

U. S. WAR FLEET PACIFIC BOUND

PRESIDENT REVIEWED ASSEMBLED VESSELS

Sixteen Battleships Sailed This Morning on 14,000 Mile Cruise--Notable Naval Pageant.

Old Point Comfort, Va., Dec. 15.—The backbone of the United States navy, sixteen first class battleships under the command of Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans sailed this morning for the Pacific ocean on a 14,000 mile cruise.

At ten knots—the speed they went—the squadron headed for the eastern end of the West Indies. After threading their way among the reefs of the Indies, the fleet will bring up at Trinidad on Christmas eve, the first stage of its journey at an end.

The belted sides of each armor-clad ship fairly studded to-day with the press of heavy stores and ammunition, while decks resounded with the footfalls of a thousand men in quarters.

President Roosevelt, accompanied by a party of guests came down from Washington on the naval yacht Mayflower. The Mayflower arrived at Old Point Comfort at 8:10 o'clock this morning, the arrival being announced by the firing of the national salute of 21 guns from the fleet.

There followed a brief reception on board, the president having a farewell message for the admirals and the 16 commanding officers who are taking the ships through the West Indies to San Francisco. At the conclusion of the meeting on the Mayflower's quarter-deck, President Roosevelt shook each officer cordially by the hand and as they went over the side he bade them an official adieu.

Then for a journey of nearly 10 miles the president, as commander-in-chief of the American army and navy, led the long line of battleships out into Chesapeake Bay. They followed his flag to Thimble Shoal light just five miles inside the capes where the Mayflower turned aside and dropped her anchor for the final review.

PETERMAN MURDER TRIAL

Verdict of Murder Returned Against Wife of Victim—Recommended to Mercy. Maccled, Alb., Dec. 15.—The jury in the Peterman murder trial was out for over two hours on Saturday and returned a verdict of guilty against Mrs. Peterman charged with shooting her husband with intent to kill.

MOVING PICTURE THEATRES.

Attorney General Orders Closure on Sunday of Amusements in Montreal. Montreal, Dec. 15.—The attorney general of the province has ordered the closing up on Sunday of all moving picture theatres. There will be some ten cases in connection with this order.

RAISED LARGE SUM. Toronto Ont., Dec. 15.—Bathurst Street Methodist church yesterday raised over \$14,000 to lift the mortgage from the church.

LYNCH LAW. Summary Justice Executed on Mississippi Negro Who Assaulted Two Girls.

McHenry, Miss., Dec. 15.—News reached here today of the lynching last night of Patrick Husband, alias Pat Jones, a negro, about eight miles east of here. Husband was charged with assaulting the two daughters of Dalton Rouse, a well known planter. About 100 armed men caught the negro and shot him to death. Husband was convicted two years ago at Perkins-town, Miss., for assaulting a white girl and served a term for this offence.

HON. CLIFFORD SIFTON. Advocate of All Red Line Will Not Be Candidate at Next General Election.

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—The announcement is forthcoming that Hon. Clifford Sifton will not be a candidate for Brandon or any other constituency at the next election. He has intimated to his fellow Liberals that he will not present himself at the next election, and the party friends in Brandon will therefore soon be looking for a suitable candidate.

RESCUED BY HEROIC YOUTH

SWAM WITH LIFE LINE MID BOILING SEAS

How Captain and Engineer of Wrecked Thomas W. Lawson Were Brought to Safety.

Hughtown, Sicily Islands, Dec. 14.—Late this afternoon, after a long search, Capt. Dow and Engineer Rowe, of the wrecked seven-masted American schooner Thomas W. Lawson, were seen alive on Helwegtor rock, to which they had clung for upwards of fifteen hours, the tremendous waves preventing them from making a landing.

A young man named Hicks plunged into the boiling seas and swam to the rock, carrying a life line, by means of which he and the captain hauled back to the boat the engineer, who was practically unharmed. After assisting Capt. Dow, Hicks was able to reach the boat unaided, but the effort exhausted him, and the doctors ordered him to remain quiet to-night.

Capt. Dow told the life-savers that when he found his vessel was doomed, he, the engineer and the pilot, lashed themselves to the mizzen rigging. When the masts fell, the captain and the engineer managed to get clear. They jumped to the deck, but were washed overboard, being carried by the currents to the rocks, where they were found. Pilot Hicks, however, seemed to be entangled in the rigging.

Allen, one of the rescued men, is not expected to live, while Capt. Dow is suffering from a fractured arm. His rescue was effected only through the almost superhuman efforts of the life-savers and the gallantry of Frederick Hicks, the son of Pilot Hicks, who accompanied them on their second trip, in the hope of finding his father, who it eventually turned out had gone down when the vessel turned turtle.

Of the crew of eighteen, including Pilot Hicks, who boarded the vessel from a life-saver's boat during the night, only three were rescued. These were Capt. G. W. Dow, of Melrose, Mass., D. L. Rowe, engineer, of Wiscasset, Maine, and Geo. Allen, of Bradford, Eng.

SLEEPING, HE CUT HIS THROAT. Suicide Suggestion So Strong in Dream, Salem Man Slashes Himself With Razor. Salem, Dec. 15.—While dreaming he was cutting his throat, Wm. Thorne last night actually took a razor and severed some large veins and his windpipe. He is likely to recover.

DISASTROUS FIRE IN BEAUSEJOUR

Flames Made Clean Sweep of Several Buildings in Little Town--Damage \$30,000.

Beausejour, Man., Dec. 15.—Fire broke out this morning in the Berger hotel and made a clean sweep of the Hotel Berger's livery, barn and pool-room, the Vass livery barn, Maddin's general store and hardware establishment, and also some smaller buildings. Great efforts were put forth by the citizens to check the flames and to save the adjoining buildings. The absence of fire protection, however, left considerable property at the mercy of the flames. The fire is said to have originated in the furnace room of the hotel.

The house is a complete loss, with the furniture, but several bugles and cutters were saved from the stable. Thirty head of horses were also saved from the livery barn. The loss is about \$30,000.

BARQUE PREY OF GIANT SEAS

EDMUND PHINNEY WAS BATTERED TO PIECES

Attempting to Pass Sandy Hook Vessel Piled up on Sands--Crew's Hairbreadth Escape

New York, Dec. 15.—Caught in the storm of wind and snow that swept down from the northeast on Saturday, the American barque Edmund Phinney, Capt. Alfred Anderson, was piled up on the sands of Sandy Hook and battered to pieces by mountainous seas.

With great difficulty the crew, half dead from exposure, were rescued by the Sandy Hook and Spermaceti Cove life-saving crews, after clinging to the hull for several hours, the last man scarcely having swung off in the breeches buoy when the broken and battered craft went to pieces and disappeared within the boiling waters.

Not another man could have been saved, so suddenly did the barque disintegrate before the gale which had driven her ashore. The crew are safely housed by the life-savers, but are still suffering from the hours of exposure to storm and cold, while clinging to the rigging.

The Edmund Phinney was bound from Savannah, Ga., to Perth Amboy, laden with lumber and railroad ties. The storm came upon her as she hove in sight of the lighthouse at Navesink, about two o'clock on Saturday morning. When she reached the lighthouse the sea was lashed by a driving northeast gale and the air was thick with snow. Capt. Anderson attempted to pass in through the south channel, which is surrounded by shoals, but lost his course and the little craft struck the shoal about a mile from the Hook.

DEATH FOLLOWS TRAGEDY.

Whitewood, Sask., Dec. 15.—A sad feature of the recent discovery of the remains of the long-missing man, Alex. Calder, was the death of his daughter following the announcement of the discovery. Miss Calder was in precarious health and after being informed of her father's fate she sank rapidly and her death was only a matter of some hours. Father and daughter were interred in Wapella cemetery at the same time.

TORONTO UNEMPLOYED.

Registered Number of Out of Works is 2,740. Toronto, Dec. 15.—The total number of registered men out of work in Toronto is 2,740. This of course does not include the great army of unemployed men who do not belong to the ranks of organized labor. It is also understood that at least 300 clerks in big stores have been laid off.

MONTREAL \$15,000 BLAZE.

Montreal, Dec. 15.—Fire last night did damage to the extent of \$15,000, to the premises on Craig Street west, occupied by the Dominion Radiator Company the Livingston Clothing Company, F. L. Birch, importer, and Lawson & Jones, lithographers. The adjoining premises occupied by G. D. Ross and Thrads & Dennis Sign Co. were also damaged to some extent.

"GREATEST" SINCE THE REFORMATION

Winnipeg Minister Reviewed History of Church Union Agitation in Canada.

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—If the present negotiations for church union come to a successful termination the results will be further reaching I believe than even confederation. The opportunity that presents itself to the Presbyterian Church of Canada to-day is not one that occurs once in a generation but it is the greatest that has been presented the church since the Reformation.

This was the way Principal Patrick summed up the church union movement in an address at Westminster church when he reviewed the whole history of the agitation. He gave a clear idea to the large audience of what these changes would mean for Canadian Presbyterians. The reports which have been published in the press, said Dr. Patrick, had been of the most meagre description because only results had been furnished them. Only a minister could construe them so as to gain any adequate idea in regard to what was really being done.

KILDONA BREAKS TO PIECES.

Thompson Liner Was Wrecked on Brazil Rock Off Cape Sable. Halifax, N. S., Dec. 15.—Reports from the mainland this morning indicate that the Thompson liner Kildona which struck Brazil rock off Cape Sable on Sunday morning, broke up in yesterday's storm.

SCULPTOR STRAPPED TO DECK. Montreal Girl Modelled Under Trying Conditions in Tempestuous Atlantic.

New York, Dec. 15.—The Times today says: "Pierra Allieu, the French sculptor who arrived on the Lorraine yesterday amused the passengers by making clay models of Miss Eutherland of Montreal, who was on board and had to be strapped in position, owing to the rolling of the steamer while he modelled her features. After it was completed the model was disposed of for \$100, \$50 of the money realized being given to the musicians, the remaining \$50 will be paid for having the work bronzed here."

OUT OF WORK TRAGEDY. Despondent Hungarian Shot Two Women—Then Killed Himself.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 15.—Otto Smigler, a Hungarian tailor, yesterday shot and probably wounded Mrs. Caroline Webster, and seriously wounded Miss Myrtle Spence, and then killed himself. The tragedy occurred at the home of Mrs. Webster, a grocer's wife, from whom he had secured a room. He had been out of employment for some time and was despondent.

CANADA, LAND OF SUNSHINE

MORE FAVORED THAN WESTERN EUROPE

Salient Feature of Her Climate is Perfection of Summers and Autumns.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 15.—In an address before the Canadian Club on Saturday, R. F. Stupart, of the meteorological office, Toronto, gave a comprehensive description of the climate of Canada.

He said that while Europeans thought Canada was a northerly country, Ottawa was further south than Venice, Toronto 550 miles south of London, and Winnipeg about 100 miles south. The mildest winters in Canada are in southern Alberta.

Of the country lying between Lakes Athabasca, Slave and Hudson Bay, Mr. Stupart is dubious as to whether it could ever be used for agricultural purposes. At Fort Churchill the mean and 45° below zero, the mean for July is not as high as in the Mackenzie river at the Arctic circle.

Along other items in the address were statements that one inch of rain means 2,000 tons per square mile. All Canada was favored with more sunshine than any portion of Great Britain, Germany, Holland, or Northern France. The summer percentage of the Dominion was between 54 and 59 while in southernmost England the percentage was generally between 25 and 45. The salient feature of Canada's climate, Mr. Stupart said, was not the cold of winter but the perfection of the summers and autumns.

FRUIT CULTIVATION IN OKANAGAN

C. P. R. Superintendent Reports Remarkable Progress--Great Irrigation Project in Alberta

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 15.—R. R. Jamieson, general superintendent of the central division of the C. P. R., arrived in the city yesterday from Calgary. During the past two weeks Mr. Jamieson has been on a vacation in the Okanagan valley, where he says remarkable progress is being made in the cultivation of fruit. The general situation in Alberta is very favorable.

One of the large ranchers of the province who came east with Mr. Jamieson said that there was an abundance of water in the alouahs, much hay had been cut during the season, and the cattle were in good condition. Work on the irrigation project of the C. P. R., the largest of its kind on the continent, is proceeding satisfactorily. Several farmers used the irrigation water last summer, but only in an experimental way. Next year the water will be available for a large number, and will be used in ordinary agricultural operations.

MAYOR COMMITTED.

D. M. Burchill, of Glace Bay, Must Stand Trial on Charge of Embezzlement. Glace Bay, C. B., Dec. 15.—David M. Burchill, former superintendent of stores of the Dominion Coal Company and the mayor of Glace Bay, has been committed for trial on a charge of embezzlement.

ENLARGING OTTAWA.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—Ottawa's population will be swelled to 77,000 by the annexation of the suburbs of Ottawa East, Hintonburg, Ottawa South, and Nepeanville.

GRUESOME FIND IN THE PARK

C. WALLER VICTIM OF FINANCIAL PANIC

Body of Wealthy Suicide, Missing for a Week, Discovered by Accident Yesterday

The mystery surrounding the disappearance of C. Waller, a wealthy Englishman who came here four weeks ago from San Diego, Cal., was cleared up yesterday morning when his body was discovered by William Dennison lying in a clump of bushes at Beacon Hill park with a 32-calibre revolver in the right hand and bullet wounds in the abdomen and head. Dennison's gruesome find revealed the sixth local suicide of the past month, and the first tragedy in this city that can be traced to the far-reaching effects of the recent financial panic in the United States.

Waller disappeared on Saturday last and the city police were at once notified by his sister, Mrs. Bell, who lives at 520 Menzies street. It was known that Waller had been affected by the currency situation and that he had been unable to negotiate cheques on his San Diego bank and, although his loss had been slight, the fact that he had been much perturbed during the last couple of weeks caused his sister some apprehension. All efforts failed to trace him during the week and the solution of his disappearance resulted through a mere chance.

William Dennison, an employe of Prior & Co., while taking a walk in the park yesterday morning, strayed along an unfrequented path leading into the bushes near the bear pits. He came upon Waller lying over a mound of earth, with a bullet wound in his forehead and another in his abdomen, while his right thumb was stuck through the guard of a small revolver. The police were at once notified and the body was brought into the city.

From all appearances Waller must have killed himself week ago, probably on Saturday last, the day that he was reported to be missing. The man was wearing two vests and was dressed in a Norfolk suit. He had evidently unbuttoned his jacket, raised his vests and deliberately shot himself in the abdomen, as there were no holes in his clothing. Falling to end his life by this act, he had raised the revolver to his head and fired between his eyes. Four empty cartridges were found in the weapon.

While no message has yet been found among the dead man's belongings which would indicate premeditation of his rash deed, there is little doubt that Waller took his own life. He had been somewhat troubled through the failure of a bank in which he was a depositor, but it is said that he was a comparatively small loser in this instance and was more concerned about other financial matters, none of which, however, had resulted disastrously up to the time of his disappearance.

Waller was a middle-aged Englishman and had spent several years in California, living on his means. He came to this city a month ago and was negotiating for the purchase of Mrs. Densmull's property at the corner of Menzies and Quebec streets, where he resided with his sister, Mrs. Bell. Mrs. Bell came from Australia a short time ago to join him here.

CAREFULLY PLANNED DEATH BY HANGING

With Noose Around His Neck Unknown Winnipeg Suicide Jumped Through Trap Door

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 15.—An unknown man committed suicide yesterday morning in a barn at the rear of 824 Aberdeen avenue. No one in the vicinity was able to recognize the victim.

The man had made careful preparations before taking the drop. He had tied a heavy wire to one of the beams of the barn. To this he had attached a length of stout clothes line. After placing a noose around his neck it appeared that he jumped through a trap door getting a fall of several feet before the rope tightened.

When found he had been dead for several hours, for rigor mortis had set in. Whether he had died late on Saturday night or some time on Sunday morning could not be told. A careful search of the clothing of the dead man revealed nothing that would serve as a clue to his identity. A knife, tobacco pipe, and several trinkets were all that he contained. The man was apparently about 50 or 55 years of age. He had iron gray hair, cut fairly short, a sandy mustache, of about four days' growth and a wart on the left eye lid. His clothing was that of a laboring man, consisting of a dark gray coat and vest, with dark trousers of a brownish tint.

POULTRY IN WINNIPEG.

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—This week 175 tons of poultry were brought into Winnipeg from Eastern provinces. Prices dropped three cents.

EX-FIRE CHIEF SENTENCED. Incendiary Must Serve Fourteen Years in Penitentiary for Firing Hotel and Forgery.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Dec. 15.—George Raymond, until recently fire chief of Blind River, on Saturday night was found guilty of incendiarism in connection with a fire at the Campbell hotel on September 2nd, and was sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary. On a forgery charge on which he was convicted on Friday, having written a letter to himself, signing the name of Oullette Bros. which offered himself \$500 to set fire to certain buildings, Raymond was sentenced to seven years, both sentences to run consecutively.

HON. A. BRUCE IN WINNIPEG.

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—Hon. A. Bruce, son of Earl Elgin, with A. C. Devernis, secretary of the earl, are here to-day and will remain several days. Hon. Mr. Bruce is the grandson of the former governor-general of Canada, and the son of the present Earl of Elgin, who was born in Canada. Mr. Bruce is making an extensive tour of Canada, participating in the social life and engaging in shooting expeditions.

CHURCH RIGHTS TRAMPLED ON

POPE PIUS DEALT WITH IMPIOUS ATTACKS

Alluded to Disastrous Propaganda in Bosom of Catholicism--New Cardinals Created

Rome, Dec. 15.—Pope Pius X today held a secret consistory in the Vatican in which he created four new cardinals and preconised several bishops.

The new cardinals appointed are Monsignor Pietro Gasparri, secretary of the Congregation of Extraordinary Ecclesiastical affairs; Monsignor Delal, secretary of the congregation of the council; Monsignor Ludovic Henry Lucon, archbishop of Rheims, and Monsignor Paul Pierre Andeu, archbishop of Marseille. The pope made the official announcement of the appointment of Monsignor Kennedy, rector of the American college here to be titular bishop of Adrianopolis, and the appointment of Monsignor Dennis O'Connell, rector of the Catholic University at Washington to be titular bishop of Sebaste.

The pope delivered an eloquent in which he made reference to the tenacious persecution of the Redeemer and said that his church has been attacked from all sides in a warfare open or dissimulated. The rights and laws of the church had been trampled on even by those who should safeguard them, and the impious and vulgar press had fought her even to the extent of disturbing the public. The Pontiff cited the recent disorders in Italy.

To this must be added, he continued, the disastrous propaganda in the bosom of Catholicism itself, which is being carried on by modernists who disdain the pontifical authority, and desire themselves authoritatively to sanction a new faith and a conscience. If the Modernists would enlist themselves frankly among the enemies of the church this evil would be less; as it is, they proclaim themselves Catholic, parts of the sacrament and celebrate mass, fulfilling his apostolic duty, the Pope said he had adopted against the Modernists such measures as were necessary, striving particularly to save young clergymen from perversion.

The conclusion of the eloquent reads: "The episcopacy has accepted the papal directions with eagerness and has applied them with zeal, but the Modernists persevere in their rebellion and give manifest proof of their attitude even in the press. May God enlighten these misled ones."

ADOPTED PLATFORM OF SOCIALISM

Decision of Alberta Unions and Farmers' Society in Convention at Calgary.

Calgary, Alb., Dec. 15.—After a lively discussion occupying nearly the entire session of Saturday afternoon, the delegates at the convention of the Alberta unions and the Farmers' Society decided by a vote of 37 to 19 to adopt the name and the platform of the Socialist party of Canada as their platform for the future.

The opinion of a great many of the delegates was that the platform should be adopted and another name chosen, but when it came to a vote these switched and the result was as stated above. The Socialists expect to have two candidates in the field in southern Alberta, and possibly two in the north. The officers elected were: Executive council, A. Henderson, president; G. Howell, secretary; W. J. Brown and J. Harrison, all of Calgary; W. McCormick, of Lethbridge; C. W. Sheringfield, of Edmonton; H. Evans, of Taber, and J. Lehnay, of Coleman. Lehnay is organizer.

DEALT WITH TRADE OF DOMINION

INSTRUCTIVE SPEECH BY HON. SYDNEY FISHER

Minister of Agriculture Effectively Repelled Conservative Insinuations--Obstruction Policy

(Special Correspondence of the Times). Ottawa, Dec. 9.—Just to show the country what an active lot of fighters they are, the limited little band of politicians who compose the opposition have plainly marked upon a policy of obstruction. They have used their sleeves amendments galore on the address in reply to the speech from the throne, said amendment consisting of "featured" planks of Mr. Borden's Halifax platform, that rare product of constructive statesmanship which was so dexterously labelled by the premier in the course of his great speech.

The first amendment which Mr. Cockshutt, of Brantford, introduced with a "blue-ruin" and "soup kitchen speech," which also took in the usual election scandal cry and advocated protection as "high as Haman's gallows," was snuffed out by a majority of thirty-nine. The lumberous wall of the member for Brantford was strongly reminiscent of an equally tearful utterance by Sir Charles Tupper when the Fielding tariff was first brought into being, and it failed to impress the House. It is the inalienable right, a privilege that descended from the fathers of opposition, to describe the country as speeding madly to the bow-wow.

It is quite patent to gallery spectators that the heavy ordnance of parliament has been fired, as far as the speech from the throne is concerned, and the debate is rapidly nearing the sharpshoot and sniping stage. The last few days have witnessed quite a lengthy discussion regarding rural mail delivery, which has become the basis for amendment No. 2, fathered by Mr. Armstrong, Conservative member for East Lambton.

Among the interesting and instructive speeches delivered thus far, that of Hon. Sydney Fisher, minister of agriculture, should receive special mention. In dealing with the "blue-ruin" observation of Mr. Cockshutt, of Brantford, the minister said: "There is another subject on which I wish to say a few words, and which is a subject which has been dwelt on by the leader of the opposition and the member for Brantford. I do not wish to refer to the old bugaboo of the balance of trade, and I use the word 'bugaboo' adverbially. Hon. gentlemen opposite are now trying to make out that because in Canada we have a larger volume of imports than of exports the country is being ruined. Let me point out in a few words—before adjournment—and I want to finish before adjournment—that the best political economists have for years and years declared sympathetically that the theory that a country which imports more than it exports is doing a bad business, is not in consonance with the facts as shown in the history of Canada, of the United States and of most European countries. I have here the figures of our trade for four five year periods, starting with 1905 and going back. Between 1901 and 1905 our excess of imports was very large, and in these five years it amounted to \$46,000,000, or an average of \$15,000,000 a year. Imports over exports in the five years from 1896 to 1900 we had an excess of exports to the amount of \$24,000,000, and that is the only one of these five years periods during which there was an excess of exports. Between 1891 and 1895 we had an excess of imports of \$49,000,000, and between 1886 and 1890 we had an excess of imports amounting to \$16,000,000. I point hon. gentlemen to the fact that from 1886 to 1890, when the national policy so called by them was in its full vigor; the national policy to which they still—no, they don't still pin their faith to it, but they used to—when the national policy was in its full growth and force there was an excess of exports in these five years of \$16,000,000. Mr. Taylor: Will the minister of agriculture read the speeches made by Sir Richard Cartwright, who declared then that that condition was the ruin of the country."

Mr. Fisher: I am making my own speech, and the hon. gentleman (Mr. Taylor) can make his afterwards. Mr. Taylor: Read Sir Richard's speech. Mr. Fisher: Let the hon. gentleman (Mr. Taylor) make an original speech of his own and show us what he can do himself. From 1891 to 1895, when every one will admit that the national policy was in its decline, when these gentlemen opposite know that the country was not doing as well as it was during the five previous years, the excess of imports was \$49,000,000, or a great deal, less than one half what it was in the previous five years. There was change of government in 1896, and the fact is, in fact, that that change was not felt in the country for some few years. It did not take five years of Liberal rule to make the country prosperous, but still during the first five years of our regime there was an excess of exports, although the development of production in Canada came quickly to the fore under our policy. During the first few years after we put our policy in force the farmers of Canada began to be better off, and the result was an excess of agricultural exports, and only during these five years out of the last 16 years in Canada was there an excess of exports over imports.

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## RIGHT TO COAL ON PROPERTY

### A SETTLER'S RIGHTS CASE IS IN COURT

**E. & N. Railway Company Take Action Under the Provincial Act to Claim Possession**

The case brought by the E. & N. Railway Company against Mrs. Fiddick was opened this morning in the Supreme court, with Chief Justice Hunter on the bench.

There was some show of popular interest in the case, quite a few spectators being in attendance. But there was nothing very satisfactory popularly in the nature of the proceedings, which were given almost exclusively to a discussion of dry technicalities touching the admission of documents, in evidence and the proprieties of procedure in connection therewith.

E. V. Bodwell, K. C., and A. L. Luxton, K. C., appeared for the plaintiff company, and L. G. McPhillips, associated with Wooten & Goward, for the defence.

This case involves the determination of settlers' rights to minerals on their lands under the Settlers' Rights Act. It was occasioned indirectly by the purchase of a certain coal property on the Fiddick farm, near Wellington, by John Archibut and others who are now mining there, and against whom an injunction was applied for and disallowed. The railway company contends that the coal is not included in the grants under which the settlers got their lands, and that consequently they have no right to dispose of the same.

Certain documents, including the order in council, incorporating the railway company, were put in evidence by Mr. Bodwell, and Wm. Gore, formerly deputy minister of lands and works, was examined in connection therewith. He testified that the lands in question were included in the reserve made in 1873 for railway purposes. After the passing of the Railway Act the province acted as the agent for the lands, until they were patented to the railway company. Prior to the reserve of 1873, 86,348 acres of land, within the railway belt were disposed of.

Mr. McPhillips submitted the crown grant issued by the province to Mrs. Fiddick in 1895, and there was some dispute on technicalities concerning its admission. This crown grant was signed by F. J. Fulton, chief commissioner of lands and works.

George Courtney, formerly traffic manager of the E. & N., was called by the plaintiff to prove that there was a transfer connection between the island line and the Canadian Pacific since 1900, the purpose of this being to show that the E. & N. was subject to federal legislation during this period.

Cross-examination was made by Mr. McPhillips to show that this transfer of freight between the railways was made under an agreement which was of a common character in railway business.

Mr. Bodwell produced documents setting forth the grounds on which the Fiddick crown grant was issued, and considerable dispute ensued as to the purport and propriety of this evidence.

The case is being continued this afternoon, it being anticipated that a number of witnesses would be called on both sides.

### LEAVING CITY.

A. Whitley Has Been Transferred to Bank Branch in Winnipeg.

A. Whitley, manager of the local branch of the Royal Bank of Canada, has been transferred to Winnipeg and will take charge of the branch in that city on the beginning of January. Mr. Whitley, who has been in Victoria for the past eighteen months, has made a host of friends who will be pleased to hear of his promotion, at the same time regretting that he is to leave the city.

T. Drysdale Vetch, of Halifax England, who is to succeed Mr. Whitley, has arrived at Vancouver, and will be here during the next few days.

Next Wednesday evening Court Victoria A. O. F. will hold its monthly dance. All members are requested to be present.

This morning H. G. Blanchard, of Craigflower road died suddenly after a short illness. Deceased leaves a widow and two small children. The funeral will take place from the family residence, Craigflower road, on Wednesday at 2:30 p. m.

To-morrow evening a meeting of the Victoria Asiatic Exclusion League will be held in the Odd Fellows' hall, Spring Ridge. The speakers for the evening will be: Mayor Morley, Dr. Lewis Hall, Ald. Gleason, Mr. Andrews and others. All are cordially invited to attend.

### GERMAN COURT SCANDAL.

Action of Count Von Moltke Against Editor Harden to Be Heard on Thursday.

Berlin, Dec. 16.—The prosecution of Maximilian Harden, editor of Die Zukunft, by Count Kuno Von Moltke, who is attempting to vindicate himself in the accusations brought out during the previous hearing of the Harden-Von Moltke case, has been postponed until next Thursday because Harden is too ill to appear in court. The case will now be taken up by the state's attorney and heard before a criminal bench of five judges.

### TWO YEARS FOR BIGAMY.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 15.—Ewart Treasher, the young man who pleaded guilty of bigamy last week, was sentenced this morning to two years in Kingston penitentiary. Treasher was also convicted of theft, but sentence on this count was deferred.

**QUEEN CAROLA DEAD.**  
Dresden, Dec. 16.—The body of the Dowager Queen Carola of Saxony, who died early this morning, lying in state in the winter garden of the villa where she had died. It will be transferred to the Catholic court church in Dresden to-morrow evening. It will lie in state a second time until the funeral, which has been fixed for Wednesday evening at six o'clock.

### NEW BRUNSWICK ELECTIONS.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 16.—There is every indication that the general provincial elections will be held next Monday, and that no session will be held until after the contest.

## MAGISTRATE DID NOT GIVE DECISION

**Judgment Reserved in Case Taken Against the Dallas Hotel for Violating Law**

Judgment has not yet been given in the case taken against the Dallas hotel for selling liquor on Sunday contrary to the Liquor Act. The evidence for the prosecution was given this morning but the defence contented itself with an application for a dismissal without putting in any evidence.

The circumstances in connection with the case are well known to Times readers. The offence is alleged to have been committed several weeks ago, the liquor being sold to Wm. Lang.

This morning Mr. Lang gave evidence, but could remember little of what took place.

Dr. Hall told of the condition of Mr. Lang while at the hospital, where he was taken.

The evidence of Mr. McLean, who had been in the hotel on the day in question, gave occasion to provoke some sharp passages between W. Moresby, representing the defendants, and Chief Langley, who had charge of the prosecution.

Mr. Moresby objected on several occasions to the chief's manner of questioning his own witness. He intimated that he was treating him as though under cross-examination. The style of the chief alone was objectionable.

The chief took serious objection to the construction put upon his questioning. He said he was but doing his duty as a public prosecutor, and should not be subjected to such insinuations as had been used against him. He was but carrying out the instructions of those who got the evidence.

Mr. McLean in his evidence said he had got brandy and port wine in the bar of the Dallas and taken it to Mr. Lang's room, but he did not take it. It was thrown away.

In reply to Mr. Moresby witness said the chief had told him that if the case was won by the prosecution he would probably get about \$2.50. If the other side won he would probably get only 75 cents.

In reply to Chief Langley witness was made to explain this fully, which was to the effect that when witness had become anxious to know what fees were to be paid, Chief Langley had said that under the criminal code only about 75 cents would be paid if the case was lost. If the prosecution succeeded and the defendant had to pay costs, probably about \$2.50 a day might be charged as witness fees.

Mr. Moresby, on the completion of the case for the prosecution, applied to have it dismissed, arguing that it had not been shown who were the holders of the license for the hotel, an essential feature of the case.

He also raised the point that Mr. Lang, under the law, was a guest at the hotel, as he was registered and had a room. He was therefore entitled to receive liquor on Sunday.

A third point taken was that the new by-law of the city was defective, inasmuch as it did not cover such a case as this. Licensed premises under the barroom at a billiard room attached. The liquor, according to the contention of the other side, was not consumed in the barroom, and therefore no case could be established according to the charge laid.

Magistrate Jay reserved his judgment in order to look into the points raised.

A permit has been granted to B. J. Boulton for the erection of a 1 1/2 storey house on Richardson street, to cost \$3,000. Robert Heatherington is the contractor.

Four hours' hard thinking exhausts the ordinary person as much as 10 hours of manual labor.

## AN ADDRESS TO BISHOP CRIDGE

### ON ATTAINING HIS NINETIETH BIRTHDAY

**A Presentation Will be Made To-morrow to Honored Clergyman of This City**

To-morrow, the 17th inst., one of the most prominent local celebrities and one of the Dominion's leading divines, Right Reverend Bishop Cridge, will be the recipient of a shower of congratulations upon the attainment of his ninetyeth year. A committee from his church, the Reformed Episcopal, will present him with an address expressing the well-wishes and congratulations of numerous citizens who have embraced the opportunity to sign it.

The reverend gentleman, who, although already well beyond the allotted three score years and ten, enjoys the best of health, has been identified with the growth of the Protestant church in British Columbia since the year 1855, when he first came to Victoria from Devon, England. Upon completing a trip of six months' duration from England, by way of the Sandwich Islands, Bishop Cridge was appointed chaplain



BISHOP CRIDGE.

of the Hudson's Bay Company fort, Fort Victoria, as it was then known. In his parish were 600 white people, and he preached in the fort until his church and residence was built by the company.

He was rector of the Anglican church until 1874, when the church was divided over a question of ritualism. Mr. Cridge was then selected as rector of a Reformed Episcopal church founded by one section of the congregation. In 1878 Mr. Cridge attended the convention of Reformed Episcopal delegates in Ottawa, when he was appointed a bishop and deputed to act as a delegate to the Free Church of England.

An interesting fact in connection with this "Grand Old Man of British Columbia," as he has been often termed, is that he is still dean of the Anglican cathedral. He was appointed to this position in early days, and, as the title is a life one, still fills the post.

Throughout his long and useful life Bishop Cridge has won and held the respect of all who have been honored by his acquaintance. His ninetyeth birthday is an event of importance, not only in his own life, but in the history of the city. He attains it serenely, enjoying the evening of his career in the retreat of his home.

In consequence of the regrettable indisposition of Miss Cridge, no formal reception will be tendered to-morrow, but Bishop Cridge will be pleased to see all friends desirous of expressing their congratulations on the happy event at his residence to-morrow afternoon.

Ald. Lewis Hall makes a formal announcement in to-night's issue of his intention to contest the election for the position of mayor at the next election.

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**DIED.**  
BLANCHARD—At residence, Craigflower road, on the 16th inst., H. S. Blanchard, a native of Devonshire, England, aged 44 years.

Funeral will take place from residence as above, on Wednesday, Dec. 18th, at 2:30 p. m. Friends please accept this intimation.

CALDWELL—On the 14th inst., at Royal Jubilee Hospital, Hugh Caldwell, aged 68 years, and a native of Ireland.

The funeral will take place from the Hanna Chapel, Yates street, to-morrow at 3 o'clock, and the Rev. G. K. B. Adams will officiate. Friends please accept this intimation.

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LOST—On the Carey road Saturday afternoon, English setter bitch, color white with black ticks. Reward, \$5. Sea.

LOST—On Government street, a lady's gold watch and chain. Finder please return to this office. Reward.

## MAYORALTY TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA.

Ladies and Gentlemen:  
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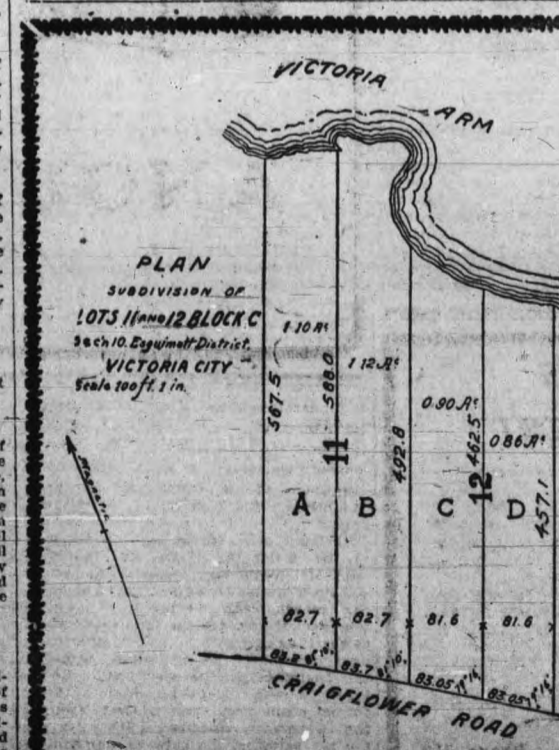
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**KRUGER TOMB OUTRAGE.**  
Lieut. Clark, Lieut. Herring, and Mr. Dickson, who were arrested on Oct. 20th for the assassination of Kruger's grave, were at Pretoria committed for trial, bail of \$1250 each being allowed. Expert evidence was given that the finger prints on the pedestal of the Kruger tomb, were not those of the accused.

**MANY EXILED TO SIBERIA**  
**DRASTIC PUNISHMENT OF SOCIAL DEMOCRATS**

Russia's Supreme Tribunal Condemned Noblemen and Mob Orators Alike for High Treason.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 14. — Sentence was pronounced this afternoon on the Social Democrat members of the lower house, whose arrest was the indirect cause of the dissolution of the second duma. The punishment inflicted is unexpectedly heavy. Eight deputies, including Annikin, Annisimof, Dzhabardze and Corince Tzerelitz, are condemned to five years' labor in the mines and subsequent deportation to Siberia.

Nine others, including Batastheff, Bilibzoff and Kirtenko, are sent to the mines for four years and will be deported. Ten deputies are sent into perpetual exile in Siberia. The leader in the military organization, Tapadnik, and two women, Madame Morizvain and Madame Subbotina, shared the heaviest sentence, five years in the mines, and deportation.

Six soldiers who were accused of agitating among their comrades are given four years in the mines and deportation. Ten deputies who succeeded in proving that they were not connected with the Socialist organization were acquitted.

Among the men condemned are three noblemen, and their sentences must be approved by the Emperor. The deputies were accused of forming an organization, the aims of which were to overthrow the existing government and the institution of a republic. The specifications declared they had incited the soldiers to mutiny and the public to insurrection.

They were tried by the judicial section of the senate, the highest supreme tribunal in Russia, the gist of the formal trial charge being high treason. The counsel for the defense concentrated his arguments to prove that Social Democracy is a legitimate political party organization. Professing its tenets throughout the civilized world and expecting to see them realized through the ballot, did not mean conspiracy. The procurator, however, successfully maintained the original accusation.

A committee of the second duma, composed of leading lawyers, who investigated the charges, was given no opportunity to submit its report, the dissolution of the Duma abruptly closing its labors. The committee voted, however, that the charges were unsubstantial in character.

The present trial proceeded in secret, neither the accused Social Democrats nor their attorneys being present, and the public was refused admittance. No reports were issued, and ingenious fiction was resorted to. In order to comply with the requirements of the law that sentence be pronounced with open doors, the doors were opened, but the police kept everybody out of the room, with the exception of the trial board and the prosecution.

Deputies Alexinsky and Ozel, and a number of others who were included in the original indictment, fled the country so that they are not among those who have been sentenced.

During the progress of their trials, the impeached deputies have received telegrams from their colleagues, from members of the British House of Commons and the French, Italian and German chambers.

The severity of the sentence has created a bad impression. It is taken for granted, however, that some of those convicted will ultimately manage to escape from Siberia.

**WAS GERMAN CONSUL AT VANCOUVER**

Johann Wulffsohn, Who Has Resigned, May Be Succeeded by Carl Loewenberg.

Vancouver, Dec. 14. — The resignation of Johann Wulffsohn as Imperial German consul in this city, tendered six months ago, has just been accepted by the German Foreign Office. Mr. Wulffsohn has filled the position for nearly fourteen years. In accepting the resignation, Prince Von Buelow, the German chancellor, wrote a felicitous letter, thanking him for his valuable services.

Mr. Wulffsohn will devote all his time to his private business affairs. It

is understood that Carl Loewenberg, German consul at Victoria, will shortly administer the affairs of the Vancouver consulate pending the appointment of a permanent official. Meantime Mr. Wulffsohn is acting consul.

"I have been trying to be relieved of the duties for nearly six years," said Mr. Wulffsohn to-day. "My application was always pigeon-holed. Six months ago, owing to the large increase of my private business affairs, I again sent in my resignation and pressed for its acceptance before the beginning of the new year. Recently it was accepted, and with the formal notification came a letter from the German chancellor thanking me for my services. I have recommended that Carl Loewenberg, the German consul at Victoria, be acting consul

here until my successor shall have been appointed.

"I intend to devote all my energies to my large mining and real estate and industrial interests. I am also projecting a railway enterprise which will largely contribute to the development of a portion of the interior of British Columbia. I shall continue to reside in this city."

Mr. Wulffsohn recently interested German capital in several local realty deals and a number of industrial propositions. He is credited with having negotiated in 1901 the largest real estate deal ever closed in this city, when he acquired a total of over 2,200 acres in North Vancouver, and two miles of waterfront on the north shore of Burrard Inlet, between First and Second Narrows. The cash consideration involved was \$350,000.

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Beautifully embroidered handkerchiefs, 25c., 35c., 50c., 75c., 90c., \$1 and ..... \$1.25  
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Our Special Christmas Gift Umbrellas are revelations in most fashionable and artistic workmanship. The tubes are finest wire drawn steel; the frames are Paragon; the handles are exclusive designs, in white, pearl and gold, smoked pearl and gold, sterling silver, gunmetal, natural wood, etc. The smallest folding, most fashionable and most useful Gift Umbrella in the world. Special prices are \$5.75, \$6.50, \$7.50 and ..... \$9.00  
Ladies' every day Gloria Silk Umbrellas, from \$4.75 to ..... 75c.  
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**LOCATED MAGNETIC NORTH POLE**

Ronald Amundsen Received Medal From National Geographical Society of U. S.

Washington, Dec. 14.—With a notable array of guests, including Vice-President Fairbanks, Mr. Bryce, the British ambassador, Mr. Jusserand, the French ambassador, and a host of other members of the diplomatic corps, senators, representatives, prominent officials, distinguished scientists and others, the National Geographical Society, the largest organization of its kind in the world to-day, held its annual banquet in the Willard hotel here. The dinner was featured by the presentation of the Hubbard gold medal of the society to Captain Ronald Amundsen, the Norwegian explorer, for his success in first making the Northwest Passage, and for definitely locating the magnetic North Pole. The medal is awarded annually for the greatest geographical achievement of the year.

Dr. William L. Moore, the president of the society, and chief of the United States weather bureau, presided and introduced the speaker.

**WINNIPEG LAWYER PARALYZED.**

Winnipeg, Dec. 14. — Harold Turnbull, a well-known city lawyer, has had a stroke of paralysis, and much anxiety is occasioned by his many friends. The stroke was altogether unexpected, and he lies in a precarious condition. His many friends wish Mr. Turnbull a speedy recovery.

The Daily Times

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AN INCOMPLETE PICTURE.

Somewhere in one of his books (we believe it is in "A Tramp Abroad") Mark Twain undertakes to define the difference, artistically, between a Study and a Work. According to Mr. Clemens, whose definition must be accepted, as he worked it out in art circles, a Study is a finished article. On Sunday the Colonist entertained, we fear it did not enlighten, its readers with a Study of the constitution as it applies to the political situation in British Columbia consequent upon the disallowance of Mr. Bowser's Natal Act.

When the Lieut.-Governor of this province refused to sign the so-called Natal Act of Mr. Bowser he must have known he was defying the united sentiment of the Legislature. It is now well known that in withholding his signature from the measure he was not acting under instructions from one of the powers to which he is responsible, the Lieut.-Governor in Council at Ottawa. It is inconceivable that in pursuing such a course His Honor acted upon his own individual responsibility. It is equally well known that he had acquainted his chief adviser of what he intended to do. Until all the circumstances are laid before the public, it must be assumed that Mr. McBride had undertaken to defend his Honor's action before the Legislature which unanimously passed the bill. If such had not been the Premier's intention, he most assuredly would have resigned and given the people an opportunity to express their judgment upon a point so vitally affecting their rights and their liberties. If a Lieut.-Governor can "play the game off his own bat" without any of the constitutional checks being brought into play for the purpose of blocking his autocratic pretensions, then there is an end to constitutional government in the province of British Columbia. As matters stand at present, we decline to believe that any Lieut.-Governor would have the hardihood to take such a position. Unfortunately for Premier McBride, his record as a constitutional adviser is not such as to warrant the assumption that he would be quite ready to give up office for the purpose of maintaining a vital constitutional principle. On a previous occasion a Lieut.-Governor expressed lack of confidence in his judgment by refusing to accept as one of his advisers a gentleman nominated by the Premier for a cabinet position. On that occasion Mr. McBride did not adopt the regularly recognized course. He violated his oath of office by laying bare the secrets of the council, throwing the responsibility for his course upon the then Lieut.-Governor. The excuse offered on his behalf then as now, was why should he resign office over a merely minor matter and give the opposition the opportunity for which it was so eager? That is the secret of Mr. McBride's compliance under circumstances which would have impelled any prime minister with a due regard for the requirements of the constitution and the dignity of his position to resign. Some one else might get the post of honor. Remembering the facts, and keeping in view the seal of silence which must always be upon the lips of the Lieut.-Governor, we must assume

for the present that Mr. Dunsmuir in vetoing the Bowser Bill acted upon assurances, actual or implied, that his chief adviser would accept full responsibility for the disallowance of the measure.

There are other features of the case, the subject of street gossip, which may be dealt with on another occasion.

THE FLEET IS OFF.

The fleet has departed, with Admiral Fighting Bob Evans in command, ready, as the commander in chief has said, either for a fight or a frolic, or for any old duty that may turn up. We are told that the majestic progress of this squadron of battleships, etc., the greatest thing of its kind that has ever floated in the waters of the western hemisphere, will arrest the attention of the world. We have no doubt that that statement is true, although possibly not in the sense intended. It is not the personnel or the calibre of Admiral Evans's naval command that will arrest the attention of the world so much as the idea embodied in the cruise. It is a task of considerable magnitude, all things considered, to take a fleet of sixteen battleships, whatever their class from a world point of view, with all their accessories, from the Atlantic to the Pacific Coast. But that is not the point of chief interest in connection with the expedition. The vital thing is that the trip is intended as a demonstration of the ability of the United States to defend all parts of her coasts, west as well as east, against a possibility of invasion. There is but one power in the world that is likely in the present stage of human progress to menace the western coast of America. That power is of course Japan. Diplomatically the relations between the United States and the only exclusively Asiatic power possessing a fleet are of the most cordial character. Each nation expresses on paper its very sincere admiration for and anxiety to cultivate the good graces of the other. But diplomatic exchanges do not invariably express the sentiments of nations. An overwhelming public sentiment may force statesmen into situations of which they distinctly disapprove. The United States has been forced against all the traditions of the nation to enter into the business of colonial expansion. All her colonies are in the Pacific Ocean. These possessions are not likely to excite the ambitions of any other nation than Japan. The Japanese, being essentially an insular people, may some day, if they continue their process of expansion, let their covetous eyes rest upon the Philippines as strategically a portion of their natural empire. Possibly they may consider the Hawaiian Islands in a similar light. Consequently the expedition of the American fleet may be taken as a quiet and inoffensive intimation on the part of the United States that what she has gained she intends to hold even against the forces of manifest destiny. The Philippines and the Hawaiian Islands are rapidly filling up with Orientals, principally Japanese. The Americans in Hawaii have intimated that they cannot get along and increase in wealth lacking the presence of Orientals. So that, all things considered, the dispatch of the American fleet is full of significance. It may pretend much for the future balance of the world. It is not likely the whole of the squadron will go back to the place from whence it came. We do not mean that any of the ships will come to grief as a result of evil weather or defective seamanship, but that the political conditions considered, the Pacific is the ocean in which the services of American ships are most likely to be in demand. Or probably it would be more correct to say, the Pacific is the ocean upon which their moral effect will be most salutary. There is very little probability of the United States being attacked by a European power. Japan is a nation in which a spirit has been engendered which does not fear any power. The Pacific is the only ocean in which the United States is vulnerable. It is a recognition of these facts which has prompted the expedition of Admiral Evans.

Right Rev. Bishop Crige, Victoria's pioneer of pioneers, with all due respect to our liberal-minded Tory friend, Dr. J. S. Helmcken, will celebrate the nineteenth anniversary of his birth to-morrow. We congratulate the venerable gentleman on the length of days he has achieved, and we congratulate him again on the eminent services he has rendered the settlement in which from the earliest days he has been a most conspicuous and deeply loved figure, and hope he may live long in the land to accept the homage of a multitude of sincere admirers of his truly Christian character.

No wonder there is a general public suspicion that there was a conspiracy afoot in high places in British Columbia to have all exclusion legislation suspended until parties interested could "pump in" all the Asiatic immigrants they thought they might require in their business. If the Lieutenant-Governor had not refused his assent to Mr. Bowser's so-called Natal Bill, there was a convenient omission in that bill which would have left a loophole for the benefit of the power behind the government.

There has been a sudden and very welcome change in the appearance of the streets of Victoria. If this city were as a good many other cities on this continent whose streets are frozen or covered with a mantle of the "beautiful" for a considerable portion of the

year, the city council might not come in for so much censure. Nature has done a great deal for us, but she seldom sends Victoria frost as a cleansing agent.

ORIENTAL INFLUX RAISED IN HOUSE

ELOQUENT SPEECH BY RALPH SMITH

Nanaimo M. P. Said Question Was Not a Provincial but an Empire Problem.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—Ralph Smith, M. P., Nanaimo, moved in the House of Commons to-day "that steps should be taken to restrict the influx of Oriental immigrants into Canada. Inasmuch as the policy of the government concerning Chinese immigration has proved entirely satisfactory, a definite policy should be immediately put into operation looking to the accomplishment of equally satisfactory results with regard to all other Oriental immigrants."

Mr. Smith spoke at length, ably and eloquently, on the whole subject. "The question," he said, "was not a provincial one but a Canadian one. What was bad for British Columbia was bad for Canada, and what was bad for Canada was bad for the empire. To understand the Oriental question it had to be studied on the spot. Eastern men who were opposed to exclusion became converts after visiting British Columbia. It is generally said that the prejudice is all on the one side, that of Occidental against Oriental, but race prejudice was stronger among the Oriental than among the Occidental. The question was not only a local one, but was a Canadian and international one as well."

He was willing to look at it from all sides as well as the local one. It was an empire problem. What weakened one link in the chain of the empire weakened all. He had no belief in the military invasion of Canada, but the labor invasion was within reach. There were 800 millions starving in Asia, and a land flowing with milk and honey was at their door.

In reference to the Chinese, it was only the industrial classes complained of the influx, but in regard to Japanese the commercial classes were as much opposed to the Japanese as the industrial classes.

After dealing with the restrictive legislation of the United States, Natal and Australia, he went on to show how Chinese legislation had effectively shut out Chinamen, although recently they were beginning to come in notwithstanding the poll tax. As for the Japanese he said that from 1902 to a period in 1907 there was no demand made on them for further restriction.

The restriction which was in force between Canada and Japan was satisfactory until a period in 1907. During the past seven months 8,000 Japanese, 1,800 Chinese and over 3,000 Hindus had arrived in British Columbia.

Coming to the contracts with the Wellington Coal Company and the C. P. R. to bring Japanese into Canada, he said that it ought not to be possible in this country to make such contracts. The head of the Wellington Coal Company was the present friend of the government of the province. The employment of Japs in coal mines was the cause of disasters twenty years ago. He ridiculed the statement of R. L. Borden that Preston's presence in Japan had caused the influx of Japanese.

Dr. Hasell, house surgeon of the Jubilee hospital, gave evidence that he received a telephone message that a man had taken some poison. He found him in a semi-conscious condition, and he administered strongly of camphor liniment. He washed out his stomach, and the contents were strongly impregnated with the same substance.

C. A. King, caretaker at the isolation hospital, saw deceased in the campus of the isolation hospital. He went to him at once and saw that he was ill. He said he had a permit to go into the Jubilee hospital. He was tottering so witness helped him as he became worse. He then laid him down and went for help. He asked the man if he had been taking poison, and he replied that it had that effect at any rate. He thought he was taking medicine.

W. C. Bryant, a blacksmith on Johnson street, said the deceased called at his shop in the morning and had in his possession a bottle of liniment, which he said he was going to treat a horse with.

The jury, after a minute's deliberation, brought in the above verdict. The following was the personnel of the jury: James Hay, foreman, Jas. Wood, Geo. Watson, Jno. McKenzie, H. G. Kerson and Jno. Meston.

The death occurred on Saturday afternoon at the Royal Jubilee hospital of Hugh Calwell, for many years a resident of this city.

About one o'clock in the afternoon the deceased was discovered near the isolation hospital. The caretaker, C. H. King, took him in charge and proceeded in the direction of the Jubilee hospital. He appeared to be suffering and had fits of coughing. He said something of having taken liniment instead of cough medicine.

With assistance from the hospital the old man was taken into one of the wards, where he expired later in the afternoon in spite of all that could be done to relieve him.

Under all the circumstances it was considered necessary to hold an inquest, which took place this afternoon. The deceased was well known here. He was a native of Ireland and had reached

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the advanced age of 68. He lived in Chicago for a time and afterwards in Toronto, where he followed blacksmithing. He has resided here some time, and lately has had charge of a row of cabins on Humboldt street. His wife and a family of five sons survive him.

The coroner's jury sitting this afternoon to inquire into the death of the deceased brought in a verdict that the deceased came to his death from accidentally drinking liniment.

New York, Dec. 15.—The 8th annual meeting of the National Civic Federation was called to order to-day at the Park Avenue hotel with more than 100 men and women, prominent in various walks of life in attendance. August Belmont, president of the federation, saying he would be unable to be present at the opening session, but would arrive later.

In his absence, First Vice President Samuel Gompers called the meeting to order and called upon James Speyer, the banker to preside at the session, first having announced that the subject before to-day's meeting was "Protecting People's Savings."

Mr. Speyer then introduced Andrew Carnegie, who said: "Let us dismiss from our minds the idea that there is any cure possible for financial troubles and panics. These have their root in human nature, and are as certain as the tides or the storms, the warm stimulated sunshine of summer being succeeded by the icy frozen winter, and they are just as essential for the regulation, clearance, purification of business, as the changes are for the general health of human life."

"No system of currency will enable us to escape seasons of depression, failures, and losses. Prosperity is bound to stretch the lines beyond breaking point and dullness is needed to restore them, and just in proportion as the percentage of the total legitimate business grows smaller to that of speculation and gambling upon a margin, financial disasters will increase in number and severity. Let us, therefore, dismiss all panaceas for panics such as we have just experienced and which were due several years ago but were delayed by an unequal succession of good crops and strong demands for our produce abroad. The point that demands attention is that our banking system is unlike that of other countries."

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RUSSIA HAS PAID ALL SEALING CLAIMS. Hon. L. P. Brodner Says Czar's Government Has Handled Over Sum of \$82,544.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—In an answer to M. S. McCarthy (Calgary), Hon. L. P. Brodner in the House to-day said that the Russian government had just paid over to the High Commissioner in England \$82,544 as a settlement of all the outstanding claims for the wrongful seizure of vessels in the Pacific.

Hon. S. Fisher gave the House in detail what the government was doing to keep the bubonic plague out of Canada.

The Pied Bull Inn, at Wellington, is said to have been the first house in England at which tobacco was smoked.

NO CURE FOR FINANCIAL PANICS. ESSENTIAL FACTORS IN HUMAN AFFAIRS. Monetary Crashes as Certain as Sunshine Is Strange Contention of Carnegie

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MINERS ENTOMBED BY EXPLOSION. FEARED LARGE NUMBER HAVE BEEN KILLED. Disaster Occurred at Yo'ande Coal Co.'s Property, in Alabama

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 15.—An explosion took place at 10.25 a.m. and below the second lead. Eight men were taken out of the mine.

Crowds of men and women quickly gathered around the mine entrance and were cheered by the news that all the fans continued working. Rescue parties, it was announced, would go in at once.

It was feared that 50 to 75 men had lost their lives.

The Yolande mines are operated by the Yolande Coal & Coke Company, of which Dr. C. B. Rowe is president. The mines are located 45 miles south of Birmingham.

W. H. Hayward, M. P. P. of Duncan, is in the city to-day. He is visiting his wife, who underwent an operation, and who is reported to be doing well.

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—Remember the 20 per cent reduction  
off watches at Blyth, the Jeweler of  
Fort street.  
—Next Thursday evening the Com-  
panions of the Forest will give a social  
dance in the Sir William Wallace hall.  
—Call at Toy Bazaar, 643 Fort Street.  
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sale prices.

—Meet the healer, Edw. Olney, at his  
parlors in the Vernon block, room 16,  
corner Douglas and View, at 8 o'clock  
to-night.

—Hebden Gillespie, who injured his  
ankle in the Rugby game at Oak Bay  
on Saturday, is improving somewhat,  
but he cannot yet bear any weight on  
his foot. Consequently he is confined  
to his house.

—A superb collection of fancy linens  
for Christmas presents at astonishingly  
low prices. Just received a delayed  
shipment of pillow shams, tray cloths,  
bureau and sideboard covers, table  
center pieces and doilies, which have  
been marked at special prices to ensure  
a speedy clearance. Robinson's Cash  
Store, 38 Yates street.

—The Rugby football team which  
will go to Vancouver on Friday night  
to play against Vancouver, will be  
chosen from the following: Meredith,  
Spark, Bellow, Milligan, T. Sweeney, W.  
Sweeney, Bray, Harvey, Thompson,  
Campbell, Sargison, Miller, Arbutick,  
Newcombe, Gillespie, Spencer, Nason,  
Cartwright, Morley, Couch, Boyd and  
Dalgleish.

—Judge Grant, of Vancouver, recent-  
ly "called down" C. W. Sawers for ap-  
pearing before him in a dark tweed  
suit, instead of a black coat, as re-  
quired by traditional rules. Mr. Sawers  
said his coat was a dark tweed, in-  
visible under his robe, and he was not  
aware that he was transgressing any  
rules, but would be willing to meet the  
wishes of the court in future.

—To-morrow evening the monthly  
concert and dance of the St. Andrew's  
society will be held in the upper hall  
of the A. O. U. W. building. A number  
of local musicians have been secured  
and the St. Andrew's pipe band will be  
in attendance. The latter organization  
is making splendid progress. Uniforms  
will be secured and the band will be  
in a position shortly to make an ex-  
cellent showing in parade.

—The funeral of the late Arthur  
Francis took place Saturday afternoon  
from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral  
Furnishing Company, Bishop Ferris  
conducted the services. Many floral  
offerings were laid on the casket.  
Among them was a wreath from the  
Oak Bay Cricket Club, and others from  
D. M. Eberts, T. D. H. Warden and  
others. The pallbearers were: Hon. D.  
M. Eberts, H. Mason, George Barra-  
clough, Dr. J. Howitt, P. Richardson  
and L. B. Trimen.

—A United States patent was received  
during the past week by Rowland  
Britain, patent attorney, Vancouver,  
granted to S. Smith, boiler-maker, of  
Surrey Centre, B. C., on an improved  
boiler tube stopper, devised to effect  
the closure of a burst tube in a steam  
boiler. It consists of two pistons  
adapted to the diameter of the boiler  
tube and connected together by a  
length of rod. Each piston is fitted  
with packing which is expandable to  
fill the tube by a fluid pressure from  
between the pistons. In application the  
device is entered into a burst tube and  
is pushed along until the first piston  
passes over the leak, when the steam  
escaping from the leak being confined  
between the pistons exerts a fluid pres-  
sure to expand the packing of the  
pistons and effectually seals the tube.  
An interest in the patent is owned by  
H. A. Caldwell, of Portland, Wash.,  
who will look after the manufacture  
and sale on the United States side of  
the line.

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**PERSONAL**

A. Coles, of Mission & Coles, returned  
on Saturday night from a visit to Eng-  
land. Mr. Coles had as a fellow passen-  
ger across the Atlantic Capt. Laycock,  
whose tragic death a short distance this  
side of Montreal has already been re-  
corded in the columns of the Times. Capt.  
Laycock was a wealthy army man and a  
strong friendship sprang up between him  
and Mr. Coles on the trip. They boarded  
the train together at Montreal, the un-  
fortunate man remarking shortly before  
they did so that he would have a talk the  
next day with Mr. Coles with reference  
to his settling at Duncan's instead of at  
Okanagan, the point for which he had  
bought his ticket. The last seen of him  
by his fellow passengers was as he left  
the coach late at night, as though sud-  
denly taken ill. It is supposed that he  
went on to the rear platform of the  
coach and in some way lost his balance  
and was thrown off the moving train.  
His remains were found beside the track  
the next day.

John Nelson, manager of the Times, re-  
turned on Saturday night from a month's  
visit to eastern cities, including Toronto,  
Montreal, Ottawa, Winnipeg and Cal-  
gary. Mr. Nelson went east to visit his  
mother, who had been ill for some time,  
but her death took place before he reach-  
ed home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Morrison, of 709  
Discovery street, have returned after a  
seven months' visit to friends in Mon-  
real and New York. They returned  
by way of Washington, D. C., and St.  
Louis.

Dr. Graham, of this city, returned on  
Saturday night from a business trip to  
his former home in Regina. The doctor  
found the weather to be of the best, but  
the financial situation so uninviting that  
he abbreviated his visit considerably.

Mrs. Smith, of Duncan's, is spending a  
few days in town, the guests of Mr. and  
Mrs. Thos. H. Leeming, Westmount,  
Dallas road.

Miss Phillips-Wolley, daughter of Capt.  
Clive Phillips-Wolley, returned on Sat-  
urday night from a visit to the Old  
Land.

W. Bull, manager of the Royal Soap  
Company at Winnipeg, is on a visit to the  
coast.

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A CLOSE MATCH ON SATURDAY
NAVAL VILLAGE TEAM MADE GOOD SHOWING
James Bay Very Narrowly Escaped Defeat—Other News in Sporting Circles.

The Esquimalt Association football team put up a splendid fight Saturday against the James Bay Athletic Association crack players, the team which has not yet lost a game this year. Although the Bays have been victorious, or at any rate not been beaten, the result has not been attained without a number of close contests. That of yesterday was the closest of them all, for the game during the first half belonged to the Esquimalt players, yet it was almost half time before they scored.

It must be acknowledged that many of the James Bay players were not up to their usual good form. Sam Lorimer for the second time this season, did not show up like he usually does, although he is still the best back in the league without exception. Hughes was not doing things, neither did the new man, Davis, distinguish himself. Still the referee expected to be able as usual to benefit by their continuous and regular training and change things in the second half. They did this to some extent, a good deal more of the play after half time than before, but the difference was not enough. The Esquimalt still held them down pretty well until near the last, when they were either played out or became careless. At any rate, just half a minute before time Tait got a clear chance a little to the right of centre, and sent a fast low one through, out of reach of goal-keeper Jasper. It was the final score, and it just saved the Bays from what would have been their first and probably their only defeat.

Sergeant-Major Warder as referee, was strictly impartial, although he missed a number of points which the players thought should have been given. The teams were as follows: James Bay A.A. Esquimalt. Peden, Goal; Full Back, Lockley; Lawson, R. Full Back; Prevost, J. Lorimer, L. Half Back; Sheriff, Hughes, C. Half Back; Duff, Shanks, R. Half Back; Debie, Davis, Outside L.; Okell, Sedger, Inside L.; Walker, Dakers, Inside R.; Telford, Todd, Centre; Young, Tait, Outside R.; Martin, Referee—Sergeant-Major Warder.

REGIMENT GONE TO PIECES. The Fifth Regiment football team did not shape like winners in the Island league when they met Egeria on Saturday at Beacon Hill with only two of their regular men. They were easily beaten by the survey ship team, the final score being 8 to 1. It is stated that the entry for the Island league will be withdrawn and that seems to be the only thing to do. It must be said in favor of the Regiment team that they have hung together wonderfully well under adverse circumstances. Compared for instance with the Victoria United they have acquitted themselves splendidly. Although they have been unable to win many points, they have played every game and done what they could to put up a fight like soldiers should. While their friends will regret that they have been unlucky they will be glad to know that the members are all good sports.

A SPECIAL GAME. The match at Work Point Barracks on Saturday afternoon, between the Shearwater and Y. M. C. A. teams was one of the finest games played this year, and it was anybody's game right up to the finish, the score at the close being one all. The Y. M. C. A. won the toss and elected to kick the ball. Shearwater kicked off and started toward the Y. M. C. A. goal only to be checked by Shearwater's back, who play was immediately transferred to the other end of the field, the local boys making one or two ineffectual attempts on the sailors' goal.

Then the sailor lads took a turn and Whyte was called upon to save a couple of hard shots in quick succession, but he cleared in his old-time style and play was again transferred to the other end of the field, where it remained during the greater part of this half. Just about this time Thackeray, the track left half of the local team, met with a painful accident, spraining his wrist, and he was compelled to retire from the game for about twenty minutes. During his absence the sailors managed to come down the line several times with the ball, but the playing of Struthers and Morris at fullback was of the stone-wall order, and it was impossible for them to get through. The play now hung around centre field and was of a very even character, half time being called with no score.

show to better advantage. Thompson is one of the best men on his side. The Victoria team without Meredith would find it difficult to hold its own against the Bays. He is worth any other three. This team did much better passing than the younger men, who seemed rather careless about combination. The Victorians were much stronger in the scrimmages, or the Bays were weaker, than formation being nothing like as good as usual. Next week the Rugby interest centres in the game with Vancouver, when the local team will go across the gulf looking for scalps.

Victoria—Fullback, Cullin; three-quarters, Winch, O'Brien, Harvie and Meredith; halfbacks, Newcombe and Brae; forwards, Bellew, Cartwright, Morley, Roberts, Keefer, Couch and Spalding. James Bay—Fullback, Johnson; three-quarters, Sargison, Gibson, Thompson, Morrison and Nason; halfbacks, McCarter and Bendroff; forwards, Milligan, L. Sweeney, Arbutckle, Campbell, W. Sweeney, Kennedy and White. Referee—Harry Austin.

ALL BLACKS BEATEN. The New Zealanders were beaten by Runcorn, England, by three tries (nine points) to nil. The determining factor in the game was the superiority of the Runcorn forwards, the colonial backs being afforded few opportunities of showing their usual combination. Just before the match started rain fell heavily, and in parts the ground was under water. The wretched weather naturally affected the attendance, but there were fully 5,000 people present.

A pretty combined movement by the home backs at the start ended in Moran cross kicking, and Lavery saved by carrying the ball over the goal line. The New Zealanders had to content with purely defensive tactics. Excellent as was the manner in which they opposed the Runcorn attacks, they were unable to prevent their line being crossed again, a nice bout of passing by Jolly, Butterworth and Deakin resulted in the last-named getting over. Jolly failed with the kick. The tackling of Runcorn was so resolute and effective that their lines were seldom in danger, and they continued to have the best of the game. After the interval Runcorn again held the upper hand, and their victory was never in doubt. Quite early in the second half Moran crossed the line after a splendid combined movement, in which the whole of the backs took part. Butterworth failed at goal. For some time the New Zealanders had to content with purely defensive tactics. Excellent as was the manner in which they opposed the Runcorn attacks, they were unable to prevent their line being crossed again, a nice bout of passing by Jolly, Butterworth and Deakin resulting in the last-named adding another try. The goal kick again failed.

UNITED SERVICE DEFEATED. The Victoria Golf Club team on Saturday defeated the United Service Club on the Macaulay Point grounds. There were fourteen players on each side. Eight of the Victoria men won their games, and one game that between Mr. Justice Irving and J. Nason was a draw, the result being that Victoria won by 2 up.

BASKETBALL SATURDAY'S GAMES. There was some good basketball at the drill hall on Saturday night. The game which was of most interest was that between the J. B. A. A. and the Y. M. C. A., in which the former won by one point only. The fremen did not acquit themselves as well as their friends expected, getting only seven points to thirteen, made by the Fifth Regiment.

CONTEMPT FOR MOON. Amir Who Preferred Guns to the Wonders of the Telescope. Speaking at a meeting of the Central Asian Society in London, on the late Monday evening, the Amir, Mr. M. Durand said the Amir ruler had a great objection to telegraphs and telephones, and did not much care for railways.

THE WHEEL. GERMAN TEAM WON. Madison Square Garden, New York, Dec. 15.—Rutt and Stoll, the German team, won the six-day bicycle race on Saturday night. This is the first time in the history of the sport that a foreign team has captured the first honors of the struggle.

Urbair McDonald, the rider who was injured on Friday, died on Saturday in the New York hospital, where he was taken after the accident. McDonald was injured in a spill on the track, and physicians sought to save his life by an operation.

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Session of the Legislative Assembly, 1908. NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PRIVATE BILL.

NOTICE is hereby given on behalf of the Corporation of the City of Victoria that application will be made in the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia at its next Session for a private Bill to re-enact, ratify and confirm the "Corporation of Victoria Waterworks Act, 1872," and the "Victoria Waterworks Amendment Act," Chapter 64 of the Statutes of 1882, and to make the following amendments and additions to such Act and to consolidate the same with the following amendments: To amend Section 2 of the Act of 1872, which enables the Corporation by a Commissioner to construct waterworks, by giving to such Commissioner power to manage and conduct and determine the use for any purpose to which any waters of the Corporation are put.

To amend Section 5 of the Act of 1872, an amendment of the Act of 1882, to empower entry on and expropriation of Crown lands and expropriation of surplus waters running to or from any waterworks company, and of land in the water shed of any waterworks company, whether a portion of the waterworks or not. To amend Section 7 of the said Act of 1872 to authorize the conducting of water over and across the lands of the Crown and of the lands of the Esquimalt Waterworks Company at Goldstream or in Esquimalt, and to construct necessary works for conducting such water across, over, or under any conduit or pipe or other work of such Company.

To amend Section 13 as amended by Section 4 of Chapter 64 of 1882, by repealing the same, and substituting therefor a section giving power and authority to the Water Commissioner to fix the amount of the tax according to the same may be assessed and levied on the basis of frontage along the water main, and to fix a special tax on additional frontage or abutting on the water main, or partly by each of these methods, or by two or more of them, and so that such tax shall be a charge on the land supplied, or capable of being supplied, and also the power to the said Commissioner to supply, whether with or without water meter, or by estimation or otherwise, with water to the City to supply and levy the rates, rentals and charges for the supply of water.

To amend Section 14 as amended by Section 5 of said Chapter 64 of 1882, by separating on the passing of a By-Law to that effect by the Council, the waterworks monies from general revenue, and to require payment thereof into a separate Bank account, paying only to the City Treasurer such amounts as the Council may by resolution direct.

To amend Section 27 of said Act of 1872 by giving power to the Council to authorize contracts for the sale of water mains and plant used in the supply of water outside the City or in adjoining municipalities, with power to contract with outside municipalities, corporations or persons for the sale of any quantity of water or power produced by water within such outside municipality or outside the City, and to require such municipalities, corporations or persons to supply and use and payment therefor as may be arranged, and with express power and authority to the Council to purchase in advance of any contract for the supply of water, such municipal property, or to purchase in advance of any contract for the supply of water, such municipal property, or to purchase in advance of any contract for the supply of water, such municipal property.

To amend Section 28 of said Act of 1872, and to substitute therefor power to the Corporation to purchase in advance of any contract for the supply of water, such municipal property, or to purchase in advance of any contract for the supply of water, such municipal property, or to purchase in advance of any contract for the supply of water, such municipal property.

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MORE COMPLAINTS ABOUT CREAMERY

South Saanich Council Decides to Stop Passage of Refuse onto Municipal Property.

The council of South Saanich decided at the meeting of Saturday evening to have the refuse matter from the Victoria creamery prevented from coming to the municipal property.

This action was taken on a communication from C. W. Blackstock & Co., who wrote stating that they were threatened with lawsuits by purchasers of lots because the refuse from the creamery flowing past their property created a nuisance.

During the discussion which followed Councillor Puckle pointed out that the firm might have been aware of conditions when the lots were sold.

J. Smalling, secretary and manager of the creamery company, explained that steps had been taken to abate the trouble. The disinfectants recommended had been used. He thought there had been a good deal of exaggeration in connection with the matter.

The shareholders would meet in January, and the suit would then come up. He thought many of them would prefer to have the creamery removed so that the refuse might be deposited direct to the city sewer system, and thus all trouble would be avoided.

It was decided to have the ditch closed, so as to prevent the municipality being responsible.

Road Superintendent Pim reported that the filling in of the Swan lake bridge on the Saanich road would cost \$300, while to widen the road around the lake the estimated cost is \$500.

He also reported the following improvements with their cost: Old West road, cutting brush, \$41.60; West road, cutting brush and putting in culvert, \$53; each Saanich road, graveling and repairs, \$81; Newton Cross roads, \$51.50; Sand Hill bridge repairs, \$45.60; Gorge road, graveling, \$53; Harriet road, graveling, \$85; Whittier avenue, grading and new culvert, \$14.90; Grey road, graveling, \$23.25; Glenford avenue, \$9.50; Saanich road, new culvert near Swan lake, \$9.25; Cedar Hill cross road, \$1.10; Kenneth street, new culvert and ditching, \$8.15; West Cross road, \$1.15; Cordova Bay road, \$1.15; Swan lake bridge, repairs, \$4.30. Total, \$433.50.

A complaint of F. W. Pemberton against a band of goats being allowed to run at large, near his property was referred to the constable.

Accounts to the amounts of \$233.50 were ordered paid.

The council then adjourned.

SCIENTIFIC LECTURE.

F. Napier Denison Gave Interesting Address on Earthquakes and Volcanoes.

The lecture on "Earthquakes and Volcanoes" by F. Napier Denison Saturday night at the Y. M. C. A. was one of the most interesting and educational of the winter's course.

He exhibited some fifty excellent views taken on his personally conducted tour of Vesuvius and Aetna, which added much to the lecture.

Shaw Bros., photographers, who made many of the plates, assisted materially in operating the lantern.

At the close of the lecture Mr. Denison presented a work on "Volcanoes" to the Y. M. C. A. library.

Mr. Suttice, of Central school, moved and Mr. Pearson, secretary of the Navy league, seconded a hearty vote of thanks to the able lecturer of the evening.

THE LAST OF THE SHOGUNS.

Referring to the presence of Prince Tokugawa Keiki, the ex-Shogun, at the garden party given by Count Okuma to celebrate the completion of his history of modern Japan, the Japan Times writes as follows:

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"A beautiful star, with a beautiful personality in a beautiful play," is what one dramatic critic has enthusiastically written of Miss Maude Fealy and her latest play, "The Stronger Sex," which is to be presented to-night.

John Cort, who represents Miss Fealy for the second season under his management in this English success, has hit the nail of approval squarely on the head and has given theatre lovers something out of the ordinary run of plays of the society class.

Miss Fealy's girlish personality and magnetic temperament so aptly fits the role of "Mary Warren" in this play, as to almost lead one to believe the character was written especially for her, though she has now enjoyed a successful presentation of more than half a year at one theatre in London, and is to return there shortly at another theatre to continue the run interrupted by the exigencies of the vacation season.

Miss Fealy though one of the youngest stars in this country is likewise one of the most talented players of her day. Her ability to enact youthful roles, because she is just a girl herself, her youthful grace and daintiness, as well as her deep sincerity in all she essays, has placed her peerlessly in a class by herself, and to-day she stands pre-eminently the youthful queen of the dramatic stage.

In making the American production of "The Stronger Sex," Miss Fealy's manager has given much of his time and attention. He has selected her supporting company with an eye to the requirements of the characters to be played, and has mounted it from the standpoint of scenic elegance and costume refinement with due regard to every necessary.

Among Miss Fealy's company appear names of Brandon Hunt, who was for some seasons leading man with Mrs. Fiske and Chas. Frohman's most important companies; Ritchie Lang, of the light opera fame, who is seen in the light comedy part in this piece; Florence Roberts, formerly with Lawrence D'Arcy, and last year with Florence Roberts, and Marv Bertram, recently with Margaret Anglu and Henry Miller.

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WEIGHING-IN A MAYOR.

A quaint old custom, known as "weighing-in a Mayor," is performed every year in the market town of High Wycombe, Bucks. The custom dates from the reign of Edward I.

Nothing is known as to its origin, but the ceremony of the weighing-in is fixed by statute for November 3th, and takes place after the Mayor's election. The procession, as it marches in solemn state to the guildhall, is watched by a great crowd of burghesses. It is headed by the chief constable, the town crier, and beadle, who wears his old-world blue uniform, and carries his old-world office. The town clerk and borough recorder are followed by the veteran serjeant-at-mace, with his mace on his shoulder. When the guildhall is reached, a meeting is held and after the usual speeches the quaint ceremony of "weighing-in the Mayor" takes place.

CHILDREN EMPLOYED.

Nearly 700,000 children are working in the United States in occupations other than agriculture. Of these 700,000 children one in every six is working in Pennsylvania, and the number of working children in Pennsylvania is declared to be growing with alarming rapidity. In 1903 there were 2,000 discovered by the factory department; in 1904, 41,000 and in 1905, 100,000.

THE FLOWING TIDE.

Lock-keeper Called as Witness Clamorous to Be Allowed to Go.

"Your honor, I can't stay here any longer. If I do the town will be flooded!" This dramatic utterance was made by an old man in Stratford, England, police court standing up and pointing at the clock.

"What's the matter?" asked the clerk. "He is the lock-keeper at Barking," replied the warrant officer, "and a witness in a case."

"The water is rising," continued the lock-keeper excitedly, making for the door. "The case, which was against two boys, was adjourned."

# OLD TUNING, OLD GAMES, OLD CENTER

## How Nell Spent Her Dime



Upon a stool stood little Nell  
In front of the soda fountain:  
Before her on the counter loomed  
A veritable ice cream mountain!

And little Nell with two spoons ate,  
For the cream would melt, you know,  
Should she just fool along with one,  
And eat her ice cream slow.

## The Story of Romulus and Remus

Romulus and Remus were twin brothers, born of a Vestal Virgin named Sylvia. Their father was the god Mars. One day as Mars went down from his place in the mountain to the city of Alba—which was on the river Tiber—he beheld Sylvia going from the temple to a well for water. He fell in love with her and soon thereafter found an opportunity to tell her of his passion. Sylvia married Mars' love and they were secretly married. In the course of time Sylvia gave birth to the twin brothers, Romulus and Remus, one of whom was to play so important a part in the building of Rome.

The king of Alba, by name Amulius, and uncle to Sylvia, on learning of the secret marriage of Sylvia, and the birth of her twin sons, ordered that she be put to death and that the twin babes be thrown into the river Tiber. This order was obeyed, for none dared disobey the king. But the babes were placed in a water-tight basket which floated on the water till it came to the projecting roots of a fig tree which grew at the water's edge. The basket was overturned through contact with the tree's roots and the babes were tossed upon the sandy bank.

At the same moment a she-wolf coming down the river to drink heard the cries of the lonely babes, and going to the spot where they lay she licked their faces and bodies till they were warm and ceased crying. Then she carried them to her cave up in the mountain where she suckled them with her own milk. While yet babies they were found at the cave door one day by a herdsman who took them to his own home and reared them as his own sons. But as they grew up he told them of the strange manner in which he had found them. One day, after Romulus and Remus had grown to manhood, they chanced to meet their grandfather, brother to the cruel king. They told him the strange story, and he knew at once that they were the sons of his murdered niece, Sylvia. He divulged this secret to them and they swore to avenge their mother's death by taking the life of the wicked king. With a few strong followers Romulus and Remus broke into the king's palace at night and with drawn swords cut off his head.

Romulus founded Rome in the year 753 B. C.

In a little town in Maryland, there was an organization called "The Boys' Athletic Club." The ages of the club members ranged from 8 to 13 years, and they were as bright and wholesome a lot of fellows as one could wish for.

As the hot July days set in, the Athletic Club called a meeting of its members for the purpose of talking over the ways and means of providing the club with a tent and "equipments" for a camping expedition.

The meeting of the club took place in the old barn in the rear of an untenanted house. Middleton Parker, the president, called the meeting to order in a most original manner. Stamping his foot loudly on the echoing floor he cried out: "Kids, everybody sit down an' listen. Now, we've met to make some sort of arrangements to get hold of a tent we can go a-camping next week. All in favor of this sign-ify by sayin' 'I.'"

"I!" cried all the members, save one, in excited voices.

"Contraries, sign-ify by sayin' no," ad-libbed Middleton, stamping his foot for order. "Nope!" came a weak voice from a far corner. All eyes turned on the master of the dissenting voice. "Say, Piggie Thomson, what you makin' a kick against the campin' out for?" asked "Long Tom" Grey, one of the big boys of the club, and at one time its president. He asked the question of a small boy who was perched on top of a crumbling old manger. "Cause you, she won't 'low me to go off an' stay overnight," explained "Piggie."

"Oh, if we've got any babies in this here club I vote to leave 'em at home with their mothers," said Long Tom with biting sarcasm. "Second the motion," said Art Jones, the club's treasurer. (As each member of the club carried the record of its meetings in his own head there had never been the need of a secretary. Hence, the club boasted of no such officer, and the president and treasurer conducted the business with the help of the various members.)

"It's moved and seconded that The Athletic Club leave the babies at home," declared Middleton, stamping his foot by way of emphasis. In fact, Middleton's right foot played a lively part at the club's meetings, and its owner could scarcely have presided without its assistance.

"Well, I don't mind the rest of you fellers goin', even if I can't," declared Piggie, rising and standing on the perilous edge of the old manger. "I'll not vote against it again if you'll leave me stay in the club." Then Piggie, in endeavoring to sit on the manger again, lost his balance and found himself standing on his head in a mess of old straw. An obliging and friendly club member assisted him to get right-end up, and amidst the snickers and jokes of the club Piggie crept out of sight and the meeting was again called to order by the president's right foot and lusty voice.

"Well, we are ready for the question," ventured Art Jones, bowing to the president.

"Question!" vociferated a dozen voices. Middleton who prided himself on his knowledge of parliamentary law, again stamped his foot, looked about on the members, then said: "The question is, how're we to get the money to buy a tent for campin' out. Any you fellers got a plan in your heads?"

Up went a dozen hands. The president looked about among the hands' owners; then singled out one by pointing his finger.

"Say, Shorty, what's your plan to raise money?" he asked of a stoggy little chap in blue blouse and red hair. "A lawn fete," said Shorty, his face radiant with anticipation at the mere mention of "fete." "An ice-cream and soda-pop fete's my plan."

"Second the motion," cried Long Tom. And so it came to pass that Shorty's plan for a fete—a real lawn fete—was decided upon by unanimous vote of the club. Then the real business of the meeting was transacted; committees appointed to "find the lawn where nobody lived, and where they might hold the fete without objection" and "to solicit cakes, ice cream, lemons, sugar, candy and fancy articles."

After a whole afternoon spent in conclave the Athletic Club considered it had done a good day's business. On the morrow the committees would go to work and in the evening of the same day would report at the barn—the club's temporary headquarters.

And such success fell to the lot of the committees. The solicitors had in black till four o'clock gathering up the donations, and behind the big empty house the cakes, bonbons, lemonade and "fancy articles" were placed on the grass to be

sorted over for the various tables. "Well, kids, everything looks fine," spake Middleton, the president, as he surveyed the fine supply of donations behind the house.

Art Jones, Piggie Thomson and Long Tom were busy mixing the lemonade in a five gallon jar. They were substituting their hands for lemon squeezers and using a pine stick for stirring the water and sugar together. All of a sudden Piggie raised his eyes from his work to let them rest on the mouth-watering cakes so temptingly near. As he did so he exclaimed loudly: "Gee whiz, the ants are eatin' up the biggest layer cake we've got!"

And sure enough, to the consternation of the club, they found one of their choice cakes well coated with ants, taking time by the forelock, as it were, and having their fete before the huge monsters of people began their.

"Oh, they haven't hurt it," explained Shorty, running to the cake's rescue. But it took more hands than Shorty's to get rid of the little army of cake-eaters, and three or four other club members were obliged to lend their help to Shorty. Then it was found that the insects that fly about in the summer air were extremely fond of diving into the jar of lemonade, and Piggie appointed himself chief dishwasher over the jar to keep the intruders away. Taken all in all, the Athletic Club had their hands full with the lawn fete preparations and waited with a good deal of impatience for the crowd of visitors to come in the evening and buy and eat and drink.

At eight o'clock the candles were lighted and all was ready for the "fete." A table presided over by Shorty's sister—held the "fancy articles" at five cents each. There were party wren feather dusters, fishing lines, a cabinet picture of Shorty, a match safe, a pair of cuff buttons, a kite (Middleton's handiwork), a stuffed squirrel, an Easter egg, a pin cushion and a strand of glass beads. These articles had come from the homes of the club members. Likewise the chairs that were brought from any available source. Some were wanting backs, others were rockers, and many were minus a leg; but as the president remarked: "Any person what can't balance his self on a three-legged chair ain't fit to be out nights, anyhow."

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somewhere. Then hundreds of people will read about the lawn fete as they go along the streets."

"Sure, that's the way," assented several of the sanguine members.

And that resolution caused the following sign to be tacked up on dozens of trees about the village:

"LAWN FETE TONIGHT.  
GIVE BY THE  
BOYS' ATHLETIC CLUB.  
AT 100 DASH AVE."

And all that day the boys were as busy as it is possible for boys to be who have a dearly-loved object in view. The lawn that was chosen for the fete was neatly trimmed, and flags and scraps of bunting—remnants of the Glorious Fourth—were hung about the porches and festooned from tree boughs. One of the mothers donated a dozen candles while another loaned as many Chinese lanterns. So the lawn was not wanting in gay adornment and light. About the grounds were half a dozen small tables of various shapes and extent of dilapidation. These had been ransacked from attics and store rooms belonging to the homes of the club members. Likewise the chairs that were brought from any available source. Some were wanting backs, others were rockers, and many were minus a leg; but as the president remarked: "Any person what can't balance his self on a three-legged chair ain't fit to be out nights, anyhow."

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members, odds and ends from the boys' own rooms or from the household rag-bags of cast-offs. But they made a good showing and sold surprisingly well.

About 9 o'clock the lawn fete was in full swing. Middleton, at the ice-cream freezer, was giving vent to his lungs calling his wares: "Ice-cream, sweet and cold, finest that was ever sold! Everybody, come, partake; with each dish a slice of cake." And across the yard from him stood Piggie and Long Tom at the lemonade jar, singing a veritable duet in bass and tenor, their notes long drawn out at the end of each line: "Lemonade made in the shade; stirred by a big, rusty spade; five a glass, so come an' try; and please do not pass us by!"

After hearing these vocal invitations none but the hardest of heart could refuse to indulge in both ice-cream and lemonade. Then there was the table of nuts and candies—the latter homemade! And these tempting sweet-meats went, as the club expressed it, "like hot-cakes." A dear little girl, by name Cececia, presided at this table and after the "fete" was over she drew from a mysterious corner—somewhere in her sleeve—a tiny paper bag which held the amount of her sales. "Seventy cents," she whispered confidently to the president as the money was being gathered together into one surprising big sum. Surprisingly, I say, for after all was counted (and it took some time to do that for there were so many pennies!) it was found that the sales had amounted to about nine dollars. To be sure many of the club members had been free with their own small purses, as free as their funds would allow; but their parents, and their parents' friends, and their parents' friends' friends, had helped them out beautifully; and all who were present pronounced the "Lawn Fete" given by "The Boys' Athletic Club," a perfect success.

Only a few accidents happened during the evening, and they were not of a serious nature. During a moment of excitement Middleton sat in the dishpan which, fortunately, held only water. Soon after that Long Tom opened a bottle of soda pop. It was one of those sizzlers, and shot from the bottle into Long Tom's eyes, causing that young fellow to fall backward into the lap of a very large lady, who was on the point of drinking a glass of lemonade. But the lady, being Tom's own mother, made no complaint, of course, though she felt called upon to buy another glass of lemonade. But aside from a few such "little happenings" the evening passed off most pleasantly, and The Boys' Athletic Club found themselves rich enough to buy a second-hand tent which would enable them to "go a-camping in the woods."

When you're married, said Thomas W. Lawson, during a discussion of the March panic, "the stock market is a guileful mazz. It is like some men's marriages."

"Mr. and Mrs. Smith, luncheon at the Waldorf, met Mr. and Mrs. Jones."

"Smith," said Jones, "we had a great time at the club last night. Sorry you missed it, old man."

"Mrs. Smith gave a start, and after the Jones' repartee, she said in an odd voice: "John, you told me you spent the whole evening at the club."

"So I did, dear," said her husband, readily. "And the reason Jones didn't see me there was because he wasn't there himself. Trying to deceive his wife, I suppose."

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## THE JUNGLE DOCTOR.

How Mr. Monk, of the Monktown fire department, cooled the burning brain fever of Mr. Giraffe.

Keep still these kids, Don't make a noise! I've surely got a bite. Now watch me pull. A big fish out! He'll be a pretty sight!

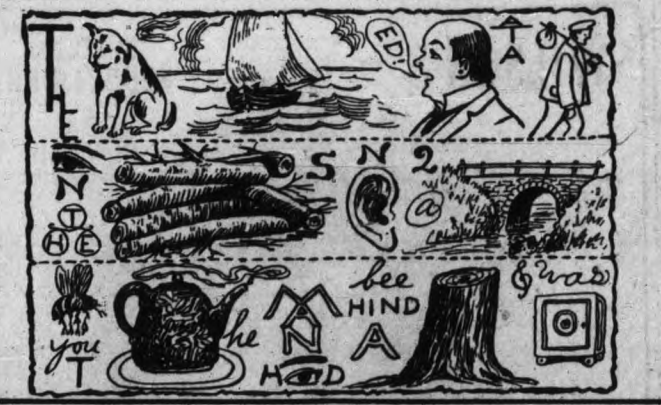


Ab, ha, he's comin'! Gee, how big! He's a stunner, shore; But—land! what's that? No fish at all! A piece of old boat out!



## CONUNDRUMS.

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## How Lilly Visited the Clouds

BY MAUD WALKER.

Lilly sat swinging in a hammock that was stretched between two big shade trees. The hour was 2 o'clock in the afternoon and Lilly felt quite too lazy to bestir herself to play with Tom and May, her brother and sister, who were enjoying great fun rolling and tumbling over the new mown hay in the meadow just a little way off from where Lilly sat swinging. "It's much too warm and sleepy to run and romp on an afternoon like this, isn't it, Florence Belle?" asked Lilly of her big doll that lay in the hammock beside her. But Florence Belle—like so many dolls—made no response to her little master's only looked up in Lilly's face with a drowsy expression, which meant "Yes, it certainly is a sleepy afternoon, and I should enjoy a nap, if you please."

And like all little mammals Lilly understood just what Florence Belle wanted; so stretching herself full length in the hammock and placing Florence Belle beside her in a comfortable position, she said: "Now, dearie, you may take a nap and I'll lie awake beside you to keep the wood sprites from coming and carrying you off."

As Lilly lay on her back in the hammock her eyes on the green foliage above her, she noticed a little bird swinging on a bough high up in the tree over her head. "Well, how do you do, birdie," said Lilly, smiling at the little bird. "Won't you sing a little song to put my baby to sleep? If you will I shall be a thousand times obliged to you."

To Lilly's great surprise the bird began to warble the sweetest song she had ever heard—soft and full of melody. Then, just as Lilly finished singing, a small voice spoke from the top of the tree, saying to Lilly: "You're a wood sprite, little girl, but don't have any test of me; for I would have a pleasant little song-bird and I would sing a lullaby, and I've live in the

back of a lawn bench near by. Then, to Lilly's great astonishment, that little bird began to flutter his wings and to grow to an enormous size. Within a few minutes he was as large as a full-grown ostrich.

"Now, please take your seat on Aerial's back, and don't forget your daughter, Florence Belle," directed the wood sprite, Lilly, with Florence Belle in her arms, mounted the bird, taking a secure seat between the two great wings. Then, at a word from the wood sprite, the bird raised himself in the air, making direct for the white clouds high above the earth. The wood sprite was flying along beside Aerial, and Lilly saw that flying was no effort for either the sprite or the bird. And Lilly was very comfortable as she sat on the great bird's back, soaring up and up, and ever up towards the sky.

The ride was not a very long one before they got into the clouds. Then Lilly saw much to surprise and please her. They flew through towns that were built of deesy down, perched on the clouds. From these airy little houses came fairies, sprites and birds; but Lilly saw no people like herself and Florence Belle there. Flowers bloomed on every side and the air was soft and fragrant. "Why," said Lilly, speaking to the wood sprite beside her, "how do all these towns stay on the clouds?"

"There are many things, my little friend that I cannot explain. The fact is, I'm a wood sprite and I'm going to the earth. But finding much more air and freedom up here in the clouds I have adopted this place for my home," answered the wood sprite. "But even though I cannot explain any of these beautiful mysteries to you

I can take you about and show you the sights," he added. And that was just what Lilly wanted him to do.

"Now, little girl," said the sprite, "we are going to the Great Factory of the Weather Man and see how he makes lightning. You must not be alarmed. It will mean that the master of the factory is preparing a rain for some part of the earth."

And sure enough, they soon flew into a dark cloud. The wind was whistling about them and Lilly had to hold tightly to the great bird. She also took a tight grip about Florence Belle's waist. "What if I should let Florence Belle fall!" thought Lilly, with a shudder. "Oh, there wouldn't be a whole bone left in her body after falling to the earth so many miles below!"

Just then there loomed in front of them the great factory where the Weather Man worked. The building was perched on a mountain of black clouds and from its many windows darted flashes of lightning and seemed terrific peals of thunder. "Shall we stop and make a call on the Weather Man?" asked the sprite. "He's not a very cordial old fellow; but his factory is worth looking over."

Lilly shivered at the thought of entering that dreadful place of lightning and thunder. Then it was probably full of rain and snow and she would get a good soaking. This would never do, for her mamma had put a clean frock and apron on her that day after luncheon and had instructed her to be careful in her play not to soil them. And Florence Belle was in her best Sunday gown, too, for her everyday dress had been taken off to be mended. So, everything considered, Lilly thought it best to decline the invitation

to visit the Weather Man and the Great Factory.

"All right," said the sprite. "Then we'll stop at the palace of the air queen. There you'll have a goblet of nectar such as only the air fairies know how to distill. And after a bit of rest there we'll better return to earth, for it will be your dinner hour and your mother will be wondering where you are."

And then for the first time since leaving the earth Lilly began to think about the anxiety of her dear ones should they go to the playground beneath the great shade trees and find her and Florence Belle gone.

"So, kind little sprite, please take me home at once, for I'm sure brother Tom and sister May have been to the hammock to look for me. And on finding me missing they have surely gone running to ask mamma about me, and now they are all nearly frantic with fear about me, for they have probably hunted about the barn, the haystacks, the garden and even in the big corn field—where I sometimes go to hide from Tom and May. Oh, let's not wait to call upon the air queen this time! I'll come again with you some day, and then we'll go there and have the goblet of nectar."

"No, you can never come here but once," explained the sprite. "We are forbidden to bring a world-being here more than once. So if you wish to learn more of the world in the clouds you must tarry a bit longer to do so. As I say, you can never return a second time."

"Then take me back without showing me any more of it," said Lilly. "I wouldn't have mamma and papa and Tom and May frightened about me for the whole universe of clouds. Weather Man,

Factory and all."

"Your wish shall be granted at once, little girl," said the sprite. "Turn, Aerial, to the earth again. And be cautious, little maid, for going down is a bit more uncertain than coming up. Now, as it is growing late, I shall not accompany you, but shall remain at home for the evening. Maybe we shall meet at some future day. If not, however, you'll not forget the wood sprite who guided you to the clouds. And now, good-bye."

But before Lilly could thank the sprite for having given her so wonderful a trip to the clouds the bird had shot downward with her at such speed as to almost rob her of breath. Down, down, down they went, cutting through the air like an arrow. Lilly felt herself to be smothering and gasped for breath. Then, losing her hold on the great bird she slipped from his slick back and fell headlong earthward. "Oh! oh! oh!" she cried out. Then she suddenly opened her eyes. All was dark about her. Something big and warm covered her face. She put up her hands and tore it off. It was Tom's big straw hat, and it had been over her face, shutting off the air. Lilly looked about her in a dazed way. She was lying in the hammock, Florence Belle beside her. They seemed to be in exactly the same position they were in before going to—the clouds. At this minute a bird sang over Lilly's head. She looked up to see the little songster that had sung so sweetly a while ago. But how had she—

Lilly sat up and shook herself together. The bird flew away. But a snicker was heard coming from behind the tree. Then out bounded Tom and May, laughing and saying: "My, what funny faces you make when you're asleep. And you kept talking, too, at the time." And Tom seeing Lilly looking at his hat, explained: "A fly was bothering you, so I put my hat over your face. See?"

"But, but, have I just been asleep?" asked Lilly in a dazed way.

"Sure, you've been sleeping this past hour," said May. "Brother and I have read through this book of fairy tales while you've been lying there mumbering and making funny faces in your sleep."

Lilly rose, and taking Florence Belle in her arms, said: "Well, no one but you and I will ever know what it's like to go to the clouds, will they?" And just then their mother's voice was heard calling them to the house.

CURTAINING.  
Curtain a part of your anatomy and get that which a doctor asks for on visiting a sick person.—(Pest-fee.)  
Curtain a piece of a tree and get an animal which, in the wild state is to be greatly feared.—(Board's bones.)  
Curtain a piece of head-gear worn by kings and get a bird to visit the ripe corn-field.—(Crown-crow.)

The wind was whistling about them and Lilly had to hold tightly to the great bird.

## MADE OVER NURSERY RHYME.



Hey-diddle-de-diddle; Dad's pa plays the fiddle; And little Dan dances, you know. He whirls and he swings, As he cuts pigtails with a scissor. To the music now fast and now slow. TIM TURNIPS.

## Country House Tipping.

(Rochester Herald).

Mrs. Potter Palmer, while entertaining the National Civic Federation in Chicago, told a story about English country house tipping.

"You know," she said, "how huge these tips are, how many servants must be remembered—how, indeed, some people are obliged to refuse to visit large country houses because they can't afford the expense."

"Well, there is a story in this line about Jonas Hanway.

"As Hanway was starting from the country house of a duke, a string of servants waited to waylay him.

"Sir," said one, "your overcoat."

"And Hanway put on the overcoat and gave the man a sovereign.

"Your umbrella, sir," said another.

"And, taking the umbrella, Hanway surrendered another sovereign.

"Your hat, sir."

"Another sovereign.

"Sir, your gloves."

"Why, friend," said Hanway, "you may keep the gloves. They are not worth a sovereign."

A burglar breaking into a house one night was surprised to find a man at the other side of the door. Taken aback, he said: "O, so—er—does Herr Mayer live here?" "Nary I can't tell you," said the other. "This is the first time I have been here myself.—Lustige Bastards."

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WEST COAST SHIPPING REPORTS

Cape Beale (9 a. m.), Dec. 15.—D. G. S. Quadra passed east-bound. Carmarhan (9 a. m.), Dec. 15.—Moderate north-east wind, clear and smooth. No shipping. Carmarhan (1 p. m.), Dec. 15.—Light easterly wind, cloudy, smooth. No shipping.

NINETY DAYS FROM MOJI.

Encountering a terrible typhoon, which damaged her machinery and nearly wrecked her, the German steamship Marcellus, after putting back to Yokohama for repairs, left again for San Francisco only to be again assailed by a series of hurricanes which almost sent the steamer to the bottom. Capt. Lorenze has brought the Marcellus through the Golden Gate in a bedraggled condition, after a voyage of ninety days from Moji, Japan.

The Marcellus left Moji on September 15th with 4,400 tons of coal. Two days after leaving the vessel was assailed by the typhoon, throwing her on her beam ends, tearing the bulwarks on the port side, springing the forward deck, flooding the hold and damaging the machinery. The typhoon lasted twelve hours and left the steamship little more than a battered wreck. After this difficulty and when the Marcellus was run into Yokohama.

MODERN CRUSOES.

A romantic tale will be told when they arrive home by the ship wrecked captain and crew of the steamship Alexandra, who for six months have been living on an island in the Pacific Ocean, and who were given up as lost until news of their safety came to hand a few days ago. The Alexandra, which was a Norwegian vessel, was wrecked on May 8th, and the crew had to take to the boats. A boat in charge of the first officer succeeded in reaching Guayaquil, on the west coast of South America.

PRESIDENT REGAINS RECORD.

The "blue ribbon" of the San Francisco to Victoria run, captured only a few days ago by the Pacific Coast steamship Governor by a smart port-to-port passage of slightly under fifty hours, was not held by that vessel long. The President steamed triumphantly up to William Head quarantine station before 11 o'clock yesterday morning and docked before noon at the outer wharf less than forty-eight and a half hours after leaving San Francisco.

BEATRICE DELAYED BY GALE.

After a very stormy trip, which necessitated several delays, the steamship Beatrice arrived in port today from the Queen Charlotte Islands and way ports. The Beatrice met with exceptionally heavy gales in the vicinity of the islands and was forced to shelter 24 hours at Skidegate and two days at Ikeda Bay. From the latter place another shipment of copper ore was shipped by the Ikeda mine, consisting of 75 tons. From Naas river the Beatrice brought 1,400 cases of salmon. She had 75 passengers, the following being the saloon travellers: W. Hammett, Mr. Ringland, G. McKenzie, Mr. Brown, J. Swan, A. Gilchrist, W. Hanarch, J. S. Johnston, H. Doyle, D. Moore, Mr. Burnside, F. Watson, J. Smith, A. Little, J. Taylor, S. Slack, W. Harris, E. Knight, Mr. Nogue, Mr. Habnich, F. H. Hartman, C. Johnston, J. Doling, C. H. Parker, Mr. Fletcher, J. Sloan, Mrs. Sloan, Mr. Davey, Mr. Johnston, F. Rudge, Wm. Estel, J. Carlyle, George Thorburn, T. Mantrall, T. Mantrall, T. Stuart, Mr. Wark and Mr. Whitney.

REBUILDING CALIFORNIA.

The work of rebuilding the steamship State of California, of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company's fleet, at Seattle, is progressing rapidly and it is expected she will be out the middle of January. When the California leaves the Moran yard she will be almost a new vessel.

Shipping

She will have new boilers, new cabins, and general refurnishing. The boilers were placed in position Friday. These are four new boilers of the Scotch type. A new donkey boiler will be installed also. The run of the vessel is now being covered by the steamer Queen.

QUEEN CITY IN PORT.

The steamship Queen City reached port this morning from Hardy Bay and way ports after an uneventful trip. From Salmon river the vessel brought news that the work of recovering the boom logs which were lost in the recent flood is proceeding satisfactorily and the loss will not be as great as was at first anticipated. The Queen City brought down 75 passengers to Vancouver and a small quantity of freight.

TAKES CHAINS FOR LIGHTSHIP.

The steamship Maude, under charter to the marine and fisheries department, which is engaged in the work of replacing the Sandheads' lightship, came into port on Saturday night and, after loading chains and cables, left again today to moor the vessel.

ANOTHER VESSEL OVERDUE.

The French barque General de Negrier, Capt. Le Meilleur, which left Cherbourg on August 23rd for Seattle and was spoken on the 29th of that month in 49 N. W., has been added to the overdue list at 5 per cent. The rate on the American ship Adolph Ohrig has been raised from 65 to 80 per cent. The Ohrig is 248 days out from New York for San Francisco. On the Italian ship Pellegrina C., 137 days from Newcastle, N. S. W., for Antofagasta, the rate has been advanced from 30 to 85 per cent.

GEORGIA BRINGS JAPANESE.

R. M. S. Georgia arrived in port this morning from Sallia Cruz and way ports on the Mexican Pacific coast bringing two saloon passengers and 14 Japanese. The steamship left Guaymas on the 6th inst and had a very stormy trip up the coast. She brought consignments of ore and coconuts for Vancouver and Ladysmith. The saloon passengers were W. F. Gibson, a contractor, and Mary Durgan, both from Acapulco.

MARINE NOTES.

English exchanges state that a public inquiry was held at Ayrton, in Berkshire, recently, in regard to the loss of St. Abbs, on October 17th, of the Danish steamer Alfred Eriandsen with all hands. It was stated that the rocket line could not reach the vessel and that the lifeboat could not get within forty yards of her. The jury found that all possible was done. The only survivor of the wreck was a dog, a Great Dane.

The Jeanie, owned by the Alaska Coast Company, struck an uncharted rock between St. Elias and Middleton on December 7th, but is not believed to be damaged to any extent. She is now discharging at Valdez and will later go on the beach for examination.

The Cunarder Ultopia has arrived at New York, according to advices received by E. E. Blackwood, agent for Atlantic steamship lines, from Palermo, bringing 39 first and 1,278 steerage passengers.

R. M. S. Empress of Britain sailed from Halifax at 1 a. m. on Saturday with 1,600 passengers. Of this number 477 were second class.

The Union Steamship Company's steamship Camosun sails for northern British Columbia ports on the 20th inst.

R. M. S. Moana is due on Wednesday from the Antipodes.

CLARKE'S PORK AND BEANS

are just as tasty and appetizing as any meat dish you can prepare, and yet five minutes will make a steaming hot dinner. Eat more of them.

TIDE TABLE.

Table with columns for Date, Time of High Water, and Time of Low Water for Victoria, B. C., December, 1907.

The height is measured from the level of the lower low water at spring tides. This level corresponds with the datum to which the soundings on the Admiralty chart of Victoria harbor are referred, as closely as can now be ascertained.

UNEQUAL FOES.

India's tiger bird, so called because he is the one thing the royal Bengal feline is no larger than the sparrow. Yet so bold and combative is he that if the great cat is surprised by a sufficient number of the little creatures far from the protecting shelter of the jungle it will go hard with him. When alone the bird will not attack. Supported by a flock of friends, however, often numbering several thousands, the bird will seek out its hereditary foe and give him battle.

FLEET TWO CENTURIES OLD.

Amazement and Veneration for Glorious Record of British Navy.

The effect generally produced upon the reader by the study of old documents relating to the navy is one of added amazement and veneration at its glorious record. How could the officers and men have been expected to win victories under the conditions in which they were placed. And yet they rarely failed. Recently the empire celebrated the anniversary of Trafalgar with a quiet but earnest manner the anniversary of Trafalgar, and every student of Nelson's times knows what a struggle that great admiral had to get proper provisions for his fleet. It goes without saying that lesser men had still more disappointing experiences with the admiralty of their day. The anniversary of Trafalgar was a not inappreciable date to choose for the publication of the volume of manuscripts of the Duke of Portland which deal to a considerable extent with naval affairs at the beginning of the eighteenth century. Just a hundred years before Nelson gave England once and for all the command of the sea. A large number of parliamentary papers are included because Robert Harley was speaker of the House of Commons, and afterwards secretary of state; but they are incidental rather than complete records, from which sidelights only can be gained. We learn, however, that the strength of the Navy Royal of England at the first, second, third, and fourth ranks in 1697 was 116 ships, with twelve more nearly ready to be launched, together with 181 ships of lesser rating. Thirty-five ships were burned, blown up, cast away, or taken by the French in the nine years' war, beginning 1693, which cannot be considered a large total in the circumstances. The question of "perquisites" by the officials must have been far more serious than appears, but a committee of the House of Commons thought it time to protest in 1698 "that the commissioners of the Admiralty have assumed to themselves a power and authority in passing accounts and making orders for extraordinary payments without His Majesty's or the Privy Council's directions, therein contrary to the ancient practice of that office," and they declared that "it is inconsistent with the welfare of the navy to have the same person commissioner of the Admiralty and treasurer of the navy."

Some of the complaints, however, strike the reader as rather curious. An indictment framed in 1699, for instance, charges the Admiralty with having adopted a very dangerous custom of building ships by contract "as a necessitous man in haste would purchase a suit of clothes in St. Martin Lane." The memorandum alleged that it was introduced by artificial officers interested in the profits arising from such contracts, and declared the ships were badly built. "They are not of sufficient strength to cruise; they are not able to carry their establishment of guns, which rack them to pieces, spring leaks, and send them to port for repairs." A woeful plight indeed for a navy! Controversies are, ever new in the navy, one item of complaint being that the Admiralty should have made the experiment of having two-decked 80-gun ships in a squadron at first instance of building one as a sample. The naval vote in that year totalled 1,966,342, the maintenance of the men being reckoned at 14 man per month. The controversy regarding the conduct of Sir George Rooke makes frequent appearance, and a sarcastic pamphlet, "The History of the Battle of Villa Franca," appeared under date of 1704. Many vehement protests found their way to parliament upon the ever-vexatious question of the pressgangs. On one occasion the mayor of Hull and other reputable persons rescued some of the victims, who stated that the four men "cleared" were all masters of ships and two of them their owners; one was also constable, another, a collector of the land tax, and two others "dealers of their own venture" in lime and coal, and one of these, moreover, a churchwarden and overseer of the poor! It was not to be wondered at, says the editor of the MSS., that the country complained against the press-masters, "for sadly stretching beyond their bounds." Nevertheless, Sir Edward Northey, the attorney-general, was very indignant with the "insolencies" of the mayor and his companions, and gave it as his opinion that they ought to be prosecuted for interfering. In some cases, however, release was effected for less disinterested reasons, and bribery played its part. At the beginning of 1704 recruits for the land forces and marines were authorized to be raised in the same way. Even military officers themselves complained of the irregularities of the justices in enforcing this Act, and declared that such practices would make it more difficult to obtain men in the future. Enlisted by whatever method, however, Englishmen could always be trusted in the face of the enemy; and the moral of these recitals is that the heroes of past ages were even greater men than we give them credit for, as they had to combat mismanagement, corruption, and even oppression at home, as well as the enemy abroad—Naval and Military Record.

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EXTENSION OF TIMBER LICENSE

Petition to Be Presented at Next Sitting of Legislature is Framed. At a recent meeting of the B. C. Lumber and Forestry Chamber of Commerce in Vancouver, the petition to be presented to the legislature next session relative to the amending of the regulations, was decided upon...

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BY PALMER COX



THEY BROWNIES PLANNED TO SHOW THE MAYOR APPRECIATION FOR HIS CARE.



SOME MEMBERS RAISED A GENEROUS GIFT, TO BE A TOKEN AND A LIFT.



THE BROWNIE CLOWN WAS URGED BY EACH, TO MAKE THE PRESENTATION SPEECH.



BUT FROM THE BAG THE COIN HAD FLED, AND OUT A LEMON ROLLED INSTEAD.



ENRAGED HIS HONOR THREW IT THROUGH, A MIRROR THAT WAS ALMOST NEW.



THEN ON THE LEADERS PLACED A FINE, AND GOT MUCH MORE THAN LEMON RINE.

PALMER COX.

# The Chartered Bank of British Columbia

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British Columbia, with its great wealth of raw material in timber and minerals, largely developed, with its opportunities for cattle ranching, mixed farming and fruit growing, with its fisheries and its increasing maritime trade with the Orient, Australia, Mexico and South America, and, above all, in the approaching development of its vast Central Northern Interior and Vancouver Island by railway constructions will be immensely benefited by the establishment of a Chartered Bank, having its Chief Office in the Province and controlled by a Board of Directors entirely familiar with the resources and the needs of the country, whose names alone are a guarantee for the success of the undertaking.

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British .....	\$100	\$155	7
Merchants .....	\$100	\$156	8
Dominion .....	\$100	\$220	12
Toronto .....	\$100	\$302	10
Royal .....	\$100	\$225	10
Hamilton .....	\$100	\$185	10
Traders .....	\$100	\$125	7
Imperial .....	\$100	\$198	11
Standard .....	\$100	\$213	12
Molsons .....	\$100	\$190	10
East Townships .....	\$100	\$150	8
Ottawa .....	\$100	\$215	10

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In the Matter of the Estate of William L. Lewis, Deceased, Intestate, and in the Matter of the Official Administrators' Act.

Notice is hereby given that, under an order made by the Honorable Mr. Justice Irving, dated the 12th day of December, 1907, I, the undersigned, was appointed administrator of the estate of the above named deceased. All parties having claims against the said estate are required to send particulars of their claims to me, duly authenticated, on or before the 15th day of January, 1908, and all parties indebted to the said estate are required to pay such indebtedness to me forthwith.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 12th day of December, 1907.

R. G. MONTEITH, Acting Official Administrator.

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OUR LONDON LETTER

London, Nov. 22.—November has been responsible for a remarkable climatic occurrence. We have had a day of complete darkness, darker than the blackest night. The streets presented a weird appearance at 11 o'clock in the morning, as business had to be carried on with the aid of artificial lights: cabs, trams and omnibuses were forced to light up as if it was evening. Usually when evening falls there is some kind of light in the sky, but on this particular day a fog, impenetrable in its density descended within 300 or 400 feet of the streets, completely hiding the sky from view. The Thames ran like a river of ink and skimming on its surface were numbers of seagulls, their gray bodies showing up with ghastly effect against the surrounding gloom. All other birds, such as the street pigeons, usually to be found near public buildings in London, retired to roost under the impression that it was bedtime. The rail ways were run under difficulties, but no accident occurred. The strange part of the phenomenon was that at suburbs within four miles of the city bright daylight might be found.

The Aeroplane Excuse. Aeroplanes, it is possible may be responsible for many excuses if they become popular. The other day a motorist was summoned for furious driving and on attending the court and being examined by the magistrate to show cause why he should not be fined, he made rather a novel form of alibi. "But you are mistaken," he said, "I was not in the auto. As a matter of fact I was not on the earth at the time." It was true. He proved most conclusively that on that day and at the hour when the car was breaking speed limits he was soaring heavenwards in his aeroplane.

Winter Hats. The flowers used on some of the smart winter hats are certainly most beautiful. The roses for instance fashioned of silk and velvet are most artistic, though perhaps not strictly accurate in tint, but one does not look for any hard and fast rules as far as the coloring of artificial flowers is concerned. A hat I saw the other day was of a very soft pliable felt, of a pastel shade of blue, and was trimmed with swathings of mole colored chiffon, and large roses the same shade, with autumn tinted foliage. It was worn slightly tilted on one side, and was most becoming to the charming wearer. It was quite smart in conjunction with a tailor-made suit in navy, the coat being of the same cut—a-way shape, bound with black braid, the braid also appearing on the skirt, which was made closely fitting round the hips, and flared round the feet. The light hat gave the necessary note of color. A grandfather frill of pleated lawn, edged with narrow lace, gave a distinctive note to the toilette.

Evening and Tea Gowns. Questions are often asked as to whether linen is better than the evening dress proper and the tea gown. The distinguishing feature is in the sleeve. I saw a beautiful specimen of the tea gown destined for wear in a country house by a tall and graceful woman. It was composed of crepe de chine and tulle, and the puffed sleeves forming the underskirt, and the puffed being utilized to make a little coat with long ends in front. A tulle effect was given to the former by bands of satin ribbon with tassels at the points. The coat had an edging of fur, and was slit up at the sides, being held together with a row of buttons. A novel touch was a lacing of the satin ribbon through the coat. The upper sleeves are full and hanging in soft folds, and from elbow to wrist are tight fitting mitten lace sleeves. A truly beautiful garment.

Was Arctic Explorer. The death of Admiral McClintock recalls the famous Franklin expedition of 1845. It was in that year that Sir John Franklin sailed from Greenwich with the object of discovering the N.W. passage, with two ships and 134 officers and men. As we know they all perished, but authentic news as to their fate was not received for many years, although several expeditions from England were sent out to ascertain, if possible, whether they really lived. On one of these expeditions McClintock went as second lieutenant, but the attempt failed. The notable feature of it was the sledge ride of 600 miles through an unknown land, undertaken by McClintock and his captain. He joined two other government expeditions, and distinguished himself on both occasions. After the repeated failure the government refused to equip another expedition, but Lady Franklin, still eager to have definite information about her husband, bought the steam yacht Fox and entrusted the command to McClintock. He accepted it "as a post of honor and some difficulty." In 1857 the Fox set sail from England, but it was not until 1859 that proofs were found of the death of Franklin and his men. Then the ship returned to England. On his return McClintock was knighted by the Queen and given a grant by parliament, also received the freedom of the city of London, and had the degrees of D. C. L. and L. D. conferred on him by Oxford and Cambridge respectively for his services to science in the expedition. In later years he took

the soundings for the Atlantic cable and also superintended the fitting out of the Arctic ships Alert and Discovery.

Opening of Parliament. It has been definitely decided that the King shall open parliament in state on January 29th. Some significance has been attached by leading journals to this fact and it is surmised that the ceremonial will be fraught with more than usual importance. A high political authority has expressed an opinion recently that there are to be "no more autumn sessions in this parliament."

Now, as it is impossible for anyone, even a cabinet minister, to say what a session is likely to bring forth, there has been much speculation as to the exact meaning of this remark. It may mean nothing and it may mean a good deal more than is at first apparent. One journal says that probably what the politician in question intended to convey was that we are never to be without an autumn session; otherwise, that when parliament meets in January it will sit on until the following December, with a summer recess of about three or four months from July. Anyway, the coming session promises to be an unusually busy one, as it is hoped as much business as possible may be got through before Easter, including the introduction of the budget, and second readings of more important bills. One Conservative paper, which is usually well informed, says that in 1908 the government will be obliged to go to the country, and of course then it is hoped that the Unionists will be returned to power by a sweeping majority.

Ladies Who Smoke. The smoking habit among ladies of high social standing seems to be largely on the increase. Last week during the visit of the Queen of Spain to London she gave a well known firm orders for several boxes made of Morocco, to be embellished with the Spanish arms and each box to contain several varieties of cigarettes, apparently to be given as presents to her Majesty's friends in England and Spain. The Queen of Rumania sends orders to England every week for cigarettes. Of course most women on the continent smoke a great deal, but perhaps the Russian women indulge in that habit to greater excess than those of other nationalities. Some quite young Russian girls are adepts at making cigarettes from a favorite brand of tobacco.

Most interesting has been attached to the announcement that Mr. Monteith, minister of agriculture for Ontario, has arranged for a presentation of the best exhibits from the Toronto horticultural show to the King. I understand that Lord Strathcona will undertake to have the goods promptly delivered to his Majesty, to whom, no doubt, the gift will give much pleasure.

Microbes in Tears. In the 20th century we seem doomed never to be able to escape from the microbe fiend. He is always reappearing after a temporary silence to tell mankind the fresh dangers risked daily from the different species of microbes. The latest, however, seems rather far-fetched. It has been discovered by some energetic individual that when a person indulges in what is rather commonly called "a good cry" that the tears in coursing down the cheeks disturb the microbes, which I have had the temerity to settle thereon, and in consequence that the occupants of a room in which the weeping takes place would be subject to infection from the said microbes which would then form part of the atmosphere of the room. Perhaps it would not be an entirely unmitigated disaster of the fear of microbes would prevent some fearful subjects from indulging their propensity too frequently. In some families it would be a blessing rather than the reverse.

PUGILISTS IN THE PULPIT.

Upwards of sixty converts were secured at a service conducted at Abbeville, England, by a convert. The preacher took off his coat, tie, and collar on entering the pulpit, telling the congregation that the effect of the "stripping" was to allow him greater freedom. It is a remarkable fact that until his conversion three years ago the preacher could neither read nor write.

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HOW LONDON FIGHTS FIRE

By Harold Spindler in the Morning Leader.

It is the most popular of London sensations. To see it lightens the whole of our day and sends us home full of daring and adventurous thoughts, capable of heroism in the midst of peace, almost anxious to set a light to our own tame houses. How suddenly it flashes by! You are walking down the Strand, you are wrapped in dull, self-regarding thoughts. Suddenly across the roar of the traffic there comes the insistent sound of a deep-toned bell—it used to be that "Ah!" "Ah!" of human voices, which was perhaps still more thrilling. Then, as with a miracle, the traffic parts, and down the empty mid-Strand, at the full, free, fierce gallop of racing chariots, comes a fire engine. It is the glimmer of conflict in the heart of comfort—one of those heroic services that surpass and will outlast war—a service saving, not destruction—of life, not death.

Ting! Ting! A service always active—knowing no rest or quarter from its fierce emergency to its soldiers no certainty of Capuan ease; Day and night the seventy-eight fire stations of London are never closed. The horses stand beneath the harness; the men, even when off duty, sleep in their clothes ready for a call one sits by the telephone, ever waiting for a summons. There are dull days in those stations—days when no call for fire comes—days of cleaning and scrubbing—days of practice and outings and false alarms—days when all this vigilance seems just a futile absurdity. But then, suddenly, just when fire seems to have died out of the planet, there comes a "ting" of the bell—an urgent call through the telephone—a breathless tale of fire spreading, houses imperilled, crowded rooms cut off at midday, life perishing before the eyes of men. Then comes the slide. There is a clamor of bells—the men slide from their sleeping rooms down the pole-jackets, helmets, axes are fitted on in a trice. The doors slide open—out goes the escape, always first—life before property! Then, with a rush and roar, follows the engine, working up steam as it tears down the street, within a few minutes from the ringing of the alarm the station is empty and silent again.

All except the man at the telephone. There he waits, listening. In a few minutes there is a ring, and he is talking to his chief fireman, who has broken the nearest alarm and fitted on his fire helmet. "Fire spreading—can't cope with it—want more help." He turns to another telephone. In a moment he is talking to the Head Office in Southwark. "More help wanted!" A moment later Southwark has rung up the neighboring stations, and immediately escapes and engines are pounding down the streets to the scene of the fire. And so it goes—the man at the centre watching and listening, talking and complying, sending escape after escape and engine after engine, until, if the fire prove finally obstinate, he has sounded the "Brigade" call and summoned scores of engines in London to that one fire.

That Fatal Spark.

There is no greater instance of the power of the telephone in modern life. The victories of American cities in fire suppression—where to give them their due, have been amazing—have responded to the spread of the telephone in public and private life. A universal use of the telephone in London would quickly bring down the annual fire mortality from its present hundred nearer to its ten. For the one and only cause of fire suppression is promptness after a temporary silence to tell mankind the fresh dangers risked daily from the different species of microbes. The latest, however, seems rather far-fetched. It has been discovered by some energetic individual that when a person indulges in what is rather commonly called "a good cry" that the tears in coursing down the cheeks disturb the microbes, which I have had the temerity to settle thereon, and in consequence that the occupants of a room in which the weeping takes place would be subject to infection from the said microbes which would then form part of the atmosphere of the room. Perhaps it would not be an entirely unmitigated disaster of the fear of microbes would prevent some fearful subjects from indulging their propensity too frequently. In some families it would be a blessing rather than the reverse.

New Wonders.

Since that terrible and fatal fire of a few years ago, the London fire service has been overhauled and revolutionized. It was about time—for we were lagging behind the fire inventions of the world, and especially of America. The crowd at Battersea has seen with admiration the new fire float Beta, with its many hoses, powerful enough to keep in hand the fiercest riverside fire. The river-side fire-ara not what they used to be," said an old fireman to me the other day with a melancholy sigh. I was sorry for him. But if they are not what they were, it is due to the promptitude with which the land and river engines reach and extinguish the smallest threat of ignition. The price of freedom from fire, like the price of liberty, is perpetual vigilance.

But the fire-floats are an old story. The wonder of the moment is the motor-engine. The motor-engine is both a wonder and a puzzle. She is undoubtedly quicker in her ugly movements than the beautiful old horse engines that thunder down the Strand. Quickness being everything, that would seem to settle the matter. But she still

breaks down at awkward moments—and fire will not wait for a breakdown. In other ways London has been moving rapidly ahead. The fire escapes are longer now. The seventy-foot fire escapes—it will be welcome news to high dwellers in flat-land—are scattered all over London. Above all, we have got over our prejudice against that wonderful American invention—the hook-ladder. By that ladder a few firemen could climb the precipitous sides of the Hotel Metropole—fixing the ladders as they rose to the window parapets above them. The hook-ladder was long boycotted by the London fire brigade, but it has done marvels on the "sky-scraper" in the American towns, and now that London has adopted it we shall be able to sleep more securely at nights.

The Man Behind the Engines. But, when all is said and done, it is the man behind the engine that chiefly counts. Our London fire brigade is so good because we can always command the picked men from our navy and merchant marine—splendid, fearless climbers—fine hearts and clear heads, ready to risk all at the call of duty or the saving of human life. It is the pride of the London fire brigade that the men have to be held back from running into excessive danger. The heroes of the future will be the heroes of peace—the mine rescuers whom the King delighted to honor in Wales, and the fire rescuers whom King Demos, with a sound instinct, always delights to honor in London.

TAILORING SUITS IN FOUR DAYS.

Forcibly Presents Difficulty of Getting Tailor's Apprentices. The week after the Semi-ready Company announced that they would make suits to order in four days they had applications for 24 special agencies from different towns in Canada. Nearly half of these applications were from merchant tailors who complained of the scarcity of getting journeymen tailors. Young men will not apprentice themselves to the trade since it is recognized that the custom tailoring is going through the same revolution which destroyed the custom shoemaking on the introduction of Goodyear machinery.

RIVAL OF NIAGARA.

Newly Discovered Waterfall Called After Mr. Chamberlain. Dr. Carl Bovallius, the managing director of a rubber concern known as the New Essequibo Exploration Company, of Georgetown, British Guiana, has discovered on an affluent of the River Treng, close to the Brazilian boundary at about 5 degrees north latitude and 60 degrees 9 minutes west longitude, a waterfall rivaling Niagara in height and worthy of ranking with Kaitere Fall and Mount Roraima as one of the greatest scenic treasures of the country. The new fall has a sheer drop of 300 feet, and is some 20 feet in width. Kaitere, it may be mentioned, is 741 feet high and 270 feet wide.

The wall of the cliff over which the new fall rushes is slightly convex, showing red, highly-polished jasper in places. At the base there is an oval basin, which empties about a hundred yards from the first fall over a second, some 30 feet in height.

In reporting his discovery to the governor of the colony (Sir F. M. Hodgson, K. C. M. G.), Dr. Bovallius states: "When I sat there admiring the grand scenery, the thought occurred to me that what being nameless, this great fall was worthy to carry a great name; and after that of his Majesty the King, none more worthy to be honored by us Colonials could be found than that of the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain. I most respectfully propose that your Excellency will allow that the fall shall be called Chamberlain Falls, and be so named in official documents and in maps of the colony."

A DEADLY IDEA.

An Interesting Relic of the American Civil War. One of the most interesting relics of the American Civil War, according to an American correspondent, is the double-barrelled cannon recently mounted in front of the Federal buildings at Athens, Ga. It fired a fifty-pound shell with a cannonball at each end, and the idea was that the chain would stretch taut and mow down everyone in its way.

Saved Her Life!

WIFE AND MOTHER RESTORED TO HER ANXIOUS FAMILY. St. John, N. B., Dec. 14.—At one time it was feared that Mrs. J. Grant, of 22 White street, would succumb to the deadly ravages of advanced kidney trouble. "My first attacks of backache and kidney trouble began years ago. For six years that dull, gnawing pain has been present. When I exerted myself it was terribly intensified. If I caught cold the pain was unendurable. I used most everything, but nothing gave that certain grateful relief that came from Dr. Hamilton's Pills of Mandrake and Butternut. Instead of being bowed down with pain, to-day I am strong, enjoy splendid appetites, sleep soundly. Lost properties have been instilled into my blood—cheeks are rosy with color, and I thank the day that I heard of so grand a medicine as Dr. Hamilton's Pills." Every woman should use these pills regularly because good health pays, and it's good, vigorous health that comes to all who use Dr. Hamilton's Mandrake and Butternut Pills.

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## Great Fight For Portland Millions

To-day the case for the defence in what has become known all over the world as the Druce mystery trial was opened in London. The case for the prosecution has been reported from time to time in these columns. A full resume of what led to this fight for millions, which is perhaps unparalleled in interest, collated from the London press, makes interesting reading at this juncture of the proceedings.

As far as the vital statistics of England, Ireland and Scotland and parts of Europe, Australia and America show, no one named Thomas Charles Druce was ever born. Yet his death is recorded. One solution of the mystery is that the reason no trace of the birth of T. C. Druce can be found is that there was no such person; that Druce was an alias of the eccentric fifth Duke of Portland. Could it be proved that there was such a person as Thomas Charles Druce, the claims upon the Portland estate would receive a deadly blow. Of course, the fact that the birth records are void of information concerning Druce does not prove the non-existence of that person, although the fact is a presumption in favor of the hypothesis of dual identity.

The Baker Street Bazaar. It is known that shortly after the eccentric fifth Duke of Portland inherited the title and estates, the name T. C. Druce became familiar to passers-by on Baker street as the proprietor of a bazaar, or small department store. The ordinary customers did not see the proprietor, for he remained for the most part under cover in his office at the rear. Even his employees were not too familiar with his appearance, for he seemed no more willing than his titled neighbor, the Duke of Portland, to incur close scrutiny. His office was draped in red curtains; and it was a cast iron law in the Druce Bazaar that if the curtains were drawn no one was to approach. When they were thrown back the employees who had business with the proprietor, might draw near.

The Tunnel. The clerks in the store noticed that the proprietor was "queer" in other ways. For example, he had one meal a day brought to him in the office. This was at mid-day; and no matter how late he might remain in the store at night, he never had his evening meal there. It is held to be a significant coincidence that the eccentric Duke of Portland never had a mid-day meal at his London house, but always breakfast, and dinner at night. The Duke and the shopkeeper were equally mysterious in their comings and goings. Rarely was Druce seen to enter or leave the store. The supposition was that he was a very early riser, and was

in his office hours before the shop was opened. He remained after the others had gone; and so there was nobody to say what means of ingress and egress he employed. Some years ago, an underground passage connecting the Baker street shop and the Cavendish square palace of the Portlands was disclosed. Does it explain the mystery?

Druce Takes a Wife. T. C. Druce was not a very companionable person; but he was not above chucking a pretty shopgirl under the chin. A saleswoman thus favored was Elizabeth Crickmer; and one day Elizabeth astonished the others by announcing her marriage to T. C. Druce. That the two went through this ceremony there is documentary evidence to prove. In course of time children were born to them; but Druce seemed to have little natural affection for his children, and to his wife he was quite indifferent. At the same time, he did not lose his taste for chucking under the chin. The years went by, and finally Thomas Charles Druce was taken ill. Doctors were summoned, but he grew steadily worse. His death followed, and all that remained of T. C. Druce was duly buried in the old Highgate cemetery. The shop was closed, the stock was sold, and with what money she had from the proceeds the widow and her children left the country.

The Sensational Claim. A few years later the eccentric Duke of Portland died, leaving no direct issue; and the present Duke, his grandnephew, reigned in his stead. It was not until 1893 that the widow of T. C. Druce startled the world by declaring that her husband and the Duke of Portland were one and the same, and that their son, George Hollamby Druce, was the rightful sixth Duke of Portland. Suit was at once entered; but its failure was assured from the sudden appearance of another claimant, who also claimed to be Druce's widow. The two factions have fought bitterly, and, indeed, the present trial is not a formal suit against the Duke of Portland, but is founded on a charge of perjury by one branch of the Druce family against the other. It seems to be pretty well established that Druce was twice married.

The Coffin at Highgate. The claimants are united in one assertion, and upon its truth they are willing to stake their claims. They say that the death and burial of T. C. Druce was a "fake," and that 200 pounds of lead were put in the coffin at Highgate cemetery. Open the Druce casket, they say, and see if we are not right. But no efforts have been able to get the desired permission; and the coffin continues to hold its mystery.

Queen Victoria, it is said, knew the truth about Druce; so did Charles Dickens, who hinted at it in his uncompleted "Edwin Drood." It is a wonder Sherlock Holmes did not fathom the case, as he lived on the same street as Druce, and not a stone's throw from the Portlands.

An Enormous Fortune. But although everyone understands that this charge is brought in connection with a claim to the dukedom of Portland, few understand how enormous to the fortune which may be affected by the issue. If George Hollamby Druce, the Australian, succeeds in establishing his claim to be a descendant of the fifth Duke of Portland he will become one of the richest men in the world and owner of tens of thousands of acres of land with magnificent mansions and country houses. The properties he will be entitled to are variously estimated as being worth from eight to ten million pounds sterling.

Small wonder that a man in humble circumstances should strain every effort in his fight for wealth beyond the dreams of avarice; or that the case, apart from the strange mystery surrounding it, should be regarded as of such extraordinary importance.

Grounds of the Claim. The present charge is regarded by George Hollamby Druce and those acting on his behalf as a preliminary struggle for the London estate of the present Lord Howard de Walden.

In his will the fourth Duke of Portland directed that his property should descend to his son, the fifth duke, and to his son's heir.

Falling the fifth duke having an heir the property was to descend in the female line. On the assumption that the fifth duke did not marry, the estate went to the Dowager Lady Howard de Walden.

But now George Hollamby Druce is seeking to establish that the fifth duke did marry in the name of T. C. Druce, who was this George Hollamby's grandfather. On these grounds he will seek to establish his title to this London estate.

The London Property. This property alone is worth an almost fabulous fortune. It lies in the region of Oxford street, Portland place, Cavendish square, Wimpole street, Harley street, Wigmore street, and other thoroughfares. When it came into the possession of the Dowager Lady de Walden it is recorded that it furnished her with the splendid income of \$900,000 a year. It is impossible to say exactly what it yields to-day, but its value has risen considerably since that time, and it is probable that the estimates which place the annual rental at between \$1,250,000 and \$1,500,000 are fairly correct. Take \$1,500,000 a year as the total rental, this capitalized would mean an immense fortune in itself.

It should be explained that apart from this Lord Howard de Walden owns property which could not in any way be affected by the Druce claim. He is also Baron Searford and owns Searford house, Belgrave square, and Audley End, near Saffron Walden.

Inherited Acres. At present the plaintiff is not making a direct claim upon the estates of the Duke of Portland. But if he should succeed in establishing his right to the De Walden property, he confidently expects that he will obtain that of the duke. This would mean the transference of such estates as go with the dukedom, properties dazzling in value so far as size and dignity go. The following is a list of the estates which the Duke of Portland inherited, though not all, perhaps, would be affected by the claim: In Nottinghamshire, 42,036 acres; in Northumberland, 12,357 acres; in Derbyshire, 8,074 acres; in Lincolnshire, 903 acres; in Cathness, 101,000 acres; in Ayrshire, 17,224 acres; total, 182,574 acres.

Thus it is seen that the duke's estates cover an area considerably greater than that of the whole of Middlesex. The annual value of these properties is variously estimated at from \$500,000 to \$750,000. If we take the higher figure that represents at 5 per cent, a capital of \$15,000,000, or at 4 per cent, \$18,750,000. But even this does not fully represent the value of the dukedom, which would be worth a fortune. Well beyond the wealth of the duke. Well beyond the wealth of the duke. Well beyond the wealth of the duke.

How did these astounding fortunes come into possession of the family? The answer to that question is one of the most interesting romances of the British peerage. The founder of the Portland fortunes was Hans William Bentinck, the descendant of a family of knightly rank in Holland. This Bentinck was a page to the Prince of Orange, and later, his gentleman of the bedchamber and henchman on the battlefield. He nursed his master through an attack of smallpox, and in doing so caught the disease and nearly died through his devotion.

When after the flight of James the Second the Prince of Orange was invited to become King of England, Bentinck left his beloved wife dying at the Hague to accompany his prince on

what was believed to be a frightfully perilous undertaking.

He served his King with the greatest distinction, was created Baron Cirencester, Viscount Woodstock, and Earl of Portland. When he died in 1709 he was worth \$4,000,000, and was believed, thanks to the generosity of the King, to be the richest subject in England.

The First Duke. His son was created Duke of Portland. The second duke married Lady Margaret Harley, who brought with her the wealth of the Cavendishes, including Welbeck and a large London estate. The third duke married the daughter of the fourth Duke of Devonshire, who brought more wealth to the family. The fourth duke married Miss Scott, "the Fifeshire heiress," who added the great Scotch estates to the family possessions.

What of the present owners of these great fortunes? The duke is a quiet, reserved, methodical man of fifty, a typical country squire and country gentleman. He delights to gather his friends around him in the shooting and hunting seasons. He is a keen sportsman who has devoted his winnings on the turf to the building and endowment of almshouses for the old and infirm. He is lord lieutenant of Nottinghamshire and provincial master of the Nottingham Freemasons. Under his rule, and that of his beautiful wife, Welbeck, with its strange honeycomb of underground apartments, made by the fifth duke, has again become a social centre.

He succeeded to the dukedom when he was a lieutenant in the Coldstream Guards, and, ten years later, married the beautiful Miss Winifred Dallas-Yorke, daughter of Mr. Dallas-Yorke, of Walmgate, Lincolnshire. The duke and duchess have charming children. Lady Victoria Cavendish-Bentinck, born 1893; the Marquis of Titchfield, born 1893; and Lord Morven, born 1900. Lord Howard de Walden is only 26. He is tall, clean-shaven, wears an eyeglass, has a philosophic temperament, and is not at all inclined to squander his millions. He served in the South African war, was in the ride to Kimberley, and was at Paardeberg under Lord Roberts, but he has since retired from the service. He is a fine fencer and devoted to many forms of sport, among them being hawking, shooting and motoring. On the turf he is well known, having taken over the late Col. McCalmont's stable when that popular sportsman died.

## MORAL CAMPAIGN IN SASKATCHEWAN

### Churches Unite and Outline Plan to Bring Liquor Traffic Under Control.

Regina, Dec. 14. — Between fifty and sixty delegates, representing the Anglican, Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist churches, the W. C. T. U. and the R. T. of T., throughout the province, met to-day in Knox church for the purpose of organizing with a view to carrying on an aggressive temperance campaign. As the result of their deliberations, the Social and Moral Reform Council, Rev. A. C. Strachan, of Arcoila; Methodist, Rev. E. A. Chegan, of Moose Jaw; Baptist, Rev. H. Jones, Regina; R. T. of T., A. Magee, Wolsley; W. C. T. U., to be elected.

The constitution adopted by the council provides for the representation of any church or other organization of provincial character, with representation for each unit. The object of the council, as set forth in the constitution, is the promotion by educational, legislative or administrative action of moral and social reform. The principle of government ownership and control of the liquor traffic, as advocated by the Presbyterian and Methodist churches, was believed to form part of the movement, and was dropped, as other religious and temperance bodies were strongly opposed to the idea. Instead, the convention pledged itself to press for legislation having for its object the abolition of the bar, prohibiting of public treating, permitting sale of intoxicating liquors only in sealed packages, to be consumed on premises, and the granting to municipalities the option of having the sale of liquor or its prohibition.

A strong representative parliamentary committee was appointed to watch legislation in the interests of temperance, and Bishop Newham, Revs. Dr. Shearer and Dr. Chown were elected lobbyists to attend the next session of the provincial legislature while the municipal bill is passing through the House. As a result of the abandonment of the principles of government ownership and control, the Labor party, which would otherwise have been associated with the movement, have withdrawn.

## THIRTY KILLED IN DAM BURST.

The Riviera has been shocked by a terrible disaster. A few miles from Loup, on the Southern Railway of France, a dam was being constructed by an electric supply company, and was intended to retain the waters of the Loup, a mountain stream. Owing probably to the heavy rains, the stream became very swollen, and, as the works were unfinished, carried them easily away, together with thirty of the workers. Fifteen corpses have already been taken out of the water and from under the debris, and a detachment of fifty sappers from the garrison of Grasse has been sent to help in the rescue.



With his kinky, woolly hair, and a most amusing air. Young Sambo gambols all around the place. But he often wants to know—why his face is blackened so; And what the people mean by "colored race."

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## CANADIAN CATTLE IN ENGLISH MARKETS

### Their Introduction Free of Duty Would Rule Out American and Argentine Stock.

Montreal, Dec. 14.—A London cable says it is evident from the comments of influential ministerial journals here that the recent considerable rise in beef prices here is causing the question to be raised in authoritative quarters. The rise since July has been no less than 15 per cent. The fact is, as the Westminster Gazette states, that having obtained a commanding position in the English meat trade, Chicago houses have proceeded to create a splendid organization for the control of prices. The tariff reformers' proposed remedy is a duty on these Chicago products, Canada being admitted free, or on a small duty. Ministers being free traders, cannot take this line, because their organ argues that the position would be at once altered if ministers invented the flimsiest of pretexts and again allowed Canadian store cattle to enter British ports under a rigorous inspection. Under this inspection Canadian cattle would probably rule out American and Argentine cattle. The main difficulty is the political difficulty the ministers would create among their British and Irish farming constituencies which would be affected by Canada's inclusion.

## KNOWN IN PROVINCE.

Rev. Alex. Dunn, Formerly of British Columbia, in Guelph.

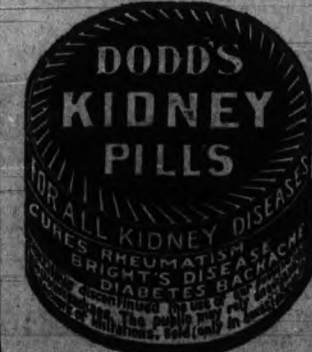
The Guelph Daily Mercury of December 13rd, announces the marriage of Rev. Alex. Dunn, formerly a well known and greatly respected missionary in the southern British Columbia field. Says the Mercury:

A very pretty wedding was quietly solemnized this afternoon (Dec. 13rd) at 3 o'clock at the residence of Frederick Evans, Arthur street, when his daughter, Jessie, was united in holy matrimony to Rev. Alexander Dunn, M.A., B.D., of Cairns, Alta.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. R. Harcourt, assisted by Rev. David Lang, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of St. John, N. B., and Rev. Mr. Watt, Congregational church, city, the first two gentlemen being college chums and close personal friends of the groom.

After the reception the young couple left for a short trip to eastern points. They will sail for India early in the new year, and will take up their residence at Indoor, where Mr. Dunn has been appointed to the staff of the Presbyterian college, which has for its object the training of native teachers.

Mr. Dunn is a graduate of Manitoba college, and subsequently received his degree of B. D. at New York seminary. He has spent many years in the mission fields of the west, chiefly in British Columbia, and leaves there many old friends who view with regret his departure which leaves such a large gap in the ranks of the pioneer missionaries, a place for which his many qualities as well as high scholarship, so eminently fitted him.



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"NO MASTER, NO GOD." Frenchman Killed at Cobalt Covered With Strange Tattoo Marks.

Paul Duigon, who was killed at Cobalt a week ago by the northbound passenger train running over him, may possibly have attached to his career a history in his native France. Besides several personal effects which helped to identify him, tattoo marks of a mysterious origin adorned different parts of his body. What writing is done in Parisian French and was partly deciphered by the local police. "No Master, No God" was scrawled in clear-cut letters close to his throat, while "We Assembled" was boldly lettered across the stomach. A tattooed sketch of a pretty girl was found on the right shoulder and an ugly-looking crest in the form of a dagger on the left. All these insignia are clear cut and well defined. The police have made every effort to learn something of his past, and have written to France for that purpose.

## BOXING AT 107.

Lecturing to the members of the Psycho-Therapeutic Society on the evils of flesh-eating, at the Caxton Hall, London, Sidney H. Beard, president of the Order of the Golden Age—a vegetarian society—instanced a remarkable case of longevity among fruitarians. Captain Dimond, of San Francisco, he said, had not eaten meat for eighty years, and at the age of 101 he was boxing, cycling and giving lessons in physical culture. "He is now," continued Mr. Beard, "110 years of age, and last year a doctor pronounced him physically perfect as near as may be, and said he did not see any reason why he should not go on living for an indefinite period."

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**First Consignment Goes From Vancouver Mine in Slokan District—Ore Shipments.**

Nelson, Dec. 14.—The following are the ore shipments and smelter receipts of the mines in Southeastern British Columbia districts for the past week and year to date in tons.

Shipments: Boundary, 35, 1,141,852; Rossland, 7,155; 270,825. East of Columbia river, 3,684; 167,566. Total, 10,574; 1,570,553.

Smelter receipts: Trail, 6,151; 254,180. Northport, 2,171; 96,230. Marysville, 600; 30,000. Others, nil; 1,110. Total, 8,922; 1,490,490

Arrangements were made to-day at the customs house for the shipment of 900 tons of zinc from the Vancouver mine, in the Slokan district, to Antwerp. This is the first zinc shipment from this district to Europe. The rate given is \$13 a ton.

**WINNIPEG'S BALMY WEATHER.**

Winnipeg, Dec. 14.—The grass plot immediately in front of the Canadian depot shows up almost as green as a day in late spring, and the peculiar sight is remarked with great interest by tourists arriving from the east and south.

The balmy weather enjoyed by Winnipeg and the west, so far this winter, has been the source of animated comment among the old-timers of Winnipeg. They differ somewhat as to previous "open" winters, but readily agree that all signs point to a continued mild winter in the whole north land.

**CHANGE POLICY OR DIE.**

Pittsburg, Dec. 16.—Mayor George W. Guthrie, of Greater Pittsburg, is in receipt of a letter threatening him with death unless his policy is reversed immediately. Due precaution against violence has been taken. Since the constitutionality of the annexation of Allegheny to Pittsburg was affirmed by the supreme court of the United States, Mayor Guthrie has accomplished several things which are, it is stated, unfavorable to persons in Allegheny.

**DESTITUTE FAMILY.**

Sad Case of Poverty in Winnipeg Reported to Police.

**Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 10.—A sad case of poverty and destitution has been reported to the police in which a family of six appear to have suffered extremely. Stanley Vishneski, his wife and four children, the eldest being a girl only 12 years of age, have been living for some time past in two dingy rooms over a store on Scotland avenue. The family only occupied the one room. There was no furniture of any kind, and the room was empty, but for a mattress. On the mattress were no clothes of any kind, and there was not a scrap of food in the house.**

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**PEACE CONFERENCE OF WARRING STATES**

**Central American Delegates Conclude Labors at Washington --Amity Is Assured**

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—The Central American Peace Conference practically concluded its labors to-day, when it was announced that the delegates had agreed upon and were ready to sign seven treaties. The most important step towards the preservation of peace in Central America consisted in the agreement on the treaty establishing a permanent court. The other treaties will be one of extradition, one for the establishment of a Central American institute, one for the establishment of an international Central American bureau similar to the bureau of American republics at Washington, a financial convention, a treaty for the establishment of better communication between the countries and a general treaty of peace and amity. The delegates will formally sign these treaties on Monday.

**DEALT WITH TRADE OF DOMINION**

(Continued from page 1).

Mr. Armstrong: Might I ask the hon. gentleman a question.

Mr. Fisher: I have only a few minutes and I want to finish; the hon. gentleman (Mr. Armstrong) can make his speech afterwards whenever he likes. Then the full effect of our policy came into force; then the country began to feel the full tide of prosperity; then began enormous railroad building in Canada to meet the demands of a prosperous people; then began the investment of United States capital, British capital, Belgian capital and French capital to take advantage of the prosperity which had arisen under our policy and administration. What was the result? That in the last five years there was an excess of imports of \$69,000,000. Hon. gentlemen opposite say that is all wrong; that it is bad for the country, and that the country must be going to the dogs because of it. How was it under the glorious regime when Sir John Macdonald was the head of the government of this country and the national policy was in full force? That in five years there was an excess of imports of \$116,000,000—what is the meaning of these excesses of imports? I have not the exact figures, but everybody knows that the large balance of trade between Canada and the United States is against us, and that these imports are largely from the United States, and they are largely the raw material of our manufacturing industries, which to-day, under an enlightened fiscal policy, are prospering in a way which they never did before under any protective policy with the hon. gentlemen opposite in power. In 1907 the industrial productions of Canada, manufactured articles, amounted to \$481,000,000; in 1906 they amounted to \$706,000,000, an increase of \$225,000,000 in those five years, an increase under the Liberal policy which was never dreamed of under the national policy. But notwithstanding that enormous increase, the consumptive demand of the prosperous people of Canada is more than the manufacturers can meet, and the result is that we have to import goods from abroad, and, besides, these same manufacturers have to obtain a large quantity of raw materials from abroad or they would not be able to make that magnificent showing.

**LADIES UNCOVERED IN CHURCH.**

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 16.—With scarcely an exception, hats worn by the women attending the Central Congregational church were removed last evening. In fact they were taken off in many cases before Rev. Mr. Gordon made the request, just prior to the sermon. There was a little stir while hats were being removed, and people settled into their places, but otherwise there was no confusion, and apparently all present were quite willing to comply with the suggestion. The church was crowded, seats having to be improvised on the gallery steps.

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**DOG AS MARRIAGE AGENT.**

The son of a Paris tradesman, who lost a pretty spaniel three weeks ago, met the dog in the Rue d'Amsterdam and its new owner, a charming young widow. The tradesman's son and the widow are soon to be married.

**STORM CENTRE OF OLD WORLD**

**CHINO-JAPANESE CLAIMS IN MANCHURIA**

**Aggressive Actions of Mikado's Empire May Precipitate Crisis--Telegraph Traffic.**

Pekin, Dec. 14.—The policy of Japan in Manchuria is threatening to bring about an acute crisis in Chinese affairs, and as a result of the course pursued by the Tokio government, there is danger of Russia cancelling the Russo-Chinese telegraph convention, signed last October.

The failure of China to conclude a corresponding agreement with Japan will have the effect of annulling the agreement made by China with Russia, and it may result in a Russo-Japanese convention, under the terms of which China will be excluded from the Manchurian telegraph traffic in the same way that the Russo-Japanese postal agreement resulted in the possession of the Manchurian postal service by these two powers. Japan to-day has ten telegraph stations in Manchuria in violation of the treaty, and she has also committed other acts of aggression.

The Tokio government maintains that China should concede its original demands, embracing the recognition of the stations outside the railroads here and the independence of the entire system of communication, the waiving of telegraph royalties, the recognition of the Dalny-Sascha cable rights between Dalny and Crefoo and special rights on the Chinese connecting links. This last is a special privilege.

Japan has not even taken China's arguments, which are based upon claims of sovereignty, into consideration, and she has not replied to the communications of the Chinese government in the matter.

It is thought that Japan desires to bring about the annulment of the Russo-Chinese agreement by refraining from entering upon a similar agreement with China.

In connection with this dispute it is interesting to note that the powers have persistently discouraged China from expecting any intervention. China's plight in Manchuria is aggravated by the commercial distress due to the lack of Chinese currency. The Peking government is being urged by Japan to relieve the Manchurian financial situation by means of loans to the native banks.

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In past holiday seasons this ware has found much favor as gifts. This season's offerings far surpass any former attempts of our 'Oriental' Department. This Department offers also some beautiful Mt. Lebanon Tabourettes. These are inlaid with mother of pearl and ivory and represent considerable labor and skill. The collection of Mirzapore, Persian and Turkish Rugs is much superior to the showing of any other house in the West—Worthy representatives of the various parts of Asia from which they come. Better investigate 'Orientals' as Christmas Gifts.

**Japanese Screens at \$3.50**

Another Gift Suggestion from the 2nd Floor.

We are offering on our Second Floor some genuinely good values in Japanese Draft Screens. This is a shipment of unusually good screens. They are well and strongly made, and the decorations are indeed pleasing. The screens we know shall please you, and also the price, when you see what we offer you for "three-fifty." If you have never investigated the merits of a screen, better seize this moment to learn its many good features. Many appreciate the usefulness of these valuable assets to the home, but too many haven't "tried them out." Now, invest this modest sum in one of these special value screens and enjoy its luxury this winter. At least come in and see them. We have others, too, in All Wood, Burlap Filled, Denim Filled, etc., etc.—new styles just lately received. Large four-fold Japanese Draft Screens, 5 ft. 6 in. high—remarkably good values, at each.....\$3.50

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**FIRE IN MACLEOD.**

MacLeod Station, Alb., Dec. 16.—Fire broke out in a vacant building which was partly burned last August, and it seems from the way it was burning, and the fact that the fire started at four o'clock in the morning, that it was incendiary. The flames spread to a Chinese laundry and totally destroyed it, together with a building occupied by some Chinese as a store.

Chow Sam, a naturalized Chinaman, who keeps a restaurant and store, was forced to remove his goods into the street. W. P. Lippard, Jeweller, and D. A. Bain, tailor, also had their goods ready to remove as they were in danger of being burned out, but the firemen got the flames under control, and these merchants and others who were in danger were able to save their places.

**STANLEY CUP.**

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 16.—The dates which will probably be submitted by the Wanderers to the trustees for the Stanley cup matches with the Winnipeg are: January 25th and 29th. The dates suggested are conditional upon the Quebec club holding over the scheduled match with the champions at the Arena on January 26th.

**Gifts For My Lady**

LADIES' GLOVES (Perrin's), per pair.....\$1.25 and \$1.50  
PERRIN'S E-BUTTON GLOVES, special.....\$1.75  
LACE CRAVATS.....50c up  
HANDKERCHIEFS.....ladies' and embroidered edges.....50c to \$1  
LADIES' HANKERCHIEFS.....50c  
UMBRELLAS for ladies and men.....\$1.00 to \$1.50  
SQUAW BAGS, profs.....50c to \$1.00  
BEADED BAGS, profs.....50c up  
CHILDREN'S Purses.....50c up  
CUSHION COVERS, profs.....50c up  
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