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STEAMER VALENCIA LOST ON WEST COAST OF VANCOUVER ISLAND

San Francisco Liner Struck on Beach Not Far From Cape Beale, Resulting in Appalling Loss of Life.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
As told in the regular edition of the Times last evening, and in a number of special editions which followed, as additional particulars could be obtained, the steamer Valencia of the Pacific Coast Steamship line is a wreck ten miles from Cape Beale on the west coast of Vancouver Island. Assistance has been hurried to her from Victoria, but whether or not this will reach her in time to save the remainder of the passengers can not be determined at time of writing.

All that was known at daybreak this morning was that about sixty of the passengers and crew had perished, and that upwards of one hundred were still huddled forward on the doomed vessel praying for succor, and straining their eyes for some sign of help from the shore.

The story of the disaster in many detailed forms, did not get into the Times until late last night. The only news, really, which was obtained last night came from one source—that of T. Patterson, the lightkeeper at Cape Beale, who, in spite of the exciting and unusual conditions under which he was working, managed to get two or three messages through to the Times.

This story, which may be relied upon as the only one which came through last night, gives a clear account of the whole affair. From it it appears that the Valencia had only one day of clear weather after leaving the Golden Gate on Saturday last.

Worked by Dead Reckoning.
The weather being thick Capt. Johnson proceeded cautiously by means of dead reckoning. From the report of the ashore by the boatswain and his men it would appear that Capt. Johnson had no idea that he had passed the entrance to the Straits of Juan de Fuca. An error of this kind is inexplicable, however, because special pains have been taken to light the Cape, and prevent the error into which the early navigators on this coast fell, who sailed past the entrance and declared that the existence of such a body of water was mythical.

How the Struck.
His first intimation of his error came when, with a grinding crash the bow of the steamer struck on the reef. Consternation reigned for only a few moments before soundings had been taken, and the lead registered thirty fathoms.

The vessel having been proceeding cautiously, however, she did not go hard on the rock, and the captain at once signalled below to reverse the engine, and the few minutes later the ship slid off the rock into the deeper water.

anchor here that nine survivors arrived from Cape Beale yesterday in an exhausted condition. They came direct from the scene of the wreck, which was left in darkness and confusion.

According to their story there were in the neighborhood of 90 passengers. This does not include the crew, which the seaman estimated must number 40 men. Therefore there was a total of no less than 130, approximately speaking, on board when the vessel sailed upon the rock bound coast of Vancouver Island.

Return to Scene.
The Czar was ordered to report to the Queen and follow the Salvor to Bamfield, where the latter hoped to secure definite news of the extent of the disaster, it having been correctly surmised that the survivors having reached Cape Beale might proceed from there by trail to the cable station.

Upon arrival here, however, it was found that they had gone back to the wreck.

When the Salvor left the spot from where the Valencia was sighted the Queen appeared to have hope to with the intention, it is surmised, of waiting until the weather cleared. No doubt Captain Cousins then anticipated being able to send a small boat to the survivors, and if the theory that cast-aways are still on board proves correct, to render every assistance. As there was then half a gale blowing from the southwest it is questionable whether he will succeed in achieving his laudable object.

Sighted the Wreck.
It was about noon or a little after when those on the bridge of the Salvor sighted the tug Czar, fighting hard against the heavy prevailing sea. It was apparent that something could be seen, and the conclusion was reached that the hull of the wreck must be in sight. This was correct.

Being high tide the deck was completely submerged with the exception of a small portion of the bow.

The Czar got much closer than the Salvor, and returning reported to Capt. Troup on the former vessel.

Who Sailed on the Steamer Valencia From San Francisco.
The following is the list of first and second class passengers who left San Francisco on the ill-fated steamer Valencia.

WILLIAM SIBLEY.
MISS W. ROSENBERGER.
MISS I. SHAVER.
D. N. PETERS.
HARRY WARD.
G. WALKER.
H. T. TELGMAN.
W. G. MELLE.
H. HOELSCHER.
J. J. DUSEL.
MRS. WILKINSON.
MISS W. COLE.
HARRY WOOLDRIDGE (Vancouver).
C. ALLISON.
FRED ERICKSON.
CHAS. SEMUEL.
WILLIAM SMITH (Vancouver).
A. T. RALPH (Vancouver).
G. NOBENBACHER.
G. H. JESSE (Victoria).
W. LOMBARDINE.
MRS. E. BODERTSCHER (Tacoma).
DONALD ROSS (for Victoria).
F. F. BUNKER and wife.
GEORGE D. HARRADEN.
J. B. GRAHAM.
GEORGE D. HARRADEN.

Second Class.
E. PENTILLA (Juneau).
JAMES WRIGHT.
JAMES INGLEOME.
M. O'NEIL.
HARRY GREGGY.
WILSON.
JACOB LOORING.
JACOB NIKKO.
THEO. SHREVE.
I. PANTHA.
PETER GLUBE.
J. E. LUCAS.
J. T. DOHERTY.
FRANK NYVOCH (Tacoma).
MIKE MYOCLVIC.
TOM BROWN (Tacoma).
SEM TAM (Tacoma).
P. J. CAMPBELL.
THEO. CHIEVES.
J. B. SHANNON.
G. ERICKSON.
S. E. DAWSON.
P. and E. WIGHTLIL (Tacoma).
G. PETERSON.
G. P. NORDSTROW and wife (Seattle).
T. J. CAMPBELL and wife (Seattle).
J. W. GOMBERY.
Y. C. COSETTE.
PETER HOGAN.
W. M. OGLE and wife.
YOSUKI HOSODA.
S. RANCUA.
T. MANAKIV.
H. HEERAKAMPER.
D. DALEY.
A. HANDGERT.
H. HAWKINS.
T. SIMPSON.
R. MARTIN.
C. WEST.
W. A. BEAN.
H. FISHER.
J. MURPHY.
R. HILL.
J. FERNIE (Victoria).
J. KEATING.
J. WILLITS.
M. S. SMITH.
J. MCCAFFERY (Victoria).
A. KARR (Vancouver).
J. HOSIE.
G. ERICKSON.
J. B. SHANNON.

THE WRECKED LINER.
Valencia Was Built Four Years Ago at San Francisco.

The Valencia is 252 feet in length, 34 feet beam and 19 feet depth. She has two masts, her tonnage being 1,598. She had accommodation for 117 passengers on the saloon and upper decks.

Man Cried With Rage When He Was Refused Permission to Travel on Topeka.

Seattle, Jan. 24.—(Special).—T. H. Cann, former justice of the peace in Seattle, fainted in the offices of the Pacific Coast Co. last night when he learned his son, the former commander of the Valencia, was not aboard the vessel this trip.

City of Topeka Rescues About a Score of People From a Life Raft--Their Terrible Plight.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
The C. P. R. steamer Queen City on her outward trip to points along the west coast of Vancouver Island, and which it was thought might sight the wreck of the steamer Valencia and possibly render valuable service, heard nothing of the disaster until she reached Bamfield creek. She passed Clooose at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and from there to Cape Beale had very foggy weather. On her arrival at Bamfield later in the day, Capt. Townsend on hearing of the disaster telegraphed to the C. P. R. office here last evening for instructions. He wanted to know if he should turn about and head for the wreck. Knowing that three steamers were already on the way to the Valencia's assistance, F. W. Vincent wired to Capt. Townsend to proceed on his regular trip. The captain stated that a very heavy southeast sea was blowing, and that he could not get away from Bamfield until this morning.

Queen's Passengers.
Outbound Travellers Have Been Distributed Among City Hotels.

(From Thursday's Daily.)
To-day has brought news, both cheering and depressing from the ship Valencia. A great deal of the terrible uncertainty more trying than the worst definite news has passed, and in its place stands certain knowledge that the loss of life on board has not been quite as great as was at first anticipated. True, the fate of the vessel herself is now settled beyond all doubt, for the Times was in receipt of intelligence at 6 o'clock last evening, to the effect that she had broken up and gone to pieces with whatever people still remained on board. But as if to offset this comes the news of intelligence that eighteen or nineteen additional men, who had been given up for lost have been rescued.

FEARS ALLAYED.
G. W. Taylor on Board is Not Well-Known Clergyman of Wellington.

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CHANGED HIS MIND.
G. N. Nobenbacher Bought Ticket For Valencia, But Did Not Sail.

EN ROUTE HOME.
Mrs. Stoltenberg and Children Were Returning From Visit to California.



Geo. H. Jesse, the Victoria boy who was aboard the Valencia and who is unaccounted for.

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MINISTERS CONSIDER CHANGES IN LAWS

TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE IMPERIAL DOUMA
Government Encouraged by Action of Political Factions Which are Taking Part in Campaign.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 23.—The attitude of the Russian people toward the monarch, showing that the peasant as well as the soldier would be quick to resent anything directed against the person of the "little father," has been recognized by the constitutional democrats' convention...

The peaceful passage of the dreaded "Red Sunday" anniversary yesterday, the apparent amity of the activities of the revolutionists and the initiation of constructive labors by all the political factions taking part in the electoral campaign have encouraged the government...

Notwithstanding their victories over the revolutionists and the apparent opportunity to turn their backs on the recently promulgated reforms, the Emperor and his advisers have taken another long step towards constitutionalism by entrusting the first imperial douma with a large measure of constitutional powers.

These changes will be submitted to the douma when the representatives of the people will be empowered as they were in 1813, when direction of the empire came under the Romanoffs, to pass judgment on the fundamental laws of the realm.

Takes Gloomy View.
Moscow, Jan. 23.—Alexander Barry, naturalized American, who is a prominent merchant of Moscow, exceedingly gloomy of the here. Mr. Barry employs

men, and unquestionably not profound knowledge of conditions than any American empire. He is convinced that man people are not ripe for a situational regime.

Continuing, Mr. Barry said: "The ignorant masses really have none of the political aspirations attributed to them by the agitators, but owing to the poverty they are easy prey to the appeals for liberty, which for them means license. That they neither understand nor care for true political rights is shown by the fact that in Moscow less than 10 per cent, and in the provinces not over two per cent, of the qualified voters will register."

Up to the present time it has been a mistake to imagine that the revolutionary ideas had taken deep root in the army. The agitator has been clearly manipulated to give it that appearance.

Fifty per cent. of the workmen in the cities of Russia will be out of work in 1908, impoverished and pauperized employed. They will go back to their villages and find willing ears among the hungry peasants for the doctrines of Socialism and the division of property, and crime and lawlessness, which will make for despotism and anarchy in which a revival of the revolutionary agitation will find the best opportunity.

The people are incapable in their state of a gradual evolution to a stable, popular regime. It is impossible to lead them to that end. Russia will be confronted with either excesses of power or excess of liberty. There is no middle way."

SUNK DURING FOG.

Steamer Went to Bottom After Collision—Captain and the Crew Saved.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 23.—The loss of the steamer Trojan, of the Boston & Philadelphia line, in collision with the steamer Nachochee, of the Savannah line, in Vineyard Sound last Sunday, was reported here to-day by the Nachochee, which arrived having on board the captain and crew of the Trojan. The accident was due to fog. The Nachochee struck the Trojan amidships, and the latter went to the bottom within three-quarters of an hour, but Capt. Thatchler and the crew of 27 men of the Trojan were taken off by the Nachochee.

The Nachochee sustained only slight damage. The collision occurred about one mile outside the Vineyard Sound Lightship shortly after 11 o'clock on Sunday forenoon. Both steamers were bound northward, the Nachochee from Savannah and the Trojan from Philadelphia, both for Boston.

Paris, Jan. 23.—The Matin this morning says that the French government has decided to send to Miss Alice Roosevelt a magnificent piece of gobelin tapestry as a wedding present.

FOUR ADMIRALS DROWNED.

Went Down With Brazilian Troopship Which Sank After Explosion in Magazine.

Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 22.—Four admirals perished on board the Brazilian troopship Aquidaban, which sank south of here after an explosion, causing the loss of hundreds of lives. The ship had been used for the accommodation of a number of superannuated officers and men attached to the flotilla assigned to the Bering Barcos, having the minister of marine and his staff on board who were on a round of inspection for a site for the new arsenal. The explosion occurred in the powder magazine, the vessel sinking in three minutes.

Message of Sympathy.
Washington, D. C., Jan. 23.—Immediately upon receipt of official news of the destruction of the Brazilian battleship Aquidaban, Secretary Bonaparte sent a cablegram to the Brazilian minister of marine extending sympathy.

RUSSIAN GREEK CHURCH.

Reformers May Follow the Council Summoned by the Metropolitan.

(Associated Press Correspondence.)
St. Petersburg, Jan. 12.—The invitation of Emperor Nicholas to the Metropolitan Antonius, president of the Holy Synod, to convene an extraordinary church council to consider proposals for the organization of the national church will assemble the first conference of the kind since the patriarchate of Nikan in 1654 and the Emperor's determination to call it may signify the restoration of the complete control of the Russian Greek church and the downfall of the secular authority and bureaucracy restrictions brought about by Mr. Pobedostev.

The discussion of the desirability of changes in the church government of Russia was originally begun in a special meeting of the committee of ministers and department presidents of the council of state. Having been informed of it, His Majesty desired that this particular question should be decided exclusively by the Holy Synod. Therefore the resolution written in the Emperor's own hand was "Erase the question from the list of the council and submit it to the consideration of the Holy Synod."

As a result the Holy Synod during its session last March prepared a report concerning reform, which was submitted for the Emperor's consideration.

According to the plan the patriarch or metropolitan should be the controlling head of the council of bishops and should be responsible for them, while they in turn accept responsibility for their schools, districts, parishes, which are appointed and this council of bishops, headed by the metropolitan, invested with certain governing powers, should be the basis form of the church rule.

The report continues: "The Holy Synod proposes to have the synod consist of permanent members together with the members invited by turn from among the prelates of the Russian church and to have it headed by a patriarch, granting to him all life canonical rights of a local metropolitan to call in Moscow, by order of His Imperial Majesty, a local council of all the parochial bishops of the Orthodox Church in Russia or of their representatives, for the purpose of discussing the following questions:
"The division of Russia into church districts to be governed by metropolitans; the re-examination of the legislation of the existing organizations of parochial government and their reform in accordance with the basis of a general council; the introduction of better order in the parishes with regard to moral and religious conditions; the better administration of places of instruction; the perfecting of ecclesiastical schools; the reorganization of laws under which the church acquires property; the parochial assemblies of the clergy; the granting to higher representatives of the church the right to take part in the sessions of the council of state and the committee of ministers in all cases which concern the interests of the church; the granting to the priests of the right to take part in local councils."

Emperor Nicholas returned the report to the Holy Synod on March 1st, with the following in his hand: "I deem it impossible to accomplish at the present restless time such an important work as the calling of a local council in the sessions of the council of state and the committee of ministers in all cases which concern the interests of the church; the granting to the priests of the right to take part in local councils."

Man Drilled Through Six Feet of Masonry in Attempt to Reach Bank Vault.

Topeka, Kas., Jan. 23.—A man accused of having drilled into the vault of the Merchants National Bank of Topeka in an attempt to secure \$35,000 held there, is in the city jail. He is Harry W. Williams, colored. He was captured at 11 p. m. last night when he tried to steal some of the stamps which were in the vault to a hack driver, who reported to the officials. Williams, it is said, began the work of drilling last Wednesday evening in the basement, and on Sunday when his work was discovered, he had drilled through six feet of solid masonry, the hole being so small that an entrance by a man seemed impossible.

LABORED IN VAIN.
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EMBARGO ON CATTLE.

Vienna, Jan. 23.—The closing of the Austro-Hungarian frontier against the importation of Serbian cattle into Austria-Hungary is clearly an aggressive movement for the purpose of making Serbia understand that Austria-Hungary is firmly opposed to the proposed neutral customs union of the Balkan states. Ninety per cent. of the Serbian cattle are marketed in Austria-Hungary.

COLD WEATHER.
New Orleans, La., Jan. 23.—A drop of 40 degrees since Sunday converted the springlike weather into winter. The mercury on to-day registered 19, and freezing. Elsewhere in the state lower temperatures with traces of snow were reported.

RIVERS IN FLOOD.
Mobile, Ala., Jan. 23.—The Warrior and Tombigbee rivers are on the rampage. Flood warnings have been posted.

Discharged.
Toronto, Jan. 23.—Christian Scientists, convicted on a charge of conspiracy to deprive Wallace Goodfellow of medical aid and the necessities of life a year ago, were to-day discharged by the Court of Appeal. The court held that while the indictment might have been made under section 238 or 242 of the Criminal Code, it was a mistake for the prosecution to have acted under section 232.

TIME MEDICINE.
In France, out of every 1,000 inhabitants, 122 are old people of more than 60 years, as against 72 in England and 79 in Germany.

TWO CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH

THROUGH EXPLOSION OF BOTTLE OF GASOLINE

Prince Arthur Accepts Invitation to Visit Toronto Horse Show—Strike of Copper.

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—Two children, aged 1 and 2 years, were burnt to a crisp at Hamiltonburg through the explosion of a bottle of gasoline with which an elder sister was cleaning furs. The latter was severely injured.

Will Visit Toronto.
Ottawa, Jan. 22.—His Royal Highness Prince Arthur of Connaught has accepted an invitation to attend the Toronto horse show in April.

Copper Discovery.
Port Arthur, Jan. 22.—A wonderful strike of copper is reported from near Cloud Bay, east of or assaying 35 per cent pure metal. The vein is both deep and wide, and is regarded as a continuation of the famous one which made the upper peninsula famous as a copper producer.

Swan River, Man., Jan. 22.—Van Sukil's bakery and the offices of Beattie & Co., bankers, and E. Bothwell, barrister, were burned to-day, entailing a loss of about \$3,000; insurance, \$800.

Saskatoon, Jan. 22.—F. J. Hart, while driving across the prairie near here at night, lost his team in an open well.

Frank, Alberta, Jan. 22.—A young Englishman named Jenkins, employed on the Grassy Mountain railway, who had his back broken in an accident six weeks ago, has just succumbed to his injuries.

Winnipeg, Jan. 22.—An Icelandic laborer fell down the elevator shaft of the C. P. R. hotel to-day, while attempting to descend on a rope from the fourth story. His back was broken and he succumbed shortly afterwards in the hospital.

St. John, N. B., Jan. 22.—Among the passengers sailing for Liverpool by the steamship Lake Champlain on Saturday was Master Fred Sugganessy with his tutor Mr. C. P. Anstey. They had come by the C. P. R. express from Montreal and are starting on a trip around the world under circumstances of unusual interest. The trip will take about four months, during which time they will be continually under the British flag.

What is still more novel, however, is the fact that their entire route around the globe will be made on the regular rail and steamship lines of a single transport and company, and that company a Canadian corporation. The tickets which are no more pretentious in size than an ordinary excursion ticket, read as being good for passage from Montreal, Canada, to Montreal, Canada, via St. John, Liverpool, London, Singapore, Yokohama and Vancouver, by C. P. R. and steamship lines, "and so complete is the form that even the runs of the conductors across the continent are clearly shown. The tickets are self-explanatory as to the method by which this remarkable feat will be accomplished.

Reaching Liverpool by the C. P. R. steamship Lake Champlain the travellers will take from that port an ancient C. P. R. steamer, the Montego, to Hongkong, where they are due to arrive on April 8th next. The Montego is a vessel of 5,500 tons, which is being transferred to the Pacific fleet owing to the growth of the Orient trade. In the installation of this new line, the C. P. R. has completed the last link in an all-round-the-world service, unique in character and far-reaching in importance. It is the most complete of any other purpose, than to confine business of the independent refiners to the state of Kansas."

CANADIAN NOTES.
Antillyman Met Death While Skating at Kingston.

Kingston, Ont., Jan. 22.—Gunner Scott, of "A" Battery, R. C. F. A., met death on Sunday afternoon. While skating near the barracks he broke through the ice. It is thought that a blood-vessel in his head burst, as he was rescued by a companion and a death was not due to drowning. Gunner Scott was 24 years of age and belonged to Tours, Prince Edward Island. He was formerly of the Garrison Artillery at Quebec.

Died From Injuries.
Frank, Alta., Jan. 22.—A young Englishman named Jenkins, employed on the Grassy Mountain railroad, had his back broken in an accident six weeks ago, and has just succumbed to the injuries.

A Narrow Escape.
Toronto, Jan. 21.—A plank fell off the Trader's Bank sky-scraper on Saturday, and although deflected by telegraph wires, struck Wesley Moore, C. P. R. telegraph messenger, in the neck, knocking him off his bicycle. Moore was conscious for some time. He had a narrow escape from death.

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ANOTHER RECORD.

Boundary Mines Sent 25,971 Tons of Ore to Smelters During Week.

Phoenix, Jan. 20.—A new record was rolled up by the Boundary mines and smelters. This week's output of the several shipping mines was: Granby mine to Granby smelter, 18,736 tons; Mother Lode to C. Copper smelter, 4,424 tons; Brooklyn Steamroller to Dominion Copper smelter, 2,780 tons; Rawhide to Dominion Copper smelter, 429 tons; Sunset to Dominion Copper smelter, 1,714 tons; Emma, Nelson and B. C. Copper smelters, 263 tons; Oro Denoro to Granby smelter, 510 tons; Providence to Trail smelter, 40 tons; total shipments for the week, 25,971 tons; for the year, 2,478,705 tons.

SEVERE STORM.
Chicago, Jan. 23.—A severe storm of alternating rain and sleet and snow which commenced just before midnight last night caused one of the worst tie-ups this city has known in many years.

NEW YORK SENSATION.
Interesting Evidence Given by Colonel Mann in the Hapgood Criminal Libel Trial.

New York, Jan. 22.—Colonel W. D. Mann, editor of Town Topics, testified at the Hapgood criminal libel trial to-day that he had borrowed money to the amount of nearly \$200,000 from J. P. Morgan, James R. Keene, W. K. Vanderbilt, Wm. C. Whitney and other prominent financiers. Many of these loans were never repaid, so far as Col. Mann could recall, and others were paid in stock of Town Topics at \$1,000 per share. The total amount obtained from these sources was \$200,000, from J. P. Morgan \$100,000, from W. C. Whitney \$100,000, from Col. C. P. Huntington \$50,000, and from John W. Gates \$20,000, Charles M. Schwab \$10,000 and Thomas F. Ryan \$10,000.

When Col. Mann testified that many of these loans were paid in Town Topics stock at \$1,000 a share, James W. Osborne, counsel for Mr. Hapgood, asked if the par value of the stock was not \$10 per share. Colonel Mann replied that it was.

The witness produced showing that \$25,000 was paid by William J. White, of Cleveland, for subscription to Fads and Fancies, a blue book which was Issued by Mann's direction. Mr. Osborne asked if the subscription was paid for by William J. White, of Cleveland, for subscription to Fads and Fancies, a blue book which was Issued by Mann's direction.

St. Louis, Jan. 22.—A blanket of sleet two inches thick covered the ground to-day, with a prospect of ice for another 24 hours. The railways seem to be in a better condition to contend against the sleet and snow than the electric lines which were at times down in a desperate straits. On some of the lines running east from here hundreds of miles of railroad wires were down, and the dispatchers were having a trying time in moving trains in the outlying sections of the city. The sleet was reported to their places of employment. The great steel mills in South Chicago were barely able to muster enough men to operate all of their departments early in the day, and for some time some of them were down.

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 22.—A cold wave accompanied by a snow squall swept over north Texas to-day. Trains are delayed, and all communication is interrupted.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 23.—A thousand men and women carrying red flags last night marched through slush, sleet and wind in a parade to commemorate St. Petersburg "Red Sunday" of a year ago. The parade ended at a hall where a meeting was held. The world's rulers were called Emperors of the evil one, and President Roosevelt was hissed when mentioned by Seymour Steiman in connection with the sending of condolences on the assassination of Sergius. When the collection was taken Chairman Thos. J. Morgan announced, "This money will be sent to the international bureau at Brussels, and from there to Russia to help widows and orphans of the slain and, if necessary, to buy dynamite."

KILLED BY SNOWSLIDE.
Five Italian Miners Perished in Colorado—Railways Are Blocked.

Silverton, Col., Jan. 23.—Five Italian miners employed at the Sunnyside mine lost their lives in an immense snow slide late yesterday afternoon. No particulars or the names of the men can be obtained as the telephone line is down and communication of all kinds destroyed.

There are eleven slides between Silverton and Elkpark. The slides average from seven to thirty feet deep, and from 500 to 600 wide. The storm, which has about spent its force, has been one of the worst ever known in this section.

SALT LAKE.
Salt Lake, Jan. 23.—The last of the six slides buried by the snow slide at Alta Friday morning, blocked communication with the mining camp has been restored it has been learned that the avalanche came about midnight. It swept a half mile before striking a boarding house and adjoining saloon, in which the men were sleeping. Both buildings were wrecked, and the former was completely hidden from view.

Three of the five men sleeping in the saloon managed to crawl from under the debris and snow, and attained only in their night clothing, worked for hours in an effort to rescue their comrades. Their feet were frozen.

PICTURE PURCHASED.
London, Jan. 23.—The Standard this morning says it understands that the "Venus of Willasquez" was purchased for the nation yesterday owing to anonymous persons bidding the purchase of the picture money. The Paris Louvre has unavailingly offered \$250,000 for the canvas.

VLADIVOSTOCK SQUADRON.
Remnant of Russian Fleet Has Arrived at Colombo.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 23.—The Vladivostock squadron, consisting of the cruisers Gromoboi, Bogaty, and Rosalia, arrived at Colombo, Ceylon, on Sunday.

SERIOUS UPRISING IN Bessarabia

MANY PERSONS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED

Local Officials Made Prisoners by Mob—Resumption of Hostilities Between Armenians and Tartars

Bender, Bessarabia, Jan. 23.—There is a serious uprising in the vicinity of Tamerat, a Bulgarian colony. The entire population has risen and made prisoners of the local authorities. The vice-governor, who set out with a squadron of dragoons and two guns, encountered a mob of 15,000, many of whom were armed. The vice-governor immediately sent for reinforcements and machine guns.

More Fighting.
Eltzburgh, Trans-Caucasia, Jan. 23.—Hostilities have been resumed between the Armenians and the Tartars. A band of Tartars yesterday attacked the military controls, but were dispersed by the artillery.

Philadelphia, Jan. 22.—A wild panic following a loud shriek of "Fire!" brought death to eighteen colored persons and injuries to nearly two score of others last night in St. Paul's Baptist church, on west side of Eighth street, between Poplar street and Girard avenue.

The terrible rush to gain the street was of brief duration, and that more were not killed in the stampede probably was due to the fact that the church was not crowded. At the time the disaster occurred not more than 300 persons were on the second floor of the building, which, with the gallery, was capable of accommodating 600 to 700 persons.

The fire was a trifling one and was extinguished before the firemen arrived. The smell of smoke added to the panic, and despite the heroic work of Rev. Mr. Johnson, pastor of the church, who tried in vain to allay the fears of the frightened worshippers, the terror-stricken negroes made a rush to narrow stairway. Those in the rear of the crowd were trampled over those who fell, and when the rush was over eighteen lay dead on the first floor and stairs of the building. Death in nearly every case was due to suffocation or trampling.

CHICAGO DEMONSTRATION.
To Commemorate St. Petersburg "Red Sunday"—300,000's Name Hissed.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 23.—A thousand men and women carrying red flags last night marched through slush, sleet and wind in a parade to commemorate St. Petersburg "Red Sunday" of a year ago. The parade ended at a hall where a meeting was held. The world's rulers were called Emperors of the evil one, and President Roosevelt was hissed when mentioned by Seymour Steiman in connection with the sending of condolences on the assassination of Sergius. When the collection was taken Chairman Thos. J. Morgan announced, "This money will be sent to the international bureau at Brussels, and from there to Russia to help widows and orphans of the slain and, if necessary, to buy dynamite."

KILLED BY SNOWSLIDE.
Five Italian Miners Perished in Colorado—Railways Are Blocked.

Silverton, Col., Jan. 23.—Five Italian miners employed at the Sunnyside mine lost their lives in an immense snow slide late yesterday afternoon. No particulars or the names of the men can be obtained as the telephone line is down and communication of all kinds destroyed.

There are eleven slides between Silverton and Elkpark. The slides average from seven to thirty feet deep, and from 500 to 600 wide. The storm, which has about spent its force, has been one of the worst ever known in this section.

SALT LAKE.
Salt Lake, Jan. 23.—The last of the six slides buried by the snow slide at Alta Friday morning, blocked communication with the mining camp has been restored it has been learned that the avalanche came about midnight. It swept a half mile before striking a boarding house and adjoining saloon, in which the men were sleeping. Both buildings were wrecked, and the former was completely hidden from view.

Three of the five men sleeping in the saloon managed to crawl from under the debris and snow, and attained only in their night clothing, worked for hours in an effort to rescue their comrades. Their feet were frozen.

PICTURE PURCHASED.
London, Jan. 23.—The Standard this morning says it understands that the "Venus of Willasquez" was purchased for the nation yesterday owing to anonymous persons bidding the purchase of the picture money. The Paris Louvre has unavailingly offered \$250,000 for the canvas.

VLADIVOSTOCK SQUADRON.
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WEATHER VERY SEVERE IN NORTH

A WOOD FAMINE IS REPORTED AT DAWSON

Unoccupied Cabins are Being Torn Down For Fuel—Horses Die From the Cold.

White Horse, Jan. 23.—With the temperature 10 below there is a wood famine at Dawson. The police will not allow horses out to haul wood. Unoccupied cabins are being torn down and used for fuel. Warm storage men are in danger of heavy losses by freezing. The coldest weather in the history of the Yukon is now prevailing throughout the territory.

The White Pass railroad is operating trains daily. The stage line between White Horse and Dawson is tied up because of horses freezing their lungs and they drop dead as they are sent. The temperatures all along the Yukon river during the last three days range from 65 to 80 below zero.

No fatalities are reported, but there are many cases of frozen feet, hands and faces. The new town of Conrad, near Windy Arm silver and gold mines, promised to be the busiest point in the north during the coming summer.

THE RUSSIAN LOAN.
Government Awaits Outcome of the Moroccan Conference—Uprisings Planned Abroad.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 23.—A prominent official of the ministry of finance said yesterday that the government was waiting for the outcome of the Moroccan conference before resuming negotiations for a loan, which were interrupted in October. Should the outcome of the conference be peaceful the government anticipates little difficulty in obtaining a loan, even should the national assembly be not convoked when the financial negotiations are resumed. The prospects throughout the country are much brighter with the collapse of the armed revolt and the progress made in restoring order.

The official admitted, however, that Russia would have to pay a high rate of interest for a loan, but cash was necessary. The receipts from taxes and customs, over which apprehension had been expressed in the budget report, were most encouraging. The importations were heavy in order to escape the higher duties of the new tariff, which

A new general armed uprising had been scheduled for January 22nd, but the premature explosions at Moscow and elsewhere have caused the military so loyal that the revolutionists have changed their minds. Minor rioting might be attempted, and in fact, the police have learned of an attack on several postal telegraph stations in the suburbs and have taken measures to put down any such rioting with the utmost severity. The police did not even expect the one-day strike to begin in St. Petersburg, as there were too many idle men, and the others were afraid to risk losing their positions in mid-winter.

The authorities have evidence that the uprisings and terrorism in Russia were largely organized abroad. The bombthrower arrested at Odessa has been identified as a Parisian, who was under surveillance by the French authorities on account of activity in the international anarchist movement having its origin in Paris. The leader shot was mostly of foreign origin.

THE ECUADOR REVOLT.
Guayaquil Has Surrendered—Situation is Reported Quiet.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 23.—The state department has received a brief cablegram from Guayaquil, Ecuador, announcing the surrender of Guayaquil, and saying the situation is quiet. The cablegram contains no further details.

NEURO LYNCHED.
Hopkinsville, Ky., Jan. 22.—A mob of 300 men on Friday morning took Ernest B. Kizer, a negro, from the county jail and hanged him from a beam of the city scales near the court house in the centre of the city. Saturday night Kizer attempted a criminal assault on Mary Gentry.

DELAYED BY FOG.
New York, Jan. 22.—New York harbor was practically fog bound to-day, the mist being so dense that no craft entered or left the harbor. Several Atlantic liners, inward bound, are anchored outside of Sandy Hook bar.

A CLOUD BURST.
Nashville, Jan. 22.—Parts of Huntsville, Ala., were flooded to-day by a cloud burst. Many houses were inundated, bridges washed away and electric railway traffic stopped. No loss of life is reported.

STOCK BROKERS FAIL.
Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 23.—Ed. Gartner & Co., stock brokers and members of the Pittsburg stock exchange, made an assignment to-day. The liabilities will exceed \$200,000. Samuel A. Steele, of this city, was appointed assignee.

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THE PREMIERS' BILL TO RELIEVE DEWDNEY

It is Proposed That About Half of the Liabilities of Municipality be Assumed.

A bill was introduced into the legislature yesterday afternoon by Premier McBride to disincorporate the municipality of Dewdney.

The municipality was incorporated in 1882. In 1883 debentures were issued amounting to \$17,228, bearing interest at six per cent. per annum.

In 1884 the dikes are said to have been largely destroyed by the flood of that year. The arrears of dyke and general taxes due to the corporation on the thirty-first of December, 1889, amounted to \$15,858, which remain unpaid.

A public meeting of the residents of the municipality was held on August 6th, 1895, and resolutions were passed requesting the government to aid the corporation to release the liabilities and cancel the incorporation on condition that repayment be provided for by a special tax leviable on the lands in the municipality.

The bill provides for the Minister of Finance to appropriate out of the revenue of the province the sum of \$35,000 for the purpose of paying off certain liabilities of the corporation of the district of Dewdney.

This old building has quite a history, having been a landmark years before British Columbia was taken into confederation. Since then it has been practically rebuilt several times.

The Dominion government is offering the old post office building, Government street, for sale, tenders to be received up to February 16th.

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THE FEVER EPIDEMIC.

Return of Dr. Fagan From the Boundary Country.

Dr. C. J. Fagan, provincial health officer, has just returned from a visit to Phoenix where fever has been epidemic for the past couple of months.

The outbreak, as already reported in the Times, is attributed to the milk supply of the town, and energetic measures were promptly taken to have the dairies cleaned.

Dr. Fagan reports that the fever of the Boundary is now fully alive to the importance of sanitation, and are determined to put their towns in order.

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SOME INNOVATIONS WERE INTRODUCED

BY MAYOR MORLEY AT COUNCIL MEETING

That the general public are beginning to take an interest in the proceedings of the city council is evident from the fact that there was a large gathering of ratepayers at the opening meeting of the year held last night.

The Mayor said that he had endeavored to equalize the work and place one alderman of each ward on each committee, and fairly distribute the chairmanships.

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was floated to cover the Point Ellice accident, James Bay reclamation, High school, Point Ellice bridge, Government street paving, the amount required for interest and sinking fund being some \$24,000 per annum.

There are many ways in which a saving may be made during the coming year without marring the efficiency of our service or the city's welfare, and I trust the committee will exercise its judgment in making suggestions along these lines.

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restive acts or speech in places of public amusement. Redistribution. This is a question already partially fought out, and I trust that the spirit of fair dealing will enable us, with the assistance of the committee, to bring about a fair and equitable redistribution as soon as the necessary steps and formalities can be carried out.

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LUNATIC FIRES AT A MOTORMAN

DANGEROUS MAN ATTACKS STREET CAR EMPLOYEE

A dangerous lunatic, in the person of James R. Jamieson, was secured yesterday evening by Detective Macdonald and Constable Clayards, who had been notified by telephone that a crazy man was making matters dangerously lively in the neighborhood of Esquimalt and the Gorge.

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MINERAL ACT. CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS. NOTICE.

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OFFICER LEAVES TO LABEL TURNER

POSSIBILITY THAT VESSEL MAY FLEE

Makes it Desirable That She Should be Arrested at Once For Salvage.

When the steamer Queen City sailed for the West Coast ports last night she had aboard an officer armed with all the necessary documents for the arrest of the schooner M. Turner, which was rescued by the steamer Queen City when within a cable length from the shore of Bunsby Island.

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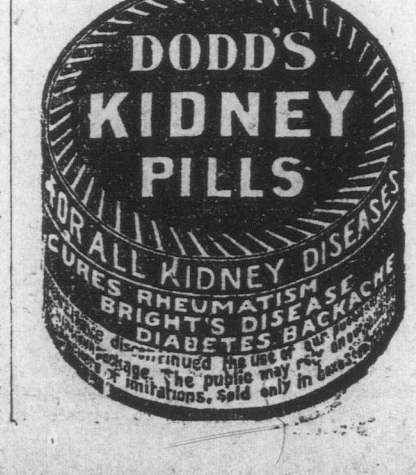
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The manager of the Seamen's Institute acknowledges with thanks the receipt of reading matter during the month of December, 1905, from the following: Mrs. R. B. McMicking, Mrs. Wm. Atkins, Mrs. R. Maynard, Mrs. G. E. Scott, Mrs. D. Helmecke, Mrs. C. P. Bennett, Mrs. J. E. Church, Dr. J. D. Helmecke (books), E. Baynes Reed, N. Shakespeare, J. C. Mackay, H. Burnett, S. G. Russell, the Aberdeen Ladies' Association, the Navy League (Victoria-Esquamet branch), B. C., the Times and Colonist, daily papers; Barber Bros., colored papers for Christmas decorations; Mrs. D. Pemberton, Holly and the Misses Marie and Edith Bailey, for putting up decorations. Cash donations and monthly subscriptions were received during the month from the following: Donations, the "Craftwork" mission (per secretary J. J. Wilson) W. Fernie, H. S. T. Henderson, Mrs. R. P. Rithet (per Mrs. J. D. Pemberton), F. Barnard and Mrs. Dunsmuir (per Bishop of Columbia), Monthly subscriptions, W. E. Laird (shipping matter), Rev. C. E. Cooper, Mrs. M. E. McTavish, Mrs. J. D. Pemberton, E. J. Evers, Miss Spurdell, the Bishop of Columbia, Mrs. Wm. Atkins and the George Carter Co., Ltd., C. Foster, vegetables, and Rev. C. E. Cooper, carpet.

The manager also takes this opportunity of tendering his sincerest thanks to the ladies and gentlemen who so generously gave their services in the recent concert in aid of the institute, and to whom he feels indebted for the same, having proved such a gratifying success.

During the past month parcels of literature were supplied by the institute to the crews of the steamships Tees, Princess Beatrice, the D. G. S. Quadra and to one sailor.

SECOND-HAND PIANO FOR SALE—\$135. This instrument has been used by a teacher and is thoroughly well made. Will be delivered free to any wharf or railway station in B. C. Hicks & Lovick, 122 Hastings Street, Victoria.



WRECK OF THE VALENCIA.

The tragedy of the Valencia is complete with lessons, and among them is the gratifying one that the hearts of those whom we meet from day to day are inspired with the best kind of courage.

We also suggest that the United States government has a duty to perform in the premises. While few vessels go ashore on the southern side of the Strait, any precautions on the Vancouver Island shore will be even more for the benefit of ships engaged in United States commerce than for the benefit of those employed in our own.

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WRECK OF THE VALENCIA.

At the time of writing the loss of life as a result of the latest shipping disaster on the southwest coast of Vancouver Island has not been definitely ascertained. It is feared, however, from a reading of the dispatches sent in by the representatives of the Times on the relief vessels, that the toll taken by the sea has been even heavier than the first advices indicated. Whatever the causes of the various catastrophes that have occurred in the neighborhood bounded by Cape Beale and Clayoquot Sound with such appalling frequency during the boisterous winter season, it is clear that all precautions it is humanly possible to take in order to prevent such accidents in the future should be taken, and without loss of time. The federal government should at once institute a thorough investigation, which ought to be conducted by competent authorities. The appalling loss of life, and the almost unimaginable sufferings those who perished and those who survive endured, clearly demonstrate that no mere matter of expense should stand in the way of such inquiry nor constitute an obstacle to the establishment of such services or appliances as may be recommended. The federal government has not been slow in adopting recommendations for safeguarding life and property on what may be termed the inland waters of this coast. The terrible record of the present winter has emphasized the necessity for a comprehensive extension of the service.

We fear the entente cordiale as between Hon. Chas. Wilson, Attorney-General, and Mr. Bowser, plain but aspiring legal practitioner, hath not been restored. It is understood that the brilliant but neglected youngest member from Vancouver regards the tribute paid by the Attorney-General to the leader of the Socialists as the one really eloquent member of the House, now that W. W. B. McInnes has laid aside the mantle of supremacy, as a personal reflection upon his rhetorical prowess. We are grieved to observe these little personal differences obtruding themselves within the ranks of the Ministerialists just at this time when all things are being made ready for a dissolution. They may have the effect of retarding an appeal to the country, as it is certain that Mr. Wilson is marked for destruction, and that Mr. Bowser is determined to occupy the chair next to the Premier. Might we venture to suggest to the warring elements that the people may step in, when dissolution does take place, and effectively calm the troubled waters?

We wonder what the President of the Council in the McBride government thinks of the proposal of the Premier to disincorporate the municipality of Dewdney and to saddle the debts incurred during the suppliant's period of local self-government upon the taxpayers of the province. Mr. Cotton has been an ardent advocate of the organization of all possible divisions of the province into municipalities. His pet scheme was one of the things specially mentioned in the speech from the throne. He has not wasted the time of the House with an exposition of his usually sound views. What does he think of the backward movement for which his trusted leader is responsible, and which is designed for the relief of Mr. McBride's constituency? It would be interesting to find out what Hon. F. C. Cotton thinks of the extraordinary proposal, designed principally to make his leader's election sure at the expense of the public generally.

The British seaman is still endowed with the attributes which made the men who worked behind the wooden walls of old England famous. Every sailor of His Majesty's ship Egria volunteered for service on the boats detailed to go to the rescue of the possible survivors on the wreck of the Valencia. Their hearts are true to the traditions of their heroic forefathers.

The people of Victoria have but too frequently been called upon to pass under the rod of affliction, and can deeply sympathize with those who had relatives on the steamer Valencia.

It is altogether too probable that none survives to tell the story of the final act of the tragedy on board the steamer Valencia. Perhaps it is just as well.

The Crimson Blind By FRED. M. WHITE

CHAPTER X.—(Continued.)

He stood there rigidly, almost afraid to take the cigar from his lips; whilst Enid sped without further need for caution down the drive. The lodge gates were closed and the deaf porter's house in darkness, so that Enid could unlock the wicket without fear of detection. She rattled the key on the bars and a figure slipped out of the darkness.

"Really me, Enid, I came over on my bicycle. I am supposed to be round at some friend's house in Brunswick square, and one of the servants is sitting up for me. Is Reginald safe? He hasn't yet discovered the secret of the tradesman's book?"

"Oh, yes, Enid, if we had our dear friend's all right, dear. But why are you here? Has something dreadful happened?"

"Well, I will try to tell you so in a few words as possible. I never felt so ashamed of anything in my life."

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at present happy in the possession of his own lost property. And up to this very day I was under exactly the same delusion. Now I know that there must have been two copies of the plate, and that this knowledge was used to ruin me."

"But," Steel murmured, "I don't exactly see..."

"I am just coming to that. We hunted high and low for the picture, but nowhere could it be found. The Affair created a profound impression in Amsterdam. A day or two later Von Gulden went back to his duty on the Belgian frontier and business called him home. I packed my solitary portmanteau and departed. When I arrived at the frontier I opened my luggage for the custom officer and the wretched contents were turned out without ceremony. On the bottom was a roll of paper on a stick that I quite failed to recognize. I handed it to the custom officer and he immediately handed it to the Lieutenant in charge. Strange to say, he proved to be Von Gulden. He came up to me, very gravely, with the paper in his hand, and said: 'What is this?' 'It is a picture amongst your papers,' he asked.

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SURVIVORS' STORY Rescued Men Tell of Last Moments on Board Sinking Vessel

Scenes on Board of the Sinking Ship

By R. P. Dunn, Times Staff Correspondent

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

A FORMAL SITTING OF THE LAW MAKERS

Governments' Lack of Business Makes Time Hang Heavy on Hands of the Legislators.

Prayers were read by Rev. Dr. Campbell. Petitions. The following petitions were presented: By A. H. B. Macgowan—From L. W. Hatford, for leave to introduce a private bill to incorporate the Southern Okanagan Railway Company.

By C. W. Clifford—From E. V. Bodwell and others, for leave to introduce a private bill to incorporate the Copper River and Telkwa Railway Company. By Price Ellison—From James Ritchie and others, for leave to introduce a private bill to incorporate the British Columbia Central Railway Company.

By J. H. Hawthornthwaite—From Harry Bennett and many others, re game preservation and game licenses, asking that no game license be imposed; that there be no prohibition against Sunday shooting, and that no game preserve be allowed on the E. & N. land belt.

By W. Manson—From R. L. Paterson and others, for leave to introduce a private bill to confirm to the British Columbia Northern & Mackenzie Valley Railway Company certain rights granted by the B. C. & Yukon Railway Company Act, 1903.

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THE NEW COUNCIL MET LAST NIGHT WITH OPEN DOORS

Arrangements Made For Dealing With Public Interests Expeditiously—Two Meetings Weekly. The first meeting of the newly elected aldermanic board was held last evening. Punctually at 8 o'clock Mayor Morley entered the council chamber accompanied by the city clerk, and took his seat, all the aldermen being in their places.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

PHOENIX. The mill at the La Plata mines will be in operation before the 1st of May, and the shipments from the mine will then be materially increased. The first car of machinery has arrived from the Jencks company. The La Plata Mines company's property generally is in a very satisfactory condition.

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LOCAL NEWS

The main feature of the weather has been the storm areas and gales on the coast. The weather in California, and the 30th a storm of great magnitude was centred off the coast. The barometer on the day reached the unusually low point at Toronto, Ontario.

DR. WEAVER'S TREATMENT. WEAVER'S SYRUP For Hemorrhoids, Salt Rheum, Scrofulous Swellings, etc. WEAVER'S CERATE Cleanses the Skin Beautifies the Complexion.

TOBACCO HABIT. Dr. McTaggart's tobacco remedy removes all desire for the weed in a few days. LIQUOR HABIT. Marvellous results from taking his remedy for the liquor habit.

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20 More Survivors Rescued

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that they were needed for the suppression of some trouble. There was no excitement. The men were simply told by the officers in charge what was expected of them. They were to proceed to the dockyard where the boats of the ship had been temporarily removed, while the work of renovation and refit goes on aboard. Then they were told to get out a large twelve-oared cutter, and that if men were required to man her. Only the strongest and most experienced were to be chosen.

Capt. Parry himself picked out a few of his senior officers whom he thought could exercise the best judgment under trying circumstances and who otherwise had the necessary physical powers, were those who qualified. The officers went among all, and when the work of selection was completed, the boat was loaded with equipment, provisions, etc. Lieut. Knight, an officer who has had much experience in survey work, was placed in charge, and all stood by the boat as it was given to meet the Lorne outside. The whole of the arrangements were completed in that businesslike manner for which the British navy has ever distinguished itself. These sailors, brave and noble of purpose, with their life long experience of the sea, could not have been better chosen.

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office, January 17th to 23rd, 1906.

The main feature of the past week's weather has been the succession of heavy snows and rains over the British Columbia and Washington coast. On the 17th a storm of great energy and magnitude was central off Cape Flattery, the barometer on the day previous having fallen to the unusually low reading of 29.8 at Tootoosh Island; this depression moved rapidly to the eastward, causing its progress snow in British Columbia, Montana and Eastern Oregon, and rain in the Western Pacific states, according to the weather bureau with strong winds on the Vancouver Island and Washington coast. On the 18th the pressure continued low over the province and the North Pacific states and rainfall was general from British Columbia southward to Los Angeles, and it became much warmer in California. On the 19th the storm had moved inland to Cariboo and an extensive system of low pressure covered the entire western half of the North Pacific slope, its influence causing snowfall in the northern part of the province and the mountain and plateau region in the states, and rain in the Western Coast region from the Straits of Juan de Fuca to the Gulf of California, with an extensive fall of 5.2 inches in 24 hours was reported from St. Louis Obispo.

At the same time a secondary depression appeared over British Columbia and the northern coast at Port Simpson, the pressure increasing in the Pacific states and the Northwest provinces. These conditions without any very material change continued to the close of the week, the rainfall being the result of strong winds and gales and stormy weather from Queen Charlotte Islands to the Columbia River, with wind velocities of 40 miles an hour. The first part of the week was cold, several inches of snow falling on the island on the 18th and 19th; the lowest temperature being on the 20th, but a change took place then and the weather became and continued unusually mild on the coast; the rainfall has been heavy in this province and the Pacific Coast states. In the prairie provinces of the Northwest the snowfall has been comparatively light, but a decided cold wave has prevailed, with temperatures falling to 28 degrees below zero.

Further north, in the Atlin and Yukon districts, the weather has continued in the same way, the lowest point at Dawson being 40 below zero and at Atlin 50 below zero. At Victoria there were 1.9 inches in 24 hours and 48 minutes of bright sunshine; the highest temperature was 5.6 on 23rd, and the lowest 2.2 on 20th; melted rain, snow, 1.1 inches, including some 60 and a half inches of snow. At Vancouver—Highest temperature, 6.3 on 22nd; lowest, 2.6 on 21st; rain and melted snow, 2.5 inches. At New Westminster—Highest, 5.6 on 22nd; lowest, 2.5 on 21st; melted snow and rain, 3.9 inches. At Kamloops—Highest, 7.8 on 23rd; lowest, 2 on 21st; snow, 1.40 inches. At Barkerville—Highest, 4.2 on 3rd; lowest, 12 below zero on 20th; snow, 14 inches. At Port Simpson—Highest, 32 on 23rd; lowest, 10 on 22nd and 23rd; melted snow and rain, 0.48 inch. At Atlin—Highest, 6 below zero on 17th; lowest, 50 below zero on 21st; snow, 20 inches. At Dawson—Highest, 42 below zero; lowest, 64 below zero; no precipitation.

LOCAL NEWS

Tug Car is being sent down the coast to-day to tow the American schooner M. Turner to Victoria.

The Y. M. C. A. mock parliament holds its meeting to-morrow evening in the auditorium. The question under discussion will be the referendum and initiative.

The provincial government has forwarded an order to Montreal to have a wreath prepared to mark the respect in which the late Hon. Rayburn is to be buried.

and fisheries, was held in this province. The flags at the Federal and provincial buildings are flying at half mast.

The sad news of the death of his brother, J. Reda, was received by J. Reda, proprietor of the Grand Pacific hotel, to-day. He passed away at Balneario, Ore., as a result of injuries received in the explosion on the 21st inst. Deceased was 48 years of age and will be sent here for interment at Ross Bay cemetery.

Paul Johnson, M. E., manager of the Alaska Smelting & Refining Company, has returned from a visit to Montreal, where he superintended the smelting of some 500 tons of copper matte. He reported, before returning

CAPSIZE SCHOONER SIGHTED OFF CAPE

REPORTED BY CAPTAIN OF TUG PIONEER

Fight With Gales During Which Vessel Lost French Barque She Had in Tow.

Port Townsend, Jan. 25.—Tug Pioneer, which left San Francisco on January 17th towing the French barque Admiral Courbet, arrived at Neah Bay last night after a fierce fight in the gales which buffeted the tug and her tow the entire distance up the coast. When 19 miles off Cape Flattery yesterday the tow line parted, and owing to the high sea and gale the Pioneer was obliged to pick up the vessel again. The Courbet has a full crew and marine men think she will be safe until the Pioneer can pick her up this morning.

The Pioneer sent word by Capt. Milburn, of the tug Boyden, that she sighted a schooner bottom up a short distance below the Cape. He also sighted a lumber schooner with deck load gone. "Shipping men here have no idea as to the identity of either."

Seattle, Jan. 24.—Steamship Edith, Capt. A. G. Gray, arrived yesterday morning. She had a narrow escape from sharing the fate of the Valencia, being off the coast of Vancouver Island soon after the Valencia struck. It is believed the Edith must have been within three miles of the wreck, but that thick weather prevented the look-out from sighting her. At 2 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, when the Edith was just off Beeghados Point, six miles south of Cape Flattery, a cannon shot was heard, which seemed to come from a northeasterly direction, apparently from some ship in distress.

The fact that the Edith was entirely without cargo to-day here is a warning and sea caused her to be in danger. As soon as Capt. Crooked found his bearings he proceeded to port without making an investigation.

For two days he had been sailing on dead reckoning. The weather was very bad, with a heavy sea running and a gale blowing over fifty miles an hour.

On Tuesday afternoon he came within a mile of the rocks of Beeghados Point. He saw a breaking over them to a height of fifty feet.

A meeting will be held in the A. O. U. W. hall on the evening of January 29th for the purpose of discussing the women's suffrage and shops regulations bills now before the provincial legislature. Among the speakers will be Miss Irene Smith, of Tacoma, Miss Agnes Deans Cameron, and Parker Williams, J. H. Hawthornthwaite and other members of the local House. A large attendance is expected.

At the annual general meeting of the Pacific Club held in the club rooms last Tuesday the following were elected officers: President, Joshua Klingham (re-elected); vice-president, E. G. Wilson; committee, B. S. Odly, J. Savanah, J. H. Lawson, H. G. Ross and Jas. Paterson. The financial statement presented at the meeting showed that the organization was in a most satisfactory condition.

The following notice appears on the city hall bulletin board in the name of Ald. Hall: "That the legislative committee be instructed to wait upon the provincial government and impress upon them the urgent need of introducing legislation during the present session, placing the responsibility of raising all moneys for school purposes, not provided for by the government, upon the school trustees, on somewhat similar lines to those in vogue in Winnipeg."

At a regular meeting of Triumph Lodge No. 3, I. O. G. T., held on Monday evening, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "That this lodge, met in regular session, having had its attention called thereto, resolves: 'That it record its protest against the inauguration by His Worship Mayor Morley of a prompt and energetic policy in the direction of moral and social reform in the city of Victoria; that we compliment the residents of the city, and especially Mayor Morley for his courageous fidelity to his pre-election promises; that we assure him of our hearty moral support in the further prosecution of the policy herein referred to. Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to His Worship Mayor and to the public press of the city.'"

Officers of Alexandra lodge, No. 116, Sons of England, were recently installed by District Deputy Bro. E. Haynes, as follows: Past president, Bro. W. P. Allen; president, Bro. Geo. Jay; vice-president, Bro. Nute; chaplain, Bro. Bull, sr.; secretary, Bro. Jas. Critchley; treasurer, Bro. Dinsdale; 1st committee man, Bro. Davis; 2nd committee man, Bro. Farmer; 3rd committee man, Bro. Webb; 4th committee man, Bro. Clarke; 5th committee man, Bro. Bull, jr.; inside guard, Bro. Miller; surgeon, Bro. Dr. Stalner; auditors, Bro. Lewis, H. Lettice and Seymour O'Dell; trustees, Bro. L. Goodacre and Richard Hall; advisory board, juvenile branch, Bro. Jay, Nute, Allen, Petch and Bull.

There was a large attendance at the annual meeting of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian church Wednesday evening. Rev. W. Leslie Clay occupied the chair, and Henry Currie acted as secretary. Those elected to the board of management in succession to those whose term of office expired are: M. M. Crawford, D. McLean, A. P. Moffatt, J. Lamberton, W. K. Houston, James Bland, A. Hood, W. C. Kerr, Alex. Cruickshank and J. G. Hay. Reports from various branches of the church work were read and showed satisfactory progress, the revenue from all sources during the year having been \$783.84. The fortieth anniversary of the founding of the congregation falling on September 5th of this year, it was resolved to celebrate that event by a determined effort to pay off the entire debt on the church building and by appropriate services on or about that date.

SUTTON'S SEEDS

WE HAVE BEEN APPOINTED AGENTS FOR THESE CELEBRATED SEEDS. A LARGE AND COMPREHENSIVE STOCK ON THE WAY.

BRACKMAN - KER MILLING CO., 125 Government St., Victoria.

THE VICTORIA CREAMERY.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Victoria Creamery Association was held yesterday when a bonus of \$1,000 was declared, to be divided according to the amount of butter fat supplied by patrons. The reports of the president and secretary were very satisfactory and encouraging, showing as they did an improvement in the business of the creamery during the past year. The financial standing of the institution was especially gratifying, and recognition of the able work of the president it was decided to vote a presentation of \$100. It was shown that the amount of butter produced during the year was 24,870 pounds, or 50,000 pounds over the previous year's production. For cream alone the farmers were paid \$17,000. It was decided to continue the dairy inspection commenced a few months ago with good results, and a committee was appointed to carry through the cold storage proposition, commenced by the late board of directors.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES LIVELY SESSION

MISS A. D. CAMERON MAKES SERIOUS CHARGE

Alleged Extortion of Evidence From Late Pupils of the South Park School.

The first meeting of the board of school trustees since the late elections was held last night in the council chamber, city hall. There was a full attendance, and the proceedings were decidedly lively.

Trustee Huggert was elected chairman by a unanimous vote, and for a time it looked as if the business to be transacted would be purely routine, but when an adjournment was suggested, Trustee Cameron threw a bomb that caused quite a commotion. She accused a High school teacher with extracting, or rather extorting, information from late pupils of the South Park school, and suggested that the gentleman in question is acting under instructions.

City Superintendent Eaton took the chair, pending the appointment of a presiding officer.

On motion of Trustee Mowat, seconded by Trustee Jay, Trustee Huggert was elected chairman for the ensuing year.

On taking his seat the chairman welcomed Miss Cameron to the board, and expressed the hope that their proceedings would be marked by unanimity and prove productive of good. He suggested the appointment of a committee of the board, to which the principals of the schools would be invited, to discuss matters affecting the conduct of schools.

Trustee Mowat thought it would be a good thing to have the principals and trustees meet for the discussion of school matters, as suggested by the chairman.

Trustee Lewis asked what the superintendent was for if the school board was to confer with the principals. The chairman named as a finance committee Trustees Jay, Jenkins and Hall, and as a buildings and grounds committee Trustees Mowat, Cameron and Eaton.

Trustee Mowat moved that the office of drawing instructor and supervisor of manual be created, and that Mr. Binns be appointed to the same without any increase of salary.

Trustee Jay suggested that the matter be referred to the superintendent and a committee of the board.

Trustee Lewis supported this suggestion, and Trustee Mowat not objecting it was adopted, the committee named being Trustees Mowat, Lewis and Hall.

Trustee Mowat called attention to the demands of Victoria West for a school building. He, however, thought that the residents of that district were asking too large an appropriation for the proposed building, and hoped they would modify their demands.

Superintendent Eaton submitted an estimate of probable expenses for the year, which would be about equal to the sum devoted to school purposes last year.

Trustee Jay suggested that the board adjourn until Friday evening, so as to give the members an opportunity of studying the figures.

Trustee Cameron asked "a little information." A teacher of the High school named Mr. Andrews, whom she had not the pleasure of knowing, was conducting a commission on his own account in addition to the commission appointed to investigate the drawing book troubles. This gentleman was examining pupils as to the evidence to be given before the royal commission. She would like to know what authority this gentleman was acting.

committee be appointed to investigate the alleged acts of Mr. Andrews of the High school in connection with the interrogations of certain children as to their evidence to be given at the royal commission, said committee to report to this board.

This was seconded by Trustee Hall. Trustee Jay moved an amendment that the action be suspended pending the report of the royal commission.

JOSEPH PHILLIPS AGAIN REMANDED

CASE GOES OVER FOR ANOTHER WEEK

Conference of Canadian Pacific Railway Officials Will be Held in Winnipeg Next Month.

Toronto, Jan. 24.—Joseph Phillips, president of the York County Loan & Savings Company, was brought before a charge of conspiracy, but was again remanded for a week. Bail was renewed.

Rev. J. Sheraton Dead.

Toronto, Jan. 24.—Rev. James Sheraton, principal of Wycliffe college, who had been ill for some time past, died this morning.

Propose Reorganization.

Toronto, Jan. 23.—The liquidation and the sale of assets of the York County Loan & Savings Company are opposed by the Toronto shareholders committee, and the reorganization of the company is recommended. This committee at its meeting last night decided to present a report to that effect to the general meeting of shareholders in the Association hall. The opinion of the committee is that the company should be reorganized and equipped with officials appointed by the shareholders at large, their duty after appointment being to develop the company's property by improvement, selling portions of it when satisfactory prices were offered, and in this way ultimately closing the affairs of the company.

Railway Conference.

Winnipeg, Jan. 23.—The C. P. R. officials, including all general superintendents of western division, representatives of every branch of the services, will hold a conference, opening on February 15th, when matters calculated to improve the service, if possible, will be discussed.

The Alpine Club.

Winnipeg, Jan. 23.—The response to the appeal for support for the proposed Alpine club has been favorable. Already there are twelve prospective applicants in the list, and the club will have one active member coming from Dundas, Ont. Another active member will be a splendid example of young Canada in Mr. A. O. Wheeler's son, 16, who has made a winter ascent of 16,000 feet above the sea. Sir James Hector, one of the early Rocky mountain explorers, for whom the mountain was named, is expected next summer to visit the Rockies. Sir James is an old man now and resides in New Zealand. His son died suddenly some years ago at Revelstoke, where he is buried. By subscription of friends and mountaineers a monument to his memory is to be erected next summer on the great divide. Dr. Herdman is treasurer of the fund. Subscribers range from one dollar up.

Took Poison By Mistake.

Underwood, Ont., Jan. 24.—Mrs. Jane Raiston, aged 89 years, is dead from a dose of carbolic acid taken in mistake for medicine.

Hotel Destroyed.

Trhehne, Man., Jan. 24.—A lamp exploding about 11 o'clock p.m. caused a fire which destroyed the Leland hotel. The contents of the building were completely destroyed, also the implement warehouse of Dowsett Bros., the contents being saved. As the owner of the hotel lives out of town, the amount of insurance is unknown. The removing of this landmark will cause universal regret amongst the travelling public.

A Good Rubber

Supply of Hot Water Bottles, Fountain Syringes, Atomizers and Stockroom Requisites will be found here. Satisfaction guaranteed.



Cyrus H. Bowes, Chemist, 98 Government St., Near Yates.

WORK WILL START WITHIN FEW WEEKS

ON TWO SECTIONS OF TRANSCONTINENTAL LINE

Tenders to be Called For Three Hundred and Ninety-Five Miles of Railway.

(Special to the Times) Ottawa, Jan. 21.—About the end of the present week tenders will be asked for the construction of 245 miles of the transcontinental railway from Winnipeg to connect with the Lake Superior branches of the Grand Trunk Pacific, and for 150 miles from Quebec westward. It is expected that the road will be constructed from wheat fields to Lake Superior in time to take out part of the crop for the season of 1907. At any rate, if the Grand Trunk does its portion the transcontinental construction will be able to do its part by the first of March these two sections will be under contract. The balance of the road will be placed under contract as speedily as possible.

Army Medical Corps.
The army medical corps, which now consists of bearer companies and field hospitals, will be organized into field ambulance companies, each consisting of a bearer division, tent division and transportation division. These will be fully equipped for rapid mobilization and for taking the field immediately when required. There will be a complete equipment of ambulances, etc. The strength of each unit will be 38 men of all ranks, a quartermaster will be chosen from the permanent army medical corps and will take charge of medical stores. Owing to the formation of mobilization branch ordnance stores two non-commissioned officers from the permanent army medical corps will be attached for duty with the ordnance stores companies at headquarters. They will have charge of distributing medical stores.

Preservation of Falls.
The international waterways commission has submitted an interim report to the Minister of Public Works. One of the principal points in it is regarding Niagara Falls. Although the report has not yet been submitted to the cabinet there is no doubt that the government will agree with the view of the commission and the minister, which is that Canada should co-operate with the United States so as to save the falls from destruction by power companies.

Canada and Japan.
It is expected that by the first of March next Canada will have the advantage of the minimum tariff with Japan. By that time the treaty which has been approved and is waiting the signature of the King and Emperor of Japan will be in force.

BULLETIN NO. 3.
Mandate Once Forth To-day Prohibiting Sale of Liquor in Houses of Ill-Fame.

Mayor Morley to-day issued instructions which resulted in the promulgation from the chief of police's office of a third bulletin prohibiting the sale of liquor except in licensed houses. It is a well known fact that the sale of liquor in houses of ill-fame is very common, and the new order is doubtless issued to correct this abuse.

ROYAL EARNINGS VERY BIG.
Bank Is Out With Best Statement in Its History.

Several banks of late have issued the best statements in their history, and the Royal is one of them. The Royal report printed to-day shows that the bank earned over 16 per cent. for the year. The net earnings were \$491,918, and \$400,000 was added to the reserve fund, increasing it to \$2,400,000, or \$400,000 more than the paid-up capital. The public deposits in the bank are now over \$26,000,000, a gain of over \$1,000,000 compared with a year ago. Total assets are placed at \$28,300,000 against \$31,200,000 last year, and the assets immediately available are \$13,398,000, compared with \$15,192,000.

Among the assets are holdings of British Consols to the value of \$1,250,000. The statement, in fact, shows unusual gains all along the line, quite justifying the management in increasing the dividend in the latter part of the year.

SALT SPRING ISLAND NOTES.

(Special Correspondence of the Times.) At the election for trustees of the Vestivus Bay school on January 11th, Messrs. T. D. Mansell, B. Lundy and J. Norton, sr., were elected. A. Walter was elected auditor. A meeting of the ratepayers is called for Saturday, the 27th, when the salary of the teacher will be fixed. There is extreme dissatisfaction among the people of Salt Spring regarding the School Act. It is likely that within a short time Salt Spring Island will become a municipality. H. Woods is having a comfortable cottage erected.

BRITISH ACCOUNTANTS PROTEST.
They Complain of Appropriation of Their Name by Provincial Institute.

Ottawa, Jan. 24.—In British Columbia there is an incorporation known as the "Institute of Accountants," British Columbia. It was incorporated by the provincial legislature. A communication was received at the same department from the institute accountants of Great Britain complaining of their approving that title and asking that the attention of British Columbia authorities be drawn to the impropriety of adopting the name of an old organization in Britain. The complainants say that they made a similar protest against Ontario some time ago. In that case it had no effect. It is not likely that it will be in this case, as the charter has gone into effect.

COMING CONCERT.

Arion Club Has Arranged for an Excellent Musical Treat on 21st Inst.
That the concert to be given in the Institute hall on the 21st inst., under the auspices of the Arion Club, will be an undoubted success, is assured by the large sale of seats already made. In fact, the club desires that those holding tickets lose no time in exchanging the same for reserved seats, the plan of the hall having been opened at M. W. Waitt & Co.'s store to-day.

It may be mentioned that this is not one of the regular Arion concerts, the club merely taking charge of the arrangements and making the necessary guarantee to secure the opportunity for music lovers in Victoria to hear Madame Clara on the occasion of her visit to the Pacific Coast. The fact that Madame Clara is regarded by such able critics as Reginald de Koven, the celebrated composer of "Robin Hood," as being one of, if not the, finest contralto singers in America to-day, in itself assures the success of the concert from an artistic point of view. But Madame Clara will be ably supported by Mr. Hedley, violinist, who needs no introduction, he having completely captured his audience on his previous appearance in this city as one of the regular Arion concerts. Mr. Rose, the pianist, is a pupil of those great masters, Professor Carl Beving and Professor Cantor Schreck, of the Royal Conservatoire of Music, Leipzig, from whom he received the following commendation: "Throughout his studentship, Mr. Evtastieff Rose has not only displayed evidences of exceptional talent, but has shown himself to possess an independent individuality of his own. Quick of learning and endowed with a retentive memory, he has attained a high standard of finish, both in technical ability and mature artistic understanding." Among his numerous and excellent achievements at the evening entertainments held in the Institute, the following are worthy of special mention: Chromatic Fantasy and Paganini's Sonata, Op. 57, and the three Concertos in C minor, G major, and E flat major, of Beethoven, and lastly, the Pianoforte Concertos in A minor of Schumann, and in D minor of Rubenstein.

The action of the club in thus taking steps to insure to Victorians such a musical treat as this promises to be, and their enterprise in personally guaranteeing the amount required, is deserving of support, and it is anticipated that Madame Clara and her talented associates will be greeted by a bumper house. It may be stated that tickets are placed at the nominal price of one dollar and are exchangeable for reserved seats at M. W. Waitt & Co.'s store.

MAN CRUSHED TO DEATH AT FERNIE

CAUGHT IN CAVE IN AT THE COKE OVENS

Snowslide Damaged Seven Houses Occupied by Employees of the Coal Company—Narrow Escapes.
Fernie, Jan. 23.—This city, known for its exciting happenings, was thrown into an excitable state this morning by a report that there had been a snowslide at Coal Creek. It was several hours before the report was verified. The rain and soft weather started a snowslide at one o'clock this morning. This slide badly damaged several seven houses occupied by employees of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company. There were several narrow escapes, but fortunately no one was injured. At 3 p. m. to-day a cave-in of a sand bank at the Fernie coke ovens caught Jos. Giulante and R. McEwan. Giulante's chest was crushed and he died instantly. He was an Italian, aged twenty. McEwan had his leg broken and was removed to the hospital. An inquest cannot be held until McEwan can give evidence, as he was the only eye-witness. The city council had its first meeting last night, and Messrs. Trites and Quail were appointed finance committee, and Messrs. Tuttle and Quail public works committee.

BURGLAR SHOT.

Killed By Bank Clerk While Attempting to Rob Vault.
Fort Worth, Texas, Jan. 23.—An unsuccessful attempt was made to rob the bank at Montague, Texas, this morning, and as a result one of the robbers is dead and another is believed to be wounded. Early this morning G. W. Bradley, a clerk, who was sleeping apartments in the bank building, was awakened by the muffled report of an explosion. On approaching the room where the vault is located he was fired on by parties from within. He returned the fire, killing one of the robbers. Two of the men ran from the building and escaped.

TUG OVERDUE.

Port Townsend, Wash., Jan. 24.—Grave fears are entertained here for the safety of the tug Pioneer, which left San Francisco a week ago to-day towing the French ship Admiral Courbet. The arrival this morning of the tug was accompanied by a heavy and heavy weather all along the coast adds to the uneasiness. The Pioneer has not been reported from Cape Flattery, the line to Tatoosh having been reported this morning after being out of commission for several days. The Pioneer is commanded by Capt. Thos. Nielsen, of this port, one of the best known masters in the employ of the company. The tug was captained by the Pioneer for the voyage as pilot. A. Holcomb is chief engineer.

DIED FROM HEART DISEASE.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 24.—Henry L. Boltwood, principal of the Evanston township public school, died suddenly of heart disease at the Evanston Club yesterday. Prof. Boltwood had been a school teacher and educator for more than fifty years.

CLAIM CAPTAIN WAS INCOMPETENT

CHARGES MADE BY SURVIVORS OF WRECK

Complaints Formally Preferred by Members of King David's Crew to Lloyds' Agent.

The inevitable aftermath of every disaster at sea, has followed the loss of the King David on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, in the form of specific complaints against some of the officers of the vessel. These complaints have been formally preferred to Lloyds' agent here, Capt. J. G. Cox, and will go forward with his commentaries on the case, to the proper authorities in the old land. Under the shipping code no facilities of a legal character seem to exist on this coast, under which a board of inquiry could be created, and the accident investigated excepting on the complaint of the captain, or of some passenger. The board of trade in Great Britain (the King David was of British register) can deal with the matter, but all the witnesses practically, will remain on this coast, and their evidence would not be available at the proceedings of such a court.

Two of the men who helped to man the unfortunate vessel, able seamen Ed. Hay, and J. O. Flaherty, respectively, are responsible for the charges which have been filed with Lloyds' agent. The former claims to be a native of Tennessee, and to have followed in their rooms of 2500 in all kinds of craft from the fishing schooners plying out of Gloucester and Nova Scotia ports, to the deep sea vessels which traverse the southern seas. He claims, too, to have served a number of years in the coasting vessels mentioned. His companion, Flaherty, is a native of Ireland, and claims to be a naval reserve man, although his experience in the navy seems to have been acquired in the engine room, rather than before the mast. He states that he served in the Terrible on one of her commissions, and in other vessels of the royal navy.

These men claim that the captain's story, as related on his arrival in Victoria, is misleading. They question that officer's ability to handle a ship, and his second mate, Edwards, who they state was taken out of the forecastle at Salinas Cruz, and had only served a year and a half at sea, and broadly suggest that there is no reason why the King David should have been wrecked. They claim that the vessel has one puncture only in her hull, between the main and mizzen masts, and could be floated quite easily.

They state that the land was sighted on the 10th when on the off-shore tack. At four they wore ship and stood in for two hours. The weather was then so thick they could not see land, so they stood off. At 8.30 they were sighted on the lee bow, and orders given to wear ship, when there was no room to wear. The vessel was already among the breakers. She passed over an outer reef in safety, and the land seemed to lower and then dropped anchor at the eastern end. There was eight fathoms of water and plenty of swinging room. Here they remained until the 13th. On the 13th there was a "whole sail" breeze, but the weather was fine. There was no chance of sailing out as the wind was E. N. E., but the captain ordered that anchor be heaved. The chain jumped the windlass, and the vessel was carried onto the reef. Most of the crew were for going ashore, and one boat was employed in taking them to land, the captain refused to permit this, and the boat drifted ashore, but the captain and first officer. The latter came ashore the next day, and on the fifteenth the captain hoisted a flag, which was the signal that he desired to come ashore. He also was then taken off.

Hay and Flaherty complain of bad treatment by the captain, and declare that the boat in which the first officer was taken to land was not fit for service. Hay was in bad shape, and was taking water so fast that it had to be kept clear by bailing while it was being provisioned. Hay and another seaman started a lifeboat at the beach in the direction of Nootka, from which point they had decanted smoke, but they did not reach their destination, travelling being very difficult. Hay also claims that Flaherty was weakened by this trip was denied him.

Wollstein, the first officer, he thinks, perished with his men as he headed well out to sea, and did not follow the coast line, as he thinks would have been the proper course. He thinks their boat foundered under the heavy seas. A number of the crew will remain on the coast, and will seek employment with the shipping plying out of this and neighboring ports.

PROPOSED NEW STATES.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 23.—Representative Hamilton (Michigan), chairman of the house committee on territories, to-day submitted a favorable report on the Hamilton joint statehood bill, which provides for the admission of Oklahoma and Indian Territory as the state of Oklahoma, and provides joint statehood for New Mexico and Arizona, under the name of Arizona. The report reviews the bill in detail, explaining that the capital of Arizona is to be at Santa Fe until 1915.

WINNIPEG'S EXPENDITURE.

Winnipeg, Jan. 23.—A short session of the finance committee was held yesterday afternoon. The business under discussion was the recommendation of the by-law providing for the city's expenditure for the current year. The amount was set at \$2,000,000.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

In the Full court yesterday an appeal was heard from a decision of Mr. Justice G. H. Brown, in the case of Elizabeth Watson. From the evidence adduced it appeared that the testator made a will in 1896, leaving certain lands to devisees named therein, and that between the date of the will and 1900, a sum of \$2,200 had accumulated by way of municipal taxes. The lands in the meantime had been let, and the tenants claim that these taxes should have been paid out of the general estate. The parties beneficially entitled to the residuary fund contended that the taxes constituted an obligation in its nature primarily real and one which, not arising through contract but by operation of law, was a liability attached by law to the land, and that the parties taking the lands under the will could only take them subject to the payment of the taxes. Argument was concluded and judgment reserved. Mr. Elliott for appellants, the residuary legatees; Mr. Fell for the devisees.

This morning their lordships are engaged in hearing the appeal of the Quill vs. Brown. It is a case involving the question of breach of contract in the delivery of a certain quantity of logs alleged to have been engaged for.

A habes corpus application in the name of W. F. Hanford is being heard in Chambers this afternoon. Smith vs. Finch is another action set down for hearing.

SUNDAY CLOSING TO BE ENFORCED

ALL LICENSE HOLDERS RECEIVE DUE NOTICE

Bar-Rooms to be Closed From 11 p. m. Saturday Until One O'clock Monday Morning.

Sunday closing is the latest order issued in connection with moral reform in Victoria. Last night the police made a raid on the licensed premises and notified those in charge that in future Sunday closing would be strictly enforced. The bar door must be locked at 11 o'clock on Saturday night, and not again opened until 1 o'clock on Monday morning. There is no exception made in the case of hotels—the bar must be closed, and guests requiring liquid refreshments must be supplied in their rooms. In the case of bona fide travellers, they will be entitled to attention, and can have anything they want in reason. Many of the liquor men do not take kindly to the new arrangement, but realize that it is strictly enforced. They are now exacting an order to remove all blinds or obstructions, so that although the doors are closed, a full view may be had from the street. The police will be on hand to see that the order is strictly enforced.

A special meeting of the Licensed Victuallers' Association has been called to consider the altered condition of affairs, and it is said that a test case will be made in the courts. There is just one sure, scientific cure for sciatica, rheumatism, lumbago, neuralgia, headaches—you must drive them out with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Lumbago never cures nerve and blood diseases. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills strike straight at the cause because they actually make new blood. Through the blood the pain is relieved in the direction of Nootka, from which point they had decanted smoke, but they did not reach their destination, travelling being very difficult. Hay also claims that Flaherty was weakened by this trip was denied him.

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Wollstein, the first officer, he thinks, perished with his men as he headed well out to sea, and did not follow the coast line, as he thinks would have been the proper course. He thinks their boat foundered under the heavy seas. A number of the crew will remain on the coast, and will seek employment with the shipping plying out of this and neighboring ports.

PROPOSED NEW STATES.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 23.—Representative Hamilton (Michigan), chairman of the house committee on territories, to-day submitted a favorable report on the Hamilton joint statehood bill, which provides for the admission of Oklahoma and Indian Territory as the state of Oklahoma, and provides joint statehood for New Mexico and Arizona, under the name of Arizona. The report reviews the bill in detail, explaining that the capital of Arizona is to be at Santa Fe until 1915.

WINNIPEG'S EXPENDITURE.

Winnipeg, Jan. 23.—A short session of the finance committee was held yesterday afternoon. The business under discussion was the recommendation of the by-law providing for the city's expenditure for the current year. The amount was set at \$2,000,000.

C. P. R. EXTENSION.

Improvements in the West—Mr. White Tells of Work on Vancouver Island.

Winnipeg, Jan. 23.—Mr. White, second vice-president of the C. P. R., arrived in the city to-day for his annual trip to Montreal. The object of Mr. White's journey was chiefly to secure the \$2,000,000 appropriation of the annual appropriation for western lines in connection with the improvement of existing lines. It is confidently anticipated that the record of 1906 will be surpassed during 1908. Among the lines upon which it is expected that much work will be done is the railway running west from Saskatoon. This line, it is stated, will be built with as much speed as possible to meet the line running east from Wetsakwin, and will become the direct line to Edmonton. The Pleasant Hills branch will also undergo building work. The railway from the Quill to the line between Winnipeg and Edmonton. Work on the Yorkton branch will also be continued beyond Shebo, the road running in the direction of the famed region of the Quill hills. The Union branch will be extended in the direction of Iceland river, and the Winnipeg Beach train will be run along the lake shore of Gimli.

There is nothing decided regarding any extension in the Far West. On Vancouver Island we will have some exploration work, and will have men engaged in timber cruising. Before extending the railway on the island we desire to know all that can be learned regarding the timber resources of the country.

THE MOROCCAN CONFERENCE.

Efforts Being Made to Bring France and Germany Together.
Algiers, Jan. 23.—Henry White, ambassador to Italy and head of the American delegation to the Moroccan conference, is making the weight of the United States felt in a quiet endeavor to bring France and Germany nearer together before the disputed questions arise in the conference. These questions cannot be long delayed, as the consideration of economic and financial reforms in Morocco will begin next week. It has been impossible for the United States to take the lead in seeking a way toward an agreement that shall guarantee to all countries an equal footing in Morocco and yet recognize in some respects the special position of France. It is a difficult task, but all the governments except those directly concerned are assisting in it because of the danger of the situation should the conference fail to effect a settlement. Great Britain is acting entirely with France, and is not disposed now to ask France to modify her views. Italy, however, as the ally of Germany and the friend of France, and Russia as the ally of France and the friend of Germany, are co-operating in the effort to find a settlement.

Sidi El Mokhris' message from the Sultan, delivered to the conference to-day, begs with an allusion to the French minister's presentation of the project for reforms, which El Mokhris said, decided His Majesty to convoke the notables of his empire, who had gathered for a conference of the powers signatory to the Madrid convention. "The Sultan asks of those powers," said El Mokhris' counsel, "that they will strengthen his independence and improve the course of his reforms." The Sultan asks of those powers, "that they will strengthen his independence and improve the course of his reforms."

FRANCE STANDS FIRM.

Still Determined to Have the Fullest Satisfaction From Venezuela.
Paris, Jan. 24.—Ministerial circles here are much annoyed over the published reports relative to France's alleged hesitation and nervousness regarding the Venezuelan question. A highly placed official of the foreign office to-day protested energetically against the statements made on the subject, saying: "France has always been and still is determined to obtain the fullest satisfaction for past and present affronts from Venezuela. She will, however, select her own time for action and will not stir up the wasp's nest to which Castro has become her rights respected."

LAND REGISTRY ACT.

In the Matter of an Application for a Duplicate Certificate of Title to Lot 4, Part of Section 81 (Map 32), Victoria District.
Notice is hereby given that it is my intention, at the expiration of one month from the first publication hereof, to issue a duplicate of the certificate of title to the above land, issued to Robert George Johnston on the 18th day of September, 1901, and numbered 1206A. S. Y. WOOLTON, Registrar-General, Victoria, B.C., 15th December, 1905.

Notice is hereby given that, sixty days after date, I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situated in Kitsumkalm Valley, on the north side of Stewarts River and east of Kitsumkalm River, and beginning at post marked A. H. Price, thence running 40 chains north, thence running 40 chains east, thence running 40 chains south, thence running 40 chains west to the point of commencement, containing 160 acres, or less. ROBERT DONALDSON, Aberdeen, B. C.

PETITIONS FROM ALASKANS.

Seattle, Jan. 23.—A petition has been sent to President Roosevelt by a number of Alaskans in the city asking that Judge James Wickham, of the United States District court of Washington, be appointed Governor of Alaska.

SHIPPING SALMON EGGS.

Tehama, Cal., Jan. 23.—A shipment of 1,000,000 salmon eggs to New Zealand will be made to-day from this point by the Mill Green hatchery.

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LICENSE TO AN EXTRA-PROVINCIAL COMPANY.

"COMPANIES ACT, 1897."
Province of British Columbia. No. 218. This is to certify that "The Travelers' Insurance Company" is authorized and licensed to carry on business within the Province of British Columbia, and to carry out or effect all or any of the objects of the Company so which the legislative authority of the Legislature of British Columbia extends.

RELATE TO THE SUEZ CANAL.

The story of the wreck of the Valencia is now complete. There still remains which an incomplete account of the action of the wrecking of the officers, second officer, is among those rescued, yet spoken. Until he do which led the captain's coast instead of into the main unexplained. The fate of the ship might result in some evidences. Indeed, known by the Times. This information was in the Times before the wrecked men in the vessel, however, the bare Dispatch of the Times and her crew of hardly might result in some as possibly to survivors, a chance remained of saving the laudable effort of Mayor and Capt. Parry deserved encouragement. How complete is the vessel, however, is proved who returned last night. The sea all about them not only with old clothing, blankets, etc., but with housework and fittings of the litter of wood as sunlight which strew the sea. There still remains, however, this almost unready a few unwritten these Relate to the Suez who are being discovered points on the coast. There are being written on the Darling river at Cape H according to reports received, the one lonely island in Barkley Sound. On this latter four men ashore, three of whom forded shelter they so while the Indians who were for their discovery a woods throughout the fourth man who was at but who is said to have the bush. While the list of saved

POULTRY FOR SALE

Buff Rocks, Black Langshans, Black Minorcas, Blue Andalusians, White Wyandottes, Silver-Laced Wyandottes. These birds are all from prize-winning stock connected with personal injuries, resulting from accidental causes.

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