

NORMAN McLEAN'S BLUFF AND HOW IT FAILED

Asked the Government to Lie Down in Face of His Demand—When it Wouldn't, Vancouver Schemer Ran Away.

(Special Correspondence.)

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—Norman McLean of Vancouver, was a witness in the Chinese immigration investigation, and while admitting he knew nothing of the alleged frauds, he took occasion to make a malicious and untruthful reference to Hon. W. Templeman and other officials in Vancouver. There is no doubt that Mr. McLean welcomed the opportunity of this publicity, regarding his surcharged feelings, the basis of which was sordid, disappointed ambition. For years Mr. McLean has been desperately endeavoring to induce the Dominion government to compromise in a legal action in which he was the plaintiff, to the tune of a princely fortune. He attempted to enlist the influence of Mr. Templeman in his behalf, and failing, he, like others of his ilk, ignored no opportunity, in public and private, to vent his spleen upon the minister. In the following statement, authenticated by the record, will be seen the cause of Mr. McLean's animosity.

Early in 1898 Mr. McLean applied for and was granted a dredging lease covering five miles of Dominion creek in the Yukon. At that time the department of the interior could not be aware of the privilege granted to the applicant had not been disposed of by the gold commissioner at Dawson to industrial placer miners, and there were regulations of 1888, which provided for other conditions:

The lease shall be subject to the rights of all persons who have received or who may receive entries for claims under the placer mining regulations.

When Mr. McLean's brother went to the Yukon in the following August he found that the ground covered by the dredging lease had been granted to placer miners by the gold commissioner at Dawson, under the placer mining regulations. The matter was referred to the department of justice, and from Lord Mills, then minister, pointed out that the question depended upon the determination of the point whether Dominion "creek" was a river or a creek. Dredging leases could only be granted on rivers, and if this particular water course proved to be a river, the lease would prevail over the placer claims. It was found to be a creek, the lease would not be valid, because the minister of the interior had no authority to issue a dredging lease for a creek. Correspondence with the Yukon disclosed that the water course was a creek within the meaning of the regulations.

It was just such a contingency as this that the department provided when the provisions already defined were inserted in the lease. Mr. McLean surrendered his dredging lease, which was cancelled, and applied for a hydraulic mining location some mile on Dominion creek. This was granted by the department, upon condition that the applicant should comply with the regulations in force at that time. His application was made, whereby he obtained from the gold commissioner at Dawson a certificate showing that he or his agent had prospected the ground prior to the date of the regulations, and that the ground was being worked and was not suitable to be worked by placer mining. This was unable to do, for the very good reason that the ground applied for was being worked by placer miners. Mr. McLean then requested compensation in consequence of the cancellation of his dredging lease.

It was pointed out to him that as the lease was made subject to the rights of all persons who had received, or might receive, entries for claims under the placer mining regulations, and as he had accepted it with that proviso, it was considered he was entitled to compensation.

When he began action, and the case was argued in the Exchequer court in the month of law. The decision of the judge sustained the demand for compensation by the Crown. The effect of this decision was that the mining regulations incorporated in the lease permit were not to be made to place miners in the areas covered by the lease. This prevented Mr. McLean from working on his dredging operations, but he had no right to compensation under the regulations of the lease.

The decision was overruled by the Exchequer court in 1907, and an appeal was taken by the Crown to the Privy Council, and was dismissed. This decision, however, did not affect the result of the case, but made it necessary that the trial upon fact should be held.

He made his claim "out of court." He represented that it was very unfair for the government to carry the case on appeal to the Privy Council, as the government was rich and he was poor. He said that he had lost a great deal of money by being deprived of the Dominion creek dredging claim (which never has been found to be of any value), and he thought without any further litigation the government should compensate him. Various sums were mentioned from \$1,000,000 down to \$45,000, but at different times. Like a Dutchman auctioneer, he dropped in his price until he named the lowest figure at which he would do business. One proposition was actually made by an agent that \$250,000 would be accepted in full settlement, while subsequently the sum of \$200,000 was named by Mr. Hugh McLean as the sum that would purchase immunity from further proceedings.

These pleadings and importunities the government turned a deaf ear. The minister of justice had advised that McLean had no good claim and that he was certain to fail when the case was heard on its merits. After a decision by the Privy Council on the demurrer in 1907, now nearly four years ago, McLean stood precisely in the position he did at the beginning of the proceedings, and he might have obtained a hearing at any time before the Exchequer court. He preferred to procrastinate and lobby for a settlement. He did not want justice; he wanted a lump sum without the trouble of proving that he was entitled to it. During this time he reduced his estimate of the loss he had suffered, and finally got down to \$45,000, which he received.

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PLAN TO REFORM HOUSE OF LORDS

ASQUITH'S STATEMENT IN THE COMMONS

Balfour Causes Scene by Accusing the Government of Fraud

(Times Leased Wire.)

London, March 2.—Outlining the government's plan for the reform of the House of Lords, Premier Asquith, in the Commons to-day said that the idea was to make the Commons the dominant chamber with the Lords a "relatively small chamber, not resting on a hereditary basis and not governed by partisanship."

CONTROLS ZION CITY.

Chicago, March 2.—Joy reigns in Zion City to-day through the clearing of receivership from the estate left by John Alexander Dowle and its control by Wilbur G. Voliva, his successor.

CANADIAN CUSTOMS RECEIPTS GROWING

Returns for February \$815,259 More Than Same Month Last Year

Ottawa, March 2.—Customs returns for the Dominion continue to break last year's high records. February receipts were nearly \$5,000,000 or in excess of \$815,259 over the previous February. For the eleven months of the fiscal year the increase has been \$19,216,454.

AUTO FATALITY.

South Pasadena, Cal., March 2.—Mrs. John Corrigan is critically ill to-day, following the death of her husband, a Cleveland oil magnate, who was instantly killed last night when his automobile was struck by a Santa Monica car. Mrs. Corrigan collapsed when told of the accident.



THE END OF THE SESSION. Homeward the tired legislator wends his weary way after several weeks of ill-requitted toil on behalf of his loved country.

TWO DOLLAR TAX MUST BE PAID

HOUSEHOLDERS HAVE TO PAY FOR YEAR 1911

Preliminary to Registration Which Public Did Not Anticipate

(From Thursday's Daily.)

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MAYOR AND COUNCIL AGAIN IN OFFICE

His Worship Back at His Desk—Meeting of the Full Board To-night

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DELEGATES TO THE CONFERENCE

Premier Ward Sails FROM NEW ZEALAND

Necessity for Publication of Information Regarding Empire Affairs

(Special to the Times.)

London, March 2.—Official delegates to the Imperial Conference are as follows: Australia—Premier Fisher, Senator Pearce, minister for defence, and Hon. L. Batcher, minister for external affairs, with their respective secretaries, Messrs. Allen, Eothelbridge, and Hunt.

South Africa—Premier Botha; Hon. H. C. Hull, minister of finance, and Hon. F. S. Malan, minister of education. New Zealand—Premier Ward and his secretary, Findley.

Wellington, N. Z., March 2.—Lord Selkirk, governor-general, speaking on the eve of the departure of New Zealand delegates to the Imperial Conference, emphasized the increasing necessity for the publication of regular up-to-date information, so that the empire as a whole might know where it stood and how it was faring. As physical disabilities of distance and isolation were decreased, so would imperial union advance. Meanwhile sea ports were the corner-stone of the Empire's strength.

MACKENZIE WANTS THE INTERCOLONIAL

Sir William Speaks at Banquet Given in His Honor at Halifax

Halifax, N. S., March 2.—The citizens of Halifax gave a big banquet last night in honor of Sir William Mackenzie, who arrived from England by steamer Royal George. Sir William, in responding to the toast, spoke eulogistically of the port of Halifax and of the great need it has to be linked up with one of the transcontinental lines. Speaking frankly he expressed the opinion that it should join hands with the Canadian Northern—and that his own charge against him in Georgia he would be given over to the Dominion police. This is on account of his escape from prison at New Westminster, B. C. The authorities feel that he would be safer here.

MEMBERS INVITED TO CORONATION

WILL BE GUESTS OF BRITISH COMMONS

Ministers Likely to Leave for Conference Early in May—Reciprocity Debate

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, March 2.—The British House of Commons has renewed the invitation to the Canadian parliament to send a delegation to the coronation as guests of British members. The invitation will likely be accepted and each party will be left to choose its own representatives. This will probably have the effect of shortening the session which, otherwise, might run well on into the summer.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier expects to leave for the Imperial conference about May 12, if the situation in the House of Commons will then allow him to get away. Other ministers likely to go are: Hon. L. P. Brodeur, Sir Frederick Borden, Sir A. B. Aylesworth, Hon. W. S. Fielding, and Hon. G. P. Graham.

The reciprocity debate will probably continue for a month yet. Western Conservatives, heartened by Mr. Sifton's speech, now say they are prepared to vote solidly against the agreement.

SIFTON MAY RESIGN HIS SEAT

BRANDON LIBERALS TO MEET NEXT WEEK

Diverse Opinions Regarding Future Movements of Ex-Minister

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, March 2.—American Consul-General Foster has been summoned to Washington to confer with Secretary Knox relative to the reciprocity situation and outlook in Canada.

When the senate met to-day practically all hope of forestalling an extra session of congress was abandoned. Senators Hale, Hayburn and Stone are attempting dilatory tactics to prevent a vote of the tariff board bill, and intimate that they will not permit a vote on anything but the appropriation measure. There is no chance that a vote will be taken on the proposed reciprocity agreement with Canada.

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WORK RESUMED IN CROW'S NEST MINES

Conference in Progress to Arrange Wage Scale for the Next Two Years

(Special to the Times.)

Winnipeg, March 2.—All the miners in Michel and Frank mines in the Crow's Nest Pass district of Alberta and British Columbia, 1,500 in number, returned to work to-day. The company will establish a telephone system in all mines to be of benefit in case of accident to machinery.

Operators and men's delegates are attending a conference to-day in Calgary, Alta., to arrange a scale of wages to govern Western Canada mines for the next two years.

NO COMPROMISE ON RECIPROCITY

TAFT CONFIDENT HE CAN SECURE PASSAGE OF BILL

Adoption of Measure Alone Will Prevent Calling of Extra Session

(Times Leased Wire.)

Washington, D. C., March 2.—On authority from the White House of a person close to the president, the United Press is able to unqualifiedly announce to-day that only the passage of the Canadian reciprocity agreement will prevent an extra session of congress to-day that only the passage of the Canadian reciprocity agreement will prevent an extra session of congress to-day that only the passage of the Canadian reciprocity agreement will prevent an extra session of congress to-day.

President Taft understands that he will be satisfied if he gets a vote on reciprocity, even if the proposition is defeated. It is stated authoritatively in contradiction of this, that no compromise will be acceptable, as President Taft feels that he has the power to get the passage of the agreement.

Until to-day the president has not demanded that the reciprocity measure be passed, but has merely asked that the senate take some action on it. It is reported that the senate leaders were attempting to make a deal whereby Democratic votes against reciprocity could be changed for other measures, securing a vote defeating the agreement. It was the programme, it is alleged, to go to the president after this action and plead that the necessity for an extra session had been defeated. President Taft attempted to defeat the scheme, it is understood, but has changed his attitude, demanding that the reciprocity measure be adopted.

Even if there is a vote and the measure is defeated an extra session will be called to consider the agreement.

BLAZE AT SKAGWAY.

Inquiry Into Fire Which Damaged Quarters of Regimental Band.

Skagway, Alaska, March 2.—Investigation of the fire which damaged the quarters of the regimental band at Company H, 16th Infantry, at Port William, is being held here to-day by a board of inquiry consisting of Major Kennedy, Capt. White and Lieutenant Michaels.

The cause of the fire has not been ascertained. The loss is estimated at approximately \$4,000. No one was seriously injured, although Quartermaster Sergeant Winterberger was unconscious two hours after he was knocked over by a stream of water directed at the fire.

The fire started in the basement and soon spread to the first and second floors. The entire garrison was turned out in response to the fire call, and the men worked hard to get the flames under control.

OBEYS MINERS' MANDATE.

New York, March 2.—John Mitchell, vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, to-day declared that he made no plans for his future, following his resignation from the Civic Federation.

"Because the United Mine Workers of America demanded it," he said, "I resigned from the Civic Federation and will leave New York as soon as I can arrange the business of my office. Inasmuch as the officials of the miners decided that a referendum of the resolution framed against me is impossible, there is nothing for me to do but quit. I intend to make no plans until I have closed up my Civic Federation work."

MORE TROUBLE IN MOROCCO.

Rebellion Against the Sultan Who is Mobilizing His Entire Army.

Fez, Morocco, March 2.—The consuls of foreign nations here to-day warned all their countrymen to leave Morocco now to a threatened rebellion against Hui Haifa, the Sultan. Mula Hadif is mobilizing his entire army and interlocking war is expected.

OUTLAWS KILLED.

Peshawar, British India, March 2.—The notorious outlaw Hakim Khan, who has been for years a thorn in the side of the northwest frontier forces, was surprised with thirty of his followers in a cave by a British force under Lieut.-Colonel Sir George Ross-Kopell, chief commissioner of the northwest frontier province.

Hakim Khan refused to surrender, and a machine gun sent lead into the den until all but five of the party were killed.



QUOR BY-LAW FOUND ILLEGAL

JUDGMENT GIVEN IN SUPREME COURT

Appeal From Magistrate Jay's Decision in Levy Case is Upheld

Restaurant and hotel proprietors may equally from the judgment handed down Wednesday by Mr. Justice Gregory in the Supreme court, supply liquor with meals at all hours, for His Lordship has decided against the city in the case appealed by J. Levy of Levy's cafe, Government street, who was fined in the police court for having supplied a customer with liquor with his meal between 12 o'clock Tuesday night and 7 o'clock Wednesday morning, November 16th last. The prosecution was launched by the city under section 74 of the Liquor Act. The defendant pleaded not guilty, and on the fine being recorded by Police Magistrate Jay appealed.

Mr. Justice Gregory in his judgment says that, in so far as the by-law attempts to prevent the supplying of liquor with meals on week days it circumvents the provisions of the Liquor Act, 1910, and that the by-law does not prohibit a similar transaction if it had taken place on Sunday. He holds that the by-law is made in defiance of the spirit of the legislation regulating liquor traffic. The judgment in full reads: "In dealing with liquor licenses and the right to sell liquor the legislature has clearly distinguished between saloon licenses and hotel and restaurant licenses. The Liquor Act, 1910, sec. 74, authorizes the closing of saloons on Sunday, etc., but provides that those provisions of the act shall not apply to hotel and restaurant keepers supplying liquor to their guests in a dining room with bona fide meals. The liquor supplied in the present instance was supplied to a guest in a dining room with a regular bona fide meal. The by-law does not attempt to prohibit a similar transaction if it had taken place on Sunday. In so far as the by-law attempts to prohibit the supplying of liquor with meals on week days, it appears to me to be in direct violation of the provisions of the Liquor Act and to be more in defiance of the spirit of the legislation in the matter of the regulation of the liquor traffic. A somewhat similar attempt was made on a previous occasion with reference to the closing of hotel bars. See in Maloney 13, B. C. 194.

"I am unable to distinguish this case from the principle laid down by the Full Court in the Maloney case, and the suggestion of the city's solicitor that S. S. (d.) of sec. 74 of the Liquor Act, 1910, provides that a municipal council shall have power to make it enforce other restrictions and prohibited hours than those provided for in the Municipal Clauses Act, cannot be sustained because that sub-section is a part of sec. 74, which by S. S. (c) is declared shall not apply to restaurant keepers in the position herein of Mr. Levy.

"Since the council has no authority under the M. C. Act by reason of the decision in re Maloney, and none under the Liquor Act, by reason of the provisions of the act itself, it follows that the council's attempt to make it enforce other restrictions and prohibited hours than those provided for in the Municipal Clauses Act, cannot be sustained because that sub-section is a part of sec. 74, which by S. S. (c) is declared shall not apply to restaurant keepers in the position herein of Mr. Levy.

SALOON KEEPER KILLED BY ROBBERS

Shot Down When He Refused to Hand Over Contents of Cash Drawer

(Times Leased Wire.)  
Palmer, Ore., March 1.—Sheriff Rand of Baker county, and Sheriff Childers of Union, are heading a posse to-day in close pursuit of a brace of highwaymen who shortly before midnight held up and robbed the Stockman's Exchange saloon, and killed Edward McCollough, the proprietor.

The robbers first fired upon several men who were in the place and relieved them of their valuables. They then demanded the contents of the cash drawer, and upon McCollough's refusal to comply with the request one of them shot him down, killing him instantly.

Within two hours after the murder, Sheriff Rand, with a posse, and Sheriff Childers, with bloodhounds, were on the trail which led south toward Baker and then turned cross country. It is probable that the bandits will be captured.

HAVE NARROW ESCAPE

Kingston, Ont., March 1.—Sixty passengers had a narrow escape from death in a railway accident at the overhead bridge diamond near David's barnery when the Grand Trunk suburban train collided with the Kingston & Pembroke express. The latter was on time, and had the right of way at the diamond. The engine and one car had cleared the diamond when the suburban train crashed into the rear passenger coach, scattering the majority of the passengers. The coach turned over on its side. One side of the coach was smashed in. The passengers in the smoker went to the assistance of the imprisoned ones, and there was great excitement until it was found that none were missing.

DOGS AND CATS KILLED FOR FOOD

Famine Conditions Grow Much Worse in China—Three Thousand Deaths Daily

Shanghai, March 1.—A missionary who has arrived here from the famine district, where he had been engaged in relief work, states that 3,000 persons are dying daily, and that 350,000 are wholly dependent on the foreign famine committee which was organized here.

In many places dogs and cats are being killed for food, and houses are pulled down by the occupants and the debris exchanged for anything that can be eaten.

REGISTRATION OPENS

The city solicitor desires it to be pointed out to the public that under the terms of the city of Victoria Elections Act anybody who has a trade license or anybody who is capable of being registered as a householder will have to be registered before the 15th March at the office of the city clerk. The old license and householder lists have been done away with and the new one will be made up of those who register before that date.

WORK WILL BE RUSHED THIS YEAR

PROGRESS ON NATIONAL TRANSCONTINENTAL ROAD

Section From Levis to Moncton to Be Opened in July, 1912

(Special to the Times.)  
Montreal, March 1.—It is now semi-officially announced that the National Transcontinental railway will be opened from Levis to Moncton by July, 1912. The key of the situation is in the completion of the Davis section, a very difficult piece of work extending for 200 miles from the Chaudiere to the New Brunswick boundary line. The delay has been caused by the great amount of filling on the eastern end of the contract, but as the bridge work will be in an advanced state next summer, M. P. Davis, who was at the Windsor last night, stated that the greatest possible activity would be displayed on the contract during the coming season.

By Dominion Day next year Mr. Davis added, the work will be completed to the boundary line and of course on to Moncton.

NEW FRENCH PREMIER

M. Monis Will Succeed M. Briand as Premier—Probable Ministers.

Paris, March 1.—Antoine Monis is expected to formally accept the premiership as soon as he selects his cabinet. It was reported that the following would comprise the cabinet: Monis, premier and minister of the interior; Deleasse, minister of the navy; Berteaux, minister of war; Grappin, minister of public instruction; Jeanette, minister of justice; Gallaux, minister of finance; Violette, minister of labor; Dron, minister of commerce.

SPANISH PREMIER MAY RESIGN

Attitude Toward Religious Orders Cause of Trouble.

Madrid, March 1.—Political circles here to-day predict the early retirement of Premier Canalejas. As a result of clerical agitation against Canalejas' policy, King Alfonso and his advisers conferred to-day regarding the government's attitude toward the religious orders. Canalejas' plans were not fully endorsed and he suggested that his resignation would relieve the government of embarrassment.

BLOCK DESTROYED

(Special to the Times.)  
Richmond, Que., March 1.—The Duncan block, Main street, was practically wiped out by fire this morning, causing a loss estimated at between \$10,000 and \$40,000. The origin of the fire is as yet unknown. The principal losses are: A. J. Bedard, druggist; M. J. Palmer, J. G. Alexander, and Hon. P. S. G. Mackenzie, provision dealer, who lost his valuable library. The insurance has not been announced.

RAIN IN ALASKA

Fairbanks, Alaska, March 1.—Mail and overland travellers are being much delayed on account of the softening of the trails in the Tanana district, because of the heavy rains during the last two days.

The rain, which is unprecedented at this time of the year, has fallen intermittently since Sunday and the precipitation has amounted to nearly an inch.

NEW ELECTRIC SANIQU LINE

LONDON DIRECTORS APPROVE PROPOSAL

Notification of Expenditure of \$750,000 Received Here Last Night

Information has been received at the local offices of the B. C. Electric Company that the directors of the company at London have authorized the construction of the Saniquich line from Victoria to Saanich, and that over \$750,000 will be appropriated for the purpose of construction and equipment.

The head British Columbia office at Vancouver has received a cablegram from London containing the information that the directors have passed the recommendation that the Saniquich electric line be constructed, and A. T. Goward, manager of the Victoria system of the company, was made an arrival of the cablegram, and he contents.

Full particulars of the company's intentions are not to hand, as these are being withheld by mail, but the information that instead of an expenditure of \$250,000 agreed to by the company to be spent for increased electric railway facilities with the completion of Jordan river system, the company contemplates an outlay of three times that amount, is contained in the cablegram now at Vancouver.

Survey lines have been run through the peninsula by the company's surveyors, and a location line was run which, however, had to pass the approval of the board of directors. The location line runs as nearly as possible through the centre of the peninsula, with a proposed terminus on the northwestern shore of the peninsula, probably at Deep Bay.

The B. C. Electric Company may be asked within a few days to construct a car line from the present Oak Bay terminus along Newport street to the golf links. A petition has been put in for this extension, and many interested parties in the locality are expected now. Others are being obtained. The new line is to be asked for to traverse Central avenue and to connect with the present terminus at Four Bay.

The new line when completed would give car service to the Shoal Bay district and subdivisions now being cut up and sold.

REFORM OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS

Meeting of Unionists Discusses Plan Outlined by Lord Lansdowne

London, March 1.—The debate on the bill in the House of Commons was continued last night in rather listless manner, Waldorf Astor, who was elected for Plymouth, made an attractive maiden speech.

Greater interest, however, was displayed in an adjourned meeting of the Unionist members to discuss the question of the reform of the House of Lords. The meeting was in private and the speaker was Lord Lansdowne, who is understood to be the sponsor of the bill.

It is understood that the Lansdowne bill will embody Lord Curzon's proposals, retaining the hereditary principle to the extent of 204 members, 100 to be elected, the remaining hundred to be nominated. The new House of Lords constituted in this way would still be essentially "Conservative" in character.

The cabinet, according to the Times, has already commenced deliberations on the Home Rule scheme, and has agreed to the presence of Irish members in the Imperial parliament, but in reduced numbers.

WOULD ABOLISH WARD SYSTEM

Summerland, Feb. 25.—At a meeting of the Ratepayers' Association a resolution was passed instructing the executive committee to draw up a petition for presentation to the council for the abolition of the ward system and to procure signatures thereto after the assessment for the year had been completed. Another motion carried in favour of increasing the number of councillors to the maximum number required by law.

IN FAVOR OF RECIPROcity

Olympia, Wash., March 1.—The senate has adopted a resolution memorializing congress to accept a reciprocity agreement with Canada. The vote on the resolution was 44 to 14.

BALLOON RACES

Supreme Court Reverses Order for Rehearing

Former Political Boss Plans to Carry Case to Highest Tribunal

(Times Leased Wire.)  
San Francisco, Cal., March 1.—Abraham Ruef, former political boss of San Francisco, sentenced to 14 years in prison for bribery, in a cell in the county jail to-day planned a last fight against serving his penitentiary sentence. His case will be carried to the United States Supreme court. Ruef reached the decision after the State appellate court sustaining the finding of the trial court as the final action that can be taken by California judges.

Just what his plans are the former boss did not say, but declared a consultation with Attorney Ach. Cross and Keen would be held and steps would be taken toward a final appeal in the case.

Following the decision, handed down late yesterday by the Supreme court, Ruef was re-arrested and taken to jail to await final action by the courts. He was scheduled to appear to-day.

The appellate court was notified to-day officially of the action of the Supreme court. The appellate court could not act further, however, except to notify the Superior court, in which Ruef was convicted and in which, informing the trial judge that the decision of the appellate court was upheld and that the sentence passed by him would stand, was forwarded during the morning through court officers.

After the Supreme court acted, Ruef was notified, as were his attorneys, of the final action, which was virtually a reversal of their own ruling by the Supreme justices. Ruef and his counsel held a hasty conference and later the former boss notified the sheriff that he was ready to go to a cell.

Ruef went first to his home and broke the news to his family. It was not until after midnight that the deputy sheriff met him there and took him to jail. Ruef arose early and seemed refreshed and said he had passed a restful night. He was more cheerful than when he had entered his cell a few hours before.

"I am prepared for the inevitable," he said, "though there is still another move or two to be made. I expect to take my case to the Supreme court of the United States at once."

"I will be glad to accept my punishment," he said, "but I believe I have sufficient ground for reversal in the highest court. There should be the same consideration in the case of a technicality in the defendant's case as in the case of the state."

St. Francisco, Cal., March 1.—(Lat.)—For several days Abe Ruef will remain in San Francisco, Judge William P. Lawler to-day, acting on the request of Attorney Henry Ach, of counsel for Ruef, granted one week's stay of execution of sentence. The delay was granted in order that Ruef might have time to complete his business affairs before beginning sentence.

According to the order Ruef will go to prison March 7.

FORMER BANKER NOW PLEADS GUILTY

Jerome Withdraws From Robin Case—Sentence Will Be Passed on March 27

New York, March 1.—Following a stormy session with his client, former District Attorney Jerome, for Joseph Robin, formally withdrew his plea of not guilty and pleaded guilty to the charge of larceny of \$27,000 from the Washington Savings bank. Just before this plea was entered, Justice Seabury permitted Jerome to withdraw as Robin's counsel.

In retiring from the case Jerome said while he was convinced that from the first Robin was insane, his actions to-day proved it beyond a doubt.

The court room was jammed with persons who had lost their savings in Robin's banks. The banker's sister, Dr. Louise Robnovich, embraced her brother and they held a whispered conference for a few minutes. When she tried to talk to Jerome he refused to listen to her.

District Attorney Whitman asked that the sentencing of Robin be deferred until March 27 as he wished to use Robin and his sister as witnesses in a further investigation. Robin was returned to the Tombs.

"You can fool the alienists easily," said Robin as he was being led to his cell, "but you can't fool the common people. Because I believe this, I decided not to take any chances and plead guilty in the hope of doing everything possible to assist the authorities."

New York, Feb. 25.—Fines to a total of \$7,200 were imposed by Federal Judge Holt yesterday upon Max Rubel, president, and Louis J. Finkelman, secretary, of Max Rubel & Company, importers and manufacturers of clocks and watches, on their plea of guilty to an indictment charging them with undervaluation of importations from France.

SENATORS DECIDE ON PROGRAMME

NO AGREEMENT REACHED REGARDING RECIPROcity

Taft Still Determined to Call Extra Session If Vote is Not Taken

(Times Leased Wire.)  
Washington, D. C., March 1.—The senate met to-day under an agreement involving a vote on the Lorimer case this afternoon, the disposition of the tariff board measure before March 1, and night and day sessions to pass the appropriation bills.

The magazine publishers won a victory when it was agreed that the bill to increase second class postal rates will be dropped.

No agreement has been reached regarding a vote on reciprocity with Canada, but old-timers hope that an extra session will prove unnecessary.

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Fresh Demands Have Been Presented by Russia Regarding Treaty

(Times Leased Wire.)

London, March 1.—Fresh demands by Russia upon China are reported to-day in a Pekin dispatch to Reuters News agency.

Russia, the dispatch says, has demanded a more definite statement from China as to the Russian rights in Manchuria, and Mongolia than that given in China's recent reply to the Russian note regarding the treaty of 1881.

It is stated also that unless the speaker's demands are met in full, Russia will at once occupy Ili, a province of Asiatic Turkestan.

PROROGATION

The second session of the twelfth parliament of British Columbia was prorogued this afternoon by his honor, Lieutenant-Governor Paterson, when the royal assent was given to the bills which have been passed.

TORONTO BANK CLEARINGS

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SIFTON'S SPEECH ON RECIPROcity

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Liberals of Brandon Will Endorse Action of the Government

(Special to the Times.)  
Winipeg, March 1.—Commenting on Hon. Clifford Sifton's speech on reciprocity, the Manitoba Free Press points out that the exceptional interest with which it was awaited was due to Mr. Sifton's personal position in the House and also "because it was known that the speech was to be the actual independent personal expression of the speaker and not the prejudiced opinion of a caucus or party caucus."

The article further says: "It would be well for Canada and for the reputation of parliament if this reciprocity view with which the Free Press leans on its merits as they appear to each individual member. We should then have a real informal debate which would be followed with the keen interest by the whole country, and would be of value to the electors. Those who think on the whole that the pact will operate to the advantage of Canada, a view with which the Free Press upon the announcement of the arrangement affirmed its agreement, would doubtless be very willing to have the matter, after a full and free debate, left to the independent judgment of the people's representatives in the Commons. Unfortunately, however, that is impossible, nevertheless it is the Liberal party alone which permits freedom of opinion within its ranks."

Views of Globe.  
Toronto, March 1.—Of the Sifton speech the Globe this morning says editorially:

"The speech of the Hon. Clifford Sifton on the reciprocity agreement undoubtedly presents the case against it in the strongest possible light. Mr. Sifton prefaced his remarks by expressing regret that he had been forced to stand against the party of which he has been so long a member. The severance has not been quite so abrupt as might be supposed from this observation. Mr. Sifton has not voted with the party since the last session. He did not vote even on the navy question, and some time ago he informed the Liberal whips that he would give no more party votes. He admitted in particular the views of the people of the prairie provinces are in favor of the agreement. This Mr. Sifton is quite evidently not representing in parliament the views of the party of which he is a member, but the views of the people of the prairie provinces. The severance has not been quite so abrupt as might be supposed from this observation. Mr. Sifton has not voted with the party since the last session. 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Reciprocity Bill Not Mentioned  
in Negotiations Looking  
to Settlement

(Times Leased Wire.) Washington, Feb. 28.—Regulars, Progressives and Democrats in the senate agreed this afternoon to meet at 4:30 o'clock and consider a compromise to check the filibuster against the vote on the Lorimer case, started yesterday at noon. The conference will consider the disposal of the Lorimer case and the tariff board bill. No mention of reciprocity came up in the negotiations and it was expected that the president's pet measure will be left to shift for itself. It is believed that if it is not settled an extra session is certain, as the president still maintains his apparent determination to force a vote on freer trade with Canada. As a basis for the peace conference, the Regulars offered to make the tariff board bill the unfinished business if the progressives would permit the Lorimer vote. Most of the progressives are inclined to accept the offer, but Senator Cummins insisted that the Regulars agree to an actual tariff board vote. Senator Lorimer this afternoon submitted telegrams supporting his charge that Governor Deenen of Illinois had threatened to withhold patronage from those members of the legislature of that state who supported shirking for

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MADERO REPORTED TO  
HAVE CHANGED PLANS

Declares He Will March Toward  
Mexico City Within  
Thirty Days

(Times Leased Wire.) El Paso, Texas, Feb. 28.—A correspondent returning to-day from Ahuadana says that when Col. Rabago's federal troops approached Madero's camp the insurgents burned a freight train they held there and fled in small bands to the mountains. Madero declares he will not begin fighting until he has 4,000 men thoroughly equipped and drilled. He expects to have his army in condition within thirty days when, he says, he will begin a march to Mexico City. Denial that President Diaz had offered peace terms to the insurgents was issued in Juarez yesterday. It was alleged that representatives of the Mexican executive were here seeking to get in direct with Madero, but the negotiations were progressive. The revolutionary junta declared that the war will not be ended until Diaz resigns and a popular election is held. Rebels Take Town. Douglas, Ariz., Feb. 28.—Frontiers, across the border line from here, is in the hands of Mexican revolutionaries following an attack yesterday by 200 rebels who killed five of fifteen civilian soldiers. In order to surrender Frontiers was given yesterday morning, the hour for capitulation being set for 10 o'clock. The rebels were well equipped and mounted. As the town had not been surrendered at the hour set, the rebels entered the streets with every direction. It was expected that the revolutionists would attack Agua Prieta to-day. If the rebels take Agua Prieta, it is held, they will have the same point to base regarding legitimacy as at Juarez, since it is an important port with heavy imports and exports. General Schuyler, commanding the department of Colorado, is here, but there is only one troop of the Third Cavalry stationed at Douglas.

NATIONAL TRANSCONTINENTAL

FIRE IN MONTREAL

FIVE BURNED TO DEATH

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—A return placed on the table of the House of Commons showed that up to December 31 last a total of \$3,553,740 has been spent on National Transcontinental railway construction. It is estimated that it will cost \$55,785,999 more to complete the road between Winnipeg and Moncton. The total mileage of track laid is 1,236. Hazelton, Pa., Feb. 28.—Supposed to have been caused by an explosion, five burned to death here yesterday when a stove foundry of Messrs H. R. Ives & Co., Queen street, gave the fire fighters a hard hour's work before being placed under control. Many thousand brass and iron bed frames, together with valuable stores, were rendered worthless by the great heat. The loss is estimated at \$150,000.

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ROBBERY IN GEORGIA

Notorious Robber-Reported to  
Have Been Identified  
by Detectives

(Times Leased Wire.) Gainesville, Ga., Feb. 28.—Authorities to-day are practically certain that one of the three prisoners held here as one of the five robbers who held up and robbed the Southern railway fast mail February 18th near White Sulphur Springs, is A. E. Miner, better known as "Old Bill," a notorious stage coach train robber of the Pacific northwest and Canada. The man has been identified as Miner by detectives. Miner broke jail at New Westminster, B. C., in 1907, while serving a life sentence for robbing a train on the Canadian Pacific Railway. Miner's Escape. New Westminster, B. C., Feb. 28.—The report that the notorious Bill Miner was arrested at Gainesville, Ga., has caused intense interest in this city. Miner was sentenced to life imprisonment several years ago at Kamloops, for robbery on the Dominion express, when he held up a train on the C. P. R., and was brought to the Dominion penitentiary here. In 1907, with three others, he escaped from the penitentiary by digging under the walls. The others were recaptured, but Miner was never seen since. Miner has already spent half of his 51 years behind prison bars and was the first man to ever hold up a train in Canada. Superintendent of Provincial Police F. S. Hussey has received telegraphed information from the Pinkerton detectives from Gainesville, Ga., of the arrest of George Anderson, supposed from description to be the notorious Bill Miner, guilty of many crimes and the leader of the gang which held up the Southern railway fast mail at White Sulphur Springs February 18, and held up the C. P. R. express near Kamloops in the summer of 1906. This morning Mr. Hussey said there is every reason to believe that the captured man is the notorious highwayman, because the Pinkerton men have in their possession photographs and identification descriptions of Miner. Mr. Hussey has telegraphed for the police at Gainesville to send him a photograph of the man and full particulars of his appearance. Anderson now holds by the Gainesville authorities under \$10,000 bail, and Mr. Hussey believes he will now be still in custody, for there is small likelihood of the bail being forthcoming.

JEWEL ROBBERY ON LINER

Gems Valued at \$140,000 Stolen From  
State Room on Hamburg-American  
Steamer

New York, Feb. 27.—Not a single clue has yet been gathered by the police as to the identity of the thieves who stole \$140,000 in jewels from the state room of Mrs. Marshall Field, jr., on the liner Amerika. The detectives believe, however, that the robbery was committed by a band of expert continental crooks with an American as leader. This American is suspected but so far there is no real reason to believe that he was on the vessel at all when the robbery occurred. The police point out that the robbery was easy. They say it was well-known that Mrs. Drummond has a horror of the sea and never locks her state rooms when afloat, fearing that she might be trapped and drowned in case of a collision. The Hamburg-American officials to-day say that not the slightest trace of the thieves or their manner of executing the crime has yet been found. FIRE IN MONTREAL. Montreal, Feb. 27.—A fire which broke out at half-past 1 o'clock in the red stove foundry of Messrs H. R. Ives & Co., Queen street, gave the fire fighters a hard hour's work before being placed under control. Many thousand brass and iron bed frames, together with valuable stores, were rendered worthless by the great heat. The loss is estimated at \$150,000.

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SENT TO PENITENTIARY

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ALL IN DUE COURSE. CATESBY (Mr. Churchill)—My liege, the dukes, etcetera, have been taken. RICHARD THE THIRD (Mr. Asquith)—Off with their heads! So much for dukes, etcetera. CATESBY—My liege, e'en now they prate of self-reform. RICHARD THE THIRD—Off with their heads! We will reform 'em later. "Richard the Third" (Colley Cibber—"Funch" version), Act IV, Scene 4.

VANCOUVER GETS  
SECOND HEARING

INDIGNANT SIXTY  
SEE THE PREMIER

Gain Promise of Reconsideration on Joining of City  
and Municipality

(From Tuesday's Daily.) Delegates from Vancouver and South Vancouver to the number of sixty, came to Victoria last night determined on gaining the premier's ear in regard to their request for the annexation of South Vancouver municipality to the city of Vancouver; and at 9 o'clock last night saw the premier alone in the executive chamber at the Parliament buildings, and succeeded, by their strong protests, in dragging from McBride a promise of reconsideration of the decision given by the executive that the city and the municipality on the mainland shall not be amalgamated, as the people of both have decided by overwhelming majorities at the polls. Since the fiat of Attorney-General W. J. Bowser had gone forth there were two indignation meetings at Vancouver and the result is the deputation of sixty, headed by Rev. Merton Smith, who acted as chairman. Indignation at the action of the executive, attributed as being due to the deputation this morning is strong, for there are many life-long Conservatives on the deputation. These declare the most forceful steps will result to obtain their end if they are again turned down by the government. South Vancouver wants sewerage and cannot get a service to facilitate its needs unless its outlet pipes are run through the city of Vancouver. At South Vancouver are 35,000 people living in a state which is said to be a menace to general health through lack of sewerage, and to remedy this matter the municipality has asked to be incorporated with the city of Vancouver. The attorney-general has been the stumbling block, but his action has been resisted by the people of the mainland city. The premier has promised the deputation an early answer. The Conservative members for Vancouver all backed the task of introducing the deputation to the premier last night. Hon. F. L. Carter-Cotton (Richmond), who has supported the people all through, introduced the matter. The speakers who addressed the premier were Rev. Merton Smith, chairman; Rev. J. C. Madill, representing Cedar Cottage and a population of 6,000; Ald. Earlight of Vancouver; Jesse Armslaw, representing 12,000 people of Hillcrest and South Hill district; J. A. Kerr, South Vancouver; J. C. McArthur, Cedar Cottage; Reeve Found, South Vancouver municipality; and Mayor L. D. Taylor, Vancouver.

SEEKS EXTENSION  
OF FRANCHISE

Montreal Street Railway Co.  
Will Make Concessions  
to the City

(Special to the Times.) Quebec, Feb. 28.—For several days representatives of the city of Montreal and the Montreal Street Railway Company have been in conference here regarding the street railway franchise. The company now, it is stated, offers to pay two-thirds the cost of removing the snow-tracked streets, to give the level strip and track allowance, to pay a percentage of earnings, suburban and urban, to the city and acknowledge civic control, as well as making ticket division, reported to be twelve children and twelve workmen's tickets for a quarter, in return for a 35-year extension of their franchise which with the unexpired term, brings the limit to fifty years.

FOUR DEATHS FROM  
CHOLERA AT HONOLULU

Hawaiians Isolated at Quarantine Station Succumb to Disease

(Times Leased Wire.) Honolulu, Feb. 28.—With the death of four more Hawaiians isolated at the quarantine station, a total of six deaths from cholera is recorded here to-day. It is feared that more will die. According to reports reaching here quarantine officers have notified shipping men that vessels clearing from Honolulu must obtain a certificate of health from the Hawaiian officials, and if not so provided will be quarantined at San Francisco on account of the presence of the disease here. Guarding Against Disease. San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 28.—To prevent the cholera now raging in Honolulu from spreading to San Francisco, quarantine officials have served notice that all vessels clearing from the Hawaiian port must show a clear certificate of health before they will be allowed to dock here. Vessels falling in this will be held up at Angel Island for thorough inspection. SENT TO PENITENTIARY. Fort William, Ont., Feb. 28.—Alfred Waks, Alfred Constable and E. Thomas Neilson, three of the men who stole grain from the Empire elevator, pleaded guilty in the police court yesterday and were each sentenced to five years in Stony Mountain penitentiary. Frank Henry Payne, who was also implicated, was allowed to go on suspended sentence.

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Old Act But No Sign  
of New One

Legislative Press Gallery, Feb. 28.—The land policy, or lack of it, of the McBride administration, was the subject of some debate in the House this morning, upon a bill amending the Land Act. This was the chief item of business of the morning, but some progress was made on other legislation. An important change made to the Health Act was one recognizing what is known in the old land as the "conscientious objector" to vaccination. H. C. Brewster, discussing the bill amending the Land Act, said it was certainly a disappointment, as he had hoped that the minister would have taken the opportunity to bring in a progressive land policy. Nothing of the kind had been attempted, he said, but did not go to any length and left people in considerable doubt as to what it did mean. The only feature in it that was commendable was where the government took power, where lands are obtained by fraudulent affidavits or where necessary homestead work was never completed, to cancel the grants, as the present act seemed to tie the government down so that it could not go after the man who thus obtained land in this particular section would be of some effect. The member for Alberni wondered whether this section was at all an outcome of some returns brought before the House. For instance, the other day he had called attention to certain cases at Whistler, on Cortes Island, where there were affidavits that the certificates on which two men got their grants were false and fraudulent. The section, he hoped, would enable the department, in case this was found to be the fact, to get after these people, remove them from the land and punish them as they deserved. But the bill, considering the outcry that there was from people, present conservation conventions, and even the press of Great Britain, as to the way the Land act was administered, must to every member of the House be a disappointment. Surely, when the lands of the province were, attracting the attention they were, and especially when the press of the old land was criticizing the administration of British Columbia lands, we would expect the new minister of lands to make a name for himself by inaugurating a progressive and up-to-date land policy. H. Hawthornthwaite, associated himself with the member for Alberni what had been said. In the old country there was much inquiry for British Columbia lands, the agent-general was buying himself in the matter, but when people got here they found no land. He was continually running across such disappointed people, while

McBRIDE'S SOLEMN  
PROMISE TO VICTORIA

Terms of the Order-in-Council Which Was Passed  
Giving This City Forty-Three Acres of the  
Songhees Reserve.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) In view of the attitude taken by the premier, repudiating the orders in council passed four years ago and some twenty months ago in regard to the forty-three acres of the Songhees reserve which the city was to get, it will be of interest to citizens to see the terms of the order in council passed in May, 1906. This confirmed a previous order in council of January, 24, 1907. It reads as follows: The undersigned has the honor to report for the consideration of council that a communication has been received from the department of Indian Affairs of Canada requesting the province of British Columbia to conclude an arrangement providing for the disposal of the Songhees Indian reserve at Victoria, by the department of Indian Affairs, upon the terms and conditions outlined during the discussion of the matter with the department of Indian Affairs in September, 1906. That by an order in council approved January 24, 1907, an agreement between the corporation of the city of Victoria and the government of British Columbia was approved whereby in consideration of certain covenants the government of British Columbia agreed to grant and surrender to the corporation of the city of Victoria, and every citizen of the city of Victoria, the reversionary interest and all rights of title, interest, claim and demand of the government of the province of British Columbia in and out of two parcels of land embraced in said Songhees reserve, namely, the twenty-five acres, more or less, lying to the north of Esquimalt road, for park and school purposes only, and eighteen acres, more or less, lying to the south of Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway for terminal railroad and wharfage purposes, to be used in aid of existing as well as other railroad companies seeking access to the city of Victoria. And to recommend, that with a view to expediting the removal of the Indians from the said reserve the government of British Columbia consent to the disposal of the remainder of the lands embraced in the said reserve by the department of Indian Affairs of Canada upon the condition that the reversionary interest of the province of British Columbia in said reserve shall attach to the funds realized from the sale or lease of said lands by the department of Indian Affairs of Canada, after deducting therefrom the amounts necessary to secure the surrender from the Indians of their title in the said lands, the purchase of the lands necessary for the new reserve to be established, and the removal and rehabilitation of the Indians on such new reserve; and upon the further conditions that the reversionary interest of the province of British Columbia in such funds shall be dealt with and settled in respect thereof in the same manner and for the same period of time as if the lands in said Songhees reserve had remained unsold; and upon the further condition that the reversionary interest of the province of British Columbia shall be recognized with respect to such lands as may be purchased for the Songhees Indians out of the proceeds of the sale of lands embraced in the said reserve in the same manner and a certified copy of this minute, if approved, be forwarded to the Hon. Frank Oliver, minister of interior. Dated this 27th day of May, A. D. 1906. (Sgd.) FRED J. FULTON, Chief Commissioner of Lands. (Sgd.) F. CARTER-COTTON, Presiding Member of the Executive Council.

WITNESS CORONATION

Annual Matches of Dominion  
Rifle Association to Begin  
on August 21

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, Feb. 28.—At the meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association council it was decided that the Bisley team will arrive in England in time for the coronation in order to give the riflemen a chance to see this great ceremony. Since this takes place on June 22, the team will sail about June 10 from Montreal. It was decided that the annual Dominion Rifle Association matches would be held at Radcliffe beginning Monday, August 21, and last week, as usual. The council elected Lt.-Colonel Burdett of Montreal, as chairman, Captain R. J. Birdwhistell was re-elected secretary and Major D. Sutherland, treasurer. Lt.-Colonel D. R. Steel was elected to the executive to succeed Lt.-Col. S. M. Rogers, and Lt.-Colonel Ross of Montreal succeeds the late Colonel I. B. Botson. Colonel Tilton was elected chairman of the executive. At the first annual meeting of the Canadian Cavalry Association officers elected for the coming year: Honorary president, Col. Williams, A. A. D. C., president, Lt.-Col. Turner, V. C., of Quebec; secretary, Major J. R. Munro, of Ottawa; treasurer, Lt.-Col. R. M. Courtney, Ottawa.

KING'S CORONATION

John Hays Hammond Will Represent  
United States As Special  
Ambassador

Washington, D. C., Feb. 28.—Secretary Knox this afternoon officially announced that John Hays Hammond would represent the United States as special ambassador at the coronation of King George. It is understood that the post was first offered to Chas. W. Fairbanks, former vice-president, but he declined. GRADUATES FAVOR SEPARATION. Kingston, Ont., Feb. 28.—The vote of the graduates of Queen's University upon the question of separation from the Presbyterian church is rolling up. A recent reckoning gives the result as 900 votes to 59. The large number is in favor of the proposition. The vote should go far to settle the question when it comes before the general assembly. BROKER ENDS HIS LIFE. Paris, Feb. 28.—Heavily involved, M. E. Ehard, a broker, committed suicide yesterday. Ehard had liabilities of \$500,000. TWO BOYS DROWNED. Oakland, Cal., Feb. 28.—Through the overturning of a skiff in the estuary, Oliver Swegan, aged 13, and Arthur Seidelman, aged 15, were drowned.



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THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

The session of the legislature which has just closed indicates clearly two things. The first and most important is that the present government is ready to take advantage of the position in which the people have placed it by concentrating power in its own hands, and like the government of the Central American countries of Mexico, making itself secure for the next election.

It would be egotistic for anyone to say that nothing whatever of value had been done during the session. The regulation of auto-car traffic, if enforced by the provincial authorities, should prove of value.

"LET WELL ENOUGH ALONE."

The cry of the Conservatives to-day, as always in the past, is "Let well enough alone." This is the motto on which the country is to grow. This is the policy which is to place Canada in the forefront of nations.

Old Victoria was in a good way to become fossilized into the new spirit of "advance Victoria" eventually killed out the other. Had we clung to the old motto we should still have been a city with 25,000 inhabitants, resembling an unpretentious village.

TORONTO PATRIOTS.

Nineteen well-known Toronto Liberals, we are told, have placed themselves on record as opposed to reciprocity with the United States. The names of these so-called well-known Liberals have been published in the Conservative press, and it must be said for them that if they have been prominent in the councils or on the platforms of the Liberal party they have succeeded in keeping their lights for the greater part of their lives under a most accommodating bushel.

MR. SIFTON'S TRADE VIEWS.

So the bowels of Hon. Clifford Sifton are also moved to compassion at the bare idea of what may befall Canada should the reciprocity agreement with the United States be ratified.

REDUCED TO A SKELETON

DOCTOR SAID SHE WOULD DIE

"Fruit-a-tives" Saved Her Life

Riviere a Pierre, Que., May 9, 1910. "I look upon my recovery as nothing short of a miracle. I was for eleven years constantly suffering from Chronic Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Constipation. The last two years of my illness, I was confined to my bed nearly all the time. I was so thin I weighed only 80 pounds, and I vomited everything I ate. Even water would not stay on my stomach.

IN MEMORY OF PATRON ST. DAVID

The memory of St. David, the patron saint of Wales, was fittingly celebrated last night in the Broad street hall, when the Cymrodori Society of Victoria, to the number of about 100 persons, gathered for the festive board in banquet hall.

The singing last night, both en masse and individually, was splendid. It demonstrated the position which the society will surely be demonstrated by the gathering. The feast was not brought in from the outside to exercise their professional pride for a consideration; all of those who took part in the evening's entertainment were members of the society, and to say that the programme suffered on that account would be to grossly mislead the public.

THE SAANICH TRAMWAY.

Day after day things happen which tend to the making of a big city here. The day when there is no development in the way of preparations for a new city block, a new railway, or a new industry, is considered to be rather a dull one.

LORIMER GETS SEAT.

Washington, D. C., March 1.—William Lorimer, senator from Illinois, was exonerated of the charge that he was corruptly elected by a vote in the United States senate to-day. Forty-five votes were cast against the resolution that the senate declare Lorimer's seat vacant.

CITY ENGINEER RESIGNS

Vancouver, March 1.—Like a bolt from the blue, causing consternation in the council chamber, the resignation of W. J. Clement, city engineer, was received by the city council. In handing in his resignation, Mr. Clement addressed the following letter: "As arrangements with relation to reorganization of the engineering department have been made, I now place my resignation in your hands, and ask to be relieved of my duties on March 31."

POLITICIANS ARE BLAMED FOR WAR

London, March 2.—That the machinations of British politicians were responsible for the Boer war is the startling charge in the autobiography of Sir William Butler, given out to-day for publication. Sir William was in command in South Africa, just before the war.

CHARGES IN AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF SIR W. BUTLER, FORMER COMMANDER IN SOUTH AFRICA

He declares that he repeatedly warned the government that war was imminent, but that his warnings were disregarded. Because he refused to cooperate in a plan to force the Boers to fight, Butler says he was recalled.

NORMAN McLEAN'S BLUFF AND HOW IT FAILED

Presented to be his actual expenses to date. The government was still obligated, and advised McLean that he would only get a settlement after a decision by the court which would hear the evidence. Finally, McLean failed to cajole the government into a date for trial in the Exchequer court at Ottawa.

FAMOUS BRITISH ADMIRAL

Tells What Zam-Buk Did for Him. Many famous persons have testified to the great value of Zam-Buk, and amongst the most recent is Admiral Rodney M. Lloyd. Writing from the Royal Naval Club, Portsmouth, England, Admiral Lloyd says: "I have found Zam-Buk most reliable for healing cuts and abrasions; while for the relief of skin irritation it is invaluable."

"SUMMER RESIDENCE"

Building Erected by School Boys on Pender Island Formerly Opened. Pender Island, March 1.—A "summer residence" constructed and designed by the school-boys was opened for the first time last evening. The rest is a short distance from the seat of learning and amid the shades of the fir, was the scene of a very unique banquet.

TELLS OF MURDERS.

Indian Girl Says Band Killed Nine Men in Nevada. Reno, Nev., March 2.—The young squaw captured during Sunday's battle with a band of Indians, admits that her party of Shoshones slaughtered Camburn, Lezague, Brannan and other murders, including that of Frank Dett, which had been a mystery for the past year.

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Table listing market prices for various goods including Meats, Eggs, Butter, and Flour.

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S. P. C. A. HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

Officers Elected for Year—Number of Branches to Be Organized... New Westminster, March 1.—The annual meeting of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals...

WILL BUILD NEW CHURCH

New Westminster, March 1.—Twelve thousand dollars will be expended by the trustees of the Sixth avenue Methodist church on the new edifice to be started in the course of the next few days...

WESTERN RAILWAY OFFICIALS CONFER

Important Questions Will Be Considered at Meeting in California... Santa Barbara, Cal. Feb. 28.—In a special train of eight private cars Judge Robert S. Lovett, president of the Harriman system...

PUBLICITY SCHEME PLANNED AT ENDERBY

Board of Trade Proposes to Issue Booklet Advertising District... Enderby, March 1.—At a meeting of the Enderby board of trade held in the city hall the advertising committee submitted its report...

CIRCUS ARRIVES ON STEAMSHIP UARDA

French's Menagerie Returns to Town, With Several Additions, After Long Tour... Before long Victorians will have the opportunity of witnessing a real circus, something which has not been here for considerable time...

DRANK POISON

Nanaimo, March 1.—Joseph Thompson, a former well known resident of Nanaimo, committed suicide at South Wellington Monday night by drinking a quantity of carbolic acid...

BORE COMPLETED THROUGH MOUNTAIN

Tunnel in Connection With Los Angeles Water Supply Will Cost \$1,611,600... Los Angeles, Cal. Feb. 28.—With world's records broken for rapid and low cost of construction, the boring of the great five-mile Elizabeth tunnel, the most important feature of the new \$28,000,000 municipal water project at Los Angeles, was completed yesterday...

MOUNTED POLICEMEN LONG OVERDUE

A Party Leaves Dawson to Search for the Men on Their Way From Fort McPherson... Dawson, Feb. 28.—A dozen mounted men of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police left Dawson today for a long search into the upper Arctic circle for a police expedition of five men already forty days overdue from Fort McPherson and Herschel Island...

WARDS HAVE FAITH IN THEIR DELEGATE

Ed. Christopher Will Continue to Act—Captains Appointed—First Game Saturday... At the semi-annual meeting of the North Ward Club, held in the Government street rooms Tuesday evening, the following communication from the local branch of the B. C. A. U. was brought up for consideration...

MINING DEVELOPMENT

Barkerville, March 1.—The West Canadian Deep Leads Co. is continuing the sinking of the shaft at the Little Valley mine. The installation of the new pumping plant from the La Fontaine is now complete...

UARDA HAS STORMY TRIP FROM FRISCO

Kosmos Liner Reaches Port Nearly Two Days Behind Time—Brought Nitrates... All the way up the coast from San Francisco the big Kosmos steamship Uarda (Capt. Petersen), was assailed by a heavy northerly gale and was delayed from reaching port on time...

INVESTIGATING THE CAMORRA'S CRIMES

Double Murder is Believed to Have Been Vengeance for a Blow... Viterbo, Italy, Feb. 28.—The voluminous documents with which the government hopes to convict Ennrico Alfano and forty of his associates of murder and thus rid Italy of the leading spirits in the dreaded Camorra reveal that Gennaro Cuocolo and his wife, "the beautiful Sorrentino," the killing of both of whom led to the round-up of the band, had a romantic past and far from worthy career...

URGENT APPEAL FOR AID FOR CHINESE

Million Dollars Needed to Relieve Suffering in Famined Districts... Washington, D. C., March 2.—To meet the pressing needs of the starving people of China, American Consul General Wilder at Shanghai, has called the secretary of state an urgent appeal to the American people for the contribution of \$1,000,000 more to be sent by cable to the stricken people...

SCHOOL CONCERT

Sooke, March 1.—The last of a series of concerts given by Miss O'Rourke, teacher, at the school here, was held on Friday last, Mr. Pringle presiding. A well-sustained programme was given by the following: Song, "The Deathless Army," E. Pyrah; recitation, "The Gambler," W. White; dramatic recitation, "Rice Lake," Bonnycastle Dale; song, "My Old Irish Rose," Mr. Chamberlain; dialogue, "Value of Education," Miss Emerson, Messrs. Pyrah, French and Anceller; song, "Bonnie Lassies," Mr. Jefferys.

PROPOSED INCREASE OF LIQUOR LICENSES

Chilliwack City Council Decides to Take Plebiscite on the Question... Chilliwack, Feb. 27.—In the course of a week or ten days there will be a plebiscite in this city upon the question of increasing the number of liquor licenses now in force from ten to the number allowed by the provincial liquor laws to a town of this size...

UNKNOWN MAN LOSES HIS LIFE IN FIRE

Remains Found in Ruins of Cedar District Institute—Building Destroyed... Nanaimo, March 2.—Early yesterday morning fire completely destroyed Cedar District Institute, and among the ruins were found the charred remains of what is supposed to have been a man. There was no possible chance to save the building, which was soon a mass of flames and quite beyond the control of the fire fighters...

LORIMER'S VICTORY

Chicago Tribune Says Decision is Blow at Republican Government... Chicago, March 2.—The Chicago Tribune, which started the crusade against William Lorimer's retention of his seat in the senate, to which it was alleged he had been corruptly elected, to-day denounced the vote yesterday in the United States senate which exonerated Lorimer. It says: "That vote, when corrected, leaves a Lorimer majority of four. This is mathematical measure of his vindication. The quality of the votes cast for him will more than wipe out this majority in the sense of the nation."

CHINESE AND JAPANESE CLASH

St. Petersburg, Feb. 28.—While trying to enforce anti-plague precautions, several Japanese were killed by Chinese in a pitched battle near Vladivostok. The Japanese were building a railway line, and the Chinese were protesting against the work.

DEATH RESULT OF ACCIDENT

Vancouver, Feb. 27.—The inquest into the death of Edward T. Pohlok, who was killed on Wednesday evening at the corner of Broadway and Hastings, resulted in a verdict of accidental death as a result of being run over by a C. F. R. train.

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS

Victoria Meteorological Office, 2nd and 3rd February, 1911. Victoria—Bright sunshine, 54 hours 42 minutes; highest temperature, 48 on 23rd; lowest, 22 on 23rd; rain, 11 inch. Vancouver—Bright sunshine, 5 hours; highest temperature, 48 on 23rd; lowest, 35 on 27th; rain, 10 inch. Nanaimo—Highest temperature, 47 on 25th; lowest, 8 on 23rd; rain, 0.2 inch. Barkerville—Highest temperature, 36 on 23rd; lowest, zero on 26th; snow, 1.40 inches. Prince Rupert—Highest temperature, 43 on 23rd; lowest, 24 on 27th; rain, 1.29 inches. Atlin—Highest temperature, 36 on 23rd; lowest, 2 below zero on 23rd; no precipitation. Dawson—Highest temperature, 44 on 22nd and 23rd; lowest, 6 below zero on 26th; no precipitation.

STRIKE IN FERN MINE

Nelson, March 1.—Three feet of high grade ore has been struck in the Fern gold mine on Hill creek, the strike being made in an intermediate drift between the 200 and 300 level. The mine is operated by J. C. Moore and is situated on the west side of the city.

PERNITTE'S MAYOR RESIGNS

Fernie, March 1.—Mayor Bleadell set in his written resignation as mayor to the city clerk and at a special meeting of the council J. L. McArthur was elected to act as mayor until an election can be held to name a successor.

BARGE SERVICE FOR BERRY GROWERS

C. P. R. Will Make Arrangements to Assist Industry in the Kootenay... Nelson, Feb. 27.—Capt. J. C. Gora, superintendent of the C. P. R. Great Columbia lake and river service, announced that he was authorized to guarantee a large service on Kootenay lake for moving the berry crop. The service of 1911 and 1912, for the same time as the last two seasons, will be guaranteed, "the example of the ranchers for not going into berry growing on a larger scale has been the uncertainty of provision for moving the crop. This guarantee of a service for the next two seasons removes any such uncertainty. If, on the strength of the confidence gained from the guarantee, the ranchers set out an increased area of strawberry, the service for the years following 1912 will require no guarantee, for by that time, with the increased crop, the service would presumably be on a paying basis."

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VICTORIA CHINESE SEND AWAY \$2,200

All Cities of Puget Sound Assisting in Relief of the Famined Stricken... The sum of \$2,200 has been collected, and cabled by the Chinese societies in Victoria to the Red Cross fund at Shanghai to be sent on to Kiangpoh district, where over 2,000,000 Chinese are in a more or less deplorable state of starvation and famine, owing to the severe floods by which the crops were this season destroyed. Vancouver Chinese collected \$1,000 and the Chinese of the other Sound cities have sent assistance. From Seattle the U. S. army transport Buford is now being loaded with flour for shipment to the suffering Chinese.

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GAINS SEAT AFTER LONG STRUGGLE

Victory of U. S. Senator Lorimer Ends Remarkable Political Fight

Washington, D. C., March 2.—The seating of William Lorimer, senator from Illinois, ends one of the most remarkable political fights in the history of the United States.

Led by Beveridge of Indiana, who brought in a minority report, Progressives generally demanded that Lorimer's seat be declared vacant.

Chief among Lorimer's partisans was J. C. Burrows, retiring senator from Michigan, who was chairman of a subcommittee of the election committee.

Generally, the charge against Lorimer was that he had corrupt knowledge of and, in fact, was the instigator of, a bribery plot through which Democrats in the Illinois legislature broke a long continued deadlock.

After a long investigation, the subcommittee of the senate on privileges and elections headed by Senator Burrows, brought in a report that Lorimer was innocent of any complicity in the bribery.

The roll call began at 10 o'clock. La Follette was discussing the impossibility of tracing the bribe money paid out to the confessed corruptionists of the Illinois legislature.

The result of the roll call means that Lorimer is acquitted on the ground that no proof was submitted showing that he personally was responsible for the corruption in the legislature.

"TEMPLE OF FAME."

Amateur Production in Victoria Theatre Was Success.

The Victoria theatre was last night given over to the amateur production of "The Temple of Fame" by the ladies and children of the Anglican church.

—Superintendent of Provincial Police S. H. Hussey, has sent photographs and a full description of Bill Miner, who escaped from the Westminster penitentiary in August, 1907.

TOBACCO HABIT

Dr. McTaggart's tobacco remedy removes all desire for the weed in a few days.

LIQUOR HABIT

Marvelous results from taking his remedy for the liquor habit. Safe and inexpensive.

CHURCH PROPERTY SOLD.

Site of St. John's Purchased For \$157,000.—Will Be Subdivided.

WILL FLY IN ENGLAND.

New York, March 2.—The Wright brothers were today expected to save the situation arising out of the fact that no Americans have entered the contest.

POLITICAL LEADERS ARE RETIRING

Nineteen U. S. Senators Will Lay Aside Togas on Saturday

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HEAVY STORM AFTER CROSSING MERIDIAN

Tamba Maru Encountered a Strong Gale for Two Days—Brought Much Silk

For two days when in mid-Pacific the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Tamba Maru, Capt. Notsu, which reached the outer dock last night from the Orient, was battered about in a strong north-east gale.

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RECOMMENDED USE OF GENERAL STRIKES

Labor Council Turns Down Motion Proposed to Go to the Congress Here

F. G. Hull, representative of the Trades and Labor Council, representing the Brotherhood of Teamsters, at a meeting of the Labor Council last night moved that, in view of the failure of repeated strikes carried on in local districts, the convention recommend the use of the general strike to the greatest extent.

The resolution was proposed to be put before the Labor Council at its assemblies here this month, but the delegates last night saw in it enough to bring about a long discussion of the justifications between the American Federation of Labor and the Industrial Workers of the World.

PREPARING REPLIES FOR U. S. SENATE

Secretary of Navy Admits Exchange of Information With the Argentine

Washington, D. C., March 1.—Admitting that a reciprocal arrangement between the United States and Argentina has "exchanged naval information," Secretary of the Navy Meyer and Secretary of State Knox are preparing answers to the La Follette resolution of inquiry in which full information of the pact is demanded by the senate.

Secretary Meyer proposes to show American naval officers are permitted to visit the Argentine Dreadnoughts building in this country during their construction, are being given all information regarding their armament and devices that Argentine officers, on the other hand, are permitted to visit the American warships under construction.

NOTICE TO MARINERS

TOURNAMENT MAY BE OFF

A cone-shaped beacon has been erected on the south shore of Denny Island, Llama passage, opposite to Serpent point, to denote the turning point in that channel.

Chet McIntyre, the physical director of the Vancouver Club, is now busy engaged in getting his boys ready for the British Columbia championship contests which were to be held here next Monday night.

THE FUTURE OF THE LATE ELDON GWYN EDWARDS

The funeral of the late Eldon Gwyn Edwards took place yesterday from the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Co.'s parlors at 4 o'clock, where services were conducted by the Rev. T. W. Gladstone.

RANCHERS URGED TO LEAVE DANGER ZONE

Mexican Insurgent Leader is Preparing for Attack by Federal Troops

Calexico, March 2.—Anticipating an attack by 500 federal troops reported in the vicinity of Mexicali, General Leyva, in charge of the insurrection in Northern Lower California, yesterday ordered riders to warn American ranchers in the vicinity to cross the line from the danger zone.

With the exception of 46 men who rode down the government levee Monday, presumably to secure a cache of rifles reported smuggled across the border into Sonora, General Leyva's entire force is engaged at Mexicali.

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FRENCH CANADIAN RECIPROcity VIEWS

Short Extracts From Speech of Hon. R. Lemieux, Canada's Postmaster-General

The French-Canadian point of view in regard to reciprocity was well put before parliament a few days ago by Hon. Rudolphe Lemieux, the postmaster-general of Canada.

"Granted that we have good interests; but our policy is to have better times; granted that we have good markets, which we want better markets. And so, while accepting what my hon. friend said, I will put it this way, let Canada, with better times and better markets, work out its own destiny under the aegis of the British Crown."

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BEAVERS WINNERS OF 1910 PENNANT

National Board Hands Down Decision Against Spokane—Will Not Take Flag

Vancouver, March 2.—That Vancouver won the 1910 pennant of the Northwestern league over Spokane by nine points as a result of the Inland Empire club losing some eighteen games through protests filed at the close of the season, is the decision handed down by the National Baseball association.

"We have fairly won our way into the British brotherhood, and we will not bear with patience that any trade arrangement, however favorable, will turn us from the course we have freely chosen for ourselves within the great Empire that has been."

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"A fair solution would mix up with the railroads into a trust, then give the stock bondholders justice to be made against the capitalization, with guaranteeing 3 per cent on the principal, and the principal being guaranteed by the state, which would speedily and liberally be paid in popular dividend.

RAILWAY IMPROVEMENTS

WILL REDUCE FORCES

Washington, D. C., March 2.—The sweeping reductions in the number of the forces employed in the government plants at San Francisco and Detroit was the prediction made by Director of the Royal Ordnance Works, who said that the reductions would result from the recently passed which permits the navy to issue gold certificates and foreign coin and rough bullion.

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PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF U. S. RAILWAYS

MILLIONAIRE SUBMITS PLAN TO CONGRESSMEN

Suggests That the Government Take Over Roads and Issue Bonds to People

Akron, O., Feb. 28.—The railroads for the people is the gist of a proposition advanced here by Ohio C. Barber, millionaire head of the Matchless trust, in one of the most remarkable statements in recent American politics.

Barber yesterday wrote all congressmen proposing that the government take over the railroads, issuing 3 per cent bonds for all railroad securities. His proposal, as advanced to the congressmen, is as follows:

A fair solution of the present railroad mixup would be to consolidate all the railroads into one system, capitalizing them at their present value and then give the stockholders and the bondholders joint control of the system to be made against any increase in capitalization with the government guaranteeing 3 per cent interest. The bonds under the plan would be personal, and the principal and interest being guaranteed by the government, they would be valued as considerably above par. They should be issued in popular denominations from \$1 up, creating for all classes a guarantee through the necessary legislation the benefit of large gold reserves to certify the issue.

The government should have authority to call at par from any holder any amount in excess of \$1,000.00 and to distribute it through post offices, postal banks and national banks to the subscribers at par and accrued interest. Thus an ideal investment would be afforded to workmen and those of limited means. The bonds would be the safest possible; they would be as good as cash, and would be the average savings bank, and would be marketable at all times on the briefest notice.

Such securities might be used also as a basis for a limited extent of time, under such a plan, the people would come to own the railroads.

Santa Barbara, Cal., Feb. 28.—Government ownership of all railroads and their operation under a single system as advocated by O. C. Barber, head of the match trust, was endorsed yesterday by President E. P. Ripley, president of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad system.

In a statement to the United Press, Ripley declared that government ownership and direct control would be far better than the present by which the government indirectly controls the roads of the country.

"It would not only be much fairer," said Ripley, "but all hands would profit by such a move. Barber has long advocated such a move. Apparently he has studied the matter carefully from every angle and has reached a careful, conservative solution of the biggest problem that now confronts the country."

"However, government ownership of railroads is a gigantic undertaking and should not lightly be discussed or endorsed off handed. At present the government controls in a negative way the management of railroads. This control, while it partially restricts, is ineffective, because the government has not the responsibility which would result were railroads under government ownership."

President Ripley is spending the winter at his home here and had not heard of Barber's letter to congressmen recommending government ownership of railroads until told of it by a United Press representative.

CRIMINAL CODE

Number of Amendments Suggested by Rev. Dr. Shearer

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—Rev. Dr. Shearer waited upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier and asked for a number of amendments to the criminal code. He suggested that it be made more punitive for offenders to get what is known as "straw ball" or persons who have been convicted and enter an appeal. Under existing conditions Dr. Shearer says bill of mercy on standing is accepted. Another suggested amendment to the criminal code was that the police should be given the same right to raid disorderly houses as they have to raid gambling joints. Under the law as it stands disorderly houses can be raided only when it is expected that liquor is being sold and a warrant has been issued empowering police to search for it.

APARTMENT HOUSE BURNED

Pendleton, Ore., Feb. 28.—Because the bell was frozen and no warning could be given to persons who lived in the Love apartment house are out their worldly possessions to-day. The building and its contents burned while two workmen worked frantically to release the men from their bonds. The loss is estimated at \$10,000, and is partially covered by insurance.

DOMINION RIFLE ASSOCIATION

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 28.—At the annual meeting of the Dominion Rifle Association yesterday, Col. Sam Hughes was elected president and Lieutenant Colonel Prior of Victoria, vice-president for British Columbia. Sir Frederick Borden announced that seven thousand new Ross rifles would be issued this year.

FORMER PREMIER OF HUNGARY DEAD

Baron Banaffy, Leader of New Party, Had Stormy Political Career

Budapest, Feb. 28.—The death of Baron Desiderius Banaffy, ex-premier of Hungary and leader of the new party, will in no way affect the fortunes of the party, according to men prominent in it to-day.

Baron Banaffy died Sunday and his passing marked the end of a stormy political life. He was born October 28, 1843, at Klausenburg and until his death had, with more or less regularity, been a member of the Hungarian chamber of deputies. He became premier in 1895 and during his incumbency of four years attempted to maintain good relations between Vienna and the Hungarian people.

After he had withdrawn from politics in 1900, he was recently accused of bringing out a pamphlet against the crown, but was freed of the charges after an investigation.

GOLD ROBBERY ON PRINCESS BEATRICE

Yukon Dust and Registered Letters Stolen From the Northern Mail

(Times Leased Wire.)

Vancouver, Feb. 28.—Packets of Yukon gold dust and registered letters containing Canadian currency, value in all about \$3,000, were stolen on board the Princess Beatrice some time during the past four days in one of the most unusual mail robberies in the history of the Pacific Coast.

Leaving no clue behind them, the robbers have disappeared. The British Columbia provincial police, the Dominion police at Ottawa and the local force are working on the case, and the news of the affair has been flashed along the coast to the American officials.

Leaving Skagway last Thursday night the C. P. R. boat, the Princess Beatrice, apparently had an uneventful voyage to Vancouver. She docked here this morning at 2 o'clock and it was only when the post office clerks here took off the mail for the mainland that it was discovered that all the registered matter had been cleaned out.

WILL INCREASE FORCE

New Westminster, Feb. 27.—Efforts will be made this year to make the police force of New Westminster as efficient, well-paid and well-equipped as that in any city of similar size in Canada. With this object in view the police commission, at their regular meeting, decided to recommend to the city council that a new jail should be erected and work provided for the prisoners.

They also decided to add three new men to the force, a plain clothes man, a mounted patrolman and a foot patrolman, and to elevate one of the present officers to sergeant. Stanton, to the position of sergeant of the force. The chief's salary was increased \$10 per month and a shorter sliding scale of wages fixed for the constables.

MAY END IN DEADLOCK

Helena, Mont., Feb. 27.—There are only four more days left in which to ballot for United States senator and the situation to-day has much the appearance of a deadlock to the end. Renewed efforts are being made to break the tie in the session this forenoon.

Senator Cummins, who has been elected, will be sworn in on Monday. The joint assembly, had signed a pledge to take five ballots to-day, Tuesday and Wednesday and remain in session from Thursday noon until a senator had been elected or the time expired by limitation.

RAILWAY RATE CASE

Council of Leading Companies Confer at New York

New York, Feb. 28.—Council for the leading railroads of the country yesterday met to discuss the proposed revision of the interstate commerce commission refusing permission to increase freight rates. It is learned authoritatively that there is no standing in the commission to determine whether to attack its validity.

LOST IN MOUNTAINS

CANYON CITY, Colo., Feb. 27.—Thomas Jenkins, 26, and Eugene Hawkeye, 17, are lost in the mountains near the Royal Gorge. A hundred men from Canyon City searched all night and to-day but no trace of them has been found.

EIGHT HOUR LAW FOR WOMEN

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 28.—Assemblyman Griffin's eight-hour law for women employed was reported favorably to-day by the senate committee on capital and labor, practically ensuring its passage and approval by the governor.

FISHERMEN SAFE

St. Petersburg, Feb. 28.—The fishermen who went adrift on an ice floe recently in the Gulf of Finland, have reached Selekar Island in safety.

SACRIFICES LIFE TO SAVE HER BABY

Woman, Injured in Fire, Crawls Through Snow to Secure Assistance

Salmon City, Idaho, Feb. 28.—Though she saved her baby from death by freezing, Mrs. Joseph Moody is dead here, the victim of burns and exposure as a result of a fire which burned her cabin home near the Copper Queen mine. After the clothing had been burned from her body, she crawled two miles through the deep snow to find her husband that he might save the baby from death. Moody is employed as a watchman at the mine.

When the cabin caught fire the woman placed the infant in a sack nearby, and then entered the shack to secure more clothing for it. The roof fell in and she was badly burned before she escaped.

She died with her baby in her arms soon after her husband had taken her back to the tent.

LOCAL NEWS

—For allowing his horse to walk across the sidewalk when delivering milk in James Bay district, C. King, a milk vendor, was fined \$5 by Magistrate Jay in the police court Tuesday.

—Otter Point is about to organize a branch of the Vancouver Island Development league. This district has heretofore been amalgamated for publicity purposes with the Sooke district, but those interested now consider that a separate branch is necessary in view of the development expected with the building of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway. Mr. Emerson is actively identifying himself with the organization work.

—Building permits were issued Tuesday by the building inspector to Thomas Nell for a dwelling to be erected on Burnside road to cost \$1,000; to C. E. Metzger, dwelling on Walnut street to cost \$1,750; to Sylvester Peed Company, stable and carriage house on North Park street, to cost \$1,000; to W. G. Mitchell, dwelling on Victor street, \$1,500; to J. Moggie, dwelling on Heywood avenue, to cost \$2,750.

—Owing to the overcrowded condition of the provincial jail at New Westminster the jail at Nanaimo which has been closed for a number of months has been reopened and a batch of prisoners to the number of thirty has been transferred to it. Another twenty-five prisoners will be transferred as soon as possible.

—The meeting was of the most optimistic character, and the opinion was freely expressed that the show this year would be a financial record-breaker. The business accomplished was that very necessary advance in the function of the kind, the appointing of committees. The following committees were appointed:

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WILL LOOK FOR A RECORD SHOW

George Sangster Makes Early Attack Upon the Fair Arrangements

George Sangster, the energetic secretary of the Victoria Exhibition, has taken time by the forelock in getting into harness for the work of making arrangements for the forthcoming show. Yesterday he gathered about him a number of his henchmen for the year and, even thus early, succeeded in enthusing them with the work to be undertaken.

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MILLION FOR WEDDING GIFT

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 28.—One million dollars for a wedding gift. Shattering all records for bridal munificence, Will Irwin, a millionaire of San Francisco, yesterday handed the above neat sum—in a cheque—to his daughter, Miss Helene Irwin, who to-day will become the bride of Templeton Crocker at the Irwin residence here. Incidentally Mr. Crocker himself is fairly well to do. He has about \$20,000,000.

HAREM SKIRT UNDER BAN

Rome, Feb. 28.—Pope Pius is considered as having placed the "harem skirt" under the papal ban. The Observator, the Vatican organ, says that the pontiff recently had them down. A harem skirt because it is calculated to diminish the wearer's self-respect and to abolish sex distinctions.

The paper says that wearers of the new skirt will be excluded from all Catholic churches.

SILVER SERVICE FOR POPULAR OFFICIAL

R. W. Clarke Recipient of Gift From His Confreres in King's Printer's Office

(From Tuesday's Daily) A very pleasant little incident broke the routine of daily work in the King's Printer's department this morning. After an honorable service of twenty-three years in the public service Robert W. Clarke, chief clerk in the department, to-day leaves the department to engage in business on his own account, and the occasion was taken advantage of by his colleagues to make him a presentation in testimony of their esteem. This took the form of a very handsome cord silver service.

The staff assembled this morning around the veteran King's Printer, Lt.-Col. Wolfenden, C.M.G., and Hon. Dr. Young, the minister under whom the cord silver service was presented. The following address was read by Mr. Wolfenden:

"Dear Sir: Your fellow-workers in this department beg to express their regret that you are leaving the pleasant associations so long and so mutually enjoyed, to undertake duties elsewhere.

"We wish you with all our hearts the utmost success and prosperity in your vocation, and trust that you may long enjoy the best of health, and we take this opportunity of presenting you with this silver service as a slight token of our esteem and good wishes. On behalf of the employees of the department, yours very sincerely,

"R. WOLFENDEN, 'King's Printer'."

Mr. Clarke responded suitably, thanking his confreres not only for this present gift but for all their past kindnesses towards him. He related briefly the great progress made by the office since the period at which he had entered it. There were then eight employees where now there are seventy and the work done has increased in an even greater proportion.

Mr. Clarke paid a tribute to the King's Printer and expressed his own regret at leaving the service, which he only did because he saw a more remunerative future in the business he was entering.

Some beautiful flowers were sent by the provincial secretary and Mrs. Young to Mr. Clarke.

Mr. Clarke is entering into partnership with W. O. Wallace, as Wallace & Clarke, real estate and timber agents, with offices on Yates street.

RAISE TOBACCO ON GABRIOLA ISLAND

One Acre to Be Planted This Year as Experimental Crop

Gabriola Island, near Nanaimo, is to have a tobacco farm. A Nanaimo syndicate intends to make some experiments there this year and has taken the advice of J. Holman, a tobacco expert of Kelowna, who says the soil there is all right for the purpose.

The syndicate has agreed to plant one acre to Wisconsin tobacco, and Mr. Holman will advise that one half of the ground be planted on about May 15, the balance on June 1, in order to arrive at a conclusion as to the proper time in the year to put the seed in the ground, and will also advise later regarding curing the crop, etc.

At Kelowna there is now an area of about 119 acres in tobacco, and the results have been so satisfactory and more capital being required, that a Vancouver syndicate has interested itself extensively in the Kelowna business.

JEALOUS MAN'S SUICIDE

Shot Himself in Presence of His Bride of Four Days

Eureka, Cal., Feb. 28.—Insane jealousy of his bride of four days prompted John Ellis to kill himself in her presence. Since he fell dying at her feet the young woman has been hysterical. Threatening her with death if she refused Ellis compelled his wife's aunt, Mrs. Roy, to bring his bride into his presence to see him die. She then into his brain. The suicide was the result of a quarrel in which Ellis accused his wife of having received some trivial attentions from another man. Ellis came from San Francisco.

CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT

Moscow, Idaho, Feb. 28.—Arrested on two warrants charging embezzlement of approximately \$12,000 from the Farmers' Bank and Trust Company, U. S. Grant Evans, cashier of the bank, to-day declared he was innocent of the charge and declared that other officials of the bank had access to the bank's books and that "they did not always make entries of their dealings."

The authorities are not inclined to give much credit to Evans's assertion concerning the other bank officials.

REBELS SEIZE TRAIN

Tombstone, Ariz., Feb. 28.—A south-bound train, Douglas to Nogales, was seized by 300 rebels south of Frontiers to-day and run into Frontiers, where it is now being held.

Reports reaching here to-day are that a large army of rebels is mobilizing just over the Arizona line from Douglas, and it is believed that seizure of the train marks the beginning of active operations in the vicinity.

All wires north of Tombstone have been cut.

ASKED TO FORM CABINET

Paris, Feb. 28.—The president is finding great difficulty in securing a cabinet to take up the reins where the former cabinet had them down. A dozen successors to Briand are mentioned, chief among them being Combes and Delcasse.

It is reported this evening that President Falloux has asked Briand to organize a new cabinet.

GRUESOME STORY COMES FROM RUSSIA

One Hundred and Eighteen Persons Reported Devoured by Wolves

(Times Leased Wire.) Vienna, Feb. 28.—The Zief to-day prints a Tashkend dispatch declaring that all but two members of a wedding party of 120 persons were devoured by wolves while travelling by sledge from Outpost, Asiatic Russia, to Tashkend. The two survivors, who reached Tashkend, said that in the last stages of their flight they threw the bridegroom and his bride overboard. The survivors demanded that the bridegroom sacrifice his bride. He refused, and then both were thrown out to fill the mouths of the animals.

The party started on the trip in 22 horse sledges and were only a short way on their journey when attacked by hundreds of wolves. The men, the survivors say, threw out the women and children first.

WHOLE SCHOOL BOARD GOES OUT

New Election at Same Time as Council—Householders Must Register

Legislative Press Gallery, Feb. 28. The programme which was mapped out to the hour the Times went to press yesterday was for the royal assent to be given to the city bill in the afternoon. This was altered later, however, as it was found by the government that it must make changes in the bill. Some of these are rather important.

In the case of the school board, instead of the three members who were re-elected having to seek election over again the whole board must seek re-election for the short term and the other three for two years.

Householders and license-holders will have to re-register before March 15, make the usual statutory declaration. The original bill proposed that the declarations made by these two classes of voters last October be handed over to the Commissioner who will compile the list, but by this new arrangement they will have less than two weeks—half the usual time—to file their declarations.

Additional power which it is declared that the temporary council shall have includes voting of money for school and park purposes, continuation of the work of the Booke project, but not letting of contracts, completion of the assessment roll for 1911 and the appointment of a court of revision, completion of the sale of debentures, completion of expropriation proceedings and widening of Fort street.

Jumped to his wife's rescue, and threw the railway commissioner's order regarding the old Esquimaux road and completion of any matters affecting the High school site.

WAS CARIBOO PIONEER

Asberoft, Feb. 27.—Robert Carson, who passed away recently, was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1841. The following year his parents came to America and settled in Des Moines, Iowa. When only 19 Mr. Carson left home and crossed the plains with a pack train, went into Colorado. It was on this first trip that he made that he miraculously escaped death; the party immediately in advance and behind him both being killed by Indians, but himself and part of the pack train escaped. Mr. Carson took a pack train by way of Walla Walla and made his first entry into British Columbia, following the trail via Rock creek and Kamloops to Barkerville. This was in 1878. There he sold out, and in the fall of '87 returned to Washington. At Walla Walla he purchased another pack train and for several years freighted and packed wool from Lillooet to Barkerville. In the summer of '87 Mr. Carson settled at Pavilion, where he took up about 4,000 acres, and where since he made his home.

Mr. Carson was married in the spring of 1877 to Miss Elizabeth C. Magee, daughter of Mr. Hugh Magee of Eburne, who was the third settler on the north arm of the Fraser river. During an active life of over seventy years Mr. Carson enjoyed good health until the last few years of his life. About eighteen months ago he found it necessary to undergo an operation, since which he has never regained his health.

RICH STRIKE AT AINSWORTH

Nelson, Feb. 27.—As the result of a strike of high grade dry ore in a continuation of the old workings of the No. 1 mine at Ainsworth, preparations are being made by the lessees of the property to ship the first car of ore for a long period from this once famous producing property. Messrs. Jones, Vennoth and Haves last October obtained a year's lease of the No. 1 from H. Geierich of Kaslo, acting for himself and the other owners, Mr. Geierich having a seven-eighths interest.

The old workings consisted of an incline shaft on the vein, into a great chimney of ore, which was stowed out in a large chamber, which at one place was 40 feet high and 100 feet wide. From the lower end of this chamber a drift was carried laterally for nearly 200 feet, in the hopes that a fresh ore body would be discovered. This was where the old work ceased.

The present lessees commenced work in this lateral drift, above the water line, and in twenty feet reached a new ore body, the presence of which has all along been suspected. At first a drift, it has opened to an ore shoot four feet wide, which contains about twenty inches of high grade shipping ore, running about 200 ounces of silver and three or four per cent lead. Two runs have also been made at points in the drift, disclosing the same ore body. They thus have the ore exposed at three points.

TAKES ADVISER'S CHALLENGE

FIRMS DRIVEN OUT BY THE COMPANIES' ACT

Legislative Press Gallery, Feb. 28. Accepting the challenge of Attorney-General Bowser to point to one single outside company which had ceased to do or refused to do business in British Columbia because of his Companies' Act of 1904, H. C. Brewster, this afternoon gave him the names of not one but of several firms. In doing so the member for Alberni gave the House some idea of the feeling created in the old lands by his legislation, a feeling which is so strong that the Associated Chambers of Commerce have memorialized the Colonial Office and hint at appeals to the Privy Council.

Mr. Brewster pointed out that the attorney-general yesterday had admitted that he was trying to build up what was practically a provincial tariff wall, which gave protection to British Columbia industries and business against the rest of the Dominion. The arguments he had used were the same old Tory arguments which had done duty since Cobden's time. The result of his act, and of his protection, would be that the great body of consumers would be forced to pay higher prices for goods in order to benefit a few manufacturers.

The attorney-general had challenged him by name to point to a single firm which had withdrawn from business here or refused to do business because of the new act. In the short time he had to make inquiries he had found a few of these firms.

There was, for instance, the Rylands, of Manchester, who did the largest dry goods business in the world, and had done business in British Columbia for twenty years, but now refused to continue here under his legislation. There were Adolph Rosenthal, of London; Richardson Lee Co., of Manchester; the Hayes Candy Co., Martlet & Armstrong, of Oakville, Greenshaw, of Manchester; Harber, Whitworth, of Manchester; Thorpe & Edmundson, Ogden & Madley, A. A. Ayer & Co., of Montreal; Hodgson Brothers & Rawlinson, of Vancouver; Ross, Laframme & Co., of Montreal, and Coca-Cola, of Atlanta, Georgia. These were but a few.

FATALITY AVERTED

Edmonton, Feb. 27.—A sleighing fatality was narrowly averted by the presence of mind of the driver of a runaway horse in Lytton last week. Dan Sutherland, road superintendent, was taking his wife and children for a short spin, when a dog on the Indian prairie started his horse, which bolted, throwing out his family and dragging his wife a little way. Mr. Sutherland jumped to his wife's rescue, and threw the reins, letting the horse go, which was eventually captured by Indians some distance out. Little harm was done beyond shock and a few bruises sustained by Mrs. Sutherland and the children.

LUMBER MILLS DESTROYED

Portland, Feb. 28.—Fire said to have been caused from sparks of the stack of the Multnomah Trunk and Box factory to-day destroyed the lumber mills of the Oregon & Washington lumber company at Fulton, a suburb. This afternoon the fire was burning fiercely in the lumber piles, but was under control.

The loss was estimated at \$100,000 and was partially covered by insurance. The fire started early in the forenoon and it was necessary to call out nearly every engine company of the city to subdue it.

FILIBUSTER IN U. S. SENATE

(Continued from page 3.)

the floor until the recess was taken. Crawford spoke for two hours yesterday and for eight hours last night.

Senators Cummins, Crawford, Bristow, Owen, Stone, La Follette and Beveridge have been leading the filibuster in the effort to prevent what they claim would be a "white wash" vote acquitting Lorimer of corruption. Senator Crawford discussed both the Lorimer case and the reciprocity issue for eight hours and five minutes, maintaining throughout the most energetic delivery.

During the night Vice-President Sherman was accused of exercising too much power. On a motion for a roll call Sherman declared he himself had counted a quorum and refused to accede to the demand. Beveridge protested sharply, declaring that such action threatened to establish a precedent which would mean a closure of the senate. There was plenty of action through the night and eager listeners to the battle of words jammed the galleries until the morning.

During the night many senators showed the effects of the long strain to which they were subjected by the filibuster. Many of them slept on the upholstered seats.

A sleepy quorum appeared at 11 o'clock to-day when the session was resumed. Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, said "the senators are acting like children," and appealed to them to do their duty and proceed to business.

Immediately after re-convening at 11 o'clock on motion of Senator Gallinger, the senate adjourned to 11:50 o'clock, when the new session was formally begun and the vote taken on the direct election of senators resolution.

The filibuster was resumed at noon, when Senator Stone started a lengthy attack on Lorimer.

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VICTORIA RAIL READ THIRD TIME POWERS OF TEMPORARY COUNCIL ENLARGED

Seven School Trustees Have to Seek Re-Election—Householder Vote

Legislative Press Gallery, Feb. 28.—The Victoria city bill was again before the House this afternoon, having been reprinted, but still had to undergo further amendments. The premier had this done and at the evening sitting the bill was read a third time.

The following is the extended list of subjects which the temporary council shall have full and complete powers to carry on as if it had been duly elected.

- (a) All necessary routine business of the city of Victoria.
(b) The payment of all city officials and employees and of all moneys payable to become payable under any contract.
(c) The payment of all interest and capital falling due in respect of any present indebtedness of the city.

- (d) Works under construction to be constructed.
(e) School purposes.
(f) Such acts as may be necessary in order to comply with section 2 of the Victoria Waterworks Act—amendment Act, 1893, but this shall not be deemed to authorize the mayor and aldermen to enter into contracts for the construction in whole or in part of the system contemplated.

- (g) To borrow money for current purposes.
(h) To complete the sale of debentures agreed to be sold by the mayor and council for the year 1909, and for such purposes as J. Morley is authorized to sign the debentures and coupons attached thereto as mayor, and to affix the corporate seal.

- (i) To complete the assessment roll for 1911, including the appointment of the court of revisions.
(j) To complete the appropriation of and to commence and complete the Fort Street widening, and view street extension and improvement.
(k) To carry out the orders of the railway commissioners for Canada in connection with old Esquimalt road.

- (l) To complete the appropriation of the city's funds.
(m) To institute such actions on behalf of the city as may be advisable.

The council, as already stated, will have no power to enter into any new works, to pass money by laws nor to submit them to the people.

As mentioned in the report of yesterday's proceedings, householders and leaseholders will have to register again in order to get on the new list, and their statutory declarations will have to be made before March 15.

This provision was denounced by J. H. Hawthorthwaite, who said that it was most unfair. It would disfranchise a large number of citizens, as it would be a sheer impossibility to secure the registration of all qualified householders within the time specified.

In the validation of acts of the council since election a specific mention is now made of the four by-laws which were voted upon.

On the point of the decision of the commissioner as to whether or not any person is a British subject being made final and conclusive, Mr. Hawthorthwaite termed it an extraordinary power to give.

Premier McBride admitted that it was an unusual power, but in order to have finally the government had decided to go to the extreme in this bill.

Mr. Hawthorthwaite did not think that the exigencies of the case warranted such powers being given. If a man was improperly declared by the commissioner not to be a British subject how was he going to reassert himself. How would the attorney-general go about it, for instance?

But the attorney-general did not refer to the matter.

The section covering the case of the school trustees is as follows: "The election of the board of school trustees and the school trustees, or any member thereof, shall be held in accordance with the provisions of the act, and shall be deemed to be and to have been valid and effectual to all intents and purposes, until a date to be fixed by the lieutenant-governor in council by a proclamation published once in the British Columbia Gazette, upon which date the said offices of the board of school trustees and of the school trustees shall be and become vacant, and a new election of school trustees shall be had on the list of voters hereinbefore mentioned."

The four school trustees receiving the lowest number of votes shall hold office until the annual elections in 1912, and the other three trustees until the annual elections of 1913.

In case the election to be held pursuant to this act of school trustees by acclamation, four of the trustees shall retire before, and four persons shall be elected in their places, at the annual elections of 1913. The persons to retire shall be determined by lot by the trustees before the 31st December, 1911.

"The provisions of the Public Schools Act, 1886, with respect to the election of trustees shall apply to the election of the board of school trustees herein provided for."

New sections added to-day declare the mayor to be properly acting, and boards of bodies, such as the license and police boards, until his office is vacated, and provide that while property owners shall be registered in the ward where the property is, householders in the ward where they reside and license-holders in the ward where their business is, no one shall have his name entered on the list more than once.

Mr. Hawthorthwaite said how long

it would be before an election could be held. The premier replied that he was informed the new list would be made up within four weeks, and it should be possible to hold an election in six or seven weeks.

Mr. Hawthorthwaite mentioned that Mayor Morley was a moral reformer, who had aroused considerable hostility in his efforts to clean up the town, and asked whether any provisions of the act would restrict him or the council in continuing this work.

The Premier—None whatever.

ST. LUKE'S PARISH HALL. (Special Correspondence.) Gordon Head, Feb. 28.—On Friday evening, the 24th inst., the St. Luke's Parish hall was formally opened by the Lord Bishop of Columbia.

The bishop in his address said that he thought it was a hall to be very proud of, and that in his diocese there was not a parish hall better than that of St. Luke's.

Rev. H. A. Collier, vicar of the parish, spoke a few suitable words, and said he hoped in the near future to start an athletic club in the district. A splendid programme followed which was thoroughly enjoyed by the large gathering.

Dainty refreshments were served and the social function broke up about midnight with the singing of the National Anthem. The programme was followed by instrumental solo, Mr. Dobson; song, Miss Nellie Lugin; song, Mr. Sparks; song, Mr. Shandley; song, Miss Cooker; recitation, Mr. Williams; song, Miss Lugin; song, Mr. Shandley.

Miss Alice King, Mr. Tolmie, spent the week-end visiting friends in Nanaimo.

BUILDING MAKING A STEADY INCREASE February Figures Closed Yesterday With \$31,000 Increase on Month Year Ago

Building permits issued for February amounted to \$182,940, showing a big advance over the corresponding month last year and also the month of February two years ago. The total building for the present year is \$334,395, being approximately \$60,000 ahead of the two first months of 1910.

Table with 3 columns: Month, 1911, 1910, 1909. Rows for January and February.

Permits were issued yesterday by the building inspector to J. Middleton for a dwelling to be erected on Ontario street to cost \$1,800; J. Morgan, additions to dwelling on Helmecken street, \$500; Mrs. J. M. Rutland, dwelling on Port Street, \$1,950; C. H. Harrison, dwelling on Superior street, \$1,800; A. Turner, stable on Connaught street, \$200; O. Bjornfelt, dwelling on Moss street, \$1,500.

DIRECT ELECTION OF U. S. SENATORS Resolution Fails to Secure Necessary Majority in the Senate

Demanded by the legislatures of 33 states. Refused by the United States senate, only four votes lacking of the necessary two-thirds; 54 voted for it and 33 against.

The Senate—The constitution of the United States provides that when two-thirds, 31 of the 46 states, request a constitutional convention, congress must call one.

Washington, D. C., March 2.—By a vote of 54 to 33, the resolution, submitting to the people a constitutional amendment in favor of the direct election of United States senators failed to secure the required two-thirds majority in the senate yesterday and was killed.

This is the first vote ever taken in the senate on the question of the submission of such an amendment, although resolutions of a similar nature have passed the house.

Four other affirmative votes would have been sufficient to secure its passage.

TRAINING HOUSEWIVES. Melbourne, March 1.—The education department for the state of Victoria proposes to train thirty women for three years in home duties, and at the end of this period to issue certificates so that the women may undertake to instruct others in every part of the state.

MELBOURNE TRAMWAYS. Melbourne, March 1.—The Victoria government proposes to purchase the Melbourne city tramways. The company's lease has still six years to run. The price proposed to be paid is two and a quarter million sterling.

CLOSING HOURS OF THE SESSION RUSHING LEGISLATION WITHOUT CONSIDERATION Many Bills Were Put Through Final Stages at Yesterday's Sittings

Legislative Press Gallery, Feb. 28.—The House practically closed its labors at this evening's sitting, having spent the two days in rushing legislation through at top speed.

There was no pretence at consideration of anything and the criticism which was usually directed at the attention which was hurriedly put through that three or four government measures, after passing through the House, had been sent back to the House by message from his Honor in order to give the chance or addition made which ministers did not think of in time.

Protest has been made several times during the past week by the Liberal and Social members against the House being asked to consider legislation practically in the dark, bills being brought down and passed before members had time to digest them or even to know the effect of the legislation proposed.

A bill to amend the Counties Definition Act was put through by the Attorney-general. This placed Queen Charlotte Islands in Atlin county instead of Vancouver, which will be more convenient, especially since the county court judge now lives in Prince Rupert. The North Thompson country is removed from Cariboo county to Yale county and part of Nicola district to Westminister to Yale.

In committee on the Health Act amendments Hon. Dr. Young introduced a section exempting from the vaccination provisions those who make a statutory declaration that they have a conscientious objection to health or that of their children.

There are a few people in British Columbia who are troubled with a conscience in this matter, said the principal secretary. The government does not wish to insist on the adoption of sanitary measures in personal habits and if people do not want to be vaccinated because they have conscientious objections we do not wish to force them to do so.

Any regulation heretofore made, and in force or hereafter to be made by the provincial board of health requiring the vaccination or revaccination of all persons residing within the jurisdiction of any health officer, shall be deemed not to apply to any person who makes an affidavit to a statutory declaration before a magistrate or justice of the peace, or other authorized officer, to take effect on the date that person conscientiously believes that vaccination would be prejudicial to his health (or to the health of his child, as the case may be) or for conscientious reasons objects to it, and such person shall deliver or transmit by registered mail to the health officer for the district in which he resides, a certificate by such magistrate or other authorized officer before whom the oath was taken of such conscientious objection.

The Municipal Clauses Act amendment bill being again taken up in committee Hon. A. E. McPhillips moved to strike out the words "or profit" from the clause giving municipalities power to pass by-laws "to regulate or prohibit the keeping of wild animals in captivity." The words were struck out.

Mr. McPhillips also protested against municipalities being allowed to issue debentures for or levy taxes in respect of roads where the work was not properly done or in accordance with specific conditions.

He also protested against the case of Richardson street paving, where the city had not done the work in accordance with the by-law, as was acknowledged over the signature of the city clerk and city engineer. He had spoken to the attorney-general about it, and that gentleman said the city had no right to levy but that the act was a general act and no exceptions were made.

He also moved to amend the letter of the law. Municipal government was sometimes brought into disrepute for the reason that councils did not live up to the same order of rectitude that private citizens had to. If the council attempted to exact the rate for Richardson street it might look for some remedial legislation. Councils too frequently became arrogant and autocratic and came to the legislature year after year to put up defenses against their own citizens. The legislature should not be made an instrument for doing this.

Just before the House rose at six o'clock Mr. Hawthorthwaite introduced a petition from Dr. Bert Richards, asking for legislation to compel his enrolment as a dentist in this province. The member for Nanaimo briefly detailed the well known facts in regard to the struggle which this young man has been making for permission to practice his profession in his native city. The petition was received.

The evening sitting began with the reading of eight government measures and four private bills, this cleaning up the last of the private legislation of the session. The House adjourned at 10:30.

The bill to restrict the sale of habit-forming drugs of F. J. Mackenzie (Delta) is the author, came up on report. J. H. Hawthorthwaite moved to amend the bill by adding a prohibition of the giving of prescriptions by physicians to drug-holders, restricting them to prescribing drugs when necessary only for their own patients, and absolute prohibition of giving prescriptions by dentists or veterinarians, all under a penalty of \$200.

Mr. Mackenzie did not want to imperil his bill, but he came to the session by going back into committee, but on the assurance of the premier that full opportunity would be given for third reading to-morrow he acquiesced in the course he took.

Parker Williams' fortnightly pay-day bill was killed on division on second reading. Its only supporters being himself, J. H. Hawthorthwaite, G. E. Tisdall (Vancouver), H. H. Schofield (Cmbr.), and Thomas Caven (Granbrook).

Slocan City has municipal troubles, but most of the same nature as Victoria's. The house cannot find enough men so far as property and other qualifications to serve on the council. The bill is intended to keep the municipality in existence till a certain bonded indebtedness is paid.

Mr. Hawthorthwaite desired to know why the government could not validate the election, practically, in Slocan City, but could not do so. He was trying to keep the municipality in existence until its debts were paid.

Parker Williams thought it peculiar that while the population of Slocan City is increasing the amount of public works were increasing. It certainly worked differently in Newcastle.

Mr. Hunter (Slocan) supported the bill for the first time this session. The bill went through.

In committee on a bill to amend the Health Act Mr. Hawthorthwaite moved to increase the amount of exemption from garnishee, on a married man's monthly wages from \$30 to \$50. He said a man should be left enough to support his family.

The attorney-general suggested that it be made \$40, the same as in the Supreme court. He remembered that some years ago he had been called by the member from Nanaimo and his friends \$25 a month. He added if the amendment increased the exemption to \$40 instead of \$50 he would consider it.

Mr. Hawthorthwaite said that was too good a chance to miss, and amended his resolution accordingly to a \$40 exemption. This carried without opposition.

The closing hours of the sitting were marked by a great deal of amendment, the bill under discussion being one respecting dower, which, Attorney-General Bowser brought in as a private member. This subject is one in which H. B. McEwen, of Vancouver, has for years taken a deep interest. The debate was marked by a lengthy speech from Hon. A. E. McPhillips in opposition to the bill. The second reading was carried on the following divisions: Ayes—McBride, Bowser, Taylor, Macgowan, Mackay, Manson, Dewdney, Williams, Hawthorthwaite, Brewster, Gordon, Edwards, Hunter, Tisdall, Caven, Shaw, McDonald, Jackson (Cmbr.), Lucas—18.

Nays—Elliott, McPhillips, Young, Hayward, Parson, Shadford, Sojoud, Gordon, Edwards, Hunter, Tisdall, Watson, Fraser, Mackay, Broderick. Although it passed second reading the bill is not likely to get any further this session, as prorogation to-morrow will find it still on the order paper.

LOSE SUPPORT IN VANCOUVER PEOPLE ARE ARRAYED AGAINST THE CABINET MEMBERS ARE HISSED AND CALLED ON TO RESIGN—PREMIER'S STATEMENT

Legislative Press Gallery, Feb. 28.—The government is none too strong in Vancouver and South Vancouver at this moment, thanks to the attorney-general, who, having been elected at the head of the poll in the Terminal City, is naturally loath to protect and advance its interests.

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It was a very disgusted deputation—mainly Conservatives in their politics, too—which heard the premier this afternoon refuse to alter the decision of the government adverse to annexation.

When a couple of Vancouver members got up to declare themselves in support of the government on this matter, there was a small outburst from the gallery, hissed and cries of "resign" were heard.

General Bowser is no coward, but he showed wisdom in refraining from speech, for there is no doubt his reception would have been a warm one. The scene was so serious in its demonstration of the feeling of the people of Vancouver as it was unique in the parliamentary history of British Columbia.

Premier McBride, rising after prayers, said he desired to make a statement on a question commonly known as a referendum to Vancouver of South Vancouver. The night before he had had an interview with an important deputation, to whom he had promised that their views would have his most careful consideration.

The question was one that if consummated would mean the addition of a large territory to Vancouver. The government could lay claim to some considerable amount of territory to Vancouver. Early in the year they had been approached on the question now at issue, and said they could not agree to it. The answer was not favorably received, and the deputation which then met the government had a view to bringing pressure to bear on the government.

As a result of his most careful consideration since the submission of the bill, a referendum to Vancouver, very close consideration of the views that were presented by the gentlemen who composed the deputation, too, and after careful counsel with his colleagues, he was able to say that the government had approached the matter with every consciousness of the responsibility resting upon them. In a consideration of the matter it must not be overlooked that in the municipalities there was a greater Vancouver to be considered. The government had come to the conclusion, after considering these three phases, that the wise policy was to move slowly so that no mistake might be made.

The deputation which had seen him the night before had asked that the government reconsider this decision. He found that there was ranged behind them a number of citizens. One thousand of these had gathered in Pender and another meeting was held on Sunday in one of the theatres as well. He had absolutely no fault to find with the people of Vancouver for doing so, but while they had right to hold these, what might be called indignations, meetings and pass resolutions on the attitude of the government, the result was not one to be considered by the government. He was not prepared to accept a referendum to Vancouver, but he would be glad to give any representations in this regard most favorable consideration. There was nothing to be gained by hasty legislation on a question of such far-reaching importance, for it was one the government must give most careful and patient consideration to. The province had, in the last analysis, to stand sponsor for the municipalities, and had to see that no hasty or untoward action was allowed. The premier closed by saying that there was no desire on the part of the government to avoid any responsibility for the determination it had come to in this matter.

H. H. Watson, second member for Vancouver, rose to a question of privilege to deny a statement in the World to the effect that Mr. Bowser were in favor of annexation. For himself he

emphatically denied this. The decision of the government had the support of the greater majority of the people of Vancouver. (Hisses from the gallery.) When he found he was not in accord with the government and was not right in his position he would resign. "Hear, hear," and cries of "resign them" "do it quick." The decision of the premier was that if the cabinet and the House and of ninety per cent. of the people of Vancouver ("It is not," came the retort from the gallery.) "Is this matter of privilege?" asked J. H. Hawthorthwaite, the galleries expressing approval of his point of order.

Mr. Watson went on to say that the thing was a game of boom real estate. The government could not be expected to act on snap judgments or overnight decisions.

"The hon. gentleman is not talking to a question of privilege at all, he is making a political speech," said Mr. Hawthorthwaite.

Called to order, Mr. Watson concluded by saying that delay would prove not only to the inhabitants of Vancouver but to Mr. Bowser as well.

C. E. Tisdall, fourth member for Vancouver, who was received with subdued hisses, said he rose for the same purpose as his colleague and would take a few minutes to explain his position.

"I want a definition of what a question of privilege is in this House," said Mr. Hawthorthwaite.

The Speaker asked if the hon. member wished to contradict a newspaper report.

Mr. Tisdall replied that he wanted to explain his feeling on this matter.

"That is hardly a question of privilege," said Mr. Speaker.

This ended the incident and the members of the delegation withdrew from the galleries.

It was decided before the deputation left the city that another indignation meeting will be held in Vancouver, probably to-night, and the temper of the gentlemen composing it bodes ill for the government.

Business Improving in the States Head of Steel Trust Says Railway Will Share the Prosperity

New York, March 1.—That the recent decision in the railway rate case will not cripple the railroads is the opinion of E. H. Gary, head of the steel trust.

"From my information," Gary said, "business generally is good and improving continually. If it continues to improve, the steel business will increase correspondingly."

Washington, D. C., March 1.—The interstate commerce commission yesterday said new freight rates are equitable generally when it announced that the profits of a road do not necessarily affect the reasonableness of its rates. On an appeal by the Iowa state railroad commission for a reduction in the charges of the Illinois Central railroad for carrying passengers over the road's private bridge at Dubuque, the interstate commerce commission ruled:

"The net revenues of a carrier often affect the question of the reasonableness of its rates, but the fact that they are greater than the returns of ordinary business enterprises is not in itself sufficient to justify a finding that the rates are excessive."

NO BILLION STOLEN FROM STEAMER'S MAIL The Princess Beatrice Did Not Carry Gold Dust—One Registered Sack Taken

(Times Leased Wire.) Vancouver, March 1.—Picked up by a tramp schooner manned by confederates, the men who robbed the Canadian mails on the steamship Princess Beatrice between Skagway and Vancouver are thought to have made good their escape with their booty.

Information has reached Vancouver to the effect that the tramp was decked at Prince Rupert for several days previous to the return of the Beatrice from her voyage to the north.

She pulled out at the same time as did the Beatrice, and headed for the open sea. Though the police refuse to talk on the case, it is concluded that they have a feeling that their quarry have escaped.

In the event that the astute operators did not take to sea, the topography of the mainland between this city and Skagway, a four days' voyage usually by steamer, is such as to afford ideal opportunities for escape.

The Dominion police at Ottawa, one of the most thorough forces in the world, who handle cases which only effect government matters, have been brought into play, the Royal Northwest Mounted Police have been asked to co-operate and no stone is being left unturned to round up the mariners.

With the arrival of the Princess Beatrice at port Tuesday, the official communique stated that reports had been received here stating that gold dust amounting to several thousand dollars had been stolen, as they did not bring any bullion down from the north. They however admitted that one of the registered mail sacks had been tampered with and that letters containing Canadian currency had been taken.

The Beatrice had a fine trip to the north and encountered very little rough weather. She brought south about forty passengers and 150 tons of cargo from the Big-Thing mine at Asht, which was discharged at Ladysmith for the Tye-Copper Company. Besides this she had about fifteen tons of general freight.

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When a couple of Vancouver members got up to declare themselves in support of the government on this matter, there was a small outburst from the gallery, hissed and cries of "resign" were heard.

General Bowser is no coward, but he showed wisdom in refraining from speech, for there is no doubt his reception would have been a warm one. The scene was so serious in its demonstration of the feeling of the people of Vancouver as it was unique in the parliamentary history of British Columbia.

Premier McBride, rising after prayers, said he desired to make a statement on a question commonly known as a referendum to Vancouver of South Vancouver. The night before he had had an interview with an important deputation, to whom he had promised that their views would have his most careful consideration.

The question was one that if consummated would mean the addition of a large territory to Vancouver. The government could lay claim to some considerable amount of territory to Vancouver. Early in the year they had been approached on the question now at issue, and said they could not agree to it. The answer was not favorably received, and the deputation which then met the government had a view to bringing pressure to bear on the government.

As a result of his most careful consideration since the submission of the bill, a referendum to Vancouver, very close consideration of the views that were presented by the gentlemen who composed the deputation, too, and after careful counsel with his colleagues, he was able to say that the government had approached the matter with every consciousness of the responsibility resting upon them. In a consideration of the matter it must not be overlooked that in the municipalities there was a greater Vancouver to be considered. The government had come to the conclusion, after considering these three phases, that the wise policy was to move slowly so that no mistake might be made.

The deputation which had seen him the night before had asked that the government reconsider this decision. He found that there was ranged behind them a number of citizens. One thousand of these had gathered in Pender and another meeting was held on Sunday in one of the theatres as well. He had absolutely no fault to find with the people of Vancouver for doing so, but while they had right to hold these, what might be called indignations, meetings and pass resolutions on the attitude of the government, the result was not one to be considered by the government. He was not prepared to accept a referendum to Vancouver, but he would be glad to give any representations in this regard most favorable consideration. There was nothing to be gained by hasty legislation on a question of such far-reaching importance, for it was one the government must give most careful and patient consideration to. The province had, in the last analysis, to stand sponsor for the municipalities, and had to see that no hasty or untoward action was allowed. The premier closed by saying that there was no desire on the part of the government to avoid any responsibility for the determination it had come to in this matter.

H. H. Watson, second member for Vancouver, rose to a question of privilege to deny a statement in the World to the effect that Mr. Bowser were in favor of annexation. For himself he

emphatically denied this. The decision of the government had the support of the greater majority of the people of Vancouver. (Hisses from the gallery.) When he found he was not in accord with the government and was not right in his position he would resign. "Hear, hear," and cries of "resign them" "do it quick." The decision of the premier was that if the cabinet and the House and of ninety per cent. of the people of Vancouver ("It is not," came the retort from the gallery.) "Is this matter of privilege?" asked J. H. Hawthorthwaite, the galleries expressing approval of his point of order.

Mr. Watson went on to say that the thing was a game of boom real estate. The government could not be expected to act on snap judgments or overnight decisions.

"The hon. gentleman is not talking to a question of privilege at all, he is making a political speech," said Mr. Hawthorthwaite.

Called to order, Mr. Watson concluded by saying that delay would prove not only to the inhabitants of Vancouver but to Mr. Bowser as well.

C. E. Tisdall, fourth member for Vancouver, who was received with subdued hisses, said he rose for the same purpose as his colleague and would take a few minutes to explain his position.

"I want a definition of what a question of privilege is in this House," said Mr. Hawthorthwaite.

The Speaker asked if the hon. member wished to contradict a newspaper report.

PLAGUE UNCHECKED IN MANCHURIA In Many Villages All Inhabitants Have Succumbed to Disease

(Times Leased Wire.) St. Petersburg, March 1.—"You have seen smallpox epidemics," said Prof. Julius Beckman of Vienna, just arrived from the Manchurian plague district in an interview to-day with the United Press. "Everyone in a city where such an epidemic exists is nervous. Everyone is apprehensive. But it does not amount to a panic."

"And you have seen epidemics of grippé? There have been epidemics of this kind in the man and the stricken city has escaped. But people do not regard it grippé seriously. It is unpleasant—no more."

"Now, suppose a smallpox epidemic in which every single patient died most of them within five hours. And suppose this epidemic as general as the worst imaginable epidemic of grippé, then you will be imagining an epidemic of pneumonia plague."

"In Manchuria whole villages have been swept away—not a survivor left. The epidemic will reduce the population of the country, one-third to one-half. That is what pneumonia plague is like."

"Will the epidemic spread to Europe and the western world? That is a question no one can answer surely. It is spreading like wildfire in Manchuria. It has reached European Russia, and it will be desperate work to prevent it from reaching the west."

KILLED BY GAS. Vancouver, Feb. 28.—Coroner J. Johnson inquest on the body of John Griffith in which he was working on Tuesday afternoon as the result of his being overcome by the gas left after the lighting of a dynamite blast.

Johnson and another man had a contract to take out one ore on the hill. On the day of the accident Johnson and a comrade, Reinberg, had prepared a row of shots and at 2:30 p.m. Griffith fired them. The gas was turned on the compressed air line and the gas went back into the drift at 3:30 p.m. There was some air in the compressor when they offered out. Both men were aware the compressor shut down at 3:30 p.m. Reinberg said he had never previously worked in the mine after the compressor shut down but on this occasion the two men were anxious to complete their work before the shift.

Johnson had cleared away the fallen rock and Reinberg had taken out the holes. Then six boxes were charged with dynamite when Johnson said they had better get out of the mine before the dynamite exploded. Reinberg took the body out and some assistance.

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WANTED—A TRAIL

Between Chilliwack Lake and Steamboat Mountain—Government Will Consider.

On this, the last day of the legislature for the year, H. J. Barber, president of the Chilliwack Board of Trade...

ARREST OF BILL MINER

Ottawa, March 1.—Col. Sherwood, head of the Dominion police...

NEW BANK OPENED

Eastern Townships Bank Established in Commodious Quarters in Times Block.

An excellent criterion to the condition of any city is to be found in the number of banks that adorn its street corners...

Scrap iron and other junk is being pilfered from the scene of the Spencer fire and complaints have been lodged with the police.

A coroner's jury Tuesday afternoon returned a verdict of "suicide while insane" at the inquest to enquire into the death of Gwyn Eildon Edwards...

Owing to parliamentary action not having been completed the property owners of that part of the Esquimalt district petitioning for sewerage had to adjourn their meeting on last night.

The donation party held by the Women's Auxiliary of the church cathedral schoolroom Tuesday afternoon, was in every way a complete success.

ADVOCATES CHANGE IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

Convention of Teachers Opens Addresses on New System of Teaching Children

The tenth annual convention of the British Columbia Sunday School Association opened Tuesday afternoon at the First Baptist church...

The president, W. A. Gleason, opened the meeting with a welcome to all the members present and then read his annual report to the association.

Between the two points there is a great prospecting area, and the construction of the trail would be a great boon to the region opening in that part of the country.

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POWER RATES AT NELSON

Nelson, Feb. 28.—On March 1 will come into effect the power-by-law which alters the schedule of power rates. The light rates are not affected.

All power supplied, whether to consumers of 50-horse-power and under, or 54-horse-power and over, shall be measured by meter, to be furnished and installed by the city, such meter to be in the name and property of the city of Nelson...

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