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CAPT. TROUP TELLS OF SALVOR'S TRIP

DESCRIPTION OF THE STATE OF SEA AND WEATHER AT THE SCENE OF THE WRECK.

BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE INQUIRY INTO THE VALENCIA DISASTER THIS MORNING.

James William Troup, general superintendent of the British Columbia coast service of the C. P. R., was the first witness called. He went to the scene of the Valencia disaster upon his own volition. An invitation had been extended him to take passage by the steamer Salvor, and he hesitated to go by that vessel or on the tug Czar.

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POWER COMPANIES PRESSING CLAIMS

COMMITTEE OF HOUSE HEARING EVIDENCE

THE QUESTION OF SUPPLYING ELECTRICITY TO SMELTERS UNDER CONSIDERATION ON AMENDING BILL.

The private bills committee of the legislature sat again this morning, and considered the proposed amendment to the West Kootenay Power Company's act of incorporation. Additional evidence was produced before the committee in support of the West Kootenay's application for an extension of the area in which power could be supplied.

Senator Warner Miller, of New York, president of the Dominion Copper Company, whose works are located at Boundary Falls, near Greenwood, testified that he had become interested in this property under the impression that there was an unlimited source of supply for electric power to develop the properties. He also expected conditions were as they were in New York state when there was absolute liberty given to all power companies to enter into any contracts it saw fit in the state, and there was free competition.

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MUST DEAL WITH EDUCATION ACT

OLD COUNTRY LIBERALS COMMITTED TO CHANGES

THIS IS ONE OF THE HARDEST QUESTIONS TO BE FACED BY THE NEW GOVERNMENT.

London, Feb. 13.—The fact that the Liberals have a clear majority of 85 over all combinations between Unionists, Nationalists and Laborites in the new parliament, has completely upset calculations as to the course of events in the education department during the session of parliament for which the members assembled to-day for the dispatch of preliminaries. Before the extent of the victory had been realized it was expected that the policy of the government upon many important issues would be largely controlled by the labor party, and to a lesser extent by the Nationalists, or by a combination of the two.

FAMOUS FORTRESS IS NOW EMPTY

KEEPERS OF RUSSIAN PRISON DISBANDED

LAST OF FAMOUS POLITICAL PRISONERS SENT TO SIBERIA TO SERVE REMAINDER OF SENTENCES.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 13.—Five famous political prisoners, the last inmates of the Schlussburg fortress, were taken from their cells last night and sent to Siberia to serve the remainder of their sentences. They were Karpovitch, who killed Minister of Education Bogaloff in 1901 for forcibly enrolling student demonstrators in the army, Gerzhinski, a member of the Social Revolutionaries, and his accomplices, and his accomplices. The sentences have been materially ameliorated by the Emperor's amnesty decree of November last.

MEMPHIS CUP CASE

FORMER VICE-PRESIDENT OF TROTTERING ASSOCIATION URGES AN IMMEDIATE AND THOROUGH INVESTIGATION.

New York, Feb. 13.—Characterizing the Memphis gold case as the most deplorable turf scandal he had ever known and one calculated to work untold injury to harness racing interests, David Bonner yesterday declared to Mayor E. J. Johnston, president of the National Trotting Association, that he deemed it the duty of that organization to investigate at once the charges made against E. E. Smathers, and either mete out swift punishment to the conspirators or brand the accusations as false if found to be untrue.

NEGRO POET DEAD

PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR PASSED AWAY AT HIS HOME AT DAYTON, OHIO.

Paul Laurence Dunbar, the negro poet, died at his home at Dayton, Ohio, on Friday of consumption. For three years he had been seriously ill, and for a year critically ill, but he kept at his work intermittently and wrote his last poem for his Christmas book, "Howdy, Honey, 'Howdy," just before Christmas.

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LYING IN STATE

BODY OF KING CHRISTIAN MOVED FROM PALACE TO CHURCH.

PREPARING FOR TROUBLE IN CHINA

ACTION OF UNITED STATES WAR DEPARTMENT

ANOTHER REGIMENT WILL BE SENT TO THE PHILIPPINES—THE VIEWS OF A CHINESE OFFICER.

JOURNEY TO POLE

GERMANY DOES NOT EXPECT AGREEMENT

TO RESULT FROM ALGERIAS CONFERENCE

THE FUTURE WILL LEAD TO A LONG PERIOD OF UNREST IN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS.

BRYAN'S RESIGNATION

PLEASURE SEEKER DROWNED

MEMBER OF LAUNCH PARTY LOST HIS LIFE IN SEATTLE.

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Copenhagen, Feb. 13.—The coffin containing the body of King Christian was removed at 6 o'clock this morning from the palace to the Christianburg church, where it will lie in state until February 15th. The Crown Prince and other members of the royal family, the court officials and army and navy officers followed the hearse on foot through the crowd-lined streets.

After a brief service at the church the royal party returned to the palace, leaving the body in charge of a guard of army and navy officers, who will remain day and night stationed at the head and foot of the catafalque. The public will be admitted to the church at stated hours daily.

Hours before the church was opened the vicinity was densely thronged with those desirous of paying their last respects to the body of the old monarch. The line from the church to the palace was a mile long when the doors were opened to the public and thousands passed the altar during the subsequent two hours. The German minister during the morning placed two enormous floral tributes from Emperor William at the foot of the catafalque.

Dawson, Feb. 13.—The announcement comes from Esige, from Capt. Tomald Amundsen, that he will undertake a journey to the North Pole. He says he will undertake the journey after he has completed the circumnavigation of the western hemisphere and reached his home in Norway.

Berlin, Feb. 13.—Some exchanges of suggestions between this and other governments regarding the Algerias negotiations are proceeding, although there is really no expectation of an agreement. Both France and Germany have taken up seemingly unyielding positions. France for a general mandate in Moroccan affairs, and Germany for a combined administration by all the interested powers.

The view of the German foreign office is that if France intended to insist on a paramount position in Morocco, why did she take part in the conference? If Germany should now agree to give over Morocco to France, the efforts of years would be fruitless and a long period of unrest in European affairs it is believed would begin, the issue of which no one ventures to predict. It is inked in official quarters, however, to the period from 1856 to 1870 when the economic life of the principal continental powers was disturbed continuously by fears and rumors of war. The dissolution of the Algerias conference while not in itself the cause of war talk will certainly be succeeded by a revival of mutual distrust between France and Germany.

Suspicion was aroused here today by the news from Lalla Marina, province of Oran, Algeria, that the Moorish pretender, Bu Hamat, is assembling the independent tribes for a foray against towns near the Algerian frontier. As the pretender is considered to be fully controlled by the French, this activity at this moment is disquieting as indicating that France has resumed her forward policy in Morocco.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 13.—President Roosevelt was urged to-day to use his influence to preserve the Falls of Niagara, one of the great natural wonders of the world. Mrs. Miriam Mason Greeley, of New York, president of the National Society of the Daughters of the Empire State, presented to the president a petition bearing 2,500 names praying that the president and congress, through the enactment of suitable legislation, prevent the destruction of the grandeur of Niagara falls by corporations. The president assured Mrs. Greeley that he was in sympathy with the movement started for the preservation of the falls and will do what he could to promote it.

James Spolari, a cousin of the man who was drowned, and a party had intended to take a launch ride on the bay and were boarding their boat when Cochecco slipped from the gang plank into the water. Immediately those who had preceded him and those who were still on the wharf were thrown into confusion. Cochecco had gone down several times before he was caught by one of the party. When he was brought out on the dock every effort was made to resuscitate him. He was rolled about on the wharf and respiration but without avail. Life was extinct.

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MR. BALFOUR ON FISCAL QUESTION

STILL IN FAVOR OF POLICY OF REFORM

Declares the Result of the General Elections Cannot Be Accepted as Final

London, Feb. 12.—Arthur J. Balfour's dialectical skill has again served him well and properly reinstated him in the leadership of his party. He has still to run the gauntlet of the party meeting which has been arranged to be held Thursday. But after the speech which he delivered in this city to-night at a banquet given to Sir Edward Clarke, former solicitor-general, and Alban G. Gibbs, who has relinquished the seat in parliament to which he was recently elected in order that Mr. Balfour may have another opening to obtain a place in the House of Commons, it is fairly safe to say that little further will be heard of any alternative leadership.

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DOOMED TO FAILURE. Moroccan Conference Expected to Terminate Without Agreement Being Reached. London, Feb. 12.—While the British government has not relaxed its efforts to bring about an agreement between France and Germany on the question of the Moroccan police, it has given up hope of an amicable settlement. It is expected in official circles that the Algiers conference will break up, possibly during the present week, leaving the Moroccan situation where it stands before the conference was called. Germany is given the credit for the failure. In fact it is believed here that Emperor William, realizing that there is no hope of Germany's demands being endorsed by the powers, is now desirous of British assistance in his position, and should serious trouble break out within the Sultan's domains, France will undertake to suppress them, notifying the powers that she cannot allow the disorder to continue, as it threatens the peace of her colony. Germany then will be in the position, it is pointed out, of having either to concede the right of France to police Morocco or issue an ultimatum to the effect that France must not interfere in the affairs of the country.

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JAPANESE FISHERMEN

Bill Introduced in the United States Congress to Prevent Their Activity in Alaskan Waters. Washington, D. C., Feb. 12.—Japanese fishermen are the special target of which the Cushman bill to prevent

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and naval force in order to push their commerce. Mr. Balfour said he viewed the industrial conditions in the United Kingdom with the greatest alarm, possibly nations which built up industries behind tariff walls were acting foolishly, but nevertheless they did it, and the result undoubtedly was injurious to the United Kingdom. Mr. Balfour asked was it possible to carry out retaliation unless a general tariff formed a part of the scheme. He declined to commit himself on that point, but he said what the country had to make up its mind to was: "Is the end at which we are aiming worth making a sacrifice for?" The cause of tariff reform, Mr. Balfour said, must be delayed some years, but in the meantime it was the duty of the government to point out the mistakes of the latter and direct the country along the best lines looking to the future of the country. Continuing, Mr. Balfour said that never had a government been returned with a large majority without a cause which it wanted to carry out without any great personality to guide it, but he was ready to concede the present government even longer life than five years. In conclusion Mr. Balfour welcomed the workingmen in parliament, but said he doubted if the present labor representatives were destined to introduce legislation beneficial to the country or which the Unionists would support.

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WILL MEET OPERATORS. President Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, Has Arrived in New York. New York, Feb. 12.—John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America, who is in this city to confer with the operators of the anthracite mines, said to-day that he had not yet received the statement given out by President Dolan, who said that President Mitchell was going to New York to ask the anthracite operators for a contract which he has not the power to enter into as the national convention has tied him hand and foot. He also attacked President Mitchell's conduct in the past, and declared that every strike in the soft coal regions under his leadership had ended in failure.

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SMALLPOX ON WHALER

Ten of the Crew Died and Others Are Ill. New York, Feb. 12.—One month on the Atlantic ocean with the inner ship converted into a smallpox hospital and quarter of the crew ill with this disease was the experience of the whaling brig Sullivan, of New London, Conn. The story of the smallpox outbreak on the whaler was told to-day by Mrs. M. J. Haggerty, wife of the captain of the ship, who arrived here from Rio Janeiro after ten of its crew had died of smallpox and with several others ill with the disease and with the remaining members of the crew frantic to get ashore of the vessel, which they declared had been cursed.

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aliens from fishing in Alaskan waters is aimed. Representative Cushman, Washington, appeared before the house committee on territories to-day in support of this bill and stated very frankly that the Japanese are so near to Alaskan waters and so extensively engaged in fishing that some law to check their activity is required. Mr. Cushman read a letter from the secretary of commerce and labor favoring the prohibition of fishing by aliens within a marine league of any of the American coasts, and also read another letter from Secretary of State Root, saying that so far as he could find the provisions of the measure do not conflict with any treaties with Japan or any other nation. Representative Powers, Maine, declared emphatically in favor of the bill and said he would suggest even a more rigid measure as it did not compare in the severity of its regulations with the Canadian prohibition against American fishermen on the west Canadian coast.

FATAL FIRE AT PORTLAND

Six Persons Lost Their Lives While Ten Were Seriously Injured. Portland, Feb. 12.—At least six persons lost their lives in a fire which swept the busy commercial district at the east end of the Morrison street steel bridge, which spans the Williamette river, at an early hour this morning. Ten or more persons were seriously injured and removed to hospitals or beds of near-by residents.

WILL SEEK CANADIAN TRADE. American Company to Enter the Atlantic Trade in Opposition to Canadian Concerns. London, Feb. 12.—The International Mercantile Marine Company proposes to more actively compete for Canadian trans-Atlantic traffic during the coming season. According to information received in British shipping circles this will be done by strengthening the Dominion line, controlled by the International Mercantile Marine Company, by the addition of a number of vessels, either newly constructed or transferred from the fleet now engaged in the traffic between Liverpool and the United States.

deserted ship. With Mrs. Haggerty on board the vessel were her two children. After landing at 310 Janeiro she remained there until the disease had been stamped out on the Sullivan.

RAILROAD RATES

Senator Lodge Points Out Some Problems Which Must Be Solved. Washington, D. C., Feb. 12.—Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, addressed the senate to-day on the railroad rate question. He was listened to by an audience that filled the galleries. Mr. Lodge announced his support of legislation for the control of railroad rates along the lines of the Eads-Townsend bill of last session and said that he believed the practice of giving rebates to be the most serious of all the evils complained of. He expressed the conviction that only by legislation along the lines suggested could government ownership be prevented. He said that before entering upon the investigation of the question he had disposed of his railroad interests in order that his inquiry might be free from bias. He passed over as an established fact that the government ownership of the railroads suggested could government ownership be prevented.

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Pastor Rebuked in Church—Fire Near Whirlpool Rapids Caused Dam. are Estimated at \$125,000.

St. Catharines, Feb. 12.—During the service at Thorold Presbyterian church yesterday, Rev. J. W. McLeod, pastor, referred to the movement to reopen the Mansion House, whose license was cut off by the police commissioners a short time ago. He had understood that a number of prominent citizens, including some of the members of his church, had signed a petition to the commissioner asking for a new license. "Any man or woman who signed that petition is not a Christian," declared Mr. McLeod emphatically. At these words George Turner, ex-mayor of Thorold and county commissioner of Welland, arose in his family pew and said: "I want to say to you, Mr. McLeod, that I am one of those who signed the petition to open the hotel. I had good reasons for so doing and I want to say that I consider myself as good a Christian as any one in this church." Mr. McLeod made no reply to Mr. Turner, but continued his sermon. The affair has caused a big stir in Thorold. Demands for Farms.

Calgary, Feb. 12.—Notwithstanding the vigor with which the C. P. R. irrigation project has been rushed, the demand for farms is fully up to the available area. Thousands of acres around Gleichen have been sold and settled and the lands are attracting special attention from farmers in irrigated states of the union. Some 110,000 have been placed on the market since the year and the work of extending the system will be vigorously prosecuted this season and this area will be increased to 300,000.

Governor-General's Visit. Montreal, Feb. 12.—Lord and Lady Grey reached Montreal to-day with their family and suite, for a visit of ten days, during which they will occupy Lord Strathcona's residence. An extended list of private and public functions will keep them fully occupied. Tread by Wolves.

Kenora, Ont., Feb. 12.—Wolves are numerous about the lake at night that it is impossible to get Indians to travel after dark. One Indian a few nights ago was compelled to stay in a tree all night, with a ravenous pack of wolves thrashing for his blood beneath him. They only retired as daylight came on.

Niagara Falls, Ont., Feb. 12.—The car barns of the International Railway Company, near Whirlpool rapids, on the Canadian side, were destroyed by fire early this morning. A snow-plough and 27 cars were burned. The loss is \$125,000. It is feared that the company may move its divisional headquarters to Buffalo in consequence of the fire.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

MEMBERS MANIFEST THEIR SYMPATHY

Opposition Leader Refrains From Pressing For Consideration of Party Questions in Premier's Absence.

Victoria, Feb. 12th, 1906.

To-day was a light one in the legislature. In the absence of Premier Macdonald, under the sad circumstances which took him from the city, the opposition refrained from pressing for business which would call for a party feeling.

Prayers were read by Rev. W. Leitch.

Premier's Bereavement.

J. A. Macdonald took occasion on behalf of himself and those on his side of the House in expressing sympathy for the premier in his sad bereavement.

The College Bill.

The bill to incorporate the Royal Institution for the Advancement of Learning of British Columbia, which appeared on the order paper for report, was allowed to stand over at the request of Hon. F. J. Fulton.

Registration of Titles.

The bill relating to the transfer of lands and to the registration of titles to land was again considered in committee.

Statutes and Journal Act.

The bill to amend the Statutes and Journal Act was committed, with Price Ellison in the chair.

Private Bills.

The House went into committee on the bill to incorporate the Bella Coo's & Fraser Lake Railway Company.

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incorporate the Kamloops & Yellow-head Pass Railway Company, J. F. Garden said that the road would open up a very desirable tract of country.

On motion of Price Ellison the bill to incorporate the B. C. Central Railway Company passed its second reading.

The bill to incorporate the Canadian Plate Glass Insurance Company passed its second reading on motion of W. G. Cameron.

On motion of Mr. Garden the bill relating to the Union Steamship Company of British Columbia passed its second reading.

The bill to incorporate the B. C. Northern & Mackenzie Valley Railway Company passed its second reading on motion of W. Manson.

The bill to revise, ratify and confirm the Cowichan, Alberni & Fort Rupert Railway Company passed its second reading on motion of J. N. Evans.

On motion of W. R. Ross the bill to incorporate the Southeast Kootenay Railway Company was read a second time.

The House then adjourned.

On Wednesday next Price Ellison to ask leave to introduce a bill intituled 'An act for the extermination of wild horses.'

On Wednesday next Hon. C. Wilson to ask leave to introduce a bill intituled 'An act to amend the Provincial Elections Act,' and a bill intituled 'An act to amend the County Courts Act.'

John Oliver on Wednesday next will ask the minister of finance:

What are the details of expenditure of \$216.15, under the head of transport, set opposite the name of J. P. Babcock, as per public accounts, page 1987?

1. How many (if any) crown grants issued under authority of chap. 54, 1903-04, have been registered as an indefeasible fee?

2. How many (if any) of said crown grants have been registered as an absolute fee?

Mr. Evans on Thursday next will ask the chief commissioner of lands and works:

1. Why was the Cowichan river bridge, an Indian reserve near Duncan, not rebuilt last summer during low water in river?

2. Why were the tenders called for last fall afterwards withdrawn?

3. Is it the intention of the government to proceed with the immediate construction of said bridge?

Mr. Oliver on Friday next will ask the premier:

1. Did Mr. J. P. Babcock accompany a delegation of salmon canners to Ottawa to interview the minister of marine and fisheries in respect to salmon fishing?

2. If so, did Mr. Babcock receive the consent of the government to proceed to Ottawa?

3. Who paid Mr. Babcock's expenses on this trip?

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Mr. Patterson said that when the Railway Act was passed it was understood that the object was to reduce the railway legislation to something like uniformity.

When it is a prisoner like a leaking boat?—When he is bailed out (baled out).—Why is he like a lemming?—Because it is cooling (it is schooling).

Why was Robinson Crusoe like a borrowed half-crown?—Because he was alone (lone).

When can't you pass cake round?—When it is square.

Why are the customers of a coffee stall like a regiment of soldiers?—Because they stand at ease (stand at ease).

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THE CITY COUNCIL WORKING OVERTIME

MEETING LAST NIGHT AND ANOTHER TO-NIGHT

The Estimates For the Year Amount to \$469,645—Big Increase in School Expenditure.

There was a full attendance at last night's meeting of the city council, which began business at 8 o'clock and adjourned at 10.50. A big variety of topics was discussed and unanimity marked the proceedings.

The minutes of last meeting were read and duly confirmed, after which the city clerk read a number of communications.

From the secretary of the hospital was read a letter asking that a committee be appointed to confer with the proposed sewerage. This was agreed to.

The secretary of the board of school trustees asked that the meeting to discuss estimates be deferred until Wednesday next.

Ald. Hall asked that a detailed estimate be asked for from the school trustees.

Ald. Yates thought that the trustees should be in attendance and prepared with their estimates.

Ald. Hall thought that the trustees might have held a special meeting and prepared estimates.

The communication was held over. The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals suggested that a separate ward be provided for dogs suffering from mange or other contagious disease, and that owners of dogs for which veterinary services were required should be held responsible for the same.

The Mayor asked Ald. Hall if it were probable that dogs with mange could communicate the same to human beings.

Ald. Hall answered in the affirmative.

The Mayor said that under such circumstances all dogs suffering from mange should be promptly destroyed.

Ald. Yates suggested that the matter be referred to the board of health.

Ald. Fullerton advised that diseased dogs be promptly dispatched.

The city solicitor announced that there was a bill now before the local legislature which dealt with the matter.

The letter was received and filed. Sayward & Co. asked that the Rock Bay bridge having been completed they be allowed to connect with same.

The matter was referred to the city solicitor and engineer, with power to act.

A communication from Messrs. Symonds & Cocker asked for certain privileges in connection with a building they intend putting up, adjoining Weller Bros' property on Gordon street.

Referred to city engineer for report. The secretary of the Victoria Farmers' Institute wrote asking the use of a room in the city hall for monthly meetings.

Ald. Stewart suggested that the farmers be asked to engage one of the rooms in the city market building. The suggestion was adopted.

The city clerk announced the receipt of several petitions during the month. It was proposed that the list be referred to the engineer, but Ald. Stewart asked that the petition from the residents of North Chatham street be read.

It was, after some discussion, agreed to read the petitions.

The clerk proceeded to read some. The petitions were from residents of North Chatham street, Lewis street, Pandora avenue, Pandora street, Belmont street, Michigan street, Washington street and other districts, asking for street improvements and lights.

After many minutes reading the communications were referred to the streets, sewers and bridges committee, and the electric light committee.

A letter was read from the city solicitor setting forth that a conference had been had with Mr. Cameron, M. P., with reference to the Municipal Clauses Act, and amendments proposed thereto.

Ald. Yates moved that the matter be referred to the delegates to the municipal council caucus.

Ald. Fell moved that the proposed amendments be discussed by the council. It was practically proposed to grant manhood suffrage, he said.

The clerk proceeded to read the bill. Ald. Fell asked for an expression of opinion on the principle—manhood suffrage.

Ald. Fullerton contended that the bill was bringing matters back to the old standing, before milliamen and others were excluded. He was a believer in manhood suffrage and hoped that the principle would be adopted.

According to Ald. Stewart, any woman could vote under the act as proposed. He thought it went too far. People owning property and paying rents should have some little privilege. People stopping at hotels, for instance, and who could clean out at any moment, should not have the same voice in public affairs as permanent residents.

Ald. Fell favored women's suffrage, arguing that women with property qualification should have the same rights as men.

Ald. Douglas pointed out that many by-laws should be voted upon only by property owners.

Ald. Goodacre said that this was the purport of the bill.

Ald. Yates did not think that the world was far enough advanced for the adoption of manhood suffrage.

Some contended that the man who paid the rent was the man who paid the taxes. That was not so in Victoria to-day, for while property was going up, rents were coming down.

Ald. Hall argued that if women were to have the same privileges as men they should hold themselves equally responsible as to taxes.

The point was discussed at considerable length, the difficulty being that each alderman accused the other of not understanding the question as individually propounded.

Ald. Fell: Who is paying the taxes on the Vernon hotel to-day—the man who buys groceries?

Here again a long discussion ensued into which an element of socialism was introduced.

Ald. Fell took several objections to proposed amendments to the bill. For instance, a trustee could only vote on his own lot, although he might represent several thousand dollars worth of property. He suggested that power to vote be given to a trustee of real estate, as representative of same. This was agreed to. He also moved that payment of water rates be not a qualification for voting. This was also agreed to.

Ald. Fell asked for an expression of opinion as to whether one or all parties to a partnership should be entitled to vote.

Here again there was a long discussion, which resulted in favor of a vote for partnerships not exceeding three. The clauses were gone through seriatim.

The city solicitor asked authority to pay a bill of \$100.00 for a copy of the evidence taken in court in the Frugal-mat Waterworks case. This would cover the offset-astrographer's fees. The application was laid on the table.

A "bumble petition" was read from the Local Council of Women asking for a variety of improvements in the cause of humanity, including an hospital for tuberculosis, the old naval hospital being suggested.

Ald. Fullerton objected to the establishment of such an institution in Victoria.

Ald. Hall recommended that the police commissioners be asked to enforce the law against expectation.

Ald. Yates moved that the ladies be informed that the council are not in favor of such an hospital in Victoria.

Ald. Vincent seconded the motion, which carried.

A number of duly verified accounts were submitted and passed.

The fire warden recommended the painting of certain poles and the placing of fire alarm boxes, which was agreed to.

The library commissioners recommended a schedule of hours for those employed about the library which would necessitate the appointment of a second assistant at a salary of about \$50 per month.

There was considerable opposition to the extra appointment, and the report was allowed to stand over until next meeting.

The Mayor called the attention of the council to an article appearing in the Colonist, which set forth that an official auditor was looking over the books of the corporation. He explained that the services of the gentleman in question were gratuitous. The company known as auditing firm, and it was suggested that they might be able to recommend improvements. Before accepting the offer, His Worship said he informed the finance committee of the proposition, and it was with their approval the arrangement was made.

The explanation was accepted as thoroughly satisfactory.

His Worship announced that there would be a special meeting to consider the estimates to-night (Tuesday), and submitted the following particulars as illustrating the progress (in expenses) between 1890 and the estimate for 1895.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes City debt, Municipal Council, Civic salaries, Cemetery, Pound, Park, Police, Fire Department, Library, Street Lighting, City Market, Home for Aged and Infirm, Streets, Sewers and Bridges, Miscellaneous, Education, Board of Health.

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School population 2,403 2,867

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The council adjourned at ten minutes to eleven.

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THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE.

Whatever the actuating motives, whether moved by a spirit of journalistic clannishness or by the desire of seeing justice done to British Columbia, the newspapers of Canada, irrespective of party, express the deepest gratification at the selection of Hon. William Templeman as head of the Department of Inland Revenue in the Borden Cabinet. The press of the East has been especially active in urging the claims of Mr. Templeman for preferment, while in British Columbia there has been but one voice raised in dissent. The Toronto News, a newspaper of strong Conservative sympathies, whose comments may be taken as typical of the sentiments of the press of the East, says: "Mr. Templeman's friends will be glad to see him in the ministry. He has worked faithfully for his party, and long years before it came into office was conspicuous among the few faithful ones in the West. In the readjustment British Columbia will get a portfolio away from one of the other provinces, and while no one thinks well of the geographical system of making up the cabinet it bears directly on party prospects, and is a good indication of how things are working. Sir Wilfrid Laurier is strong enough to take away a spending department from Quebec, and award it to some other quarter, and a decision to give a second portfolio to the West is a good strategic move, even if it falls to add to his Ontario influence."

The Nelson Economist, also a Conservative paper, adds: "The announcement that Hon. Wm. Templeman had been sworn in as Minister of Inland Revenue was received with general satisfaction throughout the Kootenays. This feeling of gratification is by no means confined to one political party. Conservatives joining with the Liberals in congratulating Senator Templeman on his promotion to a full cabinet position. The recognition of the claim of the West for full cabinet representation is also a cause for rejoicing." There is reason to believe, and the belief is strongly buttressed by the fact that many of the representative men of this city, in commerce and industry, irrespective of political opinion, are appending their names to the nomination papers of the minister, that the sentiments of the East and of other parts of British Columbia are shared by Victorians with a force closely approaching unanimity. There is not likely to be any opposition to the minister. There will assuredly be no serious opposition.

ACTS WITH PROMPTITUDE.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer says "If the Dominion government carries into effect the timely and practical suggestions made by the Victoria Board of Trade, the iron-bound west coast of Vancouver Island will be robbed of its terrors to mariners." The Dominion government lost no time in carrying into effect such measures as are considered necessary by practical, experienced men to avert a repetition of the dire calamity which followed the stranding of the steamer Valencia. The action already taken will be followed by the addition of other safeguards. Nothing will be left undone that experience can suggest to avert in the future such deplorable results of the mistakes of navigators as have been chronicled by the press during the past three months. But while fog prevails, winds blow, currents lead astray and men continue to make mistakes in judgment accidents will happen. No provision can be made to provide absolutely against the consequences of errors of judgment on the part of seamen. The experiences of the past and of the present winter con-

tain important lessons for those in authority. The experiences of the future may be no less melancholy and quite as instructive. If the resources of the Dominion were unlimited it might be possible to provide against every eventualty. But there are bounds to the means of Canada. The next lesson will probably impress us with the necessity of life-saving appliances being maintained against emergencies on a section of our coast far distant from the scene of the Valencia and other wrecks. It will be the duty of our representatives to study the conditions here very carefully, to suggest to the government the means they consider necessary to reduce to a minimum the dangers of navigation in our waters and to preserve the lives of victims of accidents at sea. Any programme agreed upon will, we are confident, be adopted by the government and carried out with all possible celerity. The government of the United States, we are pleased to see, has also been aroused to its duty. Between the Columbia river and the waters of Puget Sound no life-saving appliances whatever are maintained by our neighbors, although a very large proportion of the shipping that ought to be protected is American. In this matter the representatives of the two nations can co-operate to the extent at least that in the event of a mishap provision shall be made for reporting the same and of rendering assistance from the nearest station. It is the evident intention of those in authority, Americans and Canadians, to lose no time in taking such measures as are humanly possible to subdue the terrors of the West Coast.

MYSTERY DEEPENS.

What can be the significance of this attempt to circumscribe the scope of the Kelen Island commission of investigation? The government has announced with great candor that it has nothing to conceal. The Colonel has said that the trick of securing the lands and foreshores was a Grit game promoted by a Grit lawyer on behalf of a Grit syndicate, or words to that effect. Why should Chairman Garden, a man of sound Conservative principles, principles so sound that he was chosen by the Premier to govern the commission according to sound Conservative ideas—why, we ask, should Chairman Garden lend himself to any scheme concocted with the object of protecting a Grit lawyer or of a parcel of Grit grafters, from the possible consequences of their grafting? And why, also, should Mr. Ross, who secured his seat in the House in a manner that is above reproach and has adorned it with honor to himself and profit to his grand Socialist-Conservative party—why should the member for Fernie be so anxious to protect the Grits from the opprobrium that would legitimately fall upon them if it should appear that they conspired to keep the better of Hon. R. F. Green in a land deal? There is a "mystery" unfathomable about this scandal. The government says, out loud, throw the doors open so that everyone can see there has been no wrongdoing; but we fear it has whispered to Chairman Garden that it would be well to seal the doors up tight—or to rule that the scope of the commission shall be so narrow as to conceal the real facts.

Real estate speculators across the Sound are booming prices in anticipation of the advent of several new transcontinental railroads. On this side of the line we are not quite so sanguine in disposition nor so optimistic in temperament. Still we have made note of the fact that the C. P. R. is going to spend about twenty millions in extensions and improvements of its system, while the Grand Trunk Pacific is rapidly heading this way, most soon actually be "in our midst" and will distribute in the West about twice the sum mentioned. Then there is the Canadian Northern, which has got as far west as Edmonton, and is in about the same position in relation to the Pacific Coast as are the lines whose intentions have created such extraordinary activity in speculative circles across the border.

What does the Colonel mean by turning on his friends the Socialist and rendering them so savagely? Has it forgotten the eulogies uttered in the legislature the other day by its political idols, the Premier and the Attorney-General of British Columbia? Our contemporary has ere this got itself into serious trouble by saying indiscreet things. We are still governed, as far as we know, by a Socialist-Conservative government.

For the first time since he ascended the throne of his fathers, Emperor William has an opportunity of proving that he is a personal force in the affairs of nations. And it must be conceded that His Majesty does not seem to be very much concerned whether France accepts his views or not. He is apparently quite willing to assume all the responsibilities that would fall upon the provoker of a great European war.

What with truculent China on one continent and pregnant with mischief Morocco on another, the arbiters of the destinies of nations have important business on their hands during this year of 1906.

The steamer Pleiades arrived from the Orient this afternoon after an uneventful voyage. She had no passengers, but 23 tons of freight are to be landed at Victoria. Crossing the meridian, bad weather was encountered, but only at this point.

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What Other People Think THAT EDITORIAL CRITICISM. To the Editor—Are we to assume from the editorial in Sunday's Colonist that the editor admits that he is not a teacher of Christian principles, and that there is a different standard of ethics for a gentleman and teacher of Christian principles, so that there is for the editor of a certain paper? He takes it for granted that Mr. McIntyre in his letter said the resolutions carried, a thing which he did not say. But questions were asked as to what evidence the editor had at hand for declaring them manifestly not carried, and who was in a better position to judge of the decision of the meeting than those on the platform and the chairman of the meeting, and what is the answer to those questions? A most dignified reply. "We certainly agree with the statement in the editorial which says, 'That if the majority of that meeting expresses itself in opposition to a resolution that represents the feeling of the meeting, and cannot by any stretch of the moral law be construed to be the opposite.' But the question asked was for evidence as to which way the majority did express itself on the resolutions. None was forthcoming for an obvious reason, and we hope there will be no more attempts to 'stretch the moral law.'" He again takes it for granted, the letter said, that the temperance meeting was packed with the saloon party. Such a thing was not stated, and where is the hole for the writer to fall into? Even if such a thing did take place at any meeting ("so far as in their power") what reason is there for concluding that each party did vote as he had intended voting when he entered the building? Why apart from their educational value, are political meetings held just on the eve of an election? Largely for the purpose of getting votes. Now, just a brief discussion of the proposed procedure—"on right lines." "There are a number of saloons, and nominal hotels in excess of any normal requirement," says the editor. That is just what temperance people say and one of the reasons for calling that meeting. "It would be an unjust thing to cut them off without warning." Who has made any proposal to do such a thing? It might be well for the editor to read the resolutions again, and be clear on the matter. "In any event everything depends on the will of the people." Of course it does. That is just what temperance advocates say. Yet, the editor says, "he believes the majority of voters in Victoria would be in favor of a reduction." Well, then, if everything depends on the will of the people and the majority of voters are in favor of a reduction, why not secure it? But apart from his own belief of majorities he says the first step should be to ascertain the will of the people. That is just what temperance advocates propose to do at the earliest convenient time. However, if the majority of the people say let it be a week from now, according to his argument it ought to come, as everything depends on the will of the people. Notice again, "If the majority of the citizens want to have the present number of drinking places they are entitled to it, or, on the contrary, to have it reduced." We think so, but following this statement is another which we put alongside. "When the time comes, that the people are largely in favor of abolishing saloons and unnecessary drinking places saloons should go." I wonder which of these he means to be the proper procedure—a majority, or a vote "largely in favor of," etc., and what amount of majority does he consider necessary? It seems also taken for granted that Mr. McIntyre speaks particularly of saloon keepers, etc., as criminals, and such is not the case. It is anyone who is responsible for the existence of such a monstrous evil, which is the cause of so much crime and misery, is surely guilty of criminal conduct. We would like the editor of the Colonist to further explain himself. Thanking you for the use of space in your valuable paper. TENDERFOOT. "WHERE SOCIALISM FAILS." To the Editor—Will you kindly give the To the Editor—Will you kindly give the enclosed communication space in your next issue? It has been refused by the Colonist and refers to their series of editorials on this question. P. R. S. Editor Colonist—Four Sunday's article under the above heading is an intimation that you intend to let this subject drop; to use your own words, it is highly improbable that any good will accrue from prolonging it. I agree with you, sir, and until you have mastered this lun and are free with unbiased criticism it would be well for the interests you represent to let the matter alone. The Colonist at one period was able to mould public opinion in the political and business. This is attested by the city and question, which has kept in power across the Bay. Of late years it has forfeited the privilege, and the reason is not difficult of solution. Turn over your files for the past five or six years and witness—not only some results, but the most unfair methods in treatment of public men and questions. You cannot juggle with facts, nor violate principles without forfeiting the respect of all fair-minded men and women. Every line you print must stand the test; an untrue thing will be detected sooner or later. In all candor I give you the best advice I have, leaving time to test the accuracy of statement. Why not tell your readers the truth about Socialism or leave it alone? Why not tell them the movement is making the most rapid headway the world over, spelling good or evil to every man, woman and child? Why not tell them it is one of the most important developments of the age and enlighten your readers upon the probable reasons for its acceptance? Will you do it? No—and you won't, and here you are right. This is as far as you can go without discredit. Don't attempt to misrepresent or appeal to prejudice—the world has lost a great deal by these methods and you will not gain in the face of past experience. Let me say here that the reading public is well supplied with this information, so long as the leading magazines of the continent vie with one another in showing the potencies and impossibility of fair administration under the individualist system; there is little need for the local press to enter the subject. Learn now that wisdom is not confined to the editorial sanctum. The judgment of the masses is formed, thank goodness, from a higher standard than that set by the Colonist. The people are free to think and, it is an insult to intelligence to tell us man is so low, so contemptible, that he will never rise above the frightful conditions into which he has been merged. How can you look at the widespread misery of our world to-day without seeing the present system has failed in all that goes for civilization? How can you manifest love, man to man, without bending all your energies to prevent sinking still further? You admit Socialism is an ideal, a beautiful state, in which to exist. From would mean a loss of incentive and industry, your theoretical standpoint, however, is void. Tell us, would not the fact of seeing the world properly housed and fed, the necessity for crime removed, more than com-

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FIREMAN'S TESTIMONY AT VALENCIA INQUIRY

Freight Clerk and Two of Passengers Also Gave Evidence Yesterday Afternoon.

When the Valencia inquiry was resumed yesterday afternoon the examination of John McCaffrey, one of the passengers on the wrecked steamer, was continued.

Cross-examined by J. H. Lawson, Jr., counsel for the P. C. S. S. Co., witness said he was aboard on the way from San Francisco and was sitting at the time the Valencia struck. He was a second class passenger. Five minutes after putting on his life preserver he reached deck. He saw two small boats launched.

When he came on deck it was pretty well crowded and the night was dark. No boat was swinging well out when he saw her, so that he did not know how she was manned, how many got in, or what orders were given to have her put over the side.

"How can you say that no officers appeared to have control?" was asked.

"Because the passengers were jumping into the boats in a disorderly manner and one remarked that he was going to get in as he didn't know what to do, no orders having been issued," witness replied.

Counsel, questioning him further, asked, whether he saw No. 3 boat launched. Witness replied in the negative. He had, however, seen No. 1 get away and there was only one officer engaged in assisting in the lowering. In his opinion more than one was necessary to assist in such an operation.

Witness was quite confident that nothing beyond the tossing of lines overboard was done to help those who were thrown from the boats into the water. He aided in doing that and knew of none that escaped. On the other side of the ship a heavy man, about 200 pounds weight, had been washed overboard, and told of his having been carried back again to the deck.

Witness reiterated his statement that there was a panic prevailing when he arrived on deck. The members of the crew

seemed to be running about in just as excited a condition as the passengers.

Speaking of the raft, witness said that it would have been possible for the captain to have gone among the women and offered them positions on her after he had taken his place. It would have been possible for some of those aboard to have made way for the ladies had they expressed a desire to get away. It took approximately half an hour for the raft to clear the water. This he considered fast time under the circumstances.

To C. H. Lugin, counsel for the Dominion government, witness said there seemed to be no one to go among the passengers and advise them what was best to be done. All appeared to be in confusion.

Mr. Lawson asked permission to recall Quartermaster Tarpey in order to give evidence on some points mentioned in Mr. McCaffrey's evidence.

Mr. Lugin did not think it would be good policy to establish the precedent of allowing a ship's officer to be called immediately after a passenger's examination in order to make contradictory statements.

Replying, Mr. Lawson said that all he wished to emphasize was that evidence had been given to the effect that

the captain had gone among the passengers and offered them a position on the raft previous to its departure. As long as the commissioners were clear upon that point he wouldn't press his request.

Capt. Cox said that he distinctly remembered the statement having been made by previous witnesses.

G. D. Harradin, one of the first class passengers and an electrician by trade, was next called. After the usual preliminaries, in which he stated that he had seen one of the ship's progress previous to the disaster, Capt. Gaudin asked him to tell his story of the disaster.

Witness said that shortly after the ship struck he was sitting in the social hall with his mother when an officer entered and requested the women to take places in the boats as it was their only chance. He requested his mother to follow the advice and, after kissing her goodbye, she left and he understood got away safely. He told her that he would stay with the ship. While on deck he saw one of the small boats full of passengers carry away.

Lines Were Thrown Overboard and about five or six were clinging to them. No rope ladder was thrown over the side to aid them.

Witness got away on the second raft, sliding down to it by means of a rope. Somebody he remembered, told the women it was their last chance to get away. There was no rush for it; in fact comparatively few seemed to be anxious to get aboard.

Questioned with regard to the boat-swain's crew, he stated that they were sent away to take the line which had already been shot ashore.

To Mr. Lugin witness said he did not see either the captain or first officer during the launching of the boats. No. 5, with the rescue party, got away on Tuesday morning, with comparative ease. He believed that if the ship's boats had been kept until that time they would have had a better opportunity to get clear.

On Wednesday morning three steamers, the Queen, the Star and another, were fired a line about the wreck or in a quarter of a mile of the vessel. Signals were flying and people were in the rigging endeavoring to attract attention, during that time.

Asked for an opinion, witness said he believed the Star might have "made a better showing than she did" if equipped with a gun she might have fired a line about the wreck or she could have gone back to the Queen, secured her rafts, and drifted them to the stranded vessel.

"What did the Queen do?" asked counsel.

"The Queen didn't do anything that I know of," replied witness.

Answering Capt. Newcomb, witness thought that a boat or raft might have drifted to the wreck. "We would have had to take chances on that," added witness. He went on to say that a line might have been used to advantage in hauling the raft, boat or whatever float was utilized, to the Valencia.

When he was picked up by the City of Topeka he was pretty far gone, and couldn't tell what happened after that. Replying to A. E. McPhillips, representing the provincial government, witness said there was quite a little comment as time passed and the boat-swain's party was not heard from. None of the rescue steamers, either by means of whistle, signals, guns, etc., attempted to communicate with the wreck.

To Mr. Lawson witness said that he wore a life preserver while in the water, and that it supported him well. W. Doherty, a freeman on the Valencia, belonging to No. 6 boat, of which the first mate had charge. He worked for ten minutes.

After the Ship Struck attempting to keep the steam up. He saw the water rushing from the fore part of the vessel. Just then someone came down and ordered them to get out as they couldn't do anything more. He went on deck. The night was dark, there being a light fog and a heavy rain falling.

During the launching of the rafts he was present and distinctly remembered the captain ordering the first raft to stand by until "he got some women aboard." He recollected that he went among the passengers and that the majority declined, not one woman agreeing to take places on her. There were only two on board that he knew, namely, Hancock and Connors.

When the steamers hove in sight almost all were sure that they were as safe as ashore. But when it was seen that no effort was made to lower boats or any other attempt made to render assistance, there was general disappointment. In his opinion help could have been accorded by the Queen or Salvor with the boats with which they were equipped.

To Mr. Lugin, witness said he went first to the starboard side upon coming upon the deck. Afterwards he moved along to his boat, which was on the port side at the after end of the vessel.

It was about 10 o'clock on Monday night that the "slow bell" was sounded. She made about four or five knots an hour under those conditions. When striking there was a 50-pound steam pressure. The order "full speed astern" brought it down to some extent. When he came above the ship listed heavily to port and afterwards righted. The hull, he said, stood the pounding well.

He never saw the captain during the launching of the boats, but on the first night of the wreck he saw him assisting in blocking the windows of the saloon in order to prevent the water washing in upon the women.

In the judgment of witness the Star did not come within four or five miles of the wreck. He knew she

didn't get within a quarter of a mile. The raft was submerged with about three feet of water, the wash being well up to the waists of those aboard. It was always under control, although many had lost their bearings. The launching of the Queen and other steamers, questioned by Mr. McPhillips, witness said he didn't know the coast well. There were a great many new men among the crew of the Valencia on the fatal trip. This was true in connection with the deck and almost all other departments.

To Mr. Lawson, witness said that women could not have stood the exposure to which he was subjected while upon the raft. Asked regarding the passengers, witness paid a tribute to the courage of George H. Jesse. He said he

Took a Prominent Part in all that was done aboard. Always active in handling lines, and making things as orderly and comfortable as possible, he particularly attracted his attention. Mr. Jesse, witness said, made no effort to get aboard the raft.

Upon the retirement of Mr. Doherty a general discussion took place as to the best means of procedure. Mr. Lawson again expressed his willingness to call Capt. Gaudin, of the steamer Queen. He stated that it was his desire to defer the examination of Capt. Patterson and Manager Pearce, of the P. C. S. S. Co., until the conclusion of the inquiry.

An adjournment was then taken for an hour, Messrs. Lawson and Heathorn in the meantime proceeding to the City of Topeka in order to secure a witness employed on that vessel.

Upon resuming Frank Lehn, freight clerk of the steamer Valencia, stated he made two trips on that ship. His boat was No. 5 on the starboard side. It was not customary to launch the boats during drills, held in rough weather. During the trip up the usual winter weather was experienced.

He knew nothing relating to the navigation of the vessel on the fatal voyage. After the ship struck witness reported to the purser, it being his duty to do so in case of trouble of that kind. He believed, that he saw, J. J. O'Farrell, the purser, enter his boat, which was situated upon the port side. It was difficult to persuade the women to enter the small boats. He himself put one elderly woman in a boat, and she had deliberately jumped to the deck again.

Upon the request of Commissioner Lugin witness proceeded to tell his story in detail, giving much the same account as has already appeared in these columns.

He told of a conversation with the women, in which they discussed what would be done when the boat-swain's party reached the shore and secured the line. The women said that they would prefer to see some of the men hoisted ashore in the conveyance that would be fitted up so that its safety might be tested.

Witness got away on the second raft. He was one of the last to leave. While watching it from the upper deck he

Felt the Woodwork Move from the force of the waves, and shouting to his friends, "Bill, get going, take a chance," he jumped into the water and got aboard the raft.

Answering Commissioner Gaudin witness said that if the boats had been kept until the next morning they might have been of use. There was a possibility that they would have been torn away during the night.

Witness commended the steward and his staff upon what they had done to contribute to the comfort of the passengers. He did not know much about the fore deck officers. He supposed they were attending to their duty.

While upon the raft he was up to his waist in water most of the time. There were life lines by which the aboard managed to keep their positions.

Answering Capt. Gaudin witness said he didn't think it was possible for any of the steamers seen in the offing on Wednesday to render assistance from the sea. The breakers were too heavy. It was more difficult to enter such a surf than to get away.

Questioned by Mr. Lugin, witness told of a little lad about 8 years of age whom he had noticed aboard, and who appeared to be alone. It was said that his mother and father lost him. He was on the boat when he jumped for the raft.

To Capt. Newcomb witness said that nobody died in the social hall on Tuesday. Such a statement was absolutely false.

Replying to Mr. McPhillips, he stated that the lyall gun was fired three times when the steamers forming the rescue fleet appeared in the offing. The report seemed loud. There were cheers when the boats were seen. When the launch was operated from the bridge, witness said in reply to a query from Mr. Lawson.

The commission then adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning.

matter to be debated is the advisability of presenting caps or medals to the winning teams of the local series. A sample cap has been obtained by Rev. W. W. Bolton, president of the club, and will be submitted to the delegates for inspection. As the programme is rather extensive, all representatives are requested to be present at 8 o'clock, at which time the president will take the chair and open the proceedings.

Evenly Balanced.

Since the opening of the season the Cowichan football teams have been striving to obtain an advantage over each other, but so far the effort has been without avail. The last two or three games have resulted in draws, the last taking place on Saturday at Duncan. Although the rival eleven agreed to continue for an extra ten minutes neither was able to score. It is expected that another try will be made next Saturday to decide the question of superiority.

The Maslem.

Officers Elected.

At the fifth annual meeting of the Vancouver Rifle Association, held some days ago, the captain, H. T. Shelton, submitted a report which concludes as follows: "We had during the past season six months' practice of 25 meetings on the range, and expended nearly 14,000 rounds of ammunition. Our finances are in fair shape. The cost of marking has been higher, viz. \$15 for the season. This could not very well be avoided. Our faithful treasurer, Mr. McLeod, will give you his report, and the thanks of this association are due for his painstaking services. As regards the price of ammunition I think this meeting should decide not to charge less than ten cents a round, the regular government charge, as trying to sell part of it for 10c per package only causes confusion."

Officers were elected as follows: Hon. president, R. G. Macpherson, M. P.; first vice-president, Hon. Capt. Farrow, M. P.; second vice-president, W. C. Cusker; captain, J. D. Quinn; first lieutenant, H. A. Langford; second lieutenant, W. Ralph; treasurer, C. P. Hilton; secretary, J. Jones; additional members of executive, H. T. Shelton, W. Hepburn, E. S. Whiband, J. Pallen, B. Watts.

WON CHAMPIONSHIP.

A junior match was played between the F. Y. M. A. and Y. M. C. A. league teams last evening which resulted in a win for the former by a score of 12 to 10. The contest took place at the Fernwood hall. As a result of this contest the F. Y. M. A. boys have captured the championship.

F. Y. M. A. VICTORIOUS. The F. Y. M. A. and F. Y. M. A. second junior teams tried conclusions at the latter's hall last night. The latter won by a score of 18 to 12 points.

MATCHES CANCELLED.

A match was to have been played between the Tacoma and Y. M. C. A. teams on Friday evening at the Victoria West hall, and on Saturday the Tacoma and First Regiment teams were to have tried conclusions at the drill hall. These games, however, have been cancelled indefinitely, word having been received from Instructor Booth, of the Tacoma Y. M. C. A., to the effect that his team cannot come to Victoria this week. In all probability the games mentioned will take place at an early date.

BILLIARDS.

FERRY V. DEPPE.

A game, 500 up, will be played to-morrow evening between E. J. Deppe and J. J. Deppe. As these players are among the most expert of local enthusiasts the game should prove interesting. It will commence at 8:15 o'clock at the Driadri hotel.

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Now flaming summer's flickered out, And autumn's embers glow, Now winds like wiles howl roundabout, Way-linger! Let us go. Hurry to the waters' meet; While the valley's white with mist, Haste ye to our wonted tryst.

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Sporting News

BASEBALL.

THE NORTHWEST LEAGUE.

A Bellingham dispatch dated February 11th says: "President W. H. Lucas, of the Northwest Baseball League, and L. D. Merritt, president and part owner of the Spokane club, are in the city to-day assisting up the baseball situation in Bellingham. Mr. Merritt leaves to-night for Everett, and Mr. Lucas will go up the line to Vancouver to-morrow."

"It was expected that the directors of the Bellingham club would meet with Mr. Lucas this afternoon, but the meeting did not take place, and they will go together to-morrow morning to go over the situation."

"One of the matters that is up to Bellingham is to provide inside grounds. President Lucas says that it is out of the question to consider the old grounds, as they are a losing proposition from a financial standpoint, being too far out and poorly arranged for a ball park. Two sites close in are being considered, either of which would be satisfactory."

Mr. Merritt says the outlook in Spokane is excellent for a season of good baseball."

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

MEETING TO-MORROW.

To-morrow evening a meeting of the Victoria District League will be held in the Y. M. C. A. rooms when the question of arranging the date of the annual meeting will come up for discussion. Another

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Entry may be made personally at the local agent for the district in which the land to be taken is situated, or if the homesteader desires, an application may be made to the Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, the Commissioner of Immigration, Winnipeg, or the local agent for the district in which the land is situated, receive authority for same. Any person who has been granted an entry for a homestead is required to perform the conditions connected therewith under one of the following plans:

(1) At least six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year during the term of three years.

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(3) If the section has its permanent residence upon farming land owned by him in the vicinity of the homestead, the requirements of the Act as to residence may be satisfied by residence upon the said land.

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MINING REGULATIONS. Coal—Coal lands may be purchased at \$10 per acre for soft coal and \$20 for anthracite. Not more than 250 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Royalty at the rate of two cents per ton of 2,000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output.

Quartz—A free miner's certificate is granted upon payment in advance of \$7.50 per annum for an individual, and from \$20 per annum for a company according to the number of miners, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,500 ft. square. The fee for recording a claim is \$5. At least \$100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When \$500 has been expended or paid, the locator may, upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at \$1 an acre.

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WEATHER BULLETIN

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department. Victoria, Feb. 12-5 a. m.—The barometer remains high to the northward, and fair weather continues.

Forecast. For 24 hours ending 3 p. m. Wednesday, Victoria and vicinity—Moderate to fresh northerly winds, continued fair, not much change in temperature.

Reports. Victoria—Barometer, 30.08; temperature, 35; minimum, 25; wind, 4 miles N.; weather, clear.

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MUST DEAL WITH EDUCATION ACT

(Continued from page 1) unions which was denied at the Tait Vale decision.

Among the amendments proposed to the Compensation Act is one providing that some system of state compulsory insurance should be established which will secure that employers shall have paid the necessary funds to compensate for all the accidents or diseases arising out of or incidental to the nature of employment.

The amendments to the Trust Act aim at "preventing stoppages of any description from wages." The amendment of the Unemployed Act is described, "so that employment can be found at trade union rates for those unable to find work."

The old-age pension proposal is the establishment of a scheme to provide all citizens over 60 years of age with a pension of at least five shillings a week, the entire cost to be borne by the Imperial exchequer.

Labor members endorsed by the congress are pledged to an amendment to the Education Act, securing educational freedom and state maintenance, state compulsory attendance up to sixteen years of age, secular education in state supported schools, the establishment of training schools for teachers.

Beyond the programme outlined Labor members are free to support or oppose the government, but generally they will be guided by their leaders. J. Kier Hardie, the leader of the group supported by the Labor representative committee, in an article has pointed out that he and his followers have "No option but to sit in opposition, since to do anything else would be to belie their professions of political independence."

Mr. Hardie expects the first conflict between the Labor members and the government over the question of legislation to restore freedom of action to the trades unions. Labor has many questions which they will ask parliament to consider, and if the Labor members have their way a great part of the session will be devoted to their bills.

Swearing in Members. London, Feb. 13.—Although the ceremonial and official opening of parliament will not occur until February 17th, and while no legislative work can be undertaken until after the King's speech has been delivered on the occasion, the second parliament to King Edward assembled this afternoon for the election of a Speaker of the House of Commons. This was the only business to-day, and the swearing in of members will occupy the balance of the day.

The House of Commons meets under conditions of unusual interest, and evidence of this was seen in the wild rush for seats at midnight when the spectacle at the entrance of the House of Parliament at Westminster resembled the entry to a pit on the first night of a play by a popular author.

Nearly 300 of the members were entirely new to parliamentary life as a consequence of the upheaval caused by the general election, and the House of Commons ushers had a difficult task in differentiating between members and outsiders who attempted to take part in the proceedings.

Outside the House a great crowd showed keen interest in the proceedings, criticizing or cheering, according to their political bias, the better known members, while the arrival of the King to the House to make the historic search of the vaults for a Guy Fawkes, with all the time-honored formalities, evoked unbounded enthusiasm.

Labor Party's Chairman. London, Feb. 12.—The new labor party members of parliament to the number of 30 who were nominated under the auspices of the labor representation committee, held their first meeting in a committee room of the House of Commons this afternoon and elected J. Kier Hardie chairman for the coming session. The members who attended the meeting also decided that they would sit on the opposition side of the House. This group is distinguished from the rest of the labor by the fact that it is pledged not to enter into an alliance with the radical party. The meeting also decided to co-operate with the trade unionists members on labor bills without formally allying themselves with that party.

PRINCESS ENA'S MARRIAGE. King Edward Has Been Asked to Withhold His Consent. (Associated Press.) London, Feb. 12.—The anticipated protests against the marriage of Princess Ena, of Battenberg, to King Alfonso of Spain have commenced with a petition from the Imperial Protestant Federation, which has a large membership, appealing to King Edward to withhold his consent. The federation declares that the proposed marriage has caused the deepest sorrow and distress to Protestants and that the Princess's intended entry into the Roman Catholic church has greatly shocked them. The King's answer to this first officially formulated disapproval is awaited with interest.

NEWSPAPER LAWS. Publishers of False Rumors Will Be Promptly Punished. (Associated Press.) St. Petersburg, Feb. 13.—The council of ministers has decided that the prop-

agation by newspapers of false rumors against the government, individual officials or the army shall be punishable by two to eight months imprisonment and fines not exceeding \$150. In the event of such rumors causing an outbreak of illegal acts or disturbances among the troops, the penalty will be increased to sixteen months imprisonment.

THE FORMER PREMIER

Liberals Will Not Oppose A. J. Balfour in the City of London. (Associated Press.) London, Feb. 12.—Former Premier Balfour's non-committal speech at the banquet of the Conservatives of the city of London yesterday evening has apparently satisfied the Liberals, as at a meeting of the city of London Liberal Association this afternoon it was decided not to oppose the former premier.

Mr. Balfour therefore is assured of a seat in parliament. The steam trawler Veronica, belonging to Stavanger, Norway, has been lost off Looe, Cornwall, England, Scotland, with a crew of ten. She was disabled and in tow of the steam trawler Zodiac when the rope broke. The crew of the Veronica launched a boat, but when within 100 feet of the Zodiac a heavy sea expelled it and they were all drowned. The Veronica went down soon afterwards.

TEN SAILORS DROWNED

Small Boat Capsized After Men Had Left Their Sinking Trawler.

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ALL CLASSES SIGNING

Hon. W. Templeman's Nomination Papers Being Heartily Endorsed.

The nomination papers of Hon. Wm. Templeman are being circulated by a committee, and the result, so far indicated, is that when they are filed with the returning officer on the 27th inst., they will, in the representative character of the signatories, form a record in the political history of the city. Not only are they being signed by prominent Liberals, but a large number of Conservatives and Labor men have endorsed Mr. Templeman's candidature.

The committee report that all classes of the community signify their hearty concurrence in the nomination of Mr. Templeman, and are delighted that the claims of British Columbia to port-folio have at last been recognized by the selection of Victoria's veteran politician. By his appointment an honor has been done the city, which will probably be recognized by his return by acclamation.

SUBMITTED AS EVIDENCE

Drawing Made For Times the Most Accurate of Scene of Wreck.

It may not be generally known that the wash drawings of the Valencia wreck which were made by the Times artist on the Salvor, and reproduced in this paper, were submitted as evidence at the investigation held in Seattle. Capt. Group, of the C. P. R., Capt. Cousins of the Queen and Capt. John Irving, also delving, and the artist of the Times had depicted most accurately the sea, then running and the relative positions and appearance of the rescue fleet and of the wreck.

All three have since obtained artist proofs of the cuts and forwarded to different officials of the government and company in order that they may be informed of the real condition of affairs. These officers have also taken occasion to express to the management of the Times their appreciation of their enterprise in giving to their readers such accurate reproductions of this historic tragedy in the history of Pacific coast disasters.

A special dispatch from the Ottawa correspondent of the Times says Hon. W. Templeman left for the coast to-day. A long list of witnesses in the investigation into the wreck of the Valencia appears on the register of the King Edward.

An interesting gathering assembled in the Sir William Wallace Hall last evening, when the St. Andrew's Society gave a few hours of social enjoyment. Dr. Milne presided, and made a short address, in which he referred to the work of the society. The lodge, though a year old, had 100 members, and the progress was continuous. He also spoke of the able support given by the ladies. During the evening the following programme was carried out: Remarks by the chairman, bag pipes; Mr. McDonald; song, Mr. Taylor; song, Miss McCoy; address, Rev. Dr. Fraser; song, Mr. Gordon; step dancing, Master Hill; song, Mrs. Crawford; selection, the Master Thomsons; song, Mr. Kin-naird; dancing, Miss Hill. In the course of his remarks Dr. Fraser referred to the beauty of Victoria.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. James Waites, View street, was the scene of a pleasant gathering on Tuesday evening. The young ladies of Calvary Baptist church with others assembled and gave a surprise in honor of Mrs. Roderick McNeill. Before Mr. and Mrs. McNeill's return from their honeymoon a ball full of linen articles was arranged and at a given time was upset over the heads of the host and hostess. Mrs. A. Galbraith was then unanimously voted to the chair, and gave a few appropriate remarks. Mrs. Blackmore, on behalf of the ladies, read an appropriate address to the bride, which set forth the esteem in which she was held by all in Calvary church, where she has been an active worker for many years. Mr. McNeill responded to this. Miss Underhill gave a well-rendered elocutionary selection entitled "Jealous Wife," and Mrs. Tapscott a song entitled "The Tie That Binds." Miss Murton also made a few remarks, testifying to the loss the church sustained by Mrs. McNeill leaving the city. After which, Mrs. Zimmerman proposed several toasts for bride and groom. Mr. Warricker, church organist, gave a choice instrumental solo. This programme completed refreshments were served by Mrs. Waites. Mrs. Galbraith, Miss Zimmerman and the Misses Blackwell. The room was prettily decorated. All present spent a pleasant time.

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CHARLES H. TITE, Witness: William Duck, Notary Public.

NARROW ESCAPES.

Two Accidents at Cowichan Gap—Tug Escort Will Have to Go Into Drydock.

The Ladysmith Ledger of yesterday has the following: "Porter Pass, or Cowichan Gap, as it is more generally known, was the scene of two accidents yesterday. Both might have resulted in great loss to the companies owning the boats that figured in accidents, but fortunately not a great deal of damage was done. The tug Escort was towing the barge Georgan through the gap when the stern end of the barge, which was to the rocks, where she stuck fast. In attempting to haul the barge into deep water the tug also was taken on the reef. However, after some time the tug managed to free herself, but in so doing got the halwart with which she was towing the barge, hooked in her propeller. This of course rendered her perfectly helpless, so she cast anchor, and as the bottom of the barge was scraping badly on the rocks the small boat was launched and members of the crew pulled to Crofton, where the Henrietta was found discharging her. The tug Escort, however, was at once enlisted, and steaming to Cowichan Gap the Henrietta speedily heeled the Georgan off the rocks and towed the barge and the disabled tug to Crofton.

The bottom of the barge was not seriously damaged, but it is thought likely that the Escort's propeller may be badly injured. It will be necessary to drydock the tug before the wire rope can be extracted from the propeller. "Within a few yards of the rock on which the Georgan and the Escort met with adventure, and almost at the same hour did the tug Eagle get into somewhat similar trouble yesterday. The captain took the tug close into shore as the tide was going out, and rested her on the beach, but the tide went lower than usual, and when the engines were started the propeller caught a rock, with the result that one blade snapped off. The Eagle came on to this port, and after taking on coal left for Vancouver, where her propeller will be repaired.

The master of the Escort is Capt. W. McKenzie, and the Eagle's captain is Capt. Zellinsky.

The accident ward at the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital received a patient last evening in the person of Washington Rimmer. Mr. Rimmer comes from Pender Island, and met with an accident in a runaway. His horses took fright while he was loading something on his wagon, the vehicle knocking him down, and passing over him. Mr. Rimmer is believed to be seriously injured.

THE GRAND

Manager Jamieson Has Provided Strong Bill of Attractions This Week.

There has never been a week at the Grand since it opened where three such headline acts as Seaman Adam and Rogers, Emmons, Emmerston and Emmonds, and Miss Lola Stantonne, the feature acts of this week, were included on one bill. Patrons are satisfied if one big act supported by several good ones forms the bill-of-fare, but this week Manager Jamieson has excelled himself, and will undoubtedly reap the financial reward to which his enterprise entitles him.

The comedy sketch of Emmonds, Emmerston and Emmonds is both amusing and original. Mr. Emmonds is one of the best grotesque dancers ever seen in the city. Mr. Emmerston is a veteran in vaudeville, being for many years of the team of Emmerston and Clarke long recognized as one of the best singing turns on the vaudeville stage, which is manifested by the enthusiasm with which they are received. In personal appearance and excellence of execution none surpass Miss Lola Stantonne, violin soloist. As an opening number she played De Berlioz's seventh concerto, and for an encore "The Holy City" was given, illustrated with beautiful slides. A hush fell over her audience that was not broken until the last sound from her violin had died away. Then there was an outburst of applause that was repeated until the artist was compelled to respond with a third number. Remick's latest song success, "In Dear Old Georgia," also illustrated with picture slides. Miss Emily Nise, a charming, sophisticated, and good singer, contributed to the success of the entertainment in a number of catchy songs. Miss Alice Wildermar sings the illustrated song "Mountain's Fairest Flower," and the moving pictures, which are very good, are entitled "The Wedding" and "A Tragedy at Sea."

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MOROCCAN CONFERENCE. Delegates Refuse to Admit That a Crisis Has Been Reached. (Associated Press.) Algiers, Feb. 13.—The reports circulated in European capitals that a crisis had been reached at Algiers are not borne out by the actual conditions here. The negotiations on the police questions are proceeding uninterrupted, but have reached a bed-rock point on which neither the French nor the German delegates show any disposition to yield. This firmness on the part of both sides has caused some apprehension of an eventual deadlock, but delegates, so long as the negotiations continue, will not admit that a crisis has been reached. Inquiry to-day among the other delegates showed that they are confident of a successful result. The delegates deprecate the alleged attempts of the German press to persuade the public that if the conference fails it will be the fault of France and Great Britain.

PEACE AT LAST. (Associated Press.) Butte, Mont., Feb. 12.—Arthur C. Carson, representing Thomas Cole, of Butte, to-day took possession of all the mines and mining property of F. A. Helms and the United Copper Co. in Silver Bow country, which have been in controversy of litigation with the Amalgamated Copper Co. This means that peace has come to the warring copper-mining interests of Butte.

The heads of the various municipal departments again paid a visit to Chinatown this afternoon and unearthed some little weaknesses in Chinese sanitation.

LOLA STANTONNE

the headline attractions in variety theatres. He is as clever as ever, and the lady of the trio contributes her full share to the fifteen minutes of hilarity. Seaman, Adam and Rogers are rightly billed as the harmonious trio. They can safely lay claim to having one of the best singing turns on the vaudeville stage, which is manifested by the enthusiasm with which they are received. In personal appearance and excellence of execution none surpass Miss Lola Stantonne, violin soloist. As an opening number she played De Berlioz's seventh concerto, and for an encore "The Holy City" was given, illustrated with beautiful slides. A hush fell over her audience that was not broken until the last sound from her violin had died away. Then there was an outburst of applause that was repeated until the artist was compelled to respond with a third number. Remick's latest song success, "In Dear Old Georgia," also illustrated with picture slides. Miss Emily Nise, a charming, sophisticated, and good singer, contributed to the success of the entertainment in a number of catchy songs. Miss Alice Wildermar sings the illustrated song "Mountain's Fairest Flower," and the moving pictures, which are very good, are entitled "The Wedding" and "A Tragedy at Sea."

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Senator J. H. Ross, of Moosejaw, ex-Governor of the Yukon, has returned from a six weeks visit to Los Angeles, and leaves to-night for the East, where he has some business to transact before the opening of the session. Senator Ross, who has been a strong advocate of the claims of the West to a portifolio, is delighted that Hon. W. Templeman has been given control of the department of inland revenue.

What is the difference between the eldest son of a King and the ballast used in ballooning?—One is heir to the throne, the other is thrown to the air.

DEATH. ASPDIN—At the Jubilee hospital, on the 2d inst., Thomas Williams Aspdin, a native of Richmond, Yorkshire, England, aged 51 years. CROSS—At Vancouver, on Feb. 10th, Mrs. Thomas Cross, aged 24 years. SPROAT—Suddenly at the Jubilee hospital, on the 12th inst., Gilbert Hector Shaw Sproat, superintendent engineer, White Pass & Yukon River Division, aged 27.

Funeral will take place on Friday at 2.30 p. m. from the Masonic hall, Douglas street. Friends will please accept this intimation.

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