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WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS. Victoria Meteorological Office, 18th to 24th November, 1903. The first four days of the week were for the most part overcast and rainy, while the remaining three days were fair.

Victoria—Amount of bright sunshine recorded was 13 hours and 48 minutes; rain fall, 56 inch; highest temperature, 53.0 on 21st; lowest, 35.6 on 19th. New Westminster—Rainfall, 1.44 inch; highest temperature, 50 on 21st; lowest, 24 on 18th.

WEATHER BULLETIN. Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department. Victoria, Nov. 25, 5 a.m.—The storm area which was off Vancouver Island yesterday has, during the night, caused a heavy southerly gale on the coast from this to the Columbia river.

Reports. Victoria—Barometer, 29.96; temperature, 49; minimum, 47; wind, 4 miles S. E.; rain, 24; weather, cloudy. New Westminster—Barometer, 29.98; temperature, 50; minimum, 46; wind, 4 miles E. rain, 54; weather, cloudy.

PASSENGERS. Per steamer Charmer from Vancouver—Major Dupont, R. M. Palmer, P. McGath, H. Dempster, O. Weeks, A. H. Rideau, G. W. Whittaker, L. J. Cooper, J. Hally, G. Wheldon, Williams, J. J. Hillwell, F. J. O'Reilly, W. J. Havel, Mrs. Cochran, Geo. Emerson, Mr. Atkins, Miss Rafferty, E. M. Elmhurst, Mrs. Jaks, C. J. S. Baker, A. Barkley and wife, J. S. Fowler, T. S. Crawford, J. S. Bryn, J. Shatford and wife, J. Lane, H. J. Lane, W. Winkler, J. Dunley, Thos. Hunter, Jas. Calvert, A. Bonth, C. N. McGowan, A. M. McInnis, M. Murphy, W. R. Wiken, Stuart Henderson, A. Ward, Miss Pidgeon, G. W. Keady, K. W. Calloway, Rev. E. Green, Mrs. Keady, M. P. Whitfield, W. Llard, C. E. Gilmith, Rev. W. H. H. Allen, H. Jones, J. F. Garden, Mr. Bunton, Col. Whyte, Thos. Gifford, H. L. Edmunds, Colin Campbell, F. Carter, Oatton, T. E. Begg, Mrs. T. Pith, C. W. Munro, H. B. Gilmore, H. McLean, W. J. Bowser and wife, A. H. B. Macgowan, W. H. Edmunds, Miss Gadd, F. H. French.

CITIZENS' BALL A STRIKING EVENT

GAY ASSEMBLAGE IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL

One of the Most Successful Functions Ever Held in City—Many Officers Were Present. Last night the Assembly hall was the scene of unalloyed pleasure. It was the occasion of the citizens' ball in honor of Rear-Admiral Bickford, G. M. C., and the officers of His Majesty's navy on the North Pacific station.

Every detail that contributed towards the success of the function was fulfilled. In the first place there was a big attendance, Victoria's society turning out en masse to do honor to the "sons of the sea." Then the interior of the hall presented a beautiful appearance, and the music, which was provided by an orchestra of twenty-four pieces, under the leadership of Bandmaster Finn, was beyond criticism.

Two much praise cannot be bestowed upon the committees in charge for the thoroughness of the preparations. A great many balls have been held in the Assembly hall during the past several years, but it has seldom been adorned so artistically and appropriately. Immediately on entering the corridor leading to the main hall, first invited attention. It was neatly draped with emblems of different nationalities set off with a gorgeous lighting.

At the far end, on an elevated stand, was the orchestra. This stand was draped with hunting and evergreen. Behind this was the supper room, which was adorned in white and yellow. There were a number of small tables—each seating about six comfortably—ornamented with handsome floral decorations. Lilies and chrysanthemums had been used in profusion, and the beautiful electric arrangements instilled under the superintendence of T. Watson, chief of the fire department, added to the brilliancy of the scene.

The committees in charge were as follows: Printing and music—Lieut. Col. Prior, Frank Higgins, J. A. Virtue, Degrassat—Chief, Watson, D. R. Harris, W. Ridgeway Wilson, Supper—Lieut. Col. A. W. Jones, Lieut. Col. Gregory, J. A. Virtue, W. A. Ward, G. Hartnagle. Reception: His Worship the Mayor, aldermen, senators, Privy councillors, members of parliament, Premier and members of provincial government, C. Hayward, C. E. Redfern, H. D. Helme, M. K. C. Richard Hall, M. P. P. D. M. P. K. C. R. Beaven, the chief justice and judges, C. E. Pooley, K. C., Capt. Hall, C. F. Todd, Gen. Carter. The secretary, W. Moreaby, acted as musical director and floor manager.

Bickford and officers of the Pacific squadron. He expressed regret at the approaching departure of the command-in-chief, and voiced the sentiment of all present when he expressed appreciation of the navy's presence on this station. Rear-Admiral Bickford cordially reciprocated the hearty goodwill expressed by the Mayor.

VANCOUVER NOTES

Three-Corner Fight For Mayor—Licenses For Prize Fights Increased to \$500. Ald. McQueen has decided to accept nomination as candidate for the Electoral Union for the majority. A three-corner fight is thus assured, as both Ald. McQueen and J. J. Bannfield announce that they are in the field to stay till the last vote is polled.

It is reported that the Royal Bank of Canada has purchased from Jonathan Rogers the new block at the corner of Hastings and Homer streets, into which the bank moved a few days ago. The price paid is said to have been in the neighborhood of \$75,000. The charge against Savage, the prize-fighter, of stealing \$210 from C. Hansen, was withdrawn in the police court on Tuesday, as also the charge against Nishiyama, the Japanese, accused of extorting money from Jay immigrants.

The morals of the city were discussed at length by the members of the fire and police committee on Tuesday. The talk of morality was brought up by the fire inspector, who interviewed the committee regarding the issuance of licenses for prize-fighting, or "sparring exhibitions," as they are termed. The inspector mentioned that numerous complaints had been received regarding the fakes, pugilists, hoboes and deadbeats attracted to the city by the "fights," and said that now that the Sound cities had shut down on such exhibitions, the city of Victoria was swarming here in large numbers.

TIDE TABLE

Tide table for Victoria, B. C., November 26, 1903. Table with columns for Date, Time, Height, and Tide. Includes data for high and low tides throughout the day.

Zero of above heights corresponds to 11 feet in the fairway of Victoria harbor. The tide used is Pacific standard for the 120 Meridian west. It is counted from low to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot. For time of high water add 14 minutes to H. W. at Victoria.

THE CAUSE OF PILES. Is invariably constipation, which is quickly remedied by Dr. Hamilton's Pills of Mandrake and Butterroot. Sore relief, and no gripping pains. For a remedy that never fails use Dr. Hamilton's Pills. Price 25c.

MILITARY MATTERS. Events of the Present Week in Regimental Circles. Members of the Fifth Regiment are requested to take note of the following programme for the week, which will be published from day to day with the elimination of the various events as they occur:

- Thursday: 1. Gymnasium night, 2. Meeting of No. 2 Company, 3. Bugle band practice, 4. P. M. Friday: 1. Gallery practice, 2. Band practice, 3. Saturday: Band concert.

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END OF DROUGHT IN NEW SOUTH WALES

An Eight Year Period of Dry Weather Broken With Bountiful Rains in September.

According to advices from Australia the disastrous drought with which New South Wales has been afflicted for a period of eight years may now be regarded as a thing of the past. Indeed, over the greater part of the state the drought ended with the magnificent rains of September, and in many of the principal agricultural areas further rains may prove harmful instead of beneficial to the crops. The situation in the Far West, which but a month or two ago had reached an acute stage, was also relieved by the falls of September.

Sir Henry Jackson, high commissioner for the Pacific, arrived at Brisbane on 11. M. S. Pylades just prior to the departure of the Mauna. In the course of an interview his secretary, M. King, gave some interesting information. Mr. King stated that Sir Henry left Fiji on October 12th, in the Pylades, and went first to Gaviutu, off the coast of Florida, where he arrived on the 19th. He went to see Mr. Woodford, the resident commissioner at the settlement of Aalaga, and had with him a conference on matters connected with the administration of the protectorate.

THE ORPHEUM. Week of November 23. JACK SYMONDS, In a New Act. RAYMOND AND CLARK, Comedy Sketch. IRA ORTON, Premier Banquet. MISS KNEESLAW, Illustrated Song, "Two Congregations." Moving Pictures, New and Novel. Continuous performances, 3 to 5 and 7 to 10 p. m. Admission, 10 cents.

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UP TO THE LEGISLATURE.

The Speech from the Throne has been read and the honorable members of the Legislature have been left to their profound deliberations. The most prominent feature of the government's programme will of course be its financial policy.

In his mention there is one matter not alluded to in the Speech, we venture to say, that should receive attention immediately by the members of the House.

We learn from the Empire Free Press that the Conservative government of British Columbia is still interposing objections to a revision of the ballots in Fern's constituency.

Now we are quite sure the people of British Columbia would like to hear an explanation from the Premier upon this matter. He claims to have a good working majority in the Legislature.

THE PARTIES COMPARED.

In the midst of the strife and turmoil of political life we catch an occasional note pitched in a high key, demanding the reformation of the parties.

Then there is Quebec. A few years ago it was considering the question of going into a state of bankruptcy or repudiating its obligations.

for the purpose of plundering the country. There has been no fall of plunder since the administration fell. Not a breath of scandal has beset the name of the Laurier government.

But it is the case of Ontario we wish to deal with. That is the province that is constantly being held up as a warning to those who wish to see political integrity set upon a pinnacle.

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How then, about the workers? Were those belonging to one side more wicked than the other? The records tell us. Of the men reported or convicted by trial for corrupt practices, six were Conservatives and one a Liberal.

How do these facts fit in with the organized outcry against the Ross government as the party of wickedness, overcoming by fraud the Whitney opposition?

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There is a story told of a British army officer who was appointed governor of a British island. "But," protested the officer, "how am I to govern the island? I don't know anything about law."

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City News in Brief.

Go to Senate saloon for oyster cocktails.

The Sunday School Workers' Union is meeting in Vancouver. The convention opens today, and will be continued to-morrow. About sixteen delegates are in attendance representing the Sunday school teachers and officers of Victoria.

On Monday evening, the 20th inst., an entertainment will be given by the Wallace Society in their hall, Broad street. It will consist of beautifully colored views of British scenery by the epigraph, with musical effects and moving pictures. Admission, 25 cents.

Lesong Kai Chen, one of the leading officers of the Chinese Reform Association, will visit Victoria shortly before leaving for his home in Japan. Some months ago he visited this city in the interests of the organization which represents the Chinese in the eastern part of Canada and the United States since that time and the Pacific coast cities.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Wm. Miller took place yesterday afternoon from her late residence, Osler street, at 3 o'clock, and later from Christ Church Cathedral. The services were conducted by Rev. E. Foster Sharp. The pall-bearers were Messrs. J. W. Cricker, Capt. J. W. Gidley, J. Andrews, C. Hammond, G. W. Meslier and E. Hughes.

Mainland loggers are petitioning the legislature respecting matters pertaining to their business. Among the requests to be made is that restrictions on special timber licenses should be removed, enabling the holders to transfer them. The object of this is to give those interested an opportunity to utilize these as collateral security in obtaining money to carry on their work.

Weller Bros. have the most charming collection of art pottery in the city of Victoria. This range includes plant pots and pedestals, jardinières, table sets, ash trays, tobacco jars, candlesticks, etc. They take a look at them and see the very latest English-pottery productions. They are moderately priced.

An examination of the Dominion government insurance reports shows that The Mutual Life of Canada stands today at the head of all life companies doing business in Canada in the net amount of insurance in force gained over all its competitors during the past five years. It will pay you to obtain the rates and plans of The Mutual Life of Canada before insuring elsewhere. B. L. Drury, manager, 34 Broad street.

Mainland papers all have complimentary write-ups of the new C. P. R. steamer Princess Beatrice and the excellent workmanship everywhere represented in her comes in for much praise. The furnishing of the ship is alluded to as "rich," "the finest seen on this coast," etc. The bulk of this was done by the David Spencer establishment, that firm having provided the carpets, curtains and a lot of the upholstery. Port Stewart Byron, under whose supervision the undertaking was carried out, is also most appreciative of the work. An interesting fact about the furnishing of the two new C. P. R. steamers is that the work has been divided between two of the largest houses in the city. Spencer's have done the bulk of that on the Beatrice, and Weller Bros. have the contract for furnishing the Princess Victoria.

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A masquerade ball will be given by Mrs. Lester in Alexandra hall on the evening of Tuesday, December 1st, commencing at 8.30 o'clock. Invitations are being issued.

The Y. M. C. A. members' rally and reception by Mr. and Mrs. Rawel has been a most successful one. The decision of the entertainments for the remainder of the week.

Every dollar purchase entitles you to one guess how many yards of Ribbon? for the Solid Gold Watch, to be given by Santa Claus on January 1st, 1904. Ribbon displayed in our north window. The S. Reed Co., Limited.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. James Roy Vickers and Miss Hanna Mary Schaefer, of Beacon Hill, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by Rev. W. Leslie Clay. The newly married couple are spending their honeymoon in the city. They intend making their home in Toronto.

Some one broke into the pheasants' pen at Beacon Hill park last night and made off with six valuable birds. The loss of the birds is very annoying to the park commissioners, and this evening an advertisement appears in this paper under the name of the chairman, A. G. H. Barnard, offering a reward of \$25 for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the guilty.

Last evening the Tax Reform League met at Labor hall, Douglas street. Joseph Peirson occupied the chair, and in his address spoke of the objects of the league. The address of the evening was delivered by Dr. F. W. Morley on the subject "Taxation and Social Prosperity." A discussion of the subject followed. During the evening a program of music was given by Messrs. Deaville, Mrs. Deaville and Miss Carlyon.

The art exhibition at the city hall is attracting a good number of visitors from day to day. Citizens who have visited the display of statues in this museum have been delighted, and the interest is therefore increasing. Reproductions of the masterpieces in the line of sculpture are exhibited, and the display has a real educational value. These are on sale at the hall so that any one wishing a high class ornament is afforded an opportunity to purchase. Saturday will be children's day, and the admission will be ten cents all round.

On Saturday afternoon the Victoria Association Football Club will play the Garrison at Work Point barracks. This will be the first time these two teams have met this season in a league match, and an exciting game is looked for. The following players will represent Victoria: Goal, F. Jones; backs, H. A. Gowan and H. Pettigrew; half-backs, J. A. Rithel, W. York and N. Gowan; forwards, D. E. Menzies, J. Lorimer, S. Lorimer, B. Tye and L. York. Reserve, Thompson. The game will start at 2.45.

At the First Presbyterian church last evening Rev. Dr. Campbell united in the holy bonds of matrimony Mr. Harry M. Berry and Miss Minnie Florence, youngest daughter of Mr. B. Stapleton, of 73 King's road. Mr. A. M. Gregg supported the groom and Miss Grace Haekett acted as bridesmaid. The bride looked charming in a travelling gown of blue broadcloth, with a panne velvet hat. The happy couple left on a honeymoon tour of the Sound cities by the Chatham. They will take up their residence here upon returning.

After a brief illness C. G. Hitt, of Hitt Bros., Victoria West, passed away yesterday evening at the Jubilee hospital. He had been ailing for about four days, having become ill on Saturday with appendicitis, and was operated upon almost immediately. In spite of the best of attention, however, he never recovered from the effect of the operation, and died yesterday at about 7 o'clock. Mr. Hitt was 27 years of age and a native of London, England. He has lived in Victoria for about six years, and for four years occupied the position of cashier and bookkeeper at the Albion Iron Works. About two years ago he left this employment to take a partnership in the firm of Hitt Bros., and he has been in that business ever since. He has been married about two years, and leaves a widow and child to mourn his loss. A mother, two brothers and one sister reside in Victoria. The funeral has not yet been arranged.

BRITISH PEOPLE ARE SYMPATHETIC

DECIDEDLY FRIENDLY TOWARDS THIS COUNTRY

Mr. Duff Speaks of His Visit to the Old Land—His Impressions of Mr. Chamberlain.

L. P. Duff, K. C., and Mrs. Duff are back again to Victoria, having arrived two evenings ago from London. As is well known, Mr. Duff was associate counsel on the Alaskan boundary tribunal, and in that connection spent about two months in the world's metropolis.

Like several other gentlemen prominently identified with the proceedings in connection with the tribunal, Mr. Duff is returning regarding the whole matter, contenting himself with the observation that the Canadian case was quite as efficiently prepared as that of the United States, and that it was presented in a most forcible way. He recognizes that any criticism offered by him now that the whole matter is closed would serve no good purpose even if he had any to offer.

Of the treatment accorded himself and the other Canadians while in London Mr. Duff speaks in terms of unstinted praise. The English people are not given to the spectacular in their hospitality, but their treatment of himself and those associated with him was nevertheless of the most cordial kind. He was entertained at different country seats, at Oxford, and other historic points, and altogether while not engaged in his duties spent a most enjoyable time.

The decision of the tribunal was, he states, unpalatable to the British people as a whole, quite as much so as it was to Canadians. But in such matters the Briton is reserved and secretive, and consequently his real feelings found few avenues of expression.

Towards Canada he found on all sides sentiments of the greatest cordiality, and that a misunderstanding is apt to arise in regard to the real sentiments of the British people to those of the United States. There are a large number of highly cultured American people who every year spend several months in Britain, and are extremely popular, not because of their nationality, but because they are personally agreeable. Hence there has arisen an impression that people from the United States are at a premium in the Old Land, to the exclusion of Canadians—an impression which is quite erroneous, and which those who have an opportunity of gauging the sentiment of the middle classes as well as of what may be termed the "official" class, well understand.

While in the Old Country Mr. Duff enjoyed the opportunity of hearing two of the giants of the campaign now being waged over the fiscal question. At Manchester he heard Mr. Morley's first public effort since his semi-retirement, imposed through his literary work in connection with the life of Gladstone, and was charmed by the elegance of that great Liberal's oratory. But, it is to be noted, Mr. Duff was not only delighted with the manner in which Mr. Chamberlain advanced his views, but the personality of the man created a profound impression on him. He states that pictures do not convey an accurate idea of his face. He is rather small in stature, with a forward inclination of the head, and the general bearing of an alert fighter. Even the long stride with which he advances to the front of the platform, his gestures, and the general arrangement of his speech betokens the wary antagonist, conserving his strength, gauging his opponent, and watching narrowly for an auspicious moment to land his blows. The mouth is rather cynical, but the eyes are kindly, humorous and expressive.

From what he gathered while in England Mr. Duff is convinced that the great mass of the people are Chamberlainites, not always as Earl Grey expressed it at the Newcastle meeting alluded to, because of their adherence to his fiscal ideas, but because they believe he is the only man in England who can command the confidence of all parts of the Empire, and weld them into one Imperial whole.

Mr. Duff spent a few days in Ottawa while en route home.

Mr. Willard Field and Miss Pearl Southworth were united in marriage by Rev. W. Leslie Clay yesterday afternoon. Both the contracting parties are from Spokane, and will take up their residence in that city.

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Children's Gloves Children's Kid Gloves, lined through-out, with dainty fur tops, all sizes. To clear. FRIDAY 50c	Ladies' Gloves Ladies' Kid Gloves, with fur tops, lined throughout, a neat warm glove for cold weather. To clear. FRIDAY 75c
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W. T. Hardaker, AUCTIONEER. Is instructed to sell at the residence of MRS. W. A. WARD, Pemberton Road.

W. T. Hardaker, Auctioneer. O'BRIEN OUT OF IT. (Associated Press.) Dublin, Nov. 26.—Wm. O'Brien, in a letter to John Redmond, the Irish leader.

HOW M. BLOWITZ Supplied His Paper With Secret Proceedings of Berlin Congress. The recently published memoirs of the late M. Blowitz, the celebrated Paris correspondent of the London Times.

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SHIPPING. Passengers and mail on the Moana for Vancouver and points beyond west from here on the steamer Charmer this morning.

IN DANGEROUS POSITION. Arrivals from the north on the steamer City of Seattle early this week say there is grave danger that the Yukon steamer Canadian will be jammed in the ice of the coast spring.

MARINE NOTES. The British ship Pass of Brander, 1,063 tons, which arrived at Royal Roads a few days ago, will sail for East London, South Africa, has been fixed by Balfour, Guthrie & Co. to load a cargo of lumber at the Tacoma Mill Company.

ITALIAN CRIMES. Three Notable Cases Now Occupying the Attention of Authorities.—Two Wages Impleaded.

THE PAPAL GENDARMES. The Origin of the Force, Commandant of Which Has Resigned. Commandante Tagliarini, commandant of the Papal Gendarmes, has sent in his resignation, after forty years of service.

WHY DO WOMEN SUFFER? Such pains and sufferings as women have to endure in their domestic life are due to a lack of the vitality of the system.

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PERSONAL.

R. Carruthers, a business man of Victoria, South Africa, is in the city. He left that country several years before the outbreak of the war and has spent the principal part of the intervening time visiting the Old Country.

THOS. GLAIRD, M. P. P. of New Westminister, J. H. Brown, M. P. P. of Greenwood, Thos. Taylor, M. P. P. of Revelstoke, John Oliver, M. P. P. of Delta, C. W. Munro, M. P. P. of Chilliwack, Wm. Davidson, M. P. P. of Saanich, H. Jones, M. P. P. of Sidney, J. Murphy, M. P. P. of Saanich, and F. Williams, M. P. P. of Nanaimo, are making their headquarters at the Dominion Hotel.

A Home and Wife of Commisario A. Peterson, of Dancoque, W. C. Witzel, of Portland, and G. F. Baldwin and T. J. Stephens, of Vancouver, are at the Victoria hotel.

Major Huppert, R. M. Blinn, J. W. Hugh Allan and F. H. French were among the Victorians who came over from Vancouver last evening by the steamer Charmer.

THE WAR OFFICE. The New Minister and the Financial Secretary. (Associated Press.) London, Nov. 26.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes: Total reserve, decreased £13,000,000; circulation, decreased £40,000,000; bullion, decreased £158,496,000; other securities, increased £442,000,000; other deposits, increased £152,000,000; public deposits, decreased £49,000,000; notes in circulation, decreased £131,000,000.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION. Vancouver-Quadrant, No. 2, A. F. & A. M., Monday, November 30th, at 7:30 P. M. R. B. McMICHAEL, Secy.

\$25.00 REWARD. The above reward will be paid to any person giving information which will lead to the conviction of the person or persons who broke into the pheasants' aviary at Beacon Hill Park on the night of the 25th instant and stole six pheasants therefrom.

VICTORIA THEATRE MONDAY, NOV. 30. DE WOLF HOPPER And His Opera Company in a Musical Production of Charles Dickens's Masterpiece, MR. PICKWICK.

JEALOUS OF BRITAIN.

Russia Intriguing to Head Off the Expedition to Tibet. (Associated Press.) St. Petersburg, Nov. 26.—The newspapers here regard the British expedition to Tibet as an attempt to stir up a movement in China, under cover of which the power will increase in the sphere of influence, and they appeal to China not to permit the empire to be deprived of Russian intervention as on other occasions.

FAVOR INCORPORATION. Committee of Lady-smith Citizens Appointed to Arrange Preliminaries Another Accident. (Special to the Times.) Nanaimo, Nov. 26.—An judicial meeting of property holders of Lady-smith held last night, passed with two decisions, a resolution favoring incorporation. A committee of leading residents were appointed to undertake the preliminary work.

BANK OF ENGLAND RETURNS. (Associated Press.) London, Nov. 26.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes: Total reserve, decreased £13,000,000; circulation, decreased £40,000,000; bullion, decreased £158,496,000; other securities, increased £442,000,000; other deposits, increased £152,000,000; public deposits, decreased £49,000,000; notes in circulation, decreased £131,000,000.

DISASTROUS FIRES. Damage at St. John, N. B., Was Over \$400,000.—Four Men Killed at Omaha. (Associated Press.) St. John, N. B., Nov. 26.—Fire, which broke out in the cellar of the charitable department store last night, did damage to the extent of forty or fifty thousand dollars. The building was owned by the J. W. Lawrence estate; the upper story was used as a wing to the Victoria hotel, part of the second and third floors were used by the Lawrence family and as Dowling Bros. dry goods stock room, and by Charles C. photographer. The ground floor was occupied by Charlton & Co.'s department store, Thorne Bros., fur, and A. M. Gray & Co.'s stationery store.

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