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## ASKS SUPPORT OF OPPOSITION

## WISHES TO HASTEN DEPARTURE TO LONDON

## Premier Denies There is Any Formal Agreement Between Govern- ment and Salvation Army.

Yesterday was private members' day and a number of railway and other private bills were put through their slowest stage—that of being considered in committee.

The opposition scored another point on a question of order, and as a result the bill to revive and continue the existence of certain companies which had reached the committee stage has been thrown out and a new one will have to be brought down by message from His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor.

The point of order was taken by the leader of the opposition sometime before the holidays. The proposed legislation which provided that lands escheated to the crown through the failure of a company to renew its certificate should be returned to the corporation upon its being revived; Mr. Macdonald called attention to the fact that this was really the taking away of crown lands, and in consequence would require to be introduced by message.

The ruling given to-day by the Speaker supported this contention, and the bill had to be discharged.

The new member for Dewdney, W. J. Manson, was formally presented to the speaker yesterday afternoon and took his seat amid applause from the government side. Premier McBride and the Conservative whip, Thos. Taylor, escorted the new member in.

The Premier made his formal announcement that he intended to proceed to London early in the day.

The Proceedings.  
Prayers were read by Rev. F. T. Tapscott.

John Oliver, immediately upon the opening, asked in view of the statements made a short time previous by Commissioner Combes of the Salvation Army, the Premier was prepared to take the House into his confidence and give full information relative to the agreement entered into between the government and officers of the Salvation Army on the subject of immigration.

The Premier returned: "I would like to say that we never had an agreement with the Salvation Army." He explained that there had been conferences between members of the government and officers of the Salvation Army and between R. M. Palmer, acting for the government and officers of the army looking to the carrying out of the scheme proposed, but there had been no agreement entered into.

Following this the Premier made an announcement relative to his decision to proceed to London. The Premier said that he felt it his duty to announce that in view of the proposed amendment to the British North America Act and its relation to the subject of "British" territory, he had decided to go to London.

He had decided with the concurrence of his colleagues to represent the province. It would appear that Sir Wilfrid Laurier was about to proceed at a very early period to London for the purpose of presenting to the British North America Act to be urged by him upon the Imperial parliament. It was felt in view of this that the province should not allow the opportunity to pass of presenting its claims before the authorities.

The government felt that this must be followed right up to the hilt, and accordingly he had decided to proceed to London.

He made this formal announcement because it was a right that the members of the Legislature should be informed of.

He felt that it was necessary to proceed as quickly as possible. He therefore felt that all the members would aid in every way possible in implementing matters so that this could be done. The members of the opposition, he was glad to say, had shown a ready disposition during the session to further the transaction of business as expeditiously as possible.

Portland Canal Railway.  
The bill to incorporate the Portland Canal Railway Company was committed with J. H. Parsons in the chair.

J. H. Hawthorthwaite moved to amend the bill by increasing the initial deposit from \$5,000 to \$10,000 and require construction to be begun before December 31st, instead of 1908. He contended that this bill was not being put through by men who proposed to build this railway. They intended only to hawk the charter about and get some one else to build it. He proposed to move a similar amendment to all the railway charters now before the House.

W. H. Hayward hoped the amendment would be carried down. This railway would be a contribution to a good mining district. There were mines there which would be developed if the railway were put through.

Mr. Williams also supported the amendment of Mr. Hawthorthwaite.

A. E. McPhillips thought the bill should be made to follow the Railway Act. The general policy was to provide for the deposit as set forth in the bill. If Mr. Hawthorthwaite's argument was carried down, it would apply to the Portland Canal Railway, and these great railway builders would be granted charters. He rather favored giving citizens of the province a chance to benefit by the construction of roads.

Mr. Hawthorthwaite said that Midway and Vernon afforded an example of railway building by these small men. A band of grafters who could not raise a dollar had proceeded to build the road and had not been able to pay the workmen.

Mr. McPhillips cited the work done by Col. Baker in connection with the Crow's Nest Pass railway.

Mr. Williams thought Col. Baker was an unfortunate example to put forward. He had made an immense fortune out of the lands he secured by charter mortgages of valuable lands from the province.

Mr. McPhillips contended that Col. Baker had risked all he had in advancing the interests of that part of the province. He was entitled to all he got out of it.

John Oliver agreed that the building of the Crow's Nest Pass railway carried with it scandals worse than any other in the history of railway construction on the continent. While the railway was built under Dominion charter Col. Baker and his associates were able by charter mortgages to secure 4,500 acres of valuable lands from the province.

## RECEIPTS FOR THE HALF YEAR

## TIMBER AND LANDS GAVE GREAT RETURNS

## Curiosity Increased as to Where Sur- plus Has Gone Within Past Few Months.

Yesterday afternoon the minister of finance presented the return, showing the receipts and expenditures of the province for the six months ending December 31st, 1906. It shows that there was a total of \$1,776,580 received by the province from various sources, and that the expenditure for the same period was \$1,178,798, which would leave a very good surplus. But it is explained in the return that there has also been paid in London the sum of \$229,812 for the half yearly interest on sinking fund. But even with this deducted it will be seen that there was at the close of the last calendar year a very fair surplus.

In view of these circumstances the statement that the surplus which the government had at the end of the fiscal year, June, 1906, has been dissipated for the most part as the government organ, the News-Advertiser says, arouses still greater curiosity as to what the extraordinary expenditures which have swallowed all this surplus up have been. It is evident that the dissipation of the finances of course has been since the opening of the present calendar year.

A return showing the receipts and expenditures since the opening of the year 1907 to the present time would therefore be very much desired by members of the Legislature.

The receipts from timber royalties and licenses during the last half of the year, 1906, show an enormous increase amounting to \$281,815, and on works and buildings \$132,815.

ROBSON AND ATTELL.  
English Featherweight Champion Out-  
pointed American in Contest in  
Philadelphia.

(Associated Press.)  
New York, April 4.—A dispatch from Philadelphia says Spike Robson, the English featherweight champion, clearly and distinctly outpointed Abe Attell, the American champion, in their six-round bouts which was declared a draw by the referee at the National Athletic Club last night. Robson showed his superiority in nearly every round, and was the aggressor most of the time.

GOVERNOR'S SON CAPTURED.  
Held a Prisoner By Rebellious Tribes-  
men in Morocco.

(Associated Press.)  
Tangier, April 4.—A son of General Delbel, governor of the Spanish fortress of Alhucemas, on the coast, was recently beaten and captured by tribesmen at Devass, Morocco, but some soldiers in the service of the rebellious leader came up during the disturbance and made everybody prisoners. The Spanish general in command at Melilla is making representations to Roahl, the chief, for the release of the prisoners, but so far without success.

THE VACANT GOVERNORSHIP.  
(Special to the Times.)  
Ottawa, April 4.—The House yesterday Hon. F. Oliver stated that a governor for the Yukon would be appointed on the opening of navigation.

## TWENTY LIVES LOST IN 'FRISCO FIRE

## Italian Hotel Destroyed--Many of the Victims Were Burned to Death in Their Beds--Twenty Others Seriously Injured.

(Special to the Times.)  
San Francisco, April 4.—Amid horrifying scenes and sounds that appalled even the firemen, fifteen Italian men, women and children were burned to death early this morning. Twenty Italians were badly burned or injured by jumping, and William Cole, a fireman, was fatally injured in a fire that destroyed the Geneva lodging house.

Over a hundred people were in the fire trap structure when the flames got headway, probably from the kitchen, before half the inmates were aroused.

Their escape was probably cut off and their screams rose loud above the roar of the fire.

Physicians improvised a hospital on a nearby lot, whence the victims were hurried to the various hospitals.

One woman rushed back to the house for a bank book and never reappeared. Another woman called vainly to the ashes to restore her child. The parents of a boy aged four and a little girl were shrieking around the smoldering pile long after the blaze was under control.

B. Pirpo, proprietor, re-entered the structure to rescue his wife but was finally driven out, choked and blinded. Mrs. Pirpo was killed.

Another lodging house with forty-five inmates adjoining, was also burned, but all escaped.

Twenty Reported Killed.  
(Associated Press.)  
San Francisco, April 4.—Twenty men were burned to death and twenty others injured in a fire which destroyed an Italian hotel at Seventeenth and Connecticut streets last night.

The injured were of the laboring class and were asleep in their rooms when the fire started. Before they could be aroused the flames had spread through the building.

The walls fell and the inmates were hurled in leaping from the upper windows.

A number of women are reported to have been believed to have perished. The exact number of dead cannot yet be ascertained, but the proprietor of the house is quoted as stating that it is not more than twelve.

One of the women who met her death is Mrs. Pirpo, wife of the proprietor. An adjoining lodging house was also destroyed.

There were forty-five men sleeping in this place, but all of them are believed to have escaped.

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that destroyed the Geneva hotel is believed to have started in the kitchen and did not gain great headway before it was discovered.

There were 100 lodgers in the buildings, which burned like tinder, and most of those that lost their lives were caught asleep and roasted to death.

So rapidly did the fire spread that it was impossible to do much in the way of rescue, and even when the fire department arrived the blaze was burning fiercely, and the firemen were hardly able to place ladders against the walls. They did, however, manage to save a number of people in the very top story.

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## MINISTERS LEAVE OTTAWA TO-DAY

## TO ATTEND THE COLONIAL CONFERENCE

## Members Say Good-Bye to Premier and Two Colleagues--The Prorogation.

(Special to the Times.)  
Ottawa, April 4.—A government caucus was held this morning before the meeting of the House. It was purely a family gathering to say good-bye to the Premier and his two colleagues, who leave this afternoon for the colonial conference in London.

The leadership in the House will devolve upon Hon. W. S. Fielding, and the senior privy councillor, Sir Richard Cartwright, will be acting premier. This is an understanding.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier announced that no contentious legislation would be pressed, and that the session would likely be brought to a close about the 20th of the month. On the 22nd parliament will have been in session five months.

Among the bills to be held over will be the Dominion Lands Act. Hon. W. Templeman's proprietary medicine bill will not be pressed should it meet with much opposition. Indeed, all legislation which is not absolutely necessary will be held over until next session, and it is expected that by the end of the month, at the very latest, prorogation will be reached.

An Adjournment.  
The House rose this afternoon until 4 o'clock to permit members seeing Sir Wilfrid Laurier off. He leaves by special train at 5:30.

THE CRIMINAL CODE.  
Hon. A. B. Aylesworth Introduces  
Amendment in Dominion House.

(Special to the Times.)  
Ottawa, April 4.—When the House met to-day Hon. A. B. Aylesworth introduced a bill to amend the criminal code so that anyone could be tried for an offence committed in unorganized territory wherever the defendant was found, or at any convenient point. The necessity for the amendment arose over a murder committed on board ship on the Arctic ocean among British Islands. When the ship reached civilization there were difficulties in the way of bringing the case to trial.

NO TRUTH IN REPORT.  
(Special to the Times.)  
Ottawa, April 4.—While Yukon affairs were under discussion in the House yesterday Hon. W. Templeman stated in reply to a question put by Dr. Sproule, that W. W. B. McInnes was never offered the position of Deputy Minister of Mines, nor did he ever apply for the position. The statement, which was first made by an Ottawa correspondent, was absolutely untrue.

AMERICAN MARINES LANDED.  
Nicaragua and Honduras Gunboats  
Will Probably Be Prevented From  
Bombarding Ports.

Porto Cortes, Honduras, via New Orleans, April 4.—The intentions of the United States in landing marines upon the Honduras coast, and the evident latitude granted them in protecting their life and property is exciting much comment here. It has been remarked as especially significant that the American landing party, not only here but at Ceiba and Trujillo, have in each instance placed a Hotchkiss gun, which they took ashore with them.

It is believed that in these two ports Nicaraguan gunboats will be kept off by the Hotchkiss guns, while at Trujillo, despite the fact that it is a Honduran port, the Honduran gunboat will not be allowed to bombard in any attempt to recapture the port from the Nicaraguans. Both countries are treated impartially in this respect.

The fear that such capture would involve the horrors of a looting has been dispelled, at least for the coast towns, where Americans are stationed. At Trujillo, however, the port formerly settled the difficulty arising over the burning of some houses, and also one between United States Consul Agent John T. Glynn and the Nicaraguans.

At Porto Cortes the dozen marines, comprising the landing party, are quartered in what is perhaps the most widely known of Honduran buildings, namely, the mansion formerly occupied by the Honduran National Lottery Company. The Hotchkiss gun stands upon the veranda. This handful of marines is the only landing party.

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Such was its force that our city seemed to be in the claws of some monster who would shake us into shreds, as a mastiff does his game. Down came the plastering, the furniture was overturned, cracks were opened in strong walls, roofs were shattered and rain poured in.

During the first day there were 14 shocks, and they still continue. There have been altogether 28 shocks. Of the 4,000 houses here, over 300 have been seriously damaged, about fifty dollars to five hundred dollars being needed to repair them.

The officials report that eight persons were killed by falling walls, but they are all unknown in Bitlis.

Many persons were wounded, and many churches and government buildings were damaged.

The surrounding villages sustained heavy shocks, but it was in the daytime and there was no great loss of life.

The foreigners at Bitlis are the Russian consul, Charlotte and Mary Ely, R. M. Cole, Mrs. and Miss Cole. Pamphle prices prevail, and there is great poverty and extreme suffering.

SUSPECTED OF MURDER.  
Man in Custody in Vancouver Is Be-  
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(Special to the Times.)  
Vancouver, April 4.—F. C. Gould, who yesterday pleaded guilty in the Vancouver police court to six charges of forging cheques, is believed to be a murderer wanted in Norfolk, Virginia. Marks and his description tally exactly with the description sent out by the Pinkertons, and there appears to be no doubt but that Gould is the man wanted. He is accused of killing his roommate in February, 1906. A reward of \$400 was offered for his arrest. He admits having lived in Virginia, but denies the charge of the crime.

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## BEHRING TUNNEL SCHEME REJECTED

## AMERICANS PROPOSED TO BUILD RAILWAY

## Ultimate Object Was to Connect the Trans-Siberian Road With Canadian Pacific.

(Associated Press.)  
St. Petersburg, April 4.—The cabinet yesterday rejected a proposal made on behalf of an American syndicate for the construction of a railroad tunnel under Behring Straits, by which it was hoped ultimately to connect the Trans-Siberian with the Canadian Pacific railway.

The scheme for a tunnel under Behring Straits and an all-mail route between America and Europe has been under consideration for some time and the matter has been pressed in Russia by Baron Delobel, who represented the American syndicate. A year ago dispatches from St. Petersburg said the Russian government was disposed to consider the plan favorably.

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## MERCHANTS AWAIT BOARD'S DECISION

## REGARDING COMPLAINT AGAINST THE C. P. R.

## Railway Commission Will Shortly Give Judgment on Question of Alleged Discrimination.

(Special to the Times.)  
Ottawa, April 4.—Joseph Martin has received a telegram from the Vancouver board of Trade asking him to inquire when judgment will be given by the railway commission on the application against the Canadian Pacific to prevent discrimination in favor of Winnipeg against Vancouver. Mr. Martin had already asked for this information, and was informed that the board had not yet been able to make up its mind, but was expected to very shortly.

The board of trade telegram also asked that the railway commission should be notified that their order made on August 11th last ordering the discontinuance of the heavy rate differential rates to British Columbia over Puget Sound points had been ignored by the railway companies, who claimed that order was not effective until the order of the railway commission enjoining the changes was issued, and that this has not yet been done.

Mr. Martin brought the matter up yesterday, and was informed by the chairman that the order of the board had, in his opinion, been defective in not specifying the time when it would become effective. It had been the opinion of the commission that a short amendment tariff should be issued by the railway companies making the prescribed change. The railway companies had convinced the board that this was not possible, and asked for further delay in the matter in order that they might have more time to make a number of other contemplated changes in the tariff, but it was first necessary to hold a meeting of railway representatives in Chicago. This meeting had taken place and Mr. Killam said that the next factor he understood was now in print, and would be issued at once.

Mr. Martin then said that the board of trade understood that order was effective on its date, August, 1906, and the wholesale men in Vancouver had endeavored to obtain rebates from the companies. These rebates, however, had been definitely refused by the companies who took the stand that the charge would not be effective until the new tariff was promulgated.

Mr. Martin pointed out that railways were thus making a considerable amount of money out of British Columbia wholesale merchants by reason of delays which the railway had obtained from the board for their own convenience in other matters. Mr. Martin claimed that it would be very simple for the railways to be ordered by the board to make necessary rebates.

Mr. Killam stated that there were some difficulties in regard to this. He said that unless the matter could be arranged amicably by representatives, the commission would be prepared to fix a date to hear the railway companies and board of trade in connection with the matter.

VOTING ON BY-LAWS.  
Incinerator, Surface Drainage and  
School Measure Before Rate-  
payers.

The three by-laws recently passed by the council for the raising of \$13,000 for civic improvements will be voted on to-day. These are known as the Incinerator by-law, the Surface Drainage by-law and the School by-law. The sums called for are \$5,000, \$36,500 and \$45,000 respectively to be devoted to the building of the new destructor, the completion of the surface drainage system of the city and the building of a school in Victoria West. Voting takes place to-day in room 105 in the old city market building from 9 a. m. to 7 p. m.

Russia's Coast of St. Andrew has a remarkable peculiarity attracting to it. It was discovered that it has the right who are decorated with it have the right once to demand a pardon for a Russian subject condemned to death.

At the meeting last night President Featherbell was in the chair. Miss Smart acting as secretary and Messrs. Atolston, Field, Weir, Hart and others in attendance. Some of those mentioned came a distance of ten and twelve miles to assist in perfecting the organization—a fact in itself which indicates the interest which has been created. Vice-President A. W. MacCormack and John Nelson of the local tourist board were present by invitation in order that the new executive might have the benefit of the experience of the Victoria board. The by-laws and constitution were adopted, and the next meeting will be held in March at the Victoria hotel to hold the May meeting in Colwood, and to have an entertainment of an attractive character, in which Victoria talent will assist.

In the course of an inspiring address last evening, Mr. McCurdy alluded to the fact of the West-Metchochin item in the long list of advantages which are enjoyed on the Pacific slope of the continent. Victorians particularly are usually rather apologetic about the drinking water of the district, because it lacks the "zip" which makes the water of the East so palatable. Yet the absence of this very quality in the water of the West, it appears, constitutes a veritable elixir of life. Scientists have demonstrated that the hard water of the East, with its lime, which make it so palatable, is a fruitful source of rheumatism, a fact borne out by the numerous cases of acute rheumatism in families, which boast of their "fine well of hard water."

In the West, on the contrary the natural rainfall, aerated by passing over rocks, etc., is employed, and being soft is free from the constituents which characterize the water of the East, and which constitute at once its danger and its charm.

Mr. McCurdy also dwelt on the great future for the districts in question, pointing out that expansion on a large scale could take place only in the direction in which they lie.

RANCH SOLD.  
Will Be Sub-Divided and Disposed of  
to Farmers.

(Associated Press.)  
Taber, Alb., April 3.—The C. Y. ranch, two and a half miles north of Taber, has been sold for over a quarter of a million dollars to parties whose identity has not yet been divulged. The property consists of 3,800 acres, and a fruitful about 50 acres. As high as 40,000 head of cattle have been on the ranch at one time. It is understood the property will be sold in sections or half sections to farmers.

BORING FOR GAS.  
(Associated Press.)  
Lethbridge, Alb., April 3.—An event in which Lethbridge exhibits the deepest interest came to a head this afternoon when the big drilling plant on the site near the R. N. W. M. P. barracks began the work of boring for natural gas. The boring is taking place at a point about a hundred feet from where gas was flowing fifteen years ago.

## DISTRICTS FORM TOURIST CLUB

## RURAL ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN STARTED

## Residents of Colwood and Metchochin Will Seek to Advance Interests of Community.

To the districts of Colwood and Metchochin belongs the honor of inaugurating the first rural tourist and development association in the West, if not on the continent. When the Victoria association was organized it was with the belief that a chain of these associations would be formed throughout Vancouver Island, but this expectation was not fulfilled. In Nanaimo one existed for a short time, but it finally lapsed, and since that time the Victoria organization has carried on the work.

In the districts of Metchochin and Colwood, however, a lusty young club has been launched which promises to accomplish splendid work for the communities mentioned. The final organization was completed last evening at a meeting at the Colwood school house, when by-laws and constitution were adopted, committees struck and the preliminary work in connection with the association completed.

The Colwood-Metchochin Development Association starts under favorable auspices and with ample scope for its activities. Infrequent mail delivery, absence of telephones and telegraphic communication, the large holdings of absentee landlords, which are held at prohibitive prices—all these are matters which will at once engage the attention of the club. In addition, it will seek to divert investment to the district, by placing in the hands of the visitors from the plains, and from other sections the attractiveness of that particular locality for fruit farming, and industrial investment. Eitherto the residents have felt that for various causes, their neighborhood has not received the attention which its fertility and beauty merits, and they will endeavor to overcome this. Views of the beauty spots, orchards, valleys, drive, etc., of the district will be obtained and literature circulated which will be auxiliary to that of the Victoria association with which it will work in close harmony.

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IRON PROPERTIES BONDED BY AMERICANS

Tram Line Will Be Built and Work Carried Out on a Large Scale.

(Special to the Times.) Winnipeg, April 4.—A. W. Reid and W. T. Brown, connected with a large Chicago syndicate interested in groups of iron mines on the west coast of Vancouver Island, arrived in the city last night from visiting the property in which they have acquired an interest. The mines have been bonded by an American firm and will be developed immediately, probably on a large scale, so as to allow of its being practically quarried. A tram line will be put in about three quarters of a mile in length to connect the property with deep water, and when this is done shipments will be possible to smelter on the coast of Vancouver Island.

SALVATION ARMY EMIGRANTS SAIL

Fourteen Hundred Left the Old Country on Dominion Liner Southward for Canada.

(Special to the Times.) Toronto, April 4.—A cable from London says: One thousand four hundred Salvation Army emigrants sailed today for Canada on the Dominion liner Southward, 900 men, 200 women and 300 children. A vicar and German doctor, saved by the anti-suicide bureau, are also passengers. Statistics of Irish emigrants to Canada for 1906 show an increase of 1,044, as compared with 1905, when there were 2,360 emigrants.

CONSERVATIVE TACTIC

Hon. F. Oliver Accused of Speaking of Abusing Position in Attacking Private Individuals. (Associated Press.) Ottawa, April 4.—In the House yesterday the Yukon bill in regard to the appointment of an assistant commissioner for the Yukon was again discussed. Col. Sam. Hughes said that in the total gold output there should have been royalties collected to the amount of \$7,100,000, whereas the amount actually collected was only \$2,200,000. He wished to know the reason of this. Mr. Gordon and Mr. Foster thought that an explanation should be forthcoming as it looked as if there had been maladministration. Hon. Frank Oliver ridiculed the idea, and said that the exemptions would likely account for the discrepancy. Dr. Sproule said that there were suspicions in respect to the collection of royalties. Hon. Mr. Oliver protested against the allegations thrown out about J. D. McGregor, who was a private citizen and had not been in the Yukon for five or six years. Dr. Sproule wanted to know where J. D. McGregor got all his money. He came to the conclusion that it was not all got honestly. Hon. Mr. Oliver accused Dr. Sproule of abusing his position as a member of parliament when he made such charges against private parties. If McGregor was guilty of stealing from the government he should be punished in the courts of law. The doctor and his friends ought not to hector the name of any honorable man.

MARINE AND FISHERIES

Department Will Be Administered by Mr. Templeman During Absence of Mr. Brodeur. (Special to the Times.) Ottawa, April 4.—During the absence of Hon. L. P. Brodeur, the department of marine and fisheries will be administered by Hon. W. Templeman. This work will require Mr. Templeman's presence in Ottawa for a considerable time after the session.

DEPART FOR LONDON

(Special to the Times.) Ottawa, April 4.—There was a large crowd at the railway station this afternoon to see Sir Wfrid Laurier and his two ministers leave for the colonial conference in London. The crowd cheered and sang patriotic songs until the train left.

CONDITION STILL SERIOUS

(Associated Press.) Cobalt, Ont., April 4.—Dr. Drummond's condition is serious to-day.

HARRY K. THAW DECLARED SANE

TRIAL FOR MURDER WILL BE RESUMED

Lawyers Will Not Call Any More Witnesses But Will Address the Jury.

New York, April 4.—Harry K. Thaw was declared sane by Judge Fitzgerald. Early Report. New York, April 4.—With today's session the Thaw case enters upon its final stage. The commission in lunacy appointed by Justice Fitzgerald to inquire into the present mental condition of the young man who shot Stanford White, has completed its work and will report this morning to the court. So convinced are Thaw's lawyers that the trial will be resumed that Mr. Delmas, the senior counsel, put in a hard day's work yesterday in his office upon his address to the jury. When the commission first met it was stipulated among counsel that should it declare Thaw sane, no more witnesses would be called and Mr. Delmas would sum up.

FIRE IN RUINS OF HOTEL WASHINGTON

Flames Practically Completed the Wrecking of the Well-Known Seattle Hostelry.

(Special to the Times.) Seattle, April 4.—Fire last night practically completed the wrecking of the Hotel Washington. It was a spectacular blaze, being visible from every part of the city. The fire started from rubbish near the building and gradually ate its way to the building, and before the fire department arrived a strong wind blowing from the south fanned the blaze into a roaring furnace and was beyond control. Four small fires were started by flying burning shingles, but were put out before much damage had been done. The loss is estimated at \$10,000. One thousand pounds of black powder and dynamite was safely removed from the building half an hour after the blaze started.

WHISTLED FROM THE GRAVE

French Sailor Lost in Sea Fog Is Foodless for Nine Days. The story of a French sailor's sufferings and his remarkable escape from death was told at the Hull marine offices recently, when Captain John Macdonald, of the Liverpool steamer Virginian, was presented with a silver medal and diploma from the French government. The Virginian was on her homeward voyage from Montreal to Hull, and when ninety-six miles from Cape Race the lookout man sighted a fishing dory. Captain Macdonald bore down on the tiny craft, but all he could discern in her was an empty bucket and a bundle of oysters. He ordered his engine's whistle to be blown. The shrill cries of the siren caused the oysters to move, and there emerged the figure of a wild-eyed man, who grasped his paddles, pulled a couple of strokes, and collapsed. He and his boat were then hoisted on board. The poor fellow was dreadfully emaciated, and his face wore an expression which told of inexpressible agonies endured. When he had been brought round he told Captain Macdonald that he was a sailor on the French fishing schooner Emily, and with another man had gone out to set their trawls. They left their vessel in the dory, and then lost her in the fog. He said his mate's mind gave way under the terrible pangs of hunger and thirst. They were entirely without food and water, and on the seventh day his companion, while in a delirium, bade him good-bye and jumped overboard, saying he was going to swim to his ship. He never saw him again. He added that he had covered himself with the oysters and had laid down in the bottom of the boat to die, but the Virginian's whistle roused him to life. He said he had sighted several steamers, but none of the vessels saw his signals.

A FLASHLESS POWDER

It is stated that the British government are in treaty for the purchase of a smokeless powder, which is also flashless, invented by a Swiss chemist, and successfully tested. To the military and naval services the importance of such an explosive will obviously appear as the use of an explosive that gives no visible flash means impossibility of location of guns and ships during action.

LITTLE VOTING TO-DAY

The Three By-Laws Submitted to Rate-payers Excite Little Interest. At two o'clock there had been only 20 votes cast for the by-laws which are before the people to-day. The voters were very favorably impressed with the need for the carrying out of their provisions, and were accordingly voting, as far as could be ascertained, in their favor. But the view of the great importance of the work which will be carried out in the event of their passing, the citizens should show that they are unequivocally in favor of the same. To this end the property owners should make it a point to poll as many votes as possible before seven o'clock to-night. The incinerator which it is proposed to install has been found to give the utmost satisfaction in other cities, and to be, indeed, the solution of a difficult problem in cities of large and increasing population. The council are looking to the people to back their efforts for the advancement of the city.

DOCTOR'S SUDDEN DEATH

(Associated Press.) St. John, N. B., April 4.—Dr. John E. March, quarantine officer at this port, died suddenly last night at Partridge Island, quarantine station. While sitting at his desk he was stricken with paralysis, dying about two hours later.

Watson's Theatre. RETURN OF THE FAVORITES. The Pringle Stock Co. TO-NIGHT. ACT COMEDY DRAMA. Reaping the Harvest. Prices, 15c, 25c, and 35c. Bargain matinee Wednesday and Saturday. Seats now on sale at box office. FRANK SEHL'S ORCHESTRA IN ATTENDANCE. Phone 1425.

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CARD OF THANKS. Mr. Andrew Russell, jr., wishes to thank the many friends for the many beautiful floral tributes and the kind sympathy shown him during his sad bereavement. FUNERAL NOTICE, A. O. F. Officers and members of Court Northern Light, No. 595, A. O. F., are requested to meet at R. of F. Hall at 1:30 p. m. on Friday, April 5th, to attend the funeral of the late Bro. J. W. Meldram. Members of sister courts and sojourning brethren are invited to attend. S. H. REDGRAVE, C. R. W. P. FULLERTON, Sec.

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## FATHER SHOT TWO CHILDREN AND ATTEMPTED TO END HIS OWN LIFE

Saskatchewan Legislature Prorogued  
--More Immigrants--Winnipeg  
Inland Revenue Returns.

Montreal, April 3.—William Simpson, a young farmer of Hudson-Heights, was brought to Notre Dame hospital to-day suffering from self-inflicted wounds, and if he recovers he will have to face the serious charge of having murdered his two young children by shooting them. The tragedy occurred yesterday forenoon about 10 o'clock at the home of Simpson, about three miles outside of the village of Hudson Heights. Simpson shot his two-month-old child, and then turned the gun on another two-year old, both of their girls. Mrs. Simpson was present at the time of the tragedy, but beyond threatening her and pointing the revolver at her, he did her no injury. She ran at once to the home of Simpson's father, nearby, for assistance, and when he reached the scene of the tragedy he found Simpson had turned the pistol on himself. The cause of the tragedy is shrouded in mystery, as Simpson had never shown signs of insanity.

Immigrants. St. John, N. B., April 3.—The Canadian Pacific steamship Montezuma, from Antwerp, landed 2,000 third-class passengers this afternoon.

Ice Field. Fort William, Ont., April 3.—Ernest Cross, who resides at Silver Islet, arrived in over the ice to-day, and says that the ice field extends to Isle Royale, a distance of forty miles. There is open water eastward of Silver Islet, two miles distant.

J. M. Kitchen Dead. Brantford, Ont., April 3.—J. M. Kitchen, largely interested in provincial industries, died this morning.

Desire New Province. Fort Frances, April 3.—Residents of New Ontario are vigorously at work agitating for the formation of a new province, to include all the vast stretch of territory from Algoma to the Manitoba boundary. A committee has been appointed to prepare for having a plebiscite taken on the question.

Seeding Operations. Portage la Prairie, April 3.—A Portage plains farmer who was in the city to-day stated that seeding operations had commenced at the farm of John Galbraith, a few miles from here. An indication of the increasing value of Portage plains farm lands was afforded to-day, when two quarter sections changed hands at \$7,000 and \$8,000, respectively.

Inland Revenue Returns. Winnipeg, April 3.—The inland revenue returns for March show a good increase over the same month in 1906. The amount collected in March was \$30,785.48, while this year \$108,229.94 was collected, making an increase of \$15,448.56.

Legislature Prorogued. Regina, April 3.—The legislature was formally prorogued by Lieutenant-Governor Forke this afternoon, when his honor gave the royal assent to 42 bills.

Gas Franchise. Regina, April 3.—The Springer & Eaton Company, Limited, has been granted the exclusive gas franchise for a period of fifteen years. The project received considerable opposition, and it was only decided in favor of the company by deciding vote of Mayor Smith. The rates are \$1.40 and \$1.20 a thousand.

After Papers. Windsor, Ont., April 3.—It is estimated that 2,000 subscribers of Detroit newspapers crossed the ferry on Sunday for papers from this city. Walker,ville and Sandwich, the authorities having served notice that Sunday papers would not be allowed across the line until Monday. The movement is so pronounced that the Hon. Dr. Reaume left for Toronto to-day by persuading the government to grant some relief for the situation in the border towns at least.

Veteran Dead. Winnipeg, April 3.—E. H. Bradt, a Fort Garry pioneer, died yesterday, aged 93. He had been a resident of this city since 1878 and had a remarkable career. He was one of the few survivors of those who took active part in the stirring events of 1877, having served with the government against W. Lyon Mackenzie. He also wore the medal for the Fenian raid services. The old man's memory was remarkably good and up to the time of his death he delighted to relate his experiences along the Niagara frontier in 1877. He was on sentry-duty on the night the ill-fated steamer Caroline sank over the falls. Bradt saw that lamentable occurrence, being probably the last eye witness of the tragedy.

Favor Union. Toronto, April 3.—The most important matter before the annual meeting of the Ontario Educational Association was the proposal to form a union of teachers of the province with the object of raising salaries and improving conditions. Four hundred teachers who were present approved of the scheme.

Found in Ice. Belleville, Ont., April 3.—The body of J. Berry, alias A. Ameron, a boxer of some note, who disappeared last November, has been found in the ice in the harbor here. The body was identified by the money order found in the pocket made out in favor of his mother, Mrs. Berry, of Lindsay.

TEN MILLIONS FOR PLANT. New York, April 3.—It was announced to-day that the United States Steel Corporation yesterday authorized the construction of the new steel plant at Duluth, Minn., to cost about \$10,000,000.

## JOIN AMERICAN ROADS. Number of Railway Officials Are Leaving Canada.

Toronto, April 3.—The flower of Canada's railway officials are gradually transferring their services to American roads. P. H. McMillan, fourth vice-president of the Grand Trunk railway, is now with J. J. Hill's railway at a salary of \$40,000. G. R. McLeod, division engineer of the Grand Trunk railway, and S. E. Kain, assistant superintendent of the same road at Ottawa, go with Mr. McGuigan to the Great Northern.

William Cotter, general manager of the Pere Marquette, and formerly superintendent at Montreal and Detroit on the Grand Trunk railway, and C. S. Thomas, superintendent of the southern division at St. Thomas, will also go to the Great Northern.

The latest declared desertion from the Grand Trunk ranks is F. G. Brewer, superintendent of terminals at Toronto, who also has been induced to go over to the Great Northern.

MINERS QUIT WORK.  
Will Not Return Until All Men Have Joined the Union.

Springhill, N. S., April 3.—Fifteen hundred miners of the Cumberland Railway Division Company have gone on strike. They refuse to work until all miners have joined the union. This is in line with the general movement of the Miners' Union throughout Nova Scotia to force all miners into the union. Similar trouble is in progress at the Cape Breton. The companies affirm positively that they will not adopt the "closed shop" principle. The work at the mines may be suspended for some time.

THE THAW CASE.  
Dr. Wagner Does Not Agree With Dr. Diefendorf Regarding Mental Condition of Accused.

New York, April 3.—When the Thaw lunacy commission went into session today, Dr. Diefendorf, superintendent of the state hospital for insane at Middletown, Conn., professor of mental and nervous diseases at Yale university, and Dr. Jerome, superintendent for the state at the Thaw trial testifying that the defendant knew the nature and quality of his act when he shot and killed White and knew the act was wrong. To the commission to-day the alienist tried to declare that from what he had seen of Thaw and the writings he had examined he was of the opinion that Thaw is not now capable of understanding his own position or appreciating the nature of the charge against him of rationally advising his counsel. Dr. Diefendorf said that the twenty-four pages of suggestions made by Thaw to Mr. DeLmas for his summing up address came from a diseased brain.

The commission asked the witness to point out what he considered insane evidence among the memoranda. He pointed out the passage which District Attorney Jerome started to read aloud, C. W. Harridge, of Thaw's counsel, protesting valdly. Dr. Diefendorf said Thaw's suggestions indicated a delusional state of mind.

"Do you think he had delusions when he committed the homicide?" asked Mr. DeLmas.

"Yes," replied the witness. He said he believed Thaw was suffering from paranoia.

Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw made her appearance while Dr. Diefendorf was testifying.

After further questioning Dr. Diefendorf was excused and Dr. Charles G. Wagner, of Birmingham, called.

Dr. Wagner declared Thaw through the trial had acted and commiserated in an entirely rational manner. He fully understood the nature of the proceedings against him and had advised his attorneys in the hearing of the doctor. Dr. Wagner said he had discussed with Thaw to-day.

On cross-examination Dr. Wagner said that the suggestions Thaw made to Mr. DeLmas for his summing up contained many excellent ideas.

"Are you prepared, in view of all you know of this defendant, from your personal examination of him, from what you know of his family history, etc., to say that he is a sane man to-day," asked Mr. Jerome.

Dr. Wagner replied: "I am, and from my conversations with him this morning and from my intercourse with him during the trial, I am forced to say that I was surprised at the remarks of Dr. Diefendorf, which on the witness stand were of one nature, and this morning are exactly opposite, done apparently for the sake of his position."

I was unable to discover anything to warrant the opinion that he is not sane. Taken altogether his talk to-day was intelligent, his answers responsive and he showed a clear grasp of the situation."

Speaking of his advice to counsel, are you that the defendant was sane-studied law?" "Yes, he told me he had taken up the study of law at Harvard."

"But as a scientific man you have not discovered anything to enable you to say he is at present insane, have you?" "No, sir."

The commission then went into executive session for final mental and physical examination of the defendant. Even the lawyers on both sides were barred from this last sitting, the commission intimating that all the mass of contradictory expert testimony placed before it the members believed they would get all the information they required from Thaw himself.

When the three members of the commission had completed their final examination they in turn cordially shook hands with Thaw. He went back to his cell in the Tombs with a light heart, and later told his counsel that he felt the commission would surely declare him sane to-morrow. The attorneys shared their client's optimistic views of the situation. District Attorney Jerome would not commit himself in any way.

The commission completes its work to-night, and will be ready to report to Justice Fitzgerald to-morrow morning.

## WILLIAM T. STEAD'S MISSION OF PEACE

Hopes States and Britain Will Act in Harmony at the Hague Conference.

New York, April 3.—Wm. T. Stead, who has recently been on a tour of the European capitals concerning the new Hague Conference, and who comes here to attend the dedication of the Carnegie Institute at Pittsburgh, was a passenger on the steamer Caronia, which arrived to-day.

"I am more interested in the proposal that the executive governments of the world should endeavor to promote peace by other and more direct methods than by merely preparing for war."

They ought to support the work of the peace societies and provide funds for the adequate exercise of international hospitality. If they spent one dollar on peace for every one thousand dollars they spent on war, something practical would be done on this point.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman and Chancellor Von Bulow are agreed, England will support the United States when America will support England when the latter takes the initiative.

To the English-speaking world a single entity. At The Hague in 1899 the Republic and the Empire acted as a unit. I hope they will do the same in 1907.

Russia's Invitation. Washington, April 3.—Baron Rosen, the Russian ambassador, informed Secretary Root at the state department that he had received from the St. Petersburg foreign office the invitation to the United States, to attend the second Hague conference. This information he explained was couched in French, and it was necessary to make a translation before it could be handed to Mr. Root officially. The understanding was that the date would be some time between the 1st and 15th of June, the Netherlands government having stated that it could most conveniently entertain the delegates about that time.

Baron Rosen has been charged by his government with the conduct of the negotiations with the South American countries and he has availed himself freely of the machinery of the state department and his opportunities to confer with the resident diplomatic representatives of Latin America. To all of these the invitation has been conveyed by the secretary, to assure attendance upon the early sessions of the approaching conference, that it would be well for the South American delegates not to await the reception of the formal invitation by mail before leaving their respective countries for The Hague, but to be on hand at the opening of the conference charged with full power to adhere to the first treaty. It is required technically that the new comers, as a condition of admission, shall have adhered to the three treaties, resulting from the first Hague conference, namely, that providing for arbitration and mediation and the Geneva convention, and the rules can only be adhered to by new-comers with the assent of every one of the powers that signed the original treaty.

So far as is known, all of those powers are willing to admit the South Americans, but a singular complication has arisen in the case of Turkey. That power, through delegates, attended the first Hague conference but never ratified the treaties that followed, so the question is now whether Turkey's assent is necessary to the admission of the South American contingent, which of course, depends upon whether or not Turkey is regarded as a signatory power. Her attitude becomes of importance because she has not so far indicated any intention to participate in the second conference, or, if so, what answer she will make to the South American applicants for admission. The Washington officials are disposed to regard as rather academic the discussion which has arisen between London and Berlin as to the status of the question as to the limitation of armaments.

EARL OF ELGIN'S ADVICE. London, April 3.—The circular issued by the secretary of state for the colonies, the Earl of Elgin, advising all former governors of colonies to refrain from engaging in commercial enterprises in the territories which they formerly administered, has resulted in establishing the fact that there had been an increasing tendency of late years on the part of retired governors of the smaller colonies to take a prominent part in the management of companies which have obtained profitable concessions in such domains. A number of questions on the subject were asked in the House of Commons during the past session, some of them intimating that ex-governors had used their political pull to secure concessions.

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WHAT WILL VICTORIA GET? The representatives of Vancouver in the Legislature have succeeded in getting the liberal appropriation of two hundred thousand dollars for a new court house increased to the handsome sum of three hundred thousand dollars. At least we have been given to understand that the new legal structure at the "village on the inlet" will cost the latter amount of money, and we presume the legislature will meet the bill whatever it may be. We draw attention to this matter not for the purpose of raising any objection to the appropriation, but in order that the representation of Victoria, which includes the Premier of the province, may be stirred into emulation of the good work that has been done by our good friend Mr. Bowser, the Finance Minister and other influential members of the energetic and ambitious delegation from the neighboring city. We observe that the government organ in this city has been giving doubtful utterance to its disappointment because there appears to be no disposition on the part of the members in succeeding in electing, on the pledge that when elected they would work strenuously for the cause of rail connection with the mainland, to implement the pledges it made on their behalf. The work of the legislature has all been laid out, the session is nearing an end, and not a word has yet been said in reference to the scheme of the construction of a bridge across Seymour Narrows, of building a ferry boat that would serve the purposes of a bridge, or of promoting a railway upon the island or the mainland that would utilize either of these modern conveniences. We said at the time of the elections that the question was raised merely for political purposes and that nothing more would be heard of the matter until the date of another election was drawing near. But we acknowledge that nothing can be gained by calling attention to such pledges at this juncture of a settled political situation. All we hope for is a fulfillment of the pledge made by the Premier that if elected he would try to do something that would demonstrate the deep love he cherishes in his heart of hearts for the trusting city of Victoria. We hope he will not permit the matter to escape from his mind because he has been roused to a state of pleasurable excitement at the prospect of appearing at the "foot of the throne" and encountering there that arch-enemy of this province, Sir Wil-

frid Laurier, whom he hopes to put to confusion by opposing the programme of "better terms" placed in his (Sir Wilfrid's) hands on behalf of the conference of provincial premiers by that other implacable foe of British Columbia Premier Whitney (Conservative) of Ontario.

### SALVATION ARMY AND IMMIGRATION

A very few years ago—such a very few years ago as not to be a severe task upon the memory—the Salvation Army as an organization was looked upon with more or less disdain by nearly all severely respectable persons composing recognized religious denominations, while the elements which ostentatiously of otherwise stand aloof from the "demonstrations" scoffingly and scornfully expressed disapproval of its crude methods. But time the great vindicator has brought about a great change in the public attitude towards the Army. To-day its officers are invited to stand, if not literally before kings and prelates, at least before representatives of states whose influence is more potent than that of any hereditary rulers of the twentieth century. Doubtless it is true that in the course of time the Salvation Army, owing to social forces which cannot be stemmed, will become as severely conventional, so we are told by student of the history of religious movements, as other religious organizations having a like origin. But in the meantime it is doing the work its founder had in view, and that is all with which we of the present day are ultimately concerned. It is accomplishing more, perhaps, for the regeneration of the fallen and for the relief of victims of the social and industrial tendencies of the times than the overcrowded centres of the world than any other organization ever attempted to do or can hope to accomplish. It deals with the material phase of a complicated economic problem first, leaving the spiritual regeneration of the subject until it has built up his physical system by a process of adequate nutrition. It recognizes the futility of ethical appeals to the individual whose system is "run down" for lack of proper nourishment. There is an unmistakable flavor of sound philosophy in the proposition that a juicy beefsteak alone can restore a famished individual to his right mind and enable him to take a completely rational view of the problems of life.

As we understand the matter, not having closely followed the movements of the "Army" since the day when it first began to fly its militant banners and beat its theological drums, the scheme of transporting the unemployed from the places in which they could find nothing continuous for their hands to do to the portions of the earth lying idle for want of labor was an afterthought; or, rather that it was forced upon the attention of General Booth and his officers by the conditions with which they were confronted. The "lapsed masses" of London were hungry, and the problem was to find such employment as they were fitted for and would be productive of food. Any scheme of that kind, however, dependent upon the raising of funds. The general public of Great Britain is never slow in responding to appeals for philanthropic schemes provided it is given evidence that its contributions will be applied for strictly commendable and defensible purposes. The Salvation Army, having established its bona fides, is now in receipt of such contributions as enable it to meet to a considerable extent the demands that are being made upon it. Commissioner Coombs, in his address before the Canadian Club yesterday, furnished his hearers with satisfactory evidence that he is an intensely practical man, acting on behalf of the organization he represents with a full knowledge of certain facts in regard to human nature. There is nothing in the immigration work of the Army that tends to perpetuation. The individual is assisted to make a start in life, but he is bound down under conditions which compel him to assert his individuality and to repay his indebtedness in full as soon as his improved worldly circumstances will permit. There can be no question whatever that the immigration schemes of the Army have been justified by the results so far obtained. They have benefited alike the individual and the community to which the individual has been transferred. The work so far done in Canada has been limited. With the co-operation of the authorities in this country there is reason to believe that it could be largely extended and that greater good than has yet been conceived could be accomplished. The process of selection is so thorough that the possibility of failure is reduced practically to a minimum. If any scheme submitted by Commissioner Coombs or any of the officers of the Army should be accepted by the government for the purpose of meeting labor conditions that are palpable to all, we do not see that any reasonable objection should be taken to it. Population of a certain class is urgently required—in fact we must have it if the country is to be developed and prosperity continued—and therefore it appears to us that the class the Army scheme touches directly is the class that ought to be encouraged to come here.

### Public bodies in Great Britain, like public accounts committees and city councils in British Columbia, sometimes get the notion in their heads that newspaper reporters are unmitigated nuisances and should be suppressed. Lately the mayor and corporation of Tenby, England, became imbued with the idea that they would like to conduct the business with which they are charged in secret language and howsoever they had unrepresented proceedings. But the editor insisted upon his rights, or rather upon the rights of the public, to information about the manner in which public business is transacted. The council, finding that it could not exclude the inquisitive one from a public hall, although it had gravely passed a resolution declaring that its sessions were private, applied to a judge for an order or a mandamus, or something of that kind. This was refused in no uncertain terms, but the case is to be determined by a law suit. We have an idea which side will prove triumphant, because there is one thing to be said of British courts—they seem to prefer whenever possible to take a common sense view of matters that come before them.

### REFUSE CHARTER TO D. C. CORBIN RAILWAY E.T.I. HAS BEEN TURNED DOWN

It Was Contended Proposed Road Would Interfere With Another Proposition to Build.

The railway committee of the legislature this morning had under consideration the proposed bill of D. C. Corbin, the well known railway man of Spokane, to build in to the Kootenay coal regions. The company was to be known as the South Kootenay railway, and Mr. Corbin sought to connect with the C. P. R., and eventually continue the line through the coal lands of Southeast Kootenay. Opposition was raised to this proposition. This arose from P. Davis and his associates in this city, who held the charter for a line of railway covering practically the same route. The committee, after consideration, decided that the Corbin bill should be turned down in order that the road which Mr. Davis represented should have an opportunity to complete its work. The latter company, which got its charter two years ago, was in the fortunate position of having complied with the terms imposed upon it, so that there could be no exception taken to it on that score. Mr. Davis moreover said that he was prepared to proceed with the work of construction and complete the line, but that he was no charter monger, but had the financial arrangements all completed for the carrying out of the undertaking. Mr. Corbin was present himself this morning, and was represented by E. V. Bodwell, K. C. He put up a strong plea for the passage of the bill of incorporation. He represented that he had important holdings of coal lands in that part of the country and wished a railway in. He was prepared to begin at once with the work and complete it without any loss of time. He was not trying to hurt any other company, and if the other concern was prepared to go on all right, he would not object to its doing so. Mr. Bodwell said that he knew of Mr. Corbin having these coal lands in that part of the country and had asked what he would take for the charter. The price asked had been so high that Mr. Bodwell did not consider it a business proposition. He had never communicated with Mr. Corbin on it therefore. Mr. Davis, who was represented by G. H. Hastings Odell, who claimed to represent the Southeast Kootenay Company. He wished to sell Mr. Bodwell stock. Mr. Bodwell said that he knew of Mr. Corbin having these coal lands in that part of the country and had asked what he would take for the charter. The price asked had been so high that Mr. Bodwell did not consider it a business proposition. He had never communicated with Mr. Corbin on it therefore. Mr. Davis, who was represented by G. H. Hastings Odell, who claimed to represent the Southeast Kootenay Company. He wished to sell Mr. Bodwell stock. Mr. Bodwell said that he knew of Mr. Corbin having these coal lands in that part of the country and had asked what he would take for the charter. The price asked had been so high that Mr. Bodwell did not consider it a business proposition. He had never communicated with Mr. Corbin on it therefore. Mr. Davis, who was represented by G. H. Hastings Odell, who claimed to represent the Southeast Kootenay Company. He wished to sell Mr. Bodwell stock.

The Premier of Canada left to-day for Great Britain. The Premier of British Columbia will soon follow him. We hope the restless and remorseless sea will deal as kindly with Sir Wilfrid as the maintenance of his reputation will permit, and that Premier McBride will not press too hard when they appear together at the foot of the throne.

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The "brain storm" were merely physical manifestations of a temporary mental condition. Harry K. Thaw has been declared sane by the majority of the commissioners who "sat upon him," the professional authority of alienist probably dissenting. After the medical experts and the legal experts have explored Mr. Thaw and his rich relatives and the state to some further advantage, although they have feasted fatly for a good many weeks already, the prisoner will formally be declared not guilty of murder or the jury will disagree, and then at a later date the curtain will rise upon another version of the legal farce. If there were no other arguments against the annexation of Canada to the United States the degeneration of the law courts of the republic would be sufficient.

The people of Metehosin and surrounding districts are to be commended for the zeal they are displaying in devising means for the development of their naturally picturesque and potentially valuable possessions. Considering that the region they inhabit is so close to the city of Victoria and that it is tapped by a railway, by telegraph and telephone lines, the means of communication by mail and by electrical devices ought to be easily and inexpensively improved. We hope the newly formed development association of Metehosin may succeed in the laudable objects it has in view.

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to offer the charter for sale. Mr. Odell had in fact nothing to do with the company. The charter was never for sale. The finance in fact for the building of the road were all ready, and the road would be built. The same interests as were connected with the railway were also interested in large areas of coal lands in the country. A bond for the amount of the deposit required under the act had been deposited with the treasury department. There was also \$10,000 deposited in the Bank of Com-

merce, and \$1,400 has been spent on the surveys. The act had been complied with to the fullest extent, and as soon as the spring opened the surveys would be pushed forward. The committee considered that under the circumstances it would not be wise to grant a charter to a line which it appeared was to cover the same route as that for which a charter was already granted. By a good majority the committee refused to recommend the bill to the House. CUTTING STEEL WITH YARN. Prisoner Cuts One Bar in 18 Hours and Another in 5 Hours. What the drop of water does to the hardest stone is only a circumstance to what a thread of yarn can accomplish. Major McClaughry, warden of the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth, once found a prisoner, who was supposed to be pounding alone working away at one of the bars in five hours, passing the matter to the guard's satisfaction. The man finally admitted what he was doing and was induced to give a demonstration. A grating of the same description was placed in his cell, says Popular Mechanics, and a guard stationed over him to exact the proof of the statement. With the limestone dust and shavings from the stone pile, the yarn from his sock and a little water, this man cut the Bessemer steel bar in eighteen working hours. With some fine emery, a chalk line, and two wooden hand-holds to save his fingers he made the other clean cut out of the bar in five hours, passing the matter to the guard's satisfaction.

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The vacancy in the wardenship of the New Westminster Jail has been filled by the appointment of J. Brymner to the position.

C. P. R. Atlantic liner Montezuma, coming from Antwerp, reached St. John at 1 p. m. on Wednesday and landed her passengers.

The case against the secretary of the ship "Schoon" who was awarded here from San Francisco for trial on a charge of shooting one of the crew, comes up for a hearing to-morrow at 2.30 p. m.

At the Alton Club concert in Institute hall this evening Mrs. Florence Halliday, the contralto of Seattle, will sing. Mrs. Halliday is by birth an English woman, and comes of a family of musicians, her uncle being Mr. Andrew Halliday, the composer.

A meeting will be held this evening of the Victoria Printing & Publishing Co. Reports from provincial officers and an extension of propaganda work will form the subject of consideration. Labor men and others interested are invited to attend.

Shortly before noon the steamer Shinano Maru, Capt. K. Kawara, of the Nippon Yusen-Kaisha line, reached the outer wharf. She was nearly fifteen days in making the voyage from Orient.

The Pringle company will play "Reaping the Harvest" to-night, a play which was first produced successfully in New York some ten years ago by Mrs. Fluke.

The regular weekly "five-hundred" tournament will be held as usual in the club rooms, North Chatham street, to-night.

The remains of Mrs. Andrew Russell, of Vancouver, aged 24, were laid at rest yesterday afternoon in Ross Bay cemetery.

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The three men detained by the police this morning arraigned in the city police court on a charge of assaulting an assault, as stated in yesterday's Times, against a little girl in Victoria West.

The girl who it is alleged, was the victim, was sufficiently recovered to make a statement to the police to-day.

The following awards were made yesterday: St. Demetrius Novice class, first, S. de Trafford, Cunningham's-Thursham.

Local dogs, first, W. E. Ditchburn's Prince Roy; second, Dr. Fagan's Prince Charlie; third, F. J. Fulton's Flash.

Local Bitches—First, H. D. Reid's Lady Thornton.

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Y. M. C. A. Workers From Other Cities Will Address the City Congregations.

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The company will ship a number of products, cereals, boots and shoes, etc., on the first boat of the new Mexican-Canadian line on April 25th.

Miss Nellie Ohlson, a former pupil of Miss S. P. Smith, who for the past few months has been studying music at the conservatory in Berlin, Germany.

The regular weekly "five-hundred" tournament will be held as usual in the club rooms, North Chatham street, to-night.

The remains of Mrs. Andrew Russell, of Vancouver, aged 24, were laid at rest yesterday afternoon in Ross Bay cemetery.

The sale of work held by the Ladies Aid of the Centennial Methodist church yesterday afternoon was very successful.

Grand Master Simpson, of the I. O. O. F., will be receiving at tonight's meeting of Dominion lodge.

The amazing play of color in the opal is caused by the enormous number of intersecting planes which cause the light to be refracted in different planes and produce prismatic hues.

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### TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL IN SESSION

Much Business Transacted--Thanks of Dr. Fagan Transmitted to Unions.

The Victoria Trades and Labor Council met last night, and in the absence of President Waters and Vice-President James Shavin, who were absent attending an important meeting of the unions concerned in the shipyard strike, E. Gilligan was voted to the chair.

The secretary-treasurer reported that he would have a quarterly report of the finances ready for the next meeting. A. Johnson, the treasurer, reported that he had handed over the sum of \$77 to Dr. Fagan, on behalf of those unions that had contributed to the anti-tuberculosis fund. He also returned the thanks of Dr. Fagan to the council and the unions for their generous offers.

A lengthy report was made by the legislative committee. They were strongly opposed to the separation of candidates on the ballot paper by party.

A letter from the secretary of the International Peace Congress of the World was received announcing that the council would meet at the Cooper Institute, New York, on April 11th, and asking that they send a delegate. The secretary was instructed to express regret at his inability to be represented at the conference.

Letters from Premier McBride and Fred Davey, M. P. P., promising to meet the views of the council as far as possible in relation to bill No. 14 now before the legislature, were received.

It is regretted to the cry "shortage of labor" the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council wrote enclosing its resolutions denouncing it as a scheme having for its main object the lowering of the Chinese head tax.

Many letters signed A. B. C. favoring free Chinese entry were ordered to be thrown in the waste paper basket.

Under the head of welfare of labor it unanimously decided to endorse the following bills before the legislature: Bill 11, by Mr. Hawthornthwaite, "An Act to Amend the Shops Regulation Act."

Bill 22, by J. A. Macdonald, "An Act to Amend the Workmen's Compensation Act."

Bill 23, by W. J. Bowser, "An Act for the Protection of Persons Employed in Factories."

The secretary was instructed to so inform the government and the members for Victoria city asking the latter to give the bills in question their support.

The meeting then adjourned.

### DISTRICT ORDERS.

Appointments in the Various Regiments of the Province.

District orders issued by Col. Holmes, D. O. C., under date of April 3rd, contain the following information:

The following extracts from The Canadian Gazette, dated Ottawa, Saturday, March 2nd, 1907, and Saturday, March 23rd, 1907, are published for general information:

"Rocky Mountain Rangers--No. 4 Company. To be provisional Lieutenant, Alfred McQueen, gentleman, vice H. A. McV. Blackburn, retired, 7th February, 1907.

"Fifth British Columbia Regiment--Captain C. M. Roberts is transferred to the Corps Reserve, 28th January, 1907. Provisional Lieutenant W. D. Harris is retired, having left limits, 25th February, 1907.

"Rocky Mountain Rangers--No. 3 Company. To be provisional Lieutenant (superannuated), Sergeant John Marshall McKenzie, 20th January, 1907.

"No. 4 Company--To be provisional lieutenant, superannuated, Corporal Jesse Drury Nickerson, 20th January, 1907.

"Kootenay Rifles, No. 2 Company--Provisional Lieutenant R. W. Coulthard is permitted to retire, 16th February, 1907.

The following list of winners of best shot badge, 1906, extracted from Militia Order No. 42 (2), dated 16th March, 1907, is published for general information:

Regiment, Rank and Name. Co. 6th D. C. O. R. Sergt. A. J. Barwick, No. 1 R. M. R. Sergt. Townsend, No. 1 R. M. R. Col. Sgt. G. C. Carey, No. 2 R. M. R. Sergt. E. S. Wood, No. 2 R. M. R. Corp. F. B. Fisher, No. 2 5th Regt. C. A. C. S. M. J. Caven, No. 2

### WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, April 4-5 a. m.--During the last 24 hours an important ocean storm, over the spread inland over the province, and caused a strong southerly gale both on the Coast and the Straits. At North-head the wind velocity reached 48 miles an hour. Rain has fallen on the Lower Mainland, and mild weather is general throughout the Pacific slope. Considerable snow has fallen from Swift Current to Winnipeg.

Forecast. For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Friday. Victoria and vicinity--Southerly winds, unsettled and mild, with rain. Lower Mainland--Easterly to southerly winds, unsettled and mild, with rain.

Regents. Victoria--Barometer, 29.63; temperature, 46; minimum, 40; wind, 16 miles S. E.; weather, cloudy. New Westminster--Barometer, 29.68; temperature, 45; minimum, 40; wind, 5 miles E.; rain, 18; weather, cloudy. Kamloops--Barometer, 29.70; temperature, 44; wind, E.; weather, cloudy. Barkerville--Barometer, 29.75; temperature, 38; minimum, 35; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Poff Simpson--Barometer, 29.36; temperature, 36; minimum, 29; wind, 4 miles S. E.; rain, 35; weather, cloudy. Edmonton--Barometer, 30.10; temperature, 28; minimum, 22; wind, 16 miles S. E.; snow trace; weather, cloudy.

### CATS AS DISEASE-CARRIERS.

A medical officer in East Kent in his annual report states that "a cat having slept in the nest of a diseased chicken contracted a disease and communicated it to a child which fondled it."

A well-known physician remarked to a London Daily Mail representative: "It is confidently asserted by bacteriologists that the domestic cat so loved and so much caressed by children, is the harbinger of disease germs. Diphteria and influenza, it is believed, are frequently so conveyed. And the principle applies to just as dangerous as the common cats' tabby."

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### CHINA'S REAL RULER.

Yuan Shi Kai, Powerful Viceroy of Pechili, a Celestial Napoleon.

The most powerful personage in China, according to an article in current literature, is Yuan Shi Kai, a man little known beyond the "great wall" that divides his country from the Western world. At the age of 25, Yuan Shi Kai—who is 59 now—found himself an obscure bureaucrat. His future was compromised by his ignorance of the three commonplaces of the Yih King. He could not deal in pentameter verses with the sound of the oar, or the green of the hills, or the splash of swift water at flood. He was, therefore, an object of pity and contempt to all who ever gave him a thought in that literary caste, which until recently monopolized the exalted posts in the empire. He was pining obscurely in Korea as China's resident there, having secured the post only because it afforded no prospect of distinction. Yet to-day he is in China what Cardinal Wolsey was in England before the Pope's refusal to divorce Henry VIII; what Richelieu was in France before the Duke of Buckingham trembled at the beauty of Anne of Austria; what Bismarck was in Germany after the battle of Sedan. The most powerful personage in the eighteen provinces, remarked that high authority on China, Sir Robert Hart, to Douglas Story, twelve months ago, is Yuan Shi Kai.

must remember as the only effective talker ever sent to represent Pechin in Washington; quite recently asked Mr. Story if he could name the real ruler of the Chinese.

"Yuan Shi Kai," was the instant answer.

"Right!" rejoined Wu Ting-fang. "The will of the Viceroy of Pechili is law in this land."

A will of iron, the gift of foresight, an intellect naturally subtle and searching, and the firmest grasp of the essentials of administrative and diplomatic policy have enabled this unlettered provincial from Honan, where he was born in poverty, to lift himself to greater power and influence than are possessed by any other human being in the land, not even excepting the old Dowager Empress. The foreign devil is still permitted to infer, if he pleases, that the aged aunt of the secluded son of Heaven at Peking rules the realm. But so completely does the viceroy of Pechili hold the old dame in the hollow of his hand that he can, if he likes, select the next Emperor of China. He means to do it, we are told by those who have studied the man. He will, like Napoleon, with his own hands crown himself.

### SOMEWHAT MIXED.

From an address given to a scientific society near Manchester: "I am glad that the bread which I eat on the waters nine or ten years ago has turned up trumps and is now yielding fruit."

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Falling hair is caused by germs at the roots of the hair. Dandruff is caused by germs on the scalp.

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### THE TIMES' FASHION HINT.



SIMPLE FROCK OF SILK.

The design shown in the sketch is suitable for either silk or flannel. The model frock was of white surah silk patterned over with a fine dot in pale blue. The skirt was box-plaited and trimmed by two rows of tucks about the lower part. The corsage was trimmed with buttons covered with pale blue silk, the yoke of tucks net being outlined by a band of Irish crochet lace. The girle was of pale blue silk.

### VOLIVA'S ULTIMATUM.

Gives Zion City One Month to Obey Threatens Radical Measures.

WILSON CLAREN VOLIVA has issued an ultimatum to Zion City. Unless the

people submit to him by May 1st he will take radical action himself, he said.

Voliva denounced every one who has opposed him. He took as the occasion for his ultimatum the anniversary of his ejection of John Alex-

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Matter of the Estate of James Miller, Late of Galiano Island and Strawberry Vale, Lake District, Vancouver Island, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having any claims or demands against the late James Miller, who died on or about the 26th day of November, 1906, at Galiano Island, in the Province of British Columbia, are required to send by post, prepaid, or to deliver to the undersigned, Solicitors herein for Margaret Ann Miller, Executor under the will of the said James Miller, their names and addresses and full particulars in writing of their claims, and statements of their accounts and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them. And take notice that after the 1st day of April, 1907, the said Margaret Ann Miller will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which she shall then have had notice, and that the said Margaret Ann Miller will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any persons of whose claim she shall not then have received notice. Dated at Victoria, B. C., the 30th day of January, 1907.

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VINDICATES HIS ATTITUDE SIR WILFRID UPON BOURASSA'S CHARGE

Member for Labelle Dealt in "Gutter" Rumors--A Masterly Speech.

The recent debate upon the motion by Mr. Bourassa, Independent Liberal, of Labelle, calling for a committee to investigate the conduct of members of the House as disclosed in the report of the Insurance Commission...

down, and it is not susceptible of any amendment. If there be in that motion truth and falsehood, the truth has to be rejected with the falsehood, or the falsehood has to be accepted with the truth...

Cannot Investigate Rumors. "It will not do to say that there are rumors. Of course there are, and there may be rumors, but since when in a British parliament and British institution have rumors been a matter of investigation?"

Rights of Members. "Let me call his attention, because I believe he has written this in a hurry, to the conclusion of his motion." The Premier quoted this and continued: "Against whom is this leveled? It is leveled against the 214 men of the House of Commons. It is open to anybody to bring before this committee and to make a charge against any member of the House, against the honorable member for Labelle himself."

posed of nobody knows how, to be guilty of nobody knows by whom, and to come to a conclusion that nobody can tell. House Not an Inquisition. "The hon. gentleman tells us that he would not take the responsibility of conducting the investigation. He tells us that he is not going to be, scapgoat in this matter, but he says that it is the duty of the Prime Minister to take that responsibility. It is the duty of the Prime Minister, certainly, to see that every charge which is brought against a member is investigated, and if my honorable friend from Labelle will bring such an accusation against anybody, he shall have the fullest opportunity to make it good."

An Absolute Denial. Sir Wilfrid Laurier--If that be the distinction, all I can say to the member for Labelle is, that I think it will be corroborated by the member for King's, N.B., that he and I have not exchanged a word during the present session. I met him once or twice to say good day, and that is all. There has never been any communication between myself and the member for King's. For what reason should I choose to have a saw-off in the gutter? Because it has pleased the member for Labelle to level some insinuations against certain colleagues of mine, I shall come to that presently, and I shall tell him that I have no reason to fear any investigation, and that there is no occasion for my resorting to any saw-off. The hon. member said more. He accused me of having had a saw-off with the member for King's, but he went a little farther. I took a note of his words, and I think he said that I had taken the opposition under my maternal care.

"Maternal" is Too Much. "Well, sir, had I been accused of taking the opposition under my maternal care, that would have been bad enough, but to be accused of taking it under my maternal care is a good deal more than I can appreciate. The opposition does not need any care from me. The opposition is able to take care of itself. But I have this to say to my hon. friend, that in the position which I occupy, entrusted as I am under our parliamentary system, of government with grave and important duties, and having the responsibility of being leader of the House, I owe justice and I owe fair play to every member of the House, no matter on which side he may sit. I have had to give a good deal of thought to the different aspects of this question. My hon. friend has brought it to the attention of the House three times, and though I am a pretty busy man otherwise, I have had to give a good deal of attention to the discussions we have had upon the subject. Mr. Bourassa wanted to have an investigation as the result of certain words spoken by the member for King's on February 21. I had to see what was to be done and what was my duty under such circumstances, and when the question first arose I stated in the House that we should wait until we had the report of the insurance commission. When we did get that report I stated then that we should have a discussion upon it before the session closed."

Has Not Read Evidence. "My young friend is more lucky than I am, since he has been able to read the whole of the evidence and report of the commission. I have not read the evidence. I have glanced through the report from beginning to end. I afterwards took it up to read it when I had more leisure, so as to form my own conclusions, and if I am to state my own mind at the present moment, I must declare that I am not prepared to say what the conclusion I have come to is, and what action should be taken by the government on this report. I had hoped that long ere this we would have been able to have the discussion; but we have not been able to do so in the meantime, and I still hope that we may have a discussion, warranted by the report, before the session closes. But Mr. Bourassa goes farther. He says in the first part of his motion that the report of the royal commission referred to four members of this House. Now I would have been glad--and the House would have been glad--to have the conclusion of my hon. friend on this report. I followed his speech very closely, and I noticed that he avoided telling us what was his own conclusion. He told us the conclusion arrived at by the newspapers, and what was reported on the streets, but not his own views."

No Reports Against Anyone. "I can tell him that I have nothing to withdraw from what I said on a former occasion, to which he took exception. I said that beyond submitting the blank bill for the consideration of the House, the commission did not report, and had made no report against anyone. I meant, of course, that they made no report against any member of parliament, and I have nothing to withdraw from that statement. The commission had made certain statements, but they have not made a report against this member of the House or that member of the House, which this House could have a motion. I may have my own views; I may agree with the finding, and some one else may disagree with it. My hon. friend from North Toronto disagrees with some of those findings, and he has given his reasons, but I am not prepared at this moment to agree or disagree. They will come later on, but for the present I have to say that I have nothing to retract from what I said on a former occasion, when I stated that in my humble judgment the report has not concluded against any member of the House. For my part I cannot see that there is any reason to have any further investigation upon the facts disclosed by the commission, and I do not know that the House should in justice to itself agree to the conclusion of my hon. friend from Labelle."

The Case of Mr. Hyman. Passing to another part of the motion relating to Mr. Fowler's statements, Sir Wilfrid said the member for Labelle had informed him he was mistaken in stating on a former occasion that the member for King's had made no charges against anyone. The Premier added: "Mr. Speaker, I have to perform at this moment a rather painful duty, but it is a duty which I must discharge in justice to myself and in justice to my colleagues, the Minister of Public Works, and when I have made the explanation the hon. gentleman (Mr. Bourassa) will understand why I would not be anxious to go into a saw-off with the member for King's (Mr. Fowler). There have been a great many rumors against my colleague, Mr. Hyman; there is no use in denying it. There have been rumors in this House that he was shamming disease, and that he was not really sick. I believe that idea has been dispelled, and that it is no longer current, and everybody knows that when Mr. Hyman left the House he was in very bad health, and was a very sick man indeed. But that was not the only rumor. The atmosphere was thick with rumors, and last night, about September 9, October 4, a certain rumor came to me, and I spoke to a mutual friend, who is now in this House and hears my words, and I said to him, 'I have been a friend of Hyman's for many years; you are still more a friend than I am. I have heard this, and you have heard it, and you go to him and tell him not to let me know what truth there is in this.' That rumor was in connection with a certain person."

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Mr. Hyman's Denial. "My hon. friend went to Mr. Hyman, and Mr. Hyman sent me word that there was not a word of truth in the rumor. I have to take the House and the country into my confidence; I wish it was otherwise. This statement, made by the Minister of Public Works at that time, has since been corroborated by a telegram which was read in the committee some few weeks ago, and which was sent by Mr. Hyman to his friend, Mr. Duffield. It said: 'Any statement or insinuation that my resignation, either as member or minister, was prompted by other motives than those contained in my letter to Sir Wilfrid Laurier is absolutely untrue.'"

Unproved Slander. "Now, it is not a very pleasant thing on the floor of parliament to have to comment on any such statements as we have heard this afternoon. But this afternoon the hon. gentleman (Mr. Bourassa), speaking of my duty to the House, speaking of my duty to the public, speaking of my duty to the government, told me that I was bound to take cognizance of certain rumors that were going about the streets. He told us among other things that ministers of the Crown--I took note of his words at the time--have gone into hotels and clubs, and have had a talk with Mr. B. I say that anyone who knows that should come forward with the proof, or words to that effect. Then the hon. gentleman said: 'If I had the proof I would bring it forward.' These are the very words he made use of. 'If I had the proof I would bring it forward.' All I have to say to my hon. friend is, if he has not the proof why does he mention it at all? The rumors which have been floating in the air at last fell into the gutter, and the hon. gentleman gropes in the gutter and brings up those rumors. He says, 'It is to investigate things of that kind that my hon. friend asks for a committee to be appointed.' The House of Commons can investigate charges of corruption in a public man, but I never knew that the House of Commons, either in English or in this country, made it its duty to investigate charges of this character."

Dilke and Parnell Cases. "The hon. gentleman, however, has taken it upon himself to bring this matter to the attention of the House, and, teaching me my duty, he has given me the example of Mr. Gladstone in the case of Sir Charles Dilke and with the case of Mr. Parnell. It is true that on a certain occasion Mr. Gladstone advised the friends of Parnell to compel him to withdraw from parliamentary life; but when was this? It was at a time when the offences were no longer a private affair, but had become a public scandal. It was when the offences of Parnell were the subject of a judgment of a court. Well, sir, if there were anything of that kind against a friend or a colleague of mine it would be my duty to do so. Mr. Gladstone did; but am I to be told that I must make myself a detective and go about looking for private offences and taking action upon them? Sir, if a matter of that kind came to my notice I would do as I did when I heard of the case of Mr. Gladstone, and when these facts were brought to my knowledge, I think I shall have the courage to do my duty to my friends, my colleagues, my party, and, if I may so say, to my country."

An Unprecedented Motion. "It is unprecedented to have a motion such as we have had to-day brought to the attention of the House. If the member for Labelle, or anyone else, has charge to make against my

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# PRETTY CONCEITS PARASOLS



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THE ARTIST'S BRUSH FINDS EMPLOYMENT

## Dress and the Stage

### The Importance of Clever Gowning in the Theatre "Modern Plays are Dressed by Famous Artists—The Musical Comedy and Its Influence Upon Fashions"

"But, my dear, why are you going to that matinee? The play is not especially good, there is hardly anybody worth while in the cast. And, besides, it is Lent, and I hardly think you ought to go."

"Oh! that is all right for amusement."

"Oh! that is all right, you see, I am not really going for amusement; not at all. It is just that they have some really stunning gowns on in that piece, and I simply must have some ideas for my summer's campaign. Of course, the play is not good; that goes without saying; but a good view of the frocks that are worn are worth quite all of the price of admission; and a trifle more, besides."

"But, my dear girl, it is Lent!" (This with an air that such argument cannot overcome.)

"What is that? I am sure that Lent was especially invented to give us girls a chance to get up our summer's wardrobes quietly and thoughtfully, give us a breathing spell wherein to devote our whole energies to the task, and concentrate them on its consummation. There, how's that for long words and fine eloquence?" and a heavy laugh finished the discomfited remark.

"While 'the play's the thing' from the point of view of actors and managers; that clothes are the thing is the point of view of a goodly section of the public and not all of the feminine persuasion, either."

There are some actresses who, while they have not gained any great reputation for dramatic art, have won a prominent place among the clever dressers upon the stage that insure them profitable engagements in first class pieces, and makes them, to a certain extent, public favorites. There is really a certain amount of art in which they will dress a single part, so that they may be considered entitled to some degree of consideration, after all.

We are all of us familiar upon the stage of course, he understood with the lady with a past. When the past is unspiced she is given to gowns of goodly gorgeousness; but when repentance has set in, she looks herself to frocks or plain black or a sober, quiet gray, ash-gray, with those pathetic little bands of white at throat and wrist that were once the popular property of widows. Indeed, for a long time they were known only as widows' bands, and were supposed to be the hallmark and insignia of that state and condition fully as much as the widow's robe and the widow's cap. However, the stage lady saw them, liked them, and, as she adopted them for her own, and made them a badge of repentance for the nonce.

While those who advocate the more seri-

ous forms of drama are wont to sneer at and deplore the popularity of musical comedy, those who follow the fashion welcome each new production in this line for the sake of the really beautiful gowning that managers have come to regard as indispensable to such productions. Of course, in those pieces—and they are mostly of English manufacture—there are princesses, duchesses and countesses galore, and that they must all be gorgeously garbed according to their station in the mimic world of the stage goes without saying. It is not at all an uncommon thing for the management to spend some \$10,000 for gowns and dress accessories alone before the first curtain is raised, and then those same gowns have to be kept in repair, cleaned, renewed at frequent intervals, all of which adds much to the cost.

Those who saw the Palmer production of Tribu a dozen or more years ago will not soon forget that exquisite robe embroidered in Brazilian beetle's wings that the sonator of the title wore. The foundation was a fine-meshed white silk net, but so closely were the iridescent wings and beads applied that it glittered in evanescent greens, blues and browns like one solid mass. Four thousand dollars was paid for this robe, unmounted, and as a work of art it certainly deserved a place in a museum when its career on the stage was over.

Elsie de Wolfe, who has forsaken the stage for a career as an interior decorator, was long noted for her stage gowning. It has long been an open secret that this talented woman is a partner in Cabot Socer's establishment in Paris, and that they have gowned her for years.

While Grace Geary is said to have made considerable strides in the path of her dramatic ambitions, her recent play, Clothes, cleverly combines the art of the stage and the art of dress—in which latter she has shown for some little time—a most unusual degree. Her frocks and those of her companions in the piece are really beautiful. Some of the "extra ladies" carry gowns in the ball room scene which cost \$300 and \$400 apiece, and those make their appearance for but a few fleeting moments on the stage.

The problem plays, which we have been vexed for a long time, is unusually located among people of the upper class that the gowning of such pieces, too, is a matter of some importance and considerable expense. The stage settings, the gowning of the star or the leading lady, must all be taken into account, and the costumes of the members of the cast of lesser importance are ordered, so that there is no clash of colors, or periods or designs when the first curtain goes up on the new piece.



THE NEW EMPIRE PARASOL



IRISH LINEN AND IRISH EMBROIDERIES



PANEL AND BORDER EFFECTS ARE NEW

## The Coming Season to Be a Lavish One for the Sunshade Maker—Elaboration Runs Riot in Even the Simplest Examples

With the first day of spring the parasol makes its appearance, not only upon the counters of smart shops, but in the carriages that spin gaily through the park and along the boulevards as well.

The changeable and showery days that are characteristic of late March and early April make the coaching parasol peculiarly effective—the hand that the French so cleverly term on tout cas—air, to translate it freely, in any event—thereby declaring it suitable for either rain or sun, which ever may occur during the morning or the afternoon's outing.

There is a certain sturdiness of make followed in those that make them—a most fitting and attractive accompaniment to the walking suit, which is rapidly becoming almost a uniform among smart women, so wide is the field of adoption. Stout sticks, of the kind that are known as club, and thick ends that divide a ferrule are the hallmarks of this particular parasol, and a smart, serviceable ability is written all over it.

Quite a feat it is to have this everyday and workaday parasol match the costume in tint. But this does not necessarily mean a plain taffeta or poplin silk, for the color poplins have come to be highly esteemed for parasol purposes, offering a welcome change from the never-ending procession of taffetas.

Quite at the other end of the procession are the new Pompadour parasols. Not that we have the slightest evidence or reason for believing that the famous or infamous, whichever view one prefers to take of history—Madame La Marquise de Pompadour ever carried or advocated a parasol that completely reversed the current made in those effusive little editions to the street or carriage toilette, but that the ideas ascribed to this period in dress are the ones that are attracting most attention just now makes the title seem somewhat appropriate.

This is the parasol of the stick and the ferrule the longer, so that when not opened the silken sunshade droops, with its tips hanging towards the ferrule. It is just as though the parasol had been mounted wrong end upon the stick. While there is grave danger that when hoisted to serve its nominal purpose, it may work havoc with the hats and especially of those who are walking on a too close vicinity to its wearer, it must be confessed that when it is carried in the hand it does make a most effective addition to the chic and finish of one's street toilette. For the races, for lawn and garden parties, for the promenade, along the lengthly hotel piazzas in the summertime it will be wondrously fetching, but it remains to be seen whether the vague prediction for its use will eventuate later.

Some really beautiful examples have been imported in these. The first that were seen on this side of the ocean came over last autumn securely packed away in the trunks of some society woman who planned for stunning appearances. Southern resorts have on. When "The Belle of Marigny" began its long run at the Daily Theatre in New York, the show-girls in the pieces on the programme they are down as Lady this, Countess that and Duchesse some other thing carried those Pompadour parasols with the most chic grace and style, and they created quite a furore among women who pay keen attention to matters of dress.

One thing is very apparent even thus early in the season, and that is that the day of the frusy and over-trimmed parasol is past and gone. There is a certain amount of shyness to even the most expensive examples, and the befrilled and befringed varieties have been relegated to that oblivion that overtakes fashions that have been overdone. Not that elaboration is lacking in any of the newer modes. Not at all, or there is a vast amount of elaboration to be seen; but it is that the more flamboyant and conspicuous additions to the parasol proper, such as flat, winged flounces and festooned ruffles have by common consent of the fashion makers omitted from the season's programme.

But there is a wondrous amount of elaboration wrought upon some of the simplest-looking affairs, and they give a certain amount of shyness to their elaboration. For morning and the simpler afternoon uses there is nothing so modest as an Irish linen parasol. The Irish peasantry are marvelously gifted in needlework, and some examples have been imported that for fineness of weave and fairlike embroidery can hardly be excelled. They are held at a very high price, those same examples, for they are all handwork, every stitch of them. Some houses are showing the covers unmounted, and suggesting all sorts of extravaganzas in the way of handles. One beauty in fine white linen is embroidered in the national combination of Britain—the rose, the shamrock and the thistle, thus bringing in the national emblem of England, Ireland and Scotland, and making a pattern that the royal family of Great Britain favor much in table linens—the work all done solid in a fine linen lace thread, all plain white. This is mounted, appropriately enough, upon a handle of carved Irish oak, black with wax, the head being the British lion, and the Scotch cat, upon a yellow stone pot—unlike the tops, making the animal's eyes. The price of this example of weaving, embroidery and carpenter's art is just a single \$100, and the importer claims that it is cheap at the price.

He is about never marry until I meet a woman who is my direct opposite. She is contrary to me, she is different, there are plenty of bright, intelligent girls in the neighborhood.

"No, I suppose when he joined the church he stopped drinking!" Ted—"No, but he takes it now for medicinal purposes."



DEMANDING SOME SKILL WITH THE NEEDLE

## Description of Illustrations

**The New Empire Parasol.**  
One of the most distinctive and charming novelties that have made their appearance for a very long time is the new Empire parasol. Not that we have the slightest trace of evidence that the famous beauty of the French court ever carried one of those reversed ideas in sunshades, but since everything of that era is in the forefront of fashion at the moment the name of La Pompadour is considered especially appropriate. Entirely reversing that accepted order of things, it is the handle part of the stick that is short and the ferrule and extended to an extreme length; while the silken sunshade itself droops with the tips pointing downward instead of the more usual way.

**Panel and Border Effects Are New**  
One cannot help but wonder at the ingenuity and the cleverness of silk designers when the parasols of the coming season are under discussion. Any well stocked shop can show such a charming variety, both as to color, fabric and combinations, that every taste and every cus-

tom in the wardrobe can be satisfactorily matched. The novelty illustrated shows a clever combination of stripes and checks, with a warm-painted chine pattern underlying the striped portion that goes far to relieve the pattern from the commonplace. The original shows black satin stripes and checks upon a white ground, with the chine warp-printed part displaying a wonderful combination of old porcelaine blues with a hint of a deep orange in the shading. The stick is one of those natural Austrian wood splines in which the markings and knots of the wood are polished beautifully to bring out the grain.

**The Artist's Brush Finds Employment.**  
The hand-painted parasol occupies a niche that is all its own in the fashion world. A season or two ago it was used largely by the train attendant upon the summer bride, and when the sunshades were painted by the bride herself. Then a special significance was supposed to attend their use in this connection. Now, however, the hand-painted parasol has passed into the realm of everyday belongings, and the shops are showing all sorts of designs and concepts that are expressed in their most charming best by the artist's brush. California poppies in their natural shades of faded pink that were

on mauve and blue are happily contrasted with the dull rose green of the foliage upon a white taffeta sunshade, the edge being a real Spanish lace that has the pattern defined with a running or couching thread of heavy silk in which some gold gleams at intervals.

## Buttonholed Scallop Used Effectively

There is always a use for a smart black sunshade in even the most elaborate wardrobe, while as for those that are limited in resources it is the black sunshade rather than the colored one that must be relied upon to carry its owner through the season with credit. A pretty black parasol in the use of buttonholed and scalloped little pieces or strips of the silk that are cut on the bias, and so deftly applied for some four or six inches above the hem that they lie quite flat, presenting not the least effect of a ruffle. In order to preserve the all-black effect the ribs, tips and handle are all encased in black, the latter having little knobs of gun-metal and crystal applied at intervals, the crystal serving to relieve the somewhat mourning aspect which the all-black effect presents.

## Irish Linen and Irish Embroideries

With the scope that pertains to all things in the fashionable world that can elicit Ireland for the land of their birth, the parasol of Irish linen and that can boast of the real Irish hand-wrought embroidery is the one that will lead the procession where the expensively simple effects are sought after. It is not by any means cheap, this Irish work, for our Uncle Sam imposes a very heavy duty upon its entrance at the custom house. Characteristically Irish is the design that is shown upon that of the picture, the trefoil, or shamrock, forming the basis of the design, and little maidens making for a slight relief to the pattern. The entire work is wrought in a raised solid satin stitch and the edges having a scalloped and with materials for working neatly printed in an envelope at one city.

## Demanding Some Skill With the Needle

At all of the fashionable counters there are to be had parasol covers in almost any wanted shade of linen, all ready stamped and with materials for working neatly printed in an envelope at one city.

## Queer Epitaphs

At Elgin cathedral (Scotland), may be seen an inscription the following quaint epitaph. The date on the stone is September 28, 1687.

WM. OLMER.  
The world is a circle full of streets,  
And Death is the merchant that all men meet.  
If life were a thing that Monic could buy,  
The poor could not live, and the rich would not die.

At Piton Isle, Tahiti, may be seen this epitaph on a gravestone bearing signs of extreme age:

Here lies here, his bow and arrow,  
See how the mighty Maui has fallen:  
So Death the Strong and Weak are all one.

And the same judgment both befall  
Golath Great and David Small.  
In a corner churchyard in Scotland may be read the following bit of rhymed philosophy on an unpretentious crumbling gravestone:

Here lie I, Martin Eldebrod,  
His mercy on my soul, Lord God,  
And would do were I Laird God,  
And you were Martin Eldebrod.

In a Devonshire churchyard the follow-

ing unique epitaph may be read:  
The horse bit the parson,  
How came it to pass?  
The horse, he bit the parson,  
All flesh is grass.  
Following the verse is the information that the parson who lies below came to his death through the bite of a vicious horse.  
On the gravestone of a chief constable of Striling, dated 1819, is the following:  
Our life is but a winter day;  
Some breakfast early and away;  
Others to dinner stay, and are full fed,  
The eldest stays to sup and goes to bed,  
Large is his debt who lingers out the day;  
Who goes the soonest has the least to pay.  
In a Welsh churchyard may be seen the following:  
As I am now, so you must be,  
Therefore prepare to follow us.  
And added (presumably by his widow) the last two lines reading:  
To follow you I'm not content,  
Unless I know which way you went.  
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Doublions

By EDEN PHILLPOTTS and ARNOLD BENNETT.

CHAPTER VI.—(Continued.)

He overlept himself, and had to interrupt his recital of economy by taking a cab to the coroner's court; and even then he was late. The court was packed; an extra table had been brought in for the reporters.

The gaffer in charge of the sewer trench was being examined by the coroner. "How long would it take to dig out the earth, put the corpse in, and restore the earth?" the coroner was asking.

"That depends," grumbled the gangster. "On what?" "It depends whether him as was doing it knew one end of a spade from the other."

"Should you say that the person who buried the corpse knew one end of a spade from the other?" "AY. As well as I do myself."

"The work was done by an expert?" "Yes." "Then how long should you say it took?" "Piece work it 'ud take about three-quarters of an hour, or hardly. Day wage it might be 'taken a couple of hours."

"The coroner checked a smile. "That will do, my man." "Yes, that's all very well," the gangster muttered. "But what about my expenses? What about my expenses?"

"What about your expenses?" "And he was led away repeating in a disgusted, diminishing murmur, "What about my expenses?"

"The next witnesses were the watchman, Charlie, whose place Philip had taken, and who stated that he had been summoned to his wife's bedside by a boy aged about twelve, and two much more prosperous individuals, the landlord of the Obelisk hotel, in Waterloo road, and Mr. Oscar Talke, the lease and manager of the Metropolitan theatre and Pleasure house.

I put it in my bag. But the bag has been mislaid." "Mislaid?" "Yes."

"Anything else?" "And Philip produced the fragment of tortoise-shell which he had discovered behind the door of the cubicle. It was examined by the coroner and by the jury, and made a sensation. The reporters rejoiced in excellent copy, and foresaw a cruise celebre of the first order.

"Now, Mr. Masters, you say that you were practically penniless on Tuesday night, and that you accepted the offer of the watchman on that account. You no longer have the air of being penniless; in fact, I should say quite the reverse."

"Philip, who wore indeed a new frock coat made by a great artist, not to mention a dark necktie chosen by Dr. Koch, quailed involuntarily at the coroner's tone. He absolute innocence notwithstanding, he had a tremor as the light of justice came beating down into the privacies of his career. He informed the coroner that a friend had furnished him with money."

"Ah!" remarked the coroner, and resumed his stare at the "string of Waters" portrait. Philip comprehended that the coroner, while reserving his opinion had done with him.

"That is all, sir," the coroner's officer whispered to the coroner. "Excuse me," said a firm, rich, contralto voice, "I wish to be heard."

"And a middle-aged, stout, rather tall woman stood up and pushed forward to the front of the court. "Who are you, madam?" the coroner blandly inquired.

"I am Mrs. Upottery," was the reply. "I was ill in bed yesterday, and I ought to be in bed to-day, but seeing my name dragged into the papers this morning I got up, weak as I was, and I have come here to clear my character."

"If you can assist this inquiry," said the coroner, "I shall be glad to hear you, but I am not aware that your character has been assailed."

"Not assailed!" protested the woman. "This is a lie, sir," said the coroner. "Calm yourself, my good lady," the coroner soothed her. "And take the oath."

"I swear myself, my good lady," the coroner soothed her. "And take the oath."

found behind the Captain's door came out of one of my combs." "Yes," the coroner encouraged her. "And how did it get into his room?" "It got there like this," said Mrs. Upottery. "I was engaged to be married to the poor Captain."

"This engagement was secret?" questioned the coroner kindly. "Yes," said Mrs. Upottery, controlling herself. "Henry wished it to be so."

Instantly the coroner and the reporters made a note to the effect that the deceased's Christian name was Henry. "Was it of long standing?" "I came to the Corner House on the 11th February."

"That was the day after the Captain arrived," the coroner put in. "I think it was. And the Captain looked fairly ill, as you say. He didn't say anything. But I could see that I wanted to be fair with him, so I took an opportunity of telling him that I had buried my third. But that made no difference. He was set on me. It was in his eye. He found out that I had the habit of taking a walk in the Embankment Gardens most fine mornings, and he followed me there. Then he fell ill. I used to nurse him a little, but quiet like, because in their boarding houses you can't be too particular, and no one ever saw me in his room. Then he proposed to me. Saying he'd never loved anyone for twenty years since his first wife died, and would I join my fate with his, and I said I would. And he was sitting up in bed. And he kissed me, and the lamp fell out, and I fell on it, and that's the explanation of that tooth, and I'm telling you because these things always do come to light sooner or later, and it's best as I should keep nothing back, delicate as my position is."

"When was the proposal?" "Monday last."

"The day before the Captain met his death?" "Yes."

"The day before the Captain was murdered," said Mrs. Upottery with terrible emphasis. "And there was a silence."

"The revelation of the singular incident had a strange effect on everybody present. It appeared to be so intimate a communicating of the facts, and so tragic that people wanted to grin and weep in the same moment."

"The courtship was quiet brief, Mrs. Upottery ventured the coroner. "Yes. But we fell in love at first sight," said the wrinkled creature who had presented to the coroner the charm and sweet seductiveness of her sex. "And she said it in such a voice that none of her hearers dared move a muscle."

"Have you any theory as to the Captain's death?" the coroner asked. "I have," said she. "And it is more than a theory. Henry was captain of the steamship Volga that traded to Odessa."

"What line?" "I don't know what line. How should I know what line? You men ought to be able to find that out surely. There aren't forty steamship names in Volga, I suppose?" She seemed hurt.

"His boat was in Odessa harbor while the riots were on there. And a Russian police officer that was being pursued by the mob took refuge in the Captain's dinghy, and the Captain rowed him off to his wharf, and that's the end of it."

"The leaders of the mob called on the Captain to give him up, and he wouldn't. Not him! Then the Captain received a note from a secret society sentencing him to death. Now, I'm sure the Captain, who was killed by a secret agent, I know he was."

"Why do you think that?" asked the coroner. "I slipped into Henry's room after he'd been out on Tuesday evening, about nine o'clock, just to see if he wasn't any worse for his walk, and there was another man in the room, a young man—a foreigner, I'm sure. And Henry says to me, 'I'm busy with this gentleman for a minute, Mrs. Upottery,' he says, and the man bowed in a foreign way, and I walked out."

"I never thought at the moment that there might be anything wrong." "Did you see this mysterious foreigner?" "I didn't see him, no, and I didn't hear him go. And I never saw the Captain alive again."

"And you heard nothing during the night?" "Nothing; and I never saw the Captain alive again," she repeated, her black-bordered handkerchief in her eyes.

"I am obliged to you for coming forward," said the coroner. "If you have nothing else to tell us, you may step down."

"One moment," said the foreman of the jury. Mrs. Upottery turned on him like a tigress. "Was the Captain in fear of his life?" "He pretended he wasn't, poor brave fellow," answered Mrs. Upottery. "And she stepped down. She had awed the court, the jury and the public. There were men present who regarded the Captain's death as a narrow escape on his part of having married Mrs. Upottery."

FRIGHTENED TO DEATH Mrs. Daniel Clauer, aged 46, was found dead in her home at Springfield, O., the other night. She apparently was in good health the previous day, but at night became frightened and started for the window, declaring that she saw the ghost of her dead niece, Marie Gracia, who died a week before. Mrs. Clauer's husband, who was engineer in the State Odd Fellows' Home, died two weeks ago.

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