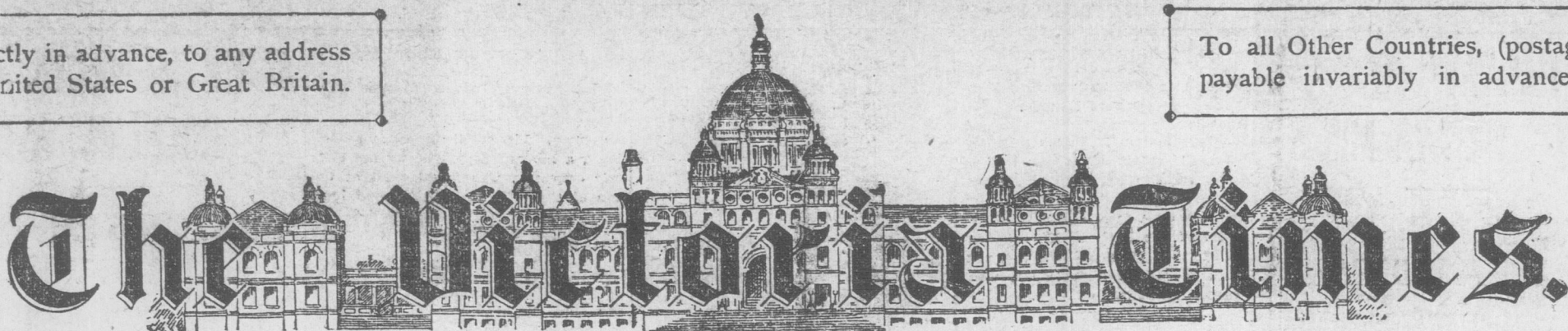


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NEW ACT MADE NO DIFFERENCE

Conditions Here Were Unchanged Sunday—Local Government Undecided as to Action.

(From Monday's Daily.)

"No action or prosecution for a violation of this act shall be commenced without the leave of the attorney-general of the province in which the offence is alleged to have been committed, nor after the expiration of sixty days from the time of the commission of the offence."

This section of the new Sabbath Observance Act appears to put upon the provincial governments the responsibility for authorizing the enforcement of the statute. Up to the present the attorney-general of this province has not taken any action. Hon. P. J. Furlong, when spoken to today, said that it would probably be a week before a decision was reached by the local government relative to what notice would be pursued with respect to the enforcement of the statute. In the meantime the question of whether a provincial act should be passed would be considered.

Yesterday was the first Sunday since the Dominion Act was supposed to come into effect. There was no noticeable change in the city as a result. In view of the fact that there was no announcement from the local government that prosecutions were to be sanctioned, it was not to be expected that any results would follow. It was fully expected that if the act is to be enforced, the local police officers would be busy on the Sabbath, were all playing their trade yesterday. The same applied to Chinatown, where there was a diminution in the ordinary business.

The Sunday papers from the Sound arrived in due course and were offered for sale in Victoria, although under the strict interpretation of the act this would not be permissible. The Colonist also issued yesterday. The local police officers on their rounds made note of any violations of the new Dominion Act under instructions from Chief Inspector. No violations were reported, but that there should be nothing done in the way of interfering with the provisions of the act. The chief will report in turn to the attorney-general of the province. In view of the fact that no notice or decision reached by the local government as to the course which will be taken on the subject it is not at all likely that there will be any prosecutions for yesterday's violations.

The local branch of the Lord's Day Alliance last week took occasion to officially notify the mayor of the city that the act came into effect on March 1st. The executive of the association has also arranged for a meeting with the members of the government next Friday. A meeting of the executive committee will be held this evening for the purpose of preparing for the conference with the government. The provincial police have taken no steps in relation to the act pending authorization of the provincial authorities.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL HAS NO OPTION

Referring to the announcement recently made, that the provincial government contemplates introducing Lord's Day legislation, and that in the meantime no assent would be given by the attorney-general to any prosecution under the Dominion Lord's Day Act, Mr. Rochester, western secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, makes the following statement: "So far as the Alliance is concerned it regards it as a matter of no consequence from what sources legislation comes, whether from the provincial or the Dominion government. It may be that the legislation contemplated by the local government would be more acceptable to the Alliance than the Dominion act. The important requisite, however, is that legislation come from a competent source. "The public's view of the present situation one fact may easily be over-ruled, namely, that the Dominion Lord's Day Act is."

Now in Force, and it is assumed to be known to be in force. Everyone, therefore, violating the provisions by an open store, or conducting business on the Lord's Day, is violating the law of the land. The words of the act are specific in this respect, that this law shall come into force on March 1st, 1907. The provisions of the provincial government in this respect are not to be overruled. The attitude of the attorney-general is an important consideration. Whether rightly or wrongly, the Dominion, in the legislation, has placed responsibility upon his shoulders. As to the nature of this obligation there is a difference of opinion. Our view is that he shall secure its just administration. He is but an officer designated by the act, to secure its fair enforcement. Otherwise he annuls a law which, the competent legislature passing that law, says is in force. The jurisdiction of the Dominion in this particular has never been questioned.

"It is well to notice that British Columbia alone in the West has taken this position with respect to the Dominion act. Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta have signified, through their respective attorney-generals, their desire to secure the enforcement of this Lord's Day legislation. "In its application to this province it may be fittingly urged that this Sunday legislation can give little ground for complaint. The act, whilst aiming to secure national well-being, is broad in its consideration of individual liberty, and is generous in its provision with respect to the commercial interests of this province. This has been clearly shown in the recent interview with the attorney-general published in the daily papers.

"The question of jurisdiction of the province is, at once, raised by the government's announcement. Has the province power in this particular? It is asserted that the Dominion Lord's Day Act purports to legislate in its own interests in respect of the Lord's Day. It is to be remembered, however, that its saying so does not necessarily confer on the province such power. The provinces have their constitutions under the British North America Act, and if they have such power in Lord's Day legislation they have it independent of the Dominion parliament; and if they have it not, the Dominion cannot bestow these powers.

"So far as this question has come under review the provinces have no encouragement to move in the direction of Lord's Day legislation. The judicial committee of the Privy Council in England has given its decision that the Provincial Sunday Laws of Canada were ultra vires, and before consenting to introduce to parliament a Sunday law the Hon. C. Fitzpatrick, minister of justice, prepared a draft provincial law and submitted it to the Supreme court of Canada, with the result that such legislation was declared incompetent for the provinces. In view of these decisions, and notwithstanding the example set by the province of Quebec, it would seem inadvisable for the government of the province to attempt direct Sunday legislation.

"Assuming, however, that the question of jurisdiction of the province has not been settled, and that there is still ground for believing that the province has power to enact a Sunday law, the course is open to the government which would commend itself as fair and one that would make much trouble later. According to the act regarding the constitution practice and procedure of the Supreme court of British Columbia, it is competent for the lieutenant-governor in council to refer to the Full court or to a judge for hearing and consideration any matter which he thinks fit to refer, and the Full court or judge shall thereupon decide and consider the same." The act then specifies particularly matters which relate to the Constitutional Validity of any act which has heretofore been or shall hereafter be passed by the legislature of this province, or of some provision in any such act. Therefore, in the present circumstances, it would seem a reasonable method to pursue that the local government should prepare a draft bill of its proposed legislation and submit it, according to the terms of the act quoted, namely, that the Dominion Lord's Day Act is."

"Meanwhile, awaiting whatever action in the judgment of the provincial government may be deemed best, every citizen ought to remember that the Dominion Lord's Day Act is now law, and, because it is the law of the land, it should meet with respect from every honorable citizen. If its provisions are unreasonable in any particular, redress may be sought not in disregard of the law, but in amendment thereof, when opportunity offers."

The ancient Egyptian used a form of blast furnace in 2000 B. C.

POSTAL AFFAIRS.

United States Officials Will Confer With Canadian Authorities. Washington, March 4.—Postmaster-General Cortelyou has instructed Second Assistant Postmaster-General Shallenbarger and Mr. H. M. Bacon, of the third assistant's office, to proceed to Ottawa, Canada, and confer with the postal administration of the Dominion with reference to questions which have arisen between the two administrations covered by postal treaty with a view to a satisfactory adjustment. They will reach Ottawa on Wednesday.

MURDERER ELECTROCUTED.

Man Put to Death in Electric Chair For Killing His Aunt. Ossing, N. Y., March 4.—Frank Furlong, who killed his aunt, Mrs. Margaret Keeler in New York city in 1904, was put to death in the electric chair in Sing Sing prison today. Furlong was 21 years of age.

BIG TIMBER FOR GOLD DREDGES

AMERICAN COMPANY SEEKS IT IN VANCOUVER. Four Camps of the Pacific Coast Lumber Company are Busy Upon It. (From Monday's Daily.) Timbers for four gold-mining dredges, which will operate in California, are now being cut by the Pacific Coast Lumber Company of Vancouver. In all 1,200,000 feet of lumber will be cut, mainly clear cut, at a price of \$35 per thousand feet. This will give a total contract valued at \$45,000.

"Apart from the intrinsic value of the contract, a feature is that American companies should come to British Columbia for fir timber, in preference to Washington and Oregon," says the Vancouver News-Advertiser. Importing from Canada into the United States means that a duty of \$2 per thousand feet will have to be paid, and in addition 50 cents per thousand for each side of the timber dressed. As most of it will be dressed on four sides, this will be another \$2 per thousand, or \$4 in all, an additional expense of \$5,200. The contract is being filled for the Western Engineering & Construction Company, of San Francisco, which firm will charter the steamer to carry the timbers. The name of this boat is not yet known, but as the 1,200,000 feet will not make a full load, miscellaneous merchandise will probably be carried to make up the cargo.

Some of the timbers are as long as 98 feet, many being 82, 80 and 64 feet in length, respectively, by 14 by 16 inches. To cut sticks of this length, good logs are required and four of them for the Pacific Coast Lumber Company are busy selecting trees for this purpose only.

FIFTH REGIMENT PARADES TO CHURCH

Attended Divine Service at St. Andrew's Church—Strength of the Regiment. (From Monday's Daily.) The Fifth Regiment, C. A., attended divine service yesterday in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. There was a very creditable turn out of officers and men, the parade state being as follows: No. 1 company, officers; 4 sergeants; 4 rank and file; 22; total, 30. No. 2 company, officers; 3 sergeants; 3 rank and file; 24; total, 25. No. 3 company, officers; 2 sergeants; 5 rank and file; 24; total, 31. C. O. and staff officers; 2 sergeants; 3 band and sergeant; 1 bugler; 5 band, bandmaster; 1 bandman, 22. Recaptulation officers; 11 sergeants; 23; rank and file, 101; total, 134.

An excellent sermon was preached by the pastor of the church, Rev. W. Leslie Clark. Taking lessons from the Destruction of Sodom he alluded to the fact that the real defence of a nation lay in its righteousness. As a part of the defence of the country he admonished the members of the regiment to live righteous lives. Mrs. Besj. P. O'Connell, 42 years old, was probably fatally injured, her husband aged 42, seriously injured and seven of their ten small children painfully injured by an explosion of a can of kerosene oil at their home on Poplar street, Brooklyn, Saturday. The explosion of the can caused a lamp to explode, the pockets of the dead men were riddled by the assailants, who escaped.

GALE SWEEPS BUFFALO.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 2.—A gale, which reached a velocity of 80 miles an hour at noon, has prevailed all day. While no serious damage has been reported many plate glass windows have been destroyed and chimneys blown over. The ice in the harbor has pretty well broken up, and the water has risen about two feet. No damage to vessels is anticipated, but tugs are kept in readiness to go to the assistance of any that may drag anchors.

MILLIONS DYING OF STARVATION

CHINESE FAMINE WORST IN WORLD'S HISTORY

Revolutionaries Are Active and Hatred of the Foreigner is Fanned. (From Monday's Daily.) Unless the Chinese famine sufferers in the district north of the Yangtze river receive immediate relief, the lives of ten million of them will be endangered within a few weeks' time, according to reports received by the Chinese press of India. The famine in North China is the most terrible known to the world. Not even the great famine of India can compare with it. The stricken area extends for over forty thousand square miles, and the number of people affected is said to be 10,000,000. Supreme efforts have been made to relieve the distress, but not a fraction of the demand has been met.

An appeal to the Chinese throughout the world will probably be made, and it is altogether likely that an earnest effort will be made by the local colony, though already a large sum has been forwarded to the Chinese Red Cross Society, having its headquarters at Shanghai. The situation moreover has been complicated by the activity of the revolutionaries. They have taken advantage of the disorganization which has attended the famine to forward their propaganda. It is largely the students, those who have been educated in Japan, who are responsible, and there is an element in China which asserts that these revolutionary activities are being fostered by Japan in order that she may have an excuse for interfering. The Yuman students in Japan have joined the Chinese physical board of communications protesting against the proposed railway concession for the Tengyueh railway, and have jointly protested to the Chinese government that besides the official treaty constituting the triple alliance, with its appended military convention, Emperor William and King Umberto verbally engaged their words of honor to remain true to the alliance and to use every influence, should the case arise, to prevent their ministers from dissolving it. Emperor Francis Joseph later joined this, and several letters between the three sovereigns concerning the matter afterwards exchanged when Mr. Hansen says the Kaiser was thinking only of France, Emperor Francis Joseph only of the possible aggressions of Russia and the Engavs in the Balkans. The military portion of the convention was prepared with the most scrupulous care. It foresaw the possibility of the union of the Russian, Australian and German forces on the Rhishen frontier against France, the union if the Italian and the German forces against Russia, and the joint operations of the allied armies and navies in the Dardanelles and beyond.

Mr. Hansen says: "This information is absolutely exact, and one of the reasons Germany always opposed the publication of the treaty was because it contained many clauses against Russia as against France, and its divulgence would only have hastened the conclusion of the dual alliance by the two powers. In the treaty as it existed before 1902 there was a clause inserted by the Italian cabinet whereby in no case would Italy be engaged in league against England. In the renewal of the treaty in 1902, Italy forgot the reserve concerning England. The foreign office of England limited itself to declaring that in the event of war between Russia and Austria or between France and Italy in the Mediterranean, it was very probable that Great Britain would intervene against Russia in one case and France in the other.

COMEDIAN KILLED.

Jumped From Third Story Window of a Burning Building. Chester, Pa., March 4.—In an effort to escape being burned, John Conly, a comedian of the "Fido" company, was instantly killed yesterday by jumping from a window of the Arcade hotel, where he had been sleeping. The flames broke out on the first floor of the building and cut off the escape of the comedian. Conly, who was in the company, was on the scene before the flames gained much headway and rescued all the occupants of the hotel except Conly, who seemed to lose his head and jumped from a third story window despite the warnings. Mrs. Watson, also a member of the company, was severely burned. She is in a hospital in a serious condition. The loss will amount to about \$150,000.

DOCTOR'S DEATH.

Was Indirectly Result of Overtraining During His Athletic Career. Seattle, March 3.—Dr. Frederick E. Schacht, former captain of the University of Minnesota football team, who died at St. Croix hospital Friday night, expired indirectly as a result of overtraining during his athletic career. Dr. Schacht, who attended the city of Everett, died at 37 years of age. He was a member of the University of Minnesota, and was taken to Providence hospital for treatment for Bright's disease, which was the direct cause of his death.

ANOTHER RAILROAD WRECK.

One Man Killed—Injured Number More Than Thirty. San Bernardino, Cal., March 2.—Well laden with passengers, including eastern visitors, the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe passenger train, which makes daily trips around the kite-shaped scenic track, ran through an open switch north of Coln yesterday, killing A. J. Peppar, fatally injuring the trainmen and fireman, and inflicting injury to more than thirty others.

RUSSIAN BARON SLAIN.

Reval, Russia, March 2.—Baron Rudberg, ex-chief of the Estonian nobility, and a member of the council of the Empire, was set upon by six unknown men while driving near his country seat today and killed. Of two servants accompanying the Baron, one was killed and the other was wounded. The pockets of the dead man were riddled by the assailants, who escaped.

STEAMER FLOATED.

Vessel Which Grounded on Goodwin Sands Proceeds on Voyage, Apparently Uninjured. London, March 4.—Advises received from Dover to-day state that the Red line steamer Vandalia, which grounded on the Goodwin Sands last night, got off early to-day, and proceeded on her voyage. The fact that the steamer continued her voyage indicates that she sustained no serious damage as result of the grounding.

LOGGER DROWNED.

Astoria, Or., March 2.—Duncan McMullan, one of the best known loggers in the lower Columbia river district, was drowned Friday afternoon at the Colwell logging camp on Tucker creek. He was subject to heart failure, and during an attack he fell down in a pool of water and was smothered to death. He was a native of Michigan, 51 years of age and has resided in this vicinity for the past 20 years.

SIDELIGHT ON TRIPLE ALLIANCE

OFFICIAL OF EMBASSY MAKES REVELATIONS. Varied Motives Which Inspired the Formation of the Dreibund Laid Bare. Paris, March 4.—Some interesting revelations concerning the diplomatic history of the Triple Alliance are made in a recent published volume entitled "The Ambassadors' Journal" at Paris of Baron de Mohrenheim. Mohrenheim was for 19 years the Russian ambassador here, and conducted the Russian end of the negotiations, which resulted in the dual alliance. Jules Hansen, the author of the book, was the counsellor of the embassy during that period. Mr. Hansen says that his information comes from a sure source. He says that beside the official treaty constituting the triple alliance, with its appended military convention, Emperor William and King Umberto verbally engaged their words of honor to remain true to the alliance and to use every influence, should the case arise, to prevent their ministers from dissolving it. Emperor Francis Joseph later joined this, and several letters between the three sovereigns concerning the matter afterwards exchanged when Mr. Hansen says the Kaiser was thinking only of France, Emperor Francis Joseph only of the possible aggressions of Russia and the Engavs in the Balkans. The military portion of the convention was prepared with the most scrupulous care. It foresaw the possibility of the union of the Russian, Australian and German forces on the Rhishen frontier against France, the union if the Italian and the German forces against Russia, and the joint operations of the allied armies and navies in the Dardanelles and beyond.

SPORTSMEN WILL ASK LEGISLATION

Want Gun License Levied and Inland Fisheries Restocked With Trout. (From Monday's Daily.) Most of the recommendations put forward by the local sportsmen at the recent meeting called by the Gun Club have been adopted by the convention of the delegates from the various gun clubs of the province. The resolutions approved, of which a delegation will bring to the attention of the government at the approaching session of the provincial parliament, are as follows: "1. That this meeting is thoroughly in favor of the imposition of a gun license, with the limitations that bona fide farmers be exempted when shooting on their own lands. "2. That the privilege accredited to 'free miners' and surveyors by virtue of their land titles be restricted. "3. That heaver be protected throughout the whole province; that the sale of same be prohibited, and that the government be requested to rescind the order-in-council declaring an open season in certain districts. "4. That as trout fishing has been seriously depleted, the authorities be petitioned to at once re-stock and preserve the inland fisheries. "The sessions of the convention were held in the Fairview hotel, Vancouver, and the following delegates were present: Dr. Wilson, Paul Ladner, Ladner Gun Club; J. Musgrave, W. H. Blain, W. M. Lenfestey, Vancouver Island Fish and Game Club; H. Hulbert, Chilliwack Gun Club; Dr. Roberts, delegate for Fernie District Game Protection Association; W. H. Heald, C. P. R. E. & N. reserver; Mr. J. H. Vidal, New Westminster Gun Club; P. M. Chaldecote, Association for Importation of Game Birds; J. L. G. Abbott, B. C. Field Trials Club; A. Bryan Williams, Provincial Game Warden; J. Williams, Queneau Gun Club; J. A. Stewart, Hatzic; W. E. Fisher, Atlin; E. Cornwall, Ashcroft; M. Ward, Kootenay. The following will meet the government and present the resolutions adopted: H. Abbott, Sidney Williams, Dr. Wilson, Paul Ladner, J. L. G. Abbott, P. M. Chaldecote, Dr. K. Roberts, H. Hulbert, Dr. Brown, J. Musgrave and J. H. Vidal.

THAW'S MOTHER TO GIVE EVIDENCE

WILL BE CALLED TO STAND THIS WEEK FOR OPENING OF RUSSIAN PARLIAMENT. Three Medical Men Have Yet to Be Cross-Examined By District Attorney. St. Petersburg, March 4.—The trial of H. K. Thaw is resumed to-day Dr. B. D. Evans, called for the defence, will resume the witness chair so that District Attorney Jerome can finish his cross-examination. Several points will be pressed home closely. One of the most important of these is the question, whether the district attorney may read into the evidence extracts from books on insanity, will be ruled on by Justice Fitzgerald. These extracts were shut out improperly on Friday, the justice wishing more time to examine into precedents. If these extracts are admitted, Jerome will try to show that Thaw's symptoms as described by the witness indicated that the prisoner was suffering from paranoia. Such a ruling, followed by such evidence, it can easily be seen would have an important bearing on Jerome's plans for asking for a commission in lunacy. A dramatic feature of the trial this week will occur with the appearance in the witness chair of Mrs. Thaw, the prisoner's mother. Her testimony, it is said, will be in the line of prenatal influences which made of Thaw the nervous, sleepless, headstrong child, described by the family physician, Dr. Charles Wagner of Binghamton, and Dr. Binghamton and Deomar, of Pittsburg, will also be witnesses this week. Dr. Wagner has testified in a manner similar to Dr. Evans regarding the prisoner's mental state, and will be put through a thorough cross-examination by District Attorney Jerome, Dr. Binghamton and Deomar, who regarded Thaw when he passed through a severe case of infantile disease, will tell of the prisoner's early life.

MANY DEPUTIES REACH CAPITAL

Leaders of the Various Parties Arrange Their Programmes For the Session. St. Petersburg, March 4.—The deputies to Russia's second parliament are streaming into St. Petersburg from all directions in readiness for the opening session at noon to-morrow. Over 300 members have already arrived and others are expected by the morning train to-morrow. The deputies here are nearly all strangers in St. Petersburg. Many of them who are having their first glimpse of the big city are excited, and are seen in wandering groups staring at the stately palaces and cathedrals. All went to the Tauride Palace yesterday, where after inspecting the remodelled building they took their places in the session hall by the simple process of laying their cards on seats. Nearly 495 of the 524 deputies will participate at the opening. Twenty-nine have not yet been selected. The present composition of the Lower House is as follows: Monarchists, 99; Moderates (Odobrists), 35; Polish Nationalists, 43; Progressives, 23; Constitutional Democrats and their adherents, 92; Left Party, 192; Indefinites, 13. Excluding the latter party the House may be arranged in three groups, 125 on the right, composed of Monarchists, Constitutional Democrats and their adherents, 92; Left Party, 192; Indefinites, 13. On the left, composed of Social Democrats, Group of Democrats, Group of "Toil and Social Revolutionists." This arrangement is liable to change on account of the shifting attitude of the Octoberists, Poles and other groups on various questions. Yesterday was a busy day for the leaders. Conference of all parties were held to determine what the opening tactics should be. As had been anticipated there was a general disposition on the part of the opposition parties to avoid as far as possible anything likely to cause an immediate dissolution. At the same time opportunity will be given the hot-heads to vent their hostility on the ministers and the government, although the danger of a few rash actions precipitating a calamity is recognized. The Constitutional Democrats conference placed itself on record against revolutionary activity. Joseph Hensen, one of the leaders, declaring that incendiary tactics in the present Lower House of Parliament would be an unparadigmatic sin.

THE TRANSVAAL MINISTRY.

Pretoria, Transvaal, March 2.—Edward Solomon, president of the Nationalists, has joined the cabinet as minister of public works. General Smuts becomes colonial secretary and minister of mines, and Dr. Villiers takes the portfolio of minister of justice.

ACCIDENT TO THE STEAMER DAKOTA

Struck a Rock Forty-Miles From Yokohama—May Be Floated on Tuesday. Tokio, March 4.—Full particulars of the accident to the steamer Dakota are expected when the vessel sent to her rescue returns to Yokohama to-day. Advice indicates that the Dakota struck a rock, lost her balance and her stern plunged into the water. She is now in that position and leaking badly. The damage, it is believed, will be serious. The scene of the disaster is near the Mojin lighthouse, forty miles from Yokohama. The day was clear and it was difficult to determine the cause of the disaster. It is presumed that a strong current was the reason. Seattle, March 4.—According to a dispatch received last night from Yokohama the Dakota will be floated to-morrow. The ship is said to be floating from Yokohama in Tokyo bay, unharmed. The cargo is said to be safe.

PETER VEREGIN MISSING.

It Is Rumored He Is in Prison in His Native Country. Kamsack, Sask., March 2.—There is a well defined rumor in circulation in this district, to the effect that Peter Veregin, leader of the colony, who went to Russia last fall ostensibly to secure government concessions, is in prison in his native country. Thus far nothing has been heard directly from Veregin since he arrived in Russia. Prior to coming to Canada Veregin was banished to Siberia, and was released upon condition that he leave Russia not to return for ten years with his people.

HATCHING—Barred Rocks used in building of the new water supply system, 12 1/2 per cent. Cash on order, 8 per cent. Perennial, anch. North Pender Island.

ANOTHER RUSSIAN GENERAL SLAIN

WAS ASSASSINATED WHILE ON WAY HOME Ignored Threatening Letter-- Plot Against Life of Second Cousin of Czar.

St. Petersburg, March 1.—The following details of the murder on Wednesday at Karnoyarsk, Siberia, of General Kolesovsky, the commander of the town, have been received here.

The general was walking on the street at 5 o'clock in the afternoon with some friends, and he referred jokingly to a threatening letter he had just received that day saying he would be killed at 5 o'clock that afternoon.

At about 8 o'clock, when Gen. Kolesovsky was returning home alone, a man suddenly called upon him to halt and then fired three revolver shots at him. The general dropped dead.

Grand Duke in Danger. St. Petersburg, Feb. 28.—The Novoye Vremya publishes a sensational account of the killing of another plot upon the life of Grand Duke Nicholas Nikolaevich, president of the council of the national defense, and second cousin of Emperor Nicholas.

A guard was patrolling the track near the station at the St. Petersburg near the end of the line, and caught a man dressed as a workman in the act of placing a wooden box in the middle of the track at a point about 200 yards from the Imperial pavilion.

The entire neighborhood of the railroad station was at once surrounded by police. A statement that the orders for the Grand Duke's journey into St. Petersburg were countermanded at the last moment was, according to the Novoye Vremya, been confirmed by the police.

SHIPPING TIED UP. Corunna, Spain, March 1.—A general strike of dock laborers and others has been declared here with the result that all the shipping ports are tied up.

FIRE DRILL IN SCHOOLS. Adequate System is Practiced Weekly in Local Bodies.

Fire drill once a week is required of the pupils in the city schools. The system used is called "The Buzzer."

It is considered by those in authority that present facilities for escape are inadequate. Chief Watson states that the schools are not occupied above the second floor.

TWO MEN CRUSHED TO DEATH. Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 28.—Nicola Marick and Joseph George, laborers, were killed at the Lackawanna steel plant to-day by a falling wall.

TWO MEN PERISHED IN RAILWAY WRECK. Express Car Caught Fire and the Victims Were Burned to Death.

Toronto, Ont., March 1.—A train on the C. P. R., bound for Montreal, ran into a freight near Mountain to-day, and William Hitchens, express messenger, and Nichols, his assistant, were burned to death.

None of the passengers were injured. The freight was about to take a siding when the engines collided and telescoped.

TWO NEW CITIES. Toronto, Feb. 27.—Fort Arthur was incorporated as a city by the private bills committee to-day, and Fort Williams incorporation was put through yesterday.

A RAILWAY TO TELKWA MINES

PERMISSION TO BE ASKED LEGISLATURE An Amendment Sought to Railway Act--Notices Appearing in This Week's Gazette.

(From Friday's Daily.) The Grand Trunk Pacific is apparently preparing to construct a railway line up the valley of the Copper river from its mouth at the Kitlas canyon into the Telkwa country.

Tupper, Griffin & Warton give notice that they will apply to the legislative assembly at its next session for an act to incorporate a railway company to be called the Rainy Hollow Railway Company.

What will be when completed the largest, the most up-to-date, and the most perfect whaling station in the world will be commenced immediately for the Pacific Whaling Company on the south side of Kyquoot Sound.

The site which was within public knowledge that this great impetus to the whaling industry of Vancouver Island was in contemplation, no details of the scheme leaked out until yesterday evening when they were ascertained by the Times.

STEVE ADAMS MAKES STATEMENT IN COURT. Says There Was a Conspiracy Among Officers to Implicate Officials of Federation.

Wallace, Odaho, Feb. 28.—That a deliberate conspiracy was formed among the officers of the penitentiary and the detectives to implicate the leaders of the Western Federation of Miners in the assassination of ex-Governor Steunenberg, and that the conspiracy was to be backed by false evidence, obtained by threats and bribes, is in effect the charge made by Steve Adams in court to-day.

Returned Unopposed. Ottawa, Feb. 28.—Solicitor-General Borden was elected for Three Rivers to-day by acclamation.

STEAMER ASHORE. Grounded Near Flushing During Fog-- The Passengers Landed.

Flushing Holland, March 1.—The Dutch mail steamer Konigin Wilhelmina, from Queensborough, England, went ashore this morning during a thick fog on a dyke eastward of the entrance of the harbor.

AMBASSADOR REID'S HEALTH. Will Spend Some Weeks in France in Order to Recuperate.

London, March 1.—Ambassador Reid, who since his return here from the United States has been suffering from influenza, leaves London to-morrow for Arcalchon, in the southern part of France.

PUBLISHER DEAD. New York, N. Y., March 1.—Orson D. Munn, head of Munn & Co., publishers of the Scientific American, died here last night in his 83rd year.

THE FIGHTING IN MANCHURIA

CHINESE RAID IS CAUSING UNEASINESS Small Russian Force on Scene May Not Be Able to Cope With Outbreak.

St. Petersburg, March 1.—The fighting between Chinese bandits and Russian troops at a point 20 miles north of Harbin, which resulted in the deaths of Russian reinforcements, the scene has occasioned increasing apprehension here.

The Russian troops in that section have been reduced to numbers of bare necessity, and would not be better able to cope with a large outbreak.

The foreign office is not willing to give an opinion as to what steps will be necessary until it will be better informed as to the nature of the hostile forces arrayed against them.

LINEMAN ELECTROCUTED. Killed While at Work on Electric Light Pole in Ottawa.

Ottawa, March 1.—Telephore Aubrey, a lineman employed by the electric company, was found dead at the top of the pole to-day. He had been dead for some time. He leaves a wife and two children. He was killed by an electric shock.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRES. Six Firemen Hurt While Fighting Flames in Allegheny.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 1.—One fireman was seriously injured and five others slightly hurt early to-day at a fire caused by crossed wires in Allegheny, which destroyed the fifth ward school building valued at \$150,000.

Utica, N. Y., March 1.—The Y. M. C. A. building in this city was completely destroyed by fire this morning. The loss will be upwards of \$150,000.

WORLD'S LARGEST WHALING STATION Plans Completed for Its Erection on South Side of Kyquoot Sound--To Rush Construction.

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The Rockland avenue property owners yesterday decided not to widen the street beyond forty feet. E. V. Bodwell, K. C., opposed even this. After much discussion, however, a resolution to this effect was carried.

The meeting opened at 3 o'clock, with R. S. Day, Col. Herchmer, Thomas Shotbolt, Jas. Mitchell, Thos. Wood, Wm. Robertson, A. E. McPhillips, Hon. E. Dewdney, J. B. McKillop, S. Pitts, G. A. Barnard, A. J. C. Galletly, A. R. Humber, Dr. Sterling, John Arbutnot and W. F. Robertson present, together with His Worship the Mayor and Ald. Henderson.

His Worship called the meeting to order and explained that there was no intention of compelling the property owners to widen their street to sixty-six feet. This eased this somewhat strained feeling which animated some of the property holders, and thereafter things went gaily to the close.

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ted to make careful investigations look-
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ing, over 1,500 horse power.

The company is using now over 11,
600,000 gallons daily with a consider-
able increase over that on special oc-
casions. During Christmas week, in
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power was up to 15,000,000 gallons,
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pany must very soon get additional
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SHERIFF COMMITTED
FOR ALLEGED ASSAULT

Released on Bail--Witnesses Tell
Story of the Alter-
cation.

(From Saturday's Daily.)
Promptly at 2 o'clock Constable Clay-
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appeared in the court room yesterday.
As soon as the Goldstream water by
the bench, Geo. Morphy, counsel for the
defendant, stated that two justices of the
peace were ready to try the case. These
were not the two originally proposed.
R. J. Lowe, for the prosecution, object-
ed that they had not agreed to the jus-
tices sitting. They claimed their right,
and insisted on His Honor's trying the
case.
Mr. Morphy tried to argue that His
Honor had, without reservation, agreed
to allow two justices of the peace to try
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The magistrate, however, pointed out
that he adjourned the case in the first in-
stance to allow the justices to be ob-
tained. In the second instance he had
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Mr. Morphy intimated that he stood by
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time they would see who was the hum-
bled.

Sheriff Richards now took a hand in the
argument. He said that he was not
to be bound not to justify in this case.
He stated that the magistrate was so mixed
up that Mr. Williams that he was not fit
to try it.
All His Honor commanded Sheriff
Richards to cease. Thus far he had
dealt very leniently with him, even when
he might have had him arrested. After
the attempt shown, he restraining him
would not retire from the bench.
R. T. Williams was then called. He re-
peated his story as reported in this
paper. In his evidence he pointed out
that the stick was not a blackthorn, but
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THAT SPECIAL ACT.

If all be true that is said of the proposed Victoria bill to be submitted to the legislature it is evident that that measure ought to be the subject of very careful scrutiny by citizens who desire to retain the right of municipal self-government. We should like to know why any provincial legislature should be given the right to prescribe the manner in which taxation for works of any kind shall be levied? We submit that these are matters which concern only the people of municipalities themselves. It may be quite proper and eminently desirable that the legislature shall limit the borrowing powers of municipalities, inasmuch as any defalcations might affect in an indirect manner the credit of other municipalities, and even the credit of the province itself, but it is an entirely different matter when persons with vague and crude ideas of the rights of municipalities, who have no clear conception of the nature of the struggle which led up to the vindication of the principle of self-government, propose to go to a legislature and ask for certain powers and to surrender rights of inestimable value to the public. We are not at all disposed to question the proposition that the present city council of Victoria means to do well. Its members are evidently sincere in the belief that as a municipality Victoria has fallen behind the spirit of the times, and that the year 1907 is the year in which we ought to catch up and get perhaps a few years ahead. Nevertheless there is in such matters what may be termed a speed limit—and that limit it is not safe to exceed. The people of the great city of London have found that out after a very short term of "progressive" rule which has placed a very heavy burden of taxation upon them and satisfied them with many services of doubtful utility. There is one fact that must be kept in mind—that taxation is still taxation no matter in what form it may be levied—whether under the local improvement or the general rate—and to the people interested should be left the choice of submitting to or resisting any attempt to levy burdens upon them. We hope the representatives of Victoria in the legislature will look very carefully into the special municipal bill when it makes its appearance in the House.

RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

One would almost think from the general tone of the Colonist when discussing railway matters that the Dominion government is doing nothing to promote railway building in this province. Reference is made to subsidies granted by the Dominion for about one hundred miles of steam road in New Brunswick as though injustice were done this province in making such grants. The fact is the Dominion government is promoting the construction of hundreds of miles of railways in British Columbia, some portions of which are upon Vancouver Island, and that the alleged extravagance of its course has been the cause of considerable criticism from the opposition. The Grand Trunk Pacific will this summer begin work on five hundred miles of railway through this province which would not have been built for many years but for the interest guaranteed by the Dominion government. The C. P. R. is going to build a good many miles of railway upon Vancouver Island as soon as surveys can be made. These schemes of the C. P. R. are pregnant with interest to citizens of Victoria. But for the subsidies granted by the federal government, how long might it be before such enterprising would be brought into active operation? In proportion to her population there are probably more miles of railway projected in British Columbia than in any other province of the Dominion. If the Colonist and the party it supports had had their way one at least of the transcontinental railways, termpless would be brought into active operation? In proportion to her population there are probably more miles of railway projected in British Columbia than in any other province of the Dominion. If the Colonist and the party it supports had had their way one at least of the transcontinental railways, termpless would be brought into active operation?

CANADA WILL DO.

What is the use of bothering about the "mean things" irresponsible American publications say about Canada? All the really great newspapers in the United States are prophesying that this country will have a great future, that in point of national importance it is destined to be second only to the United States. Is not that something with which we ought to be satisfied, considering that it is the result of intelligent study of the situation? Only a few years ago we were not even considered worthy of serious attention. Our good neighbors would not turn their heads for a look across the boundary. But we have demonstrated, largely by the faith with which we have proceeded with the construction of railways, that Canada cannot accurately be described as a strip of terri-

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lory, without breath, extending from one great ocean to another. We grow the finest wheat the earth ever produced, and we grow it in abundance. The fertile territory of this Dominion is of greater extent than the area of some of the most powerful states in the world to-day. But Canada is not only the largest agricultural country in the world. Our wealth in forest, mine, river and ocean, would alone place us in the front rank of nations, while the newest form of national opulence, water power, we are merely beginning to appreciate at its true value. There is no longer any doubt about what the status of Canada is going to be. Our position is established, and the natural consequence of such establishment is the rapid increase in the rate at which immigrants are coming into the country to assist in its development. We are already producing more wealth per head than any other nation in the world with the exception of Great Britain. There is less poverty here than in any other nation in the world with no exception whatever, not even the United States. In this respect our position contrasts with that of our neighbors on this continent in that the wealth of the country is more equitably distributed. In the United States, for various reasons, and for one reason in particular—the maintenance of a pernicious fiscal system—the natural resources of the country have been exploited by a comparatively few men, who, human-like, have contrived to retain for themselves a very large percentage of the wealth which should have been distributed amongst all the people—and would have been so distributed had an economic system in any respect equitable been in force. Our neighbors are also awakening to the fact that the dominance of powerful corporations over legislatures is becoming a menace to the future well-being of the state. Railway companies and insurance companies and coal mining companies and manufacturing companies, the majority of them quasi-monopolistic institutions, have created millionaires by the score through the simple expedient of increasing their stock and selling it to their own shareholders at a merely nominal figure. The consequence is, of course, that the public has to buy what it requires from these corporations, whether it be coal, or oil, or iron, or steel, or transportation, at rates which will permit the payment of interest at the rate of twenty-five to one hundred per cent. or more upon the money actually invested.

These are some of the features of progress in America which characterize the public men of Canada to protect the "common people" against. And we have no doubt our statesmen will do their duty. They are commencing already to put a curb upon the ambitions of the emulators of American "wealthy financiers." They are doing this because the public is insisting upon it. There are other problems to which Canadians must give their best consideration if they desire to maintain conditions most conducive to individual prosperity as against the enrichment of corporations. If a sound Canadian sentiment be kept alive—if all Canadians give the attention they ought to give to the public affairs of the country, study our system of government, and strive to keep any government that may be in power either in the Dominion or in the provinces strictly in harmony with the views of patriotic Canadians, there need be no fear for the future of the country from an ethical point of view nor any reason why we should be sensitive about the criticisms of our neighbors.

CONTRASTS IN PARLIAMENT.

Some features of the proceedings of the session of Parliament now in progress at Ottawa have been the reverse of gratifying to Canadians. It is surely not seemly that the vocabulary of the poker table and of the bar room and of kindred institutions should be introduced in the debates of our highest legislative court. The member for Nanaimo was indirectly the cause of the violent ebullition of Mr. Fowler and of the scene in the House to which allusion was made in our columns yesterday. And the somewhat curious feature of the situation is that Mr. Ralph Smith, according to the testimony of the Ottawa correspondent of the Toronto News, a paper opposed to the government, was studiously mild and careful in his utterances upon the la-

bor measure, which was under discussion when Mr. Fowler lost control of his temper and gave free expression to the thoughts which seem to reflect peculiar views of his duties as a "statesman." The News frankly admits that the opposition was very badly worsted in the debate on Mr. Lemieux's bill. It took a position diametrically opposed to the position it had occupied a few days before. In the first instance it would have nothing less than compulsory arbitration and settlement of all labor disputes. The government measures provides for compulsory investigation, together with conciliation, trusting to the force of public opinion, once it has obtained an intelligent grasp of the situation as revealed by such investigation, to bring the opposing forces to reason. While the investigation is going on there can be no strike. If it is a railway or a coal mine or a street railway or any institution in which the public is likely to be directly affected by a strike, the provision of the bill will be applied, in convenience; it may obviate suffering, as it would have done during the present winter when fuel was urgently required and there was a strike on at the Lethbridge coal mines. But the opposition had obtained new light. While it advocated compulsory arbitration out and out regardless of the argument that men could not be compelled to work against their will, now it held that compulsory investigation, with no strike until the investigation is complete, was going too far. The exposure of this inconsistency by Mr. Smith seems to have roused the opposition, or some members of the opposition, to a state bordering on frenzy. The News says the member for Nanaimo was his true voice, his coolness under the fire of his adversaries (some of them sharp lawyers and experienced politicians) his unflinching courage, was at all times master of the situation, and that eventually he put them all to confusion. So perhaps it is not to be wondered at that Mr. Fowler lost his temper. The debate on the labor bill was but a passing phase of a situation which has been so marked as to call for comment during the whole of the session. The opposition is in a bad way. It feels it. Some of the more candid of the organs have been frankly pointing out the obvious weakness of its leaders. Mr. Borden appears to have given up his task in despair.

And in the meantime Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the sick man whose health is going to compel him to retire shortly and to give Mr. Borden the opportunity of his lifetime, is constant in his attendance at the House. He has a firmer grip on his own followers than he ever had, while he holds the opportunity in the hollow of his masterly hand. His is the final word in every debate of importance. The Ottawa Free Press cites an instance which may be taken as an illustration of matters that are occurring with more or less frequency in Parliament: "When Mr. Borden brought up the Hyman case once more in the Commons yesterday he possibly thought that he had the game won in advance. But when the cards were played, he found that Sir Wilfrid held the joker. "The manner in which the Premier replied was a splendid illustration of political finesse. If Mr. Borden and his followers were not satisfied as to the legality of Mr. Hyman's resignation, the government was willing to refer the matter to the Committee on Privileges and Elections. "It was a complete euche!"

A CHALLENGE TO THE LORDS.

The British House of Lords is doubtless a highly respectable and deeply venerable institution. It may be a bulwark of the unwritten constitution, the solid foundation of the state, and many other things of which we cannot think at the present time. It may be loved and revered by the people because of its history and its associations with the past fortunes of the Empire. But the fact still remains that the leaders of the Liberal party, which party appears to represent the political sentiments of the people at the present time, resent the Lords' attempt to interfere with the workings of the national will and are evidently determined to find out definitely whether the public temper will submit to the legislative usurpations of that intolerant body of hereditary legislators. In saying this we are not expressing something that is born of inherited prejudice. We are influenced by speeches made by Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman and some of his colleagues in the present British government, and by the speech delivered from the throne of the House of Lords itself by His Majesty King Edward VII. But since that significant deliverance appeared we have had further information upon the subject of the controversy with the noble Lords. Speaking at Newcastle lately, Mr. Lloyd George, President of the Board of Trade, a position which, as we all know, carries with it a portfolio in the government, made an important announcement. The announcement may be considered of importance as expressing the views of the government and as threatening an appeal to the people in the event of the lords interposing their irresponsible will against the expressed will of the people. During the course of his remarks Mr. George, who is widely known as an emphatic speaker who does not mince his words for fear of giving offence in any quarter, said: "A bill in the forefront of our mandate has been practically thrown out

by the House of Lords. Conditions were imposed which no Liberal minister could possibly accept. Those conditions were inconsistent with the clear, definite orders of the people, and there is a limit to what we can stand for. What I want to know is, what is the use of Liberal victories if the work of Liberalism is to be frustrated by a House which is chosen by nobody, which is representative of nobody, and which is accountable to nobody? I hope, now that we have begun to ask that question, we shall insist upon an answer. "The result of having a thing like this tangling our machinery is that we use an enormous quantity of bunker coal for very little speed. That is a bad system, a system that no business people ought to tolerate. If the thing is to be done let us make a neat job of it, not a kind of Punch and Judy execution, where the House of Lords will dodge the noose. "The demand of the clerical selfishness and greed, and cannot be tolerated by any community which possesses the sense of what is fair and just and the equitable between one citizen and another. I never could understand why a self-reliant and efficient business community like ours ever could tolerate the presumption of the peers. You might as well say that the Empire is only safe so long as its interests are watched by 500 gamekeepers. "The Prime Minister told the House of Commons deliberately and solemnly that a way would be found to make the will of the people paramount in the legislation of the country. He is not the kind of statesman who will stand idly by and let the nobles of the House of Lords toy with office while the House of Commons is thwarting the execution of the sacred trust reposed in him by his countrymen. Mr. Gladstone foretold this conflict was inevitable, and undoubtedly the settlement is now overdue. "We are sorry. Possibly we should have stated explicitly that the letter of Mr. R. D. Drury, published in the Times last evening, appeared in yesterday morning's Colonist. "Ottawa Free Press: Hon. Mr. Templeman made his debut as minister in charge of the Geological Survey estimates last night; and, without any disrespect to his predecessor, he "made good."

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COKE SUPPLY INCREASING.

Northport Smelter Resumes Operations -Output of Rosland Camp. Rosland, March 2.-The supply of coke is increasing, and on Friday the Le Roi smelter at Northport resumed operations after a close down of several weeks. All the Consolidated Company's smelter, Trail, another copper furnace was blown in during the week, and now there are three copper furnaces and one lead stack in operation. The smelters are just beginning to see a sufficient supply of fuel in sight to operate the plants to the limit of the capacity after a time of shortage which has lasted since the end of September last, when the strike of coal miners of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company began. Shipments for the week were: Centre Star, 1,590 tons; Le Roi, 2,960 tons; Le Roi Two, 595 tons; White Bear (milled) 350 tons. Total for week 5,395 tons, and for year 39,572 tons. Ore Shipments. Nelson, March 2.-The following are the ore shipments and smelter receipts in southeastern British Columbia districts for the past week and year to date in tons: Shipments east of Columbia river, week, 2,600; year, 18,734. 3,062; year, 5,044; year, 39,346. Boundary, week, 20,238; year, 129,194. Total, week 27,962; year 181,184. Smelter receipts: Grand Forks, week 10,011; year 63,337. Boundary Falls, week, 4,053; year, 21,492. Nelson, week, 651; year 2,710. Trail, week 5,031; year 24,350. Northport, week 1,724; year 12,689. Marysville, week 690; year 5,400. Total, week 27,530; year 182,545. At 9:30 Saturday night it was reported to Chief Langley that the safe of Thomas Davis, in the Board of Trade building, had been burglarized. Upon examination it was, however, discovered that nothing was missing. A jimmy was used to force the outer door. -William Williams and family have been passing through much tribulation. They arrived from Australia recently in this city and on Wednesday last they went to Seattle by the Princess May. In their haste to catch their boat they did not satisfy the United States emigration officials at this point as to their qualifications for entering the States. They were returned by the Princess May the same evening. On Saturday, however, everything was straightened out, they left again and were allowed to land safely. -Thomas Johnston, of Hamilton, Ont., father of G. J. Johnston, late of Johnston Transfer Co., Douglas street, dropped dead of apoplexy at his home there. Deceased, leaving seven boys and three girls, besides his wife to mourn his loss. The annual revenue of the Suez canal in shipping dues was at first \$1,850,000. It Thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Hon. Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands, Bear River Valley, Portland Canal: No. 1.-Commencing at a post marked W. P.'s N. W. corner and planted about 20 chains north of junction of Bear River and American Creek, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to point of commencement. No. 2.-Commencing at a post marked W. P.'s N. W. corner and planted about 20 chains east of American Creek at a point 80 chains north of junction of Bear River and American Creek, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to point of commencement. No. 3.-Commencing at the S. E. corner of No. 4, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains to point of commencement. No. 4.-Commencing at a post marked W. P.'s S. E. corner and planted on the west bank of Bear River about half way between Bitter Creek and Glacier Creek and opposite scenic camp, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains to point of commencement. No. 5.-Commencing at the S. E. corner of No. 4, thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains to point of commencement. No. 6.-Commencing at a post marked W. P.'s N. E. corner and planted about 20 chains west of the junction of Granite Creek and Bear River, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains to point of commencement. Dated Jan. 11th, 1907. WM. PIGOTT, Per D. J. Rainey, Agent.

LOCAL NEWS

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C. A. Kirk has sold a fine cottage and two lots on Andrew street, Victoria West, for the sum of \$4,000. The purchaser was Mr. Stewart, of Winnipeg, who is about to take up his residence in this city.

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Dr. Hans, city librarian, reports that 2,373 volumes were issued during February. The average daily issue was 114 volumes, which is the highest record yet. The largest daily issue recorded was 204. The lowest 93.

The case of Williams vs. Richards was resumed this afternoon in the police court, the sheriff being arrested upon a bench warrant issued at the instance of the magistrate. The case is being heard by Magistrate Hall.

Delegates from all parts of the province will meet in the parliament buildings this week to arrange dates for the fall fairs throughout the province. The meeting will be under the auspices of the B. C. Farmers' Institute and the Dairyman's Association.

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The B. C. Marine Railway Company and the Victoria Machinery Depot deny the report that the pattern makers at their ships have gone on strike.

The annual meeting of the Central Farmers' Institute will open to-morrow in the parliament buildings.

Joseph Rhode, aged 66, a native of Germany, died this morning at St. Joseph hospital.

Farmers, contractors, manufacturers and all employers of labor desiring married or single men to work for them apply at once to Major C. W. Creighton, Salvation Army immigration department, 470 Harris street, Vancouver.

There was a large attendance at the Church of Our Lord on Friday when Miss Evans, returned missionary from India, spoke at length of her work there.

The two prisoners, Swanson and Carney, charged with having held up a citizen on the E. & N. track, near the Songhees Indian reserve, were brought before Judge Lampan on Saturday in order to elect whether they would await trial at the assizes or take speedy trial.

The report which appeared in the morning paper to the effect that Messrs. MacKenzie Bros. intended to enter into the Canadian-Mexican steamship service, has been officially denied.

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George Christie, an extensive land owner from Emerson, Maniloba, paid a flying visit to Victoria this week and invested in a very neat two-story cottage which he will very likely make his home next winter.

Notwithstanding the section nine of the Lord's Day Act, Sunday school papers may still be distributed on Sunday. This is the opinion of Rev. Dr. Potts, of the Lord's Day Alliance, and also of N. W. Rowell, K. C. of Toronto.

The steamer Venture of the Boscowitz Steamship Company reached port yesterday at 9 a. m. On her homeward voyage when off Swanson Bay the Venture struck a floating log, which damaged one of her propellers.

The full attendance of officers is requested for the regular review of Baxter Hive, No. 8, L. O. T. M., to be held to-morrow at 8 p. m. at Semple's hall, Victoria West.

Yet another portion of the Bowker property has changed hands and has passed from R. H. Johnston, nurseryman, to Mr. Steele, of Winnipeg, for a consideration of \$4,000.

The B. C. Marine Railway Company and the Victoria Machinery Depot deny the report that the pattern makers at their ships have gone on strike.

The annual meeting of the Central Farmers' Institute will open to-morrow in the parliament buildings.

Joseph Rhode, aged 66, a native of Germany, died this morning at St. Joseph hospital.

Farmers, contractors, manufacturers and all employers of labor desiring married or single men to work for them apply at once to Major C. W. Creighton, Salvation Army immigration department, 470 Harris street, Vancouver.

There was a large attendance at the Church of Our Lord on Friday when Miss Evans, returned missionary from India, spoke at length of her work there.

The two prisoners, Swanson and Carney, charged with having held up a citizen on the E. & N. track, near the Songhees Indian reserve, were brought before Judge Lampan on Saturday in order to elect whether they would await trial at the assizes or take speedy trial.

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MEXICANS' OUTLOOK IS BROADENING

What He Formerly Regarded as Luxuries He Now is Beginning to Consider Necessaries

(From Monday's Daily.)

As the time of the inauguration of the Canadian-Mexican Steamship Co. draws near, interest in this new enterprise grows greater. And this is a matter of small wonder when it is considered that this new impetus to trade means to Canada in general and British Columbia and Victoria in particular.

"The prospects which the new steamship line will open up are indeed well nigh incalculable. Canada can give to Mexico what Mexico has been long anxiously awaiting. It can give no Mexico the necessities of life at a cost much below what Mexico has now to pay for them," said Mr. R. B. Swanson, lately arrived from there.

Sheriff Palmer, of Astoria, Ore., was in Vancouver on Wednesday. He came for the purpose of taking back the man Kelly, who admits having stolen a considerable amount of jewellery from a hotel in that place, at which he worked as a bartender. The proprietor of the hotel wired Wednesday that he would not prosecute if Kelly would restore the goods. This Kelly willingly consented to do, and Wednesday afternoon he was released.

The authorized version of the Bible was prepared by 47 scholars, who were divided into 6 companies, to each of which a portion of the Bible was assigned. The work took three years, from 1907 to 1910.

Among the natives of Central India a marriage ceremony is always attended by a sham fight, and the same practice prevails among the Kalmucks of Siberia.

The Great Restorative Golden Pile Cure

of the day, made entirely of native medicinal roots and without a drop of alcohol in its composition, is known as

DR. PIERCE'S GOLDEN MEDICAL DISCOVERY.

There are no secrets about its composition -- all its ingredients being printed on the bottle-wrappers.

The "Golden Medical Discovery" not only builds up the strength of the feeble, debilitated, languid, nervous and easily fatigued, whether young or aged, but it enriches and purifies the blood, thus making the improvement lasting.

It corrects and overcomes indigestion, dyspepsia, biliousness, torpid liver, chronic diarrhoea and kindred derangements of the stomach, liver and bowels.

Bronchial, throat and laryngeal affections, attended with hoarseness, persistent cough, and all manner of catarrhal affections are cured by the "Golden Medical Discovery."

In Chronic Nasal Catarrh, it is well to cleanse the nasal passages out freely with Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy fluid while taking the "Golden Medical Discovery" as a constitutional treatment. Old obstinate cases of catarrh yield to this thorough course of treatment.

Through enriching and purifying the blood, the "Discovery" cures scrupulous affections, also blotches, pimples, eruptions, and other ugly affections of the skin. Old, open, running sores, or ulcers, are healed by taking the "Golden Medical Discovery" internally and applying Dr. Pierce's All-Healing Salve as a local dressing. The Salve can be had of druggists, or will be sent

by return mail on receipt of 50 cents in stamps. Address Doctor Pierce as below for it.

In short "Golden Medical Discovery" regulates, purifies and invigorates the whole system and thus cures a very large range of diseases. The reason *Why* it cures such a varied list of diseases is made clear in a little booklet of extracts from the leading medical authorities, compiled by Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., and which he will be pleased to send post-paid and entirely free to any who send him their names and addresses.

You can't afford to accept a substitute of unknown composition for this non-secret medicine of known composition.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation. Constipation is the cause of many diseases. Cure the cause and you cure the disease. One "Pellet" is a gentle laxative, and two a mild cathartic. Druggists sell them, and nothing is just as good. They are the original Little Liver Pills first put up by old Dr. Pierce over 40 years ago. Much has been said, but they are still the tiny sugar-coated granules -- easy to take as candy.

Dr. Pierce's Medical Adviser (1000 pages) is sent free on receipt of 31 one-cent stamps (to cover cost of mailing) for paper-covered, or 50 stamps for cloth-bound copy. Address Dr. Pierce as above.

WAGES OF RAILROAD MEN.

Conference of Western Managers in Chicago--Advances in Pay Offered.

St. Paul, March 2.—The managers' committee, representing forty-two railroads west of Chicago, to-day announced an important checkmate of advances in pay for the employees of freight and passenger trainmen on all the railroads in the West, and issued the statement that the arbitration does not prove acceptable to the employees, it will use its influence to throw the entire matter of wage increases into an arbitral tribunal. The method of arbitration, should such action prove necessary, is to be determined upon later.

The tendency of railway managers of heavy increases of pay is the result of conferences lasting more than a month in Chicago, participated in by ten general managers, representing the various lines, and general chairmen from each system to the number of 160, representing the employees involved. These conferences have just been adjourned as a result of the tender of increases from the railroads and the general chairmen are now returning to their various lines, to submit the schedule to the men for a decision. Whether the employees will accept the offer of the railroads is not known and will not be determined until the results of the work of the general chairmen are reported, after which the adjourned conferences will be resumed.

The offer of the general chairmen is as follows: "Conductors in passenger service are to be granted an increase of pay of \$10 per month; passenger brakemen are to be granted an increase of pay of \$8 per month; freight conductors and brakemen are to be granted an increase of 10 per cent, based on rates of pay prevailing November 1st, 1906. Porters and equal offers of increase apply to every railway entering the territory. The trainmen have insisted upon an increase of 20 per cent. In both passenger and freight services. The offer of the managers will, if accepted, advance the pay of 55,000 railway employees southwest, West and Northwest. The schedule of advances applies to every railway entering the Northwest and the Pacific Northwest."

That Canada's day has come, is undoubtedly a truism. That Mexico's day is coming is a truism too. As the two countries are drawn closer together by reciprocal commercial bonds, so will it add impetus to the trade towards the prosperity of both, and each will reap advantages which such trade bonds are ever known to promote.

The steamer Georgia, which will make the inaugural trip on the Canadian-Mexican Pacific Steamship Company's line, has been reported at Tiquique on her way to Victoria.

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London Election Bitterly Contested

Municipal Reformers Reported to Have Gained Forty-Three Seats in the County Council.

London, March 3.—London was in the throes of an election yesterday for membership in the London county council that exceeded in bitterness the parliamentary election of 1905.

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