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PRINCE ARTHUR REACHES VICTORIA

Representative of His Majesty Arrives Here on Board the Empress--A Rousing Welcome.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Connaught arrived in Victoria this morning by the H. M. S. Empress of Japan. It had been officially announced that the big steamer would tie up at the outer wharf at 11 o'clock, and at that time there was a large gathering of citizens. The gateway, however, was kept guard over, and it was only a chosen few who were admitted to the north side. The guard of honor composed of 100 men of the Royal Garrison Artillery from the Works Point barracks, under command of Colonel English, were in attendance at the appointed hour. Capt. Williams, Lieut. Fell and Lieut. Ellison were also in uniform, and the band was present. The first carriage to arrive on the scene brought Premier McBride, Hon. R. F. Green and Hon. R. G. Tatlow. A few minutes later the Lieutenant-Governor arrived in full state dress, accompanied by A. D. C. Lieut. Drake, and his private secretary, Mr. Musket. A number of other carriage soon lined up with prominent citizens, who evidently were armed with the necessary pass word. Chief Langley and two sergeants and half a dozen stalwart members of the city force were also on the scene, looking their best. Messrs. Chamberlain and Laupcy, of the Dominion secret service, were also present.

It was quarter-past twelve before the Empress was berthed, and fifteen minutes elapsed ere the gateway was put in position. It was draped with a Canadian flag and carpeted in red. Dr. McTear, Dominion immigration officer, was the first man to board the big white liner, and after a few minutes the signal was given of a clear bill of health. The Lieutenant-Governor and A. D. C. Premier McBride and the other members of the government ascended the gangway, and were formally introduced to the Prince and his staff, including Lord Redesdale, K.C.V., C.B.; admiral of the fleet, Sir Edward Seymour, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., G.C.S.I.; Sir Thomas Kelly-Kenny, G.C.B.; Col. Arthur Davidson, C.V.O., C.B.; Capt. W. Wyndham and Mr. Miles Lampson.

The Prince wore the uniform of the 7th Hussars, Lord Redesdale and Mr. Lampson that of the diplomatic service; Admiral Seymour in his naval rank; Gen. Kelly-Kenny, the bright uniform of his high rank; Col. Davidson the uniform of a King's esquire, and Capt. Wyndham that of the Royal Rifles.

As the Prince descended the gang plank the signal was given the barracks by the lowering of the C. P. R. house flag. Instantly the Royal Standard flew to the mast head and 21 guns thundered out. Lieut. Thompson was in command of the battery, and the band struck up the National Anthem, and the guard presented arms in acknowledgment of his Highness's arrival in the capital city of the province of British Columbia.

Signed on behalf of the municipal council and citizens of Victoria, at the city of Victoria, this twenty-seventh day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and six.
A. J. MORLEY, Mayor.

Wellington J. Dowler, Clerk of the Municipal Council.

The reading of the above was received with great applause from the thousands assembled on the grounds. No sooner had this subsided and the Prince essayed to reply than the cheers again rang forth, even more heartily than before. In replying His Royal Highness said:

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen, it is with no ordinary feelings of gratification that I find myself, on the termination of the important mission with which I have been entrusted by the King, again on British soil, and once more surrounded by those familiar emblems of our country so dear to every Englishman. Most heartily do I thank you for your greeting, which, in its warmth and cordiality, makes me feel that I am at home again.

I am glad of the opportunity afforded me to visit this great Dominion, and to familiarize myself, as far as a somewhat hurried journey will permit, with its vast extent and illimitable resources. My pleasure in this respect would have been incomplete had I not been permitted to see something of the rich and prosperous province of British Columbia, and also of your fair city, whose name awakens tender recollections of the great and good Queen after whom it is called, and thus establishes at the very outset of our acquaintance, a bond of union between us.

I shall not fail to convey to the King the expressions of your loyal devotion, the proofs of which are apparent on every hand. It will no doubt be most gratifying to His Majesty to receive from these distant portions of his dominions, which are the objects of his

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So States Florist Who Has Been Experimenting With Most Encouraging Results.

There is a little corner of Holland out at Oak Bay which, while it is a rather obscure place, inasmuch it is well sheltered by foliage, and consequently very little in the public eye, is doing more to advertise the virtues of this climate than much that is being done in other directions. This corner consists of an acre and a half of land under high cultivation, and in the hands of florists, the enterprising firm being Messrs. Wollaston & Wallace. For the past five years Mr. Wallace said to-day that he has been experimenting in the growing of flowers, and the results attained for instance at the place mentioned are most interesting from a Victoria standpoint. On the acre and half of land mentioned they have out in bloom some 40,000 daffodils, crocuses, tulips, hyacinths and other flowers of a rare description for this season of the year.

But this is not the most important feature of the unique industry in question. What is of greater interest to Victorians is the fact that shipments of these have been going forward regularly to Denver, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Chicago, Winnipeg and Edmonton, in which places the climate is so rigorous in the winter season as to leave the growing of out-door flowers an impossibility. Even to-day the firm is making a shipment to the Northwest which must have its own effect in making known the mild climate conditions of this garden of the Pacific Coast.

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REBATE CASE

Defendants Are Charged With Violating the Elkins Law.

(Associated Press.)
Philadelphia, Pa., March 27.—The first rebate case to come to trial this country in which the defendants are charged with giving and accepting rebates in violation of the Elkins law, began to-day in the United States court here before Justice Holland. The indictments to be presented to the jury are those against the Mutual Transit Co., which company is charged with offering rebates to R. D. Wood & Co., of this city; C. E. Campbell, its local agent; L. W. Laik, New York agent for the Mutual Transit Co.; Walter Stuart, George and Richard Wood, members of the firm of R. D. Wood & Co.; and Paul K. Diver, local agent for the Mutual Transit Co., who is charged with offering a rebate to the National Essence & Coffee Company. The rebate in the Wood case, it is charged, was given on a shipment of 1,300 tons of iron pipe from Florence, N. J., and Camden, N. J., to Winnipeg, in October, 1905, and 200 tons from Emmaus, Pa., to the same point. The published rate was 49 1/2 cents per one hundred pounds, but it is charged the firm obtained a rate of 40 1/2 cents. The 1,300 tons were shipped over the Baltimore and Ohio railroad to Fairbelt, Ohio, thence by the Mutual Transit Co. across the great lakes to Duluth, and thence by the Great Northern to Winnipeg. The 200 tons from Emmaus were sent to Buffalo over the Reading railroad and shipped on the vessel of the Mutual Transit Co. to Duluth. The full freight rate was paid, but it is charged that Wood & Co. afterwards received a rebate of \$120.

The National Essence Coffee Co., it is alleged, received rebates on two shipments of essence from this city to Winnipeg. The first consignment was shipped over the Reading road to Buffalo, thence by the Mutual Transit Co. line to Duluth and from Duluth via the Great Northern to Winnipeg. The second shipment was consigned to Minneapolis. It was shipped over the same route to Duluth, but from the latter point it was sent to Minneapolis over the Northern Pacific. The rebate received by the company was given, it is said, in the form of a reduction for the charge from the company's warehouse in this city to the Reading freight station and amounts in the aggregate to less than \$20.

The Wood case was the first to be taken up, and on motion of District Attorney Thomson the indictment against George Wood was quashed.

Before the election of a jury was begun a number of motions in the cases were heard by the court.

It costs \$25 a week to light the average London theatre, while the orchestra runs away with another \$20 in the same time.

RIO GRANDE DISASTER

Verdict of Coroner's Jury Which Investigated Recent Railway Accident in Colorado.

(Associated Press.)
Canyon City, Colo., March 27.—A coroner's jury which has been investigating the Denver & Rio Grande wreck at Adobe on March 14th returned a verdict as follows:

"That the collision was due to the carelessness and negligence of S. F. Lively, operator at Swallows; that his said negligence was not willful or malicious; that said Lively was asleep when number 3 passed his station and failed to so report when asked by the chief dispatcher; that Night Operator Vandusen should not have deserted his post of duty; that no criminal prosecution should be against Lively or the railroad by reason of said collision; that a change in signal methods should be adopted to require trains to remain at message station until stop signals are changed and the engineer has ascertained from the agent that there are no orders for him; that a block system should be installed or that the Denver & Rio Grande system double track its roadway."

OTTAWA NOTES

Proceedings in the Commons—Negotiations Regarding Fisheries. (Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, March 27.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the House of Commons yesterday informed J. L. Borden that there were no negotiations between the Imperial government and United States government in respect to waterways commission, but there were negotiations in regard to fisheries in waters contiguous to the United States.

Experimental Farms.
Hon. W. Templeman in reply to Mr. Herron, Alberta, said he was in favor of establishing experimental farm stations in that country, also in British Columbia.

Forestry Reserves.
Hon. F. Oliver introduced a bill in the House yesterday to establish forestry reserves in Canada.

Rain-Making.
G. E. Foster on orders of day made a humorous speech about the Yukon council making a contract with one Hatfield to go there during the coming summer with his apparatus to produce rain. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that the government knew nothing about it.

TROOPS OPENED FIRE ON RIOTERS

TWO MEN KILLED AND THREE HUNDRED WOUNDED

Demonstration by Roumanian Nationalists Against Use of the French Language at Bucharest.

(Associated Press.)
Vienna, March 27.—Serious street rioting occurred at Bucharest, Roumania, last night, and culminated in a conflict between the rioters and the troops during which two men were killed and over three hundred were wounded.

The trouble arose over a demonstration of Roumanian nationalists against the use of the French language in a performance at the national theatre. The Ladies' Charity Society, which is under the patronage of the Princess Maria, wife of Prince Ferdinand, the heir presumptive to the throne of Roumania, advertised the production of a play in French, and thousands of nationalists gathered about the theatre, and became so threatening that troops were summoned and fired twice before the demonstrators were dispersed. Over a hundred persons were arrested.

THE FIRE FIEND VISITS WRANGLE

TOWN WAS ALMOST COMPLETELY DESTROYED

Only Government Buildings, One Store and Dock Remain—Many People are Destitute.

(Special to the Times.)
Juneau, March 27.—The town of Wrangle was almost completely destroyed by fire last Saturday afternoon and evening.

The news was brought here by a tug arriving from the burned city, appealing to the coast cities for assistance for those left destitute of food and shelter.

The fire started on the second story of the Pioneer hotel. Only the government buildings, one dock and a store, are left standing.

While the fire was under way the Indians ransacked the buildings, stealing great quantities of food. An armed party is now on their trail.

Many houses were dynamited by fire fighters in a vain attempt to head off the flames.

Thirty-eight houses that composed the residential district of the city were burned to the ground.

Wrangle has a population of 400 persons, half of whom are Indians. The town has no waterworks and no fire fighting apparatus, and was at the mercy of the flames. The total loss is at least \$100,000.

The Pacific Coast Company ordered the steamer Alki, which was at Juneau, to transport food and clothing donated by citizens of Juneau free of charge to the stricken city.

Explosion Caused Blaze.
(Associated Press.)
Bradford, Pa., March 27.—The explosion of a gasoline engine last night caused a fire which destroyed a large part of the town of Kalo, near here. The blaze started in the livery stable of Wickham & Johnston, and burned to death 22 horses in their stalls.

Fire at Butte.
Butte, Mont., March 27.—Fire in the Olsen block last night resulted in approximately \$100,000 damage to the wholesale stock of the Passmore Paper Company, through the warehouse being flooded with water.

Steamer Destroyed.
Newport, R. I., March 27.—The Fall River line's big side-wheeler Plymouth was burned to the water's edge, the freight steamer City of Lowell was damaged, and a long pier shed, hoisting shears, paint shop and old railroad station were destroyed by a fire which burned for nearly three hours early today, and which at one time threatened to wipe out the entire repairing plant of the owners of the line, the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railway Company. No lives were lost.

The steamer Plymouth was valued at nearly a million dollars, and was practically a total loss. The loss on the wharf is estimated at \$25,000, and on the shears \$10,000, while damage to the City of Lowell will reach nearly \$10,000. The paint shop and the old railroad station were of slight value.

NOVEL EXPERIENCE

Mme. Sarah Bernhardt Acted in a Circus Tent.
(Associated Press.)
Dallas, Tex., March 27.—For the first time in her long career Mme. Sarah Bernhardt last night played in a circus tent. The play was "Camille." The audience numbered 5,000 persons from all parts of the southwest. The performance was carried out smoothly, and was received with intense enthusiasm.

STEAMER FLOATED

Was Ashore on Long Island for Several Days.
(Associated Press.)
New York, March 27.—The British steamer Bodo, which went ashore on Long Island several days ago, was floated to-day. It was found necessary to jettison all her cargo before the tug was able to pull her from her bed in the sand.

MURDERER SENTENCED

Los Angeles, Cal., March 27.—Morris Buck, who shot and killed Mrs. Canfield, the wife of the oil millionaire, was yesterday sentenced to be hanged on June 1st.

A MILLION CLUB THE LATEST IDEA

OBJECT TO INCREASE POPULATION OF PROVINCE

Members Will Bring the Resources of British Columbia to Attention of Outsiders.

(Associated Press.)
Nelson, B. C., March 27.—A million club is being formed spontaneously to get a million population for British Columbia. The idea is for each citizen of the province to send the facts about British Columbia to at least one person in other parts of the world, and invite correspondence with a local committee that will tell the truth about the land, and the opportunities for success offered by each part of the province.

The idea is for everybody to do all possible for the province and for their own localities, uniting in a general movement and having each branch of the club under local control. Everybody will be invited to join and pay a dollar a year to defray expense of literature, correspondence and advertising the country.

Already leading citizens of Sicouan City, Nakusp, Nelson, Midway, Rossland, Trail, Vancouver, Revelstoke, Greenwood, Grand Forks, etc., have signed for membership and endorse the idea. The movement enlists universal enthusiasm, as it appeals both to provincial patriotism and local pride. Among those already signed are members of parliament, capitalists, bankers, miners, farmers, workmen, railroad officials, clerks, waiters, editors, engineers and hotel men. All see what vast advantages it will offer for British Columbia, and want to help a good thing along.

There is no local jealousy, for some Nelson people have suggested Vancouver or Revelstoke should be the head office, either the metropolis of the province or a place that is central.

The idea did not start in Nelson, but was warmly endorsed as soon as it reached this city. Each member of the club will be provided with stationery bearing facts about British Columbia, and his own locality, his name and address. Literature will also be sent out. The probability is that an effort will be made to have the facts about the province go out to the world on every piece of mail that is sent by any loyal citizen, either on the envelope or on the stationery. Some hotel men are going to have envelopes printed with facts about British Columbia on the back, and facts about their section on the front. All hotels, newspapers and firms in every line will be asked to do the same or something of the same idea. This will go the people of Portland, Ore.—one letter, their name and address, Lewis and Clark fair printing on all their envelopes, but the million club wants to convert every inch of white paper that leaves British Columbia into something that will do British Columbia good.

DOCTOR'S DEATH

Found in His Apartment With Throat Cut.
(Associated Press.)
New York, March 27.—Dr. H. Foyle Butts, a leading nose and throat specialist in this city, was found yesterday dying in his apartments in the Hotel Seville. He died while the physicians were working over him without regaining consciousness.

The cause of death was a deep wound in the throat under the right ear, and was made by a razor which was found on the floor near the body. Coroner Dooley, who spent the entire day investigating the death, said last night that he was not prepared to state whether Dr. Butts committed suicide or whether his death was due to an accident. He is inclined to eliminate the theory of murder.

FRONTIER DISPUTE

Britain and Turkey Will Probably Reach Agreement in a Few Days.
(Associated Press.)
Constantinople, March 27.—The Tabah frontier incident is engaging the earnest attention of the Turkish government and the opinion prevails that a satisfactory solution will be arrived at in a few days. Great Britain demands the withdrawal of the Turkish troops from Tabah on the Egyptian frontier of the Sinai peninsula, which she claims to be Egyptian territory. Turkey, on the other hand, holds that Tabah is part of the Ottoman empire.

ARCHBISHOP IRELAND

Pays a Visit to Rome—Asks For Private Interview With the Pope.
(Associated Press.)
Rome, March 27.—Archbishop Ireland, of St. Paul, arrived here to-day from Paris. During the day he visited the American college, where he was most cordially received by the rector, Monsignor Kennedy. The archbishop then visited the College of the Propaganda, and was warmly greeted by the prefect, Cardinal Gotti, and asked that he be received in private audience by the Pope.

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PANIC IN CHURCH NARROWLY AVERTED

COOLNESS OF DEAN REASSURED CONGREGATION

Rush of Settlers to the Northwest - Burglars Rifled Safe in Post Office.

St. Catharines, March 26.—A panic was narrowly averted yesterday in the Roman Catholic church here by the coolness of Dean Morris, assisted by some members of the congregation. A lighted candle fell unnoticed and set fire to the drapery of the altar. Immediately the flames shot over the altar in all directions. Men, women and children began to rise and make an endeavor to leave the place, several women screaming out. A number of men smothered the flames while Dean Morris continued the sacrament, and called upon the congregation to keep their seats, assuring them there was no danger. This had the desired effect.

Winnipeg, March 26.—Two hundred and fourteen cars of settlers' effects passed through Portage for the Canadian west last week, and so great is the rush that a state of congestion exists. The customs officers are unable to cope with the work.

Winnipeg, March 26.—Mont. Obs. Liberals met in convention to-night to consider the drafting of a provincial platform and the selecting of party leader. The convention will last over the next two days, and is largely attended, about 500 delegates being present.

Winnipeg, March 26.—Gideon Swain, the veteran railroad and conductor in charge of the train which carried His Majesty King Edward through Canada in 1882, will celebrate his eightieth birthday here on Wednesday. Mr. Swain has been in active railroad work continuously until the past two years, when he was pensioned by the C. P. R. Live Stock Industry.

Winnipeg, March 26.—The live stock industry, particularly hog raising, is a specially inviting field for enterprise in the Northwest at present; indeed, the supply is entirely inadequate to the demand. Since the beginning of the year 190, 973 hogs have been unloaded here, being an average of 1,748 per week.

Saskatoon, March 26.—This district is filling up with excellent settlers marvelously fast, as may be judged from the fact that within the past two weeks many acres of settlers' effects have been unloaded here.

Burglars at Work. Hartney, Man., March 26.—The post-office here was burglarized last night, the safe being blown. The registered mail was all rifled, but the exact amount of money secured is as yet unknown, although it is very considerable. A package of jewelry was also taken.

Protest Against Bill. Montreal, March 26.—The city council to-day unanimously passed a resolution protesting against the Sabbath Observance Bill, now before parliament, as curtailing the liberty of the people.

New Manager. Montreal, March 26.—J. E. Phillips, manager of Place Victor, C.-P. R. hotel here, has been appointed manager of the company's hotel chateau Frontenac at Quebec.

Alleged Theft. Montreal, March 26.—Henry J. Strain appeared before Judge Lafontaine this morning to answer a charge brought

PREDICTS SECOND TRANSVAAL WAR

RETURNED VICTORIAN MAKES A PRO

Boer Leaders Sowing Dissension Among Native Tribes—Labor Question Presents Difficult Problem.

After an absence of seven years, the greater part of which time was spent in South Africa, T. S. Bale, formerly clerk of the Diarrid hotel, has returned and is now a guest at the St. Francis hotel, which was recently taken over by J. C. Voss, of Tillikum fame. When first leaving Victoria Mr. Bale went to Montreal. He arrived there just about the time that the Strathcona Horse were being levied throughout Canada for services in the Transvaal against the Boers. Obtaining a brief from the London News as correspondent he joined the force, and took passage for the scene of the war. This commenced a period of adventure combined with considerable hardship.

Mr. Bale was attached to the Strathcona Horse on the march into the interior. His section occupied a position on the right flank of General French's command, and, as students of the late Boer war will remember, it was unfortunate enough to get out of touch with the main force to such an extent as to enable the Boers to surround and capture them with little danger to themselves. Mr. Bale was one of those who, with him was a war correspondent of some renown, Winston Churchill. The latter with his usual presence of mind managed to escape by hastily assuming a disguise and boarding a truck on the railway. For three weeks or more the Victorians were confined in a corral, the conditions of which were exceedingly limited.

Being exchanged in the course of time he proceeded to Johannesburg. After staying there for a while he obtained a special permit, and proceeded to penetrate into the country north of that for the purpose of studying the characteristics of the Zulus, and the natives of Matabeleland and Mashonaland on behalf of the journal he represented. His experiences on this trip were exceedingly interesting. He came in close contact with the three tribes of natives mentioned, and embodied his impressions in a series of articles. The Zulus, he says, have completely altered since the late Zulu war. While still retaining the warlike qualities which made them a formidable opponent even to the trained soldiery of Great Britain they have adopted many of the customs of civilization. The inhabitants of Mashonaland are not quite as far advanced as their neighbors. The Zulus, but according to Mr. Bale are exceedingly intelligent, industrious and aggressive and, above all, brave to the point of the fanatic in face of danger.

FATAL FIRE IN FACTORY. Four Firemen Killed and Several Injured During Conflagration in New York.

New York, March 26.—Four firemen were killed and about a score of firemen and citizens injured to-day in a fire, accompanied by a series of explosions that demolished a six story factory building at Bedford and Downing streets in the Greenwich village district on lower west side. That the damage which is estimated at from \$200,000 to \$300,000, was not far greater than was declared by Chief Crocker to be due to the explosion which shattered the building and crushed the blaze beneath tons of debris at the moment when the flames were completely beyond control and threatening to sweep the entire block. One fireman was killed and about a score of firemen and citizens injured to-day in a fire, accompanied by a series of explosions that demolished a six story factory building at Bedford and Downing streets in the Greenwich village district on lower west side.

Three hundred men and women were in the factory during the lunch hour when a slight explosion occurred on one of the upper floors, and almost instantly the whole structure was enveloped in flames. Some had time to reach the streets by the stairs, but the greater number were compelled to take refuge on fire escapes, where they remained huddled together and imploring assistance, until the fire engines arrived. Before the ladder could be run up, policemen, firemen and volunteers formed a human pyramid against the wall of the factory and in this way handed down to safety upwards of thirty girls who were clinging to the fire escapes on the second floor. Others jumped into the life saving nets or on piles of bedding hastily obtained and heaped on the sidewalks.

Within ten minutes all the occupants of the building had been taken out in safety and unharmed, save the few injured. The alarms were rung in rapid succession and several hundred policemen were rushed to the scene to control the panic-stricken crowds that thronged all the streets in the vicinity of the factory.

All the adjoining tenements were ordered vacated and this task had barely been accomplished when a toppling wall crashed in the upper portion of a row of seven tenements in Carmine street, a moment later the flames shot across the street, setting fire to a row of buildings. Hardly had the flames enveloped the building, which occurred within a few minutes after the outbreak when a terrific explosion occurred, followed in rapid succession by four more, the last of such violence as to shake buildings for blocks around. The factory was occupied by the Empire Art Company and the Metal Stamp Company which owned the building.

MAN MURDERED. Body Found in Trunk—Woman Has Been Arrested.

Stockton, March 26.—The body of a man which was found in a trunk among the baggage at the Southern Pacific depot here Saturday night has been identified as that of Albert S. McVicar, an employee of the Rawhide mine at Jamestown, Cal. The police looked for Mrs. Ledoux, as she called herself. Mrs. Ledoux, on being arrested, promptly admitted her identity and said she knew what she was wanted for. She declared that carbolic acid was administered to McVicar on Saturday morning by Joe Miller. She does not go into details, but declares she has nothing to do with it, outside of assisting in putting the body in the trunk. Neither does she give the reason for the killing. Dr. Hull, one of the autopsy surgeons, stated this morning that a blow on the head, causing congestion on the inner lining of the skull, here was the direct cause and there is absolutely no evidence of carbolic acid and no odor of alcohol.

Search for Miller. San Francisco, March 26.—The police say that Mrs. Ledoux is well-known in the Tenderloin district of this city. They say that her name is Emma Held. The man referred to as Joe Miller by Mrs. Ledoux is believed by the authorities here to be Joe Healy, a plumber, with whom she was seen Saturday night in this city. Detectives are searching for him.

INSURANCE AFFAIRS. Questions Will Be Asked in House of Lords.

London, March 26.—D. C. Haldeman, British manager of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, has resigned owing to difference of opinion between himself and the New York office over matters which he considers to be of vital importance to the British policy-holders. Mr. Haldeman's resignation will give added interest to Earl Onslow's question raised in the House of Lords on March 9th as to whether the government proposes to compel foreign companies doing business in this country to keep here a sufficient proportion of their assets to cover the claims of British policy-holders. The subject will come up in the House of Lords to-morrow.

There is a strong feeling in favor of some action being taken although the British insurance companies favor letting matters rest because they fear any executive action might involve the home companies also. Before resigning, Mr. Haldeman consulted many prominent persons of the English public, several of whom are insured for large sums in the Mutual Life. He still is prepared to give services to the British policy-holders in advising them as to the best means to adopt in their own interests. It is understood that he has constantly protested against the extravagance of the working of the company as a whole compared with the London branch, where the expenses were only 14.61 per cent of the premium income.

According to the Daily Chronicle, Mr. Haldeman resolved to resign some time ago but deferred action on account of his anxiety concerning the position of the British policy-holders and in the hope that real reforms would be introduced into the management. "Now," says the Daily Chronicle, "realizing that the head office is doing nothing to prevent holders from surrendering the policies in panic and foreclosing that it is impossible for him to carry out the new policy of the directors which would not insure public confidence, he has resigned."

LOCAL SQUABBLE. Too Much Importance Given to Dispute Regarding Site of Cable Line.

London, March 26.—A dispatch from Bushire, province of Fars, Persia, received to-day intimating that Anglo-Persian trouble is brewing at Bender Abbas on the Persian Gulf, and that a British squadron was on its way there to support the demands of the Indian government. It is declared at the Indian office to give too much dignity to an entirely unimportant local squabble in regard to the precise site of a cable house for the line recently constructed by the Indian government. The presence of the squadron which is on its periodical tour of the Persian Gulf, is absolutely unconnected with the affair.

STRIKERS DEPORTED. Titles, Caucasus, March 26.—The governor-general has deported to Siberia five employees of a small bakery who recently struck work.

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DEMAND OF MINERS. Have Presented Ultimatum to the Coal Operators.

Indianapolis, March 26.—The United Mine Workers of America, through President John Mitchell, Vice-President Lewis and Herman C. Perry, president of the Illinois miners, to-day presented to the coal operators in the executive session of the joint scale committee of the central competitive district their ultimatum in connection with the dispute over the wage scale. The demand is for a restoration of the wage scale of 1903, which is an increase of 5.55 per cent. The operators secured an adjournment of the committee until to-morrow, when a definite report will be given by them.

It is anticipated the reply will be refusal by the operators, and in that event the committee will report a disagreement to the joint conference of miners and operators. In that case the question will be debated before the joint convention. To-night, according to those concerned, there is little prospect for an agreement. After the noon adjournment President Mitchell said he had been informed that there were rumors that the operators believed that if they would stand firmly by their position and prolong the sessions of the joint scale committee, the miners would agree to sign their present scale and recede from their demand for increased wages. He explained that under no circumstances would there be an agreement at less than the scale of 1903, unless the operators could enforce less terms, and he did not believe they could.

Vice-President Lewis said "I know what a suspension of work means to our people; I know what it will probably be to millions of other people who are not directly interested in these questions. I have hope they will be able to find a solution of our present difficulties, but that solution will only come when both sides are ready to sign a wage agreement carrying with it the prices paid in 1903."

Herman C. Perry, president of the Illinois miners, said he had heard it rumored that the different interests had attempted to use their influence to bring about a strike, notably the small operators and the coal dealers who, he had been informed, were supporting a lobby in the hope of influencing the operators to force a disagreement. He added that there would be no division of the Illinois miners and no mine would be allowed to run, even with an advance in wages, unless all the union miners in Illinois were given the same advance.

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RUNAWAY AUTOMOBILE.

Vancouver, March 26.—Harry Wright, M. P. P., wife and child were climbing a hill with an automobile to-day when the chain broke and the machine ran away. All the occupants were thrown to the ground heavily. Mr. Wright and the child were uninjured. Mrs. Wright is confined to her bed with the severe shock, but was not seriously injured.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, March 27, 5 a. m.—The barometric pressure is increasing over the North Pacific slope; rain has fallen on the Lower Mainland, Vancouver Island and throughout the Pacific states. The weather west of the Rockies is smothery. In the Northwest a vast system of high pressure centers in the valley of the Mississippi covers the province, and fair weather is general with higher temperatures.

Forecasts.

For 24 hours ending 6 p. m. Wednesday: Victoria and vicinity—Southerly winds, partly cloudy and mild, with occasional showers.

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The body has been taken to Cumberland, where an inquest will be held. The deceased was 45 years of age. He was born in England and leaves a wife and four children.

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Jefferson City, Mo., March 26.—Today when the convicts at the penitentiary were called for breakfast Guard J. W. Woods was stabbed three times by a convict, and died instantly. Another guard immediately killed the convict.

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Mayor Morley then read a brief communication from R. H. Sperling, general manager of the B. C. Electric Railway Company. It is self-explanatory, and follows:

Vancouver, B. C., March 26, 1906.
Dear Sir:—In further reference to your letter dated January 20th, I beg to say that I have received word from our London directors that our company is entirely agreeable to have the city release us from the "tentative" agreement between the city of Victoria and this company, dated November 24th, 1904.

R. H. SPERLING,
Business Manager.

In a few remarks the Mayor gave his view of the relation of the city to the electric railway company and the Esquimalt Waterworks Company in respect to the water question. He considered that the tramway company was the tenant of the Esquimalt company and he didn't see what excuse they had to enter in any way into the proposed transaction between the corporation and the Esquimalt company in regard to the control of the water rights at Goldstream. The agreement, he thought, should be rendered void at the earliest possible moment in order that there might be clean water to start with. After having dealt with the Esquimalt company, it would be time enough to consult the tramway company in respect to the terms upon which the latter should be supplied with the power necessary for generating purposes.

Ald. Stewart wanted to know whether the tramway company had forwarded their copy of the agreement with Mr. Sperling's letter.

His Worship contended that a resolution cancelling the document was all that was needed for the purpose desired.

"Surely you won't attempt to give an opinion on a matter of law you're not sworn of?" queried Ald. Fell, and he concluded with the terse but common place statement "It makes me tired."

The letter was laid on the table.

The city engineer and city assessor submitted a report concerning proposed

improvements. It was adopted.

The city engineer submitted a communication from A. R. Sherk asking permission to put up a verandah, projecting over the sidewalks, about his residence on North Park street. It was moved that Mr. Sherk be informed that the council could not see its way clear to issue the permit. This carried.

The following report from the city engineer was read:

March 26, 1906.
To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:—I have the honor to submit the following report for your consideration:

Re grading and macadamizing of Cook street, northwesterly from Hillside avenue to connect with the Cedar Hill road. Upon looking into this matter, I find it will be necessary to secure a short right-of-way through private property before the road in question could be made. I have, however, prepared an estimate as follows: Grading and macadamizing of the road 12 ft. wide (not including purchase of property), estimated cost, \$60.

Communication from W. Heatherbell, asking that Linden avenue from Belcher street south be sewer. I have examined the locality in question and find it is necessary to extend the sewer from Cook street a distance of 1,500 feet. Estimated cost, \$1,500. I may say, two houses could at once be connected with the prospect of two more in the near future.

Request from Mrs. S. M. Tuck asking that the proposed concrete walk be continued on the Blanchard street side of her property. After looking into this matter I would recommend the section in question be included in the report now being prepared.

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THE PRINCE'S WELCOME.

We suppose there is no escape for this prince of the Royal blood who has come into our midst to enjoy himself. He must be received in the conventional way and be subject to the usual routine.

After the ordeal is over and the demon of conventionality appeased, the feathered regalia and the impressive "plug" hat put away against future dreaded contingencies of a similar character, we hope the Prince, who is a fine, frank, unassuming, manly-looking young fellow, bearing a close resemblance to many others of his kind, will have a reasonably good opportunity of devoting his attention for a time to the things that really are of some account.

AY, WHERE WILL IT END?

It has been whispered in Ottawa that the deputy ministers themselves are really responsible for the order which placed them all in uniform of the second class. The decree was in the first instance ascribed to the Colonial Office; but that must have been a mistake; unless it were the old Colonial Office which preceded the present Liberal regime.

member as he eats his sixpenny dinner, drinks his mug of beer and smokes his clay pipe in the restaurant of the House of Commons, for so many years a place specially preserved and held sacred to the uses of men of blood and lineage.

"Indeed it is a dismal social outlook, and fine old-crested Tories may be heard thanking their stars for the mortal luck which will not carry them beyond the fog-end of the old order. And the proposal is solemnly advanced that nous autres, we, with longer expectations of life, who may hope, or fear, to find ourselves alive in the coming graceless age, should now make the best of a bad world, and hasten to 'quicken our masters' by teaching them manners, so that life may be not altogether unendurable, and we are advised to begin with the young despots now in knickerbockers in what were once the Board schools, so that in twenty years or so our horrid tyrants may be sweet-tongued and graced with all the properties—so that, like polite highwaymen, they may rob us with an exquisite courtesy. Here and there you may meet with the plutocrat—and not always a Tory plutocrat—who shudders at the thought of 'spoliation,' but for one man who shakes his head over the political intentions of the Labor party, nine men are uneasy over this question of a deterioration of the national manners, which it is assumed will begin with Parliament and end—well, where will it end?"

UNIONISM AND THE GRAVE.

The Toronto Star says: "Chicago labor unions are to have a cemetery where only union men will be interred. It is understood that when Gabriel's trump sounds, none of the occupants will budge unless there is a union label on the horn." This sounds very clever, and will tickle the intellectual funny bone, but, as a matter of fact, the unions have secured a place wherein to lay their dead, from motives of pure economy. They found everything in Chicago connected with mortality was in the hands of trusts. There were casket trusts and hearse trusts and cemetery trusts, as well as hackmen's unions and grave-diggers' trusts.

What Other People Think

The ancestor of the "regenerated" dog was not, or is not, a particularly attractive, winsome or affectionate beast. What the dog is as a domesticated animal man has made him. And yet of all animal creation, including the master of the whole menagerie, man himself, not a specimen can be selected which on occasion can display such noble qualities, such undying affection, such devotion to anyone to whom, in his vagrant, wild, unreasoning way, he attaches himself as the dog. And consider the reward that in general is bestowed upon him. The dog is a strange animal, and he has attached himself to a very capricious creature in selecting man as the object of his affections. As an example of the love which passeth human understanding and is present only in the faithful heart of the most devoted of beasts, the New York Times relates the following incident: "When the Anchor liner Columbia was in mid-ocean, Mary, the four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew MacDonald, died of acute sickness. The little girl had a Scotch collie named Daisy. So great was the affection of the dog for her little mistress, that when the little body was dropped overboard, the dog leaped to the rail and plunged into the water after it. The little girl was taken ill at a time when the Columbia was fighting a fierce northwester. Despite the efforts of Dr. Bruce, the ship's surgeon, she died. The parents decided to bury the body at sea, and in a spell of moderate weather the body was brought on deck. All through the service the dog whined piteously. As the service closed, two sailors lifted the weighted little body at the rail. Just as they released it the dog gave a howl, and a moment later plunged under the rail into the water."

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epical weakness is laid into the belief that the milk can be drawn without exertion or the honey extracted without labor. The opportunities in Canada are practically limitless, but they can be seized only by the diligent, industrious and courageous.

"Above all we cannot hope to make people good or save their souls by legislating barriers around them." Which is all very well and sounds as if it came from the unfathomable depths, but after all would not the Sunday law be justifiable if it protected the public against that weekly visitor known as the Sunday Colonist?

Well, we are not quite sure what is going to happen now, but we are quite certain it can do us no harm to have that secret agreement off our hands. This notwithstanding the solitary and doubtless disinterested opinion of Aid. Fell to the contrary.

What Other People Think
CANADIAN DEFENCES.

To the Editor:—In a telegraphic synopsis of a debate in the Imperial House of Commons, Mr. Balfour is reported as having said that the only use of the British navy is to protect India, this being the only part of the Empire having a land frontier. Pending the receipt of a full report of the ex-premier's observations it would be manifestly unfair to pass any critical judgment upon them, but the observation attributed to him is quite in keeping with the avowed policy of Mr. Balfour's administration in respect to the defences of Canada from attacks by sea; that is, he regards the possibility of an attack from the United States as too remote a contingency to be worthy of consideration. I draw attention to this, not for the purpose of raising any objection to it, but simply that the public here may be kept in touch with the trend of opinion among a very influential section of British public men. It is the fashion with some excellent people to complain because Canada has not seen fit to contribute directly to the cost of maintaining the Imperial army and navy. I do not know any way that a public speaker can more cheaply get a passing reputation for possessing a superior brand of loyalty than by declaiming against the laxity of the Dominion in this respect. If Mr. Balfour is correctly reported, the Conservative party in the United Kingdom no longer considers our frontier, land frontier of 3,000 miles, as coming within the scope of British plans for Imperial defence. It is well to know this.

CHARLES H. LUGRIN.
The Marlene Electric Tramways Company has just issued its annual report for the year 1905, in which it says: "During the year 1905 our cars have run over and killed five sparrows, three dogs and one fowl. Since the opening of the various lines cars have run over sixteen sparrows, seven dogs, one cat, one goose, two ducks, and one fowl."
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kan and up the Portland Canal. The steamer sails for the North again this evening.
CREW RETURN.
Mail advices just to hand give some details of the burning of the sealing schooner Enterprise, of this port. The steamer Titan, which arrived at St. John from Rio, brought the fourteen men of the crew of the Enterprise, which sailed from Halifax on October 2nd last on a seal hunting cruise to the South Atlantic, after which she was to have proceeded to Victoria. Seals were scarce and the weather was bad, and when she put into Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, on January 23rd she had only 52 skins aboard. On that day Arthur Barry, one of the hunters, died and was buried ashore. Two days later, whilst most of the crew were ashore, the schooner took fire from the galley and was totally destroyed. The crew lost everything, and the British consul sent them back to Halifax on the Titan.

CAPE HORN IN PORT.
The German barque Cape Horn, Capt. Tramborg, arrived yesterday from Guaymas after a passage of 30 days. The barque brought cargo from Hamburg to Guaymas and was one of the fleet which had difficulty in rounding Cape Horn some months ago. She was damaged in the stormy seas there encountered and before coming North had to be repaired.
SHIPPING NOTES.
The ship Mozambique left for Vancouver last night in tow of the tug Lorca. The barkentines, another of the fleet in port, left yesterday for Port Gamble.
The ship Sir Robert Fernie, loading lumber at Chemainus, will be ready for sea in a few days.
The barkentine Hawaii is finishing loading a cargo of lumber at Vancouver.

EXECUTIVE MEETING.
Of Fifth Regiment Rifle Association
Held to Discuss Summer Plans.
An executive meeting of the Fifth Regiment Rifle Association was held the other evening, when matters of some interest came up for consideration. After the usual routine business the question of opening the season came up for discussion. The opinion was generally expressed that, as the weather was already fairly settled, there was no reason why there should be any further delay. It was suggested that a shoot might be arranged for next Saturday. The majority concurred in this view and a resolution to that effect carried unanimously. Through the summer months shooting will be continued regularly. There will be the usual monthly competitions and a special effort will be made to induce the younger shots to take a prominent part in the contests. Lt.-Col. Hall, who was present, suggested that the season's events might be drawn up in the form of a programme, which might be posted in the drill hall for the benefit of those who may wish to obtain the information without inconvenience. This was agreed to, in fact every member seemed to coincide in the opinion that nothing should be omitted in the effort to raise the standard of the efficiency of members of the militia marksmen. After a general debate on matters of minor importance the meeting adjourned.

DAUGHTERS OF PITY.
Preparations For Easter—Proceeds From Entertainment Were \$62.
The Daughters of Pity of the Royal Jubilee hospital met yesterday at the city hall. The report from "All the Comforts of Home" was received and showed that the society's share, a third, amounted to \$62. A vote of thanks was accorded to the members of the cast and to those members of the society who had assisted in the enterprise.
A donation of \$2 from Mrs. Charles Kent was acknowledged.
Miss Sehl and Miss Gladys Perry undertook the providing of a sacred concert at the hospital on Palm Sunday.
The question of holding a carnival or fair next winter was discussed, and it was decided to take up the details in connection with it at the next meeting of the society.
It was also agreed upon that the walls of the Strathcona ward should be lined. It is the intention to have this done if possible before Easter. The season will be recovered, and some other little improvements made before that time.
The members of the society were reminded that the sewing committee meets every Friday until after Easter.
A man named Barrett, who was summoned at Blackburn for desertion, said his wife was so addicted to betting and pawing that she would pawn him if she could.

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H. F. Morgan Will Probably Receive Compound Interest for 125 Years.
(Clinton, Mass., March 27.—Herbert F. Morgan has learned from the United States treasury department at Washington that his \$20 government bond of the year 1780 will probably be honored by the United States and compound interest paid for 125 years. Mr. Morgan would then get about \$12,000. The bond bore on its face no stated time for redemption.

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The first rehearsal for the concert to be given in connection with the anti-tuberculosis society will be held this evening in Waitt's hall.

There will be a meeting of the Lorse parade committee in connection with the forthcoming Victoria Day celebration in the office of Dr. Garesche at 8:15 this evening.

The midday meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew held to-day was addressed by Bishop Cridge. The speaker to-morrow will be Rev. Hugh Allen. These gatherings are open to all men.

A meeting of all interested in the exhibition to be held in Victoria this fall will be held in the city hall this evening, presided over by His Worship the Mayor. The chair will be taken promptly at 8 o'clock, and a full attendance is requested.

The Royal Templars of Temperance will meet this evening at 7:30. An open meeting will be held at the conclusion of the regular business. This will begin at 8:30, and will be held in the A. O. U. W. hall. All interested in temperance work are requested to attend.

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The members of the Junior guild of St. John's church will hold an important meeting this evening at 8 o'clock.

The regular review of Victoria Hive No. 1 Ladies of the Macabees will be held this evening in the A. O. U. W. hall at 8 o'clock. On the conclusion of the regular business there will be a social session, and preparations for it promise a splendid time.

Where do you carry your fire insurance? The Anglo-American and Equity Fire Insurance Companies are not in the combine. Get rates before insuring elsewhere. S. A. Baird, agent, Law Chambers, Bastion street. Phone 521K.

The services of J. S. Yates have been secured by the Saanich municipality for the drafting of the by-laws considered necessary in connection with the public business of that district. At the meeting held at the Royal Oaks on Saturday night it was decided some fifteen of these would be required.

The deputy minister of agriculture has returned from a lecturing tour through Matsqui and Surrey in the interests of the Farmers' Institutes. He reports that there were quite a number of fires in the country and that the rain would be welcome to put these out. He spoke on the subjects of soil cultivation and fruit culture. Dr. Tolmie also spoke at these meetings on the subject of glanders.

The coroner's jury which inquired into the circumstances connected with the drowning of little George Springer, at Esquimalt, returned a verdict of accidental death. The evidence was according to the details given in the Times yesterday. The funeral was held to-day at 2 o'clock from Hanna's undertaking parlors to the Roman Catholic cathedral, and thence to Ross Bay cemetery.

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Gorge Road, large house,	30.00 do
Chatham Street, 1 story, 5 rooms,	11.00 do
Mason Street, 32, 1 story, 5 rooms,	13.00 do
Head Street, 1 story, 5 rooms,	8.00 do
Johnson Street, 293, 1 story, 4 rooms,	8.50 do

II TROUCE AVENUE LEE & FRASER VICTORIA B. C.

—Rev. Dr. Matthews, of Seattle, will lecture this evening in the Metropolitan Methodist church.

—The spring meeting of the Victoria Golf Club will be held on the Oak Bay links from April 13th to 15th. Programmes will be issued shortly.

—Members of Post No. 1, Native Sons, will hold an entertainment this evening. It will take the form of a military five hundred tournament. A pleasant time is promised all attending.

—At the police court this morning a Chinaman was charged with an attempt to elude the payment of taxes by presenting the collector with a receipt issued a fellow countryman. The case was remanded.

—Patrick Ferrell, a pioneer of the province, died last evening at the Royal Jubilee hospital. Deceased was 75 years of age and a native of Dublin, Ireland. He leaves a widow, three sons and one daughter. The funeral is arranged to take place on Thursday at 2 p. m. from the parlors of W. J. Hanna, Rv. G. K. B. Adams will officiate.

THE GROTTO SALOON ROBBED THIS MORNING

Clever Thief Escaped With Ninety-Two Dollars Leaving No Clue to Identity.

A daring and cleverly executed robbery was committed early this morning at the Grotto saloon, Trounce alley. In all about \$92.50 was lifted, the theft being accomplished so quickly and unobtrusively that the police have practically no clue as to the identity of the person or persons concerned. The door was not even broken open, and the only indication that anything out of the way had happened was a discarded cheque for \$3, which was found upon the floor just below the drawer from which the money had been removed.

The burglary took place some time between 3 and 2:30 o'clock. As a general rule Fred Elia, who is in charge of the saloon at night, closes at 2 o'clock promptly. On this occasion, however, he was detained for an hour or more. When he came to lock the back door the key was missing. He did not think anything of the circumstance, believing that St. G. Chamberlain, day bartender and one of the proprietors, had removed it for some reason. Therefore, he contented himself with bolting the door from the inside. This done, he proceeded to the Maryland restaurant for a meal before going home.

While there the police entered and notified him that he had neglected to lock up, as the door leading into the back entrance of the Grotto was ajar. Scarcely crediting the information, he returned hastily and found it to be correct. Entering he sighted the cheque upon the floor, and soon discovered the loss of the sum mentioned. The police were immediately informed, and the detectives are engaged upon the case to-day.

Those interested have been busy trying to arrive at a solution of the problem of how the deed was done so effectively and with so little trace of its author. The conclusion generally agreed upon is that the act must have been deliberately planned during the past fortnight by some person familiar with the interior of the saloon. Mr. Chamberlain states that it is not the custom to place the money in the safe. At the end of every day it is put away in some hiding place, which is changed every two weeks or so. On this occasion it was put away in a cavity just back of one of the drawers. In view of the fact that so short a time elapsed between Mr. Elia's departure and his receiving notification of the open door it is concluded that the robber knew where the money was put and, what is more to the point, must have been in the apartment, unknown to Mr. Elia, when he left the building.

Such a thing is not at all impossible, as might be supposed, and would explain several things. Upon this hypothesis it is conjectured that the burglar obtained possession of the key of the back door some time during the evening in order to prevent its being locked. He then hid himself away in one of the small adjoining rooms. When Mr. Elia left he came out, took the money, and escaped, leaving the door ajar and throwing the key into a corner, where it has since been found. The one weakness in the whole scheme was the failure to secure the door. This neglect was probably due to natural nervousness under the circumstances. Had more care in this matter been exercised the robbery would not have been discovered until this morning.

As already stated, the police have the case in hand, and will leave no stone unturned in the effort to bring to justice the guilty party or parties.

RAILWAY CASE BEFORE THE COURT

REFERENCE MADE IN MIDWAY AND VERNON

Chief Justice is Hearing Evidence as to Whether Act Has Been Compiled With

Before Chief Justice Hunter this morning the reference under the Supreme Court Act in connection with the Midway & Vernon Subsidy Act was opened. There appeared for the government Deputy Attorney-General McLean, K. C. Attorney-General Fulton also attended a part of the time.

The Midway & Vernon Company was represented by E. V. Bodwell, K. C., and Harold Robertson.

The case is one to decide whether work was begun on the road within the time specified by the act.

Deputy Attorney-General McLean said the question was whether the Midway & Vernon Railway Aid Act, 1902, was in force in December, 1905. He explained that the company was incorporated in 1901 to build 152 miles of road from Midway to Vernon, as originally incorporated the railway was to be built from Vernon to Midway by way of Kelowna. This remained until February 10th, 1904, when this provision was struck out.

The Aid Act provided for the payment of \$5.00 a mile, making \$760,000 of a subsidy. The subsidy was to be built from Vernon to Midway, it was provided by the Aid Act. It was commenced was to be made within six months of aid being obtained from the Dominion government, and was to be completed within three years after that. A section of the act, however, provided that if the work was not begun before January 1st, 1904, the act became null and void. It was therefore a question whether the company was entitled to this \$760,000.

The government was not satisfied that work had been commenced. Only a very small amount of money had been spent. When the act was passed, it was felt, no substantial compliance with the act. The stirring up of a little earth and a few speeches did not constitute commencing construction.

In reply to the Chief Justice, Mr. McLean said in 1903 the Dominion parliament had granted a subsidy of from \$3,200 to \$5,400 a mile, according to the cost of construction.

Mr. McLean said this was not really granted until July, 1905, when \$3,200 a mile was granted.

He asked that the company put in its evidence.

E. V. Bodwell wished to know exactly what the government's contention was in the matter. The point which was proposed to be made by the government against the company should be clearly set out, so that it could be known what line of evidence should be submitted.

The Chief Justice said that it appeared that the company would have to show that work was commenced. Mr. Bodwell said that the company had spent \$135,000. More would have been spent had a doubt not been cast upon the payment of the subsidy by the government. Of this sum \$35,000 had been spent in surveys.

funds. Witness returned in 1902. Mr. Costello had had Mr. Coyle make a survey and estimate the cost of the road. Prior to January, 1904, work was done to get ready. In December, 1903, witness went to Vernon with Mr. Ashcroft, an engineer. The latter located land and commenced work. This was the day after Christmas. He made his first location about three miles south of Vernon, on the shores of Long lake, where rock work was to be done during the winter. He staked out a piece of work before January there. There were several in the party which began work. A foreman and one man was engaged January 1st to begin work at this point. These men worked on for about fifteen months. There were only two men on actual work, although there were several engaged in survey work. The first shot was fired by Price Ellison and a photograph was put in showing the work. About one-third of a mile of rock work was done here before work was suspended. The operations were then begun at the Midway end.

Cross-examined by Mr. McLean, witness said that in the beginning witness and Mr. Kerr were the syndicate back of the scheme. The law firm of Wilson & Senkler joined the syndicate. Later the firm withdrew and took a cash payment for their work. Mr. Kerr sold part of his interest to Mr. McDonald and later another interest to Mr. McIntosh. Ralph Smalies was also interested. R. Wood & Co., including his sister, his cousins, and other relatives had put \$200,000 into this scheme. It had been estimated that the road would cost less than \$25,000 a mile. It was never the intention of the syndicate to build the road. All that was intended was to interest capital to build.

In January, 1904, the financial arrangements were in progress. Mr. Smalies was in London. The work done was to conform with the law. Money to the extent of \$200,000 could have been obtained to go on with work until the contractors came on. If the government had wanted more employed it could have been done.

Ralph Smalies was the next witness. In reply to Mr. Bodwell, he said that he became connected with the company in 1902. In December, 1905, there was back of this scheme J. Cain, A. A. Arthur, F. Allen of New York, A. Best and Mr. Steele, of Pittsburgh, and Ladoburg, Tolman & Co., of New York, were the backers.

Money had been advanced, to begin work. The bankers were sending out experts to examine conditions and upon a favorable report would supply all the funds. Work was begun in July. In September the experts came out and reported very favorably on it. In December the statement was made by the finance minister in Montreal and the money stopped abruptly. There had been \$125,000 spent on surveys and actual work.

The Dominion Subsidy Act of 1903 under which aid was to be granted for a line from Midway to Vernon was dependent upon the company satisfying the government that it could build the line. This satisfaction was given in 1905.

The promoters had met with many obstacles which indicated that the C. P. R. had been opposed to the construction of the line. C. E. Lars, a contractor, under the Midway & Vernon, who was financially able to go on with the work, defaulted and went to the C. P. R., putting the work back seven months. In London also it had been found impossible to get information relative to the Shuswap & Okanagan, and this he believed was due to C. P. R. influences.

In 1904, when witness was in London, he had every satisfaction that the money would be supplied. On the streets of this he advised Mr. Wood to have work begun. The English capitalists proposed that New York capitalists should also become interested. A contract was accordingly entered into in May, 1904, with the Atlantic Contracting Company, of which C. E. Lars was a member. It was agreed by this company that \$10,000 was to be paid to the syndicate and proceed at once with the work. This company sent out the engineers, who were satisfied. The heads of the company came out in June, 1904. The company was organized the \$10,000 paid and work was to begin within 60 days. These men held this contract for six months and would not begin work. The Midway & Vernon syndicate were obliged to threaten an action before the contract could be handed back.

Mr. Bodwell asked if the C. P. R. was biased for this. Witness said they did because the C. P. R. gave these contractors work on the Nicola branch. This contracting company was to get three-quarters of the stock. It was to draw the subsidies also.

The court then adjourned until 2:30 this afternoon.

MANUFACTURERS' LIFE.

Managing Director on the Facts Alleged to Have Been Brought Out Before Insurance Commission.

Mr. J. F. Junkin, managing director of the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company, makes the following statement regarding that company to Mr. J. E. Smart, the local agent:

The references that have appeared in some papers commenting upon the evidence before the royal commission as to the affairs of the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company are very misleading. At the proper time the company will, no doubt, have an opportunity of laying before the commission the details of each transaction. At present, however, I wish to offer a very brief statement with reference to the several items: (1) In regard to the Pellatt loan, it was made to appear that the company paid an excessive amount for the C. P. R. stock in question. This is not so. The stock was obtained at market value and subsequently sold at a profit, and as to the other amount or amounts referred to the company is amply secured for every dollar by a registered mortgage and by other collateral, held to cover the advance. (2) The Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company never lost one dollar in call loans by any description at any time. (3) As regards the Prudential-Securitized Company, the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company had invested in certain securities which the inspector of insurance would not pass, and the directors of the Manufacturers' Life agreed to take over such securities paying to the company in actual cash their exact cost. There certainly was no juggling, but the directors of the company themselves assumed full responsibility, paying their actual cash for the securities.

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From her home at 29 Gilmour avenue, Toronto Junction, Mrs. J. Williton tells of her views found cure for neuralgia and muscular pain. "I have long been troubled with neuralgia, and Nerviline has been my only relief. When rubbed on it seems to sink right to the core of the pain, and gives instant ease. I can honestly recommend Nerviline for any pain or ache—it's a sure cure." "Can't help curing, it's so strong and penetrating. Sinks right to the core of the pain and prevents it returning. Don't forget the name—'Nerviline' and refuse any substitute.

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Members of the Royal Templars of Temperance will hold a meeting at 7.30 o'clock this evening. Important business will come up for consideration. An open meeting will take place starting at 8.30 o'clock at the A. O. U. W. hall. All interested in temperance work are invited to attend.

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RUSSIANS ADOPT DRASTIC MEASURES

IN EFFORT TO PREVENT ANOTHER OUTBREAK

Repressive Methods Arousing People to Fury—Both Sides are Preparing for Struggle.

(Associated Press.)

St. Petersburg, March 27.—Despite the government's assurance that another extensive outbreak in the near future is impossible the clouds are lowering and there are other indications that a big storm may break before the parliament meets. The resentment against the terrible repressive measures of the government is arousing the people, especially the workmen in cities, to fury. This is playing into the hands of the revolutionists, who are planning a political strike and a general uprising. They believe that the right moment will come in mid-April and both sides are preparing for the fray. If it comes it is likely to be bloodier and more terrible than anything previously witnessed in this country.

The record of arrests last week in St. Petersburg, besides showing an awful state of lawlessness in the capital, is eloquent testimony of the methods by which the government hopes to prevent the threatened explosion. According to the returns 659 beggars, 215 persons without passports, 213 thieves, 27 highwaymen and 1,067 unclassified persons, which means political suspects, were taken into custody.

At no time during the war was the war office busier than now, making dispositions to suppress the first evidence of rebellion. Machine guns and ammunition are being dispatched in every direction, troops are being shifted and concentrated at strategic points, armored trains are being stationed at the railroad centres and iron-clad automobiles are being sent to the larger cities for use in street riots.

Here and in Moscow the Cossacks and other cavalry are again patrolling the streets night and day, a project for a wireless telegraph system to enable the government to communicate with the interior in the event of a strike of the railroad and telegraph operators is being hastily worked out and soldiers are being instructed how to man trains and work the telegraph lines.

The intrigues of the reactionists at court are ceaseless. In fact the tsar seems to be fostering an outbreak in order to suppress it mercilessly and convince His Majesty that the people cannot be trusted with political liberties.

THE OVERLAND TRIP.

From the Pacific to the Atlantic in a Special Train.

On the return from the fishing grounds on Friday night Prince Arthur and party will proceed direct to the C. F. R. wharf and board the Princess Victoria for Vancouver. The steamer is being put in the best of trim for the accommodation of the distinguished party. On arriving at Vancouver the Prince will be received by a guard of honor of a hundred men of the Sixth Regiment. The Mayor and aldermen will also be present. A trip will be made round Stanley park, with a stop at the mills of the Pacific Coast Lumber Company, the return to be via English bay and Beach avenue. Dinner will be taken with his suite in his private car, and afterwards at 9 p.m. he will inspect the regiment which is named in honor of his father.

At Vancouver the finest train that ever crossed the continent will be at the disposal of the Prince and his party. It consists of nine cars, including one of the latest types of baggage cars, the sleeping car Andover, dining car Clondeboy, compartment car Canada, and the private cars Cornell and York. The trip east will be a daylight one. The first stop will be made at Skowogue Junction, where the Prince will spend the night in his sleeper. Leaving the following morning, the trip through the beautiful country to Banff will be made, with possibly a few stoppages. Calgary will be reached on April 15th, and from this point some side trips will be made, affording His Royal Highness an opportunity of seeing the immense cattle ranges and other attractions of the beef country. A couple of days will probably be spent there, and then on to Edmonton, where the Prince will get his first glance at the wheat lands which have made Canada famous. One day will be spent there, and then the special train will take the tracks of the C. N. R. for Winnipeg. One day, or possibly two, will be spent in the Prairie City. Another stop will be made at Battleford, and the party will proceed to Ottawa. The following programme from this point is as follows: April 29th, leave Ottawa, arrive Niagara Falls 1 p.m. April 31st, leave Niagara Falls at 9 p.m., spend two hours in Hamilton, and arrive at Toronto at 6.55 p.m. April 27th, leave Toronto, April 28th, arrive at Halifax at 3 p.m. After remaining in Halifax until May 1st, St. John will be visited, the party arriving at Quebec on the evening of May 3rd. From there it is proposed to go on a fishing trip to the Gatineau district, and the Prince will arrive in Montreal on May 7th, remaining in this city for four days, and will sail for England on the steamship Virginian.

SENTENCED TO DEATH.

Chita, East Siberia, March 27.—A court martial here to-day sentenced to death thirteen postal officials who participated in the recent strike.

MINERS AND OPERATORS.

Failure to Reach Agreement Will Be Reported to Joint Conference.

(Associated Press.)

Indianapolis, Ind., March 27.—The joint state committee of the bituminous coal operators and miners of the central competitive district, after being in session a week, decided to-day to report a disagreement to a session of a joint conference of miners and operators to be held at 2 o'clock.

President Mitchell declined to make a statement in advance of the opening session of the joint conference this afternoon. He said it would be determined by the action of the conference when he would go East to take up consideration of the anthracite situation.

"The miners' national convention will be held immediately following the adjournment of the joint conference. Should this convention be held to-morrow Mr. Mitchell could not arrange for a conference for Friday or Saturday.

THREATEN TO BOLT.

Pittsburg, March 27.—Information was received here yesterday to the effect that National President Mitchell has made a proposition to the operators to sign fifty per cent. of them on the wage scale of 1903, but refuses to sign with Mr. Robbins in this individual, even though he represents over 50 per cent. of the bituminous tonnage. Miners at local headquarters threatened to bolt and sign with Mr. Robbins on their initiative if this report proved true.

NOVA SCOTIA GOVERNORSHIP.

Mr. Justice Fraser Selected to Fill the Vacancy.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, March 27.—Mr. Justice Fraser, of the Supreme court of Nova Scotia, has been appointed Lieut-Governor of Nova Scotia in place of Hon. A. G. Jones, deceased.

DEATH OF MRS. JAFFRAY.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, March 27.—Senator Robt. Jaffray received a telegram to-day stating that his wife died this morning in Toronto.

ROOSEVELT'S MESSAGE

To Congress Regarding the Preservation of Niagara Falls.

(Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., March 27.—In submitting to congress the report of the members of the international waterways commission regarding the preservation of Niagara Falls, President Roosevelt to-day sent a recommendation that a law be enacted along the lines of the recommendations of the report. The report of the commission has been published.

The message says: "I earnestly recommend that congress enact into law the suggestions of the American members of the international waterway commission for the preservation of Niagara Falls without waiting for the negotiation of a treaty. The law can be put in such a form that it will lapse, say, in three years, provided that during that time no international agreement has been reached. But in any event I hope that this nation will make it evident that it is doing all in its power to preserve the great scenic wonder, the existence of which unharmed should be a matter of pride to every dweller on the continent."

MOROCCAN POLICE

Committee of Conference Prepared Clause of Agreement Which May Be Accepted.

(Associated Press.)

Algiers, March 27.—The committee of the Moroccan conference has prepared the text of a paragraph which it is expected will be the basis of an accord on the police question. The American delegates have drafted a clause for the agreement which is accepted by the principal delegates and was adopted by the committee. This clause provides the diplomatic corps at Tangier shall receive reports of the operations of the police for the purpose of assuring that the decisions of the conference are carried out, and as a guarantee for the impartial treatment of foreign interests.

PROCEEDINGS IN COMMONS.

New Bill Introduced—Supplementary Estimates Under Consideration.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, March 27.—N. Beaubien introduced a bill in the House to-day regarding the Pacific Bank of Canada, and R. G. Macpherson a bill to incorporate the Pacific Marine Underwriters' Association.

The business in the Commons is progressing rapidly this session. The supplementary estimates for the current year were considered this afternoon.

TWENTY YEARS IMPRISONMENT.

(Associated Press.)

New York, March 27.—Robt. H. Spriggs, the negro recently convicted of abduction in detaining white women against their will in a resort frequented only by negroes, was to-day sentenced to serve twenty years in the state prison. Sallie Bennett, who assisted Spriggs in conducting the resort, and who pleaded guilty to abduction after Spriggs had been convicted, was sentenced to ten years in the state prison.

EVIDENCE COMPLETED.

Hearing of Case of Missouri vs. Standard Oil Company Has Concluded.

(Associated Press.)

New York, March 27.—The taking of testimony in this city in the ouster proceedings in the state of Missouri against the Standard Oil Company was completed this afternoon. Attorney General Hadley requested Commissioner Sanborn to send a signed copy of the testimony to the Missouri Supreme court.

THEATRE DESTROYED.

(Associated Press.)

Meriden, Conn., March 27.—The Meriden theatre on Church street, the largest playhouse in the city, was destroyed by fire this morning, and the loss is estimated to reach nearly \$200,000. It is not known how the fire started.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, March 27.—A. P. Low has been promoted to be director of the geological survey.

PERSONAL.

Harry Wright, M. P. F., wife and child, will arrive here from Vancouver to-night. A telegram to H. Dallas Helmecken to-day announces that no members of Mr. Wright's party were injured in the automobile accident reported from Vancouver.

Mrs. George F. Baldwin, of Vancouver, is spending a few days in the city, a guest of Mrs. Templeman, Simcoe street.

Mrs. Lewis Hall has left for Vancouver to spend a short time with friends.

Only one fish, weighing 14 lbs., was caught at a fishing match at Yarmouth. It took the first prize of lbs., making its value 15c. 49d. an ounce.



Everybody Smokes Old Chum.

The Victoria clearing house reports that the total clearances for the week ending March 27th, amounted to \$934,829.

After hearing argument in the case of Wallace vs. Hamilton yesterday afternoon the Chief Justice reserved his decision. The argument was confined to legal points.

A practice of those participating in the chorus Rose Maiden will be held, commencing at 8 o'clock to-morrow evening, at the city hall. Those who have joined the society and have not yet attended these rehearsals are extended a cordial invitation.

The remains of J. C. Sparrow were laid to rest on Friday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from the family residence, Simcoe street, yesterday afternoon. Rev. W. Leslie Clay conducted the funeral services, and those who acted as pallbearers were Capt. Babington, Capt. Anderson, Capt. Johnson, Capt. Harold, Robert Anderson and David Henry.

The annual election of members of the Law Society held yesterday resulted in the following selection: Hon. F. J. Fulton, K. C., ex-officio; E. P. Davies, K. C.; L. G. McPhillips, K. C.; E. V. Bodwell, K. C.; Hon. C. E. Pooley, K. C.; H. Dallas Helmecken, K. C.; G. E. Corbett, K. C.; John Elliot, Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, K. C., and J. A. Macdonald, K. C.

Capt. Thompson, the pilot who boarded the steamer Tartar on her arrival here, and who has been detained at quarantine ever since, wishes to correct the statement made that he is being held at William Head now because he refused to be vaccinated. The captain says that he has now been vaccinated successfully, and that his detention now in quarantine is to comply with the regulation requiring that he shall stay in confinement for eighteen days after being subjected to contagion.

JAPAN'S ARRIVAL.

The Vessel Reached the Outer Wharf at 11 O'clock This Morning.

The R. M. S. Empress of Japan completed her 75th homeward voyage this morning, arriving at the outer wharf at 11 o'clock after a pleasant passage from Japan. The ship carried a large number of saloon passengers, there being in addition to the members of the Royal party aboard the following: Capt. G. S. Aubert, J. D. Auld, Mr. Drew, Mr. Dunbar, Mr. Reginald Dixon, Mrs. Reginald Dixon, Miss M. H. Fee, C. F. Fonday, Mr. Goold, W. Heinemann, Mr. Heller, C. W. Hodgson, O. Hoerler, Mr. Laffin, E. Lekebusch, Comdr. F. O. Lewis, R. N. A. L. Mains, J. E. Norton, Bishop W. P. Oldham, Mr. Potter, J. J. Rafferty, Mrs. J. Rafferty, and child, Capt. R. M. G. Tutty, Capt. J. Vaughan, Rev. C. Gordon Vaudin, R. N. C. R. de la Vergue, Mrs. C. de la Vergue, Mr. Weissmuller, H. W. Wickless and Mr. Woodland.

Besides the above there were 30 intermediate and 301 steerage.

TRIAL TABLE.

Victoria, B. C., March 26th.

Date	Time (H.)	Time (M.)	Time (S.)	Time (T.)	Time (F.)	Time (S.)	Time (T.)	Time (F.)	Time (S.)
1	6:25	7:9	14	12	4.1	...	...	...	...
2	6:54	7:19	19	33	3.5	...	...	...	...
3	7:23	7:48	28	30	3.5	...	...	...	...
4	7:52	8:17	36	31	3.1	...	...	...	...
5	8:21	8:46	45	28	2.8	...	...	...	...
6	8:50	9:15	54	25	2.5	...	...	...	...
7	9:19	9:44	63	22	2.2	...	...	...	...
8	9:48	10:13	72	19	1.9	...	...	...	...
9	10:17	10:42	81	16	1.6	...	...	...	...
10	10:46	11:11	90	13	1.3	...	...	...	...
11	11:15	11:40	99	10	1.0	...	...	...	...
12	11:44	12:09	108	7	0.7	...	...	...	...
13	12:13	12:38	117	4	0.4	...	...	...	...
14	12:42	1:07	126	1	0.1	...	...	...	...
15	1:11	1:36	135	0	0.0	...	...	...	...
16	1:40	2:05	144	0	0.0	...	...	...	...
17	2:09	2:34	153	0	0.0	...	...	...	...
18	2:38	3:03	162	0	0.0	...	...	...	...
19	3:07	3:32	171	0	0.0	...	...	...	...
20	3:36	4:01	180	0	0.0	...	...	...	...
21	4:05	4:30	189	0	0.0	...	...	...	...
22	4:34	5:03	198	0	0.0	...	...	...	...
23	5:03	5:32	207	0	0.0	...	...	...	...
24	5:32	6:01	216	0	0.0	...	...	...	...
25	6:01	6:30	225	0	0.0	...	...	...	...
26	6:30	7:04	234	0	0.0	...	...	...	...
27	7:04	7:38	243	0	0.0	...	...	...	...
28	7:38	8:12	252	0	0.0	...	...	...	...
29	8:12	8:46	261	0	0.0	...	...	...	...
30	8:46	9:20	270	0	0.0	...	...	...	...
31	9:20	9:54	279	0	0.0	...	...	...	...
32	9:54	10:28	288	0	0.0	...	...	...	...
33	10:28	11:02	297	0	0.0	...	...	...	...
34	11:02	11:36	306	0	0.0	...	...	...	...
35	11:36	12:10	315	0	0.0	...	...	...	...
36	12:10	12:44	324	0	0.0	...	...	...	...
37	12:44	1:18	333	0	0.0	...	...	...	...
38	1:18	1:52	342	0	0.0	...	...	...	...
39	1:52	2:26	351	0	0.0	...	...	...	...
40	2:26	3:00	360	0	0.0	...	...	...	...

SUICIDES IN GERMANY.

The Aggregate Number Has Decreased in the Year.

The Prussian statistical department has published some instructive particulars relating to suicides during the past year. While the aggregate number of suicides has decreased somewhat, the number of women who chose this form of death relatively increases. The percentage of women suicides has risen from 19.6 of the whole number in 1901 to 22.5. It is believed in Berlin by writers on the subject that, as women continue to take part in the struggle for life, and enter on new occupations, the number of them who commit suicide will continue to increase. The official statistics can assign no cause for nearly one-fifth of the total number of suicides. Temporary insanity causes one-fourth of these, and the deaths of 10 per cent. are attributable to sorrow, 8 per cent. to remorse, shame and the stings of conscience, and nearly 10 per cent. to the ravages of alcohol.

DIED.

ROARKE—On the 26th inst., in the State of Washington, Thomas P. Roarke, aged 38 years, and a native of Victoria, B. C.

The funeral will take place on Thursday at 8.30 from the parlors of W. J. Hanna, and 9 o'clock at the Roman Catholic church.

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