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ROOSEVELT UNDECIDED

Thinks That Hague Tribunal Should Act

His Cabinet Worried Over Munroe Doctrine

Washington, Dec. 23—The formal proposals of Great Britain and Germany that president Roosevelt arbitrate the Venezuelan dispute were not at hand when the cabinet met today, but it is stated they will reach Washington within a day or two.

Strong pressure is being brought to bear upon the president to decline the invitations to act as arbitrator. This comes from newspapers, from public men throughout the country, and from senators and representatives in Washington.

Senator Cullom, of the senate committee on foreign relations, called at the state department today with a bundle of telegrams from prominent men in Illinois, all protesting energetically.

Today's meeting of the cabinet was prolonged to more than two hours. All the members were present except secretary Moody, who is out of the city. Secretary Hay brought to the meeting practically nothing relating to the situation. No response has been received to the president's original suggestion to the powers that they consent to refer the Venezuelan controversy to the arbitration of The Hague tribunal, and no formal request had been received that the president act as arbitrator of the difficulty. That such a request would be received formally and officially is now practically assured. It is known that the president and all members of his cabinet at first preferred that the whole question should be referred to The Hague tribunal. It is understood that the president's plan, if he determines to arbitrate, contemplates the appointment of a board of arbitrators. He would not confide this important undertaking to any one man, nor does he feel able himself to spare the vast amount of time necessary for an examination in detail into each of the many claims that would be presented against Venezuela. Necessarily the president's arbitration board would include some member of a high order of legal talent, as well as others thoroughly versed in the practice of international law.

It is stated that the crucial point to come before the arbitration board is the famous "Calo doctrine."

The doctrine which was laid down by the greatest of Latin-American international lawyers, and for very many years has been regarded as beyond question by all of the Latin-American republics, denies the right of any nation to intervene diplomatically in behalf of one of its subjects where the courts of the country are open to his application for justice. Thus Venezuela has asserted that all of those claimants, British, German, Italian and French, might have gone before the Venezuelan courts and if their causes had been just and so decided by the courts, the government would have paid the judgment. The objection to this view is that no account is taken of miscarriages of justice and of racial antipathy. But so determined are the South American countries to adhere to this doctrine, that some of them have gone to extraordinary lengths in their resistance of the diplomatic efforts of foreign governments to secure justice for their subjects. It is known that now some members of the cabinet are opposed to referring the matter to The Hague tribunal for these reasons. In the first place they have no desire to submit the Monroe doctrine to the arbitration of any non-American tribunal, not even excepting the august and eminently fair tribunal of The Hague. They very much prefer that if this doctrine is to be the subject of arbitration, if it is to be even brought in incidentally that American influence shall pass on it. Not that the fairness of The Hague is impeached, but as most of The Hague arbitrators represent European and monarchical interests, it is realized that their training might be regarded as unsympathetic where they are required to deal with such an essentially American subject as the Monroe doctrine. It is true that on its face the arbitration proposal contains nothing that indicates that this doctrine is to be attacked, but so complex and numerous are the questions which will come before the arbitration that it is apprehended here that the famous doctrine can scarcely be kept from consideration. Another reason that animates these cabinet officers in their inclination towards the president's acceptance is their conviction that an inordinate length of time would be consumed if the issue is taken before The Hague tribunal. The machinery is sufficient, but ponderous and difficult to put in motion. First, there must be arranged a basis of arbitration, the arbitrators must be selected by the parties to the case, and these, in turn, must choose an umpire, and while this is going on the blockade would continue with its ever present danger of active hostilities and bloodshed that might render nugatory all attempts at arbitration. On the other hand if the president undertakes the settlement he can get rid of all red tape and start the work of arbitration within a few days.

London, Dec. 23.—An important and lengthy communication dealing with the British views of the arbitration of the Venezuelan dispute, was made by foreign secretary Lansdowne to the United States charge d' affaires, Mr. White, this evening. It was transmitted immediately to Washington.

Lord Lansdowne's statement contains no final decision, further than a lengthy statement of what is expected by Great Britain. Notifications have been received at the foreign office here from Germany and Italy that the announcements of their blockade of the Venezuelan coast have been gazetted.

London, Dec. 23.—Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, in an address delivered at Dunfermline tonight said there was no excuse for the government in having allowed Great Britain to "glide" into the present position in Venezuela. "It is a paltry quarrel," declared the speaker, "with a bankrupt, distracted and rickety state. If ever there was a case for arbitration this is one." Continuing sir Henry said he had only condemnation for those who by their "rasping writings and foul gibes had fermented discord between Great Britain and Germany." He added that the war office had done well in such cases where its instructions had been timely. These instructions, however, were often wrong, and sometimes they were not given. The speaker regarded with misgivings certain enterprises being conducted in different parts of the world. Sir Henry strongly emphasized the importance of preserving the goodwill of the United States. He said it may require a case of the first importance to justify any action likely to alienate the good feelings and confidence the American people entertain toward Great Britain. It was not enough to be on the best possible terms and avoid hostilities. It was essential to the policy of England to stimulate friendship and any course which threatened the continuance in any degree of that perfect feeling of friendship or invalidated it to any extent, was a crime not only against both great nations, but against humanity itself.

Paris, Dec. 23.—The foreign office has received president Castro's acceptance of the conditions of the French note. The president says France will receive equal treatment with the other powers in the settlement and payment of claims.

Rome, Dec. 23.—Signor De Riva, Italian minister to Venezuela ,is returning to Italy.

Spesela, Italy, Dec 23.—The Italian cruiser Elba sailed today for Venezuela. The duke of Abruzzi was among those present to bid farewell to the officers.

Caracas, Dec. 23.—The Red D. line steamer Caracas safely entered the harbor of La Guaira at 8 o'clock this morning. The mail, freight and passengers were landed at 10 o'clock. The captain of the British cruiser Tribune notified the commander of the Caracas that he must leave the harbor every night. This measure is regarded as vexatious, and causes great expense to the owners of the steamer.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Great Britain's response to the president's suggestion that the issues involved in the Venezuelan troubles be referred to The Hague tribunal had not been received in Washington up to 9 o'clock tonight. It is expected the first thing tomorrow morning. The delay in transmitting the reply, which is presumably quite long, no doubt being due to its reduction to cipher.

HEAD OF ENGLISH CHURCH

FREDERICK TEMPLE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY.

DIED YESTERDAY MORNING OF OLD AGE.

London, Dec. 23. — The archbishop of Canterbury passed away quite peacefully at 8.15 o'clock this morning, in the presence of his wife and two sons. His death was anticipated for some days, and only the archbishop's remarkable vitality enabled him to counteract his extreme weakness. The final collapse occurred at 6 o'clock, and he was unconscious towards the end. The primate died of old age. The pathetic scene in Westminster abbey at the coronation of king Edward was one of the earlier indications of his failing strength. Then came the collapse in the house of lords, at the conclusion of a vigorous speech in support of the education bill. He had not left his bed since. He will be buried at Canterbury.

The bishop of Winchester is considered likely to be his successor.

(Frederick Temple, the deceased archbishop of Canterbury ,and primate of all-England, was born at Santa Maura, Ionian islands, November 30th, 1821. He was at one time head master of Rugby. In 1869 he became bishop of Exeter, and in 1885 he was appointed bishop of London. He had been archbishop of Canterbury since December 22nd, 1896.)

London, Dec. 23.—The funeral of the archbishop will take place on Saturday at noon in Canterbury cathedral.

RAILWAY EMPLOYEES

West of Chicago Ask for Increased Wages Commencing January 15th.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—The demand for an increase of 20 per cent in wages of passenger and freight conductors and brakemen has been presented to the officials of railroads west of Chicago. Accompanying the demand was a notification that an answer must be returned by January 5th. The increase would affect 150,000 conductors and brakemen. Officials of every railroad running west of Chicago and west of a line drawn from Duluth to New Orleans were waited upon and demands presented. Although the demands were backed by the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and Order of Railroad Conductors, the grievance boards of each railroad system presented the papers. All negotiations will be carried on by these bodies although the officials of both brotherhoods will lend their assistance when needed.

Arrangements for asking for the increases were begun last June. Representatives of both brotherhoods met in Kansas City and agreed to make a concerted demand for 20 per cent increase in wages. This was submitted to the rank and file and indorsed. The conductors, however, did not complete their vote on the question until November 15th. A meeting of the leaders of both organizations was held at the Sherman house a few days later, and December 20th was fixed as the date for the demands to be presented. Early today 40 committees of trainmen and conductors arrived in Chicago and immediately proceeded to the offices of the various companies. Similar committees visited officials in St. Louis, Kansas City, San Francisco and other places. January 5th, the date on which answers are expected, the committees will all meet at the national headquarters of their respective brotherhoods. While the demands are not accompanied by any threats of strikes, it is generally understood that the conductors and trainmen are in earnest.

A SOPHIE MOUNTAIN BOOM

WORK WILL BE RE-STARTED ON VICTORY-TRIUMPH.

HAS 20,000 TONS OF PAY ORE NOW IN SIGHT.

Rossland, Dec. 23.—Another gratifying result of the visit to this camp of C. Williamson Milne, the wealthy English mining man, has eventuated in the announcement that the Victory-Triumph mine will be re-opened and operated.

The property is located on Sophie mountain, in the vicinity of the Velvet mine, and has been closed down for the past four years. When operated, the only transportation was over a bridle path, and the big deposit of concentrating ore could not be utilized.

William Thompson, general manager of the Rossland-Kootenay company, made an exhaustive examination of the property, and states that the principal tunnel cuts through a shoot of ore 350 feet long, and having an average of 250 feet of backs. This body has fully 20,000 tons of pay ore in sight. The vein carries quartz gangue with gold-silver-copper values. The average value is unknown until the vein is thoroughly sampled. Mr. Thompson says the property is an ideal concentrating proposition.

Lower treatment and transportation charges now make it possible to operate the Victory-Triumph at a handsome profit, and Mr. Milne will take steps to arrange for the resumption of work immediately on returning to London. His idea is to install a "high speed" gravitation mill, a new mechanical invention, and to pass the product of the mill over Wilfley tables, shipping the resulting concentrates to the smelter. Mr. Milne believes that Sophie mountain is just entering on an era of renewed activity, and that it will produce several dividend paying mines.

(The Victory-Triumph property referred to by Mr. Milne, was originally under the management of David B. Rogle, now editor of the Colonist. In 1899 a company was floated in London designated the Trail Creek Mining company, with a capital of £120,000 in £1 shares, to develop the mine in question, and to take over all the assets of the original Victory-Triumph Gold Mining company, of which Mr. Bogle was the president and manager. The London concern, of which Mr. Milne is the managing director, now proposes to work the property. The Rossland World of last evening says:

"The opening up of the Victory-Triumph will mean much to this camp, not only in the number of men that it will employ, but in the interest that will be revived in this mountain. Many Rosslanders hold claims in this vicinity and have been heartsick with deferred hope. Under the new conditions it is more than probable that more work will be done and not only the Velvet and the Victory-Triumph will be shippers during the coming year, but also other properties, encouraged, will do their best to fall into line.")

AGAINST THE CHARTER.

Quebec Board Favors Sandford Fleming's Route to the Pacific.

Quebec, Dec. 23.—The Quebec board of trade is opposed to the new transcontinental railway on the lines at present proposed. At a special meeting called for the purpose of discussing the subject the following resolution proposed by Hon. N. Garneau and seconded by Thomas Davidson, was unanimously carried:

"That the board is of the opinion that no charter should be granted by parliament for any additional transcontinental lines or for railways to carry the produce of the interior to the seaboard without the most careful consideration. If such should be determined on, our board makes several suggestions as to the location of the route. The board contends that the proposed new line does not meet any of the requirements such as it would suggest."

The board is of the opinion that the proposed G. T. R. line does not commend itself either from a commercial or a national standpoint; and that parliament would not be justified in revising the policy which has hitherto prevailed by granting a charter on the location sought by the company.

The Quebec board favors the route—if any—recommended by Sandford Fleming, "a route which gives fair play to all the provinces of the confederation and which will give excellent connections to Toronto, Montreal, Quebec, St. John and Halifax."

A DEGENERATE CANADIAN GIRL

Enters Matrimonial Market For a Title

Violet Twining Weds Aged Marquis

London, Dec. 23.—The octogenarian marquis of Donegall was quietly married here this afternoon to Miss Violet Twining, a Canadian, about 30 years of age. The Canadian high commissioner, lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, gave away the bride.

New York, Dec. 23.—A special cable to the Herald from London says: Just five weeks ago the marquis of Donegall who all his life has been a beau of the old school, was presented to the beautiful Canadian, Miss Violet Twining, who created quite a sensation when she was presented at the king's first court by lady Strathcona, wife of the high commissioner for Canada. The marquis, who is 80 years old, will tomorrow lead the young lady to the altar, in St. George's church, Hanover square. The civil ceremony was performed this afternoon before the registrar of the same parish, so that, legally, the bride of tomorrow is already the marchioness of Donegall. Not more than half a dozen people knew of the quiet ceremony at the registrar's today, or of the coming wedding tomorrow.

An intimate friend of the marquis said tonight that his brother, Henry Fitzwarrine Chichester, who, in the absence of a direct heir, has regarded himself for years as successor to the title, had opposed the wedding in every way possible.

St. John, New Brunswick, Dec. 23.—Miss Violet Twining, whose marriage is announced today, is a former Fredericton girl. Her mother, Mrs. Twining ,was a daughter of C. H. Black, of Halifax, and married H. St. George Twining, of Halifax, since deceased. The young lady was engaged to be married to a British officer, who died before the date set for the wedding, leaving his large fortune to his intended bride.

ENRICHED BY DEATH DUTIES.

England Gets Over $90,000,000 from Estates of 206 Persons.

London, Dec. 23.—During the present year 206 persons have died leaving estates valued at over $500,000 each, the aggregate being $290,225,710. The average age of these persons was nearly 73 years; one-fourth of them were 80 or over, and six were over 90. The chancellor of the exchequer reaped death dues amounting to $92,568,570.

For the most part this wealth has been slowly gained by people who made careful investments during long lives. Little trace could be found of fortunes which had been quickly acquired by speculation.

A further analysis shows that there were five estates of over $5,000,000; seven between $2,500,000 and $5,000,000 twenty-four of from $1,500,000 to $2,500,000; thirty of from $1,000,000 to $1,500,000; forty-one of from $750,000 to $1,000,000, and eighty-nine of from $500,000 to $750,000. The recent death of colonel Harry McCalmont, whose estate probably amounts to $15,000,000, will be another harvest for the lord chancellor.

BUSINESS MEN OF CANADA

To Be Appealed to By the Kaslo Board of Trade For Sympathetic Aid.

Kaslo, Dec. 23.—(Special to The Daily News.)—The board of trade held an important meeting this afternoon to receive the reports of the committee appointed on silver-lead matter. The report sets out the difficulties under which merchants and allied interests are suffering owing to the curtailment of the lead output in Slocan and other Kootenay camps, describes the difference in duties on goods used by these camps, and the goods represented by the lead industry, and seeks to enlist the energies of the business men of Canada to aid in securing for the Kootenays renewed and continuous prosperity with special reference to the lead industries as being the main and almost the only industry in this district, which, with a return of mining prosperity would mean 5,000 men at least being employed at high wages, and that the dominion at large would have a great market of large purchasing ability

BELGIAN YACHTSMEN

Want to Compete in the America Cup Races in 1904.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 23.—Belgian yachtsmen are deeply interested in the America cup races, according to a special from Brussels to the Transcript today, and are ambitious to take part in the contests. If the present plans are carried out the Antwerp club will challenge for the trophy in 1904. The club proposes next year to enter for the German emperor's cup at Kiel, and for the English cup at the Heligoland regatta, and also build a challenger for America's cup on lines laid down by M. Maurice Grisar, who will be the principal, if not the sole owner of the challenger.

GRANBY SMELTER'S MISFORTUNES.

Phoenix, Dec. 23.—(Special to The Daily News.)—The Granby smelter seems to have had a run of hard luck in getting its two additional furnaces at work. First, for months coke was short; then there was not sufficient water power. When Cascade power became available about two weeks since all trouble was thought to be over but after a few days run the accident happened at Cascade that tied things up. Last week repairs had been made and again four furnaces were put in blast and shipments of 1,500 tons of ore per day were begun from the company's mines in this camp. In less than 24 hours, however, a tranformer and a motor or two were burned out at the smelter and shipments were reduced to a two-furnace rate at once. The last damage is not so serious, however as reported, and as repairs have been completed by taking down a transformer from Phoenix, the entire plant will once more be blown in tomorrow morning and fifty cars of ore daily sent from the mines here. The officials of the smelter now hope that the troubles incident to the new $500,000 plant of the Cascade Water, Power & Light company are finally over, and that a long run at the smelter will be the result. This will mean the employment of 200 additional men at the company's mines here.

SMALLPOX IN ONTARIO.

Ingersoll, Ont., Dec. 23.—Three cases of smallpox have been discovered in the house of a family named Dickson on Woodstock gravel road, near Woodstock.

THE PRINCESS DID ELOPE

SHE IS NOW IN SWITZERLAND WITH A YOUNG PROFESSOR.

ALLEGED THAT HE TERRORIZED HER INTO GOING WITH HIM.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—A despatch from Dresden this evening to the Lokal Anzeiger confirms the previous dispatch from Geneva, Switzerland, to the effect that the crown princess is in Geneva with professor Giron, a French teacher of languages, whom she met during her last trip to Paris. He is described as 24 years of age and of, "a striking personality with large, bright eyes." All the theatres in Dresden are closed tonight. The court of the fugitive princess has been dissolved.

Munich, Bavaria, Dec. 23.—The court here excuses the conduct of the crown princess of Saxony, alleging she was terrorized by professor Giron and yielded to his threats.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—The Tageblatt's Dresden correspondent says: "The difficulty between the princely couple dates from prior to king Albert's death. They had several painful scenes during the king's illness. It is reported here that the crown prince's recent action in ostensibly breaking one of his legs while hunting in the Bavarian mountains near Salzburg, was an invention, the fact being that he had a fight with his brother-in-law, archduke Leopold Ferdinand, and the crown prince was so badly handled that he had to take to his bed and return to Dresden so soon as he was able. The Saxon ministers say the affair is closed, so far as the Dresden court is concerned. The letters of the crown princess have been seized. She is expected to give birth to a child in May."

Vienna, Dec. 23.—Archduke Leopold Ferdinand intends to take the name of Leopold Woelfling. Besides formally renouncing his rank and dignities as a member of the imperial house, the archduke has returned all his orders and decorations, including that of the Golden Fleece, and has resigned his commission in the Austrian army. It is expected that he will marry his Viennese companion. His relatives prevented him from taking this step several months ago. The archduke was one time secretly betrothed to Donna Elvira, the second daughter of Donna Carlos, who eloped with count Filippo Folchi in 1898. He is regarded as weak mentally and confesses to hold anarchist views.

KOOTENAY MINE.

What Director Mitte Has to Say About New Methods.

Rossland, Dec. 23.—(Special to The Daily News.)—Referring to the Kootenay mine C. W. Milne, the London director, just before leaving for the coast this evening is credited with saying:

"We are further along with No. 6 adit than in any level of the mine above and we are in a fine breast of ore eight feet wide. This means that we have 600 feet of backings of this body which is particularly fine looking and solid. Besides this we have other bodies in the other parts of the mine which have yet to be exploited. I expect that when the whole of the adit of over 2,000 feet in length is diamond drilled the existence of other ore bodies and the definition of the limits of those already opened will place this mine in an enviable position.

"We are going to ship and will ship at once. This shipment will only be about a couple of hundred tons which Mr. Aldridge of the Trail smelter wants to try along the lines of a new process. On these shipments will depend the rates that will be made hereafter. On rates, therefore, at the present, I have nothing to say. Of course we do not want to go into the smelting business ourselves, if we can keep out of it, at all events, not in the beginning of things. What we may do hereafter is another matter.

"Mr. Thompson will get back from London just as soon as he can and will then open up the property on a large scale. That, I understand, is his intention and I am in perfect accord with it.

"No, we will not close down shipments at the end of the first lot, we will go right along. Superintendent Larsen has received orders to begin the necessary stopes at once and work will be immediately prosecuted."

COLOSSAL VENTURE.

A Traction Scheme for Chicago Involving over $50,000,000.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—New York and Chicago capitalists are said to have joined forces to launch in Chicago one of the most colossal traction ventures the city has known.

According to the Daily News, the scheme will involve $51,000,000 to $55,000,000. It includes the construction of a tunnel under the down town streets, making a complete loop of the business section, to connect with a new elevated road, which it is intended shall parallel the existing south side line.

The scheme is designed largely to benefit the stock yards district. The subway interests of New York are asserted to be at the head of it.

POWER FROM NIAGARA.

Toronto to Have 15,000 Horse Power at the End of a Year.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Within twelve months, says Banker R. Paine, of the Ontario Power company, the company will be in a position to furnish Toronto with 15,000 horse power, and if more is needed it can be had. A double pole line will be built from the falls to the Queen city, so that in the event of one line being disabled from any cause, a second line will be available.

GOING TO OTTAWA.

Premier Prior and Attorney-General Eberts Will Interview Laurier.

Victoria, Dec. 23.—(Special to The Daily News.)—Premier Prior announces that he and attorney-general Eberts are going to Ottawa to negotiate for better terms, Laurier having promised to meet them during the second week of January. The local house will not likely meet therefore till February.

WORK OF AN ANARCHIST.

Geneva, Switzerland, Dec. 23.—The police today frustrated an attempt to blow up the residence of councillor Fazye, president of the Genevese administration. The outrage is supposed to have been committed in revenge for proposed anti-anarchist legislation, and the refusal of the federal government to grant amnesty to the anarchists who were imprisoned in connection with the recent railroad strike.

SHOWED HIS WISDOM.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—A dispatch from Seoul, dated December 20th, says that when the Corean cabinet was reconstructed, Yi was appointed minister of the treasury in compliance with the wish of Russia, but on Japan protesting against the appointment, Yi boarded a Russian gunboat and has determined to remain on board pending a clearing of the situation.

DEATH OF J. M. McDONALD.

Victoria, Dec. 23.—J. M. McDonald, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, representing J. McIntyre, Sons & Co., of Montreal, died here this afternoon, after undergoing an operation for stomach trouble. The deceased was a well known commercial man, and a brother-in-law of sir D. McMillan, lieutenant-governor of Manitoba.

THE MAN WHO INSURED.

Louisville, Kentucky, Dec. 23.—The will of Robert C. Whayne, the heavily insured business man, who was found dead last week, was probated today. It leaves the bulk of the estate to the widow and children, and sets aside $40,000 for local charities.

BIG BLAZE AT BEATRICE.

Lincoln, Nebraska, Dec. 23.—Fire has burned three business blocks and the Masonic temple at Beatrice, Nebraska. The Paddock hotel is now on fire. Loss so far is estimated at $3,000,000.

PRIOR CANDIDATE DEFEATED

RESULT OF BYE-ELECTION IN NORTH VICTORIA.

PATTERSON, INDEPENDENT, POLLS MAJORITY OF 43.

Victoria, Dec. 23.—The bye-election held in North Victoria district today to fill the vacancy in the legislature, caused by the death of the late speaker Booth, resulted in a victory for T. W. Paterson, independent, over H. J. Robertson, government candidate, by a majority of 43.

KISSING AND THE POOR BOX.

London, Dec. 23.—A case in which a young woman summoned a man for kissing her against her will was to have been heard at Worship street police court. A solicitor appeared, however, and handed the magistrate £2 for the poor box, saying that the young woman had agreed to that mode of settlement. The magistrate said he did not like it to be thought that such gifts would absolve offenders, but allowed the summons to be withdrawn.

$22,000,000 BEQUESTS.

Englishmen Left Immense Sums to Religion and Charity.

London, Dec. 23.—The testamentary bequests for religious, educational, and charitable purposes in England during the last year exceed £4,500,000.

EXPELLED FROM THE EXCHANGE.

New York, Dec. 23.—John L. McLean, head of the brokerage firm of J. T. McLean and Co., was expelled from the consolidated stock exchange today for actions alleged to have been detrimental to the welfare of the exchange. His partner, Charles Frost, was suspended for one year.

FORGER IN THE TOILS.

Halifax, Dec. 23.—W. H. Gentles, a business man of Dartmouth, who, it is alleged, passed forged notes on the Union bank of Halifax to the amount of $7,500, was arrested in Windsor last night. When the discovery was made Gentles left town and remained in hiding until an officer found him.

A MICHIGAN BLAZE.

Escanaba, Michigan, Dec. 23.—Fire today destroyed the butter dish factory and warehouses of the Escanaba Wooden Ware company, entailing an estimated loss of $150,000.

KILLED BY HIS BROTHERS

They Were Too Scared to Recognize Him

And Shot Him in His Bed For a Burglar

Brantford, Ontario, Dec. 23.—Westley Watson was shot and killed this morning by one of his brothers at Middleport, 12 miles from this city. Watson has been residing in Detroit for some years, his two brothers, Samuel and James, living on a farm near Middleport. Westley came from Detroit last night to visit his brothers. He went up to the house after dark. The brothers heard him coming, and, fearing burglars, fled to a neighbor's and remained for the night. This morning they returned to the house, armed with shotguns. Westley had entered the house and gone to bed. When the brothers entered the room he raised himself up in bed. They failed to recognize him and fired, killing him instantly.

CURLING CONTESTS

For the Bunyan and Burns Trophies Commence on Friday.

Arrangements have been completed by the Curling club for the Bunyan and Burns cup contests, and the former match will be commenced Friday. The rinks who will play in the first competition will be:

Macdonald vs. Forin, Taylor vs. Pinkham, Armstrong vs. Cholditch, and Hedley vs. Tamblyn; byes, Walley vs. Richardson, McLaughlin vs. Gordon, Bunyan vs. Wilson, Stock vs. Hodge, Fletcher vs. Kydd, Beer vs. Williams.

In the Burns competiion the rinks to play will be Armstrong vs. Macdonald Richardson vs. Taylor, Wilson vs. Stocks, Hedley vs. Wallace; byes, Tamblyn vs. Beer, Bunyan vs. Pinkham, Walley vs. Kydd, Fletcher vs. Cholditch, Forin vs. Hodge, McLaughlin vs. Gordon.

The prizes to be given and the donors of the same are: In the first contest, the Bunyan silver cup to the rink winning out, and four gold lockets, Bunyan & McLaughlin; second, four silver napkin rings, Jacob Dover.

In the Burns competition the first prize will be a silver cup, P. Burns & Co., and four sets of carvers, Ashdown Hardware Co.; second prize, four boxes cigars, Cholditch & Co.

Consolation prizes will be: First, four cases California navel oranges, J. Y. Griffin & Co.; second prize, four 100-pound sacks of flour, Brackman & Ker Milling Co.; third prize, four Mackinaw coats, A. Macdonald & Co.

In a competition for points the prizes to be given will be: First, gold medal, A. H. Buchanan second, silver medal, judge Forin; third, gold charm, Patenaude Bros.

While the time set for the games is in the evening, the executive committee are anxious that any of the rinks who are able to play in the afternoons should do so, notifying the secretary beforehand. Any new rinks coming in should notify the secretary before Friday afternoon. All rinks must play the same members as chosen at the annual meeting. In the consolation series any rink losing its first game in either contest is eligible, and provided any rink wins two games in either competiton it is barred.

GOSSIP OF GREENWOOD.

Greenwood, Dec. 23.—(Special to The Daily News.)—Smith Curtis, M.P.P. for the Rossland riding of West Kootenay, of which riding the Boundary district at present forms a part, held a public meeting in the Greenwood city hall last night. Mayor Naden was in the chair and every seat in the hall was occupied. In the course of a characteristic address after telling his local constituents what he had either done or tried to do in their intersts in the provincial legislature, he vigorously scored some of his political opponents, his quondam friend Joseph Martin coming in for particular attention.

The annual installation of officers of Greenwood lodge, No. 28, A. F. and A. M., will take place next Saturday evening, the 27th inst. The officers for the ensuing year are: W. M., J. S. Birnie; I. P. M., Wm. G. McMynn; S. W., F. M. Elkins; J. W., A. M. Whiteside; secretary, D. A. McKenzie; treasurer, W. G. McMynn; tyler, Geo. Cunningham. The installing officers will probably be past masters I. Bernard and S. Barry, Yuill.

The contract for the erection and completion of a frame school house at Eholt has been awarded to Bunting & Dempsey, of Greenwood, who are at present engaged in completing the Greenwood school house.

WAS JUST A JOKE.

New York, Dec. 23.—Norman Selby, the pugilist, known as "Kid McCoy," has been exonerated from the charge of stealing a $1,000 bill from David Lamar. In withdrawing the charge today Lamar explained to the police that he had been played a practical joke, perpetrated by some of his friends.

TUG BLEW UP.

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A BAD EXAMPLE.

It is to be hoped that Canadian girls will not be led astray by the pernicious example of Violet Twining, a beautiful compatriot, who has bartered her glorious womanhood for the pitiful distinction of being addressed as the marchioness of Donegall. That is a line of barter that our Canadian girls can well afford to leave exclusively to their American cousins. Heretofore Canadian girls, though in every particular of beauty, grace ,and intelligence the peers of Americans, have spared this young nation the disgrace that has been brought upon the nation to the south of us by the wanton prostitution of many of its fairest daughters.

Lord Strathcona, Canada's high commissioner in London, should be old enough to have known better than to have countenanced in any way such a shameful proceeding. The marquis of Donegall is 82 years old. Forty-seven years ago he married a daughter of Edward Cobb. He had been a widower for many years.

Doubtless the new marchioness will be received in so-called "best circles," and should she pay a visit to her Canadian home she will be made a lot of by a class of people who shun with undisguised contempt contact with "fallen" sisters. If there be any difference between the women of the street who prosecute their calling without pretence of respectability, and the women who seek to cloak their prostitution under the guise of matrimony, and go through the farce of a religious ceremony to escape public odium, the advantage rests very much with those who, at least, do not add hypocrisy to their crime against their sex.

THE CANADIAN NORTHERN.

The Great Northern railway has announced that a traffic arrangement has been made with the Canadian Northern. Railroad men express the opinion that this means that the two roads have declared war on the Canadian Pacific and that eventually the Canadian Northern will pass into the control of the Northern Securities company, which now controls the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Burlington lines. J. J. Hill recently said that another line was in sight for the merger roads, and it is believed he meant the Canadian Northern, and that it is to be extended to the Pacific coast and thus anticipate the Grand Trunk, recently incorporated for this purpose.

At the coming session of the legislature Mackenzie & Mann, the ostensible promoters of the Canadian Northern, will be applicants for large land subsidies. Our legislators should firmly and unmistakably decline to give them anything more than a charter conditional upon immediate extension of the proposed line from Edmonton to the Pacific coast.

Whether or not there is anything in the rumored absorption of the Canadian Northern by the Northern Securities company, the fact is patent that there will sooner or later be keen competition for the privilege of building railways through the northern portion of the province to secure the shortest possible transcontinental routes with the requisite terminal facilities on the Pacific seaboard.

British Columbia is in the enviable position of possessing something of incalculable value, the nearest and most desirable ports on the Pacific coast for the trans-Pacific trade. It is this trade that far-sighted transcontinental railroad promoters have in view. The opening up of British Columbia and of the northwest, is an insignificant detail compared with the potentialities of the trade with the Orient. British Columbians should allow no cheap-john expediency politcians to fritter away this priceless heritage.

"Hands off our seaboard," should be the rallying cry of all loyal citizens of the province in answer to the specious pleadings of the railroad promoters of the Mackenzie & Mann type. If they want to extend their road through to the coast, let them do so entirely at their own expense.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The colonial secretary is about due at South Africa, and when he arrives there he will find that the work of repatriation is already well advanced and that the good effects of it are being felt all over the colony. That he will do whatever can be done to solve the problem of the resettlement after so great an upheaval cannot be doubted and at the same time there is the pleasing knowledge that whatever he does will be ratified by his colleagues. His journey is indeed a striking proof of the utmost confidence existing in the imperial cabinet. Nothing of the kind would be at all possible unless the relations between him and his colleagues were those of absolute and unquestionable confidence. It is an evidence that the understanding between Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Balfour is complete. He may find the task he has undertaken more difficult than he anticipated, but this is not likely, for his intimate knowledge of the entire chain of events and circumstances that have eventuated in the present conditions have fully prepared him for anything and any difficulty or contingency that may arise. Public interest will be aroused in South African news as soon as it is known that he has arrived there and although some little time will elapse ere anything definite can transpire, every item of intelligence from that quarter of the empire will be read with avidity.

In The Daily News of Friday last appeared an article, copied from the Montreal Herald, which purported to show what one C. K. Milburne, intended to do in the way of erecting refining works, near Montreal, to treat the product of British Columbia smelters. The name of W. H. Aldridge, manager of the Canadian Smelting Works at Trail, was mentioned in connection with Mr. Milburne's scheme. In justice to Mr. Aldridge, The Daily News can state that he knows nothing whatever of Mr. Milburne's scheme of establishing a refinery at Montreal or anywhere else. Mr. Aldridge, as manager of the largest custom smelter in Canada, is interested in refining silver-lead bullion, and has a small refinery in operation at Trail in connection with the smelting works, and once the dominion government decides what it will do in the way of increasing the duties on pig lead and lead manufactures, it is not unlikely that he will be in a position to erect a refining plant that will be sufficiently large to handle the product of all the silver-lead smelters in Canada.

Commenting on the work of the Australian strike commission to date, professor Goldwin Smith said last week: "Strong evidence has been given before the commission of unfeeling treatment of miners on the part of the Markles company. There can be little doubt that the miners have had their causes of complaint, though the right way to redress was not through breaches of the law and maltreatment of non-unionists. In no case, probably, are the relations between employer and employed more distant or harsher. The reasonable inference is that the national government, without taking over the ownership of the mines, which would probably lead to jobbery and malversation, should take them under its guardianship and appoint a standing commission to receive complaints and report regularly not only on the safety of the mines, but on the treatment and condition of the miners. We have had a most serious warning ,and it would be absurd to let any constitutional squeamishness about state right or the limits of presidential authority stand in the way of indispensable precaution."

More than once the warning has been given to Canada: Take care of the character of your immigration! The lesson to be learned from the experience of the United States should not be for one moment forgotten. Canada should and will welcome heartily all immigrants who speak our own tongue and conform to our customs and ideas of civilization, whether they be from the British isles or from the great republic on our south. The period of growth seems to have reached the dominion, and the tide of immigration that set in so earnestly last year appears to have but been beginning to flow. Large immigration schemes are talked of and now we have a British syndicate who have in mind the asking of concessions from the Ontario government similar to those granted to an American syndicate who are to receive two million acres of land at one dollar an acre on the condition that 50,000 United States settlers are placed upon the land within three years. The Rev. Mr. Barr's scheme for taking 2,000 British agriculturists to Alberta has been approved by the dominion government, and the indications point therefore to a considerable number of British immigrants, mainly agriculturists, swelling the total of newcomers next year. This shows what can be done when an effort is made to secure the right class of immigrant, and as long as Canada can get this sort it would be folly to even so much as encourage any other. Let us grow slowly and well rather than too rapidly at a cost of future stability and comfort.

MINING STOCKS.

Mining shares continue to show but little life and the general tone of the market is dull and depressed. Notwithstanding the great ore shipments from the Boundary country and the most excellent record made by the Le Roi during the past seven months, to say nothing of the improved conditions of the War Eagle and Centre Star companies, the dividend of the Cariboo-Camp McKinney or the encouragement afforded the silver-lead mines by the marketing of zinc ores, not a single stock has shown a marked advance. As a matter of fact the best that can be said of the mining industry in the Kootenays is that it is in a state of transition, and the time has not arrived yet when the improved condition of affairs and the promises held out by the many mine managers, can favorably affect market prices. The immediate future, however, is full of promise, and a sharp advance may be reasonably looked for in many shares that are kicking about just now at unfairly low quotations. Shrewd investors have great oportunities at the present time for picking up blocks of stock that are reasonably sure to make a substantial advance within a short period of time. Reconstruction, and better and more profitable arangements have already been carried out on several properties and the improved condition of these mines can not fail to call for a much higher quotation of their shares than at present exists.

A MONUMENT TO THE POPE.

Rome, Dec. 23.—It has been decided to erect a monument in memory of Leo XIII's year of jubilee. It will take on the form of three bronze tablets, on which will be inscribed the Pope's three encyclicals relating to social questions.

These tablets will be placed on the side of the Basilica of St. John Lateran, and they will bear the names of the various societies by whose subscriptions they were erected, while on the ground below the tablets will be buried leaden caskets containing parchment scrolls on which the names of the members of the societies will be recorded.

The memorial will be ready for inauguration on the twenty-fifth aniversary of the pontiff's coronation, the 3rd of March, 1903.

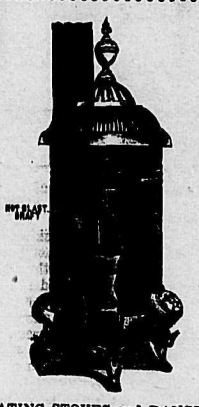
RALPH SMITH RESIGNS.

Has Severed His Long and Useful Connection With the Nanaimo Union.

Nanaimo, Dec. 23.—The Miners' union has completed affiliation with the Western Federation of Miners. Ralph Smith, M. P., for nine years secretary and agent, has resigned as a protest against the action of the union in joining an American organisation.

ELECTION TRIAL POSTPONED.

The trial of the election petition against premier Prior has been adjourned by consent until December 30th.



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"My, but it's nice an' cold this mornin'! The thermometer's done fell up to zero."

Mrs. Wiggs made the statement as cheerfully as if her elbows were not sticking out through the boys' coat that she wore, or her teeth chattering in her head like a pair of castanets. But, then, Mrs. Wiggs was a philosopher, and the sum and substance of her philosophy lay in keeping the dust off her rose-colored spectacles. When Mr. Wiggs travelled to eternity by the alcohol route, she buried his faults with him, and for want of better virtues to extol, she always laid stress on the fine hand he wrote. It was the same way when their little country home burned and she had to come to the city to seek work; her one comment was: "Thank God, it was the pig instid of the baby that was burned."

So this bleak morning in December she pinned the bedclothes around the children and made them sit up close to the stove while she pasted brown paper over the broken window pane and made sprightly comments on the change in the weather.

The Wiggses lived in the Cabbage Patch. It was not a real cabbage patch, but a queer neighborhood, where ramshackle cottages played hop-scotch over the railroad tracks. There were no streets, so when a new house was built the owner faced it any way his fancy prompted.

Jim was fifteen and head of the family; his shoulders were those of a man, and were bent with work, but his body dwindled away to a pair of thin legs that seemed incapable of supporting the burden imposed upon them. In his anxious eyes was the look of a bread winner who had begun the struggle too soon. Life had been a tragedy to Jim; the tragedy that comes when a child's sensitive soul is forced to meet the responsibilities of manhood, yet lacks the wisdom that only experience can bring.

Billy Wiggs was differently constituted; responsibilities rested upon him as lightly as the freckles on his nose. When occasion or his mother demanded he worked to good purpose, with a tenacity that argued well for his future success, but for the most part he played and fought and got into trouble with the aptitude characteristic of the average small boy.

It was Mrs. Wiggs' boast that her three little girls had geography names; first came Asia, then Australia. When the last baby arrived, Billy had stood looking down at the small bundle and asked anxiously: "Are you goin' to have it fer a boy or a girl, ma" Mrs. Wiggs had answered: "A girl, Billy, an' her name's Europena."

On this particular Sunday morning Mrs. Wiggs bustled about the kitchen in unusual haste.

"I am goin' to make you all some nice Irish pertater soup fer dinner," she said, as she came in from the parlor, where she kept her potatoes and onions. "The boys'll be in soon, an' we'll hurry and get through 'fore the children begin to come to Sunday school."

For many years Sunday afternoon had been a trying time in the neighborhood, so Mrs. Wiggs had organized a Sunday school class at which she presided.

"If there don't come Chris an' Pete a'ready," said Asia, from her post by the stove; "bet they've had their dinner an' jes' come early to git some of ours."

"Why, Asia!" exclaimed Mrs. Wiggs, "that ain't hospit'le, an' Chris with one leg, too. 'Tain't no trouble at all. All I got to do is to put a little more water in the soup, an' me an' Jim won't take but one 'piece of bread."

When Jim and Billy came in they found their places at the table taken, so they sat on the floor and drank their soup out of teacups.

"Gee-" said Billy, after the third help, "I've drinken so much that when I swallers a piece er bread I kin hear it splash!"

"Well, you boys git up now, an' go out and bring me in a couple of planks to put acrost the cheers for the children to set on."

By 2 o'clock the Sunday school had begun; every seat in the kitchen, available and otherwise, was occupied. The boys sat in the windows and on the table, and the girls squeezed together on the improvised benches. Mrs. Wiggs stood before them with a dilapidated hymn book in her hand.

"Now, you must all hush talkin', so we kin all sing a hymn; I'll read it over then we'll all sing it together."

"When upon life's billers you are tempest tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinkin' all is lost,
Count yer many blessin's, name 'em one by one
An' it will surprise you what the Lord hath done!"

Clear and strong rose the childish voices in different keys and regardless of time, but with a genuine enthusiasm that was in itself a blessing. When they had sung through the three stanzas Mrs. Wiggs began the lesson.

"What did we study 'bout last Sunday?" she asked.

No response, save a smothered giggle from two of the little girls.

"Don't you all remember what the Lord give Moses up on the mountain?"

A hand went up in the corner, and an eager voice cried:

"Yas'm, I know! Lord give Moses ten tallers, an' he duveled 'em."

Before Mrs. Wiggs could enter into an argument concerning this new version of sacred history, she was hit in the eye with a paper wad. It was aimed at Billy, but when he dodged she became the victim. This caused some delay, for she had to bathe the injured member, and during the interval the Sunday school became riotous.

"Mith Wiggs, make Tommy thop thpittin' terbacker juice in my hat."

"Miss Wiggs I know who hit you."

"Teacher, kin I git a drink?"

It was not until Mrs. Wiggs, with a stocking tied over her eye, emerged from the bedroom and again took command that order was restored.

"Where is Bethlehem?" she began, reading from an old lesson paper.

"You kin search me," promptly answered Chris.

She ignored his remark, and passed to the next, who said, half doubtfully:

"Ain't it in Alabama?"

"No; it's in the Holy Land," she said.

A sudden commotion arose in the back of the room. Billy, by a series of skilful manoeuvres, had succeeded in removing the chair that held one of the planks, and a cascade of small, indignant girls were tobogganing sidewise down the incline. A fight was imminent, but before any further trouble occurred Mrs. Wiggs locked Billy in the bedroom, and became mistress of the situation.

"What I think you childern need is a talk about fussin' an' fightin'. There ain't no use in me teachin' what they done a thousand years ago, when you ain't got manners 'nough to listen at what I am sayin'. I recollect one time durin' the war, when the soldiers was layin' round the camp, tryin' their best to keep from freezin' to death, a preacher come 'long to hold a service. An' when he got up to preach, he says, 'Friends,' sez he, 'my tex' is Chilliblains. They ain't no use a-preachin' religion to men whose whole thought is set on their feet. Now, you fellows git some soft soap an' pour it in yer shoes, an' jes' keep them shoes on till yer feet gits well, an' the nex' time I come 'round yer minds 'll be better prepared to receive the word of the Lord.' Now, that's the way I feel 'bout this here Sunday school. First an' fo'most, I am goin' to learn you all manners. Jes' one thought I want you to take away, an' that is, it's sinful to fuss. Ma use' to say livin' was like quiltin'—you orter keep the peace an' do 'way with the scraps. No, what do I want you all to remember?"

"Don't fuss!" came the prompt answer.

"That's right; now we'll sing 'Pull fer the shore.'"

When the windows had ceased to rattle from the vibrations of the lusty chorus, Mrs. Wiggs lifted her hands for silence.

"O Lord!" she prayed earnestly, "help these here childern to be good an' kind to each other, an' to their mas an' their pas. Make 'em thankful fer whatever they've got, even if it ain't but little. Show us all how to live like you want us to live, an' praise God from whom all blessin's flow. Amen."

As the last youngster scampered out of the yard, Mrs. Wiggs turned to the window where Jim was standing. He had taken no part in the singing, and was silent and preoccupied. "Jim," said his mother, trying to look into his face, "you never had on yer overcoat when you come in. You ain't gone an' sold it?"

"Yes," said the boy, heavily; "but 'tain't 'nough fer the rent. I got to figger it out some other way."

Mrs. Wiggs put her arm about his shoulder, and together they looked out across the dreary commons.

"Don't you worry so, Jimmy," said she. "Maabe I kin git work tomorrow, or you'll git a raise or somethin'; they'll be some way."

Little she guessed what the way was to be.

The cold wave that was ushered in that December morning was the beginning of a long series of days that vied with each other as to which could induce the mercury to drop the lowest. The descent of the temperature seemed to have a like effect on the barrel of potatoes and the load of coal in the Wiggses' parlor.

Mrs. Wiggs' untiring efforts to find employment had met with no success, and Jim's exertions were redoubled; day by day his scanty earnings became less sufficient to meet the demands of the family.

On Christmas eve they sat over the stove, after the little ones had gone to bed, and discussed the situation. The wind hurled itself against the house in a very frenzy of rage, shaking the icicles from the window ledge and hissing through the patched panes. The snow that sifted in through the loose sash lay unmelted on the sill. Jim had a piece of old carpet about him, and coughed with almost every breath. Mrs. Wiggs' head was in her hands, and the tears that trickled through her crooked fingers hissed as they fell on the stove. It was the first time Jim had ever seen her give up.

"Seems like we'll have to ast fer help, Jim," she said. "I cant' ast fer credit at Mr. Bagby's; seems like I'd never have the courage to pull agin a debt. What do you think? I guess—it looks like mebbe we'll have to apply to the organization."

Jim's eyes flashed. "Not yet, ma!" he said, firmly. "It 'ud be with us like it was with the Hornby's; they didn't have nothin 'to eat, and they went to the organization an' the man asted 'em if they had a bed or a table, an' when they said yes, he said, 'Well, why don't you sell 'em?' No, ma! As long as we've got coal I'll git the vittles some way." He had to pause, for a violent attack of coughing shook him from head to foot. "I think I can git a job next week; one of the market men comes in from the country ever' night to git a early start nex' mornin', an' he ast me if I'd sleep in his wagon from 3 to 6 an' keep his vegetables from bein' stole. That 'ud gimme time to git home an' git breakfast, an' be down to the fact'ry by 7."

"But, Jimmy boy," cried his mother, her voice quivering with anxiety, "you never could stan' it night an' day too! No, I'll watch the wagon; I'll——"

A knock at the parlor door interrupted her. She hastily dried her eyes and smoothed her hair. Jim went to the door.

"I've a Christmas basket for you!" cried a cheery voice.

"Is this Christmas?" Jim asked dully.

The girl in the doorway laughed. She was tall and slender, but Jim could see only a pair of sparkling eyes between the brim of the hat and her high fur collar. It was nice to hear her laugh, though; it made things seem warmer somehow. The colored man behind her deposited a large basket on the doorstep.

"It's from the church," she explained; "a crowd of us are out in the omnibus distributing baskets."

"Well, how'd you ever happen to come here?" cried Mrs. Wiggs, who had come to the door.

"There is one for each of the mission school families; just a little Christmas greeting, you know."

Mrs. Wiggs' spirits were rising every minute. "Well, that certainly is kind an' thoughtful like," she said. "Won't you—" she hesitated; the room she had just left was not in a condition to receive guests, but Mrs. Wiggs was a Kentuckian. "Come right in an' git warm," she said cordially; "the stove's died down some, but you could get thawed out."

"No, thank you. I can't come in," said the young lady, with a side glance at Jim, who was leaning against the door. "Have you plenty of coal?" she asked, in an undertone.

"Oh, yes'm, thank you," said Mrs. Wiggs, smiling reassuringly. Her tone might have been less confident, but for Jim's warning glance. Every fibre of his sensitive nature shrank from asking help.

The girl was puzzled; she noticed the stamp of poverty on everything in sight except the bright face of the little woman before her.

"Well," she said, doubtfully, "if you ever want—to come to see me, ask for Miss Lucy Olcott, at Terrace Park. Good night, and a happy Christmas."

She was gone, and the doorway looked very black and lonesome in consequence. But the cloud had turned inside out for Mrs. Wiggs, and only the silver lining was visible.

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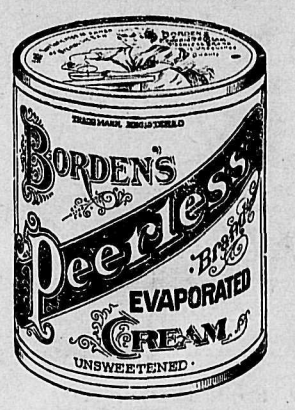

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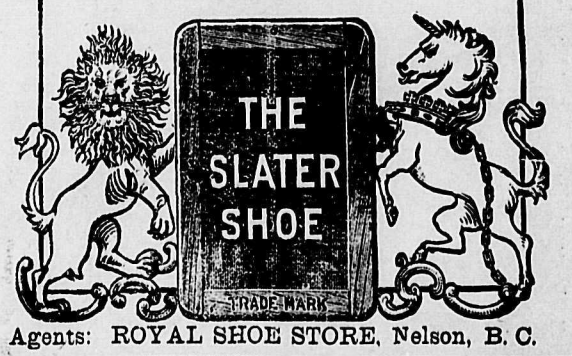

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TRANSPORTATION UP-TO-DATE.

Under a handsome colored cover, the Scientific American publishes a most interesting store of information on "Transportation." The number deals with all phases of the subject, taking up first Marine Transportation, which is treated in a series of well-illustrated articles. Railroad transportation covers nine pages of reading matter, in which much of interest will be found. Following this section is that of Electric Traction, which contains an important article on the Berlin-Zossen test of the 10,000-volt locomotive.

A special feature of this number is a comparison of the railroad statistics in the United States, in which the tremendous proportions of the railroad system are portrayed by a comparison with various familiar standards, such as the Pyramid, the Brooklyn bridge, etc. The immense amount of food required to provision one of the Atlantic liners is shown in a similar manner. In this way figures and dimensions are graphically presented and permanently fixed on the mind.

AN HOTEL IN TROUBLE.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 23.—The Osborne hotel is in difficulties. The liabilities are heavy. The grant brewery company have claims for $30,000, and the Tuckett Tobacco Company for $2,000.

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We are building up a very big business in Nelson, which means the retaining within the Province of thousands of dollars that before were sent east for the kind of work we do. This means a very great deal to every business man in this section of the Province. The money thus retained in the Province is paid out right in Nelson in wages to skilled workmen, assisting materially in the general progress and prosperity of the town. This is done at no increased expense to the business men who patronize this office. We do their work at rates that for the same quality of printed matter cannot be underbid in the east, and the business men have the convenience of a thoroughly up-to-date print shop right at their doors, where their every want can be attended to promptly. As this business grows it will be possible for us to still further increase our facilities, reduce the cost of product, and give employment to a larger number of skilled workmen at high wages. These are facts that are worth consideration. There is nothing to be gained on the one hand by sending out of the Province for any class of commercial printing, ruling, or book binding. On the other hand there is much to be gained by assisting in the building up of a big local industry employing a large staff of high-priced workmen The claim that we DO THINGS that BRING BUSINESS and MAKE MONEY is clearly substantiated. The quality of our printed matter is such that it cannot help attracting business and so make money for those who use it, and by patronizing us you assist in establishing in Nelson an industry that makes for the prosperity of Nelson, and consequently adds to your opportunities for money making.

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THE VIEWS OF "LUCKY" MEN

WHY SOME MEN SUCCEED AND OTHERS FAIL.

NO SUBSTITUTE DISCOVERED FOR HARD WORK.

"I believe there are lucky men," Charles M. Schwab, president of the United States Steel Corporation, said to me in discussing the subject. "I have made it a rule of my life to surround myself with lucky men, to have no other kind in positions of importance that I control."

That sounded like a sweeping endorsement of the dictionary men; but when Mr. Schwab told me what he meant by "lucky men," he got back to the principles of Emerson. His "lucky men" were not persons who would walk along the streets and pick up a pocket-book, who would buy blindly a piece of land that turned out afterwards to be a gold mine. They were lucky in that they succeeded, and they succeeded because they worked indefatigably. They did things. Their ventures were "lucky," because they were carefully planned, and zealously worked out. In Mr. Schwab's own career there are a hundred achievements that the unthinking would at once call "lucky." But a close observer will find "cause and effect" in all of them. From the beginning of his career, Mr. Schwab worked as long as there was any work to do. He never took up any thing until he had studied it thoroughly and never dropped it until he had exhausted every means to carry it to a successful issue. Even his start in life most men would ascribe to "luck." It was nothing of the kind. The "lucky" incident that swung him into lines comes to every man and boy, not once, but a hundred times. As a clerk in a country store, he was as eager and as alert as he is today at the head of the greatest industrial enterprise on the globe. At that time, captain Jones, now one of the heads of departments in the Carnegie company, was engaged on some work in the neighborhood. Mr. Schwab importuned him for a position, and by sheer persistence won the captain's confidence and a job. The job was a poor enough one, to be sure, driving stakes for a surveying outfit; and the man who believes in "luck" would have been content to drive the stakes and rest. But not so this young man. He was always looking around for something to fill in his spare time. And that is where the "luck" comes in. So persistent was he in work, that at twenty-one, when your "unlucky" bird is spending his evenings planning extensive expenditures for the time when his ship is to come in, Mr. Schwab had already begun, as chief engineer, to lay out at Homestead the greatest steel works in the world. So well did he perform this task, that when the works were started he, a mere boy, was put in charge as general manager, with a responsibility, that, as one eminent man put it, "was appalling."

Henry Ward Beecher owed his fame no less to a keen insight of men and knowledge of the things that make the world, than to his power of oratory. His views on "luck" are worth studying. "There are men," he said, "who, supposing providence to have an implacable spite against them, bemoan in the poverty of a wretched old age, the misfortunes of their lives. Luck forever ran against them, and for others; one, with a good profession, lost his luck in the river, where he idled away his time a-fishing, when he should have been in the office; another, with a good trade, perpetually burnt up his luck by his hot temper, which provoked all his employers to leave him; another, with a lucrative business, lost his luck by amazing diligence in everything but his business; and another, who steadily followed his trade, as steadily followed his bottle."

James J. Hill, everywhere conceded to be the greatest railroad man of this or any other age, is almost universally alluded to as a "lucky" man. Study the habits of Mr. Hill and you will find his "luck" easily accounted for. He works seven days in the week, frequently eighteen hours out of the twenty-four. For years he labored in the wilderness, although all his training and tastes were for the gentler life. I asked him what he thought of this question of luck, and he said, "Luck is opportunity. And opportunity? It is of a man's making, very largely. There is no doubt that to some few men very little opportunity comes; but even in their cases, if they sought further, refusing to be satisfied with that which is, they would find better opportunity. No substitute for hard work has ever been discovered; certainly it is not luck. The boy or man who thinks otherwise is going to get into trouble and hang to it."

Mr. Hill, indeed, here suggests an element of luck in opportunity which will strike many practical men as a modest concession to the Goddess. Probably nine persons out of ten will maintain that it is opportunity that makes the man, as it does the thief. But go back a little behind the returns where opportunity has been given credit for the making or unmaking of a man, and you find that it was the man who made the opportunity. Was not the thief a thief at heart, and did not the man have in him, by cultivation, the quality that made him a position in the world?

Mrs. Hetty Green, America's richest woman, once said to me, "I don't believe in luck. Luck is superstition. If you start life with a good soul, a good sound healthy body and work hard, you will succeed. Don't live high; don't get into bad company."

Russell Sage, who came into Wall street forty years ago with a snug fortune made in the wholesale grocery business at Troy, was able to keep and enormously increase, his money, because he refused always to believe that there was such a thing as "luck."

"From my earliest days," Mr. Sage said to me, "I reasoned from cause to effect. I took nothing for granted, left nothing to chance. Conditions were so today because circumstances made them so, and what these circumstances were, I always made it a rule to find out. Whenever I invested in a property, it was not the chance for success, but the underlying facts that make for success which weighed with me."

For this reason, Mr. Sage never found himself one of those lambs who, because they rely almost always on "luck," are sheared with such pleasing regularity by the Stock Exchange operators.

Nothing has helped so much to foster the superstition of "luck" as the newspaper and the unthinking essayist. There is a fascination about the word which appeals strongly to the mass, the unsuccessful majority who, finding no better excuse for their position, hug close to their bosoms the delusion of good luck and bad. Naturally, then, the editors play this "touch of nature," and whenever opportunity offers throw out in bold relief in the headlines. Print the word "LUCK" anywhere, in big, black letters, and nine hundred and ninety-nine people out of a thousand will eagerly scan the paragraphs below it.

In the trivial things of life there is often much that is inexplicable except on the theory of luck. "Gambler's luck" is an accepted institution. The cards run for this man and against the other. But it requires only the application of mathematics to show that in cards, as elsewhere in the Universe, it is system, not luck. If it were otherwise, the professional gambler would cease to exist. The gamblers who make books at the race tracks draw large incomes, simply because the bettors lack either the means, the time, or the knowledge, to stick to the game until it works out. Although by reason of his handling or food or riding, a horse may win this race or lose that, in the end his record depends not upon chance, but upon form.

"Our own actions are the accidents of fortune that we sometimes place to the credit of luck or misfortune."

A DOMINION INSOLVENCY LAW.

Outline of a Comprehensive Measure By the Toronto Economist.

The Toronto Economist, a monthly financial journal, suggests the following as a basis for a much needed dominion insolvency law:

1.—The abolition of all preferential creditors, other than municipal taxes, rent and wages.

2.—Liens and preferences given within a period of three or four months prior to an assignment or bankruptcy to be deemed invalid.

3.—For the registration of liens on goods, book debts, or other securities, and that secured creditors should rank only for their debt, less a proper valuation of their security.

4.—Provisions against the frequent sales en bloc of stock by traders insolvent, or on the brink of insolvency, before calling their creditors together, and generally that any legislation dealing with insolvency should as far as practicable be assimilated to the law relating to insolvency in England, with such modifications or improvements as may be advisable or deemed necessary.

5.—Traders to be compelled to keep proper books of account, and provision against all fraudulent and preferential settlement.

6.—Provision that when a debtor has obtained goods while insolvent within 60 days of his executing any deed of assignment, or presenting any petition for the administration of his affairs, that creditors furnishing such goods shall be entitled to the return of same or any portion thereof which is available when insolvency is declared.

7.—Provision for a public or any proper examination of a debtor before a judge or other authorized official.

8.—That in any appointment of official receivers the rights of creditors to a proper supervision and control of assets to be safe guarded by inspectors appointed by a majority vote of the creditors.

9.—Provision to meet the evil of traders insolvent, or on the brink of insolvency, ordering or receiving delivery of goods on credit from persons ignorant of their financial position.

10.—Provision for the appointment of assignees and acountants by the government who should give bonds of guarantee for the proper performance of their respective duties. They should be responsible for the audit of the books of companies, corporations, firms, etc., who ask for credit, and should see that balance sheets of their affairs are furnished, certified to, under oath, at least once a year.

POPE'S CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

Rome, Dec. 23.—There was a picturesque gathering in the pope's private library at noon today, when all the cardinals living in Rome gathered there to present the pontiff with their Christmas greetings. All the visitors were gorgeously robed. A remarkable fact was that with the exception of cardinal Sanstefano and cardinal Parocchi, all the assembled prelates, many of whom were created cardinals when Pius IX. was pope, appeared to be exceptionally animated and full of plans for the future.

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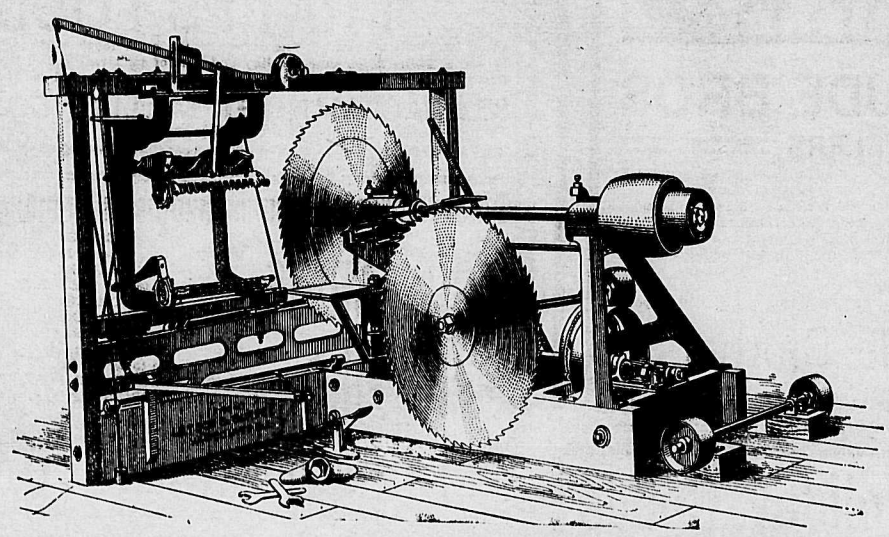

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VENEZUELA'S LARGE DEBT

WHAT REPUBLIC OWES BRITAIN AND GERMANY.

PAST POLICY OF REPUDIATION A DISASTROUS ONE.

Bolivars take the place of dollars in Venezuela as a tribute to the great Liberator who freed the country from the yoke of Spain. But a bolivar is worth only about twenty cents, or a franc. Hence when Germany sends its battleships and asks for the payment of 1,718,815 bolivars on account of certain liabilities, it is asking for $343,763. Great Britain, not to let the German creditors steal a march on her, asks a similar amount pending the adjustment of its claims. So that the spot cash required by the allies is about $687,526.

Strictly speaking, Venezuela does not owe the British and German governments a bolivar. Its liability is to the citizens of these countries, but it is now a recognized principle that a citizen who is wronged in any way by a foreign power may look to his own government to secure him redress. It was in accordance with this rule that Great Britain took control of Egypt, and in acordance with the same rule that the allies are now preceeding to impound the customs of Venezuela.

In addition to the war losses there are obligations of the republic which admit of no doubt whatever. One of these is the loan of $10,000,000 effected in 1896, which was purchased by British, French and German investors. The interest of the loan is now four years in arrears, and Venezuela has shown no disposition to satisfy the demands of the bondholders. It is said that a large part of this loan was embezzled by a Venezuelan president, but that does not affect the liability.

Another repudiated obligation is the guarantee that the government gave to the bonds of the German company that built the Venezuelan railway. Bonds were issued and sold on the strength of this guarantee to the extent of $15,000,000. The republic has never paid the interest. It is claimed that bonds were issued far in excess of the actual cost of the railway. This might be a matter for investigation and adjustment, but not a reason for repudiating the entire liability. The bondholders are nearly all Germans.

Some six months ago president Castro conceived the idea of affecting a new loan to satisfy the demands of his creditors. The loan was to be of $8,000,000, known as "Venezuelan unified four per cent. loan of 1902." Envoys were sent to the different European centres to ascertain if such a loan could be successfully floated. A New York firm and a French bank promised tentatively to support the loan.

It was arranged that an international bank, under European control, was to be established, and the interest on the loan was to be guaranteed by the customs. If at any time the customs receipts were inadequate the government guaranteed to make good the deficiency. The plan, it is said, was thwarted by the presentation of the ultimata, but its success could hardly be assured while the latest revolution was still unsettled. Eventually some such means may be taken to solve the financial problem, as the treasury of Venezuela is now said to be about bankrupt.

Although the country has two and a half million inhabitants, and is larger in extent than Quebec and Ontario combined, its money resources are not large. The debt to Great Britain and Germany is about $30,000,000, whereas the total revenue of Venezuela is between six and seven millions of dollars.

Those who once drink Blue Ribbon Tea are sure, like Oliver Twist to ask for more.

HANDY FOR CHRISTMAS.

A $50,000,000 Grab of the Standard Oil Trust.

New York, Dec. 23.—The Standard Oil Trust, which this year paid its stockholders $40,000,000, or 40 per cent of its capitalization, in dividends, has made a grab of $50,000,000. Of this vast sum added to the revenues of the trust, the bulk is to John D. Rockefeller and nearly all of it to half a dozen "oil magnates."

The price of oil has been steadily climbing for three months. In September the price of kerosene for export was 8 1-2 cents per gallon. Since then the advances have been recorded by 5, 10 and 15 points. The price was 9 cents a gallon, today it is 10 1-2 cents, an advance of 1 cent, the largest single advance that has been made in many years.

The circluar of the Standard Oil Company says that "the basis on kerosene is the price per American gallon of 110 test in cargo lots of 2,500 cases, delivered at the refinery." Added to this are schedules for quantity, packing and test. Thus 3,000 cases of oil at 150 test, packed in imperial gallons, cost today 11.80 cents. Oil for export is generally packed in imperial gallons, which, of course, brings up the price. Litle information was given at the office of the Standard Oil Company, but it was admitted that the rise in price was caused by the unusual consumption of oil for heating as well as for illuminating purposes.

HARD TIMES IN ENGLAND.

Great Efforts Being Made to Relieve Distress By Charity.

London, Dec. 23.—Christmastide in Great Britain promises to resolve itself into a struggle to avert the death of thousands of people from cold and hunger. Charity is pouring out money like water and the collection of further funds is proceeding.

The Charity Organization society alone will distribute $1,000,000 within a few weeks. The Salvation Army has thrown open its shelters free of charge and is nightly feeding the multitude at a price below cost.

Both the established and nonconformist churches are drafting parishioners for the service of relief. Boards of guardians and borough councils are pushing public works in order to give employment to the needy. Idle, noble, and aristocratic women are organizing committees to collect funds and planning bazaars on a large scale. The bishop of London states that the prevailing demonstration of charitable feeling is almost unprecedented in his long experience. He hopes that much may be accomplished to mitigate the mass of misery and darkness in so many sections in the metropolis.

On Monday, December 15, a conference took place between the Independent Labor party and borough councilors and guardians and other representatives men and women to devise means or arousing public opinion as to the necessity for initiating practical measures for the reduction of the number of unemployed in the country.

Spalding, secretary of the London schools "Dinner Association," says:

"There is an enormous amount of distress. Not even at the beginning of the 1894-95 winter had we so many demands on us.'

The dock gates are terrible places in the early mornings. Men come to them from all parts and climb over each others backs in their eagerness to get working tickets. Men can be heard at the dock gates calmly discussing suicide as their inevitable end.

HE LIVED HIGH.

A mine manager sent out from England to manage a property in California for a $3,000,000 capitalized company made his headquarters for three years at the Palace hotel in San Francisco. A newspaper alleges that he was the most particular epicure that ever stopped at the hotel, his luncheon costing an average of $15 and his dinner $30, every day of the week. That amounts to a round $40,000 for the time he was at the hotel. The paper does not accuse the mine manager of having eaten any breakfasts or suppers, but says he always ate alone. It would be interesting to know what sort of food could be found in California so that one man could eat $17,000 worth a year, and in only two meals a day at that. Mine managers in America usually work hard enough to get up mighty good appetites, but it is not on record that any American mine manager ever had half as an expensive appetite as did this Englishman. A new man holds the latter's job, though, now.

CHRISTMAS EXCURSION RATES

Fare and one third for Round Trip between all points. Tickets sold December 20th to 25th inclusive; December 30th to January 1st, inclusive. Good to return January 5th.

INFANTS THRIVE

on cow's milk that is not subject to any change of composition. Borden's Eagle Brand Condensed Milk is always the same in all climates and at all seasons. As a general household milk it is superior and is always available. 16

EAST KOOTENAY'S LUMBER

HAS ALREADY BECOME A GREAT AND GROWING INDUSTRY.

THE CUT NEXT YEAR WILL BE OVER 80,000,000 FEET.

Six years ago there was one small sawmill in this district, and valuable timber limits were passed up as hardly worth noticing, says the Morrissey Miner. Now the lumber business has become one of the great industries in the district, and next year millions of feet will be manufactured for export. Mills have been put in all along the Kootenay, Moyie and Elk valleys, and a vast army of men are employed at the mills and in the timber.

It is estimated that the cut next year will aggregate between 80,000,000 and 90,000,000 feet for lumber and between 30,000,000 and 40,000,000 feet more for ties, which will mean the employing of 700 to 1,000 men.

The capacity of the various mills are estimated as follows:

Coton, at Crow's Nest, 2,0000,000.
Carbon Creek Lumber Company, 2,000,000.
Fernie Lumber Company, 5,000,000.
Mott & Son Company, Fernie, 5,000,000.
Cedar Valley Improvement Company, Fernie and Morrissey, 5,000,000.
McCrea Lumber Company, Coal Creek, 5,000,000.
Robinson-McKenzie Lumber Company, Cranbrook, 5,000,000.
King Mercantile Company, Cranbrook, 5,000,000.
Leask & Slater, Cranbrook, 5,000,000.
Laurie Lumber Company and Finch & Jones, Marysville, 4,000,000.
East Kootenay Lumber Company, four mills, 20,000,000.
Moyie Lumber Company, 12,000,000.
Crow's Nest Lumber Company, Wardner, 12,000,000.
Hayes Lumber Company, Elk Mouth, 2,000,000.

This means, of course, a vast amount of work this winter in getting out logs for next season's cut.

IT DID.

Disraeli's Prophecy As To What He Could Do in the Commons.

London, Dec. 23.—The sale of a batch of letres of Disraeli (lord Beaconsfield) to his sister, written before the days of his fame, brought to light some interesting passages, in which "Dizzy," as he always was to his sister, was very candid.

In describing a visit to Wyndham Lewis he writes: "By the way would you like Lady Z. for a sister-in-law? She is very clever, has £250,000 and is domestic. As for love, all my friends who married for love or beauty either beat their wives or live apart from them. This is literally the case. I may commit many follies in life, but I never intend to marry for love, which I am sure is a guarantee of infelicity."

Within four years Disraeli married Wyndham Lewis' prosperous widow.

In a letter written four years before he became a member of parliament Disraeli thus describes a debate in the house of commons:

"It was one of the finest we have had in years. Bulwer spoke, but is physically disqualified, and in spite of all his exertions can never succeed. I heard Macauley's best speeches and Shell and Charles Grant. Macaulay was admirable, but between ourselves I could floor them all. This is entre nous. I have never been more confident of anything than that I could carry everything before me in the house. The time will come."

OUTLOOK AT MORRISSEY.

A Big Pay-day Makes Business Very Brisk—Increasing Output.

Morrissey, Dec. 23.—Last week pay-day came around at the mines and the amount of money paid out was the largest since the opening of the mine, amounting to twenty-two thousand dollars. The pay-roll next month will greatly exceed this figure, as the force at the mine is being constantly increased. Men are coming in on every train, and in the neighborhood of fifty new miners were put to work last week. As a consequence of the big pay-day business is very brisk in Morrissey this week.

The output of coal from the mine the past month was not so satisfactory as it might have been, owing to the difficulty in keeping the men at work, but this condition is being gradually changed, and it is stated on good authority that, commencing with the new year, the output will be increased to 800 tons per day. The Great Northern company wants to supply its entire system with Morrissey coal from Cut Bank to the coast, and to do this the output will have to be increased to even more than eight hundred tons daily.

UP GOES THE PRICE.

French Boots Will Cost More Next Year.

Paris, Dec. 23.—The association of boot and shoe manufacturers of France, representing the extensive industries of Paris, Lyons, Marseilles, Limoge, Fougeres, Nancy, and other places has decided to immediately advance the scale of prices for footwear.

In making the announcement, Gibault, vice-president of the association, says it was made necessary by the gradual monopoly of the raw material by Americans.

Gibault also asserts that the leather trust and other leather industries of America, are absorbing a considerable part of the raw product of France and are re-selling the finished product in the French market. The French manufacturer has suffered chiefly by the gradual rise in the cost of leather. To meet this, the selling price of goods will be advanced ten per cent. The manufacturers have also decided to seek readjustment of the tariff rates of France with a view of improving thir position. The advanced scale will first effect the wholesalers, but it is expected that it will soon lead to augmenting the retail price by from 20 to 25 cents a pair.

KINKS OF ENGLISH LAW.

Defendant Debtor Sets up an Act of Charles II.

It is an extraordinary illustration of the anomalies of English law that a judge of the city of London court should actually be obliged to take time to consider whether he can assist the proprietors of a Sunday newspaper to recover the price of papers supplied to a news vendor. The claim in the case in point was for 49 shillings. The defendant denied any liability and urged in defence that the publication and sale of a newspaper was "exercising ordinary calling on the Lord's Day," and that any contract entered into with that object was void under the act of Charles II. The judge granted an adjournment in order that the case might be fully argued by the counsel.

PROMOTION FOR THE D. O. C.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—The Militia Gazette issued this afternoon, announces the promotion of lieut.-col. J. G. Holmes to be colonel.

The writ for the Burrard bye-election will be issued imediately and the election will take place towards the end of January. The writ will be returnable February 28th, and C. H. Mouat is appointed returning officer.

To the close of November the immigration into Canada is placed at 80,000.

ONTARIO BYE-ELECTIONS.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—The dates for the Ontario bye-elections are anounced. Polling in North Perth, North Norfolk and North Grey will take place on January 7th. Mr. McKay, the unseated liberal candidate will again contest North Grey.

RUDYARD KIPLING AGAIN.

London, Dec. 23.—The Times this morning publishes a poem by Rudyard Kipling, which is a strong protest against the Anglo-German agreement with regard tol Venezuela. The poem probably will cause much discussion.

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Cor. Kootenay and Victoria Sts. Nelson.

JOHN McLATCHIE,
DOMINION AND PROVINCIAL LAND SURVEYOR.
NELSON, B. C.

Corporation of the City of Nelson

NOTICE.

Notice is herby given that it is proposed to extend the limits of the Municipality of the City of Nelson as the said limits are now defined, by including within the said limits that portion or tract of land lying to the south and east of the said City and being part of Lot 182, Group One, Kootenay District of British Columbia, and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a point at the eastern limit of the City of Nelson where the same is intersected by the centre line of the lane in Block 21, of said Lot 182; thence north along the said eastern limit to a point where the centre line of Park street intersects the said eastern limit of the City of Nelson; thence south-easterly along the centre line of Park street to a point where the centre line of the lane in Blocks 22 and 23, continued to cross Park street, intersects the said line of Park street; thence north-easterly along the centre line of said lane, intersecting said Block 23, to the centre line of South Cherry street, thence south-easterly along the centre line of South Cherry street, to the centre line of Gore street; thence south-westerly along the centre line of Gore street to the centre line of Park street; thence north-westerly along the centre line of Park street to the centre line of said lane intersecting said Blocks 22 and 23; thence south-westerly along the centre line of the lane intersecting Blocks 22 and 21 to the place of beginning.

Dated at Nelson, B. C., this 10th day of December, A. D., 1902.

J. K. STRACHAN, City Clerk.

CANCELLATION OF RESERVE, KOOTENAY DISTRICT.

Notice is hereby given that the reserve which was established in pursuance of the "Columbia & Western Railway Subsidy Act, 1896," notice whereof was published in the British Columbia Gazette and dated 7th May, 1896, is cancelled in so far as, but no further than, it relates to a parcel of land in Kootenay District lying within the following boundaries, viz.:

To the west of Lots 230 and 4598; to the north of the northern boundary of Townships 8A and 9A, and to the south of the southern limit of the right of way of the Columbia & Western Railway.

W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands & Works.
Lands and Works Department.
Victoria, B. C., 30th October, 1902.

NOTICE

Householders and Holders of Trades Licences:

Householders and holders of trade licenses, in order to vote at the municipal election to be held on Thursday, January 15th, 1903, are required to make and subscribe to a declaration that they were residents of Nelson on January 1st, 1902, and that they have continuously resided in Nelson since that date. This declaration can be made at the committee room of the Progressive People's Party in the Scott building, southeast corner of Baker and Josephine streets, first door east of Vanstone's drug store, at any time between 10 o'clock a.m. and 6 o'clock p.m., and in the evening between 7 o'clock and 8.30 o'clock, and the declarations so made will be delivered to the city clerk. These declarations are required to be made on or before December 31st.

W. A. JOWETT, J.P.,
Secretary Progressive People's Party.
Nelson, December 18th, 1902.

NOTICE.

The Fern Gold Mining & Milling Company, Limited, Liability.

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the shareholders of the Fern Gold Mining & Milling Company, Limited Liability, will be held at the company's offices, Baker street, Nelson, B. C., on Monday the 29th December, 1902, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon.

The objects of the meeting are:

To ratify and confirm the action of the directors of the company in granting Ernst Rammelmeyer a lease and option on the assets of the company, on the terms and conditions mentioned in said lease and option.

Dated this 19th day of December, 1902.

By order of the Board,
W. C. BAYLY, Secretary.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that I intend to apply to the Licence Commissioners for the City of Nelson at their next meeting held thirty days after this date, for a permit to carry on the bussiness carried on in the Phair Hotel in the name of E. E. Phair, under the current liquor licence therefor, and that such licence shall thereafter be in my name as lessee of the said premises.

Dated at Nelson, B. C., this 1st day of December, 1902.

F. W. PADMORE.

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WANTED

NELSON EMPLOYMENT AGENCY.—Wanted—Men for the Bush. Waitress. Woman Cook.

WANTED—Free Milling Gold properties. Address, A 57, care Daily News.

WANTED—Girl for housework, Mrs. F. M. Black, Carbonate street.

HELP of all kinds wanted and furnished. Western Canadian Employment Agency. Large warehouse for storage; call at Prosser's Second Hand Store, Baker Street, west.

PHYSICIAL Health without drugs; either sex taught by mail or at pupil's residence. Every known ailment, viz., constipation, indigestion, hollow chest, weak lungs, rheumatics, etc., will yield to my treatment of one course of lessons; 50,000 schools in the east are teaching this theory. Address Prof. H. Hallam, Room 7, Belleview House, Nelson, B. C.

GRAND FORKS GAZETTE publishes all the latest news of the Boundary; on sale at Morley & Co., Canada Drug & Book Co., Nelson News Depot, (G. Stanley).

PIANO and Organ taught, tuned and repaired; 15 years experience in B. C. and U. S.; music furnished for dances, hotels, banquets, etc., by G. H. Hallam from Nottingham University College of Music. Address Belleview House, Hall street.

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WANTED—By young man, room and board in private family, centrally located. Terms moderate. A. S., Daily News office.

WANTED—Offices to clean. Mrs. A. Jeffries, Baker street.

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FOR RENT—Furnished house, Silica st., Chadbourn & McLaren, Madden Block.

FURNISHED room with bath suitable for two gentlemen, opposite Fire Hall.

FOR RENT—Flat over store on Water street (oposite hospital). Bright, pleasant rooms, easily heated. Complete bath room, hot and cold water, gas, etc. Apply E. B. McDermid, Clements-Hillyer block.

FOR RENT—Residence of E. R. Woakes, Esq., Stanley street; all modern improvements; large reception rooms; furnace; good garden. Apply to H. & M. Bird.

TO RENT—Roomy, heated, furnished rooms by the day, week or month. Apply Room 1, McDonald Block, corner Vernon and Josephine streets.

PIANOS and sewing machines for rent or sale at The Old Curiosity Shop.

TO LET—Two good warm rooms with door between; also corner store, West Block. Apply A. R. Sherwood.

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NELSON HARDWARE CO.—BAKER Street—Wholesale paints, oils, and glass; mechanics tools, fishing tackle and sporting goods a specialty.

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NELSON SAW & PLANING MILL—Office, corner Hall and Front streets, Nelson—Lumber, ceiling, flooring, and everything in wood for building purposes. Get our prices. Correspondence solicited.

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10.15 a. m.	Rossland	5.10 p. m.
7.00 a. m.	Nelson	3.00 p. m.
11.00 a. m.	Grand Forks	4.00 p. m.
9.15 a. m.	Republic	5.40 p. m.

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9.00 9.40 10.20
Every forty minutes until 10.20 p.m.
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10.00 10.40 11.20
Every forty minutes until 10.40 p. m.

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For further information, maps, folders, etc., apply to any agent of the Spokane Falls & Northern Railway, Kaslo & Slocan Railway, Kootenay Railway & Navigation Company, or to H. BRANDT, City Passenger and Ticket Agent, W 701 W, Riverside Avenue, Spokane, Wash.

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PRICE OF METALS.

London, Dec. 23.—Lead £10 16s. 3d.
New York, Dec. 23.—Bar silver, 48¼.
Amalgamated copper, 58⅛.

NELSON'S NEWS OF THE DAY

The Christmas Day service at St. Saviour's church will commence at 10.30 a. m. It will be fully choral, with special anthems.

Postmaster Gibson will have the general delivery wickets at the post office open on Christmas Day from 10 a .m. to noon for the convenience of the public.

An entertainment is to be held at the jail at 10.30 Christmas morning, under the auspices of the various churches of the city. A short programme of songs and recitations will be given.

The installation of the newly elected officers of Nelson lodge, No. 23, A. F. and A. M., takes place in Masonic hall on the evening of Saturday, 27th December. Visiting brethren will be made welcome.

The police yesterday received a letter from Mrs. Esther Eddy, of Negaumee, Michigan, asking for information regarding her son, John Eddy, supposed to be in this city, of whom she has lost track.

Winnipeg exchanges received yesterday contain an account of a deal just closed by Hugh R. Cameron, formerly of Nelson, by which 10,000 acres of farm land near Moose Jaw were transferred to a New York syndicate, for a cash consideration of $60,000. The syndicate intend establishing a vast farm, cultivating all of the land.

A snow plow was started to work yesterday by the city engineer, for the purpose of widening the avilable walking space on the side streets. The apparatus worked fairly well, but going along a sidewalk which was elevated about ten feet above the roadway, it upset, throwing the two men who were steering it head first into the drifts at the side. The horses managed to keep their feet, and the plow was righted without any damage being done.

Last night about 10.30 smoke was noticed issuing from the space between the opera house building and Mike Scully's stables. An alarm was turned in from the postoffice, and shortly afterward the fire brigade arrived. Owing to the chemical engine being mounted on wheels it was not brought over, and the hydrant to which the fire hose was attached proving to be frozen, some time was lost in making proper connections. In the meantime a hand chemical apparatus was brought, and the fire, which, fortunately, had been spreading very slowly, was extinguished with little difficulty. It had apparently originated from hot embers thrown down between the postoffice and the stables, and burning through the outer wall of the stable, spread upwards between the inner and outer wall. There were five horses in the stable at the time, but none were injured, all being taken out shortly after the fire started.

H. Clark, of Revelstoke, arrived in the city last evening to spend the holidays with J. W. Holmes.

N. T. McLeod returned last evening from a trip through the Lardeau. At Ferguson there is five feet of snow on the level, interfering a good deal with mining operations. At Camborne the mining outlook is very bright.

Measures should be taken to have the ice hanging from the edges of roofs removed before a thaw sets in. This has been done in most cases, but even on Baker street there are many huge icicles ,and blocks of ice weighing from five to twenty pounds, suspended over the heads of passers-by. In case of this falling on pedestrians the consequences might be very serious. Several narrow escapes from this source occurred yesterday owing to the heat of the roofs loosening the grip of the ice.

At the Baptist church last evening the children of the Sunday school enjoyed a well-arranged Christmas tree entertainment. In the first part of the evening an interesting programme of songs and recitations by the children was performed, followed by an exhibition of views of Jamaica and other countries, by J. Laing Stocks. After this the Christmas tree was uncovered and all the youngsters were made happy by the presentation of toys and candies.

At the annual general meeting of the Culinary Employees' Protective Association of West Kootenay held last evening in Miners' Union hall, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: President, J. P. Forestell; vice-president, W. Moss; treasurer, C. F. Bell; financial secretary, Charles Cameron; conductor, F. Wilson; guard, C. Shannon; trustees, A. B. Sloan, C. F. Bell, Charles Cameron; delegates to trades and labor council, C. F. Bell, C. Cameron and W. Moss.

T. H. Trethewey, superintendent of the Molly Gibson mine, leaves this morning for Sherbrooke, Quebec, to attend the general meeting of the company operating it. He states that the mine is in a most satisfactory condition, and that during the last few days a new chute of ore has been opened up in the Florence lead, running from 85 to 190 ounces of silver to the ton. Four carloads of ore were shipped from the mine last week and the prospects for continuing that average are good. The road from the foot of the tramway to the landing is in excelent condition now. From 20 to 25 men are employed on the property, and despite the low price of silver, Mr. Trethewey expresses himself as well pleased with the outlook for the mine.

THE CHRISTMAS DISPLAYS

Christmas decorations at Nelson's stores are always a big feature of the holiday season. This year, however, the dealers in many cases have been caught napping, and as a result the windows will not show forth in their usual splendor till some time today. The reason of the delay in dressing the stores is partly pleasant to the dealers, although many people who came down town last evening to do their Christmas shopping and to take in the sights were disappointed to see so many of the stores with blinds drawn to conceal the work in progress. All last night at some of the stores work was continued. The reason of the delay was principally that up till Monday business had been rather lighter than usual for the week before Christmas, but commencing then it briskened up in a manner that was agreeably surprising, and as a result there was little time for store decoration, and it had to be put off till a much later date than usual. Another cause of delay was that expected freight from the east has not got in yet, although expected a fortnight ago. Bad weather and the rush for cars along the main line of the C. P. R. are responsible for this last, but many imported novelties which were to have graced the windows had not yet arrived and in waiting for them the window dressing was put off till very late.

Where the window dressing was completed some very handsome and artistic effects were secured, and in the incompleted ones a representative of The Daily News was shown the designs to be unveiled today or tomorrow when Baker street will present a very striking appearance with the beautiful and expensive jewelry, fabrics, and general supplies to be seen in the windows of all the stores.

Commencing with the Hudson's Bay Company, artistic taste with an almost exhaustless store of fine things to draw from has here produced one of the best windows on the street. In the drygood's window some beautiful evening costumes of satin broche and Bengaline silks, trimmed with glittering sequoins and mounted on wax figures, with a background of choice fabrics, are much admired by the ladies. The groceries' window is filled with imported delicacies and native fruits, and canned goods of many varieties tastefully arranged.

The Bell Trading company show two interesting windows, suggesting Christmas cheer in every article displayed. Oranges, apples, candies, grapes, pears and other fruits are built up in pyramids and designs in one window, while in the opposite one are to be seen all the ingredients for a Christmas pudding or cake, including nuts and raisins, grated cocoanut, icing sugar and many other necessaries and luxuries for the making of dainties.

T. S. McPherson has a great variety of Christmas and holiday groceries arranged in designs in his windows. Palms and green cedar wreathing add greatly to the effect of the whole, fruits and confectionery are built up among these. There is nothing stilted or ungraceful in the design and it will attract its deserved share of attention today.

Morrison & Caldwell have created a pretty effect in colors. Taking a background of purple and yellow streamers, the articles selected not only for their seasonableness but also with an eye to blending with the colors mentioned, with a most artistic result. Maconichies' canned goods and Heinz's sauces occupy a large portion of the design.

J. A. Irving has a window well filled with seasonable delicacies, arranged prettily, and displayed to the best advantage.

J. A. Kirkpatrick & Co. are showing a toboggan slide, manufactured with cotton wool and white sugar, with a display of fruit across the front and the motto "Peace on earth, good will towards men," worked at the back.

In confectionery J. A. McDonald has his window filled with a large variety of imported chocolates, bonbons, and other high grade confections, also a large assortment of fruits. Bright ornaments for the Christmas tree and candy animals for the children's stockings complete the picture.

The Montgomery company make a specialty of displaying all home made candies from the plainest taffies and 'bull's eyes" to the most elaborate designs in sugar known to the confectioner's art. Holly and greening twined and arranged through this adds greatly to the Christmas effect.

Both the Star and Palace bakeries show some tempting Christmas and New Year's cakes, frosted and ornamented very prettily.

W. F. Teetzel's windows show a bewildering variety of perfume sets, both plain and ornamental, designed expressly for Christmas gifts, and ranging from the simpler kinds of perfumes up to the most expensive varieties in cut glass bottles and plush and leather cases.

J. H. Vanstone has a handsome display of toilet and manicure sets.

At the Canada Book & Drug Co. in one window are a number of handsome leather dressing and manicure sets, and in the other dolls, doll furniture, Christmas books and toys, catch the eyes of every child who passes.

Morley & Co.'s store all afternoon and evening had a crowd in front listening to the selection played with the pianola by Santa Claus. In the same window with the pianola, flags, holly wreaths and masks are hung, constituting a most seasonable design. The opposite window contains dolls, Christmas cards and pictures.

Kerr & Co. with Irish linen handkerchiefs hung with a background design of pale green streamers, show up some very tasteful goods to best advantage. Tablecloths, napkins, and doilies are arranged on the foreground.

J. A. Gilker has a handsome display of men's furnishings, with plenty of pink, white and green ribbons and streamers hung in between. The Wallace-Miller Co. and R. Weir, have also an interesting display of these lines.

Fred Irvine & Co. in one window show some dolls that make the youngsters linger long in front of the store. The dolls are gorgeously dressed in the latest doll styles, and set out with a pink background are much admired. In the opposite window is a fine display of table linen.

None of the hardware stores have specially dressed up for the occasion, but show their accustomed good variety of seasonable articles.

Jacob Dover is preparing one of the handsomest displays of diamonds and rubies for today and tomorrow that has ever been seen here and which will be displayed to the best advantage in the windows.

The West Kootenay Butcher Company have not made much of a display out of the ordinary, but have the store crowded with all kinds of poultry and Christmas meats generally.

P. Burns & Co. have the most elaborately dressed windows on Baker street. In one window stands an immense caribou in a most lifelike attitude, while hanging from the screens at the back and sides is a large collection of the game birds of the Kootenays and territories, with a fringe of Belgian hares at the bottom. In the other window is a buck and doe, with another large assortment of game surrounding them. The interior of the store is also decorated from front to back. Immense porkers and sides of beef gaily decked with streamers of bunting and fur are arranged symetrically along the sides, while Christmas mottoes are displayed worked in cloves in the fat quarters of some of the carcases.

Patenaude Bros. have a neatly dressed window in which is displayed a large variety of articles of jewelry suitable for Christmas presents.

J. J. Walker's jewelry store externally and internally presents atractions that tell of artistic taste in displaying, and excellent judgment in purchasing Christmas gifts.

BIG CEMENT WORKS.

Belleville, Dec. 23.—Cement works, with a capital of two millions and a half, are to be located at Point Ann, four miles from this place.

OFF TO VENEZUELA.

Halifax, Dec. 23.—The British cruiser Pallas, now at this port has been ordered to Venezuela. She sails this morning.

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WITH THE CURLERS.

The finals in the president vs. vice-president series of games took place at the rink last evening, with the result that the vice-president was declared the winner, the total score being 102 to 110 in his favor. The following were the rinks:

President.	Vice-president.
Smallwood	J. M. Hedley.
McCulloch	Dumoulin
Thompson	Annable
Armstrong, skip, 15	Fletcher, skip, 7.

The scratch games played were:

Campbell	Parsons
McIntyre	Rutherford
Hedley	Macdonald
Hodge, skip, 15.	Wilson, skip, 10.
Gillette	Stoddart
Kydd	McLennan
H. Bird	Armstrong
Fletcher, skip, 9	Forin, skip, 15.
Deacon	Fraser
Jones	Booth
Hall	Robertson
Wallace, skip, 13.	Taylor, skip, 15.

NOVA SCOTIAN SENATOR DEAD.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—Senator Primrose died at Pictou at midnight.

Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day at the Delmonico, from 12 till 8 p.m.

The establishment of Fred Irvine & Co., drygoods, furnishings and toys, will be open every evening till Christmas for the

Baltimore Blue Point Oysters, 40c a dozen at the Athabasca.

benefit of patrons who find it convenient to do their shopping after six.

Hot Roast Beef, Roast Turkey, Boston Baked Beans at the Athabasca, Xmas Eve.

The Band is arranging for a Christmas serenade of the town to procure money to purchase music and equipment, and bespeak the kind patronage of the good people of Nelson in their efforts to establish a permanent Band in our fair city.

AT THE HOTELS.

Hume—H. S. Sharp, J. R. Simpson, A. McLean, Trout Lake; J. E. McInnes, A. Garvey, A. J. Sharpe, Rossland; W. K. Cameron, Slocan; G. H. Leask, V. S. Liddicoatt, Cranbrook; W. F. Franter, Morrissey; Mrs. Hamilton, H. J. Snell, Vancouver; J. D. Payne, Medicine Hat; F. W. Ferguson, Vancouver.

Phair—G. B. Bender, Sandon; T. H. Trethewey, Molly Gibson.

Bartlett—C. Hanlow, B. Murray, W. Bryant, J. Brown, Trout Lake; C. W. Hardy, J. E. Halliday, M. Foy, Camborne.

Madden—C. F. Elten, Pilot Bay; W. Choplin, Fern mine; F. C. Megrade, Eholt.

Grand Central—Miss Davies, Kaslo; D. Haley, Girard; E. Leuleux, B. Porter, Slocan; C. Sampson, C. Johnstone, Kaslo; J. Sibbald, Spokane; D. L. Wolff, Rossland; J. C. Kinghorn, Nakusp.

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