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**NEW PRESS IS
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**TIMES PRINTS TO-DAY
 IN ITS OWN BUILDING**

**Paper Turned Out on a Splen-
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Five years ago the Times installed a new press which it was thought would be sufficient for the needs of many years. Neither the management of that paper nor any other citizens at that time had any expectation that Victoria was going to forge ahead as it has done in the past couple of years.

For some time past the Times has found itself handicapped for want of larger, faster and more fully modern press. The demands upon space from advertisers and by reason of greatly improved news services taxed all the press-room resources at the disposal of the Times, and frequently advertising had to be refused and news brought in the waste-basket because either could be handled. The old press, which the Times of five years ago was very proud of, had its defects and the combinations of pages it could print out, defects which caused more and more inconvenience as recent months went by.

To meet the demands of the Victoria of 1911 and provide against the future the management of the Times ordered a new Goss press of the latest type, which has been installed in the basement of the new Times Building and on which the paper is being printed to-day for the first time.

The machine is known as the new Goss two-roll rotary perfecting press. It is a three-deck machine, each deck carrying two pairs of printing cylinders and each plate cylinder carrying six stereotype plates. This makes it maximum capacity at one printing twenty-four pages. The press as constructed will print either four, six, eight, ten, twelve, fourteen, sixteen, eighteen, twenty, twenty-two or twenty-four page papers, all made up in book form, at a running speed of fifteen thousand papers per hour, delivered folded. The press is the only free-deck press that will print a twenty-two page paper. In all other presses this unusual combination requires six decks to print.

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IN GRIP OF STORM
 Hurricane Is Sweeping Newfoundland and Shipping Disasters Are Feared.

St. John's, N. F., Dec. 21.—Grave fears are expressed that a number of shipping disasters have occurred on account of a hurricane that is sweeping Newfoundland to-day.

The storm has been raging for sixty hours. It is believed that it will soon be at subsidence.

The storm is said to be the worst in many years.

LIBERALS ARE ORGANIZING

ASSOCIATION IS FORMED IN WARD ONE
 Lt.-Col. Currie Is President and Active Committee Will Assist Him

A start was made on the ward organization of the Liberal party in Victoria last evening, when the Ward 1 Liberal Association was formed, officers elected and the commencement of active work of a live association arranged for.

There was a gratifying turnout of voters in St. James' Hall, considering a weather and season of the year, and those present took a lively interest in the proceedings. Lieut.-Colonel Currie, one of the veterans of Liberalism in Victoria West, was named as temporary chairman and H. Winsay as secretary.

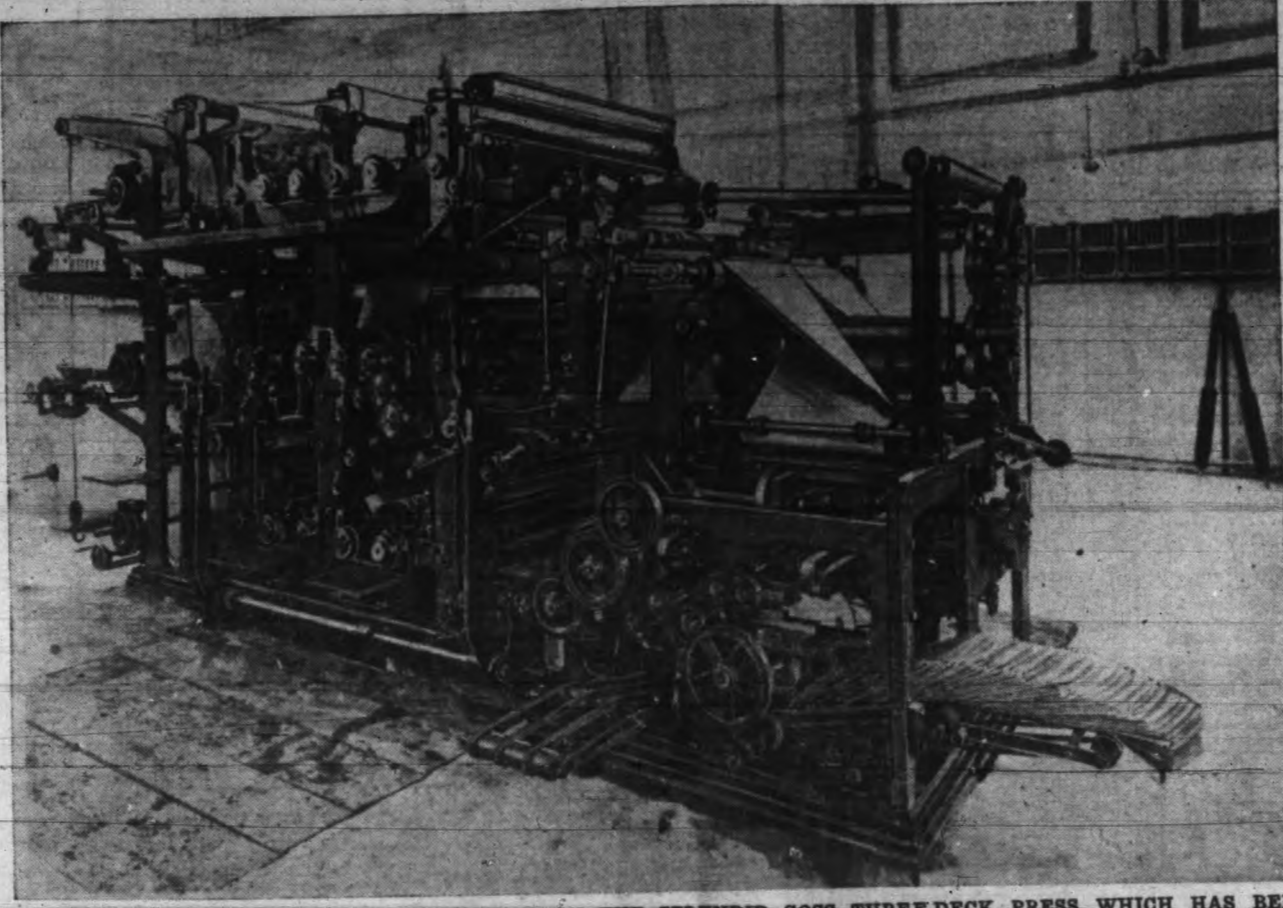
J. C. McIntosh, city organizer of the party, addressed the meeting on the line and necessity for organization, explained the new division of the city to polling subdivisions, and gave the details of the west end much good news from his very successful experience as an organizer in the adjoining district of Esquimalt.

It was unanimously resolved to organize along these lines, and a draft constitution was taken up, discussed and adopted. After some minor amendments were adopted. The document is a simple one and forms a model which, no doubt, will be followed closely by the other four ward organizations as they are formed.

The following officers were elected: President—Hon. Wm. Tompkins, M. P., minister of mines.

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The Times' New Press, Now In Use



TO-DAY'S IS THE FIRST ISSUE OF THIS PAPER TO BE PRINTED ON THE SPLENDID GOSS THREE-DECK PRESS WHICH HAS BEEN INSTALLED IN THE NEW TIMES BUILDING, CORNER OF FORT AND BROAD STREETS.

NEARLY THREE HUNDRED MAY HAVE PERISHED

Explosion and Fire in Lancashire Coal Mine—Flames Delay Work of Rescue—Bodies of Number of Victims Recovered.

(Times Leased Wire.)
 Manchester, Eng., Dec. 21.—Two hundred and eighty-nine out of 900 miners working in the Little Hulton company's Pretoria mine, near Leigh, are believed to have been killed in an explosion and fire that has turned the workings into a veritable blast furnace.

Eleven of those below the surface of the earth when the disaster occurred, have been rescued. The others were trapped in the mine. Rescuers have brought out the bodies of 29 charred and mangled men. Since these bodies were found close to the mouth of the main entrance, it is believed all the other miners must have perished.

The explosion was terrific and it is believed that its force and the fire which burst out almost immediately afterwards have demolished the interior workings.

Less than five minutes after the explosion flames were shooting 50 feet above the main entrance. The only men who escaped were leaving the mine just as the accident occurred.

The flames apparently spread to all parts of the mine and the heat thrown out from the main entrance was so intense that those who rushed to the rescue when the explosion occurred were forced back. They fell back just as a burst of flames was shot from the entrance of the shaft.

Although every effort was made to smother the fire, little could be done and it was many minutes before the rescuers could again approach the main shaft. After a time the flames ceased pouring out of its mouth, and the rescuers attempted to enter the shaft, only to find that the inner workings were burning fiercely and that the intolerable heat and the fumes of deadly gases prevented any rescue work.

The explosion jammed the cages in the shafts and interfered with the ventilating apparatus.

With the first news of the accident friends and relatives of the men employed in the mine rushed to the scene. When the flames poured out of the main shaft many women fainted and were carried away. Hundreds of persons were crowded around the pit mouth by the time the fire began to subside, and the efforts of the rescue parties to enter the workings were hampered. The people about the shaft were restrained with the greatest difficulty.

When the fire had receded far enough to permit of an attempt, a small rescue party entered the shafts. Not far from the entrance the bodies of twenty men were discovered. They were lifted out and borne away to an improvised morgue.

The rescuers found the mine blocked

where the cages refused to move for a time, preventing quick escape and interfering with the ventilation, rising gases being checked by obstructions and driven back on the entombed miners.

Meantime the fire raged fiercely, and it is supposed many not killed by noxious fumes were burned to death.

Rescuers were unable to get direct to the spot where the miners were entombed, and there was some delay while they sought access to the place through adjoining leads.

Word of the disaster was carried quickly to the homes of the miners, and presently thousands of women-servants

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ALEX. STEWART FOR MAYORALTY

POPULAR CITIZEN MAY BE CANDIDATE
 Leading Citizens Are Urging Well-Known Ex-Alderman to Stand

There is a strong probability that Alex. Stewart will be a candidate for the office of mayor at the forthcoming municipal elections. For some days past a strong committee of leading citizens, thoroughly representative of all classes in the community, has been endeavoring to persuade that gentleman



EX-ALD. ALEX. STEWART
 Who Has Served Nine Years in the City Council and Is Likely to Be a Candidate for the Mayor's Chair.

to consent to allow his name to go to the electorate, and the Times learns this morning that this consent has been obtained upon certain conditions being fulfilled, and that this stipulation is maturing to the point of finality where Mr. Stewart's wishes will be met fully.

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TWO KILLED BY FALLING WALLS

TEN OTHERS INJURED AT FIRE IN CINCINNATI

Two Factories Destroyed and Others Damaged—Loss Estimated at \$2,000,000

(Times Leased Wire.)
 Cincinnati, O., Dec. 21.—A fireman and a spectator were killed and ten firemen severely hurt in a fire to-day that did \$2,000,000 damage. The killed and injured were caught under the falling walls of the Krippendorf-O'Neil shoe company's factory. Two engine companies were buried under tons of debris.

The dead: Robert Greer, fireman. Unidentified boy, 16 years old.

The fire broke out early to-day in the Krippendorf factory and the flames spread rapidly. The Krippendorf building and the factory of the Taylor-Poole Leather company were completely destroyed and eight other factories badly damaged.

Big crowds gathered to watch the conflagration. They were repeatedly driven back by the police and warned of the danger of falling walls, but despite these warnings, the spectators crowded as close to the burning buildings as they could get.

The engines were standing at a corner near the Krippendorf factory. The firemen were carrying a hose past the building when the walls away and crashed outward. The spectators who saw the first sign of the collapse shouted to the firemen and endeavored to crowd back out of the way. One boy, however, was struck by the falling mass of brick and crushed to death. The debris fell squarely upon the firemen who could not leap out of danger. It was at first reported that all of them had been killed.

The other companies working at the fire rushed to the aid of their comrades and removed them from the wreckage. One man was dead and ten others severely injured. Some of these, it is believed, cannot recover.

The buildings that burned were in the neighborhood of the county jail. The prisoners were awakened by the glare of the fire and huddled together in their cells.

When the Krippendorf building collapsed the crash started a panic in the jail, and the prisoners were removed to the court house, where they were held under guard until the fire was controlled after 1 o'clock.

Other buildings damaged were the factories of the United States Leather company, the McDonald-Timmers and Plumbers Supply company, the Wildburg Box company, the Gross-Pfleger Leather company, the Victor Safe & Lock company, the Payne Motor company, and the Cahill Shoe company and the Nurro building.

NO SETTLEMENT YET IN SIGHT

ENGINEERS ARE BECOMING IMPATIENT

Grand Chief Stone Says There Must Be Short Decisive Action

(Times Leased Wire.)
 Chicago, Dec. 21.—Whether the 25,500 engineers employed on the 61 western railroads, now conferring with the general managers here, shall strike, will be decided within the next 24 hours, according to Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

"We will not strike before night," said Stone to-day, "but we will not tolerate further delay. There must be short, sharp, decisive action."

Chas. P. Neill, commissioner of labor, who is now here endeavoring to arbitrate the questions at issue, held a long conference with the general managers of the lines affected this morning. During the afternoon he was scheduled to confer with Grand Chief Stone. It is on the result of this conference that the engineers' action is expected to be based.

The conference began here December 12. Since then the representatives of the engineers and the general managers have been negotiating and, according to the railroad men to-day, they are no nearer a settlement than they were when it was first announced that more than 95 per cent. of the engineers had voted to strike unless an increase of 17 per cent. in wages was granted.

"Unless Commissioner Neill is able to report something definite to me this afternoon," continued Stone, "we are going to act. The delay is intolerable. The best the railroads have offered so far is an advance of 3 1/2 per cent. This was, of course, refused. All the other offers the roads have made in regard to the questions at issue also have been rejected."

The advisory board of the Brotherhood of Engineers has been hastily summoned to Chicago, and following the declaration of Stone that "decisive action" is to be taken, it is believed that the engineers are planning to take a firm stand.

"I am doing what I can to prevent trouble," said Commissioner Neill before his conference with the managers to-day. "I cannot at this time discuss the progress of the negotiations."

Some of the members of the advisory board arrived to-day and the remainder, it is expected, will be here in time for a night session. The railroad representatives are not worried, apparently, by this move.

"Stone is just bluffing," said one of the railroad officials. "He does not intend to order any strike."

AMENDMENTS TO SOOKE BY-LAW

COMES UP AGAIN TO-MORROW NIGHT

Full Text of the Important Resolution Moved by Alderman Langley

Great interest attaches to the special meeting of the city council summoned for to-morrow evening to give further consideration to the Sooke water by-law, which was left suspended in the air, so to speak, when an adjournment was taken at the hour of midnight on Monday, the mayor on that occasion refusing to put an amendment offered by Ald. Langley and seconded by Ald. Bannerman, and declaring that he was not going to observe parliamentary procedure in this matter.

It is somewhat difficult to say on what point the debate will be resumed. The mayor's action in refusing to put a motion when the same, in the opinion of the city solicitor, is perfectly in order, is such an extraordinary proceeding that some members of the board may seize the occasion to appeal from the decision of the chair, and this would divert, for the time being, discussion of the by-law. However, the amendment offered by Ald. Langley, which is a most important one, reads as follows:

That the title and preamble of the first-twenty clauses, and the schedule of the City of Victoria, B. C., Waterworks Loan By-law, 1911, be struck out and the following substituted therefor:

Whereas it is desirable that an addition be made to the existing available water supply for the city of Victoria;

And whereas it has been suggested that the best means of water supply is obtainable from Sooke lake, Sooke river and the tributaries thereof;

And whereas there have been various reports obtained from engineers in connection with the said Sooke lake system, which said reports show a marked divergence as to the cost of the same;

And whereas it is desirable to thoroughly investigate the said source of supply and ascertain accurately the cost thereof;

And whereas it is estimated that the sum of \$25,000 would be ample wherewith to make a thorough investigation of the said waters; (a) as to capacity; (b) as to the extent of watershed that it would be wise to buy in order to protect the waters of the lake from contamination; (c) as to the cost of transmitting the same to the city and the connecting up of the same with the present city distribution system;

And whereas by the "Water By-law, 1902," No. 657, of the by-laws of the said corporation, a frontage tax is assessed and charged upon the owners of lots or parts of lots in the city of Victoria in, through or past which a main water pipe of four inches in diameter or over, shall run, and certain rates, rentals and charges are, by the said by-law, fixed and levied and made payable for the supply of water within and without the city;

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KING CONFERS WITH ASQUITH

AUDIENCE LASTS NEARLY AN HOUR

Standing of Parties in New House—Coalition Has Majority of 126

(Special to the Times.)
 London, Dec. 21.—Premier Asquith, who came down from Scotland specially at the request of King George, had an audience at Buckingham Palace to-day. It lasted only three-quarters of an hour. It is understood His Majesty wished to be fully advised as to the premier's views and the cabinet's plans for the future now that the election is over, before leaving London to spend Christmas at Sandringham, whither he goes to-morrow.

It is known the King is very anxious to tide over the coronation period with the least possible political upheaval and that all his influence will be exerted with the parties in the direction of a compromise.

Premier Asquith saw none of his colleagues while in London and returned to Edinburgh on the afternoon train.

The final state of the parties is:

Unionists	272
Liberal	272
Laborites	42
Nationalists	74
Independent Nationalists	19
Votes cast, Unionists, 2,410,949; Lib-eralists, 2,390,738; Labor, 334,283; Nationalists, 129,615.	

In the last House of Commons the standing of parties was as follows: Unionists, 272; Liberal, 272; Laborites, 42; Nationalists, 72; Independent Nationalists, 19.

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SIR HIBBERT

TUPPER TALKS

ENDORSES DOMINION GOVERNMENT POLICY

Would Drive Bourassas and Monks to the Four Winds —Advocates Coalition

The doctrine that there should be no party when Canadian public men and people come to consider questions of national and imperial defence, was preached before a sympathetic and enthusiastic company by Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper at the Canadian Club luncheon at Halifax in his honor. Sir Hibbert, in support of his opinion that there should be no party in such matters as defence and our position in the Empire, showed that our great national movements in the past had been guided by opposing leaders, who had come together in days of crisis and practical coalition had been effected to serve the country's needs. He touched on the fact that the lure of gold in business life made it more difficult in the days of Laurier and Borden to obtain able men ready to serve their country than it was for Brown and Macdonald or Howe to enlist the greatest men in the country's service. He also urged that both political parties should unite utterly to abolish political patronage, the curse, he said, of all governments.

Sir Hibbert thought there was a great misconception in regard to the present agitation in Quebec. If Quebec seemed to vote against militarism and a navy, in imperial interests it should be remembered that there are men in Ontario and on the plains who do not wish to contribute one cent to national or imperial defence. The men who are educated. Because of this we find Laurier dealing in language that might well puzzle a habitant, though he is proceeding on the right line. He is calling for funds for our militia and navy, which will soon amount to \$10,000,000 a year, and justifies his impressions as 'We must avoid the maelstrom of militarism as it is in England.' With conditions like this, what an opportunity there is for an opposition leader to take advantage of it. But he did not class Mr. Borden among political leaders who would stoop to this. The men, he thought, who said 'We in Canada need nothing for imperial defence,' are living in a fool's paradise. There should be unity of parties. First, to make Canadians absolutely loyal to a policy of sharing in the defence of the Empire, and then to secure the abolition of the system of political patronage, the curse of every government, whether Liberal or Conservative. We should share the Titanic burden which rests on the Motherland. Let us drive to the four winds the Bourassas and Monks who would destroy and render of no effect the dreams of Howe and the men who strove to build and establish an Empire in which Canada should have an honorable part.

NO INDICTMENT.

Rock Springs, Tex., Dec. 21.—The district grand jury adjourned yesterday without returning the anticipated indictments in connection with the recent burning of Antonio Rodriguez, the alleged slayer of Mrs. Lem Henderson, wife of a ranch owner. The lynching of Rodriguez caused anti-American riots at several points in Mexico. In the final report, the jury made no reference to the action of the mob.

VICTIMS OF EXPLOSION.

Bodies of Three More Men Found in Colorado Mine.

Denver, Col., Dec. 21.—The bodies of three of the miners entombed in the Leyden mine by fire and cave-ins last Wednesday were found yesterday by rescuers, making eight dead recovered. In all, ten miners were imprisoned. The bodies recovered last night were found in the southwest workings about 2,000 feet from the shaft. This portion of the mine was thoroughly explored and no trace of Frank and Louis Merrick, brothers, the two still missing, was found. This leads to the belief that the Merricks may have escaped to the north workings, a mile or more from the first centre, and possibly are still alive. Exploration parties are now endeavoring to penetrate the north workings.

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and are reporting by portable telephone that the air is much better than in other sections where the rescuers have been working.

EXPLOSION AT BUFFALO.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 21.—An explosion similar in many respects to the one that occurred in New York on Monday, shattered the windows of several cars and startled passengers on board trains in New York Central station and occupants of buildings for blocks around shortly before 12 o'clock last night.

The explosion occurred at a point where the pipes which supply gas to cars branch in two directions, and where a valve is located. The cause has not been ascertained. A flame shot up forty feet, igniting the train shed.

The Wolverine express, eastbound from Chicago to New York, was on a track nearby, and there was intense excitement among the passengers. Several were slightly cut by flying glass, but no one was seriously hurt.

REVOLUTION FAILS.

Tehuacan, Houduras, Dec. 21.—The government yesterday gave out official advice that a revolution, headed by Colonel Alvarado, has failed. Alvarado, it is declared, was captured at Atlanta, where the rebels were routed. Many of the insurgents fled to Salvador.

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Colored Edge and Fancy Cornered Handkerchiefs, in sky, pink, blue, helio, champagne, 20c, 25c 50c
Plain Sheer Lawn, extra fine value, at 5c
Plain Sheer Linen, extra fine value, at 10c
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SIR CHARLES HIBBERT TUPPER ON DEFENCE

Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, speaking before the Canadian Club at Halifax, advised Liberals and Conservatives to unite for the purpose of providing national and imperial defence.

light for a short time in opposition to that policy, it would be a curious thing for the government to ask men who openly gloated over the triumph of a candidate who was returned in opposition to imperialism.

SOCIALISM DOWN TO DATE

It is not often that Socialists will venture to work out their schemes in detail. When they do so the absurdity of ever hoping to succeed is so evident that from being a serious proposal the plan is heaped with ridicule.

AMENDMENT TO SOOKE BY-LAW

And whereas the following sums have heretofore been specially charged upon water rates and charges: 1906, under by-law No. 491, \$17,000 repayable in ten years; 1907, under by-law No. 507, \$8,000 repayable in ten years; 1907, under by-law No. 524, \$5,000 repayable in ten years; 1909, under by-law No. 611, \$125,000 repayable in fifty years; total, \$158,000.

NEW PRESS IS IN COMMISSION

The press is arranged to print seven columns of thirteen lines per page, with six points of interstitial columns. The width of the printed matter is 15.694 inches, and the circumference of the cylinders on the printing surface, for both pages, including margins, is 33 3/8 inches.

bringing should not be considered. The Canadian who has just become a citizen and is entitled to vote is under our laws eligible for any position for which he can qualify, and it would be a pity to make distinctions in this matter.

STRIKE TROUBLE

Winnipeg, Dec. 21.—A number of charges in connection with the street car trouble came before the police magistrate this morning. The principal charges were mischief throwing and three cases, one elected for jury trial and two others dismissed.

SNOW DELAYS TRAINS

Denver, Col., Dec. 21.—A severe snow storm, extending from Northern Nebraska to Southern Kansas and from the middle of Kansas to the continental divide, is raging to-day.

AUTO DRIVER RELEASED

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 21.—There will be no criminal prosecution of C. J. Steele, whose automobile ran down and killed Clean Thompson, a nine-year-old boy, in November. Steele is at liberty to-day after three weeks' detention in the county jail.

British Conservatives are sometimes spoken of as the Constitutional party. When the Liberals have so amended the constitution as to bring it up to the more modern ideals of the requirements of the age they should be accorded the name of Constitutional, especially as the leader of the Conservatives has stated that he intends to tamper with the constitution when he gets back to power.

MURDEROUS HAT PINS

To the Editor:—Just space to ask you, being a stranger here, is there not a law in Canada, like the American States and many other countries, prohibiting women from wearing such wicked hat pins? Within the past week I have seen no less than three painful accidents caused by these abominable, face stabbers.

RETURNING TO NEW YORK

New York, Dec. 21.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, of Brooklyn, N. Y., will return to this city on the steamer George Washington, which is due to arrive Thursday evening. Dr. Cook has not been in the city since his disappearance shortly after the submission of his polar records to the University of Copenhagen, more than a year ago.

BARQUE WRECKED

Halifax, Dec. 21.—The Norwegian barque Petra, from Rio Janeiro for Halifax, is a total wreck at Pannat Point, near Cape Sable, N. S. Her crew of sixteen were saved with great difficulty.

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INTERESTING SOCCER CARD FOR SATURDAY

West and Bays to Meet at Royal Athletic Park—Other Matches

The eyes of the local soccer world will be centered on the Royal Athletic Park on Saturday to watch conclusions between Victoria West and James Bay.

The Empress are down to meet the North Ward at Beacon Hill, and both teams should provide a good game.

In the second division North Ward, which last week practically won the second division championship, will meet Oak Bay at North Ward park.

In the junior division the High school boys will play the Oak Bay boys at North Ward junior park.

SHOOTING BIRDS ON THE WING

Charles Atkins, in the January Outlook, has some valuable information on wing shooting. Of the snap-shooting he says:

There is a style of snap-shooting that is widely practiced by nearly all the upland shots. It consists of throwing the gun close to the game with the motion of bringing it to the shoulder, but always sufficiently under it.

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the place where the gun is discharged. Suppose a grouse has sprung from the brush and is circling to the left and right. It has been estimated that a grouse or a quail will be ten feet into the air before a man's mind can give his nerves and muscles any instruction whatever.

Orders have been given which the mind cannot alter if it would, and even should the bird be killed meantime by another gunner, the snapped piece would be discharged precisely as though the bird were still flying.

SPORT NOTES

The weekly meeting of the Victoria Association Football League will be held on Thursday evening at the Y. M. C. A., at 8 p. m., when matters of great importance will be gone into.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Victoria Rugby Football Union will be held on Friday evening at 8 o'clock sharp, at the offices of Morrey & O'Reilly.

The J. B. A. dance, which is being given in the honor of the Berkeley team who are visiting here, "Christie" is by all accounts going to be a great success.

At a meeting of the Toronto citizens which was held the other day, it was decided to present the "Varsity" team with a shield which will bear a suitable inscription.

The Victoria Ladies' hockey team is taking a rest till after the holidays.

Because he is tied up by contracts to play on only a certain kind of table with balls of a patent composition George Gray, the Australian champion, has met none of the leading players in a match in England.

ONE "HOPE" THE LESS

Pittsburg, Dec. 21.—Walter Monahan, of San Francisco, has surely been eliminated from the list of "hopes" today as the result of his miserable showing against George Cotton in their fight here last night.

BERKELEY TEAM TO ARRIVE TO-MORROW

Arrangements Entertaining the Californians—Will Be Welcomed on Arrival.

The Berkeley University Rugby team left by the steamer Queen from San Francisco en route to Victoria at 11 o'clock yesterday.

The visitors will be welcomed on arriving by a representative committee of the local club, which will escort them to the Oak Bay club, which will be their headquarters while they are here.

EXONERATES PUGILIST

Philadelphia, Dec. 21.—A prize fighter takes the same chances of death as a football player when he enters a contest, said Coroner Ford yesterday, when he discharged John Kalme, a young pugilist, from custody, and exonerated him from all blame in the death of John Emhoff, whose skull was fractured in a bout at the Nonpareil Athletic Club on Friday night.

The bout which ended fatally was between Emhoff, who is better known as "Kid" Gardner, and Kalme, better known as "Johnny Kain."

In the fifth round, when both were apparently on even terms, Kalme struck Emhoff a straight blow on the jaw. Emhoff fell and his head struck the floor. He was carried from the ring, and after repeated attempts to revive him were made he was hurried to a hospital, where he died the next day.

LORD MINTO'S DEPARTURE

The regret of all classes, from Prince to peasant, is genuine and extreme at the departure from India of Lord and Lady Minto. Practically all the farewell addresses contained allusions to the steady betterment of the state of India and the usefulness of the reforms introduced under Lord Minto's rule.

The Home Secretary read Lord Hardinge's warrant of appointment in the throne room at Government House, Calcutta, immediately before Lord and Lady Minto drove away. The ceremony was a brilliant one, brief but imposing, and was attended by a crowd of the highest officials and Indian chiefs in full dress.

The Times of India, in a lengthy and exhaustive review of the viceregal policy of India, the Journal at the same time criticizes what it calls the lack of definite policy, and general flabbiness of the Indian government. The Viceroy's council, it declares, has degenerated into a body largely composed of mediocrities and incompetents.

In prosperity prepare for a change; in adversity hope for one.—Burgh.

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Table with columns for item names and prices. Items include Smoking Jackets (\$6.50), Bath Robes (\$5.00), Dressing Gowns (\$7.50), Umbrellas (\$1.25), Walking Sticks (\$1.00), Fanny Vests (\$3.00), Hats (\$2.50), English and American Neckwear (50c), Silk Neck Scarfs (\$1.00), Silk Knitted Scarfs (\$1.50), Gold Filled Cuff Links (\$1.50), Combination Sets (\$1.50), Fanny Silk Suspenders (\$1.50), President Suspenders (50c), Linen Handkerchiefs (50c), Dent's and Perrin's Gloves (\$1.00).

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NEARLY THREE HUNDRED MAY HAVE PERISHED

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rounded the mouth of the colliery. The anxious throng included a number of half crazed children, and pitiable scenes were enacted.

The work of rescue continued bravely amid discouraging conditions. Rescuers went in boldly and succeeded in extinguishing the flames, but encountered heavy falls of coal and slacks that had been loosened from the roof of the mine by the explosion.

At 2 o'clock only eight of the two hundred and ninety imprisoned men had escaped.

At that hour ten bodies had been recovered.

ALEX. STEWART FOR MAYORALTY

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It is hardly necessary to say that Mr. Stewart would make a very strong candidate. Than "Alec," as he is popularly called, there is probably no man in the city of Victoria with better claims upon the office.

"Alec" is universally popular. He is essentially a clean man, and every phase of his record and life in his long residence of thirty years in the community will bear the closest scrutiny.

Repeatedly during the long years of his service at the aldermanic board Mr. Stewart has been approached and asked to stand for the mayoralty, but he has refused, owing to the fact that his business interest required more of his time than could be given to the office of chief magistrate.

A final and official announcement as to Mr. Stewart's intention in respect to his position in the approaching contest may be expected in the course of the next few days.

LIBERALS ARE ORGANIZING

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President—Lieut.-Col. A. W. Currie. Vice-Presidents—C. W. Bradshaw and Dr. Lewis Hall.

Secretary—James Tagg, Charles Mitchell, Fred White, H. G. Hall, Wm. McCarter, Frank Adams, Alfred M. Kirk, William Minty, Alex. W. Semple and Harold Grant.

Lieut.-Col. Currie made a rattling good speech, in the course of which he recalled the splendid work which had always been done by the Victoria West Liberal Association, now merged in the new body.

Arrangements were made for looking after the voters' lists, and on the social side, a small committee was named to prepare a programme for a smoking concert to be held shortly.

The Water Board has handed down a decision in the dispute as to priority of record of water on the San Jose river and Kalfre creek between the Order of the Oblates of St. Joseph's Mission and J. P. Murphy, the decision awarding priority to the Mission for the first 200 inches and to Mr. Murphy for the next 200.—Mr. Murphy's record was dated in January, 1873. The Mission filed its record in 1871.

In the Supreme court yesterday afternoon Mr. Justice Gregory granted the injunction asked for by the General Appraisal Company, of Seattle, against the General Appraisal Company, Ltd., with costs.

—F. Napier Denison, of the Dominion meteorological office, has promised to address the Natural History society some time next week on "Earthquakes."

Mrs. Denison has made an exhaustive study of earth movements and the resourcefulness of the methods which he has employed has led to his making discoveries of an interesting character. His researches, while purely scientific, have a utilitarian object in view as he hopes in the course of time to be able to advance a theory which will go far to show that the oft recurring accidents in mines are due to earth tremors, and that they can be guarded against, if not entirely, at least in such a way as to considerably reduce the toll of human life.

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CAT SHOW IN SEATTLE

Robert Large, the well-known cat and dog fancier, has just returned from visiting the Seattle cat show. Mr. Large says that the show was a great success, and many fine specimens of the different varieties of cats were shown.

Mrs. Coddington, foremost of Victoria, and one of the pioneer cat fanciers of this city, won the much coveted first prize for the best blue-eyed female Persian, there being nineteen entries in this special class.

The first prize for best blue Persian kitten was carried off by Mrs. Hickford, of Victoria, who also succeeded in carrying off two other prizes with her cats entered in other classes.

Mrs. Kelly, of the King Edward hotel, succeeded in obtaining all prizes, including a gold medal, with her silver Persian kittens.

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- Hand Bags in real leather, alligator, Paisley, velvet and satin, \$3.50 up to \$25.
- Our extensive line of Marabout Sets and Stoles have been greatly admired and they make an appropriate gift. Black and colored. Sets, \$20.00 up to \$65.00. Separate Stoles, \$6.50 up to \$30.00.
- German Eiderdown Kimonas, either long or short, finished with stitched silk and cord, \$1.75 up to \$10.00.
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ROCKEFELLER'S GIFT TO UNIVERSITY

Makes Final Donation of Ten Million Dollars to Chicago Institution

Chicago, Dec. 21.—John D. Rockefeller has completed the task he set for himself in founding the University of Chicago. Yesterday public announcement was made of a single and final gift of \$10,000,000, which includes all the contributions Mr. Rockefeller had planned. The sum, to be paid in ten annual installments, beginning January 1, will make approximately \$25,000,000 he has donated to the university.

Mr. Rockefeller says he now believes the school should be supported and enlarged by the gifts of many rather than those of a single donor. This, he believes, will be better accomplished if the public understands the limit of his contemplated assistance.

The founding of new departments

he leaves to the trustees, as funds may be furnished by other friends. Nearly \$7,000,000 has been donated to the university in addition to Mr. Rockefeller's gifts.

With the announcement of Mr. Rockefeller's final donation came the resignation of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and Fred T. Gates, Mr. Rockefeller's personal representatives, from the university board of trustees.

Announcement of the gift was made at the quarterly convocation at the university this afternoon. The gift was announced in a letter to the president and trustees, reading in part as follows:

"I have this day caused to be set aside for the University of Chicago from funds of the general education board, which are subject to my disposition, income-bearing securities of the present market value of ten million dollars, the same to be delivered to this university in ten equal annual installments, beginning January 1, 1911, each installment to bear income to the university from the date of such delivery only.

"The sum I now give is intended to make provision with such gifts as may really be expected from others for such added buildings, equipment and endowment as the department thus far established will need. This gift completes the task which I have set before myself. The founding and

support of new departments for the development of the varied and alluring field of applied science, including medicine, I leave to the wisdom of the trustees as funds may be furnished for these purposes by other friends of the university.

"In making an end to my gifts to the university, as I now do, and in withdrawing from the board of trustees my personal representatives, whose resignations I enclose, I am acting on an early and permanent conviction that this institution, being the property of the people, should be controlled, conducted and supported by the people, in whose generous efforts for its upbuilding I have been permitted simply to co-operate; and I could wish to consecrate anew to the great cause of education the funds which I have given if that were possible to present the institution a second time, in so far as I have added in founding it, to the people of Chicago and the west, and express my hope that under their management, and with their generous support, the university may be an increasing blessing to them, to their children, and to future generations.

"The seventy-inch lens of the great telescope of the Trepow observatory, near Berlin, the largest in the world, brings the moon to an apparent distance of fifty miles from the earth.

ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL

Closing Exercises and Prize Giving Took Place Yesterday.

Yesterday afternoon the Christmas vacation closing exercises took place at St. George's school, and diplomas and prizes were presented by Rev. Dean Doull.

Helen Fennell and Edith Richardson received diplomas from the B. C. Agricultural Association for the best raffia work shown at the fall fair by girls over 12, and Kathleen Muir for the best under that age.

Gertrude Scott, Lotus Griffiths and Ermie Bass received prizes won in a Shakespeare competition, given by their teacher, Miss Richardson.

The heads of the various forms are as follows:
 Attendance: maximum marks 839-1, G. Scott, O. Wilkes and A. Suttie, 829; 2, V. Errington, V. Lewthwaite, M. Williams, 818; 3, N. MacEachern, D. Macklin, N. Lewthwaite, 810.
 Term Results:
 V.-1, Gertrude Scott; 2, Lotus Griffiths.
 IV.-1, E. Lefroy; 2, K. Bradshaw.
 IIIa.-1, V. Errington; 2, V. Lewthwaite.
 IIIb.-1, Kathleen Muir; 2, Nora MacEachern.
 IIa.-L. Macklin; 2, J. Chetham.
 IIb.-1, A. Suttie; 2, H. Collison.

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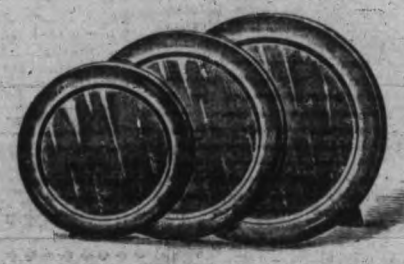


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Examination Results.

I. G. Scott; 2, L. Griffith.
 IV.-1, E. Lefroy; 2, K. Bradshaw.
 IIIa.-V. Errington; 2, Violet Lewthwaite.

IIIb.-1, K. Muir; 2, Inez Lewthwaite.
 IIIa.-1, L. Macklin; 2, R. Williams.
 IIb.-1, A. Suttie; 2, L. Norris.

L.-1, N. Lewthwaite; 2, D. Grant.
 Scripture marks, senior school (term)—E. Eleanor Lefroy; 2, Mildred MacEachern.

Exam.-1, Gertrude Scott; 2, Eleanor Lefroy.
 Form III. (term)—1, N. MacEachern; 2, H. Simpson.

Exam.-1, V. Lewthwaite; 2, V. Errington.
 Form II. (term)—1, Laura Macklin; 2, Alison Suttie.

Form I.-1, Noelle Lewthwaite; 2, Doreen Grant.

The following programme was rendered very creditably by the children:

Drill—Senior squad.
 Recitation—"The Baby" (by George Macdonald), Dorothy and Lillian Norris.

Drill—Junior squad.
 Circular Jumping—Junior squad.
 Recitation—"Daffydow Dilly" (by

Miss Warner), Kathleen Muir.
 Swedish Drill—Juniors.
 Christmas carols—"Come Ye Lofly, Come Ye Lowly"; solos by G. Scott and M. MacEachern; "Good Christian Men Rejoice," parts taken by J. Shillings, K. Collison, J. Chetham, I. Lewthwaite, N. Parson and D. Burns; "We Three Kings of Orient Are"; solos by E. Bass, L. Griffith and A. Lo' Motha.

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The Evening Chit-Chat

BY RUTH CAMERON



A Russian woman—Dora Melegari by name—has written a "book" which I should like to see introduced into our public schools. Maybe you have read it. It is called "Makers of Joys and Sorrows."

Some big critic says it is "the pragmatic system applied to ethics." I must admit I don't know just what that means, but I do know it is a mighty stimulating, thought-provoking book that would do everyone good to read. This is the thesis of the book—that a man's life should not be judged by any elaborate standards of right and wrong, but simply and solely by the criterion of how much joy and how much sorrow he has caused his fellow men. If that isn't perfectly plain, here are a few quotations that are: "It is certain that each sin has its consequences, but I firmly believe that in the divine balance the importance of the sin in itself will weigh less than the suffering of which it was the cause." "There are women, outwardly irreproachable, morally correct, capable even of kind acts, who nevertheless cause more sorrow by their vanity and jealousy than openly immoral women, notwithstanding the publicity given to the faults of such, for they are free from vanity and jealousy." "These three perditions—vanity, envy and jealousy—are real destroyers of happiness and peace. Certain persons, apparently honorable,

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will have, in this respect, an appalling account to render. They have prevented and spoiled so much happiness, exhausted so much good will, cast withering doubt on so much affection, and belittled so much talent that, had they wrung the necks of one or two victims they would have been guilty of less wrong." "The tortures that members of a family inflict upon one another sometimes grow so wearing that the victims of their unhappy manners prefer death to a life of strife and misery." "Despite these black pictures Miss Melegari is an optimist. People are only as bad as all this because they don't think, because they do not analyze themselves and their acts, she says. The crying need of the age is self-analysis. Sometime we will realize this need, and for that day Miss Melegari has these good prophecies: "The day will come when every sincerely good human being will be as careful not to be the maker of sorrow as not to commit deeds that are dishonest and cruel." "When we admit that to torment one's neighbors is equivalent to stealing his purse, people will not so easily give way to these irritable, imperious, intolerant and unjust prejudices." "It is a rather startling point of view altogether, isn't it, this standard of the little Russian woman?" "But don't you think it's worth thinking about?" "Don't you think there are many good people—good by ordinary standards—who might have less admirable accounts to render if they asked themselves honestly each night whether they had been Makers of Joy or Makers of Sorrow that day?"

Ruth Cameron
SOCIAL AND PERSONAL
Miss Hebbcock has gone to Vancouver to visit friends.
Simon Leiger left last night on the Princess Royal on a business trip.
Major and Mrs. Dundas, Shawnigan Lake, were in town yesterday for Christmas shopping.
Mr. and Mrs. Fife left yesterday to spend Christmas and the New Year with Seattle friends.
C. H. Dickie, president of the Portland

Canal Mining Company, came up yesterday from Duncan.
William Wilson left to-day via the Northern Pacific to spend the winter in Southern California.
Mrs. F. D. Gibbs, 1192 Yates street, will not receive to-day, nor again until the third Wednesday in January.
Miss Mary Lander, who has been visiting friends in Bellingham for the past few weeks, returned yesterday.
Mrs. M. N. English is visiting her mother, Mrs. Nicholls, 1123 Medina street, and they will be at home to-day.
Mrs. A. Wheeler, Richmond avenue, will not receive this month, but will be at home on the third Thursday in January.
Mrs. E. A. McDiarmid, 317 Douglas street, is not receiving to-day, but will be at home on the third Thursday in January as usual.
A. E. Robertson left yesterday via the C. P. R. on a visit to Chicago. Miss Robertson will accompany him as far as Winnipeg, where she will spend Christmas.
At Happy Valley on Monday the wedding of Miss Wilhelmina (Minnie) Flett and Mr. Benjamin H. Sturgeon was performed by Rev. T. W. Gladstone at the residence of the bride's parents in the presence of a large number of friends. The youthful bride was dressed in a charming gown of white silk, exquisitely embroidered, and carried a bouquet of carnations and ferns. The bridesmaid, Miss Alberta James, was also attired in white. A large company of guests sat down to the wedding breakfast, after which the happy couple departed for a honeymoon tour to Los Angeles. The wedding presents were numerous and varied, chief among them being a complete dinner and tea service and special tea service, set of carvers and pair of vases, the gifts of the groom's fellow-workers in the Vancouver Island Power Company's employ.

A very interesting event took place on Monday evening at the home of Mr. D. D. England, 212 St. James street, when a double wedding was solemnized. The contracting parties were Mr. David Harold England and Miss Edith Clara Jeune, who were supported by Mr. Fred Jeune and Miss Lillian Jeune, both cousins of the bride; Mr. Allen Pruden and Miss Evelyn E. England, who were supported by Mr. E. J. Davis and Miss Lucy England, sister of the bride. The gift of Mr. D. H. England to Mr. Fred Jeune was a tepee, and to the bridesmaid, Miss Jeune, a brooch. The gift of Mr. A. C. Pruden to Mr. David was a gold locket, and to the bridesmaid, Miss England, a necklace. The brides dresses were of grey chiffon and broad cloth. The decorations were very pretty, the room in which the wedding took place being decorated throughout with evergreens and pink carnations. After the wedding a breakfast was served, the dining room being decorated in evergreens and pink carnations. The two couples left on the evening boat for Vancouver, where they will reside.

THE ADVANCE MAN
"The Wolf."
There is some class to the Christmas offering billed for the Victoria theatre. "The Wolf" is an ideal holiday attraction, strong in interest yet bubbling over with joyous comedy. The scenes are laid 'way up in the frozen north, where Christmas trees and fur-bearing animals form the greater part of the scenery and population. The favorite Canadian actor, Harold Nelson, has been especially engaged for the role of Jules Beaubien, the French-Canadian. Musical Comedy. L. R. Willard will present at the Victoria theatre on Wednesday, December 23, a comedy with music, entitled "The Time, the Place, and the Girl." The story is that of a whole-souled, pleasant young gambler, square as a die and on the level with everybody but himself, and with the descriptive name of "Happy Johnny Hicks." He and his pal, Tom Cunningham, son of a rich man, get into trouble through a fight which Cunningham has in a gambling house and are forced to flee to a sanitarium in the mountains to escape arrest. Here they both meet their fate, Hicks in the person of a trained nurse and Cunningham in that of the daughter of a thifty farmer. All the characters, and many others almost as interesting are quarantined in the sanitarium by the county health authorities, and the complications ensuing are original and amusing to an extraordinary degree. The production is staged by Ned Weyburn.
Miss Duthie's Recital.
Miss Lena Duthie has arranged a "big" original programme illustrating "Scotland and Ireland in Song and Story," for presentation before Victoria friends on Thursday evening, when a programme will be presented at Institute hall in which the new and up-to-date will be balanced with the old but ever-welcome favorites. Both as a peculiarly magnetic and sweet-voiced interpreter of Scottish and Irish music, and as an entertaining story teller in her fascinating talks as to Celtic music, wit and character, Miss Duthie occupies a field altogether her own. Her recitals are in consequence refreshingly original and eminently enjoyable. Seats can be had at Fletcher Bros., there having been no small orders accepted with the exception of the seats engaged for their respective parties by the Lieutenant-Governor and Premier McBride.
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WRECKAGE LOCATED OFF CAPE FLATTERY

Evident That Some Fishing Vessel Has Met Fate During Heavy Weather

That some fishing vessel has met destruction off the shores of Vancouver Island, and that the crew must undoubtedly have perished, was the message "flushed" to the wireless station at Tatoosh from the steamer Col. Drake last night at 10.30 o'clock. The steamer reported passing wreckage, evidently that of a fishing smack, in lat 48.11 and long 124.34 during the dark. No signs of life could be discerned on the badly battered craft.

Of late the fishing schooners plying out from the Sound to the halibut grounds have returned to Seattle without hooking a solitary fish, owing to the heavy weather. Several of the power vessels have experienced trouble with their engines and have drifted around helplessly for many hours, as a result of the tremendous jarring the meteocean has received. Off Cape Flattery, where many of the schooners fish for halibut, the weather has been reported lately as being exceedingly rough and boisterous.

Another theory advanced regarding the finding of the wreckage is that the vessel may have been a small lumber laden craft. With the arrival of the C. P. steamer Tees last Saturday, Capt. Gilliam stated that a large quantity of lumber, both rough and dressed, had been picked up by Indians between Long Beach and Clayoquot.

The craft located by the Col. Drake was water logged and dismasted. The fate of her crew is unknown, and she with undoubted evidence to the mystery of shipping off the Pacific ocean.

THE WATER QUESTION.

To the Editor—Will you allow me to have another say at the water question? This is the season of the year for marked down sales and cheap bargains in many lines of business. Would it not be a good idea for the shareholders of the Esquimalt Water Company to catch the spirit of the season and look for a sale?

It would be to the advantage of the city to acquire the property of the Esquimalt Water Company. There can be no question about that. Most of us who worked the hardest to defeat that Goldstream by-law are quite willing to acknowledge this. What we were fighting was not the acquisition of the Esquimalt property in itself, but its acquisition under the terms of the act authorizing its expropriation. That act is a hold-up, pure and simple. It fixes precisely the price the city has to pay, subject to a few expert calculations, and then insists the intelligence of the ratepayers of the city by calling the process of this acquisition an arbitration. It enables the company to shift on to the city the cost of every blunder its management has committed, every dollar of promotion stock it has given away, every dollar paid in salaries and office expenses, every dollar of profits re-invested, together with six per cent. interest and twenty per cent. bonus on all these. This is the end of the scheme we were fighting. That part of the work would be of no use to the city, as it will be of no use to the Esquimalt Company after the Goldstream pipe is completed.

These are just a few of the things we were fighting when we fought that by-law. And let me say we are just as ready to put up another fight whenever a third attempt is made to unload it on to the city under the terms of that act. Such being the case, would it not be well for the shareholders of the Esquimalt Company to recognize the fact that they have got no dead-cinch on the city, that they must meet the taxpayers in a spirit of conciliation and fair play? Unless the city buys its property outright, or buys its water by the gallon, the company is likely to be a non-dividend paying concern for the next ten years. The city is in a better position to fight the company than the company is to fight the city. For one thing the city could cut its own water rates in two and pay any deficit out of general revenue, thus compelling the company to do the same with its rates in Victoria West, for the company must supply its customers in the latter section at the same rates the city charges, or lose its right to supply Victoria West. Already we have seen that an appeal has been made to the provincial government by certain Victoria West citizens for the cancellation of the company's charter. Now, what I want to suggest is that the shareholders of the Esquimalt Water Company get together and decide to offer their property to the city at bargain prices, at a price that all fair-minded men will be willing to recognize as reasonable, say, at about \$1,400,000. This would save the expense of arbitration, would close the thing out for the shareholders, and would settle a vexed question that is hindering the development of the city. There would be no difficulty, I feel quite sure, in inducing a majority of the ratepayers to support a by-law under such terms. If the company would complete the installation of its pipes to the city limits and hand its works over to the city free of debt for the figures stated, without arbitration and with the good-will and best wishes of its shareholders, it would be a happy consummation of a long standing and somewhat acrimonious contest. How much better would that be than a fight to a finish. Remember, it was not the acquisition of the Goldstream property some of us fought, but the terms. If these are made fair and reasonable nearly all the opposition would no doubt disappear. TAXPAYER.

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WIRELESS IN COURT.

Installation to Facilitate a Lawsuit Between Rival Companies in London.

Wireless messages to and from the High Courts are likely to form a prominent feature of the case of Marconi and others v. the British Radio-Telegraph and Telephone Company, which will be heard by

Mr. Justice Parker in a few days says the Daily Mail just to hand.

In order to facilitate explanations by experts, a complete wireless telegraphy apparatus is to be installed. As stated in this journal, Mr. Justice Parker has authorized counsel to inform the office of works that it would be convenient to have electric current available for the demonstrations. The apparatus will, if permitted, be complete in the most minute detail. For the information and instruc-

tion of the Judge a transmitting set, a receiving set, and possibly an "aerial" (to catch messages in mid-air) will be installed.

A great deal of room will not be needed. Everything can be contained in a space of, roughly, 5 ft. by 3 ft. Eminent scientists will explain principles and give illustrations of the workings of the installation. The whirr of a tiny motor driven at high speed will be heard amid the solemn dignity of the Court of Chancery. Messages will be sent to and from a wireless station, distant about a mile from the court.

WORLD'S COALING RECORD.

A remarkable piece of quick work has just been accomplished at Dover. Admiral Prince Louis of Battenberg's flagship, H. M. S. Prince of Wales, of the Atlantic fleet, has set up a world's record for fast warship coaling. She has taken on board at Dover 976 tons of coal in 2 hours 34 minutes. This is an average of 372.66 tons per hour, and is a magnificent achievement, seeing that the battleship coaled from a collier and not at a dockyard.

H. M. S. Prince of Wales carries a Portsmouth crew, and the ship's success has caused great satisfaction at Portsmouth. This is the third time during her commission that the ship has set up a world's record. Her own first record she has twice beaten. The first record was made in about three weeks she has been made in about two years. She took on board 329.3 tons per hour in August, 1908, and 366 tons in April of this year.

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CHARTER MARKET QUIET.

Little Activity Along the Coast in Grain Chartering.

As the holidays approach the coast charter market shows less and less activity, says the San Francisco Commercial News. The price of barley at San Francisco is not conducive to an active export movement, and not much further shipping will be indulged in until prices lower. One small, handy vessel was taken during the week at 23s 9d, with the wheat option at 22s 6d. This vessel lost a 25s barley fixture as a result of delays en route.

In lumber freights the offshore market is dull and uninteresting. Coastwise freights remain firm at the recent advance.

Offshore lumber rates are quoted as follows: Lumber from Puget Sound or British Columbia to Sydney, 31s 3d; 32s 9d; to Melbourne or Adelaide, 23s 3d; 23s 9d; to Port Pirie, 25s 3d; 25s 9d; to Fremantle, 40s; to China ports (steam), 2s 6d; on deadweight, direct-nitrate port, 41s 3d; 42s 6d; Valparaiso for orders, 42s 6d; 43s 9d, with 2s 6d less to direct port; to South African ports, 52s; to United Kingdom or Continent, 57s 6d; to Guaymas, \$5.50; to Mazatlan, \$8.50; to Santa Rosalia, \$4.50; Honolulu, \$5.75.

PESCAWAH READY FOR SEA.

Has Signed Crew and Hopes to Be Away Before Dec. 25.

All is now in readiness for the departure of the sealing schooner Pescawha, Capt. Balcorn, which Capt. Peppitt, her owner, expects will leave on December 25. The vessel has been thoroughly overhauled and is now taking on stores and supplies at the Turner-Beeton wharf. This trip will extend over a period of nine months. The Pescawha will head for the California coast and follow the seals northward and spend several months in Behring Sea. A white crew has at last been signed, and the vessel, on casting off, will be able to proceed south, without waiting, as the other sealers do, to enlist Indian crews.

Mrs. Jawback—I'm always ready to listen to reason.
Mr. Jawback—Huh! I insist on deciding for myself what is and what is not reason.—Cleveland Leader.

MARINE NOTES

It is little more than a year ago today since the four-masted American schooner Susie M. Plummer left Everett with a cargo of lumber for San Pedro. The sturdy oak vessel never reached her destination. Long since her broken frame was broken to pieces off the rocky and stormy shore of Vancouver Island, and to this day no trace whatever has been found of Captain Harry L. Hansen and his crew of eleven men. However, with the anniversary of the schooner's departure on her last and ill-fated passage the incident is recalled.

What is declared to be a record diving feat was accomplished in San Francisco bay a few days ago by W. Simmons, operating for the Whitelaw Wrecking Company, who descended 132 feet to the sunken tug Sea Prince, which lies on the floor of the bay off Point Blunt, Angel Island. In this feat, Simmons, despite the great pressure, remained down 32 minutes.

Tenders were received by R. P. Rithet & Co., agents for the underwriters, up to noon for the purchasing of the wreck of the steamer Fern, Capt. Gardiner, as she now lies partly submerged at Tongue Point, Northwest Bay, Vancouver Island. Some weeks ago the Fern, while at anchor there, caught fire and burned to the water's edge. All members of the crew were ashore at the time, and how the fire originated is a mystery to her owners. Capt. Gardiner used the Fern for general towing purposes, and she was a well-known boat along the Victoria waterfront.

While passing Gabriola Island a few days ago on her way to Victoria from Nanaimo with two scows in tow, the Edna Grace, feeling her way through the fog, had a narrow escape from grounding. One of the scows she had in tow ran ashore and the hull was punctured in many places. Another scow was taken alongside and the coal removed from the stranded scow, and it was then floated.

Loaded with a large cargo of general freight, the Tamba Maru, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha fleet, left for Yokohama, Shanghai and other Japanese and Chinese ports yesterday afternoon. She took on a large amount of freight on the Sound, but very little was loaded here.

A 8 o'clock to-morrow morning the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Kamamura Maru will reach the William Head quarantine station. The wireless station at Triangle last evening spoke the Maru in lat. 49.25, long. 124.45, at 4.30 o'clock.

En route to this city from Japan, the steamship M. S. Dollar, of the Dollar line, leaves San Pedro to-morrow. She is bringing 600 tons of sulphur from North Japan to the Victoria Chemical Works. It is not expected that she will dock here before the beginning of next week.

The value of pictures in the British National Gallery is about £1,250,000.

AEROPLANE EXPERIMENTS.

Aviators Will Attempt to Land on Deck of Warship.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—In response to a request by Lieut. Paul Beck and the San Francisco citizens' aviation committee, a naval vessel will be assigned for experimental duty in San Francisco bay during the aviation meet in January.

Glenn H. Curtiss and his assistants have signified a willingness to attempt to land on the deck of a warship in an aeroplane, and it was decided that a vessel be detailed by the navy department to make the trial. Rear-Admiral Barry was ordered to arrange with the San Francisco committee for the experiment.

TRAMWAY COMPANY

WILL REFUND MONEY

War Between Residents of Suburb of Tacoma and Railway Cases to End

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 21.—Actuated, he declares, by the spirit of yuletide, General Manager L. H. Bean, of the Tacoma Railway & Power Company, surprised hundreds of patrons of the street car company yesterday by making public an invitation to those holding receipts for fares paid in excess of five cents for transportation between Tacoma and Fern Hill, to attend a meeting next Thursday night and receive a refund of their money.

When the suburb of Fern Hill was attached to Tacoma a year ago, residents of that place refused to pay the ten-cent fare demanded by the traction company. A stubborn war followed, and there were injunctions and counter injunctions and many damage suits. Finally the Fern Hill people carried to the Supreme court of the state, which decided that the street car had no right to charge more than five cents, as Fern Hill had been legally annexed to the city of Tacoma.

Manager Bean said that approximately \$4,000 would be refunded to the Fern Hill commuters.

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| Dent's Gloves | Valises and Bags | Cuff Links | Fancy Suspenders |
| Pim's Irish Poplin Neckwear | Filled Suit Cases | Scarf Pins | Motor Gloves and Mitts |
| Fine English Neckwear | Filled Club Bags | Hunting Coats | Self-opening Umbrellas |
| Suspender and Armet Sets | Silk Umbrellas | Fine Sweaters | Travelling Cases |
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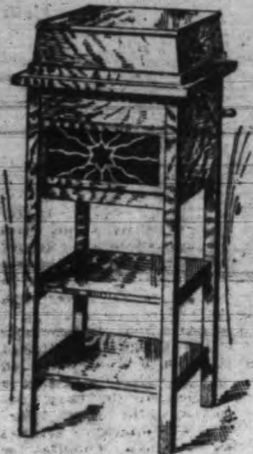
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PARIS FEARS MORE FLOODS

SEINE LIKELY TO RISE NEXT MONTH

Great Damage Will Be Done if the River Goes as High as Predicted

(By William Philip Simms, Paris Correspondent of the United Press.)

Paris, Dec. 21.—France in general and Paris in particular are greatly wrought up over the flood question and most folks will have a sigh of relief when spring shall have come and gone. The Seine is almost certain to cause further trouble before the winter is over and may be grave trouble. Atmosphere conditions are abnormal and have been for at least two years, taking the average. Considerably more than France's share of rain has fallen, and considerably less than her share of sunshine has come to assist at evaporating this superfluous moisture. In consequence the earth is saturated. When rain comes, it flows off rapidly, finding its way quickly to the streams. Little of it soaks into the ground gradually to filter out through subterranean passages, as it would under normal conditions.

All during the summer the Seine registered above the average for those months, and, following the January floods which spelled so much disaster in Paris and all along the Seine, the water seemed determined never to fall to anything like its normal level. For weeks the lower quays were covered.

During May, June, July, August, September and October months, when France might reasonably look for considerable sunshine and warmth, it rained instead, seemingly to Parisians, all the time.

As winter approaches the rains grew worse and the already swollen streams rose higher and higher. The Seine at Paris, before any one was scarcely aware of it, was perilously near the top of the stone walls above the sub-quays, or landing stages, along the river.

All the time the officials were very optimistic and gave out reports which were contradicted by the hydrometric bureaus. So persistently did the government hold to this view of things, that another flood like that of January was well nigh impossible, that it was actually made a subject for "challenges of the government's attitude" (interpolations) in the Chamber of Deputies.

"What's the idea," deputies protested, "in hiding the truth from the people? We are not only menaced by the

flooding of the Seine—the flood is actually upon us. Don't tell the people to sleep in a false sense of security; rather admit the peril and show us about it in a businesslike manner to combat it."

The speeches had their effect, for immediately all along the Seine's river front workmen were to be seen for days after raising the level of the retaining walls. All this work should have been done following the January floods, according to legislative opinion, but was put off from month to month. Those in charge seemed to feel that inasmuch as the Seine had never gone so high before, it would never go so high again; at least not within the lives of the present generation.

There is every reason, however, to fear a flood as severe, or even more so, than the January disaster. As I have stated, the ground is already saturated with water. The streams are over full. Winter in France is always something of a rainy season, and floods are generally expected in the spring. Therefore, if the Seine maintains an abnormal level from now on, as it seems in a fair way to do, one may reasonably expect troublesome times before spring is over.

During the November floods I talked with an official of the government as we stood together on the Alma bridge. At that time the flood was at its maximum, some eight feet only under the crest of the January flood.

"Do you expect the river to rise any higher?" I asked.

"No, not at present," he replied.

"How about later on in the winter?" I suggested.

"You see those board-fences along the Invalides," he said, pointing towards the left bank of the stream. "Well I should not be surprised to see the Seine rise as high as the top of those in the course of the winter." They are about 12 feet above the present high-water mark.

"And that would be quite disastrous?"

"Yes, a great deal worse than in January."

That's the way they are talking; those of them who are sufficiently frank to say what they actually believe.

A. J. DeVoe, a meteorologist, who predicted the rains and floods of the present season some months ago, declares France will have the storms but not the floods. That is, during the winter the moisture will fall and the river will be high, but on account of extremely cold weather which will let the precipitation come as snow instead of rain, a recurrence of last January's nightmare is not to be expected. The way he figures it is that the January flood was caused by the relative position of earth, moon and sun, and as on December 15 the relative position of those orbs will be about the same, practically the same result will follow. The cold, he says, will save the situation.

DeVoe does not say what will happen when the thaw sets in, the Seine being already high, and the possibility of warm spring rains helping the snow along in its melting process. Anyhow French folks living in the low-lying district would be glad if the winter were over.

CIVIC COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Dismissal of Chief of Seattle Police is Recommended.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 20.—The city council investigating committee, which has been investigating the police and lighting departments of the city government for several months, completed its work and filed its final report with the council last night.

The report, which is an elaboration of the report filed several weeks ago, recommends the dismissal of Chief of Police Charles W. Wappenstein. The report was adopted with two dissenting votes.

As the council has no authority over the chief of police, the report must go to Mayor Hiram C. Gill for approval, and unless he agrees with the committee's findings, Wappenstein will remain at the head of the police department.

The report also recommends that Sergeant Frank Bryant and two patrolmen who were on duty in the restricted district be severely disciplined, if not dismissed from the service, holding that they were either negligent or incompetent.

The committee finds that Richard M. Arms, superintendent of lighting, turned away profitable business and was over-cautious in seeking new contracts, but exonerates him on the charge of attempting to wreck the municipal light and power plant.

NEW U. S. BATTLESHIP.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—The contract for building a new battleship to be named the Texas, was let to the Newport News Shipbuilding Company to-day by the navy department. The successful bid was \$5,320,000 and was the only one received.

When completed the Texas will be one of the most formidable Dreadnoughts afloat. Its distinguishing feature is in the engine room, where the old type of reciprocating engines will be installed.

Although this type of engine was discarded when the turbines were perfected, it is said that the old engine are more economical in regard to coal consumption, and are therefore more desirable for ships of the Texas type.

THREE PERSONS MURDERED.

Durham, N. C., Dec. 20.—Following the murder of three persons near here, Sheriff Wheeler and two deputies are rushing here to-day with Nathan Montague, a negro, in order to protect him from a posse of farmers that seek to lynch him.

Montague last night entered the home of Leyton Sanders, a farmer. It is alleged, killed Sanders and his grandchild, aged 2 years, and assaulted Miss Sanders, his daughter, and cut her throat with a jack-knife. Following this the negro fired the farmhouse, it is said. A farmhand alarmed the sheriff, who arrested Montague.

All roads to Durham are being guarded by Sanders' friends and the sheriff is endeavoring to bring in the negro in a roundabout way.

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SCHOOLS HOLD CLOSING EXERCISES

Officers Are Elected at Annual Meeting of Women's Institute

(Special Correspondence.)
Gordon Head, Dec. 16.—Electric lights will shortly be installed as far as Mt. Toimie, St. Luke's church, the Parish hall, the Temperance hall, Mt. Toimie post office and several residences are being wired for the light.
On Saturday last a meeting was called by the Cedar Hill Hockey club. As very few responded it was decided to call another at an early date.
The members of the Lake Hill Women's Institute held their monthly meeting on the 14th inst. The chief business was the election of officers for the ensuing year. Mrs. Simon Toimie was re-elected president and Mrs. Walter Palmer was re-elected secretary-treasurer.
The Gordon Head school held the

closing exercises on the 16th inst., when a number of pretty carols were sung by the pupils. The annual tree will be held on the 23rd inst.

The pupils of the North Dairy school presented a very pleasing programme after which tea and cake were served to the parents and friends.

On the evening of the 15th inst. the usual concert as given by the pupils of the Cedar Hill school. The Temperance hall was crowded and a substantial sum was realized which will be devoted to the annual school Christmas tree to be held in the hall on Wednesday. The programme was as follows: Instrumental solo, Miss Miriam Smith; alphabet dialogue, 28 little ones; chorus, "Our Public School," by the school; an auction dialogue by 14 boys; Christmas exercise by school; tableaux, "Woman's Rights"; dialogue, "Aunt Jennie's Money"; motion song, by pupils of division II; dialogue, "The Runaways"; dialogue, "Christmas With the Ruggles"; "The Cuckoo"; chorus by school; dialogue, "Trip to Mars"; tableaux, Mistletoe Bough.

Miss Hattie Richardson, who spent the summer in the east, returned home last week.
Miss Lena May, who has been attending school in Vancouver, is at home for the vacation.

Miss Isabel Clark who has been attending school at Yale, has returned to her home.



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MINING DEAL

New Company to be Incorporated to Work Standard Mine at Silverton.

The Standard mine at Silverton, B. C., said to be the biggest and richest silver-lead mine in Canada, has changed owners. Patrick Clark of Spokane, having bought a 65 per cent. interest in it on the basis of \$2,500,000 cash for the property. The vendors are Messrs. John A. Finch of Spokane, and George H. Aylard of New Denver, B. C., each of whom owned a half interest. Associated with Mr. Clark in the purchase are Messrs. A. B. Campbell, partner of John A. Finch, for 25 years in the mining business, and W. J. Wakefield of Spokane. Together with Mr. Finch, who retains 35 per cent. interest in the property they will incorporate the Standard Consolidated Mining Company to take the property over and work it.

APPLE DISPLAY

Sir Edward Grey Envis Beautiful Sun That Ripened B. C. Fruit.

Twenty-two tons of apples in various ripeness, filling 1,150 boxes, arranged in such a way that the whole of one end of the Royal Horticultural Society's hall in Westminster was transformed into an orchard of fruit, formed the dominating feature of the exhibition of over-seas produce which Sir Edward Grey, secretary of state for foreign affairs, opened yesterday, says the London Daily Mail. Apples were easily first in bulk and importance at the exhibition. The great exhibit mentioned was staged by the British Columbian government and gained the Hogg memorial gold medal.
Sir Edward congratulated the exhibiting Dominion on the magnificence of the display. "The wonderful coloring of the apples has set us all envying the beautiful sun-which has been responsible for the appearance of the fruit," he said. "It is good for the populace to eat fruit, and it would be a better thing if it consumed more than it does."

MONSTER PETITION

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 21.—The monster petition demanding that an election be held to determine a recall of Mayor Hiram C. Gill was filed yesterday with the city comptroller. The total number of names signed to the petition is 11,202, of which 631 are duly qualified women voters. It is only necessary that 3,570 names be signed to the petition to invoke the recall election.

The monster petition will be guarded at the city hall by members of the Welfare League, the organization that started the recall movement and was the cause of the police scandal investigation by the city council.

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GOVERNMENT SUSTAINED.

Paris, Dec. 21.—The government yesterday successfully maintained its position against the attacks of the Socialists under the leadership of M. Jaures, who demanded the reinstatement of all railroad employees dismissed in connection with the recent strike.
The government took the position that it was impossible to extend general reinstatement to the men dismissed for insubordination and violence, but was ready to consider individual cases.
The Chamber of Deputies sustained the government by a vote of 405 to 50.

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THE PASSING SHOW

Lyceum Theatre.

A thoroughly satisfied house was at the Lyceum theatre last night. The Bernard and Clamage aggregation of musical merrymakers did even more than they advertise in the sea of pleasing. There is not one feature to which exception can be taken in the entire performance. The whole company is thorough and competent artists. The comedy ends of the show are handled in most capable and laugh-making manner by Harry Bernard as an Irishman and Arthur Clamage as the German, and it is safe to say they are the best in these lines that have appeared at the Lyceum. Mrs. Bernard as the deaf woman was exceptionally clever, and did not vary from her character at any time, which is a difficult thing to do in face of all the comedy that surrounds her.

Don Clark as the tout and sharp, was exceptionally good, also was Miss Troja doing the mechanical doll. In fact, the chorus are bright and young, and the singing and dancing would be hard to equal. With such shows at the Lyceum it is safe to say that there will be packed houses every show for the remainder of the engagement. There will be a matinee each day at 2 p. m., and two shows nightly, 7.45 and 9.45.

Jamieson's Crystal Theatre.

As an attraction to the ladies at the matinee during the holidays, that is, for Thursdays, Friday and Saturday of this week and during all next week, there will be given away fifty boxes of the famous "Rogers" candies at the Crystal. Each lady will be given an envelope upon purchase of the ticket, and fifty of these will contain an order for a box, which will be delivered at once upon presentation at the box office.
The show for the opening of the week was a very strong one. The pictures were among the best that have been seen. D. Black's playing on the concertina in meeting with the heartiest applause at every performance.
For to-day and to-morrow some very fine pictures will be shown.

Majestic Theatre.

The value of the moving picture as an advertising medium is shown at the Majestic theatre, Yates street, to-day and Thursday. Victoria comes in for a good deal of publicity in a film entitled "The Ship's Husband," played by the Edison company. "The Ship's Husband" is the key to a plot which temporarily disturbs the peace of two young couples. One of the principals, Mr. Knox, receives a telegram telling him to sail with the Charmer at 10 o'clock. You need not see her husband, Jones. This falls into the hands of Mrs. Knox, who rushes off to Mr. Jones and frantically declares that Mrs. Jones and Mr. Knox have eloped on the Charmer for Vancouver.
Mr. Jones and Mrs. Knox thereupon charter the tug Czar to pursue the Charmer and as they pull out from the wharf they are seen by Mrs. Jones. She learns that Knox is on the Charmer and sends him a wireless stating that his wife and Mr. Jones have eloped on an ocean-going tug. Knox tears his hair, rushes on the Charmer, in which he is pulled ashore with Mate Perry Rogers in charge. Then the Czar appears and Jones and Mrs. Knox board the steamer, only to be shown an entry in the log that "A. Knox, Vancouver, left steamer in small boat off Twin Island light."
All return to Victoria and meet and explanations follow, which convince the ladies that the Charmer is a steamer and that the ship's husband is the superintendent.
The C. P. R. gets a good deal of advertising out of the film, which will also boom Victoria and Vancouver to thousands of people all over the continent.

Romano Photoplay Theatre.

There is an exceptionally fine line of motion pictures at the above theatre to-day and to-morrow. "The Revolving Door" is an Imp comedy of the class that only the Imp people can produce. "The Cowboy's Personal" is a funny story of western life; "In Norway" is a fine educational subject, while "Pretty Miss" on the same reel, is another very funny picture. "The Turn-of-the-Balance" is an exceptionally strong drama made by the Vitaphone Co. Masha will sing and the Romano orchestra will play new and appropriate music for the pictures. Persons who visit this cosy little theatre will not have a chance to go away and say they were not satisfied, for the management have just refitted the theatre with the very latest in leather upholstered opera chairs, while the pictures are the finest that money can procure.

BIBLE SOCIETY.

Vancouver, Dec. 20. — On condition that \$50,000 is raised in British Columbia for the establishment of a British and Foreign Bible Society headquarters in the city, the head office in London has promised a grant of \$25,000. Preliminary arrangements have already been made which include the purchase of a suitable site on the west side of Howe street, between Dunsmuir and Georgia streets, at a price of \$25,000, and it is the intention of the British Columbia auxiliary to erect a modern office building of several stories, reserving the ground floor for Bible repository, board and stock room. Within a few days over \$4,000 has been subscribed without special solicitation.
Since the appointment of J. Knox Wright as provincial secretary of the Canadian Bible Society, which is a subsidiary organization to the parent body in Great Britain, the work in this city and district has been pushed ahead with vigor. Colporteurs have been distributing Bibles throughout the province, both in English and foreign languages. It was in order to strengthen the position of the society that it was decided to secure a site and put up a building. The proposition was submitted to the society officers in London and a cable reply to the purport stated above came back from them. It was considered at a meeting held here recently, when the site committee also made a report, resulting from which prompt action was taken as outlined.

The annual meeting of the British Columbia Auxiliary is to be held on Tuesday, February 7, and will com-



CHRISTMAS GIFTS IN HIGH CLASS BRASS-WARE.

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CIGARETTE BOXES.....\$4.50
FERN POTS, porcelain lined.....\$3.50
SMOKE TRAY WITH LIGHTER AND FOUR STANDS, for cigars or cigarettes.....\$4.50
ASH TRAYS.....\$1.25
COMBINATION ASH TRAYS AND MATCH HOLDERS.....\$2.50
COMBINATION ASH TRAYS AND CIGAR CUTTER.....\$1.00
LATEST STYLE ASH TRAY.....\$1.50
ASH TRAYS, with painted sporting designs in centre, \$- and.....\$1.00
TOBACCO JARS.....\$2.50
INK STANDS, with single glass bottles, the very latest, handsome designs, \$2.50, \$2 and.....\$1.50
INK STANDS, all brass.....\$2.50
LARGE FERN POTS, with porcelain lining, very handsome.....\$5.50
STATIONERY HOLDERS.....\$3.00
SMOKERS' SETS, some consisting of 3 and some 4 pieces, with tray, \$7.50, \$7, \$6.50, \$6, \$5.50, \$4.00
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- Beautiful scenes and animals, etc., from paintings by some of the famous artists, adorn these articles. One piece of this ware will make a valuable Christmas gift. Any piece of this ware will look beautiful on a plate rail. We want you to see these. We herewith mention a few of the pieces, giving you an idea of the reasonable prices:
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...a review of the year's business with a celebration of the tercentenary of the authorized version of the English Bible. It is proposed to arrange for a banquet as one of the features of the meeting.
Lieut.-Governor Paterson, who is patron of the Bible Society in British Columbia, has agreed to preside at this meeting.
The British Columbia auxiliary board intends to push a canvass for subscriptions.

Northern Crown Bank

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DIVIDEND NO. 5.

Notice is hereby given that a dividend of two and one-half per cent upon the paid-up capital stock of this institution has been declared for the half year ending December 31st, 1910, being at the rate of five per cent per annum, and that the same will be payable at its banking house in this city and at all of its branches on and after the 3rd day of January next to shareholders of record of the 15th day of December, 1910.
By order of the Board.
R. CAMPBELL, General Manager.
Winnipeg, December 23rd, 1910.

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