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## REASONS FOR CONGRATULATIONS

It is going on for four weeks since a fresh case of small pox was discovered in the city. This may be taken to mean that the outbreak has been stamped out and that the city is now free from its fell visitant. Of course there are still a few cases in the hospital yet, but a week or two will see them all out, and a clean bill of health returned by the Medical Officer of Health.

Now that it is over, it is possible to go fairly over the ground. There has been quite a lot of kicking and not a little reckless and even vindictive criticism of officials. That is always to be expected in such emergencies. So also a certain number of mistakes is always to be looked for; a fact which your average critic never makes any allowance for.

On the whole, however, it cannot be denied that the situation was very promptly, and, as it turns out, very efficiently faced and dealt with. The town has to some extent suffered. That also was to be expected. But every citizen has abundant reason to shake himself by the hand that the town has escaped so lightly from such a very serious and very threatening epidemic.

After all, in an emergency where the possibilities, the potential developments are so grave and so very terrible, it is better to err on the side of severity than of laxity. Dr. Frost, His Worship, the Mayor, and the Board of Aldermen have all worked unceasingly, and shouldered a deal of responsibility in and for the interests of the town. It is now the part of wisdom to overlook any mistakes that have been made, and give full credit to the authorities for the speedy and successful stamping out of the epidemic. That, it is pretty safe to say, will be the general sentiment of the majority of the people of the town.

Meantime the finances of the city have been exhausted and Mayor Nicholson, as deputy for the City Council, has approached the Executive of the Provincial Government for assistance. Financial help was readily given to a certain figure, and the government is now going over the city's bill of expense with a view to if possible, rendering further assistance.

## MAN VS. WOMAN'S TROUSSEAU.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—The Press today says, Twenty pieces of baggage were opened on the French liner yesterday by one man in an effort to find one gown to be worn by his wife to go to grand opera in this city, and by the time he was through he had exhausted the Spanish cuss words and drawn heavily on the supply of English.

Both he and his wife knew the opera gown was in one of the twenty-one trunks they brought with them. Neither knew, however, which trunk contained it. The burden of the search fell upon the man. Cold as the weather was, the perspiration was pouring down his face when finally the 21st trunk was opened and the beautiful piece of apparel was uncovered. The hero who made the search is Leopold Tranco, of Bogota, Colombia, brother of the Colombian minister to Brazil. He and his wife landed here yesterday on the French liner La Touraine.

## CANADA'S REVENUE FALLING OFF.

OTTAWA, Dec. 5.—November revenue, \$6,867,000, an increase of a million and a half dollars compared with the same month last year, falling off principally in customs.

For eight months the revenue was \$85,000,000, a total decrease of eleven and a half million dollars, chiefly in customs.

## STRANGE SUICIDE OF CONSUL IN ST. LOUIS.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 7.—Chas. A. Etchinger, Swedish vice-consul in St. Louis, committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid at his home here today. Mr. Etchinger came into public notice some time ago through a controversy with Federal officials which resulted in the revocation of his exequatur by President Roosevelt. Later he was reinstated in the good graces of the administration and resumed his official duties. Etchinger got into his difficulty with the state department in Washington through championing the cause of E. M. Lewis of the Lewis Publishing Co., of St. Louis, who had come into conflict with the post-office when Secretary of the Treasury Geo. B. Cortelyou was postmaster general.

## COUNCIL'S SHORT MEETING

The forty-fifth meeting of the City Council was held in the City Hall on Monday evening. Mayor Nicholson being unavoidably absent, Alderman Matheson presided, and there were present Aldermen Campbell, Roberts, H. and McKinnell. The minutes of the last meeting having been formally read and approved, a letter was read from a New York engineer offering his services to the city during the installation of the sewerage system. The communication was ordered filed.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the B.C. Union of Municipalities, stating that the next convention of the Union would be held at Vernon, on January 6th, and asking the Council to send a full representation. On motion the letter was ordered filed and the City Clerk instructed to send a suitable acknowledgment.

An application was read from Mr. A. Brookbanks, for the position of City Auditor, his fee to be \$35.00. A letter was also read from a Victoria gentleman asking for information. On motion Mr. Brookbanks' application was accepted.

Accounts totalling \$988.55 were presented and referred to the Finance Committee to be paid if found correct. It was decided that in view of the depleted state of the Municipal Treasury, incident upon the recent heavy expenses incurred by the city, to petition the Provincial Government for some financial assistance.

Ald. Haworth drew attention to a stove-pipe next to Bickle's store, which he considered dangerous. It should be replaced by a brick chimney. The matter will be looked into. Ald. Campbell referred to the new laundry which is starting on First Avenue, next Williamson's Meat Market. No permission had been asked from the Council, and there were quite a lot of complaints about it from the residents round about and particularly the New Western Hotel.

Ald. McKinnell thought the chairman of the Sanitary Committee should look into the matter and see that all the conditions of the city by-laws were observed. It was agreed accordingly that Ald. Campbell should examine the premises and report at the next meeting of the Council.

## RECORDS BROKEN AT MADISON SQUARE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Smashing all hour records, except the fifth, sixteen teams kept up a terrific gait all night in the six-day international bicycle race which began at four minutes after midnight at Madison Square Garden this morning. The racers slackened up a little at the fifth hour and were laps behind the record, but by continuous springing during the seventh hour they established the new figures of 103 miles 5 laps, which is 9 laps ahead of Elkes and McFarlan's record made in 1900. In a wild start, started by Moran, just before the end of the eighth hour, and which continued for 27 minutes, the standing of the leaguers was given a severe shake up. Faber and La Fourcade lost 12 laps, being outridden all the way. Brocco and Labrousse, who had already lost one lap, lost six more. Downing and Hollister, Walthour and Root, Devonvitch and Drobach, and Galvin and Wiley lost one lap each during the sprint. Every man in the sixteen teams was on and off the track a dozen times during the 27 minutes.

## QUARREL ON BOARD SHIP.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—A rough and tumble fight occurred here last night aboard the schooner James Lamphrey, from Philadelphia, anchored at Ellis Island. The brawl was between Mate George Bailey and one of the crew, August Dekrauz, a big Portuguese sailor. Dekrauz is alleged to have hit the mate over the head with an iron bar under the skull. Bailey is in a hospital here in a critical condition. Dekrauz was overpowered and taken ashore a prisoner. He is being held to await the result of Bailey's injuries.

## THE JUBILEE SINGERS

Don't forget the engagement of the Tennessee Jubilee Singers on Thursday evening, December 17. The football club is handling the venture and hopes to be able to make it a success. The singers come with a great reputation. They are accustomed to appearing in the bigger cities of Washington, and are a great drawing card. Their manager with whom the Club entered into a contract for their appearance, had stacks of testimonials and newspaper clippings all testifying to the excellence of the entertainment given by these singers. The members of the troupe appear in costume also and the concert is guaranteed to be a great musical treat. General admission tickets will be sold for 50 cents and the boys expect a good sale. Reserved seats at 75 cents will be on sale at Knight's Book store.

## A ROMANTIC RABBIT CHASE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Chas. Crampsey, a Newark business man, had a strange experience while driving through Caldwell, N.J., with two friends in his automobile. As the car was going along the mountain road on the outskirts of the town, the occupants saw a dog pursuing a rabbit.

The rabbit and its pursuer came diagonally across the field towards the road on which the automobile was speeding, but they were running at a speed that was far in excess of the auto.

As the rabbit reached the roadway it had to leap on a stone wall that ran parallel with the highway. The elevation brought it almost on a level with the tonneau of the car and the next instant it had sprung across the space and landed squarely in the seat beside Mr. Crampsey who was driving the auto.

The dog also had to leap the stone wall, but the automobile had gone by when he poised for a spring after his quarry, and he missed landing where the rabbit did.

The rabbit, after a frightened glance, seemed to come to the conclusion that the automobile was a safe refuge and made no effort to escape when Mr. Crampsey put a protecting arm around it. And now comes the strange part of the adventure, according to Mr. Crampsey.

The dog, not to be balked by the rabbit, gave chase to the automobile which was carrying away his prey. With loud yelps he chased after the machine.

Mr. Crampsey had put on full speed and his machine was making a quick run over the road. The dog was game, however, and he soon began to gain on the automobile. As he reached the automobile the dog was seen to reel, and the next moment fell over dead.

Mr. Crampsey, who had been looking back watching the futile chase of the dog, stopped the machine. The party got out and went back to where the dog lay dead. One of Mr. Crampsey's friends, who was a veterinary surgeon, said the dog, whose heart had been weakened by the hard race after the rabbit, had succumbed to the gasoline fumes and was suffocated.

Mr. Crampsey said he would take the rabbit, which made no effort to escape, even when left alone in the auto while the occupants were investigating the death of the dog, to his

## NETHERLANDS WILL ASSURE PEACE.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 5.—The government of the Netherlands has declined to dignify the movement of three Dutch warships, the battleship Jacob VanHeemskerck and the cruisers Gelderland and Friesland, along the coast of Venezuela from Puerto Gabello to Lagunera, as a naval demonstration. It asserts this manoeuvre was only an ordinary exercise cruise. Officials today point out that anything in the nature of a blockade must be duly notified to the powers before being undertaken. They say no such notification has yet been sent, nor has the necessary notice been given to parliament of any proposed warlike action. The government has received no information concerning the statement that four American warships are expected at Curacao the beginning of January, but it is thought here that now the Presidential election is over, the United States may possibly lend Holland more effective assistance than the moral support already promised.

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## CORBETT AGAIN IN THE RING.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 8.—James J. Corbett, former heavyweight champion of the world, will re-enter the prize ring on the night of December 15th in this city, but not as a fighter. He has consented to referee the fight between Hugo Kelly and Billy Papke on that night, at the Jeffries pavilion. Arrangements were concluded with him yesterday and he is now in San Diego.

## PACIFIC LEAGUE MATCH

Seattle Boys Will Play the Home Eleven on Sunday Afternoon.

After a month's rest the local boys will be seen in a Pacific League game on Sunday afternoon when they meet Seattle. The match at Seattle was the first great disappointment of the season, and, apart altogether from the misfortune of the day before, the game was lost through lack of condition. No man can play for his life on Saturday, and then turn out on Sunday and do himself justice on another heavy field and in another fierce game.

Of course the club paid for its experience with the loss of two points, just as Nanaimo did, and the same thing will not happen again. On Sunday, however, Seattle are up against the same circumstances that proved so disastrous to the home boys. They play Victoria on the Saturday and come here on the Sunday. The game, in all the circumstances, should be easy for the homesters, but certainties sometimes do not come off. Accordingly the boys will do well to get themselves into the best of shape, and to start in as if they were playing the strongest team in the League.

The boys have every inducement. It should be remembered that there is still a chance to capture the league championship. Vancouver have yet to play here, which should, on form, yield two points to the home club. Nanaimo have to visit Vancouver, and on form again, will find the Mainlanders too hard a nut to crack. The match at Nanaimo on the 10th, therefore, becomes the crux of the whole competition. The boys have only to get in and work and train together to pull the game off. But first let there be no mistakes on Sunday.

The Executive Committee met last night and selected the following team:

Goal—Dougan.  
Backs—Morrison and Christian.  
Halves—Grainger, Strang, Struthers.

Forwards—McDowell, McGuire, Adam, Grainger, Provins.  
Reserves—O'Connell, Main, Warburton.

The game will commence at 2.30. The charge for admission will be 25 cents all round. Grand stand 25 cents extra.

## HALLOWING TALE OF POVERTY IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Strict economy which two young Jewish girls had imposed upon themselves to enable them to educate themselves and their young sister, and at the same time save enough money to bring their mother to this country, cost them their lives today. They were found dead from inhaling illuminating gas in a little room which they occupied together in an east side tenement.

The girls were Molly and Ina Kaplan, respectively 19 and 17 years of age. They had been in the country three years and during that time had saved every cent they could out of their scant earnings in a sweatshop. Every evening they attended night school. Each week they washed their own clothes for the sake of economy. Last night it was raining and the wet clothing was hung out to dry in the little room on a line stretched from a gas jet to the farther wall. In some manner during the night the weight of the line caused it to slip, turning the gas cock and flooding the room with the deadly vapors.

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Only once on the way to Victoria did recourse have to be had to the pumps. The patch placed by the Salvage company very effectively shut out the water, and only a small amount was taken on the trip. The patch of canvas and planks showed just above the water line on the port side as she entered the harbor. It commences about 20 feet back on the bow. The work of repairing will begin at once, so that the Charmer may be ready for service again as soon as possible.

## HOOPER OPENS OUT AGAIN

Mr. Wm. Hooper is once more ready to do business. He is opening out today in the handsome new premises which have been erected on Gatacre Street. He has ample accommodation for his business and the best of light night or day. His business will be the same, namely, confectionery and stationery, and jewelry. In the summer he will have his ice cream parlors and hopes to do a better business than ever. He extends to all his old patrons a hearty invitation to call in on him.

## CONGRESS OPENED TODAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The ever-interesting spectacle of convening of a Congress today brought to the capitol building the usual throngs bent on gaining admission to one or the other where the opening exercises of the 60th Congress were held. For many days the demand for cards to seats in the respective galleries has been so great that when the doors of the massive structure were thrown open at 9 o'clock the crowd more than sufficient to take up the entire seating capacity, and of the two chambers had assembled, and from that time on they came in droves, the corridors on both floors being filled with people surging back and forth while long lines of men and women stood outside each gallery awaiting an opportunity to get even a peep into the Senate house.

In both bodies among the most interested spectators were the members of diplomatic corps who were present in goodly numbers. Numerous high officials of the government likewise occupied seats and they too displayed the keenest interest in the proceedings.

The House was called to order at noon. When Vice-President Elect Sherman entered the chamber he was accorded an ovation by his Republican colleagues. Speaker Cannon also received an ovation.

## COLLISION AGAIN IN VANCOUVER NARROWS.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 7.—In an effort to avoid a collision with a tug in the fog last night in the first Narrows, the Canadian Pacific Oriental liner Glenfarg, on her outbound passage, struck a reef. She immediately returned to her wharf here and today is discharging fifteen hundred tons of cargo which will be sent by some other vessel to Oriental ports. The liner will go into drydock immediately. The plates only are believed to have been damaged. The Glenfarg struck at a point in the Narrows where it is crossed by the city water pipe.

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## Public Notice.

Notice is hereby given that all Churches, Lodges, Schools and Public gatherings will be permitted on and after 21st November next upon all parties wishing to attend the same producing a certificate of successful vaccination.

LADYSMITH BOARD OF HEALTH

D. NICHOLSON, Chairman

A. C. FROST, M.D., Health Officer

Ladysmith, B.C., November 17th, 1908.

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THE NANAIMO VACANCY.

The Victoria Times has again taken the Nanaimo constituency under its wing. As an interlude to its daily dirge on the defeat of Templeman we were told all about the vacancy at Nanaimo, and treated to a typical example of the Times' method of dealing with political opponents. For six weeks this great Liberal organ has been bewailing its proprietor's defeat, knocking the city which supports it and the citizens who pay to peruse it, and whining and reviling at all who were so temerarious as to disregard its admonitions. In its tirades since the event it has sounded every depth of meanness and absurdity, and still apparently has no consciousness of its own ridiculous inconsistency. The methods it employed to defeat Mr. Shepherd in the local fight were such as no honorable nor reputable journal would have stooped to. Its statements, on more than one occasion, had to be stigmatised by the Conservative candidate, as deliberate lies. Its last incursion into the local field was on the very eve of the election, and on that occasion it exceeded all its previous efforts in the dubious art and creation of political "canards." The deus ex machina of the plot was an anonymous correspondent, the manufacture of which is very clearly a strong suit with the Times writers. The editor must have felt very satisfied with the work of his brain (and he had reason to be) for the same character has now been resurrected.

He is not quite the same in appearance, in name, or in style this time, however. Still he is fairly recognizable, and few indeed will fail to perceive his identity. Last time he was a disgruntled Tory, and a very apt tale, considering where it was made, he unfolded. He is still disgruntled, but whether he is Tory or Liberal, his creator fails to tell us. He is merely an unreasonable inquisitive person who apparently has more time to spare than anything else. He wants the editor of the Times to tell him if the Nanaimo vacancy has been filled (a piece of overdone and very feeble sarcasm) and if not, when the election is likely to be. Of course the Times editor is simply bursting with information, and he proceeds to cut it off and hand it out in such chunks as may easily choke even an unreasonably inquisitive person. We have first of all the old story of the McBride and the Hawthornthwaite alliance. There was a time perhaps when there was political point in this allegation, but the Times believes its name. It is behind the times and blinks all the facts and changes which the progress of time have brought about. This eternal prating of such an alliance is merely silly, and naturally therefore it has become a habit of the Times. Having finished with the alliance, the Times asks what are the interests of one constituency when placed in the balance against the private interests of the Socialist-Conservative party of British Columbia? We must answer that we don't know, nor can

we further elucidate the problem of the foregoing sentence) that the "alliance is working together for its own special benefit," but we cannot say we are very much enlightened even yet. We rather imagine, however, that the editor was feeling himself cribbed, caged, and confined as the result of his daily fulminations against the methods of the Colonist. There is not a known or an unknown political crime which the Colonist has not been guilty of, and not the least of these has been its gross indulgence in personalities. The Times, of course, was blinded by the beam in its own eye, but, as the result of its bitter reproaches and furious condemnation of the Colonist, it was constrained to an appearance of decency in the article under discussion. What the Times is probably trying to do is to charge the Premier and Mr. Hawthornthwaite with consulting their own "private interests," and "special benefits," but for once it hesitates to say so outright.

It is also surprising that the Times should stick to its pro-election canards in the face of the figures from the ballots. We are told that the mandate went forth to Conservatives to vote for the Socialist candidate, and the shameful story of Shepherd refusing to act as the tool of the combination is again repeated. It is an uncalculated insult upon the honorable gentleman who fought a straight and honest fight, and was defeated by the help of election canards manufactured in the Times office. These things and the mystery of the Esquimalt figures are to be properly investigated in a court of law. Until the result of that inquiry is made known it would be unfair to say anything; but there is every reason to believe that the protest will be sustained. In that case the Times may be made to realize that the man whom it sees fit to treat as a political cipher, to load with insult and contumely, is the man this constituency wants. In a straight fight the seat is a gift to Mr. Shepherd and even against a combination he is sure to go in. The Times may throw all the ink it pleases, but the strength of the three candidates has been disclosed and Shepherd is the strongest man of the three.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

..Ralph Smith has left for Ottawa on a business trip, says the "Herald." The situation certainly requires Ralph's presence and things may now be expected to be straightened out in short order.

"In an editorial comment on the likelihood of Mr. Ralph Smith being tendered a cabinet position in a late issue of the Province, and reproduced in Sunday morning's Herald, a comment was written on the same, but, by mistake, omitted from the article referred to was reproduced." This gem of English pure and undefiled was given away gratis with Tuesday's "Herald." You will notice that in an editorial comment a comment was written on the same. It is a great public misfortune that this wonderful accomplishment was by a pure mistake omitted.

STANDARD OIL IS ON STAND AGAIN.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Mr. Archibald said that the establishment of marketing stations to compete with the rivals of the Standard Oil Company naturally forced the small dealers and jobbers practically from the field. Some correspondence between oil producers and the Pennsylvania Geological Survey showing the apparent limitations of crude oil productive possibilities in the early days was spread on the record with the evident design of showing the hazardous chances of the business, testified to by Mr. Rockefeller and Mr. Archibald.

Mr. Archibald said the Standard Company of Indiana was originally capitalized for \$1,000,000 and had borrowed large sums of money from other companies which it had paid off out of its earnings of over fifty-five million dollars between the years 1889 and 1906, on a million dollar loan there had been many million dollars invested in the company, which was not nominally capitalized. Counsel for the defence said that it had been found impossible to get the London books of the Anglo-American Co., but efforts would be made to get a transcript of James McDonald's account of \$2,700,000.

Standard Sporting Causerie

A DRAWN BATTLE.

The Temperance House is still undefeated, and still retain their title to the championship. Still, their glory is fading, and on Sunday they could do nothing better than scrape through with a draw. Indeed, for a long time it looked as if they were beaten for they were a goal behind at half time and for the greater part of the second half. It was not because they were outplayed. They had as much of the play as the Abbotsford, and they stayed better, but they couldn't score. Davy Copeland was rushing and charging right into the goal area, but never could get in the finishing touch. On the other side, Jimmy Wilson scored the first time he was given an opportunity, and thus the battle was waged. Hartley was beaten in a scrimmage the last few minutes of the game, and Captain Fulton raised his first smile of the game. It was water that did it. The Temperance men played right through and saved their reputation. Of course they will have to be a replay; but it will take time for the players to recover. Over twenty dollars was taken at the gate and this will be forwarded to the Trustees of the Chemainus Hospital.

THE P. C. LEAGUE

What Nanaimo and Ladysmith failed to do, Vancouver accomplished on Sunday. The boys from the Terminal City defeated the Americans by a score of five goals to three. As on Saturday Vancouver defeated Victoria by two goals to one, the Mainland combination now holds the best position in the League. Here is the table:

Team	W.	L.	Pts
Vancouver	6	4	2-8
Nanaimo	5	3	2-6
Ladysmith	5	2	3-4
Seattle	5	2	3-4
Victoria	5	2	3-4

Nanaimo it will be seen have played a game less than Vancouver. Their next game is with Ladysmith, and a win would tie them with Vancouver, whom, however, they have still to meet on Recreation Park, so that the Terminal City have a shade better of the position. Ladysmith have Seattle on Sunday. That should result in two points. Then if in January they could turn the tables on Nanaimo, they would have best position as Vancouver have yet to come here. The first thing is to make sure of the game on Sunday and then get ready for the Nanaimo game. The League is not won yet.

THINKS THE INDIAN WILL BE VERY EASY.

Conqueror of Hayes Confident That He Can Trim Both Longboat and Shrubbs.

"I will beat Tom Longboat just as easily as I ran away from Johnny Hayes," declared Dorando, the Italian runner, in New York a few days ago. He is matched to race Longboat on Dec. 15, at Madison Square Garden, New York, and no sooner had the papers of agreement been filed away than Mr. Dorando announced to the waiting public that he would make our esteemed Indian runner look like a freight train ascending a hill.

LONGBOAT GETTING READY FOR DORANDO.

Redakia Runner not in Good Condition, but Expects to be in Shape for Italian.

SIX DAY BICYCLE RACE.

New York, Dec. 5.—The week which New York annually gives to bicycle racing begins tonight in Madison Square Garden, with the usual international championship meet. This preliminary affair, however, is merely a cocktail to whet the appetite of the lovers of bicycling for the annual six-day grind, which will be started at one minute past midnight tomorrow night.

While cycling as a sport has steadily declined in public favor for a decade and more, this six-day survival of the good old times seems to have lost none of its popularity. Thousands turn out each year to witness the event and some of the devotees have been known to remain in the garden for two or three days at a time.

1902—Leander and Krebs .....2477.3  
1903—Walthor and Munroe .....2318.3  
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1905—Root and Folger .....2260.6  
1906—Root and Folger .....2292.2  
1907—Butt and Stol .....2636.4

FOOTBALL IN THE STATES.

New Game is More Open, Less Dangerous and Has Come to Stay.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Perhaps the chief thing demonstrated by this year's football contests was that the so-called minor colleges are no longer to be despised. Heretofore, the big teams, such as Yale, Harvard and Pennsylvania, have usually toyed with their smaller opponents, running up points almost at will. Now all this is changed. The Navy tied Harvard, and Brown held the Crimson to a 6 to 2 score this fall; Dartmouth defeated Princeton, while Syracuse and West Point held the men from New Jersey to nothing to nothing ties, and Yale was able to score only one touchdown against both Syracuse and the Army. These are a few instances of the strength of the lesser elevens.

Another fact brought out is that the "new" football has come to stay. As now played the game is far more open and hence more interesting to the spectator and less dangerous to the player. Punting, field goal kicking and trick plays have reached a greater development than ever before, while the forward pass, an innovation, is generally admitted to be one of the prettiest plays in football. Many of the most bitter detractors of the new football at its inception two years ago, are now among the most ardent admirers. In the minds of the experts it has ceased to be an experiment.

WORLD'S RECORD IN FIVE-MILE RUN

Mahison Square Garden, N.Y. December 1.—The Irish American Athletic Club won the point score at the two-day championship meeting of the Amateur Athletic Union, concluded tonight in Madison Square Garden. The score of the winning organization was 84 points, three records were broken in the meet. On the first night the world's record for throwing the fifty-six lb. weight was raised from fifteen feet seven inches to sixteen feet three and three-eighths inches by P. McDonald, and M. P. Driscoll made new figures for the two-mile run. Tonight Thomas Collins, of the Irish American Athletic Club set a new American figure for the five-mile run, breaking E. Carter's record of 25:28 3-5, made in 1887. Collins' time was 25:19 2-5.

Melvin Sheppard won the 600-yd. run from Bacon in 1:14 4-5. J. J. Eller, of the Irish American Athletic Club, was the greatest individual point winner, with 15 points, secured first in the 150-yd. run and the 200 and 300 yard hurdle races.

NANAIMO INDIANS DEFEATED DUNCAN.

The Nanaimo Indian Football team had it all over the Duncan Indian team yesterday afternoon on the Cricket field and defeated them by 5 goals to nil. In the first half play was pretty even. Joe Peters scoring after 25 minutes of play, and Alex Johnnie doing the trick a few minutes later. In the second half, Nanaimo had it all over the visiting team, scoring three goals. Peters scored twice and Johnnie once.

VANCOUVER WINS.

The Vancouver District Football team defeated Victoria on Saturday afternoon by 2 goals to 1, in a Pacific Coast League game at Incebrook Park, Vancouver. By winning this game, Vancouver ties with the Nanaimo United for first place.

THE RUGBY MATCH.

Victoria defeated Vancouver in the first Rugby game of the season in the McKechnie Cup competition at the Oak Bay grounds Saturday afternoon. Victoria had out the strongest fifteen playing in the city, and the way they put it over the visitors is clearly shown by the score, which stood 6-0 at the close of the play. The fact that the personnel of the Vancouver team had been somewhat changed may have partially effected the result. McKechnie and Jewell replaced Burke and Emerson as these two forward line players were unable to attend.

FRISCO SOCCER MEN HERE ON APRIL 4TH.

Dates for Tour Arranged—Will Play Five Matches.  
A California Soccer team, the first Association Football eleven to travel out of San Francisco, will probably play British Columbia teams in the beginning of April next year. Con Jones, of Vancouver, is looking after the northern end of the tour and has guaranteed the sum required by the visitors. The California team will make the tour around

Christmas, but on the advice of all cities decided to postpone the trip till the spring. Easter dates were suggested, and the following have been forwarded by Sam Goodman as suitable for the California team:  
Vancouver—April 3.  
Nanaimo—April 4.  
Ladysmith—April 5.  
Victoria—Good Friday.  
Seattle—Two days later.

Portland also wants a game with the southern team, but no date is yet set for it. The team will probably play there after Easter on the way down the coast.

A letter has been forwarded to Goodman announcing that the dates asked for will meet with the plans of the towns in the Pacific Coast League.

HIGH SCHOOL TEAM BANQUETS

THE VISITORS.  
Nanaimo, Dec. 7th.

The score which resulted from the game of basketball played in the Athletic Club arena last Saturday, between the local high school and the Victoria College does not by any means indicate the manner in which the home team stuck to their colors, nor does it indicate their feeling after the game.

The Victoria team was a big, husky aggregation, the members of which have been playing together for years while the majority of the local boys had never played previous to the present season. It was the first public game they ever put up and it is no wonder that the score totalled up 25-3 in favor of the visitors for never before had they been the cynosure of a hundred maidens' eyes which were shedding down looks of devotion upon the champions of their school and which were bright with enthusiasm which was the outburst of their spirit de corps.

The Victoria bunch were much heavier than the local team and besides, the possession of such a human griffin as Spencer at centre, completely obliterated whatever chances they might have had at evening up the score. Westwood, the local centre, played all around him as far as speed and science goes, but when he got those arms, that dangled about a mile out of his sweater, into play, it was all up in the air with the opposing players. The visitors, too, seemed to enjoy phenomenal luck, as far as shooting went. In fact they seemed able to score whether standing on their feet or on their heads. Snyder, the captain of the local team played a hard game and was ably seconded by Smith. Cadger was in poor form, while Knott's attack was weak.

The goal which Craig scored on a free throw, was ably done. The excitement and ecstatic cheers which this produced among the girls did not die down till two goals had been scored by Victoria in quick succession.

Curtis Lawrence, of the Athletic Club team, handled the whistle to the satisfaction of all. After the game the local team tendered the visitors a fine banquet to which twenty sat down in the Stevens' Cafe. Mr. Sedgwick, former principal of the Nanaimo High School, who was present at the game in the interest of the Vancouver College team, was master of ceremonies. It is needless to say that wit and friendly feeling flowed freely and the teams at the close assured each other of their extreme pleasure and the hope that they would see meet again.

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MYSTERIOUS ROBBERY IN THE EAST

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—A special despatch to the Herald from Philadelphia says: Jewelry valued at \$75,000, a copy of an old masterpiece valued at \$15,000, Paris gowns and opera cloaks, are included in the valuables reported missing from the residence of the late Mrs. G. Wood, who was found dead on Oct. 18, in her home on North Broad street.

Mrs. Wood, who was very eccentric, lived alone and she died alone. Though she had hosts of friends and acquaintances, she spent her days and nights in the big gloomy house unattended. On Oct. 31 this house, Mrs. Wood's friends say, was the scene of confusion, strangers tramped through the rooms and valuables were piled up and taken away. The mystery of the missing valuables may never be cleared up unless action is taken up by the city, which falls heir to part of the estate, or the Catholic church and various charities mentioned as heirs in the will.

KAISER GIVES BILL TO THE CHURCH

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—A bell presented by Emperor William of Germany to the German Reformed Church of America in East Sixty-Eighth street, will be dedicated with interesting ceremonies tomorrow on the occasion of the founding of the church. The bell is five feet high, and weighs 3,000 pounds. On one side it bears the German coat of arms and an inscription reciting the fact that the bell is a gift from Emperor William.

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The Luxembourg government is treating incorrigible vagabonds to bread and water for the first four days of their imprisonment, and to the lowest scale of ordinary diet twice a week afterwards. The prisons are said to be emptying fast.

VANCOUVER WINS

VANCOUVER, B.C., Dec. 7.—The Vancouver Football team defeated Seattle yesterday in Seattle by 5 goals to 3. The game was a Pacific Coast League fixture, and it now gives Vancouver a lead of two points on Nanaimo team.

REVER'S MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—The disappearance of a man whose name was given to the police as Lord Herbert Russell, of Bridgeport, Eng., and Spokane, Wash., was made public today when detectives admit that a search of two weeks had been unsuccessful. Russell was reported missing a fortnight ago by Lady Russell, when her husband failed to return to his hotel in this city and at her request the matter was taken in hand. Russell has been in the United States for a year inspecting his timber interests.

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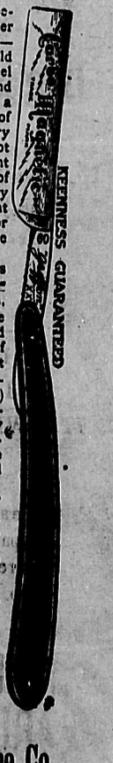
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# TELEGRAPH NEWS OF THE WORLD IN GENERAL.

## HEART FAILURE.

Orangeville, Dec. 7.—Capt. Geo. Lawrence is dead of heart failure, caused by a fall on the icy sidewalk. He was 67 years old and was a resident of Orangeville.

## YOUTHFUL CRIMINAL.

Gait, Dec. 7.—Earl Licht, 18 years old, was sentenced to two years and a half in Kingston penitentiary today for robbing a safe in the Bell Telephone Co.'s office here.

## HURT IN RACE.

New York, Dec. 7.—Menas Bedell, of the Rupprecht team in the six-day race was seriously injured in a spill this afternoon. His collarbone was broken and he was forced to retire from the race.

## ANOTHER FAILURE.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Dec. 7.—The National Exchange bank with a capital of \$100,000 did not open today. A notice posted on the doors said the bank had been closed by the direction of comptroller of currency.

## SUICIDE AGAIN.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 7.—C. W. Blow, manager of the American Lined Company's Crown Works, shot and killed himself at his home here this morning. At the residence the report of Mr. Blow's death was confirmed, but those in the house would make no statement as to the supposed reason for his act.

## REVIVAL OF INGERSOLL CASE.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The supreme court today decided in favor of Mrs. Ingersoll, against Joseph Coran and herself, widow of the late Robert G. Ingersoll, against Joseph Coran and others, involving a claim of \$100,000 by Mrs. Ingersoll on account of services rendered by her husband in breaking the will of the late A. J. Davis, a millionaire.

## ELECTION PROTESTS.

Regina, Sask., Dec. 7.—A protest against J. G. Turrill has been entered by the Conservatives in Saskatchewan. It is believed that the Liberals will protest Lake's seat in Qu'Appelle. In the provincial house, the Liberals have protested Last Mountain, Pheasant Mills, North Qu'Appelle, and Milestone, won by the provincial eighters, and Weyburn, won by the Liberals, is also protested.

## STRANG FOR VACANT POST.

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 7.—The Board of Trade held a meeting this morning at which Hon. Frank Oliver was present, and recommended Andrew Strang for the vacancy on the Railway commission, caused by the death of Hon. Thos. Greenway.

## CONDITIONS IMPROVE IN HAYTI.

PORT AU PRINCE, Dec. 7.—The political situation is clearing. During the recent interview here between Gen. Simon, the leader of the revolutionary movement that resulted in the flight of Nord Alexis from the capital, and Gen. Fouchard, as aspirant to the presidency, who arrived here yesterday at the head of a band of followers. The latter said that as "God had blessed the arms of Gen. Simon," he withdrew his candidacy in order that the possibility of civil war might be averted. The proclamation of Gen. Simon as president of the republic was then decided upon. The local population has accepted the new order of things and Gen. Simon will shortly take possession of the national palace.

## U. S. CRUISER SUNK IN GALE.

NEW BEDFORD, Dec. 5.—The U. S. cruiser Yankee, which was floated yesterday after being aground on a reef at the western entrance of Buzzard Bay several weeks, sank early today off Penikese Island. The 150 members of her crew were landed safely.

## COLLISION OF SEATTLE CARS FATAL.

SEATTLE, Dec. 6.—While running at a high rate of speed through the dense fog shortly before eight o'clock this morning, two University street cars, both of which were heavily laden, collided head-on at East Lake avenue and Edgar street, fatally injuring at least three, seriously injuring a dozen and bruising or maiming between thirty and forty of the passengers. Both the motormen of the cars, Gus Olsen and Chas. Bolling, were fatally injured, as was J. Elandel, of Ballard. Elandel is 61 years of age, had both legs broken, his left hand crushed and injured internally.

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The collision is thought to be due to a mistake on the block signals, as the two cars met about the centre

of one of the block sections. It was on a straight stretch of track on a slight grade, and as both cars were running at a fast clip, the impact when they came together was terrific. The front vestibules of both were telescoped like eggshells and every window was broken. Several of the seats were torn from their fastenings and the helpless load of humanity was pitched forward in the aisle and over the seats. Both of the injured motormen were pinned in the wreckage of the vestibules and had to be chopped out.

It is not believed that a passenger on the in-bound car, which had a capacity load, escaped some sort of injury. Several women fainted, and a great number were badly cut by flying glass. It was two hours before the line was open again for traffic.

The east-bound car had 76 passengers, mostly laborers bound for the exposition grounds. The in-bound car had 120 passengers.

MONTREAL, Dec. 7.—The financial and commercial depression that swept over Canada and the United States and extended to the continent during the past year, was the key note of speeches made by Sir George Drummond, president, and Sir Edward Clouston, vice-president of the Bank of Montreal, at the annual meeting of the shareholders today. The future, however, in the opinion of these authorities, was hopeful.

"Now we are in a condition to start a boom," said Sir George Drummond, but if our people will continue a conservative policy, which is at present animating their conduct of business, we will emerge stronger and better in every way."

Sir Edward Clouston said the daily business of the country, as gauged by banking note circulation, at no time showed a shrinkage exceeding five per cent. A great feature of the past year was the successful wheat crops secured in the northwest.

## GEN. SIMON BEFORE THE CITY.

PORT AU PRINCE, Dec. 5.—General Simon with his army, is at the very gates of Port au Prince, only awaiting the morrow to enter the capital triumphantly at the head of 6,000 men. Had it not been that yesterday was Friday, a day that to the superstitious Haytiens is one of ill-omen, the fifteen miles separating them from the capital would have proved no obstacle, and last night the victorious revolutionists would have been in the city.

The delegation sent out from Port au Prince yesterday met Gen. Simon today at Carrefour, where he is lodged at the villa Money Pas, a fine house built by ex-President Hipolyte. The general assured the delegates that his men were well disciplined and will maintain peace in Port au Prince. Among the lower classes Gen. Simon is very popular. The better classes are more reserved in their opinion of him and would have preferred a man more refined than he for the presidency. They are resigned, however, to accepting Gen. Simon.

Gen. Leconte, former minister of interior, will embark at St. Thomas, D.V., on a French mail steamer today and proceed to Cape Haytien, where he will land Sunday. General Firmin is on board the steamer Virginia bound from St. Thomas for Port au Prince by way of Kingston. No news has been received here concerning the movements of Gen. Fouchard. Gen. Jules Coicou, military chief of Port au Prince, today took refuge in a seminary. Threatening groups stood in front of the building for a while, but soon were dispersed. The city of Port au Prince is tranquil and from the country districts there have come no reports of disorder.

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The Yankee was proceeding under tow to this city accompanied by the naval collier Lebanon and two tugs. It was intended, as soon as soon as the cruiser had been freed from the reef to tow her to New York, but a nasty southerly gale made such a plan impracticable and the cruiser and her convoys started for this port. When darkness set in, the officer in charge of the cruiser deemed it imprudent to proceed further, inasmuch as the Lebanon draws more than twenty feet of water and it was thought that it would be hazardous to bring a vessel of such draught into New Bedford after dark. The Yankee was then towed to an anchorage on the lee of Penikese.

It was about 7 a.m. when the Yankee went down. Although no details were available at 8.30 a.m. it was understood that the vessel had burned turtle. She is reported to have sunk in fairly shallow water, with her funnels showing above the surface, and it was thought that she could be raised again.

The sinking of the Yankee was the termination of an unfortunate trip from New York to the neighborhood of Martha's Vineyard to attend the

submarine flotilla in their fall manoeuvres. While on her way to Newport for a supply of coal, the Yankee struck on Spindle Rocks at the western entrance of Buzzard's Bay, during a thick fog, on Sept. 23. After persistent efforts by the government to free the cruiser had failed, John Arbuckle, the New York sugar refiner, who believed that he could float the vessel by use of compressed air, offered his services, and a contract was made between Mr. Arbuckle and the navy department, by the terms of which the former was to get \$87,500 if he floated the Yankee, while if he failed, he was to receive \$25,000.

## PUNISHMENT OF CRIME IN EGG-LAND.

London's undetected murders formed the subject of a question in parliament recently. The home secretary, Herbert Gladstone, stated that there had been ninety-two murders in the metropolitan police district since Jan. 1, 1904, and in ten cases the perpetrator had not been brought to justice. Four out of the ten undiscovered cases were those in which women had died as the result of illegal operations. As they hardly belong to the category of murders, as popularly understood, Gladstone's figures are taken to reflect high credit on the London police by comparison with other capitals.

Among the undiscovered cases are some in which the police are convinced that they know the murderers, but are unable to find legal evidence enough to justify arrest, or to secure the conviction of the suspected person. This fact is understood to apply particularly to two cases, where women have been murdered in circumstances which created considerable sensation. The police theory is that one man is responsible for both crimes, and that their inability to convict in the first instance, when he was put on trial and acquitted, and their absolute failure to obtain evidence of his commission of the second, show him to be one of the most remarkable criminals in the world.

A constant watch is kept upon him, and it is hoped that if his homicidal mania leads him to attempt murder again he will be detected before its accomplishment.—New York Sun.

## TRICKS OF SILK GROWERS.

Silk science is changing. If the silk dresses of fifty years ago are compared with many of the silk articles manufactured at the present day it requires no elaborate tests to show the superiority in strength of the older materials.

This usually is due to the fact that silk yarns now are frequently treated with metallic salts, such as tin chloride, which are readily absorbed, forming insoluble compounds, and thus increasing the weight of the fiber. So prevalent did this practice become some years ago that even the manufacturers recognized the necessity of putting some limit to it.

Apart from the fact that one is buying a compound of silk with a metal instead of pure silk, this treatment frequently causes the fibres to become tender, especially after exposure to direct sunlight.

From Herr Strehlener's experiments it was found that taking the strength of genuine silk at 60 to 53, the strength of a sample of loaded French silk containing 140 per cent. of added material was only 7.9. Not only does the weighing process reduce the tenacity of the fiber and often destroy the dye stuff, but it also is a frequent cause of the appearance of mysterious spots.

Often bright red spots appear on a fabric after exposure to the sunlight. It has been found that even a diluted solution of common salts acts upon loaded silk in the presence of air and moisture and produces stains and complete disintegration of fiber within twelve months. The action of stronger solutions of salt is still more rapid, and the "tendency" of the fiber is marked after treatment for seven days with a 2 per cent. solution.

The presence of salt in stained and weakened silk may be accounted for readily by the fact that salt is a constituent of human perspiration, and thus may have been introduced during the handling of yarns by the workman.

Special precautions are now taken to eliminate this cause of injury, and the disintegrating action of the tin salts upon the fibers also is reduced by a subsequent chemical treatment of the yarn. So the weight of silks of today are stronger than their predecessors of a few years back.—Chicago Tribune.

## GIBRALTAR OF THE PACIFIC.

The United States has taken up in earnest the work of defending Hawaii. The strategic importance of this "key to the Pacific" was never so clearly seen as in the light of possible conflict with Japan. When the defenseless condition of this important point was presented vigorously and the danger to the Pacific Coast emphasized, Congress made liberal appropriations. The navy and war departments have begun work with unusual promptness, and the enterprise is already well under way.

Hawaii is to be made the Gibraltar of the Pacific. Not only have the Army garrisons been largely increased and the building of strong fortifications begun, but the Navy is to construct at Pearl harbor one of the most important stations. Those who have not been keeping in touch with events were surprised this week when the acting Secretary of the Navy advertised for bids for constructing at Pearl harbor the largest drydock in the world. This dock will be large enough to contain not only any battleship now afloat, but any that is likely to be built in the next twenty years. It is to be 1125 feet long, 85 feet deep and 110 feet wide. It is to be built in sections, so that two ships

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may use part of it at the same time. This dock will be capable of caring for any ship in the Navy. This great dock is to be the central feature of one of the best equipped of navy yards, in which ships may be cleaned and repaired without making the long voyage to the Mare Island Yard on the California Coast. The \$4,000,000 appropriated by Congress at its last session doubtless will be supplemented from year to year until Hawaii is made the most important United States naval base outside the borders of the continent.

The United States is preparing to maintain its place as a leading power in the Pacific.—Baltimore Sun.

## DEADLOCK OVER EDUCATION BILL.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—In consequence of the inability of the Government to come to an agreement with the Church party regarding the Education Bill, the measure has been withdrawn from the House of Commons. This announcement was made by Premier Asquith in the House of Commons today with the deadlocks between the Government and Church followed by the demand made by the Archbishop of Canterbury for a larger grant for non-rate aid schools than the Government was willing to allow.

Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 5.—A revolution has been started in Salvador under the leadership of former Vice-President Prudencio Alfaro. The cities of Amuchape, Usulután and Santana have been captured by the revolutionists.

San Salvador, Dec. 5.—In no single instance have the revolutionists had the semblance of success. The rebellion that started early this week was immediately put down. The country generally is quiet and the usual order is being maintained. Popular opinion seems to be on the side of President Figueroa in the controversy.

## ANOTHER RUMOR IS BURST.

BERLIN, Dec. 5.—The report that Germany and Japan purpose to conclude an agreement concerning China similar in terms to the American-Japanese understanding, is without foundation. It was said at the foreign office today that neither country had taken steps looking to such negotiations and that it was as improbable that anything of the kind would occur at least in the near future as Germany had no intention of submitting a proposal.

## JOKERS GET HIT.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 5.—Harry Dillabaugh and Wm. Lawson charged with tampering with ballot boxes at the Federal elections, were found guilty by Justice Anglin and Clute. Dillabaugh gets four months and Lawson two months. The men claimed the affair was a joke.

## ADRIATIC SCENE OF WAR.

VIENNA, Dec. 5.—Two steamers of the Hungarian-Croatian line, with troops aboard, left Fiume today under sealed orders. Two other steamers will follow tomorrow. It is supposed that their destination is Cattaro, a sea port of Austria, on the Adriatic, contiguous to Montenegrin territory. Warlike rumors continue in circulation, but, on official denials today, prices on the Bourse advanced considerably. An optimistic feeling prevails in official circles. With reference to a reported frontier fight between Hungarians and Montenegrins at Bilek, in which it was alleged that a Hungarian, Lt. Freitler, had been killed, the government tonight made absolute denial of the reports. It explains that Freitler committed suicide owing to a love affair.

## OCCUPIED BY ARMY.

Port Au Prince, Dec. 5.—The revolution army, 8,000 strong, marched into Port au Prince at 8 o'clock this morning. General Antoine was at its head, and he was given an ovation by the people of the city. The entrance of the soldiers was orderly and discipline is being maintained.

## DUTCH AFTER CASTRO

WILLEMSTAD, Dec. 4.—Three Dutch warships, the battleship Jacob Van Heemskoeke, with the cruisers Friedland and Gelderland, have made a demonstration against Venezuela. Together they steamed yesterday along the coast from Puerto Cabello to Lagaira at a distance of 3,000 yards from shore. The Jacob Van Heemskoeke returned to this city this morning. The two cruisers are going to Maracaibo, where they will make a similar demonstration.

## PRESTON'S LIBEL SUIT.

Victoria, Dec. 5.—News from Japan says that W. T. R. Preston, the Japanese trade commissioner in Tokio, has begun a libel action against the Japanese Herald, and the Kobe Chronicals. The action is based on the publication of an editorial attacking him, which appeared in the Victoria Colonist at the time of the election, and which was copied by these Japanese papers.

## STRANGE SUICIDE.

Winnipeg, Dec. 5.—A very sad affair occurred at Carman near here on Thursday. Richard Duncan, about sixty years of age, after driving his wife and family to a school entertainment, walked a mile up the road and shot himself with a rifle. Neighbors found the body on Friday. No cause is assigned for the rash deed.

## WHAT NEXT?

London, Dec. 5.—The Morning Post's Shanghai correspondent says the Chinese foreign board has learned that Germany and Japan propose to conclude an agreement relating to the far east. The Morning Post, which is a pro-Japanese paper, suggests editorially that the reports of its Shanghai correspondent be accepted with caution.

## COLLIER SWAMPED.

Soo, Mich., Dec. 5.—The steamer Tampa, owned in Detroit, bound to Fort William with a cargo of 3,200 tons of coal, has gone to the bottom. The Tampa left here Sunday night in the teeth of a gale.

## HOTELMAN'S DEMISE.

Neepawa, Man., Dec. 5.—M. J. Algulre, the proprietor of the King Edward hotel, died this morning after a brief illness.

## CHIEF OF POLICE SUSPECTED.

Simcoe, Ont., Dec. 5.—Constable Williams, victim of a murderous shooting on Monday night, is expected to recover, though none of the four bullets have been extracted. Chief Constable Malone is suspected of the crime.

## PREMIER EXONERATED.

Winnipeg, Dec. 5.—Hallett, who has been brought back from Toronto charged with Miss Polson's death, was exonerated by Magistrate Daly at a preliminary hearing last night. The guilty party will never likely be known. The crowd in court cheered when the announcement was made.

## ANOTHER DIVORCE.

Cleveland, Dec. 5.—Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson Mariani, daughter of Mayor Tom L. Johnson, obtained a divorce from Frederick Mariani of New York, the playwright.

## NEWS FOR HARRIMAN.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 7.—All railroad companies in the state have been ordered by the Public Service Commission to file with the Commission on or before January 1st, 1909, a statement as to the methods employed by them respecting the transmission, filing, arrangement and checking at stations of schedules, showing rates, fare and regulations applying to the transportation of passengers and property.

## FURTHER ISSUE OF G. T. P. BONDS.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 7.—The G. T. P. Railway will apply to parliament for authority for the further issue of bonds, perpetual or terminable stock or both, for such amounts as may be fixed by act and to apply proceeds to the general purposes of the Company.

## UNCLE SAM'S TREASURY.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 7.—Secretary of the United States treasury today transmitted to Congress the book of estimates of appropriations required for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1910. The total estimate for the year 1910 is \$842,408,948, which exceeds the estimates for 1899 by \$57,910,876.

## REGINA NOMINATIONS.

REGINA, Sask., Dec. 7.—The following nominations were made here today before J. Kelso Hunter, city clerk: For Mayor, W. A. Thomson and R. H. Williams. (One to be elected). Aldermen: Ward 1.—L. L. Kramer and Theodore Schmitz. Ward 2.—F. N. Dray. Ward 3.—Robert Martin, by acclamation. Ward 4.—O. O. Banjafield, E. V. Androses, J. R. Peverett. Ward 5.—J. W. Lowbray, R. M. Halleron, and W. L. Young. One alderman to be elected for each ward for a term of two years.

## DROWNING ACCIDENT.

Chatham, Dec. 7.—Enail Hudr, a Belgian, employed at Wallaceburg, was drowned this morning in Sydenham river by the boat springing a leak.

## MORTAR-BOARDS VS. HELMETS.

Kingston, Dec. 7.—Five students were fined \$10 and costs this morning for disorderly conduct on Saturday night when the police and students clashed. One student was dismissed. Alma Mater Society will pay all damages, and steps will be taken to prevent a recurrence.

## GIRL SUICIDES.

Toronto, Dec. 7.—Norma Searles, 22 years old, daughter of a retired hotel keeper of Wellington, Ont., took carbolic acid yesterday afternoon and died half an hour later.

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### PERSONALS.

Mrs. Jas. Bateman was in town on Monday.

Mr. John Muir came down from Nanaimo on Monday morning.

Ed. Wynne was in town over the week-end.

F. Lakin, a recent arrival in the city, is leaving for Nanaimo.

Mr. and Mrs. Hop Lee were passengers on the Victoria train yesterday morning.

Mr. Jas. Shaw was in town on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Adam got home from Nanaimo on the morning train yesterday.

Mr. F. C. Fisher returned to town yesterday.

Mr. J. W. Coburn paid a visit to town yesterday morning.

Rev. L. A. Fawcett returned to Nanaimo on Monday.

Mayor Nicholson returned from his visit to Victoria yesterday.

Mr. Jas. Dunbar paid a visit to friends in town today.

Mr. Jno. Struthers came into town this morning. Jack has still a few days' work in the country after which he will be back here again.

Mr. Stewart came into town this morning from the district.

Mr. Frank Little came up from Victoria yesterday on the noon train.

Mr. Johnson, of Victoria, was in town on business yesterday.

### LOCAL NEWS

At a special meeting of the Board of School Trustees last night, the resignation of Miss Beveridge was received and accepted.

For three days Walter & Akenhead are selling Ladies' Winter Coats at \$4.95 each.

The Ladysmith Orchestra have secured the Opera House for Wednesday night, December 23rd, when they will give a dance.

There will soon be Canadian sovereigns around. A start will be

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SEE WINDOW.

W. E. MORRISON

ing of the Citizen's League last Thursday evening. The "Chronicle" describes it as the regular monthly meeting. There isn't such a thing in connection with the League, and it can only be described as an irregular meeting. Who called the meeting? Why were not the members of the League duly notified? Last time notice was given, the secretary, who is also organizer, caretaker, janitor, treasurer and every other thing except President, failed to appear. Now he turns up without giving anybody else notice that a meeting is to be held. As a devoted Leaguer who hath paid his membership fee and was duly initiated, the editor and the man doth protest.

**HAD A FAD.**

"Has your husband a fad?" asked the fashionable slummer.

"A fad, mum?"

"Does he collect anything?"

"Oh, yes, mum; he collects ashes."

**SHOWED THE EFFECTS.**

"Where were you last night, Casey?"

"Shure Oi plinged into the sochal swim at McCarthy's."

"Oi know the wather is niver very dape there, an' judgin' frum yure face ye must have hit bottom."

**THEY WERE FAST.**

"Yes," said the pickpocket, "I have two fast friends."

"Where are they?" asked the second story worker.

"In jail," was the significant reply.

**INTO THE MINERAL KINGDOM.**

In the afternoon in all the schools a part of the time was devoted to the study of the life and deeds of Columbus.

An amusing reply was given by one of the pupils. A teacher had told the class of the wonderful voyage of Columbus and how he insisted on continuing his voyage after the other men were clamoring to return. Then she asked, "Who was Columbus?" with a view of hearing how well they had followed her talk. One little hand went up.

"Well, Johnny, who was he?" asked the teacher.

"Columbus was the gem of the ocean," was the answer.

**TERSE AND TRUE.**

Jim—What is wit?  
Jack—Disguised impudence.

LONDON, Dec. 8.—A notable celebration of the three hundredth anniversary of the birth of John Milton who is regarded as England's greatest epic poet and, next to Shakespeare, the greatest of all poets in the English language, was ushered in with a meeting held this evening in the theatre of Burlington House, under auspices of the British Academy. The meeting was attended by the greatest gathering of literary and other celebrities that has been seen in London in a long time. The celebrations opened with the reading of some lines on Milton, which George Meredith wrote in honor of the occasion. Dr. A. W. Wood, fellow of the academy, delivered a brief oration on Milton's life work and was

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JAMES HOPKINSON,  
(For Messrs. Hopkinson.)

followed by a discourse on "Milton's Comus and Its Incidental Music," by Sir Frederick Bridge, illustrated by the choirsters of Westminster Abbey.

Tomorrow afternoon a special commemorative service will be held at the church of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, at which the sermon will be given by the Bishop of Ripon. The service will be attended by the Lord Mayor of London and the sheriffs, in state, the officers and fellows of the British Academy, and other invited guests. Tomorrow evening the Lord Mayor will entertain a representative company at the Mansion House at a banquet, in celebration of the tercentenary.

Thursday afternoon a general meeting of the British Academy will be held at which will be read a number of papers on Milton's life and work. In addition to this elaborate programme to be carried out in London there will be special exercises commemorating the tercentenary at Oxford and at Christ College, Cambridge, which was Milton's college.

In New York the impression exists that Timothy Woodruff, who buried his senatorial aspirations in favor of Edhu Root, will be rewarded by President Taft with an appointment to a foreign embassy, probably to the court of St. James.

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