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## THREE TIMES ON THE SCAFFOLD

### Lee, the Man They Could'nt Hang, Released After 22 Years' Imprisonment.

#### Lee, the Man They Couldn't Hang, Released After Twenty-Two Years' Imprisonment

Many old country people will recall the man who in 1885 was sentenced to death for murder, and was three times placed upon the drop, and yet escaped death. The man was John Lee and he has now been set at liberty. It was at Devon Assizes in 1885 that he was convicted of the wilful murder of his employer, Miss Keyse. The proceedings that followed his conviction are probably without parallel in the history of criminology, and might have been taken from a novel of the most impossible type. Three times the noose was placed around John Lee's neck, and three times did the trap of the scaffold refuse to do its gruesome work. "It was a mysterious intervention of Providence," said thousands of people at the time and the Home Secretary of that day, the late Sir William Harcourt, for reasons that seemed sufficient to him commuted the sentence into one of penal servitude for life.

Three weeks after the sentence had been passed Lee was taken out for execution in Exeter Gaol. He walked to the scaffold w th a slow, deliberate step, and, at the bidding of Berry, the executioner, placed himself on the fatal planks. The white cap was placed over his head, and the rope round his neck. The closing words of the Burial Service fell from the lips of the chaplain (the Rev. J. Pitkin), and Berry pulled the lever. All that happened was a grating sound; the trapdoor failed to move, and although the lever was pulled a second and a third time, it had no effect. Berry and his assistant made a hasty examination of the scaffold, and at its conclusion the rope was taken from Lee's neck, the cap was removed, and he was told to step off the plank. Several of the officials present showed signs of breaking down under the strain of the terrible scene. But not so Lee. He stood erect as before and never flinched.

Efforts were made to put the scaffold right, and when at last it was believed to be workable. Lee was again placed on the trap with the rope round his neck. Again the lever was pulled, but again the scaffold refused to work. Berry and his assistant made desperate efforts to make the trap fall, but all to no purpose, and Lee was again taken off This time he was removed to the back of the building and the services of a carpenter were requisitioned. He planed the sides of the planks, and it was believed he had removed the cause of the failures.

For the third time Lee was brought to the scaffold, and for the third time the chaplain read the Burial Service. But once again the lever failed to release the trap, and after a hurried conference between the governor, the under-sheriff and the chaplain it was decided to postpone the execution. Lee was thereupon released from the rope and taken back to his cell. The same night Mr. James, the under-sheriff travelled to London, and laid all the facts before the Home Secretary. The chaplain and the surgeon considered that the ordeal through which the unhappy man had passed was more than the pain and agony of actual execution. Sir William Harcourt, after hearing these representations, at once ordered a telegraphic message to be sent to the governor of the gaol respiting Lee. Later, Sir William Harcourt ordered the sentence to be commuted to one of penal servitude for life.

It is impossible to imagine the agonies which must have been suffered by Lee as time and again he stood on the scaffold with the cap over his face and the rope around his neck. The whole ordeal lasted quite an hour.

"I did not fear to walk into death because the Lord was with me." he wrote after the attempt to hang him had been given up. "I have been dead to the world three times. I believe what has happened was a miracle. I had a dream on Sunday night that the scaffold was not ready and that they had to make another one."

Thousands of people not usually addicted to superstition declared their firm belief that there had been supernatural intervention in order that Lee, who was innocent, might be saved. As a matter of fact, the failure of the lever to act was subsequently found to be quite a prosaic cause. It appears that in the construction of the scaffold, the prison authorities had utilised the platform of an old structure. This was extremely thin, and it happened that when Lee got on to it the boards went down and jammed the bolts. After some chopping of the boards the trap fell sufficiently for Lee to feel the rope round his neck, but no further. From time to time several attempts were made to procure Lee's release, but in vain, and it was said that he was not granted his liberty at the expiry of the customary twenty years, because of alleged threats made against people concerned in his prosecution.

### MAY BE SPIES.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 22.— A special to the Oregonian from Fort Stevens, Ore., says that two Japanese were found loitering near the west battery of fort Stevens, and were arrested yesterday. This place is only visited by special mission artillery commander. The Japs could give no satisfactory explanation of their presence near the battery.

## THE IMMORTAL MEMORY OF BURNS

### Big Gathering at the Opera House Last Night to Celebrate the Poet's Anniversary.

There was a rare gathering of the clans last night in the opera house to observe the anniversary day of the immortal Burns. Stronger than flags, more powerful than even racial prejudices is the influences of this world poet of the people. Wherever the English tongue is spoken, from sea to sea, and from continent to continent, men and women last night would be gathered to do honor to the memory of the great Scottish bard the sweet singer of nature no less than the leading disciple of man's right to independence.

Ladysmith certainly contributed heartily to the great day of observance. The opera house was taxed to its utmost capacity and over all there dwelt the very spirit of Burns himself, infectious in its whole heart ed mirth and jollity. The floor was fully occupied every dance, the veterans of many a Burns rally joining in as lustily as the young people. There was an inviting display of viands in the banquet hall, and in another room there was provision made for a male drougth of a week's duration. Altogether it was a great night, successful in every sense of the word.

Mr. Hugh Fulton, president of the club, presided, and opened the proceedings with a short address. He was commendably brief, and, as a devoted student and admirer of Burns, must have exercised a forbearance which the young people, itching for the music, can hardly have appreciated. Mr. Fulton ran over the chief biographical facts of the poet's career, beginning with the settlement of Wm. Burness in Ayrshire, and on to the almost tragic death scene at Dumfries in 1796. Mr Fulton passed all too quickly, to trace the influence of parental authority in the poet's character, the effects of his hard and laborious youth on his health and on his work and muse, to point out the results of his sojourn at Kirkswald. Hurriedly also he skimmed over Burns' faults of speech and indiscretions as an excise man. Burns couldn't help himself. He was first and last and always the poet of the people. His sympathies were inevitably claimed by the French revolutionists, and from a worldly point of view, even more fatal than the shipping of cannon to the French rebels, was his poem on the Tree of Liberty.

Mr. Fulton did not make any exhaustive analysis of the poet's work. He was best known by his songs, he said, and by them alone claimed poetic immortality.

After the address which might well have been extended, and which was greatly applauded, a few songs were sung and then the dancing began.

The hall was prettily and tastefully decorated for the occasion.

### MAN IS AS OLD AS ARE HIS ARTERIES.

#### New Way of Testing the Health of Policemen in the Chicago Police Force.

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—Policemen in Chicago are to be retired in the order of the hardness of their arteries.

"It has been determined beyond dispute that a man is as old as his arteries," said Health Commissioner Evans last night, in explaining the plan on which the retiring board will work. "While it is a universal fact that as a man grows older his arteries harden, yet the process of hardening does not move evenly with the years. The arteries of a man of 50 may be harder than those of another man of 65. It depends on the way he has lived.

"The machine for testing the artery is a hollow rubber band put around the biceps of the arms and connecting with a rubber tube that runs to a common pump bulb in the hand. By working the bulb the person being examined forces air into the band around the arm until it swells enough to stop the pulse. A mercury standard guil attached denotes how much pressure this takes."

### NEW BILL GOVERNING RAILWAYS IN CANADA.

OTTAWA, Jan. 22. —It is understood that Graham's bill to settle all questions of jurisdiction of federal and provincial authorities, regarding railway matters, will contain the following: "That the incorporation and control of street railways and purely local lines, should be left to provinces, that authority, however, for incorporation of other railways whether operated by steam, electric or other motive power should remain in the hands of the federal parliament; that in all matters affecting the rights of municipalities, railways incorporated by the federal parliament shall be under control of provincial authorities; that in respect to rates, however, uniform train rules, matters of equipment, etc., they shall be under the control of the Dominion Board of Railway Commissioners.

### WOMAN MURDERS MAN IN A STORE

NEW YORK, Jan. 22. — A sensational shooting occurred during the luncheon hour today in the restaurant of a large Broadway department store. At a time when the room was crowded, mainly with women, a young woman entered, and walking rapidly to a table at which Frank Brady, an advertising solicitor was sitting, she shot him, causing death instantly. The woman then turned the weapon upon herself, and fired three bullets into her own body causing three serious wounds. She was removed to a hospital.

From papers found in the woman's possession, it is believed that she is Miss May Clark, of this city.

Lisbon, Jan. 24.—The transmission of the following despatch was permitted by the authorities, after due censorship. Lisbon is filled today with disturbing rumors, but there has been no new developments in the abortive attempt of two nights ago to overthrow the monarchy and proclaim Portugal a republic.

### CANADA LEADS IN IMMIGRATION.

MONTREAL, Jan. 24.—A special cable from London says: Today's British official emigration returns shows Canada's unquestioned supremacy among countries receiving British emigrants. In 1906 Canada received 5,300 more Britishers than United States and in 1907 she received 16,969 more. The rest of the British Empire is nowhere compared to Canada. Despite assisted passages, Australia received only 14,369 as against Canada's 117,586 Of course, a large proportion of these are adults.

It is probably true to say that Britain presented to Canada last year a population hardly less than that of the province of Saskatchewan. A remarkable feature is that his unprecedented British exodus, some surprise has been expressed at the appearance in an Amsterdam paper of an advertisement for twenty thousand Hollanders for construction work on the Grand Trunk Pacific work to extend over seven or eight years at $10.20 a week in eastern Canada and $13.20 in western Canada. The Grand Trunk management say that the advertisement was inserted under instructions of London steamship agents, absolutely without authority of the Grand Trunk Pacific management. Their action may lead to other proceedings.

The management adds, "No one authorized them to contract for Grand Trunk or Grand Trunk Pacific labor during the winter months."

### BUSINESS WILL PICK UP.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—C. Van Horne, chairman of the C.P.R. who arrived here from Cuba yesterday, is optimistic on the business outlook. He expressed the belief that the wheels of business would soon revolve at the normal speed.

"This has been a very severe depression," he said," but in my judgment the rebound will be speedy. One can see why steel and copper industries have been paralized. Now money is becoming easy the securities market, and bonds is better and soon corporations will be able to sell their securities again.

TORONTO, Ont., Jan. 24. — The Rev. R. P. Mackay, secretary of Foreign Missions for the Presbyterian Church, in an address to the Canadian Club today, scored the domineering Englishmen in India, who he said were responsible for the political unrest there.

### NAVAL PROGRAM.

London, Jan. 22.—It is understood that the government's naval programme for the coming year only involves a moderate increase in the naval estimates, mainly our cruisers and destroyers. Any special scheme of battleship construction beyond that already in hand will be postponed until the following year.

### MURDER MYSTERY IS FINALLY SOLVED.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 24.—"I was the cause of father's death, George. Don't tell anyone unless you have to. Flora."

The above confession, written and signed on her death bed by Flora Tennyson will, it is believed, clear up the mystery which has surrounded the murder of her father, David T, Tennyson, which occurred on Feb 27, 1906, near the town of Frankfort,, about 60 miles northwest of this city. For nearly two years the authorities have vainly endeavored to unravel the mystery and obtain the necessary evidence against the guilty parties.

The murder occurred on the Tennyson farm, one mile east of Frankfort. On the night of the crime Mr. Tennyson and his wife, who were elderly people and well to do, were sitting in the living room of their home. A daughter, Mrs. Flora Brock, who had, however, been separated from her husband and who went under the name of Flora Tennyson, was sitting in the room with her parents. The only other members of the immediate family who lived with the parents was George Tennyson, a son 21 years old. He went to town that night. A little before eight o'clock Flora went to her room which was upstairs.

Mr. Tennyson sat near the centre of the room with his back to Mrs. Tennyson, and was reading a paper. Suddenly there was a thunderous explosion accompanied by a crash of glass. The concussion extinguished the lamps in the house and stunned Mrs. Tennyson, who believed that a lamp had exploded. When she recovered from the shock, she groped her way to her husband, but could not arouse him. She then hurried to Flora's room and found her daughter about half undressed, just getting ready to retire for the night. The daughter was unmoved by the explosion. She afterwards stated that she thought it was a shot gun fired by a neighbor to scare the coyotes from his sheep.

Mrs. Tennyson and her daughter hurried down stairs, where they found the father dead, lying limp in his chair. A hole in the back of his head near the base of the brain told the story of the shooting.

The authorities learned of the crime that night and at once took up the search for the murderer o murderers. Bloodhounds were put on the trail and special detectives employed, but never was sufficient evidence brought to light to justify an arrest. A print of a woman's shoe was found right in line with the probable path taken by the murderer. It measured exactly with Flora's foot. The sheriff located an old shot gun belonging to th family in an old store house which contained an empty shell. This shell smelled of having been freshly discharged and the detectives were of the opinion that this was the weapon used in the killing.

Within a few weeks after the murder of her father Flora Tennyson was taken sick and died. It was known that before the tragedy she had quarrelled violently with her father on several occasions because of the objections of her father to the visits of a young man named Horace Trosper to Flora. But George Tennyson, the son, had also had a quarrel with his father over money matters, so that so far as a motive was concerned the authorities were unable to make a decision.

Soon after Flora's death the son bought a farm in Ottawa county. It was the general opinion when he left Frankfurt that he knew more of the tragedy than he cared to tell. But nothing was ever done in the matter, and no arrests were made.

Two weeks ago, however, interest in the case was revived by the action of some of the relatives of the murdered man. Accompanied by Marshall county, officers they went to the home of George Tennyson and formally charged him with a knowledge of the crime. He was taken to town and severely cross-examined for several hours. For a time he steadily denied that he knew any more concerning the tragedy than he had already told. Under the sweating process, however, he finally broke down and sobbingly confessed to the secret that he said he had kept ever since his sister Flora's death.

He said that on the day before his sister died he was sitting by her bed fanning her. She had not been able to talk or hear for several days. She made known that she wanted a pencil and paper, which her brother gave her. She wrote:

"I was the cause of father's death, George. Don't tell anyone unless you have to," which she signed.

This written confession George produced from his vault in the Ottawa bank and handed over to the officers. It is now believed that Mr. Tennyson's objection to the intimacy between his daughter and Horace Trosper prompted the crime, and every effort is now being made to find out if any other person was implicated in the murder.

## PATTI STILL SINGING

Madame Patti has retired from the concert platform and the operatic stage. After one of the most wonderful careers in the history of music she has withdrawn from public into private life. But she is still, as she ever was, at the call of charity. For nine years, ever since she made her home at Craig-y Nos, she has sung annually at Swansea in aid of the hospital there. At her last appearance she was associated with such prominent artistes as Mr. David Hughes, Madame Csossley, Ben Davies and others and still the wonderful Patti carried all before her. As she tripped gaily up the stairs, says a Welsh newspaper, she looked radiantly happy, and at the first glimpse of her smiling face, a very tempest of applause broke forth. When the storm of applause had spen itself, there was a calm. Then the Diva sang Mozarts "Voi de Sapete," in her own incomparable fashion, bringing down the house. Some chil. dren presented her with a boquet of flowers and the great diva burst into tears. She sang afterwards Tosti's La Serenada, and then -Il Bacio, for which, of course, she was encored.

A tremendous cheer, says the Glammorgan Herald, went up when the accompanist struck the opening bars of "Home, Sweet Home," but there was silence as of the grave when the Diva commenced to sing it. The truest observation that can be made concerning it is that it was sublime. Worked up to an unexampled pitch of enthusiasm, the audience shouted a double encore. Madame Patti responded with "Coming Thro' the Rye ponded with "Coming Through the Rye," and sang it with delicious girlish buoyancy and naivete. It was the great climax to a truly notable gathering.

### FOR INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION.

CHICAGO, Jan. 23.—The important problem of industrial education was taken up for discussion at a conference here today under the auspices of the National Society for the Promotion of Industrial Education. Delegates to this meeting had been appointed from a majority of the States, and prominent statesmen, labor and religious leaders, scholars and business men were present at the opening. The conference is to remain in session three days.

The conference marks the formal opening of a widespread campaign to arouse public interest in the subject of industrial training, and to work for legislative action in support of industrial schools, where such action seems desirable.

Through this campaign the national society hopes to bring about a broad discussion of the whole matter, and to influence the establishment of local and state schools that will materially assist in the thorough training of skilled workmen for through the medium of agencies already established in the various states, to bring out the defects of the public school system, under which hundreds of thousands of children annually leave school for undesirable employment before they have reached an age where they can enter a traede, In the opinion of the promoters of the present movement, these conditions are such as to constitute a serious menace to American industrial supremacy, that is imperative to remove.

Montreal, Jan. 24.—A coroner's jury this morning brought in a verdict that Captain Brown shot himself in the military institute yesterday came to his death by his own hand in a moment of mental aberration.

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 24.—According to the January issue of the Labor Gazette, there were 149 trade disputes in Canada last year, affecting 38,446 working people, and causing a loss of 613,180 working days, as compared with 138 disputes affecting 28,014 working people and causing a loss of 389,775 working days in 1906.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—At a meeting of the Presbyterians of West Chester, held yesterday in the Prescent recommendations of Governor byterian building, this city, the re-Hughes, relative to gambling on race tracks, were unanimously approved. The Presbytery appointed a committee to arouse interest in the matter among the Presbyterian churches in West Chester county, and authorized the committee to seek the co-operation of their religious friends in the fight.

### BIG STRIKE THREATENED.

London, Jan. 22.—Another big strike in the shipbuilding trades in the line districts is threatened owing to the reduction of wages, which the employers state is necessary, owing to the depression in the industry. Several thousand men are affected.

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## ANONYMITY.

The following article, which appears in the Free Press of Thursday forcibly illustrates the risks a newspaper runs in publishing anonymous communications. The editorial reads:

"Some time ago a letter appeared in these columns over a nom-de-plume in which the statement was made that Ald. Forrester was not legally qualified to sit in Council last year. Immediately after the paper was published Mr. Forrester came to this office and denied the statement, demanding a retraction. A letter was at once despatched to the registry office at Victoria to ascertain the facts. A reply was received only yesterday, stating that Mr. Forrester has been the registered owner of lot 2, block 36, since 1899. In view of this he was, of course, qualified to sit legally in the council last year, and also to run again for office this year. The correspondent, of course, was wrong. In justice to Mr. Forrester, the Free Press makes this explanation.

"The incident shows that correspondents, especially those hiding behind nom-de-plume cannot be too careful in assertions they make in writing letters for publication. Correspondents should remember that the paper publishing their letters is held responsible for the statements made in them. It is not always convenient for the publishers to verify the statements of correspondents, hence the latter should be absolutely sure of their grounds before rushing into print."

This incident raises the whole question of anonymous correspondence. There are many who claim that a newspaper has no right to publish any communication which does not carry the signature of the writer. Others who do not go so far as to teach the editor his duties, take up the position that an anonymous letter does not call for an answer and can be justifiably ignored. We don't agree with either view. There are very often circumstances, which would make it suicidal for a correspondent to sign his name. He himself may detest anonymity. In very many cases the writer would much rather proclaim his authorship. But he has to choose between silence or the adoption of a nom-de-guerre. No one will attempt to deny that these conditions exist. And again there are some men who shun publicity just as sedulously as other men seek it, and if they have anything of interest to say regarding any public question why should the editor refuse them?

As to the argument that an anonymous communication does not deserve an answer, it never did commend itself to us. It is generally put forward by the man who is out in the open, and who is covered by the support and authority of the powers that be. More than that, a name at the foot of any communication does not affect its force or reasonableness, or truthfulness. An argument is good or bad, logic is sound or fallacious, by its own intrinsic merits and not by the adventitious circumstance of a name attached to it. Neither should it be forgotten that this anonymous correspondence is one of the oldest and strongest traditions of the English press. Indeed the authorship of the most remarkable series of letters on public personages and public questions has never yet been definitely settled.

But, of course, there are dangers connected with the principle, and, not infrequently, it is abused. Too often it is used as a medium for the venting of personal malice and spite. We believe that a personal attack on a man should in every case be subscribed by the writer. More than that it should not be permitted unless it is aimed at some public end. Here is the whole difficulty. What the editor may regard as legitimate criticism of a public office is often resented as an attack upon the private individual. And it is always the editor who suffers, and through him the publishers. Whatever may be his convictions, he is driven at the last to adopt safe tactics. "When in doubt leave it out," is an old English journalistic maxim, and it is the only safe editorial policy to pursue. Good intentions and a desire to serve the public interests, count for nothing in a court of law when the charge is one of libel. Wherefore, as our contemporary has said, correspondents cannot be too careful in any assertions they make. They are given a great privilege, when the columns of a newspaper are thrown open to them, and they ought to use it with a due recognition of all the responsibilities it carries.

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## RUEF WILL MAKR A BITTER FIGHT.

SAN FRAECISCO, Jan. 21.—Preparations for one of the bitterest fights since the graft prosecution began is being made today in both the offices of District Attorney Langdon and Abe Reuf.

In Reuf's office every effort is being made to whip the defense into shape, to meet the onslaught of the next week, when the trial will open. Ruef personally took charge early this morning and assisted by a large corps of clerks spent the entire day in making arrangements for his defense. Ruef refused to state whom he had engaged to defend him, but said when his case comes to trial, one of the ablest attorneys in the state will represent him.

What his defense will be he keeps absolute s lence. It is rumored that during the coming trial Ruef will make public many conferences between himself and the district aetorney's office.

Ever since Ruef pleaded guilty to the extortion charge he has maintained a discreet silence, but from one close to the ex-boss it was learned today that in the coming trial he will throw discretion to the winds and chance all upon the verdict.

District Attorney Langdon refused to discuss any phase of the coming trial. Asked if the prosecution expected to try Ruef on all the trolley indictments against him. Langdon replied he would have nothing to say at present. Upon what particular indictment he intends to try Ruef he said it would be impossible to state at this time.

Louis Glass, who is in the hospital on account of severe illness, is reported slowly improving. He awaits the decision of his appeal from conviction upon the charge of bribery. Physicians say the critical stage of his illness has passed, but that should he be forced to return to jail soon, his life would be endangered. Friends of Glass think his attorneys will again appeal to Judge Lawlor for Glass' liberty on bail pending the appeal. Attorney T. C. Coogan, chief council for Glass, declared he had not decided whether or not to make a second appeal to Lawlor.

## HOW WE LIVE.

Pierced by the Pin Trust.
Chilled by the Ice Trust.
Roasted by the Coal Trust.
Soaked by the Soap Trust.
Doped by the Drug Trust.
(W)rapped by the Paper Trust.
Bullied by the Beef Trust.
Lighted by the Oil Trust.
Squeezed by the Corset Trust.
Soured by the Pickle Trust.

## CHARGED WITH URGING CAMPAIGN DONATIONS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 23. — The case of Edward Thayer, of Texas, a member of the Republican State central committee of that State, is on the docket of the United States Supreme Court for hearing tomorrow. Thayer was charged with a violation of the civil service law in writing letters to Federal officers urging contributions to the campaign fund of 1906.

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA.

TORONTO, Ont., Jan. 23.— High degree Masons from Ontario to the Klondike assembled in this city to take part in the forty-ninth annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada. The election of officers is the principal business before the meeting. John Leslie, of Winnipeg, is slated for the office of Grand First Principal while George Moore, of Hamilton, will probably be chosen Grand Second Principal. George J. Bennett will probably be re-elected Grand Scribe.

# GOVERNOR'S RIGHT OF VETO

Discussion on Hawthornthwaite's Motion Impeaching Hon. James Dunsmuir.

Practically the whole of the proceedings in the legislature Tuesday, had to do with the question of the lieutenant governor having withheld his assent to last year's immigration Bill. The house has been in session well on for a week now and this has been practically the only subject debated. The prospects are that it will continue for some time yet.

On the opening of the house a return was brought down by the government with reference to the withholding of the assent of the lieutenant governor to the Immigration bill of last session. It was very simple, consisting of one letter, as follows:

The 23rd April, 1907.
At Government House,
Victoria, B.C.

Personal.

Dear Sir,—I notice that Bill No. 30, intituled "An Act to Regulate Immigration into British Columbia" has passed its third reading.

I will be glad if you will instruct the clerk of the house to omit the same from the list of bills towhich I will give my assent at the prorogation of the legislature.

I have the honor to be, sir,
Your obedient servant,
(Signed) James Dunsmuir,
Lieutenant Governor.

The Hon. the Acting Premier.

The debate on the address was continued, Dr. McGuire and A. H. B. Macgowan speaking for the government and C. W. Munro for the opposition.

J. McInnes the Socialist member, spoke, lamenting the fact that nothing existed in the speech with reference to labor. He said that American methods were being introduced into British Columbia to combat labor, and contended that the Granby Company was not living up to the requirements of the law in full.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite's resolution impeaching the lieutenant governor was discussed on the ground of its constitutionality. It was argued by the premier, the attorney-general and A. E. McPhillips, that it was out of order, and that the lieutenant governor's action could not be a subject of debate in the house.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite contended that the question was one of whether the Lieutenant Governor had absolute power or not. He argued that the vetoeing power of the king had become obsolete, and the motives of the lieutenant governor in this instance, were under suspicion.

The Speaker objected to the language. The resolution he contended reflected upon the lieutenant governor.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite contended that later on he would be more plain spoken on the subject of the lieutenant governor's acts, and the legislature had the power not only to impeach the lieutenant governor, but to bring him before the bar of the house.

John Oliver and other opposition members expressed disapproval of some of the expressions in the resolution, but agreed with the principle that the subject was one which could be debated and acted upon, although the house might amend the resolution.

Parker Williams also expressed the right of the legislature to discuss the question.

The Speaker withheld his decision.

## PARKER WILLIAMS' QUESTIONS

In the Provincial House Tuesday, Parker Williams asked the following questions:

1. Under the provisions of what statute is the government authorized to employ Pinkerton detectives?

2. Were said "detectives" residents of British Columbia?

3. Before employing these men did the government make any inquiries as to their character?

The Hon. Mr. Bowser replied as follows:

"1. There is no special statute regarding the employment of such detectives, any more than there is for the employment of many other means of carrying on the administration of justice.

"2. There is nothing in this question to indicate the occasion referred to.

"3. Answered by the reply to question No. 2."

## CUPID WINS WITH TELEPHONE.

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 21.—Cupid used the telephone yesterday and won a signal victory. Earl Brown, a prisoner in the county jail, and Miss Mollie Kufelt, both of Helena, are man and wife. The wedding was scheduled several weeks ago. The guests gathered, but it was discovered that Brown had decamped to Seattle with his fiancee's jewelry. He was apprehended.

Rather than be the prosecuting witness in the case against her fiancee, Miss Kufeldt relented and consented to marry Brown.

The sheriff refused to allow the ceremony in Jail. Yesterday Hobart L. Clayberg, the prisoner's counsel, assembled at his office Miss Kufeldt, Rev. Martin Mertz, and witnesses. Then he called his client to the telephone at the jail office and the parson performed the ceremony over the wire. Assistant County Attorney Phelan sat within ten feet of ten feet of Brown at the time in ignorance that his plans were foiled.

## LEAP YEAR SONG.

Why don't the girls propose, papa?
Why don't the girls propose?
The glad Leap Year at last is here,
I'm ready, goodness knows!
My little shy, consenting ways
My willingness disclose,
And yet, they do not seem to mind—
Why don't the girls propose?

Why don't the girls propose, papa?
Why don't the girls propose?
Three years I've waited wistfully
Among the belles and beaux,
But now a kindly fate might put
An end to all my woes,
If only some sweet maid would pop!
Why don't the girls propose?

Why don't the birls propose, papa?
I almost want to cry!
Just think, if Leap Year should elapse
And they should pass me by!
My heart goes pitty-pat, papa!
This fateful year will close
In only eleven months from now—
Why don't the girls propose?

## WORLD'S LARGEST SAILING CRAFT.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 22.—The largest sailing craft in the world's shipping, the German five masted bark, R. C. Rickmers, is here, having arrived a few days ago with 6,600 tons of coal from Newcastle. Much interest has been displayed by shipping men in the vessel, which in addition to the large amount of sail which can be spread on her five masts is equipped with auxiliary steam power, for use when she meets with calm weather or contrary wind. Of this arrangement Capt. Bandelan, who is in command, speaks in an enthusiastic manner, and says she has made most successful and economical voyages because of this equipment.

"There is nothing surprising in her success," said the captain, "because a sailing ship of the Rickmers' tonnage, with properly adjusted auxiliary power, should be economically efficient. The difficulty in the past has always been to properly fix the apportionment of power, and then to get interested people to believe in it."

Of late, few sailing ships have been built, owing to the cheapness of the cost of steamers, coupled with their capacity for handling cargo more rapidly. Just now the cheapening of the cargo steamer has been checked through a rise in the price of ship-building material, caused principally by demands for steel in other industries.

This being the case, the record of a large sailing ship, with auxiliary power, is one of utmost importance. To begin with, their cheaper first cost may beat the slow-going cargo steamer for economy.

The R. C. Rickmers began her ocean-going career on April 22, last year, proceeding from Bremerhaven to New York. Taking the latter city as her port of departure she made a round trip voyage of two eastern ports in Europe. Then she completed the outward run to San Pedro. She had been at sea 295 days and during that time sailed or steamed an average of 169.6 miles per day. Then she covered the distance to Australia, and is now in this harbor with fuel.

Although she has only been afloat for a short period, nearly 40,000 of cargo have been handled. Nothing could reflect more credit both on the captain and the ship.

## CHECKING A TERRIBLE DISEASE.

GENEVA, Jan. 23.—An heroic attempt is being made by a number of young women of the Alpine village of Tenne in the canton of the Grisons to stop a dreadful hereditary malady. The disease which passes from generation to generation with growing intensity, is popularly known as "addition to bleeding." In those afflicted with it the slightest scratch causes a terrible loss of blood, in some cases nothing can stop the bleeding, even from a pin-prick, and a scratch of any depth is almost certain to cause death.

In Tenne the malady only appears in married women. For that reason the daughters of the families affected have now bound themselves by oath never **to marry, hoping that** in their abstention from the joys of matrimony they may free their village from the disease that has made it so notorious.

## BANK EMPLOYEES LET OUT.

TORONTO, Jan. 22.—Notice has been served on employees of the Sovereign Bank that their services are not required. They were given three months notice. The staff comprises 391, of whom 51 are in Toronto, and 15 in Montreal.

The services of General Manager Jemmett will likely be required for two years in liquidation.

## DANGER LIES IN DIAMONDS.

PARIS, Jan. 23.—According to the Journal, Mrs. Lemone, wife of Hanry Lemone, stated that she purchased diamonds in Paris in 1905 to the value of $5,000, but that her husband reduced them to powder and prepared compositions which emitted such an over-powering odor that he was always ill after the experiments.

## TO BUILD HOUSES OF CEMENT.

BUFFALO, Jan. 22.—Houses built of cement, requiring only a day or two for their construction and costing only a few hundred dollars each will soon solve the tenement problem of the great cities.

This is the declaration of distinguished delegates to the fourth annual convention and exhibition of the National Association of Cement Users, which opened in Buffalo today and will extend through the week.

The largest and most elaborate exhibition and demonstration of cement products ever held in the United States is being held by the Association in the Armoury, which has an actual floor space larger than Madison Square Garden.

Visitors will have an opportunity to see, by example and demonstration, the progress that has been accomplished in cement and concrete construction, especially as it applies to the building of small dwelling houses in which the average individual is interested.

Thomas A. Edison has recently been giving much of his time to the problem of cement construction, and has announced that it is now possible to build a two-family, three-story fire-proof house, fitted with all modern conveniences at a cost of $1,000. Such a house could be rented for from $7 to $10 a month with a fair profit to the owner.

The declaration of Edison has aroused interest among the delegates to the present convention. Many men of wealth have announced that if Edison's plan proves practicable, they will construct hundreds of cement houses near New York, Boston, Chicago, and other large cities, as a measure of practical philanthrophy for the tenement dwellers.

Several examples of cement houses are shown at the present exhibition, and authorities on the subject believe that Edison's scheme is entirely feasible and that cement in a few years entirely revolutionize the building business. The houses, instead of being built in the ordinary way, with wooden frames, will be literally poured into steel moulds. when the concrete has hardened the moulds will be removed and the house will be complete, ready for occupancy. Only a day or two will be required for "pouring" a house.

It is declared by cement constructors that statistics gathered as the result of recent great fires and the earthquakes, especially at San Francisco, show that cement houses are best fitted to withstand both flames and quakes, and that under the new pregress of construction, which eliminates wooden frames, such buildings will be practically indestructible.

Henry Phipps, the multi-millionaire steel magnate, has become interested in the cement construction, and will soon make a practical test by providing for the erection of a colony of houses near New York.

This is the fourth annual session of the National Association of Cement Users, the previous meetings having been held in Indianapolis, Milwaukee and Chicago.

## ARMY CHIEF URGES CANTEEN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.— There can be no further doubt as to the opinion army authorities entertain concerning the canteen question. In his annual report as chief of staff, just submitted, Gen. J. Franklin Bell says:

"Regular and special reports made up from time to time establish the fact that the army, from the lowest rank up, is practically unanimous in its desire to have the canteen re-established. Even many officers who are opposed to the use of intoxicants realize that drinking cannot be stopped, and that the sale of beer at a post would be a lesser evil. I am satisfied that the abolition of the canteen has resulted in an injury to the service."

## AIMING AT SOCIALISM.

HULL, Eng., Jan. 22. — The delegates to the conference of the labor party, who are now holding a session here, and who yesterday voted down the resolution binding the party to Socialism to be the definite objective of the parties. Delegates representing over half a million members of the party favored the resolution, which was passed amid a scene of the greatest enthusiasm.

MESSINA, Sicily, Jan. 23.— The holding up at Portage, Penn., several years ago of Patrick Campbell, a paymaster, by a band of Italians, when the driver, Charles Hay was killed, and Campbell wounded, found an echo here last night in the arrest of three men, who are declared to have been accomplices in the crime. The men's names are Carmelo Cavalli, Rosario Degrasio and Guiseppe Folcerm. Search for these men has been going on for months. Last night all three gathered in a house here. The police then came down on them and the house was surrounded by carbineers. After all precautions had been taken, six policemen forced their way into the room where the men were. There was a desperate fight, but the men were outnumbered and were quickly forced to surrender. Another accomplice in the holdup named Frances Coimbesi, was arrested here several months ago.

## SAYS OVERCOATS ARE UNHEALTHY.

OMAHA, Jan. 22.—Very tall, very thin, and wearing a long black coat, a stranger waited for a train at the Union station. He glanced around and fastening his glance on a rancher who was incased in a heavy bearskin overcoat, said as he looked at the garment in evident disfavor:

"I am president of the International Society for the Suppression of Overcoats."

The person addressed was too surprised to make any response and the president's eye wandered to the garments of those who had gathered around him.

"Foolish, foolish humanity," he mused, while the shadow of a smile budded on his cadaverous face, the smile of one who views the foibles of the weak.

"Young man, why do you torture yourself with that clumsy garment" he resumed. "Do you know that there are 142,000 pores upon the human body? Do you realize that each of these is a small pair of lungs through which fresh air is supplied to the system? Are you not aware that by wearing that garment you are slowly suffocating yourself to death?"

No Laughing Matter.

The president paused with lips firmly pressed together and fixed the rancher with a stern and questioning eye. The man looked undecided and finally gave an uneasy laugh. The president raised a hand— palm outward, as though to ward off a blow.

"Do not laugh at matters of so great weight," he pleaded. "Your life hangs in the balance. The organization of which I am head is seeking to bring the people out of their darkness into light.

"There are upon the terrestrial globe of ours 456,327,897 persons who clothe themselves every year with overcoats, and what do these overcoats cost? Allow $20 each, which is low, and it figures $9,126,-357,940.

"Ah, I see you quail before my figures. Truth when laid bare, is sometimes startling, astounding appalling.

"But these figures refer merely to the original cost of the overcoat. Who shall figure the cost of the doctor's bills brought on by poor ignorant humanity suffocating inside of overcoats, and depriving their pores of air?"

The president made a sweeping motion of his long arms to draw the crowd closer to him.

"I have a weighty secret to tell you," he whispered. "Do you know why Methuselah lived to be 969 years old? No? Never thought of it, did you?

"It was because he didn't wear an overcoat. I'll live that long because I don't wear an overcoat. You'll live that long if you don't wear an overcoat."

## TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD

Ottawa, Jan. 23.—The government has given notice of the following motion: That in case of cities where free mail delivery is established such delivery should be extended to all contiguous districts which, though situated outside municipal limits proper, are immediately adjacent thereto as to render such delivery easy of execution.

Toronto, Jan. 23. — The Grand Chapter of Royal Masons, in annual session here, decided to fix the initial fee at $20. The election of officers resulted in re-electing J. Leslie, Winnipeg, grand Z. The following were elected for Western Canada: A. McGree, Vancouver, L.T. McDonald, Regina.

Hamilton, Jan. 23.—Members of the Street Railway Union will ask the deputy minister of labor to look into the case of President Threaker, of the Street Railwaymen's Union, who was discharged by the railway some weeks ago.

St. Thomas, Jan. 23.—Wm. Hall, a young Englishman, while sawing timber at Malhade, was struck on the head by a falling tree and died a few hours later from injuries.

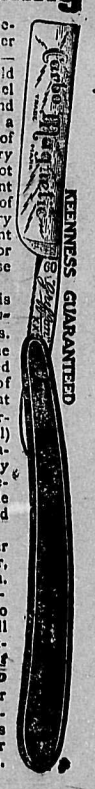
Ottawa, Jan. 23.—A bylaw to prohibit crowding of aisles by persons standing therein in public buildings will possibly be introduced in the Ottawa City Council.

Chicago, Jan. 23.—Mrs. Catherine Cartwright, a concert hall dancer and singer, was found shot to death in her room at 92nd street west today. The police are searching for James McGee who had been attentive to the woman for some time.

Minneapolis, Jan. 23.— In order to prevent the spread of scarlet fever, the board of education, at a special meeting yesterday decided to burn at least 570 text books in use in the Kenwood and Douglas public schools.

ST. JOHN'S Que., Jan. 23. — W. H. Smardon, a traveller for Richardson Mfg. Co., of Montreal, was found dead in bed in the Canada Hotel this morning.

No Honing— No Grinding




You know from daily experience, at home or in the barber shop, that the question is—"Why doesn't a razor hold its edge uniformly from heel to head without honing and grinding?" Whether it is a safety, with the certain tax of new blades, or the ordinary open-bladed razor does not alter the question. You want the comfort and satisfaction of a clean, smooth shave every morning with the confident knowledge that your razor will be ready for instant use the next time needed.

The Carbo Magnetic razor is the only razor ***unconditionally guaranteed*** to do this. Thirty years of study on the razor situation has perfected a new secret process of ***ELECTRIC TEMPERING*** that positively merges every particle of carbon (the life of steel) into the metal—giving a diamond-like hardness uniformly throughout the blade—something absolutely impossible with fire tempered steel—used in making all other razors.

But test this razor in your own home—or if you prefer, have your barber use it on you. Give us your name,—— or call and see the "Carbo Magnetic" razor, and we will state our proposition for testing these razors ***without obligation on your part to purchase,*** together with our free booklet "Hints on Shaving." This book illustrates the correct razor position for shaving every part of the face.

SOLE AGENTS:

LADYSMITH HARDWARE CO.

Bruges, Jan. 23.— Van Dykes masterpiece of "The Cross," which was stolen from the church of Notre Dame at Courtrai last month, was found near here today hidden in a wagon belonging to a band of gypsies.

Pekin, Jan. 23.—Sir Robt. Harth, director general of the Chinese customs service, on Tuesday petitioned the revenue council for a leave of absence of two years on account of ill health. He chose as his successor Sir Tobbread. If this selection is accepted he asks permission to turn over the customs service to his successor on Feb. 1. It is thought here that the two years will not be granted, but that the throne will issue a complimentary edict granting Sir Robert a year's leave of absence.

Rome, Jan. 23.—Barron T. Akahir the newly appointed Japanese ambassador to the United States, has decided to leave Rome on Feb. 1. He will go to Paris, where he will have an interview with Baron Kurino, the Japanese ambassador to France, leaving immediately for London. He may be accompanied to London by Baron Kurino and expects to meet there Count Komura, ex-minister of foreign affairs, and now minister to Great Britain, as well as Sir Don Grier, the British secretary of foreign affairs.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 23.—M. Mueke, assistant minister of the interior has been dismissed from office, as the outcome of the Lidval grain charged with making an illegal contract with Lidval to supply grain to the famine stricken provinces, and "exceeded his authority, advancing him money."

North Battleford, Sask., Jan. 23— A fire which started here to-night, destroyed the station and divisional head quarters of the Canadian Northern Railway and caused the death of Harry Lang by suffocation. Lang who was working upstairs, was cut off by the flames and his charred body was found later. He was a native of Owen Sound. The station was of modern construction and the loss will be about five thousand dollars.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 23.—Fire broke out last night in the Togo annex, a large building in connection with the Togo house, and before the flames were extinguished the interior of the house was badly damaged. The loss will amount to about two thousand dollars.

OTTAWA, Jan. 23.—In the House today Fielding will move the second reading of government insurance bill. The passage of the second reading to be followed by reference of measure to committee on banking and commerce.

BROCKVILLE, Ont., Jan. 23. — Calvin Shaw, a farmer, living near New Borogh, was killed by his horse falling upon him. The horse stumbled while crossing a plowed field, throwing Shaw to the ground.

## WEEKLY STATEMENT OF BANK OF ENGLAND.

LONDON, Jan. 23. —The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes:

Total reserve increased, £1,560,-000.

Circulation decreased, £114,000.

Bullion increased, £1,541,537.

Other securities decreased, £1,657-000.

Other deposits decreased, £1,220,-000.

Public deposit increased, £12,227,-000.

Notes, reserve, increased, £1,166,-000.

Government securities unchanged.

The proportion of the bank's reserve to liabilities this week is 54.87 per cent., compared with 52.69 per cent. last week.

## REIGN OF EXPERTS STARTS IN THAW TRIAL.

### Reign of Expert Testimony Began in the Thaw Trial Today — Dr. Wagner's Testimony,

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—The reign of the expert testimony began in the Thaw trial today. Dr. Chas. Wagner, superintendent of the state hospital for the insane at Binghampton, N.Y., was on the stand during most of the morning session, and told in great detail of the three physical tests he and Dr. B. D. Evans made of Harry Thaw in the Tombs prison during the four months following the killing of Stanford White. He was also allowed to repeat his conversation with Thaw during his visits to the prisoner when he talked about his life and the awful crimes of Stanford White.

Thaw declared, according to Dr. Wagner, that he had never intended to kill White, but providence took the matter in hand.

There were few details in the physician's testimony, but in general was a repitition of what he said last year at the first trial. Dr. Wagner did not express his formal opinion as to Thaw's state of mind, this being left open until a few other witnesses of facts have put their evidence into the records.

Justice Dowling had a conference with the attorneys as to limiting the expert testimony, and it was said it might be that each side will use but two physicians, although the defence is likely to call several more in surrebattal of any that appear in the state's rebuttal case. The defence has all of the experts for the prosecution at the last trial under subpoena The testimony of Dr. Wagner was a repetition of that given at the first trial. Thaw's manner under examination was domineering, according to Dr. Wagner, who declared that the manner of a patient under examination had more to do with forming an opinion than the examination itself. Thaw passed a good physical test, said the witness. "He said he never got along very well at school and once thought of being a painter. In travelling abroad he had met some pretty fast people, but had never been a dissipated man or much in the company of women. He said he rarely or never drank whisky alone. He always wanted to talk of the wrongs he said Stanford White had done, nnd he referred to those whom he terms "other real criminals." His manner of speech at times was very incoherent."

On one of his visits to Thaw Dr. Wagner said the defendant was very solicitious about draught in prison, and had a newspaper over the gratings in the cell door. Thaw said there were people who hoped he would catch cold and die so the case would never come to trial, and Stanford White's acts would never be known.

The physician witness then went at length into the details of the physical examination of the defendant as to tests of thex.

Thaw said he met White in 1900 and had been invited to one of his parties in the Madison Square tower. He later saw White in front of the New York theatre with a handsome girl and was told she was Miss Nesbitt, and "belonged to Stanford White." Thaw said he did not see how such a girl could care for White who had reddish hair and looked like an ape. The testimony as to Thaw's acquaintance with White was new to the case.

"Thaw also told me that Miss Neshitt, afterwards his wife, would be thrown into a high state of nervousness whenever she saw Stanford White. She would shrink and shudder, he declared, until he feared for her health. Dr. Wagner said that Thaw never spoke of White by name but always referred to him as the "beast" or "the blackguard." The witness spent half an hour in the description of tests of nerves and senses, all of which he declared were applied to Thaw.

### MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING.

Portland, Jan. 23.—A special to the Oregonian from Fort Stevens says an investigation by the commanding officer of Fort Stevens yesterday developed that the two Japanese taken into custody in the west battery yesterday were simply visiting Fort Stevens. It developed later that the men were saw mill hands.

### LOST 600 MEN.

CASA BLANCA, Jan. 23.—Muelie Raiched, one of the leaders of Muelai the Sultan, lost 600 men in his engagement with the French a week ago at Seattat. It is reported now that Raiched has sent an urgent appeal to Hafid saying his presence is imperative in order to prevent the disbanding of his army.

Motor cars are not to be allowed to enter Tunbridge Wells cemetery, a favorite resort of visitors, except when they form part of a funeral procession.

## STILL DEBATING THE CONSTITUTIONAL ASPECT

Nanaimo, Jan. 23.—

The Legislature today was again occupied for the most part with th consideration of the constitutional aspect of the lieutenant governor reserving assent to the Immigration Bill of last session.

Speeches were delivered on the subject by several members, but it was acknowledged that the attorney-general, W. J. Bowser, presented the case in the most logical manner in which it has been handled since the debate began. He showed that because the lieutenant governor reserved assent to the bill was not sufficient excuse for the Dominion government not allowing the bill if they saw fit. The secretary of state, Hon. W. Scott, he contended, had violated the oath of office in revealing what had passed between him and Premier McBride when the latter assured the former that the lieutenant governor was going to withhold his assent. Mr. Bowser quoted from a telegram sent to the lieutenant governor by Hon. Mr. Scott, in which the latter said that Premier McBride assured him the bill would not be assented to, and asking if he, Mr. Scott, could rely upon the lieutenant governor to do it. That the lieutenant governor regarded this telegram as constituting instructions was borne out by the fact that a message was sent by Mr. Dunsmuir to Mr. Scott saying he would not assent to the bill.

Mr. John Oliver at the hour of adjourning was still debating the question.

It is learned that the government's bill which gives power to the ministry to exempt railways in the province from taxation for ten years was introduced to carry out a policy which has resulted in the early construction of the extension of the E. and N. Railway the government pressed upon the E. & N. beginning work at once on the line to relieve the labor situation and develop the Island. This the company agreed to do on consideration that they were exempted from taxation for a time. It was to carry this agreement out that the bill was introduced, as well as to insure early construction on the V. V. & E.

The bill for this reason, will likely receive the support of Liberals as well as Conservatives.

## CONVENTION MEETS IN NANAIMO ON FEB. 26TH.

Nanaimo, Jan. 23. —

On Wednesday, Feb. 26, the Union of British Columbia Municipalities will meet in annual convention at the city hall, Nanaimo. Arrangements will shortly be undertaken by Mayor Planta, who is one of the executive of the Union, and the council, to entertain the many delegates who will attend.

The Union has important work ahead of it at the Nanaimo convention, several amendments to the Municipal Clauses Act coming up for discussion. In addition to these papers dealing with municipal matters will be read. A number of these will be prepared by local citizens.

Pursuant to the convention, the following notice is being sent to the various municipalities:

GENTLEMEN:

The president and executive of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities request that I should write and respectfully ask you to send a full representation to the annual meeting of the Union, to be held at Nanaimo, Wednesday, Feb. 26 next, commencing at 10 a.m., in the Council Chambers, in that city.

The clause in the constitution bearing on the representation, reads as follows:

"Each municipality member, being a member of the Union, shall be entitled to appoint delegates, being members of the Municipal Council at the time of their appointment, two from each municipality subscribing not less than $10 and one additional for each additional $25 subscribed, according to population."

There are matters of very great importance, dealing with municipalities, to be brought before the convention, and we should be glad, in this connection, if you would send a copy of any amendments to the Municipal Clauses Act or, in the event of your having a special charter, that your municipality wishes to bring forward, to the undersigned, so as to place the same in the order of business, which we will take up, and which, I expect, will be as follows:

1. Report of Executive Committee.

2. Report of sub-committee from the Executive.

3. Amendments or alterations to the Municipal Clauses Act, or special charter, as the case may be, and any recommendations or suggestions that any member of the Union wishes to bring before the meeting for discussion, all in the way of perfecting the Municipal Clauses Act.

Reduced rates, of a fare and a third, will be granted to delegates and their wives, when accompanying them to the Convention; standard certificates to be obtained from the ticket agent.

If you will kindly advise me at your earliest convenience of the names of your representatives I shall be greatly obliged.

Thanking you in anticipation, I am, yours respectfully,

REEVE BOSE.
Hon. Secrety, U.B.C.M

## PULP COMPANY TO COMMENCE WORK IMMEDIATELY

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the British Canadian Wood Pulp and Paper Co., Ltd., held Jan. 21, it was unanimously resolved to continue the sale of the Cumulative 7 per cent. Preference Stock WITHOUT the proviso agreeing to refund the deposit, and all monies paid by the subscriber unless the 100,000 shares now offered are fully allotted.

The change was deemed advisable, owing to the fact that the company desires to at once commence the erection of the first unit of their mill, which, it is estimated, will be capable of turning out from 30 to 40 tons of wrapping paper per week, and which they hope to have in operation inside of four months.

Of course the company will stand by their agreement with all those who have already subscribed for stock on the condition of having their money returned in full unless fully allotted. A special letter is being sent to all stockholders.

A. E. Planta, Ltd., are the local agents of the company and applications for stock should be made to them.

## ENGLISH PRESS ON THE JAPANESE QUESTION.

### Commend Japan's Attitude With Regard to the Settlement of the Immigration Question.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—A few of the morning newspapers refer to the Japanese immigration settlement mainly as it concerns Canada. They praise the wise moderation of the Japanese government and express satisfaction at the removal of a difficult problem. The Morning Post remarks as a significant fact that although the question of Japanese immigration in the United States arose long before a similar problem presented itself in Canada, no final settlement has yet been reached between Tokio and Washington. The Chronicle says the settlement reflects the greatest credit on all who were influential in bringing it about.

"The Japanese most pressing need at the present time," says the Chronicle, "is international development and commercial expansion, and this friendly settlement will further commercial activity with both the United States and Canada."

Count Hayashi is evidently most anxious to remove all possible friction with the republic and has even threatened to forbid immigration to Hawaii, if it is made the jumping-off ground for California. Japan could hardly do more than show her determination to maintain peace at almost any cost and save the loss of all dignity as a nation.

The Japanese Counsel has received a cable from Foreign Minister Hayashi advising him that beginning on Feb. 1, the only Japanese laborers who will be permitted to emigrate to Hawaii, are those who are returning and who are immediate relatives of those already there.

TOKIO, Jan. 23.—A motion to censure the government was defeated in the lower house of the Diet today by 177 votes against 164. The debate on the motion lasted for three hours and a half.

## SHIPS TO BE DRIVEN BY ELECTRICITY

LONDON, Jan. 21.—Experiments are now being made to use electricity for propulsion of ships. British shipbuilders are interesting themselves in a scheme proposed by Herr Schulthes, an eminent German engineer, known as the Del Proposto mixed system. In this, an electric motor is mounted on the propellor shaft, and a dynamo on the shaft of the engine, using electric power transmission up to half load, and coupling the two shafts together only in the case of high speeds and for forward running, so that the engine works directly on the propellors for higher loads.

An obvious condition in this connection is that the speed of rotation of the propellers for maximum loads should be the same as that of the engine. Now the higher this speed the less satisfactory will be the efficiency of the propeller, especially in the case of vessels transporting heavy loads at moderate speeds. As this condition is favorable to steam turbines, it would seem to be quite feasible to devise a similar mixed system on vessels equipped with steam turbines.

According to the scheme suggested by Herr Schulthes himself, internal combustion in connection with electric power transmission would be used up to about 1,000 or 2,000 h.p. while in the case of higher capacities steam turbines operated at high speeds of revolution, with corresponding high efficiency, and electric power transmission with slowly rotating propellors would be employed. The propellers could be controlled directly from the bridge by this method.

## DISCOUNT REDUCED

PARIS, Jan. 22. — The bank of France has reduced its rate of discount from 3½ to 3 per cent.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 22.—An attempt was made to dynamite and burn the Hayes Sorry Rege tobacco factory at Clarksville, Tenn., last night. The guards killed two negroes and wounded another.

## BULLETINS.

North Portal, Sask., Jan. 22.—J. Ramsay an arrival from England, committed suicide last night by taking carbolic acid. Ramsay had no friends in this country.

Pittsburg, Jan. 22.—J. B. Larkin, comptroller of Pittsburg, and formerly postmaster, was found dead in bed at his home this morning.

Washington, Jan. 22.—Admiral Evans cabled the navy department from Rio Janeiro that his fleet with the exception of the Arethusa, sailed today for Punta Arenas.

San Francisco, Jan. 22.—J. W. Davis, the inventor of copper rivets in clothing, is dead at his home here, aged 78 years. He began the manufacture of copper riveted overalls while in Porto Rica.

Knoxville, Tenn., Jan. 22.— Clinton, the county seat of Anderson, 20 miles north of Knoxville, is a scene of fire, which broke out at 11 o'clock last night, having burned itself through the business section of the city. A conservative estimate places the loss at $100,000. Insurance is small, owing to a high rate. The town has a small gravity water works system, but the streams of water availed little against the flames.

BELLEVILLE, Ont., Jan. 22. — Jas. McKee, proprietor of the Dominion Hotel for forty-six years, is dead, aged 77 years. He was a veteran Fenian, and at one time a prominent Mason.

Moosemin, Jan. 22.—J. T. Brown, of Moosemin, and member for Souris in the local legislature, was today unanimously nominated by the Liberals for the Dominion constituency of Hueppelle to oppose Slack, the present member, at the next general election.

ROTTERDAM, Jan. 22.—The steamer Amsterdam, belonging to the Great Eastern Railway Co., and the British steamer Axminster, from New York, Dec. 30th, for Rotterdam, collided last night near Lieua waterway. There was no loss of life. The Amsterdam was badly damaged and proceeded to Maasluis where she was beached. The Amsterdam was coming from Harwich and had 54 passengers on board. A dense fog prevailed. The Amsterday had a great hole stove in her bow, and the water began coming in so fast that they decided to lower the boats for the passengers. This was done without mishap. The stern of the Axminster was badly damaged.

Sister Theresa, a nurse in St. Mary's hospital, Milwaukee, was shot and killed by an insane man, who imagined the hospital officials were trying to poison him.

OTTAWA, Jan. 22. — One of the most important pieces of legislation which has made its appearance this session was introduced in the house today by Mr. Alcorn, the Conservative member for Prince Edward, Ontario.

Mr. Alcorn's bill seeks to amend the Dominion Election Act, and contains some drastic clauses which have the object of preventing crooked election methods, making bogus ballot boxes an impossibility, and putting an end to corrupting of constituencies by promises of large expenditures of the people's money in the shape of public buildings and works. The bill also makes a dead set against corporation contributions to campaign funds, and imposes heavy penalties on government officials who take a prominent part in elections.

Throughout the explanation of the bill, Sir Wilfrid Laurier listened attentively. It was read a first time.

## IMPRISONED MINERS FREE.

ELY, Nev., Jan. 19.—After spending forty-six days entombed in the Alpha shaft of the Giroux mine, A. D. Bailey, P. J. Brown and Fred McDonald have been rescued.

At 8:30 o'clock last night Bailey was brought up. Fourteen minutes later McDonald came to the surface, while ten minutes afterwards, Brown was brought up. Whistles all over the district blew loudly, while the crowds cheered in the streets of Ely and every bell in the town was ringing.

"Ah!" This was the first exclamation of Bailey when he reached the outer air. Without another word he tottered forward into the arms of comrades who stood ready to assist him and was led to the change room of the Alpha shaft, where he soon recuperated.

"Is that you, Arthur?" queried Fred McDonald, as his brother stepped forward and embraced him after nearly seven weeks of separation. "By George, it certainly seems good to be out of that hell hole," he said, as he was led away, telling his brother in high toned voice of his terrible experience.

"Say, somebody give me a chew of tobacco quick," said Brown. "I'm on the bum all right." With a happy laugh he was led off by a comrade to the change room.

## SUIT TO OUST HARVESTER "TRUST."

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 20.—The ouster suit, instituted by Attorney General Hadley against the International Harvester Company of America came up for argument before the Missouri Supreme Court today. The Harvester company is a New Jersey corporation, capitalizen at $120,000,000. The suit is based on the claim that the company is in a combination to control the manufacture and sale of agricultural and farming implements in violation of the anti-trust laws of Missouri. The company denies the allegation.

## RED SUNDAY ANNIVERSARY

St. Petersburg, Jan. 22.—Extraordinary precautions were taken by the military authorities today to prevent a demonstration, this being the anniversary of "Red Sunday," when Father Gapon led a demonstration of the people that resulted in fatal riots. Orders were issued by the prefect of police forbidding people to congregate on the streets, and strong patrols were scattered throughout the city to prevent demonstrations.

## ALCOHOL IS NOT INSPIRING

PARIS, Jan. 20— That alcohol is not an inspiration to the artist or the writer, and that all their best work is done without the assistance of wine, beer, whiskey or absinthe is set forth in a consensus of the competent just published in a Paris periodical.

The editor of the journal wrote to all of the leading artists and literary men of France, asking if any of their best work was accomplished under the influence and inspiration of alcoholic beverages. Without a single dissenting voice all replied that they had never found inspiration in the flowing bowl. Bacchus and the Muse are incompatible spirits, according to the distinguished men who testified against John Barleycorn.

The poets who are popularly supposed to be especially addicted to drink, were even more emphatic in their denunciation of alcohol, many volunteered the information that tobacco, tea and black coffee contain real inspiration. Several poets testified that without the solace of Lady Nicotine many of their best verses would have remained unwritten, while numerous other writers and artists have found real inspiration in a cup of coffee.

## SCIENCE MAKES AN IMBECILE WHOLE.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Speechless for sixteen years, Gustav Lauth has in ten months learned to talk fluently. During the same period he has developed from an abnormal, undeveloped, almost imbecile boy into an alert active, ambitious person; he has grown four inches in height, permanent teeth have come to him, against all the beliefs of the dental profession, and he now gives promise of becoming a healthy normal man.

His development is the result of experiments by Prof. C. M. Campbell, of Albany, N.Y., an instructor in music, who treated the boy according to theories of his own—theories which, he believes, will cure the deaf, and even the blind, as well as the dumb, and put an end to imbecility.

"I simply don't try to force upon an abnormal person a normal education, any more than you force an abnormal education upon a normal human being," said Prof. Campbell. "Instead of seeking to choke down the throats of the former stereotyped instruction that may really be doing serious harm to his stunted faculties, give your attention to educating those abnormalities, and effecting a cure.

"In this way an abnormal person may be brought to a condition where he can become an active useful agent in life and not be forced to bear a millstone about his neck.

## BELIEVED ELOPING COUPLE WENT TO NANAIMO.

### Edward Samson of Salt Spring Believed to Have Eloped With Girl to Nanaimo.

The Str. Iroquois, Capt. A. A. Sears, which runs from Sidney to the gulf Islands, brought news of several happenings when she reached Sidney yesterday, including that of a serious accident to Mrs. Halley, a widow, residing at Ganges Harbor. The unfortunate lady while endeavoring to lift a large pan of hot grease from a shelf spilled the boiling substance over her head, and was severely scalded. Word of the accident was telephoned to the city, and a doctor and trained nurses were sent at once. The gasoline launch Ganges awaited the arrival of the train at Sidney, and conveyed them to the scene of the accident.

News was also brought by the Iroquois of an elopement from Salt Spring Island. Edward Samson, who is 21 years of age, had run away with the 17-year-old daughter of William McFadden. The young couple, finding parental opposition had decided to be married, and loading their effects in a rowboat, pulled away in the early morning in the direction of Crofton, where they are believed to have boarded the train for Nanaimo to have the nuptial knot tied. Meanwhile the parents, like Lord Ullin of the poem, were left at the water's edge, lamenting.—Victoria Colonist.

TORONTO, Jan. 24.— As a result of the inquest into the death of H. Laroquay, Great Northern telegraph lineman, who was killed in a Grand Trunk collision on Saturday last, warrants have been issued for the arrest of three railway men charged with criminal negligence. The accused are the engineer, conductor, and brakeman.

## COMPLETES SIXTH TERM IN PRISON.

Columbus, O., Jan. 22.— Richard Caldwell was released from the Ohio penitentiary today, a free man for the sixth time in his life, after having completed a term of two years for robbery. Since he was eighteen years old he has served practically all his life. The prison officials expect him back again soon, although Caldwell declares that he has now had enough and intends to lead an honest life in future.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# LOCAL NEWS

The Socialist meeting advertised for Sunday night in the opera house had had to be postponed. There has been a misunderstanding between the promoters and Mr. Hawthornthwaite as to the date. The Nanaimo representative finds he had engaged himself, together with Mr. McInnes, to address his own constituents on the 26th. Accordingly the Ladysmith meeting has had to be cancelled in favor of .

King, the Nanaimo photographer, opens his studio on Sunday afternoons for the convenience of his outside customers.

Mr. A. Auchinvole, who has been operated on for appendicitis, is making good progress.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Bryden lost their infant child on Friday, the little one succumbing to an attack of bronchitis and whooping cough.

### METHODIST CHURCH.

Sabboth Services, Jan. 26th.
Rev. Dr. White, superintendent of Methodist Missions in B. C., will preach both morning and evening.
Services—11 a.m., and 7 p.m.
Missionary Day.
All are cordially invited.
R. WILKINSON, Pastor.

### THE FOOTBALL CONCERT.

Don't forget the Football Concert and Dance in the Opera House tonight. There will be some additions to the programme as published on Wednesday. Mr. R. Young, among others, having promised to sing. The coucert will not be prolonged so as to give the youngsters lots of time for dancing. There will be a swell time for all who attend.

### NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing commissioners of the Municipality of Ladysmith at their next regular meeting for a transfer of the wholesale Liquor License now held by me for the premises occupied by me and situate on Lot 9, Block 91, in the said City of Ladysmith, from myself to August Pina.
Ladysmith, B. C., 24th January, 1908.
FRANK BARBERO.

### MEETING OF THE LEAGUE.

There was a well attended meeting of the Citizen's League on Thursday evening in the City Hall. Dr. R. B. Dier president of the League, occupied the chair, and there were some interesting discussions. The questions of an electric lighting system and a sewerage system were taken up and ultimately two committees were appointed to look into these matters. The committees will report to the League and the League again will communicate with the Council.

It was also decided that the regular meeting nights of the League should be the first and third Thursdays of the month.

There were some more new members enrolled, all of whom displayed the greatest interest in the work of the League.

### CHAMPIONS WILL MEET Y. M. C. A.

There should be a big crowd out this afternoon to see the big football match. The Y.M.C.A. boys are considered the best organization in Victoria, and they find the local players rather disadvantageously placed. McKinley is unable to play and his absence will make a great difference to the team, both in attack and defence. It has also to be said that the players have not, perhaps, taken as much pains as they might have done to get into shape. Still they feel pretty confident of the result and this may help them through. The team will be as published in Wednesday's Standard.

Montreal, Jan. 24.—Following an announcement from Toronto that the Grand Trunk has laid off 35 men employed in the shops there until Feb. 3, comes the announcement that the working hours of shop employes here will be further reduced to four days a week. Inquiry of C.P.R. officials today elicits the information that there is plenty of business on hand to keep all employees in the shops going full time. At the Angus shops there has been no change in conditions for the last three months, and orners already placed there will alone keep all men on full time for several months yet.

Odessa, Jan. 24.— Gen. Tomatcheff has been made Governor General of Odessa in succession to Gen. Boufal, and he has inaugurated his regime with a determination to fight the revolutions of Odessa with conspicuous energy.

### STARTLING DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTH AMERICAN PLOT.

Washington, D.C., Jan. 23.—Startling developments in the plot to overthrow the government of President Nord in Hayti have followed the investigations of the secret service agents in New York in connection with the arrest of Jos. Girodani on the charge of counterfeiting Haytien money. The officers say they have ascertained that the prisoner was the agent of a formidable conspiracy whose operations probably would have extended beyond the limits of Hayti into Santo Domingo and even into Cuba had the revolution in Hayti been a success, and the agents in New York remained unmolested.

It is found, among other things, the secret service declare, that certain persons in Hayti, mostly French men and Corsicans, and one of them a brother to Giordiani, was active agents of the conspirators, and were designated, in the papers found among Giordani's effects, by numbers. By careful inquiry the secret service men were able to connect these numbers with the proper persons and the first result was to fix upon Charles Miot, the American consular agent at St. Mari, as one of the persons to whom a number had been applied.

Upon learning this fact last evening the state department immediately cabled to Minister Furniss at Port Au Prince to dismiss this agent at once from the employ of the United States. This action was taken because the state department feels that it must keep itself absolutely free from any appearance of sympathy with the rebellious movements in South American republics.

Chief Wilkie, of the United States secret service made a statement today giving the facts and circumstances connected with the arrest of George, which goes to show that at the time of his arrest he had in his possession counterfeit Hatian paper money, two thousand Remington rifles and 23,000 rounds of ammunition, all of which it is said was intended for the Haitien revolutionists.


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### DISASTROUS FIRES IN EASTERN STATES.

PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 24.—Portland's city hall, containing the municipal and county offices and departments and the police buildings, in which were the supreme, judicial and municipal courts, were completely ruined by a fire early today. Valuable records dating back over a century were destroyed. The monetary loss is estimated at one million dollars.

The fire was the worst in the state since the great conflagration in Portland in 1886, when the city business and residential sections were almost completely wiped out. Death was absent from the fire, a factor considered remarkable as there were more than seven hundred members of the Knights of Pythias jubilee gathered in the auditorium of the city hall when the flames were discovered. Only a few persons were hurt. Chief Engineer Melville Eldr dge, the only one known to be seriously injured, was able to direct the fight against the flames, though being supported by two assistants.

The city departments were swept clear of everything by the flames, with the exception of the city clerk and the city treasurer's offices. The money and securities in the latter are believed to beintact although it would be almost impossible to ascertain definitely until the vaults have cooled sufficiently for an examination to be made.

One of the most valuable libraries in the state, the Greenleaf law collection was completely destroyed, with a loss of $10,000.

The blaze originated in the city electrician's office and was caused by crossed wires. When the flames were discovered, Wm. A. Turner, chairman of the meeting of the Pythian body, was met in the hallway by three men, who acquainted him with the condition of affairs. Coolly he entered the auditorium, interrupting the rites which were going on at the time. He calmly informed the assembled members of the existing conditions saying there was no need for hurry, himself leading a system of orderly departure which proved effective in avoiding a panic and bringing out the assembled Knights without injury.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 24.—Fire today took heavy tolls of the members of the fire department of this city, three being dead and sixteen others more or less seriously injured including George Hoston, chief of the department, who is in a serious condition.

The dead are Fred Harman, W. D. Pugh and an unidentified man. The financial loss is $400,000.

The blaze, which is the worst that has occurred in this city since the calamity of 1904, started on the third floor of the building at the southeast corner of Halliday and Saratoga streets, occupied by the J. Rogers & Sons Co., Other occupants of the building were the Baltimore Bell and Brass Co., and the Wm. L. Hollings Co., machinists.

The fire had apparently been burning some time before it was discovered. A strong wind from the northwest and a very low temperature made the work of fighting the fire more than ordinarily difficult. In an incredibly short time after the blaze commenced without warning the north wall of the building fell. Burying the firemen who were working close to the building. The bricks also put out of commission an extension ladder and a truck upon which some of the men had been working.

### BIG STEAMERS IN COLLISION AT SEA.

Hook of Holland, Jan. 24. — All the missing passengers and crew of the steamer Amsterdam, were brought in here safely at noon today. The steamer Amsterdam belongs to the Great Eastern Railway Company. She sailed from Harwick Jan. 21st, with 56 passengers on board, for Rotterdam. That same night she collided with the British steamer Axminster near Nieuwe Waterweg and sustained serious damages. Her crew and passengers left her in small boats, and all the boats excepting one were speedily taken up. The passengers on the missing boat numbered 25, and the crew seven. They were picked up by the Norwegian steamer Songa, one hour after they left the Amsterdam in a small boat. The Songa was bound from Harwich for Rotterdam.

The heavy fog which has prevailed prevented the Songa from landing, and made impossible an effective search for the missing people. They were on board the Songa for two and a half days.

When the fog cleared up this morning the lifeboats from the Hook of Holland, found the Songa party on board and brought them here.

### AFTER SEATTLE TOUGHS.

Vancouver, Jan. 24.—Ald. Caland suggested at the civic police committee today that the police take up the question of securing a pack of bloodhounds for the purpose of following a gang of criminals now investing the city. It is thought this would scare Seattle tought to the south of the boundary line. No action was taken in the matter.

BERLIN, Jan. 24.—A meeting of the central committee of the Imperial Bank, has been called for to-morrow, and it is expected that the bank's rate of discount will then be reduced by 1 per cent.

### NO THAW FOLLOWS HEAVY SNOW STORM.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24. — Today's session of the Thaw trial was abandoned at the request of the defence, and an adjournment was taken until Monday morning. A heavy snow storm tied up shipping in the Bay and prevented the docking of the steamer Adriatic on which three physicians and a trained nurse are coming from Europe to testify as to the irrational acts of Harry Thaw at Monte Carlo, Paris and London.

Another witness, Dr. Bingham, of Pittsburg, who is recovering from an attack of pneumonia will not be in the city until tomorrow.

Mr. Littleton, in his request stated that he believed the delay would really result in expediting the case, as he would employ the intervening time in the repairing of the histophistal question for the experts and submitting it to the district attorney for any suggestions or objections he may have to offer.

There was a lively tilt between Counsel just before the adjournment was announced. District Attorney Jerome said he would not oppose the motion for adjournment, provided Mr. Littleton would furnish him with the names of the witnesses who arriving on the Adriatic. He declared he would like to find if they had written any books or other medical works.

"I assure you they haven't," said Mr. Littleton.

"I would like the names anyway," said Mr. Jerome, "so I can become prepared for their cross-examination.

Justice Dowling said the request of the prosecution was a reasonable one.

"Your honor," replied Mr. Littleton, "I would like to comply, but my experience has been whenever the District Attorney, knew of the arrival of any witnesses for the defence, he had mot them with subpoenas and taken them off to his office, or somewhere and submitted them to a long examination. I do not intend that he shall do so in the future. I do not intend that he shall know my case before it is presented here in court."

"What I want is to find out whether these people you are bringing here are shysters, charlattansm or men of character and standing," Mr. Jerome shouted.

"I will give you their names after they have landed, and their addresses as well," Mr. Littleton offered.

"That won't give me a chance to cable," snapped the District Attorney.

"That shows the District Attorney wants to meet them at the dock. Is he willing to give me the names of the witnesses he will call in rebuttal?" explained Mr. Littleton.

"The District Attorney is not required to do that," interposed Justice Dowling.

"Then I don't think I ought to be forced to tell him the names of my witnesses, said Mr. Littleton.

"Oh, very well, then," put in Mr. Jerome, slamming a book down on the counsel table. "If you don't want to do it, allright."

"I approved of what I thought a reasonable request," replied Justice Dowling, putting an end to the controversy, "and now I will grant the adjournment as requested."

Mr. Littleton said that the defence undoubtedly would conclude its case on Monday, and District Attorney Jerome announced that the people were ready to proceed in rebuttal at any time.

### VAN HORNE BRINGS WELCOME NEWS.

MONTREAL, Jan. 24.—Wm. Van Horne returned to Montreal today from Cuba. Regarding an interview in New York, in which he was quoted as saying that he believed the wheels of business in the United States, and the North American continent in general, would soon be revolving at the normal speed again, Sir William said that if everybody believed that statement the wheels would be revolving soon. At any rate he believed it and he was helping in saying so.

"I may be wrong," said Sir William. "I have been wrong a good many times in my life; but I have been right a good many times too. Yes, I think I am right now, but of course the whole situation is a very large and complicated one, and too big for me."

As to his trip to Cuba, no special significance is attached to it.

Regarding the opening of the new Guatemala railway Sir William said that the line will reverse the whole situation in Guatemala, for it will bring Guatemala within reach of New York in as many days as it for merly occupied weeks.

### HEAVY SNOW STORM SWEEPS OVER NEW YPRK.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.— The snow storm which swept over the city yesterday developed into a lime blizzard during the night. Today the city was piled deep in places with drifts and street car traffic and the movement of ferry boats and other harbor and river craft was badly hampered.

Up to 9 a.m., more than nine inches of snow had fallen and there appeared to be no immediate prospect of a cessation. The forenoon report of the local weather bureau showed the mercury to be standing at 23 degrees above zero. Marine observers report the storm to be particularly severe on the coast. At Sandy Hook this forenoon a northeast gale was blowing and the heavy snow restricted observance, and made navigation extremely hazardous. The big steamer Graf Walderz which reached the Hook last night was still at anchor this morning, fearing to risk the attempt to enter the harbor under the prevailing weather conditions. During the early fornoon she was joined by the Adriatic from Northampton, and the Brest Lincoln from Hamburg, both with a large number of passengers on board. Many other passenger steamers due today probably also will be delayed by the storm.

Chicago, Jan. 24.—Dr. Benjamin Reitman who led the march of the unemployed yesterday was arraigned in the Harrison street police court today on the charge of disorderly conduct and inciting a riot.


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# PERSONALS

Mr. Duncan went up to Nanaimo Thursday.

Mr. G. Pickard boarded the Nanaimo train on Thursday.

Mr. Hawley returned from a trip to Victoria on Thursday.

Mrs. Eastom, of Seattle, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jno. Dunbar.

Mr. and Mrs. Mouatt returned from a visit to Nanaimo yesterday morning.

Mr. T. Russell, formerly superintendent of the Nanaimo mines, visited his brother, Mr. W. Russell, on Thursday.

Mr. John Bland boarded the Victoria train yesterday morning.

Mr. D. J. Matheson, the Gatacre Street tailor, left town yesterday on a trip to New Westminster, where his brother is lying sick in the hospital. Mr. Matheson expects to be back to business in a few days.

Miss Beveridge came down from Nanaimo on Thursday morning.

Mr. I. Whitcombe boarded the Victoria train on Thursday morning.

Mr. W. W. Walkem came down from Nanaimo on Thursday morning.

Mrs. W. Kerr boarded the Victoria train on Thursday morning.

Mr. H. Blair is seriously ill.

Mrs. W. Thompson boarded the Victoria train this morning.

Miss McKenzie was a passenger on the Victoria train this morning.

Mr. Watson left on the Victoria train this morningtrain this morning

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Conway came up from Victoria on Thursday.

### BULLETINS.

**Quebec, Jan. 24.—A collision occurred between a Great Northern and a Lake St. John railway train at Riviere a prairie junction, this morning. Edward Gelly, 22 years old, employed on the Lake St. John railway and living in this city, was killed. Full particulars of the accident have not yet been received, but it is said several others are seriously injured.**

New York, Jan. 24.—The Str. John H. Starrin, of the Starrin Line, plying between New York and New Haven, went ashore at Willets Point while entering the East River this morning en route from New Haven to this city. The Starrin was engaged in both passenger and freight service, but at the New York office it was not known whether she carried any passengers last night. A tug was sent to the relief of the steamer.

London, Jan. 24.—A despatch has been received here from Lisbon saying that Dr. Farmano Lopez, who was connected with the recent conspiracy to blow up Premier Franco with a bomb, made a daring escape today from the San Julia prison, a strong fortress at the mouth of the Lagus river. Because of the high social position of Dr. Lopez, permission was given a party of his friends to visit him in prison. The party went to the fortress in a motor car. As the auto drew up in front of the prison a terrible explosion was heard, and immediately after Dr. Lopez ran out, jumped into the auto and escaped.

HONOLULU, Jan. 24. —A Japanese has been discovered sketching Honolulu harbor and the coast line from heights behind Honolulu.

### RAILWAY CONTRACT LET.

The contract for the grading of 12 miles of the extension of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway from Nanaimo to Alberni, Vancouver Island, was awarded Tuesday by S. Marto Mr. John Bright, who is grading pole, vice president of the railway, the Eburne-New Westminster line. The work of grading will be started right away, according to the terms of contract, and employment to a large number of men will thus be assured. The work will be pushed ahead as rapidly as possible under present weather conditions, and it is expected that it will be completed early in the summer. The twelve miles to be graded lie from Wellington to a point a little beyond the head of Nanoose Bay. This is the first contract awarded in connection with the extension o. the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway to Alberni, but it is expected that other contracts will be let as soon as conditions warrant.


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### NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia for an Act to Incorporate a Company with power to equip, build, maintain and operate a line of railway of standard or other gauge to be operated by steam, electricity or oeher power for the carrying of freight, uassengers and express from a point situated on Section Fourteen (14) or Fifteen (15) in Range Five (V.) Cranberry District, or Section Fourteen (14) Range Six (VI.), Cranberry District; thence south-easterly by the most feasible route to a point situate on Oyster Bay in Oyster District, a distance of about twelve miles more or less—with authority also to construct, equip, maintain and operate branches from time to time from any point or points of the proposed railway; with power also to construct and operate telegraph and telephone lines for the purpose of its business and for the public; with power to own, use and operate water powers convenient to the road, railway and other purposes, and with such other powers and privileges as are usually given to Railway Companies.
BARNARD & ROBERTSON,
Solicitors for Applicant.
Dated at Victoria, B.C., this 15th day of January, 1908.

### MOVE LADYSMITH OFFICES TO NANAIMO.

Offices of Ladysmith Lumber Company Will be Removed From Ladysmith to Nanaimo.

Geo. C. Pickard, secretary of the Ladysmith Lumber Company, was in the city today in connection with arrangements that are being made to remove the offices of the company from Ladysmith to Nanaimo. It is expected that the offices will be moved here in about a month's time.

Plans have been made for the new offices but just what part of the city they will be situated in has not yet been determined upon.


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### NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply to the License Commissioners of the City of Ladysmith, at their next regular meeting, for a transfer of the Retail Liquor License now held by me for the premises known as the Extension Hotel, Ladysmith, B.C., from myself to John Lucca Domenico Giovando.
JOHN VAIRA.
Ladysmith, B.C., Nov. 19, 1907.


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