the visitors at a banquet. The general admission ticket is for one person, and the first and second degrees to two brothers. The Ducanes lodge then entertained the visitors at a banquet. The general admission ticket is for one person, and the first and second degrees to two brothers.

The sixteenth annual general meeting of the Victoria Building Society will be held on Friday next at Sir William Wallace hall, Broad street. The business will be the consideration of the directors', auditor's and secretary's reports and the balance sheet. The election of officers and board of management, and the nineteenth drawing for an appropriation will also take place. The second annual general meeting of Victoria No. 2 Building Society will be held on Saturday evening in the same place. Besides the usual annual business, the second drawing for an appropriation will be conducted.

Dog owners are again reminded of the last evening show of the season, to be held in the Philharmonic hall on the evening of Thursday, January 26th. The proceeds are for the benefit of the Victoria Terraces (all varieties), equestrian, St. Bernards and a miscellaneous class. Fee for entry, 25c. per dog for each class. Exhibitors will be admitted free, and the general admission charge is for one person. The judging will commence at 7 o'clock. Entries must be in the hall by half past six, and all dogs are to be supplied with collar and chain.

Colquitz hall, on the Carey road, is to have a big political meeting on Tuesday evening next, 26th inst., at 8 o'clock, under the auspices of the Saanich Electoral District Liberal Association. It is expected that Ralph Smith, M. P., W. B. McInnes, M.P.P., Henry Tanner, M.P.P., and others will speak at the occasion. Light refreshments will be served.

A number of Victoria fanciers entered exhibits at the annual show of the Nanaimo Poultry Association. In pigeons and rabbits the following prizes have been secured by local competitors: Rabbits (long haired), 1st, A. M. Howell, Victoria; Belgian hares, 2nd, A. M. Howell; pigeons (owls silver), 1st and 2nd, Dr. Milne; arch angels (bronze), 1st and 2nd, Dr. Milne; show homers (blue check), 1st and 2nd, Dr. Milne; show homers (any other color), 1st and 2nd, Dr. Milne; firing homers (any other color), 1st and 2nd, Dr. Milne.

The remains of the late A. K. Prince, one of the victims of the Clallam disaster, were sent to Chicago by way of Seattle last evening, and will be interred at that city. A funeral service was held here yesterday afternoon under the auspices of the local order of Euclyps. Religious services were conducted at the parlors of W. J. Hanna by President Joseph Wachter and Chaplain H. J. Geake, of that order, after which the body was escorted to the wharf and put on board the Princess Beatrice. The following acted as pallbearers: Joseph Russell, Geo. Gosnell, A. Monteith, Sheff Thompson, H. Brahm, Paul Moran, J. Oliver and J. Meldrum. Geo. Howard, a member of Victoria Aerie No. 12, had charge of the remains during the trip East, and upon arriving at Chicago will turn the body over to friends of deceased on behalf of the local Aerie.

Frank Watkins has accepted the position of organist and choirmaster of St. John's church, and took up his duties yesterday. The post was rendered vacant by the death of the late organist and assistant organist, driving out the trouble. We would like to send you the names of people who have tested H. V. Stott & Jury, Bowmanville, Ont.

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Mrs. W. Green, Mrs. D. E. Campbell and Herbert Taylor. The recital is for the benefit of Mr. Gibbons's widow and family, and in view of the worthy purpose there should be a large attendance. More particulars will be given later.

What some people call a blackfish, and others a fin-back whale, was killed on Sunday by Mr. Henley, of Clover Point, between Trial Island and the shore. Its carcass was towed to the land and drawn up on the beach by a windless. The monster was twenty-two feet long and weighed between four and five tons. It proved to be the mother of a promising looking youngster about seven feet and a half long and weighing four hundred pounds, which was taken from the beach yesterday. The monster was the object of a great deal of curiosity as it lay on the beach, yesterday, and gathering around it. The body of the young one is on exhibition in a store on Yates street. A rifle shot stopped the big one's career.

THE CURRENT GAZETTE.

The current issue of the Provincial Gazette notes the following appointments: Alfred Albert King, of Ladner, M. D., to be a coroner in and for the province of British Columbia. Eldon Sidney Hilliard Winn, of Rossland, barrister-at-law, and George Brown Armstrong, of Lower Nicola, to be notaries public in and for the province of British Columbia. Charles Meir Field, of Revelstoke, to be a Court of Revision and Appeal under the "Assessment Act, 1903," for the Revelstoke assessment district, vice W. J. Dickey.

The Victoria Fruit Growers' Association and Exchange, Limited, have been incorporated. The incorporators are: Andrew Strachan, Gordon Head; James A. Grant, 53 Third street, Victoria; Edgar Fleming, Victoria, box 392; E. W. Beale, Cadboro Bay; R. Layritz, Victoria; F. Seaton, Victoria, box 157; Charles Thomas, Strawberry Bay; E. E. Maynard, Victoria; R. M. Palmer, Victoria; T. R. Stannard, Victoria; Wm. C. Grant, Gordon Head; Malcolm Dunsmuir, Gordon Head; W. J. Williamson, Gordon Head; D. S. McRae, Gordon Head; R. Holmes, Gordon Head; W. F. Somers, Gordon Head; Stewart Bros., Victoria; A. B. Baker, W. J. Mount Tomlin, P. O.; Frank Borden, Mount Tomlin, P. O.; Lovell Sea, Victoria; W. R. Palmer, Victoria; George W. Dean, Victoria; W. H. Allison, Royal Oak; John Brown, Victoria; O. T. Turner Bros., South Saanich; G. A. McAnally, Mount Talmie; Charles S. Birch, North Saanich; Henry J. Dunn, Box 85, Victoria; R. H. Jones, Gordon Head; Geoff Vranitrag, Gordon Head; G. F. Watson, Gordon Head; G. J. Bagshaw, Victoria; D. McCaskill, South Saanich, and J. Townsend, Feltham road, Mount Talmie.

The following companies have been incorporated: Amalgamated McKee Creek Mining Company, Ltd., capital \$20,000; Creekside Lumber Company, Ltd., capital \$24,000; Keystone Mines, Ltd., capital \$50,000; Victoria & Vancouver Stevedoring Company, capital \$150,000. A Dominion order-in-council is published reserving certain land within the railway belt in British Columbia in connection with the Granite Creek fish hatchery.

The following complete list of qualified dentists for British Columbia appears: T. J. Jones, P. R. Smith, C. Brown, F. Welsh, D. M. Hartman, A. C. West, W. J. Quinlan, E. Smith, Lewis Hall, H. D. Hurst, P. H. Jones, E. Lightcap, R. F. Ferrinder, C. H. Gatewood, S. Pugsley, J. McLaren, J. J. Holmes, C. A. Jackson, G. A. Hall, W. R. Spencer, W. Richardson, A. B. Baker, W. J. Curry, H. Half, G. McGuire, R. Hanna, C. B. Mansell, H. B. Finlay, A. E. St. John, E. Parker, S. T. Clarence, E. Allen, W. G. Davies, W. Mason, H. P. Moody, J. H. Jones, S. Marston, W. B. Bankley, W. Dalby, A. Garesche, R. Nash, G. Haynes, D. E. Kerr, A. Malloy, C. Corrigan, F. Proctor, R. Matheson, W. Burgess, J. Mason, W. J. Hackling, F. Morrison, J. Grice, E. Conard, G. G. Moody, J. Barber, H. Simmonds, G. B. Brown, G. Stoddart, F. McAlpine, K. McDonald, E. W. Falconer, W. C. Sprague, R. D. Quay, G. Telford, F. Smith, E. R. Pollock, T. Moody, J. B. Gerry, N. Sheppard, J. C. Morrison, H. E. King, H. Dier, R. Dier, W. Moody, F. A. Blackmore, W. E. Emmons, W. F. Fraser, W. B. Clayton and A. Lowe.

Mr. Dunsmuir Will Appeal Against Amendment to the Land Act of Government. James Dunsmuir will take an appeal against the amendment to the Land Act of Government. The act imposes a tax of one cent a thousand upon timber cut within the railway belt. As first introduced the bill provided for a prohibitive tax of 50c. a thousand. The members of the government became sufficiently enlightened to see what the consequences would be, and reduced it to one cent a thousand.

Will Test Legislation. The principle of the right to impose taxation, however, remains and Mr. Dunsmuir intends to test the power of the legislature to do this. The land within the belt has been looked upon as free from taxation. To subject it to this tax interferes with the sale of it to timber men. The appeal will be taken to the Privy Council if necessary. Mr. Dunsmuir expects to take the appeal within a short time.

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tain his place. It makes no difference because the representative from Lillooet committed the breach through ignorance of the law or through bad advice. The law has been violated, and as in the case of Fernie surely the government should be willing to abide by the consequences.

The steamer Umatilla arrived from San Francisco on Saturday night, and was followed in port Sunday evening by the steamer City of Puebla on her way to the Golden Gate. The latter had among her passengers from Victoria, G. Langley and bride, Miss C. Morrison, the Misses Marsden and H. Clarke and wife.

RHEUMATISM—WHAT'S THE CAUSE? WHERE'S THE CURE? The active irritating cause of this painful disease is poisonous urine in the blood, soon American Rheumatic Cure neutralizes the acid poison. Relieves in 4 hours and cures in 1 to 3 days. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—90.

BORN.

O'NEILL—At Ymir, on Jan. 18th, the wife of A. C. O'Neil, of a daughter.

BROOKS—The wife of John L. Brooks, Oct. Dale Farm, South Saanich, of a son; both doing well.

MCLAUGHLIN—At Nelson, on Jan. 19th, the wife of R. D. McLaughlin, of a daughter.

BROWN—At Kamloops, on Jan. 17th, the wife of G. D. Brown, of a son.

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FRETZ—At Revelstoke, on Jan. 19th, the wife of F. H. Fretz, of a son.

TAYLOR—At Revelstoke, on Jan. 11th, the wife of Rev. P. F. E., of a son.

MARRIED.

DOMITZER-DANIELS—At Vancouver, on Jan. 19th, by Rev. J. M. MacLeod, Paul G. Domitzer and Miss Doris A. Daniels.

BARRETT-MITCHELL—At Vancouver, on Jan. 20th, by Rev. R. G. MacBeth, R. A. Barrett and Miss Mary Mitchell.

DAYALAN—At Nelson, on Jan. 18th, by Rev. E. H. A. Holman, Robert Day and Miss Eliza A. Holman.

M'DONALD-BLANCHEARD—At Nelson, on Jan. 20th, by Rev. Father Althoff, J. McDonald and Miss Rosalind Blancheard.

M'COMBIE-WHITE—At Vancouver, on Jan. 20th, by Rev. H. G. F. Clifton, W. J. K. McCombie and Miss Elizabeth Alma White.

TAYLOR-MORTON—At Vancouver, on Jan. 20th, by Rev. A. E. Hetherington, Ansel Taylor and Miss Margaret Morton.

DIXON-SHARPE—At Pitt Meadows, on Jan. 20th, by Rev. A. Dunn, Joseph Dixon and Miss Rhoda A. H. Sharpe.

SMITH-LIVINGSTONE—At Linn Island, on Jan. 20th, by Rev. J. S. Henderson, James Smith and Miss E. Livingstone.

WALKER-LANGLEY—On the 23rd inst., at Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, B. C., by the Rev. H. G. Flinn-Clinch, assisted by the Rev. the Lord Bishop of Columbia, Albert Godwin Langley to Mabel Sophie, daughter of the Hon. Mr. Justice Walkem, of Maplehurst, Victoria, B. C.

DIED.

M'LENNAN—At New Westminster, on Jan. 20th, James McLENNAN, aged 32 years.

HERRING—At Kamloops, on Jan. 17th, William J. Herring, aged 64 years.

RAE—At Vancouver, on Jan. 18th, John Rae, aged 54 years.

CASE FOR DEFENCE HAS BEEN CLOSED.

REBUTTAL EVIDENCE HEARD THIS MORNING.

The Long Litigation is Now Drawn to a Close—Lots of Objections To-day.

(From Friday's Daily.)

The first witness examined at yesterday afternoon's proceedings in the case was H. P. Bullen. He swore that Alexander Dunsmuir in the year 1870 and 1878, and in the year 1887 and 1888, and in the year 1891 he met him a number of times, and socially. Witness James Dunsmuir had arranged for the repair of the steamer Bristol. Alexander overruled his brother. Witness only saw Alexander Dunsmuir associated once. His manner of association was not out of the ordinary, and he was not a number nor was his conversation incoherent. He never noticed any change in Alexander Dunsmuir between 1870 and 1888.

Cross-examined by E. V. Bousfield, witness could not give the dates of the two years mentioned. He found the latter a shrewd business man. In the matter of the Bristol, Alexander overruled his brother's plans as to the vessel. He was not in the vessel with the captain. The latter at said he thought the vessel should be sold, but when he learned how it was since then, he was not necessary. He saw Alexander at the club six times in 1898. He remembered J. Dunsmuir calling at the club for a number of times in 1898. He was not in the vessel with the captain. The latter at said he thought the vessel should be sold, but when he learned how it was since then, he was not necessary. He saw Alexander at the club six times in 1898. He remembered J. Dunsmuir calling at the club for a number of times in 1898. He was not in the vessel with the captain. The latter at said he thought the vessel should be sold, but when he learned how it was since then, he was not necessary. 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