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THE DEATH ROLL IN CITY OF MOSCOW
 THOUSANDS HAVE BEEN KILLED AND WOUNDED
 Officials Report that the Troops are Getting the Upper Hand—Leaders Captured.

This quadrilateral the insurgents have fortified every inch of the lines with barbed wire and telegraph poles, and street cars in front of which they have constructed a network of entanglements. Artillery is being used mercilessly.

Two of the four regiments have returned to duty and fighting on the side of the government. Troops have also arrived from St. Petersburg.

The destruction of the city by fire seems to be over for the present.

As the correspondent of the Associated Press drove through the accessible streets of the city he saw patrols firing every time the people gathered in groups in the Strastnoff boulevard.

The revolutionists are threatening an armed insurrection similar to that at Moscow. The military authorities are making every preparation and have ordered the entire garrison to be ready for any emergency. Detachments of infantry occupy the railroad stations. The authorities have arrested many members of the trades unions and a number of revolutionaries.

SCHOONER CAPSIZED.
 Six of Crew Drowned—Mate Was Four Days Without Food.

Tampa, Fla., Dec. 25.—The three-masted schooner Sabotee, of Parramore, N. S., has been wrecked and its entire crew of at least seven men drowned, excepting Mate John Williams, of St. John, N. B.

The drowned include John Conlon, managing officer of the schooner, and fifteen, both of Parramore; John Cox of St. John, the steward, and four seamen.

The wreck was reported by Captain Lesmond of the schooner Helen Thomas, which arrived at Port Tampa to-day from Galveston.

Capt. Lesmond first sighted the capsized schooner on December 23rd. He sent a boat containing his second officer and five men to the wreck. The men found Mate Williams clinging to the vessel and he had been without food or drink for four days. Hunger had forced him to eat a portion of his outfit. Williams was practically recovered from his ordeal.

CANADIAN NOTES.
 St. Catharines, Dec. 26.—Mrs. James and Mrs. Richard Woods, sisters-in-law, having married brothers, and life-long friends, died here within an hour of each other. The coincidence does not end there, however, for both ladies were born on the same day about 70 years ago, and both lived on Church street near one another.

Telegrapher's Invention.
 Winnipeg, Dec. 25.—G. M. Kenzie, C. P. R. operator at Kenton, Man., has perfected an automatic device for calling another office which will do the work of a man in this respect. He expects it to greatly facilitate telegraphy.

Alleged Fraud.
 Calgary, Alta., Dec. 25.—Lattimer, of Philadelphia, was arrested here to-day charged with defrauding Mrs. Eliza Carpenter of Montreal out of \$100.

THE POOR OF LONDON.
 Large Increase in Number Receiving Out-Door Relief.

New York, Dec. 25.—A cable dispatch to the Times from London says: "Official figures relating to the legal poor of London show that the numbers in receipt of pauper relief in nearly every month of the year now ending has been greater than in any of the previous forty years comprised in the returns, with the exception of the period of 1867 to 1871. The ratio of pauper per one thousand of population has been higher in most of the months of this year than in any previous year since 1878. Not only has there been a remarkable increase in out-door relief but the numbers entering workhouses has continued. In no year of the history of the poor law has the population in the workhouses been greater than for December."

In Northampton a woman follows the occupation of butcher, and another that of horse slaughterer.

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O'clock to-night that the insurgents have no longer a chance, and that they are making a last stand. He predicts that there will be no further heavy fighting.

All the troops he says are fighting now on the side of the government. The workmen's council to-day decided to take the most energetic action towards workmen who refuse to join the strike.

Three hundred workmen who were organizing a "red flag" procession were arrested.

Explosions in the morning and troops have occurred in various sections of the city.

An official dispatch from Moscow says:

At every point the troops have been victorious. Fighting in which quick-firing guns and other artillery were used, progressed for two hours December 23rd. The casualties in the insurgent ranks are said to have been heavy. Saturday night and Sunday morning the city was quiet. Sunday forenoon, however, the artillery was again active at the Great railroad station. The inner town is perfectly quiet.

Strike at Warsaw.
 Warsaw, Dec. 25.—At 11 a.m. the street railroad employees struck to-night and the employees of the steam railroads are expected to follow suit.

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FRENCH NAVAL SCANDAL.
 Plans of New-War Vessels Found in Homes of Non-Commissioned Officers.

Toulon, France, Dec. 25.—Several projects of non-commissioned officers of the navy are impending owing to the discovery at their domiciles of detailed plans of new battleships and submarine boats.

This, it is expected, will solve the mystery of the disappearance of the plans of the submarine boat Albatross, of which vessel a duplicate had been constructed in Germany supposedly from the French plans.

SITUATION AT SHANGHAI.
 No Further Outbreaks, But Blue-jackets Are Still on Duty Throughout City.

Shanghai, Dec. 25.—All is quiet here. A force of 250 men has been landed by the British cruiser Andromeda, and bluejacket guards are maintained all through the foreign concessions.

The British assessor, P. Wyman, will resign the mixed court to-morrow. The Chinese officials have hardly issued warrants for the arrest of the promoters of the riot who have escaped.

Wreck on the Maples branch of the Lehigh Valley road. W. S. Henison, a brakeman of Geneva, N. Y., was killed, says a Rochester, N. Y., dispatch. The car on which Henison was standing jumped the track in a narrow cut, the brakeman being thrown off and the car toppling over on him. He was crushed to death.

ELECTORAL LAW.

Gazetted in Russia—National Assembly Must Decide Question of Universal Suffrage.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 25.—The new electoral law was gazetted to-day and was accompanied by a statement explaining that in view of the fact that even some of the western countries do not possess universal suffrage, the cabinet could not assume the responsibility of decreeing it. The ultimate decision must be made by the national assembly itself. The election list will be published, for the date of election will be announced, and as soon as the government receives notification that the members are elected the national assembly will be convened.

The extension of the suffrage proclamation to-day applies especially to the cities, where it is made plain that the social and political conditions are especially provided for, the suffrage will include every owner of real estate paying taxes; persons conducting enterprises, like shopkeepers, paying licenses; persons paying a lodging tax or occupying a lodging; and persons in the government service, including railroad men.

All limit of rent paid by lodging holders as voting qualifications is removed; the indirect system of two degrees of voters in both the cities and country is retained.

A new feature of the law is that the workmen, instead of being allowed a specified number of class representatives, have a right to elect their own representatives in the electoral colleges with the other classes. Moreover, instead of the cities having separate representatives, the electoral colleges will be composed by the provinces. The workmen will choose an elector for every 10,000 men.

The result is shown in the case of the province of St. Petersburg, where the electoral college contains 14 peasant electors, 14 landowners, 15 city landowners and 14 workmen. By this method while the workmen's electors are the largest class, they will only be able to elect representatives in combination.

The new law is a great extension of the law of August. It contains elements which would have been impossible to gain, but with the slogan of "universal suffrage" ringing in the popular ear, it will prove a great disappointment and is certain to furnish the proletariat organizations with a new weapon for agitation. They do not want concessions; they boldly proving that nothing but the complete overthrow of the autocracy and the establishment of a democratic republic will satisfy them.

VOLCANO STILL ACTIVE.

Lava Flowing Towards Sea and Natives Are Preparing For Flight.

San Francisco, Dec. 25.—According to the passengers who arrived on the liner Ventura, the Volcano on the island of Savaol, in the Samoan group, is still in vigorous activity. The glare from the crater at night is visible, it is said, at sea many miles away and the lava has covered an area of thirty square miles. This molten flow has filled eleven miles of a deep valley and is heading for the shore. Natives whose homes are near the beach are preparing to abandon their huts and coconut groves on short notice.

PICKED UP AT SEA.

Vessel Which Lost Three Blades of Propeller Is Being Towed to Port.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 25.—The British ship Lincoln, having lost at sea three blades of her propeller, passed in the Virginia Capes to-day in tow of the British steamship Trojan. The Lincoln sailed from Newport News, Va., on December 22nd. The accident occurred twenty miles southeast of Cape Hatteras, and was caused by the vessel striking some obstruction in the ocean.

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DROWNED AT SEATTLE.

Seattle, Dec. 25.—Charles Wilson, a freehouse employee at Bellevue, opposite Leach park, was drowned yesterday afternoon. A canoe in which he was paddling about a quarter of a mile from shore overturned. Before help could arrive he had sunk. The body was not found.

Wilson, who was 39 years of age, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Wilson, of 6102 Phinney avenue. His father is a building contractor.

Wilson was seen in the frail craft a short distance from shore. A sudden squall came up and capsized the boat.

PATENT OFFICE REPORT.

H. Harris, of the Hall Mining & Smelting Company, Nelson, B. C., received recently, through the agency of Rowland Brittain, patent attorney, Vancouver, a British patent on his improved distributing trough for separately delivering the matte and slag from the smelting furnace. The advantage of this invention is that it will permit a continuous flow of the matte and slag from the furnace as it is formed, and in the condition of separation therein effected, while at the same time it will maintain a constant head of the molten material within the furnace. This invention of Mr. Harris is already a practical success, and has been the subject of patent applications in various countries.

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Solicitor Defines Powers of Esquimalt
Company—Park Wanted For North
Ward—Other Matters

At the regular meeting of the city council last evening, the city solicitor submitted an interesting report on the powers of the Esquimalt Waterworks Company in the regulation of water rates in Victoria West. Apart from this the matters dealt with were largely of a routine nature.

While in committee the council was waked upon by a deputation representing the Municipal Association of North Ward. Noah Shakespeare acted as spokesman, and among those accompanying him were Messrs. Sprague, Smith, Jeeves, Watson, Raymond and Gold. In a brief address Mr. Shakespeare requested that the seven acres of property bordering on Ontario and Superior streets, and set aside by Sir John Douglas for park purposes, be sold and the proceeds devoted to obtaining an area somewhere in North Ward to be converted into recreation grounds. He pointed out the need for such a convenience in that section of the city, and asked that immediate action be taken.

Acting Mayor Goodacre expressed himself in favor of the proposal, and promised that the idea would be embodied in a recommendation to the incoming council.

Ald. Hall spoke along the same lines, and Ald. Fullerton followed, strongly recommending that a resolution empowering the legislative committee to act should be drafted and passed. The acting mayor and aldermen shortly afterwards met in regular session, the usual formalities introducing the proceedings.

H. Stadhagen wrote protesting against the system of obtaining books at the new Carnegie library. He thought the conditions governing the applications were much too stringent.

Ald. Stewart explained that the library was not really open. The catalogue had not yet been issued.

It was contended by Ald. Hanna that the necessity of bringing witnesses to the library to sign applications was scarcely right. He thought this regulation might be eliminated for the convenience of the public.

Ald. Fell said the method was business like. He pointed out that there

were books worth anywhere from \$10 to \$20 in the library, so a guarantee was needed. It was a library for use and not abuse. Continuing, he contended that the late library was loosely operated, and, as a result, several hundred dollars' worth of books were lost. He thought it a small thing for the borrowers to comply with—to secure one witness to their applications.

Ald. Hall thought the regulations were wise, but was of the opinion that the writer might be informed on the subject. He added that the library wasn't actually opened.

On motion of Ald. Stewart the city clerk was asked to write to Mr. Stadhagen explaining the circumstances.

W. H. Johnson asked the city council to purchase an arc dynamo which was not being used by the corporation. He offered it at \$600, and expressed the hope that the deal be closed before the New Year. Referred to the electric light committee.

H. Hobbs acknowledged his appointment to the position of returning officer at the forthcoming municipal election. Referred to the city clerk.

The city solicitor forwarded the appended communication:

December 21st, 1905.
To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Victoria, B. C.:

Gentlemen—I beg to inform you, with reference to my being instructed by you to advise as to the legality of the acts of the Esquimalt Waterworks Company in charging residents within the city limits an excess of water rates over those charged by the city of Victoria; that the company are well within their rights in making the present charges, as they are less than they have the power to charge.

Section 12 of the Esquimalt Waterworks Act, 1905, gives the company power to fix the rate, or price, which any owner or occupant of any house or building who shall use their water shall pay for the use thereof, "but in no case shall the company fix a greater rate than twenty cents a thousand gallons for water, or one dollar a month, from the owner or occupants of any building wherein the number of persons does not exceed four, and thirty cents a month per capita for each and every additional occupant; and the company shall have the power of electing whether they shall charge parties using water from their works by the gallon or per capita, as aforesaid, or one dollar a month as aforesaid."

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On being put to a vote the amendment was carried by four to three.

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The report was received and filed.

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Ald. Hanna favored the compilation of rules in order that those concerned might be given another opportunity.

Acting Mayor Goodacre thought it was simply a question of whether the janitor or the librarian remained.

On being put to a vote the amendment was carried by four to three.

A committee, of which Ald. Fell was chairman, submitted a report in reference to passenger traffic across the E. & N. bridge. A communication from the C. P. R., stating that the matter had been left in the hands of R. Harpole, was enclosed. It was pointed out that there were a number of matters to consider. It was a question whether the closing of the bridge at night, instead of allowing it to remain open as at present, would be advisable. The latter arrangement was beneficial to harbor traffic. It was acknowledged that the change would be convenient to pedestrians.

The report was received and filed.

Ald. Hanna's motion, amending the Songhee's Indian reservation report was laid over until the next meeting.

The following report was submitted by Ald. Fell, chairman of the legislative committee:

Gentlemen—Your legislative committee having considered the undermentioned subjects, beg to report as follows:

1. Amendments to the Municipal Clauses Act and the Municipal Elections Act.

We have considered, with the assistance of Messrs. Barrett and city solicitor certain amendments which present themselves to the Municipal Council at the forthcoming session of the legislative assembly, and we revised the amendments which were suggested to the municipal committee of the legislative assembly last session, but which failed to receive consideration, and we desire to report the same as follows:

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All persons indebted to the estate of Isabel Julia Askew, deceased, are hereby required to pay the same to the undersigned on or before the 20th day of February, 1906.

Witness my hand and seal this 15th day of December, 1905.

GEO. F. ASKEW & HARRY HULBERT,
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DR. OSLER'S REVISED OPINIONS.

The telegraphic dispatch which dealt with the latest sensational deliverance of Dr. William Osler, the famous Canadian who has made his mark and achieved renown in America and Great Britain, did not do full justice to that eminent man. The doctor, it appears, has written a book, and there may have been method in his sensational manner of bringing it prominently before the public.

In this work it is reported that Dr. Osler has amplified his former rather sensational statement respecting the age limit or maximum period at which man can hope to be useful to his fellow men, and at which, logically, from the point of view of a purely utilitarian mind, he should be taken in hand, dealt with summarily and placed permanently in a place from which he could never emerge to be a burden upon the hands of the diligent worker.

At home the ideas of the Russians appear to be as chaotic as the social and political conditions of the empire. The proletariat longs vaguely for a change of system. Instead of availing itself of the means at its disposal under the new regime for bringing about reforms in the political conditions, it is striving by violence to set up a new order. Leaderless and knowing not with any degree of clearness what it would have, the mob is met by the army, disciplined and under the control of authority, equipped with all the weapons of destruction modern invention has placed at its command.

Our friends the Doukhobors are a product of the religious and political institutions of Russia. The present generation of Doukhobors will hardly arrive at a thorough appreciation of the merits of the system under which they live and operate to their own manifest advantage, but their successors will be brought up in a different atmosphere. They will go upon no vague and purposeless pilgrimages. There are indications too that a majority of the peculiar people who have set themselves up in business on our prairies are beginning to understand and to develop practical business traits. One of them has made such progress that he is said to have reached the stage of development which prompts him to take business advantages of his neighbors. So cute is this specimen becoming that it is even said an official inquiry into his peculiar relations with his kin will be held.

Ninety suffered bodily pain and distress of some sort or another, eleven showed mental apprehension, two positive terror, one expressed spiritual exaltation, and one bitter remorse. The great majority gave no sign, one way or the other. Like their birth, their death was a sleep and a forgetting. The preacher was right: In this matter man hath no pre-eminence over the beast—so one dieth, so dieth the other.

Concerning poets the writer has this: "We have the very highest authority for the statement that the lunatic, the lover, and the poet are of imagination all compact. In a more comprehensive division, with a keener discernment, Plato recognizes a madness which is not an evil, but a divine gift. The poet is a light and winged and holy thing, whose inspiration, genius, faculty—whatever we may choose to call it—is allied to madness."

As we have said, the book throws a new and interesting light on Professor Osler's opinions. It is doctors who have outlived their usefulness at 60 years of age, poets whose genius is akin to madness, the springs of whose inspiration have dried up, and other mere fustian of the sea of life who ought to be taken in hand and snuffed out scientifically. We are content, and we know the majority of our readers will be content, with the explanation, because we feel, and we believe they feel, that the average man outside of the professions—in which continuously flowing springs of inspiration are essential to success—is capable of much useful work after he has completed the span thus scientifically and arbitrarily set.

MISGUIDED RUSSIANS.

Facts which have come under the consideration of observers of human events indicate that the Russians are a very peculiar people. The political up-bringing of the Muscovite may have had a certain influence upon his temperament. The treatment he has received from his own government may have continued him, that all authority is pernicious in its tendencies, and that consequently happiness cannot be sought with success until authority is put under the popular ban. It is not only in Russia that the Russian chafes at the restraint that is placed upon individual action. At a meeting in New York of aspirant men representing the "advanced thought political" institutions of the United States, were denounced with virulence as standing in the path of the real freedom of the people. President Roosevelt was held up in dishonor as the arch enemy of liberty and true enlightenment. The question therefore arises, what is to be done with people who have such perverted ideas of government?

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Circumstances do not favor revolutionists in these latter days as they did in the times when individual determination and the force of mere numbers counted for so much. In Russia the mob has no chance at all against the disciplined machine that has been set up against it. The mob may be a veritable weakling, incapable himself of offering stern and effective resistance to rampant popular will, but he is surrounded by strong and remorseless spirits even more interested in the perpetuation of present conditions than their royal master. Under the circumstances, and while the army remains steadfast to the cause of those who command it, the proletariat is simply beating its reckless head against a stone wall. Reforms must be accomplished in a constitutional manner. The present "revolution" is a hopeless and purposeless, spluttering, sporadic outburst. It but retards the progress of the cause the people vainly and pathetically delude themselves into the belief they are advancing.

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American naval students at Annapolis, gentle-minded and considerate young fellows that they are, possibly following the example of their brethren-in-arms in attendance at a sister institution, hazed a comrade by standing him upon his head for a quarter of an hour or so. The injuries the youth sustained nearly caused his death and resulted in an illness whose effects will be permanent. It is proposed by those in authority to discipline the high-spirited youths by the infliction of a certain punishment. But the amour propre of the institution will not tolerate such a thing. If the course prescribed be persisted in the students may strike and leave Uncle Sam minus the nucleus of officers of proper spirit with which to man his rapidly-increasing navy. Here is a delightful situation for the Secretary to the department to contemplate. In all affairs of state the will of the people is law. Why make a distinction in the case of the academy at Annapolis? It is the will of the majority in that institution that offenders against the spirit which pervades the place shall be punished in accordance with certain prescribed rules: By what right do outsiders come in and interfere with disciplinary measures? It is true that in their more mature years the 'young men' may see the matters which at present agitate them in a different light. They may regard cruel and unusual punishments as being unjust and worthy only of the spirit of the people who preceded them in the possession of this great continent. But you cannot put old heads on young shoulders; neither can you eradicate perverted ideas from minds which have been developed under a perverted system.

European trips are dangerous to Canadian public men, according to the records. Sir John Thompson died suddenly in Windsor Castle (we believe) after a personal consultation with Queen Victoria. Mr. Doherty, a member of the Laurier government, met with an accident while in England that caused his death. Mr. Prefontaine, it is understood, had practically completed arrangements with the British government which would have resulted in the assumption of responsibility for the maintenance of the naval yards at Esquimaux and Halifax and the creation of the nucleus of a Canadian naval force when the call came to him. In the case of Sir John Thompson imposing posthumous honors were paid by the Imperial government, and the remains were conveyed in state on a British warship to his native land. The new government of Great Britain has offered to indicate its appreciation of Mr. Prefontaine's services to the Empire by the bestowal of similar honors. It is altogether likely that the Canadian government will acquiesce in this arrangement, and that the funeral of the minister will be of an imposing character, in keeping with the value of his services as a public man.

Sara Bernhardt has requested Margaret Anglin to participate with her, on terms of equality, in a grand dramatic festival in New York. The point of this story lies in the application thereof. Miss Anglin is a Canadian. The divine one has, therefore, evidently revised her lately expressed opinion that Canada has produced no artists of note. It is self-evident that Miss Bernhardt would not appear upon the stage on terms of equality with anyone who was not an artist.

The Toronto Globe says the C. P. R. is having built in Scotland a steamship for the Pacific trade, which will be the largest afloat in these waters. The vessel must needs be a monster then. The Milwaukee and Dakota would be considered big boats on the Atlantic.

What Other People Think

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS. To the Editors:—May I be permitted through your columns to appeal to the residents of Victoria West on the necessity of registering their vote before Saturday next. Vital issues affecting the small holders of real estate make it imperative that every possible vote should be cast at this election.

A meeting of West voters takes place on Thursday evening at the club rooms when every voter who can possibly make it convenient should attend. A Joint meeting with the North Ward and Spring Ridge associations will be held Tuesday evening next, the week following a mass meeting of North Ward electors will be held at the North Ward school. At this meeting the representative candidates will be given an opportunity of addressing a collective North Ward vote.

JAPANESE AMBASSADOR.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Viscount Suizo Aoki has been appointed Japanese ambassador to the United States. Information to the effect was conveyed to Secretary of State Root today by Mr. Hiroki, the Japanese chargé here. Viscount Aoki is a member of the privy council and of the first class order of the Rising Sun. He is of the highest diplomatic rank.

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BUSTER BROWN.

Cartoon Creation to Appear on Stage of Victoria.

Christmas week this year is indeed a lucky one for the boys and girls of Victoria. For besides having further circumstantial evidence provided them of the really-and-truly existence of Santa Claus, they are also to have the chance to see "dear little Buster Brown" with all his merry friends. When it was first announced that Manager Ricketts would reopen the season with the very successful cartoon-comedy of "Buster Brown," inquiries began as to whether or not there would be a matinee, for if there is one individual in whom the kiddies are interested, next only to Santa Claus, it is the bright-faced, mischievous-buster. To be sure, the stage "Buster Brown" is more than the story of the cartoons—it has Buster himself, and "Tee, and all the friends and relatives, and in addition there are singers, dancers, show girls, wonderful scenic and lighting effects, ballets, choruses, songs—indeed everything that goes to make up a new variety of entertainment that is a little of comic opera, a bit of character play, much comedy and farce, and a few things for which names are yet to be found. Happily for the youngsters, Manager Ricketts has been able to meet the Victoria demand for a matinee in addition to the two evening performances, and the show will accordingly be seen here not only on New Year's night and the evening after, but on the afternoon of the second as well—a fact that will cause much joy in childhood. The papers of all the cities of the United States seem agreed that the show is a merry and a worthy one.

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To the Electors of Victoria: LADES AND GENTLEMEN—Being requested by a number of citizens to accept nomination for Mayor, I feel in duty bound to offer my services, and do so the more willingly, believing the people are weary of the inauspicious influence exercised by corporate companies over city affairs; That they are prepared for municipal control and gradual ownership of public utilities; For the replacing of the present high rates for light with the minimum good service; For a square deal on the water question, believing that the present trumped up suit is a menace to the reputed rights of the city; For a more efficient and economical service of the department of works; For the safe-guarding of the city's interest in the disposition of the Singshe Reserve; And for open dealings of the Council. A. J. MORLEY.

POULTRY SHOW.

Local Fanciers Held Meeting Last Evening to Make Arrangements.

At the meeting of the Victoria Poultry and Pet Stock Association held in the city hall last night much business was completed in connection with the coming show, which will take place from January 10th to 13th.

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THINKS GEORGE GUILTY.

Judge Lennon Displaced by Action of Jury.

"I know of no good reason why the jury did not find a verdict of guilty." That was the statement made yesterday afternoon by Judge Lennon, who tried the Collins case, 8575 Sunday's "Tribune" chronicler. He made it from the bench, and he made it with a strong accent on the word "good." There are, of course, several conceivable bad reasons for a juror casting his ballot against the evidence. But, then, all jurors are accepted on the supposition that they are sane. That eliminates a large majority of the bad reasons. Hysteria, Hunter, and Hickman are gifted with the mental powers that enable the ordinary man to observe and reason, and it may be imagined that they are now employing these endowments in observing the strength of public opinion in their case, and in reasoning that they are still in a minority. Obsolete attorney Hyington has not been idle. Evidence has come to light which may go far to substantiate the assertion which he made immediately after the jury were discharged. It is now known that the men whose names were on the venire in department H of the Superior court before the Collins case were drawn, were approached by Collins in person even before the commencement of the trial. It is not an unusual thing for an attorney to procure the list and examine the names so that he may be able to make his preliminary challenges with intelligence. For that reason the judge in Judge Lennon's court did not think it strange that Collins should ask for the venire and make a copy of the seventy names that were on it at the time.

PERSONAL.

Genitor Templeman left this morning for Ottawa, and expects to return in about three weeks. Business in connection with the strings of the tariff commission has called him to the capital. It is not considered probable that the Dominion parliament will meet before the first of March, as there is still a great deal of work to do in connection with the revision of the tariff.

C. E. McWha, of Bamfield; Geo. E. Winter, of Seward, Alaska; Frank O. B. O'Neill, of Seattle; E. B. Wettenhall, of Saanich; R. A. Ogilvie, J. S. Gordon and wife, L. S. Cary and J. R. Jennings, of Vancouver; R. O. Jennings, of Port Simpson; and G. Hodgson, of Calgary, are at the King Edward.

Geo. E. Gray and W. M. Ross and wife, of Seattle; Mrs. L. W. Loomis, the Misses Loomis and W. M. Seymour, of Tacoma; Jas. A. McNair, of Vancouver; H. E. Martin, of St. John, N. B.; and Jas. Laidlaw, of Cranbrook, are at the Friar.

A Lindsay, of the Wellington Colliery Company, has returned from San Francisco after looking into the coal trade there. He reports that the business with Vancouver Island is in a healthy condition, and that shipments from Newcastle and Australia have diminished considerably.

Frank Brooks and Mrs. Brooks, of Brandon, Man., are spending a short time in the city. They are guests at the Dominion.

M. Gartenberg, of San Francisco; W. A. Hoffman and D. A. Fish, of Chicago, are among the guests at the Dominion.

L. A. Walters, H. C. Laidlaw and A. R. Laidlaw, of Salt Spring Island, are at the Balmoral.

S. W. Rodley, of New Westminster, is registered at the Balmoral.

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DOMINICAN TROUBLES.

Engagement Imminent Between Rival Parties—Insurgents Moving on Town.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The secretary of war to-day received the following cablegram from acting comptroller and receiver of the Dominican customs Edwards, dated at Santo Domingo:

Carlos F. Morales, dissatisfied with the cabinet support, left the capital last night with a few followers. His intention, it is said is, to join Jimenez in opposition to the followers of Horacio. A conflict between the two forces is imminent, probably in the vicinity of San Juan or Puerto Plata.

Carlos F. Morales makes an attempt to establish a new capital and create a new cabinet. Political excitement, but without disturbances, here. Receivership is not affected yet. G. R. Colton should be at Monte Carlo on Thursday.

G. R. Colton referred to in the above is the receiver of the Dominican customs. Another dispatch says the captain of the Porto-Puerto Plata was shot and killed during an insurrectionary movement and the governor of that province has defied the general government and barricaded the town. The Dominican government had issued a decree removing the governor. The state department has determined that this is an internal difficulty and will not intervene at this stage.

Revolt in Progress. Turks Island, Bahamas, Dec. 26.—Mail advices received here from Monte Christo, San Domingo, yesterday, say that Guayubin, Domingo and Sabaneta have taken up arms against the government and the Dominican-American fiscal convention. Generals Demetrio Rio Diaz, Joaquin Barba, Navarro, Martinez and Pedro Alvarez have gone with 600 men to attack Santiago, and General Lasala has marched on Lavaga with a force of about 1,000 men. Gen. Deschamps, former vice-president of Santo Domingo, leaves here shortly on board a sailing vessel to operate against Puerto Plata.

It is rumored here that President Morales is a prisoner in irons at the capital, San Domingo.

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CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

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Are you going to the Poodle Dog for your Christmas Dinner? If so engage your seat ahead.

According to the Dominion government, insurance reports the Mutual Life of Canada earned the highest percentage of profits in income of any Canadian company, while its expense rate was the lowest.

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Playgoers will read with pleasure that the coming Modjeska farewell appearance in this city, which takes place at the Victoria theatre on the 6th inst., will find the great actress in one of her most famous roles, either the title part in "Mary Stuart," "Lady Macbeth," or Beatrice in "Much Ado About Nothing."

Last evening's entertainment in the schoolroom of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church was a decided success. The attendance was large, and the cantata which was given by the children under the conductorship of Jesse Longfield was enjoyed by all.

The closing exercises of Elk Lake public school on Saturday were attended by a large number of parents and friends who thoroughly enjoyed the festivities.

The prize for the best recitation, presented by William Young, was awarded to little Marion Campbell. The presents from the Christmas tree were distributed by Santa Claus, while the ladies of the district bountifully served refreshments.

Pleasure reigned last night at the Christmas gathering of the W. C. T. U. Mission. The dinner and tea were very successful, as those who enjoyed them will freely testify.

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The total clearings at the Victoria clearing house for the week ending December 26th amounted to \$561,577.

The city treasurer desires that all persons who have accounts against the corporation present them at his office before Saturday.

The funeral of late Mrs. A. C. Willey, whose death took place at the Jubilee hospital on the 18th inst., will take place to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence, no 344 Government street.

Owing to the bad state of the weather yesterday the mixed foursome golf competition on the Oak Bay links was postponed until Monday and Tuesday next.

C. A. Harrison, of the Briard hotel, has imported a standard bred stallion from Kentucky. The horse is well bred, four-year-old, and is now in the hands of Mr. Harrison.

At the First Presbyterian church next Friday evening a splendid cantata, "Around the World with Santa Claus," will be given.

The Royal Templars of Temperance met last night and the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Past councillor, F. Hodges; vice-councillor, J. B. McCallum; select-councillor, Mrs. Lucombe; chaplain, W. H. Gibson; finance secretary, J. H. Young; reading secretary, W. Gleason; herald, Chas. Mitchell; trustees, J. H. Yoe; auditors, Mrs. Linscombe and W. M. Ritchie; representative to Grand Council, W. M. Ritchie.

Messrs. L. Keaton & Co.'s Sales-We would refer our readers to Messrs. Keaton & Co.'s advertisement in another column, of the sale of the whole of the stock of valuable and well-assorted china, embroideries, frames, toys, carvings, bronze ornaments, etc., belonging to the Oriental Bazaar, the proprietors of which are closing down and have instructed Messrs. Keaton & Co. to commence disposing of the whole of the stock on Saturday night at 8 o'clock at their store, 99 Douglas St.

ALLEGED KIDNAPPING. Serious Charge Preferred in the Police Court This Morning. A case of kidnapping was opened before Magistrate Hall in the police court this morning. The defendant is Mrs. Durham, and the complainant is James Murray.

NEWSBOYS' BANQUET. Richard Hall, M. P., P. W. De Host at This Year's Dinner.

Adhering to the custom, so happily inaugurated by him, Richard Hall, M. P., will entertain the newsboys of the city to dinner at the Poodle Dog restaurant on Thursday evening next.

These annual dinners are perhaps the most enjoyable to participants and holders that local caterers have the opportunity to provide.

ACCIDENT TO IROQUOIS. The steamer Iroquois had a misadventure a few days ago. Leaving Sidney in heavy weather, all went well until Retreat Cove was reached.

BRODERICK CASTLE ARRIVES. The British ship Broderick Castle, Capt. Olson, reached this port last night.

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Broderick Castle Had Narrow Escape From Striking Rocks of Vancouver Island—Shipping Notes.

Indications of increased activity in the shipbuilding line are very favorable. These are prospects that the construction of two good-sized vessels, the one a schooner and the other a steamer, will be commenced early in the new year.

The steamer referred to will be the "Vancouver-Portland-Cement Works." She will be a freighter capable of carrying to the Sound, Victoria or Vancouver the produce of the works at Tod creek.

The railway committee of the board of trade was requested at a meeting of the council of that body this morning to interview the E. & N. Company in regard to getting freight delivered from the cars at the wholesale houses and at the other wharf.

WEATHER BULLETIN. Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

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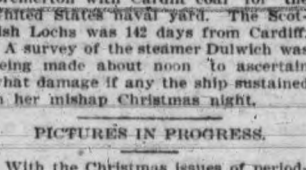
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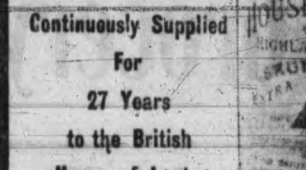
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The tale opens at the Duke of Clarence's theatre, by the stage-door of which a young man, powerful and amiable, but handsome, was looking as if he had just been through a bad time.

Gray, a rising young actress, and also by Luigi Macaire, a millionaire and friend of the manager, but of repulsive aspect and infamous character.

Macaire, who announces the purpose of finding out the murderer of the young actress, Gray, is the evening Wilfrid Gray is seen for the first time.

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room, and he could hear the other saying strange things in his sleep. His suspicions were roused against the man he had believed in, and he began to associate him with the mysterious disappearances which were so much talked of in the neighborhood.

Perhaps it would not have occurred to him to do this had he not begun to fear that his partner had lied to him about the gold discovered on his property. Gold he had seen, but he had reason to believe it had been brought from a distance and placed where he had seen it for the purpose of tricking him into putting down the money.

"One day 'Cloven Hoof' went away, and my father took advantage of his absence to pay a visit to the red trees. Close by there was a cave, and in a hole in the cave, under a great bank of sand and debris, he found not one body, but two. The skulls had been found in, behind with a heavy, sharp instrument, like an axe, and the bodies had been huddled into the hole dressed exactly as they had died. Their bloodstained clothes had not mouldered away like their flesh.

My father took the letters and thrust them deep into a pocket of his own coat. Then he went back to the murder, with his knowledge of the double crime. But his partner's journey had been a pretence. The wretched man had only gone a short distance, meaning to return unexpectedly, and taking my father unawares, kill him as he had killed the others. Afterwards my mother found that all my father's money had been withdrawn from his bank by means of a forged letter; and this having been accomplished, the sooner he was out of the way the better. No doubt the murderer meant this to be his last crime, and intended in any event to fly with the spoils, throwing suspicion on his latest victim.

"As my father was walking back to the house, someone leaped at him from behind, but he sprang aside in time to avoid the full force of the blow. He told my mother that somehow he felt surprised at the sight of his partner, with the lust of murder in his eyes; and they fought together a desperate fight, each man for his life.

"Once my father got his enemy down, and panted out what he had learnt; but the fiend wriggled himself free, and struck my father with a knife, which pierced his breast, touching the lungs. It was this wound that finally resulted in his death.

"While he was unconscious his enemy must have placed in his pocket the diary in question, which had evidently been prepared, expressly for the purpose. My father knew that he had wounded his would-be murderer, nevertheless, the wretch escaped, and it was supposed that my father had killed him and hidden the body before falling down in a faint induced by his own wounds.

"As for the letters, which must have been found conclusively who was guilty, and he had disappeared—my father and mother believed that they had been stolen by the murderer. The moonstone Sphinx and my mother's miniature were also missing, and it was not difficult to guess where they had gone, though the treacherous brute had no means of knowing what his victims had really been to the girl they both loved.

"The letters being lost and the murderer gone, there was no absolute proof that my father had not committed the crimes of which he had been accused—and my mother begged that he would remain with her, as she could not live while he lived. Such an experience must have proved impossible for a man of spirit, had he not died within a year; but I think that, in spite of all, they must have known some hours of happiness together.

"When he was gone my mother lived only for me, and the hope—not ideally Christian, but natural—that one day I should seek out the man who had robbed and killed her husband, and avenge their wrongs. While I was a boy I was left in ignorance of her sorrows, and we lived somehow on the little money she had left. But when I had grown to be a man who sent for me one day (we had moved from California to Colorado by this time), and I found her pale and quivering with passionate excitement. She had made an astonishing discovery."

(To be continued.)

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LAND REGISTRY ACT. In the Matter of an Application for a Duplicate of the Certificate of Title to Lots Thirty-one and Thirty-two, East Victoria (Map 27), Victoria City. Notice is hereby given that it is my intention at the expiration of one month from the first publication hereof to issue a Duplicate of the Certificate of Title to the above lands, issued to Robert Goddard McKel on the 28th day of October, 1905, and numbered 1127.

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