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BURTT MORGAN IS ACQUITTED

Jury Find That He Did Not Libel Daniel

Mr. Justice Martin Speaks His Mind

"Mr. Foreman, have you agreed on your verdict?" asked the clerk of the assize court yesterday, in the criminal libel case against Rev. J Burtt Morgan.

"We have," replied foreman John Toye.

"How do you find, is the accused guilty of the offence whereof he is charged?"

"We are unanimous in finding him not guilty," said Mr. Toye.

A distinct round of applause was started amongst some of the spectators in the densely packed court room, but it was promptly suppressed by sheriff Tuck, who glared at the offenders and demanded order in stentorian tones.

Then Mr. Justice Martin said: "Have you a motion, Mr. Macdonald?" and the learned counsel, with a grim smile, said: "Yes, my lord, I move for the dismissal of the charge."

"Mr. Sheriff," said the court, "you can release the accused."

Rev. J. Burtt Morgan then stepped out of the dock, which he has ornamented for the last three days, a free man.

Thus came to an end the sensational trial of criminal libel preferred by Harry Daniel, alderman and police commissioner of Rossland, against J. Burtt Morgan, a Baptist minister, insurance agent and civic reformer.

A portion, at least, of the "experiment" tried in Rossland for the purpose of raising revenue to overcome the city's deficit, has been made plain with exceedingly disastrous effect to all concerned. As the finding of the jury yesterday carried full costs with it, Harry Daniel will now have to settle Mr. Morgan's bill as well as his own, and will have ample opportunity to ponder over the problem of municipal mis-management for some time to come.

The jury were out just fourteen minutes before returning and rendering their verdict.

At the conclusion of counsels' address to the jury Mr. Justice Martin began his charge. His lordship said in part:

This case has been somewhat lengthy but I must say it has not been unduly prolonged by the counsel engaged therein, and that they have both discharged their duties in a manner which deserves great credit. It is a matter of very considerable importance not only to you, but to every municipality in this province, for there is no doubt that the verdict will have an effect on juries which may hereafter set on cases of this kind. Now it is sufficient to tell you in this present case that the charge here is of such a grave nature that it is presumed on the face of it to be both false and malicious. It is, however, open to the defendant to show that he is not guilty of the falsity, by showing that it was published for the public benefit, and that it is true, and there is a further defence allowed by our statute, which is that no one commits an offence by publishing any defamatory matter which he would reasonably expect to be for the public benefit. It is my duty to inform you that this is a matter of public benefit, of course, in a very vital way, and you will restrict your enquiry to these two phases of it: 1. Did the accused have reasonable grounds for believing his statement to be true; and 2. As a matter of fact, was the state of affairs such as he alleged.

In view of the fact that a plea of justification is set up you will take the publication to be admitted, because the setting up of a plea of justification presupposes this.

Some remarks were made as to the duties of the public press. Now we find —and one is almost ashamed to think that such a state of things could have occurred in this province—if the evidence is to be believed, that the two newspapers mentioned here, the Miner and the World, were bought up in order that their voices, with regard to these matters under consideration here, should be muzzled. I say it is a good thing that this has come out, because the people in that community will know now how to look upon such papers, which, I say, are a disgrace to this community.

Good newspapers, I say, are a tower of strength to all right thinking persons in the community. I regret to say here that it has been shown that we have two papers published in this province of an utterly contemptible stripe.

It has been alleged by the defence that the defendant, actuated by proper motives, took upon himself what he thought to be a public duty, to enlighten the community. Gentlemen, I have no hesitation in saying that if you find that what he wrote was true, that he certainly performed that duty and he deserves the thanks of that community; he performed a task which should earn the gratitude of every right thinking man, and he did it in a direct way; he picked out and selected the man and said, this is the man I accuse of malfeasance in office. We often see that such attacks as these are made by way of a general charge against a class, such as, all the mayors of British Columbia, are this and that, or that all the chiefs of police are so and so. Now I have an utter contempt for the man who makes a general charge and is at the same time afraid to select the particular man he should refer to of any one class, be he an ordinary constable, or a judge sitting on the bench as I do myself. I say it is the duty of every man, that if an attack is made on any officer, it is his duty to name the individual. I mention these facts to show that I believe this man had at least the courage to attack a certain individual and not inveigh generally against a class.

The defence here must prove two things: 1st, That there was a system of police blackmail and 2nd, That the prosecution shared in that system, or derived some pecuniary benefit therefrom, or (referring to the code) "that he had reasonable grounds for believing such to be the case."

It has been largely assumed that the board of police commissioners is more or less subject to the board of aldermen. This is not the case. This body is entirely distinct from the municipal body. In order that you may clearly understand what the duty of a police commissioner is, I will read the statute covering this subject. (Reads from statute):

The commissioners are appointed by the lieutenant governor in council. In the discharge of their duties they are independent of the municipal body. That board has entire control over the police (quotes statute.)

Now you will see, gentlemen, that the office of police commissioner is one of very considerable responsibility—the statute has declared in precise words and plain language what this responsibility is, and there can be no evasion of that responsibility by any one who assumes the office.

Now, the duty of the board of commissioners is possibly not a very easy one; there is no doubt it is a very difficult matter at times to exactly enforce the law in the best way under all circumstances. It is difficult sometimes, to apply the provisions of the code to local circumstances, and perhaps a local community will only stand a certain amount of this . . . A line must be drawn somewhere. It would not be right in the case of some boards to shut down too severely on innocent—social games—we will say. The board would be justified in pursuing the course best adapted to the community.

We all know that on the one hand there are some very good people, who wish to make people good, very, very quickly. They do a lot of harm in the community and on the other hand there is what is known as the "wide open" element, who believe that gambling should be allowed to go on and all that sort of thing.

Between these two extremes, those who are desirous to do what is best for the community, will steer a middle course. . . . . One thing is quite certain, it was an unlawful thing for the board to enter into any arrangement with the gambling fraternity. . . . . The board in effect said: "Here, if you will pay a certain sum to someone else we will see that you are not prosecuted." Those are the self-confessed facts, and I have no hesitation in telling you there was beyond all question a system of police blackmail existing in Rossland. On the admitted facts I tell you that, and you will be quite justified in coming to that conclusion. . . The point is this, that the system was established. Now then, having satisfied yourselves on that, if you are satisfied on that point, you then proceed to consider whether or not the prosecution shared in that system or whether defendant had reasonable grounds for believing that such was the case. It is enough for him to show that reasonable men, bearing in mind, all the prosecutor's actions were entitled honestly to draw that inference. The prosecutor can not take the ground for a moment that, having assumed the office of police commissioner, he can divest himself of the obligations of that office, that he can deliberately shut his eyes to what is going on . . . You will be careful in placing too much reliance in—I think it is only due to the prosecution to say—the statement that Dave Morgan made.

You would not be justified for one moment in assuming that the mayor, as a police commissioner, received any of this money, or that the police magistrate got any of this money. There is nothing to show that either the magistrate or the mayor got any of this money . . . The action of the chief of police must be looked at in a different way, because there is no doubt that a much greater sum was collected than was turned in to the city officials, and the details of this arrangement were left to the chief of police, and the evidence you may infer from that is that some of the money which was turned in to the chief of police did not go further than the chief of police's pockets. . . . . I do not think it necessary to say anything more.

Mr. Macdonald's address was a comparatively brief one. He had gone into the matter so fully in his opening speech, he said, that he would not detain the jury with any long recital of the evidence adduced. He asked them to apply the popular meaning of "blackmail" and not merely the restricted legal translation. There were many ways in the west of obtaining cash by devious means, and when anyone used his official position to make money, that was blackmail.

Daniel was guilty, if he stood by and allowed the law to be violated, of malfeasance in office.

He traced the events that followed in sequence upon the election of J. S. Clute in 1902, the re-appointment of ex-chief-Ingram, a broken official, back in his old position, the selection of Frank Walker as a police commissioner and upon his retirement owing to the public outcry against him, the bringing in of Harry Daniel as his successor at the instance of mayor Clute. The appointment of Ingram, the official who subsequently "attended to all details," was made in the absence of commissioner Hamilton, to whom a just tribute was paid for the stand taken by him, and for his subsequent resignation. Mr. Clute's experiment was two-fold: 1. To make good the depleted city treasury and 2. To keep the money in the town. This really meant to take the hard-earned money of the miners and hand it over to the tin-horn gamblers and saloon keepers and to pass some of it on to the city. Mr. Clute knew this very well and yet he had attempted to justify the policy. "Ambassador" Morgan's share in the business was dwelt on. "See Morgan," he thought would be a by-word in Rossland for all time. After reviewing mayor Clute's programme and the way it was carried out, attention was directed to the position admittedly taken by Daniel throughout. He had left everything to Clute, except the papering and painting, and Clute had left all details to Ingram, and Ingram "saw Morgan." Daniel could not for a moment excuse the stand he had voluntarily taken, admitting his story to be true. But he had benefited by "the policy" and yet he said he did not know what was going on. He heard of the public outcry and read of it in the press and of course knew all about it. He was in favor of open gambling as his record plainly showed. The evidence for the defence told a story in detail and was corroborated again and again, while the prosecution was content with straight denials and no details. He contrasted the straight detailed stories of McIntosh, Henderson, Jones and Crow with that of Daniel and Clute and asked the jury if the preponderance of testimony was not overwhelmingly in favor of the former.

No power was so potent for good or evil as the press. When newspapers are honestly conducted the public get to know what is going on, especially in municipal affairs, very quickly, but when the papers are "hushed" as the Rossland papers were, the result is always disastrous to the community. The only paper in the city that could not be quieted was the little Truth, which protested with all its might against the scandal. Now they ask you to convict and brand as a criminal the editor who had spoken so courageously and well.

In the past Daniel had been elected to office at the head of the poll but now this would not likely happen again. Daniel could afford to let his share of the boodle go to the others he took his work from, then men who he allowed to break the law, and it became unnecessary for the jury to find as a fact that he—Daniel—had received a dollar of the "fine" fund.

"It is for you gentlemen to say," concluded Mr. Macdonald, "whether my client, who came out so boldly, shall be convicted of a crime, or whether he shall return to Rossland triumphantly vindicated."

Mr. Abbott's address was a model of brevity. Admit that extensive corruption prevailed in Rossland; admit that the means adopted to raise civic funds and the methods employed were not commendable, there was not a tittle of evidence to connect Harry Daniel with any wrongdoing or to show that he received a dollar that was not justly his. It was absurd to say that Daniel should have refused all offers of business because he was a police commissioner. In not one single instance had it been shown that he had overcharged for any work his firm had done. He quoted the article complained of and said that the burden of proof lay on Mr. Morgan to show that Daniel had "participated in police blackmail." All that had appeared on the subject was a statement by Jones that Dave Morgan had said Daniel was to get some of the money subscribed by the gamblers. There was not a single word of direct testimony to support the charge and Daniel had pledged his oath that the indirect charge was false and that he had not received a cent, had not in any way, participated in police blackmail, admitting such a thing existed.

After reviewing the legal aspect of the evidence Mr. Abbot asked the jury to believe Daniel's practically uncontradicted evidence. If the charge against Daniel were true, it would ruin him commercially and grievously affect his standing in the community. Counsel again read the article complained of, the wording of the information, and concluded with a strong plea to the jury to convict the accused.

THE FERNIE DISASTER.

Italian Interests in the Action for Damages Against the Company.

[Special to The Daily News.]

Toronto, May 21.—The Italian government, by counsel, applied this morning at Osgoode hall and obtained an order on behalf of the widows, children and representatives of 17 Italian subjects killed in the disastrous explosion at Fernie, B. C., for the appointment of A. W. Gianelli, of Toronto, to act as representative of the heirs and executors of the deceased Italians in the action to be brought against the Crow's Nest Pass Coal company, for damages for their deaths.

WINNIPEG CLEARINGS.

Winnipeg, May 21.—Clearing house returns for the week ending May 21st, $4,682,255; for the corresponding week of 1902, $3,192,037; for the same period in 1901, $2,163,371.

TAIT'S PROGRESS.

Suva, May 21.—Thomas Tait who has been appointed commissioner of railways, arrived here on his way to Australia.

D. M. EBERTS IS DONE FOR

Prior and Dunsmuir Both Denounce Him

Closing Scenes in C. & W. Investigation

[Special to The Daily News.]

Victoria, May 21.—The last witness has been called by the Columbia & Western investigation committee, and all now remaining ere the task of framing the report, is to hear the summing up of counsel.

Evidence, which will make a book of many hundred pages, is being printed as rapidly as possible and will follow the finding as a government report—valuable for reference, only.

It is contended it is necessary as furnishing authoritative testimony to account for the retirement of certain prominent figures from the provincial play.

The committee's reports—for there will probably be a minority offering—will be completed by Tuesday next and will be laid before the legislature at its re-assembly.

Whatever may be found, the evidence will be accepted as writing the finish to the political biography of Eberts. It also shows the necessity of a definite system in provincial politics, under which such manipulation of legislation for the improper benefit of railway companies can be no longer possible.

Another feature of the just closed inquiry is the fact that flagrant and deliberate perjury was committed without the slightest suggestion of action on the part of the crown law officers, there being no possibility of accepting some of the material contradictions in the testimony as accidental error.

The re-examination of Geo. McL. Brown and of the present and former premiers, occupied today's session.

The features of the former executive agent's testimony included the statement that he had polled the members to estimate the probable fate of bill 87 last session, and found a majority to defeat the measure. As to the cancellation of the grants he maintained that the only explanation given was "political expediency," in regard to which he objected that had he been given notice he could perhaps, have convinced the government they were unduly alarmed. He had his own system of obtaining information as to the feeling of the house. On 15th May he had written the attorney-general asking if the reinstatement bill would be brought down, and on receiving an affirmative reply, notified Shaughnessy. He might perhaps, he decided upon reflection, have made statements to various persons when the defeat of the bill seemed assured, that might have been interpreted as suggesting an effort to hold up the company for personal considerations. His application to the attorney-general was based upon the verbal contract with the government in 1898. He maintained that Shaughnessy had been advised of the negotiations for the subsidy, including blocks 4593 and 4594 for the B. C. Southern, and could not explain why the president had not been advised of the acquirement of these blocks. It was probably an oversight on his part. When he notified sir Thomas there was a possibility of getting these two blocks by transfer from the B. C. Southern to the Columbia & Western subsidy, he had forgotten that the blocks had already been acquired (after four months' effort on his own part) for the B. C. Southern. It was owing to this forgetfulness that he had not advised the president. He denied he had asked that the proposal for substitution come from the government instead of the company in order that the company might afterwards be absolved from the charge of having switched these lands with the object of defrauding the Crow's Nest Pass Coal company. Wells in an interview on 19th March had distinctly refused to bind the government to any agreement under which the company could secure possession of these two blocks. Wells had said the company would have his personal support, but nothing more. It was very probable had bill 87 gone through that the company would have taken advantage of it to secure blocks 4593 and 4594 under the enlarged selection power. He didn't regard this bill, however, as an underhand scheme to gain possession of the blocks.

Premier Prior's testimony was chiefly with relation to the cancellations. He had received Wells report of the Taylor transaction in Montreal second hand, through Prentice as they were going to lunch Prentice had expressed the opinion that something should be done on Wells' report. The colonel had agreed, and it was at his suggestion they had gone together to see Dunsmuir, who forthwith announced that he would stop the transaction as he would have no crooked work so long as he was premier. Prentice had also stated that he would resign from the cabinet unless the possibility of carrying through a shady transaction was eliminated. On his own part, witness had expressed surprise that land so rich in mineral resources should have been thus lightly disposed of. He had told his colleagues that these lands were valuable coal and oil areas and as soon as he looked into the matter he had come to the conclusion that the government had no right to make the grant,—that contiguous lands not being exhausted there was no possibility of justification. It was on this ground manly that he had voted for cancellation, and he had since seen nothing to convince him that error was done. The government's action in cancelling the grants had been taken in face of strenuous and persistent opposition from attorney-general Eberts. During his visit to Montreal on the "better terms" mission, he had seen Shaughnessy and had been informed that he was determined to secure these grants. To which he (witness) had replied that to do so, "they would have to fight the government for all they were worth." He had on that occasion urged the construction of the Spence's Bridge line, and had been told that the company's attentions were concentrated at present on the wheat carrying lines through the prairie country, British Columbia would have to wait. At the same time it was stated the company had an expert in the field and if good coal areas were located, the Spence's Bridge line would be hastened. It was on this occasion if he remembered aright that sir Thomas had stated that at one time the grants had been in the company's possession.

The premier declared positively that the Taylor incident had never been mentioned to Brown as a reason for cancellation. Dunsmuir had taken his ground upon Taylor's interview with Wells in Montreal. He had himself thought the grants exceeded the statutory direction. The fact of Taylor and Eberts being partners had struck him and his colleagues as significant. It was Eberts who had explained the reinstatement bill to caucus—very differently from the bill as produced—and he presumed it was the attorney-general who had drawn that bill, as it was his place to. The bill, as introduced, had never been submitted to caucus nor to the executive. If the bill had passed, he did not see how the government could have refused to deliver over blocks 4593 and 4594 to the railway company, since refusal would have been in defiance of the direction of the legislature. It was Oliver who had pointed out the opportunity of the company under the bill as drawn, and he had been impressed. So he had spoken to Wells and that minister had said the bill followed the language of the subsidy bill. He had found it didn't and would never have consented to the passage of the bill.

The last witness of the inquiry, Dunsmuir, was most positive of all in his statement of fact and opinion. He left no doubt as to his view that Eberts was unworthy of public trust. He flatly and unequivocally contradicted the testimony of Brown and Eberts. It was Eberts who had pleaded for the transfer from the B. C. Southern to the Columbia & Western, urging that as both were subsidiary companies of the C. P. R., and the lands had already been earned, it would make no difference to the province. It had been agreed that Wells should take the grants to Montreal and see if better terms could be secured—the particularly desired feature being the Spence's Bridge line. It was understood the patents should be brought back if better terms could not be got. At the same time he (Dunsmuir) had felt that the grants should be delivered in any event, and he would have stood by this opinion but for Wells' report as to the Taylor proposition, after which he insisted upon the grants being held even at the expense of loss of power by the government. Eberts was quite well aware of the intention of Wells when he left with the grants for Monteral, but had expressed no dissent. He had said to Eberts and Brown that he understood both of them were in the deal, and he would allow the transaction to go no further. He had never personally approved of granting these non-contiguous lands. He still held the same opinion as to who was telling the truth in respect to the Taylor incident.

The coal baron closed his testimony with heartfelt acquiesence in an interjection by McCaul that even a premiership was not all fun.

"All fun," said Dunsmuir, "I wouldn't be premier again for a million dollars a year."

LADYSMITH MINERS FIRM

REJECT DUNSMUIR'S CONDITIONS OF SETTLEMENT

AND DECIDE TO STAY WITH THE WESTERN FEDERATION.

[Special to The Daily News.]

Victoria, May 21.—By almost unanimous vote, the miners of Ladysmith today rejected Dunsmuir's proposal and decided to stay by the federation.

The terms of settlement he offered are understood to have been the abandonment of the federation and a reduction in wages amounting to about 10 per cent.

All negotiations are off.

S. M. Robins, ex-superintendent of the New Vancouver Coal Co. in his evidence yesterday before the royal commission, declared strongly in favor of unions and said he encouraged them among his men. He had found it much better to work with union men. As to settling strikes, he thought the case hopeless, if conciliation failed.

BUSY AT YMIR MINES.

[Special to The Daily News.]

Ymir, May 21.—There are now signs evident that the coming summer will be a very busy one in the mining field here. Although the spring season is so late, there are several properties starting up now, whilst there is quite an influx of mining men from the east.

Last week J. W. Ross, who has the bond on the Empress of India, and A. A. Vernon, manager of the British Lion company, arrived, whilst this week, Paul V. Loth, of Cincinnati, managing director of the Active company, came on a visit of inspection. Today, the annual meeting of the Broken Hill Mining and Development Co., (Wilcox mine) will bring several more visitors, including Stephen Bywater, the president and L. L. Lower.

Work has been started this week on the Nome group, owned by the Atlin Mining & Milling Co., and the May Blossom, owned by J. F. Harbottle et al. A gang also came down yesterday to start work again on the old Elise mine on which not a tap has been done since 1898. The property is now reported to be bonded to W. Hawkins for the sum of $50,000. The development consists of a shaft down about 80 feet, and a tunnel in some 200 feet. Some very rich ore carrying high silver values has been taken from near the surface on the Elise vein, but work was abandoned when the vein was found to have faulted lower down.

KASLO'S CELEBRATION.

[Special to The Daily News.]

Kaslo, May 21—The celebration here on Victoria Day promises to be a big success. A splendid programme of sports has been arranged. The big item on the bill of fare will, of course, be the lacrosse match Nelson vs. Rossland. A special feature of the celebration is to be the lunch served at the St. Pancras Inn bl the ladies of the district council of the Victoria order of nurses. Every dish served will be home made, and the ladies are reported to be preparing a feast that will alone amply repay the time and expense of a visit to this city.

CHAMBERLAIN IS EMPHATIC

REITERATES HIS BELIEF IN NEED OF NEW TRADE POLICY.

AN IMPERIAL COMMERCIAL LEAGUE IS ESSENTIAL.

London, May 21.—In a letter to a constituent, Mr. Chamberlain emphasises his belief in the necessity for an imperial commercial league.

He says: "I am firmly confinced that the prosperity of this country depends largely on our trade with the colonies, which under a wise system of mutual consession, will increase by leaps and bounds. We have been apt in the past to consider too much the advantage of buying cheaply and not to pay sufficient attention to methods whereby we may have the means to enable us to pay at all. Increased wages are even more important to the working classes than reduced cost of living."

Mr. Chamberlain adds that he has the fullest confidence in the working classes and in their power to realize the "great issues which depend on our present action."

THE GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC

LAURIER DISCUSSES CHARACTER OF AID TO BE GIVEN

SAID TO FAVOR GUARANTEE OF COMPANY'S BONDS.

[Special to The Daily News.]

Ottawa, May 21.—Premier Laurier met the Ontario and Quebec liberals in caucus yesterday. He first met his Ontario supporters, afterwards his Quebec followers. The subject discussed was the aid to be given to the Grand Trunk Pacific railway. As there is no opposition to the charter, the only question is as to the amount of aid and what character it will take. The premier talked the matter over personally with his supporters and frankly told them his own views. From what can be learned, sir Wilfrid favors guaranteeing the bonds of the company and taking a first mortgage on the road. If any cash subsidy will be granted it will be very small, and it is doubtful if there will be any. As for land grants, there will be none. That is out of the question.

Some members talked of the government building the road, but it is scarcely possible this will be done. The question also of extending the road from Quebec to the maritime provinces was discussed and this will be done if better arrangements cannot be made with the Intercolonial.

TROUBLE IN RUSSIA

Revolutionary Literature Freely Circulated Among Factory Employees.

St. Petersburg, May 21.—Revolutionist emissaries have been flooding the workshops with seditious literature in which it is declared that the czar in his proclamation of March 11th "pretended to be animated by a desire to ameliorate the lot of the peasants." His majesty in reality cares nothing for them, and the men must themselves obtain their rights. These pamphlets are couched in language most insulting to the czar, the czarina and the government. The employers are asking for police protection during the celebrations fearing attacks on their establishments.

The greatest anxiety prevails in administration circles over the possibility of serious outbreaks on the occasion of the approaching bicentenary of this city. The police have requested the factories to refuse a holiday to their employees during the festivities. But the men probably will refuse to work. The latter have recently shown much unruliness.

LOVE'S VAGARIES.

New York, May 21.—John B. Walker, artist, for love of whom Mrs. Claude Gernsey, a wealthy widow, killed herself at the hotel Navarre, a week ago, died yesterday at his wife's home. Walker's determination to return to his wife drove the other woman to suicide. After Mrs. Guernsey's funeral Walker became ill of pneumonia and never rallied.

CYCLONE IN KANSAS.

Ashland, Kansas, May 21.—The best residence portion of this place was wrecked by a cyclone late today and a score or more of houses were destroyed. Great damage is reported from the country. Many people here had narrow escapes. No one was killed, but several were injured.

THE KISHINEV MASSACRES

Terrible Plight of the Jews In Bessarabia

Russian Government Does Not Interfere

Berlin, May 21.—The singular state of mind of the towns-people of Kishinev, Bessarabia, while they were killing the Jews there about a month ago, is described in a letter from a non-Jewish German of Odessa, received by the relief committee here. He said: "The leaders of the bands on entering Jewish dwellings often addressed the occupants, saying: 'Poor brethern, we must kill you, it is so ordered.' The most monstrous things were not done until the robbers began to participate, and when they, with the Christian zealots, became intoxicated, the state of terror of the Jews at Kishinev was undescribable. A fresh massacre is expected there and the Jews of Odessa and of all the large towns of Bessarabia are living in hourly dread of death. The whole province seems to be in a state of fanatical fury against the Jews."

The writer of the letter continues: "The excitement is intensified through proclamations distributed in the streets and the tone of the bitterly anti-Semitic newspapers. The Russians say to their educated and tolerant countrymen, who urge keeping the peace, 'it is the czar's will that the Jews be everywhere robbed. Orders have been given that we start again at Pentecost.' The situation has become all the worse since the important Russian papers have been prevented by the censorship from freely expressing their opinions. Their behaviour, almost without exception, has been excellent. Unless the St. Petersburg government develops a more energetic policy, the events at Kishinev will undoubtedly be repeated in other towns. As indicating the complete disapproval of the best classes, respectable Russian lawyers are assisting the sufferers to obtain redress."

St. Petersburg, May 21.—The circular of interior minister Van Plehve, issued May 17th, ascribed the massacre of the Jews of Kishinev largely to acts of self defence on the part of the Jews and continued:

"The events at Kishinev have alarmed the Jewish portion of the population in many regions of the empire and have occasioned rumors among the Christians about intended Jewish persecution. In some of the Jewish cities the Jews began forming self defence associations. After it was reported to his majesty about the disorders his majesty commanded me to impress on the commanders in the provinces and towns that they are obligated to and are held personally responsible, to take all the necessary measures to prevent violence and calm the people in order to remove the occasion of fears for life and property. Informing your excellency of the monarch's will, I feel obliged to state for your guidance that no sort of association for self defence can be tolerated."

The Jews are not inclined to depend solely on the police and have armed themselves in spite of the circular, throughout the Jewish belt. Undoubtedly their action prevented a repitition of the massacre at Odessa, Minsk, and elsewhere. The Minsk Jews are so alarmed that the slightest outbreak causes a general closing and barricading of their shops.

THE CUP DEFENDERS.

Reliance Outsails Columbia By 14 Minutes Over a 25-Mile Course.

New York, May 21.—By a combination of good luck and splendid sailing qualities the new cup yacht Reliance today inflicted such a lefeat upon the former cup defender, Columbia, as she had never before experienced, leading her over the finishing line of a 25-mile course off Glen Cove by 14 minutes, and 43 seconds, official time. Not all the glory of that rosy victory was fairly earned by the new boat. If it had been, there would be no doubt that the Reliance would be the next cup defender, but despite the Columbia's illluck, the Reliance convincingly showed herself to be the better boat. The race was an exasperating start, and a flying finish. The course was triangular, 11 miles to the eastward, westeward along the Long Island shore to Eaton's point, three miles to the northwest across the sound to Green's Light, and 11 miles southwest by west, to the finish line off Glen Cove.

FIRE IN GAS HOUSES.

Causes Several Explosions and a Number of Fatalities.

New York, May 21.—A fire started today in one of the seven gas houses on 155th street and Sheridan avenue. There were five explosions and police headquarters has been officially notified that eight bodies have been taken out of the gas houses.

The fire communicated to a carpenter shop and several Pullman cars. The money loss was heavy. The fire also communicated to a train loaded with kerosine oil and other explosions occurred. While the fire is not under control the firemen are said to have it well in hand.

ASK FOR $15 BOUNTY.

[Special to The Daily News.]

Ottawa, May 21.—Senator Templeman with the British Columbia members and the lead delegation, waited on Cartwright today and asked for a bounty of $15 per ton on the lead product, to be paid direct to the producers.

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY.

INCORPORATED 1670.

THE GREAT STORES OF THE GREAT WEST — MAIL ORDERS PROMPTLY FILLED

Evaporated Fruits

Have you tried any of our Fruits. They are choice goods and make excellent Tarts and Pies. A delicious conserve for the table may be made from them.

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Pears 12 1-2c lb.
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THE MORGAN LIBEL SUIT.

It is doubtful if, when the assizes opened here this week anyone outside of certain citizens of Rossland directly interested in the case, had more than a vague idea of what the Burtt Morgan criminal libel suit was all about.

However, the case had not been long under way before it was realized that Rossland's past civic administration was on trial and that there were features of the case that were of far more than local interest.

As a matter of fact most people present at the trial lost sight altogether of the fact that there was a prisoner in the box and that he was being tried for an alleged criminal offence. It was the city of Rossland that was on trial and the only interpretation that will be placed upon the jury's verdict will be that the officials of that city, responsible for the maintenance of law and order, have been found guilty of malfeasance in office.

Whatever the motives may have been that prompted Mr. Burtt Morgan's attack upon the then mayor, police magistrate, police commissioner and chief of police of Rossland, it must be admitted that he has been the means of exposing a very corrupt condition of affairs and to that extent at least he has rendered a valuable service to the community.

This exposure of the corrupt practices that prevailed in Rossland will have more than local influence. It will bring home to the whole province the importance of guarding against allowing either weak or unscrupulous men to fill offices of grave responsibility in the civic administration.

Placing the most kindly construction upon the evidence adduced during the trial, the conclusion is inevitable that the men whom the citizens of Rossland had entrusted with the enforcement of police regulations were hopelessly unfit to cope with the hard headed gambling element that intended to have a wide-open town. Of course this is not the construction that will be popularly placed upon the evidence. The general verdict will be that the city officials stood in with the gambling element and personally profited by their disregard of the laws. In fact the further inference may be drawn, that these officials not satisfied with a reasonable rake-off, were so greedy for "easy money" that they pressed the gamblers beyond the limit and made them thoroughly disgusted and willing to assist in exposing every detail of the graft that had been worked.

Mr. Justice Martin made appropriate reference to the responsibilities entailed upon police commissioners. These offices are too frequently filled without any regard for the fitness of the men appointed. It should be the rule that no man in any way connected with the liquor trade, or whose business is liable to bring him under the influence of the saloon men, should be permitted to act in that capacity. Men accept these offices unthinkingly, without any appreciation of the responsibilities they assume, or the risk they run of being implicated in just such scandals as have been ventilated in the trial of the criminal libel suit against Mr. Burtt Morgan.

Assuming that Mr. Harry Daniel told the whole truth and nothing but the truth, he convicted himself of malfeasance in office in as much as he frankly confessed to having made no attempt to perform his duties as a police commissioner. Now Mr. Daniel is evidently a man who has held a high place in the esteem of his fellow citizens, and the supposition is that he gained that position by the qualities of good citizenship he had displayed in his private capacity as a painter and house decorator. He accepted an office of trust without giving a moment's thought to the duties he had to perform, and when those duties clashed with his private interests he quietly ignored them. Mr. Daniel may not have received a cent of the boodle, he may not have secured a single order for painting because of the fact that he was a police commissioner, but none the less he grievously betrayed the trust imposed in him.

Mr. Burtt Morgan has had a nasty experience, but the complete vindication he obtained at the hands of twelve good men and true will doubtless largely repay him for what at one time must have appeared to him as a hopeless fight against civic corruption.

There is another feature of this case that cannot be overlooked. It was alleged during the trial, and the statement has been allowed to pass uncontradicted, that the two Rossland daily papers were paid a portion of the money levied from the gamblers to suppress all mention of the flagrant disregard of the law practiced by the proprietors of the establishments where the gambling was conducted and to ignore the failure of the police to take any action in the matter.

For the credit of the press we hope that the papers concerned will take early steps to adduce convincing evidence of the falsity of this charge. The men who conduct newspapers are no better, and no worse than the rest of humanity, but we should all have a mighty poor opinion of the banker, lawyer, tailor, or grocer who accepted hush money from such a source and for such a purpose. Without claiming any exalted mission for newspapers, it is a fact that they can accomplish very much for good or evil in the communities in which they are published, and in no direction can they prove more mischievous than in combining with the lawless elements to keep the public in ignorance of what is going on in their midst.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

When attorney-general Eberts gets time to attend to the duties of his office there are several little matters in this part of the province demanding the attention of his department. He will, of course, look into Rossland affairs pretty closely. In view of the evidence given in the Burtt Morgan libel suit, he may find it necessary to enquire into the fitness for office of certain officials who hold their appointments subject to the pleasure of the lieutenant governor in council. Then, too, the Nelson grand jury's presentment in the matter of the failure of the provincial authorities to enforce law and order at Fernie and Coal Creek will have to be enquired into. The remarkable disappearance of important witnesses for the prosecution in more than one case before the present assize is something that will also bear investigation.

President Shaughnessy's threatened appeal to Ottawa for the disallowance of bill No. 16, ratifying the cancellation of the grants of blocks 4,593 and 4,594 need occasion no anxiety. The dominion government will not interfere in a matter of that kind. What the province has to fear is a costly lawsuit, in which, even should the province win, it will cut a very sorry figure by reason of the unbusinesslike methods of the local government.

The Toronto Monetary Times is well pleased with the illustrated pamphlet issued by the Kootenay Tourist association and devotes an appreciative article to describing the many attractions Kootenay offers for the tourist, remarking in conclusion: "It was a sensible thing for the tourist association of Kootenay, B. C., to do, to issue this illustrated pamphlet, which tells the routes, gives the game laws, pictures the game and reassures the intending tourist or sportsman as to the comfortable quarters he can generally find in southern British Columbia."

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At Ymir the committee in charge promise that the celebration will be the best that has ever been held there. A large contingent of Nelson people intend going over the line of the Spokane Falls & Northern, the Nelson band accompanying the party. The train will leave the union station at 7.20 a.m. and Mountain station at 8.15. Returning it will reach Nelson at 7.15 p.m., giving a good day at Ymir.

Owing to the immense increase in the lumbering industry along the upper Salmon river valley Ymir has never been busier than it is at present. Besides the lumbering going on nearly all the mines in the vicinity are working steadily, and there is every indication that the placer beds along the north fork of the river will be worked with vigor this summer. These favorable conditions naturally put the people of Ymir and surrounding camps in proper frame of mind for celebrating, and they are prepared to make the coming Victoria day a memorable one in their annals. Horse racing, baseball, drilling contests, prospectors' races and other forms of sports will be the order of the day.

Kaslo is another town that will celebrate on Monday. From Nelson the Kootenay River & Navigation company's steamers will leave with the visitors from this section at 8 a.m., returning to the city at 9.30. The fare for the round trip will be $1.50. The C. P R. have arranged to run a special service from Trout Lake for this occasion, so that the people from the Lardeau may also be able to attend. A steamer will leave Trout Lake at 2 p.m. on Sunday to bring down the excursionists, giving them all day Monday in Kaslo. Special excursions will also be run over the line of the K. & S. The Rossland city band will go to Kaslo for the celebration leaving Nelson on the morning boat. Besides the regular list of attractions proposed, there will be a grand lacrosse match between the Nelson and Rossland teams.

In the Boundary country a special train will be run from Grand Forks to Midway, where there will be horse racing. The return train in the evening, will stop at Greenwood, where there will be a performance of "Pinafore" by the Grand Forks amateurs, the excursionists being taken on at the conclusion of the opera.

For those who want to go fishing on Victoria day, a chance to run down to Procter will be provided in the afternoon, the S. S. Kokanee leaving the city wharf for that point at 1.30 o'clock. There is also to be an excursion from Cranbrook to Frank, for the purpose of viewing the still active slide.

UNCLE REUBEN'S OPINION.

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ROSEBERY EXPLAINS.

London, May 21.—Lord Rosebery expresses surprise that his speech at Burnley on May 19th, which dealt with Chamberlain's tariff speech at Birmingham on May 1st, has been interpreted as in any way supporting Chamberlain's proposal to establish reciprocity between Britain and the colonies. He explains that he purposely treated the subject uncontroversially because he was addressing a non-political audience. Rosebery adheres absolutely to the opinion that the liberal party is indissolubly bound to free trade. Anything like an imperial commercial league would weaken the empire internally, and excite the permanent hostility of the whole world.

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SILVER COIN IN MEXICO

GOVERNMENT PLAN TO GIVE THE CURRENCY FIXED VALUE.

MINISTER OF FINANCE SAYS ITS SUCCESS IS ASSURED.

H. Allaway, in the New York Times of recent date, writes:

Official disclosure can now be made of the practical completion of the Mexican government's plan to give that country's silver currency fixed value.

Exceptional progress has been scored recently, of which there has appeared no official suggestion. Important developments of this character have taken place in New York during the past week—developments of such a character that senor Jose Y. Limantour, the official head of Mexico's department of finance, is unequivocal in his declaration that "success is now fully assured."

Limantour, who ranks with Diaz in the confidence of all Mexico, is not a careless enthusiast. A measurer of words, he shows the trained diplomat's caution in every expression. But when he does have something to say he can say it with effective emphasis. Thus, there is far more than passing consequence in this outspoken statement that he made to me yestreday.

"Do we hope to succeed? We are beyond the period of hope; we have reached the point where we can say we are sure."

It was in his suite at the Waldorf—superb apartments converted into a government minister's workshop—that I had the opportunity to meet the courtly Limantour. A gracious, impressive man this, who rounds out conservative history in Mexico. He likes New York, admires the greatness of it—has unstinted applause for the broad ways of business interests here. In the United States, his saying is, Mexico finds the natural, safe, and satisfactory model. And as earnest in applause of this character as Limantour himself are Mexican bankers, with whom it is his policy to keep in close touch—bankers like Eduardo Meade, whose bank is that of San Luis Potosi, and Enrique C. Creel, head of the Banco Central Mexicano, he who is publicly acclaimed the J. P. Morgan of Mexico. It was to Mr. Creel that I owed the honor of presentation to Mr. Limantour and the opportunity to obtain official review of the plan and scope of his government's now developed fiscal policy.

TO MAKE CURRENCY STABLE.

Succinctly the Mexican purpose is to make government currency stable—to give to Mexican coinage absolutely fixed value.

"It is not at all our aim," says Limantour, "to try to increase the market value of silver. What the government seeks to accomplish is to make sure that our silver maney shall stop its disturbing fluctuations."

And how "disturbing" current money fluctuations are in the Mexican business world is made very clear by pertinent illustrations that the finance minister quotes, illustrations that forcefully tell of conditions that directly affect every branch of trade at home and all commercial and financial relations that are international. No business man from day to day can tell what may be the value of his assets, what the strength of his resources. Each variation in the sterling exchange market—variation in the commercial price of silver—marks Mexican property up or down arbitrarily. And to such extent does this control that the ordinary business man in Mexico is not actually a business man at all, but perforce a speculator in exchange. Of this we are all informed. But—as Limantour puts it—observation from the distance differs very materially from suffering on the spot.

It is not just to establish a gold coinage basis that present government plans aim at. Says the minister on this subject:

"We are not trying to make Mexico a gold country. For many and varied reasons such effort would be futile. The undertaking would be foolish. A country of whose exports 40 per cent is silver, a country whose silver production has through all the generations been the foremost constituent of national wealth, is barred from any such venture as from time to time is thoughtlessly suggested by some monometallist prophets. We are committed to the use of silver by reason of conditions that are not at all debatable. Indeed, your publicists here and they in Europe who understand the situation are undivided in appreciating our position in this particular.

"Our aim, our necessity," continues senor Limantour, "is not to interfere with the use of silver or to put gold basis restrictions upon it. Our aim, our necessity, is to have our silver money worth, day by day and year in and year out, some certain fixed value, upon which business can rely, upon which business contracts can be safely based—which will give business interests the opportunity to proceed sanely. With this end accomplished, we put Mexico far forward; and today it can be accepted as sure that success is attained"

Details? There are many. They have exceeding interest too. But to print them all at this juncture would be improper—"inopportune" is the diplomatic word. A summary by Mexico's finance minister himself runs in this way:

"Our plan corresponds in various ways to what rules in the United States colonial financial policy. In the Philippines you are obliged to provide a silver currency, and it must have maintained, fixed value. This is not true merely as to the United States, but is a governing rule with Russia, France, Holland, and Great Britain, all having colonies with similar needs, requiring similar value assurance. And with the record of accomplishment in these instances before us, the problem we have had to solve has, as it has advanced, grown more and more easy of solution."

THE MINISTER'S PLANS.

Without attempting to quote the explicit phraseology of this stateman, who in Mexican annals will have fame corresponding to that of John Sherman in American financial history, herewith are details of what Limantour proposes—what he has already actually arranged:

There is to be a new Mexican dollar coined.

There will be $100,000,000 of this coinage.

This dollar will be made a legal tender for every debt and account collectible in Mexico.

Back of this dollar—guaranteeing it—will be a specific gold deposit of $25,000,000.

The present dollar will be no longer recognized in any legal sense as Mexican money. It will be pushed absolutely into classification as merchandise. Free and unlimited coinage—as now prevailing—will be abolished. The only government issue will be under the provisions that guarantee the new $100,000,000.

How much Mexican silver money is now outstanding? Nobody can make any approximate calculation. Since first Mexico started the issue there has been emitted $2,400,000,000. As through the years the bullion's market value has fluctuated, this output has naturally had many changing figures. When, aforetime, silver as merchandise rose to high figures Mexican coinage had its chief value for melting. Time was when the present friendless coin went current readily at its face and better in New York and at London and Paris. Prior to 1859 it had even a quasi legal-tender quality in this town.

Much more than the majority of outstanding Mexican dollars are outside of Mexico. They have been shipped out of Mexico in these latter days as mere merchandise, not in any actual money capacity whatsoever. And this is the view of senor Limantour, warrants one radical provision in the government's new fiscal plan—the provision that Mexican dollars of the present coinage shall not return to Mexico except as merchandise and subject to an import tax.

It has been necessary, of course, for Limantour and his banker associates and advisors to keep in view the fact that some abnormal condition might at times develop to affect the status of the new coinage. It might be that at some point and in an extraordinary situation there could be a surplus of the government coinage and it is conceivable that under some circumstances shopkeepers or bankers might decline to make exchange with buyers on the fixed fifty-cent basis. Therefore this has been determined upon:

Whenever for any reason a surplus offering of the coinage shall show effect upon value the government will enter the market as a buyer (for gold) of whatever volume of coin offers at even the slightest fraction below the guaranteed parity. And as there will be $25,000,000 of gold so available, $50,000,000 of the coins (one-half of the total issue) can be thus immediately withdrawn from circulation—held ready, of course, for reutterance as normal conditions later demand.

And as to the remotely possible complication of the new coin rising in the market above the government's guarantee of 50 cents in gold? This, too, has been considered. Upon this account, indeed, there has been especial safeguarding. One of the important functions of the international silver commission (conspicuous members of which are now in this city) is to obtain from the silver-using countries of the world an agreement that bullion for coinage shall be taken only when it is at or below the ratio of 32 to 1—cutting in two William J. Bryan's 16 to 1 prescription.

AS TO THE BUSINESS EFFECTS.

Now, as to business effects: Here is illustration, apt and clear, cited to me yesterday by no less an authority than senor Enrique C. Creel:

"There was issued in Wall street today the annual statistical exhibit of the Mexican Central railroad, of whose board of directors I have just become a member. The calendar year 1902 is covered; and (including additional mileage acquired during the year) the company earned $27,000,000. That was in silver; and against the amount were expenses of $7,000,000, also in silver, leaving a silver showing of net earnings of $20,000,000. But Mexican silver dollars last year were down to 38 cents apiece, and therefore the railroad's gold earnings above expenses amounted to only $7,600,000.

"Had there been in existence last year the policy which the Mexican government proposes now to enforce—had the $20,000,000 silver surplus been on the guaranteed fifty-cent basis, the net gold earnings would have been $10,000,000, or $2,400,000 more than was possible under the prevailing system. And this difference (approximating a gain of 33 per cent) would have been sufficient to have paid the company's entire bond interest, every fixed charge, and have left still available a surplus sufficient to pay 4 per cent dividends upon the company's total capital stock."

Clearer or more forceful illustration could scarcely be provided. Yet, adds Mr. Creel:

"What is true of this one corporation, the Mexican Central, our country's chief railroad, is correspondingly true in every branch of business all Mexico over."

What Mexico is doing, has arranged, Mexico is not doing alone. China has similar attending plans. Japan, embarrassed by the continuing disposition of gold to flee the country, has committed herself to Mexico as a ready co-operator, an adopter of the same policy—a policy which in Mr. Limantour's words, is "the policy of the United States of America."

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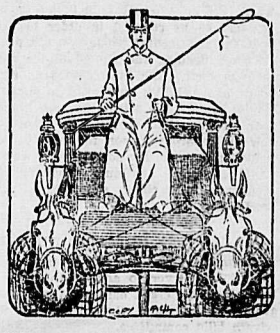

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PRICE OF METALS.

New York, May 21.—Amalgamated copper, 63 1-4.

[No other metal prices were obtainable over the C. P. R. wire last evening.]

NELSON'S NEWS OF THE DAY

At the record office yesterday a certificate of work was issued to J. Campbell on the Monday mineral claim.

A general meeting of the lacrosse club will be held this evening at the Hume hotel to arrange for the matches on May 25th and July 1st and 2nd.

J. L. Abbott, J. A. Macdonald, Max Crow, Harry McIntosh, Harry Daniel and all other Rosslanders who have been in the city for the past three or four days attending the criminal libel case at the assizes returned home last evening.

All the butcher and grocery stores and most of the other retail and wholesale stores will be closed on Monday, Victoria day. As the 25th is a legal holiday the banks and public offices will be closed from Saturday until Tuesday morning.

Along the water front another two feet of a rise of the lake will float all of the shacks which are still aground, and as soon as this takes place active steps will be commenced to move the buildings off the foreshore. Many of the shackers got out last week.

A meeting of those interested in cricket will be held this evening at 8 o'clock in the Success club parlors. If a strong enough club can be organized it is in contemplation to send a team to Vancouver or Victoria for a match with one of the coast teams.

J. Collins, who was released from the Nelson jail on Wednesday, after serving a three months sentence for theft, was arrested early Thursday morning by a C.P.R. special policeman in an empty car. He will come up this morning in the police court charged with vagrancy.

The Chinamen shipped over to Fernie last week are now working on the coke oven, side by side with the Slavs. Till the Chinese arrived there was considerable shortage of labor, but now all the available ovens are being worked to their full capacity. No friction of any sort has been apparent between the Slavs and the new workmen.

The new double-scull practice boat of the Nelson boat club has been finished and is now being used by the crews each afternoon and evening. The details of the events in the first regatta, fixed for June 16th, have not been given out yet, but there will probably be four-oared and single scull races and a canoe race. There are several promising junior oarsmen hard at work practicing and they will be heard from when the races are held.

John Maclaren, who was killed near Kamloops, by a horse falling over on him, was one of the well known Ottawa river lumberman; he had been up examining some timber limits on the North Thompson. He intended to return to the coast and attend the general assembly of the Presbyterian church at Vancouver, at which he was a commissioner, and then spend a few weeks at Nelson with his brother-in-law, judge Forin.

The general celebration committee for Dominion day will meet tonight at the city offices at 8 o'clock to hear the reports of the sub-committees and arrange certain matters. The bringing of the Rossland and Kaslo companies of the Rocky Mountain Rangers, as well as a contingent from the Kamloops corps has been practically settled, and final arrangements will be made at tonight's meeting. The question of bringing over the Indian brass band from the St. Mary's mission will be discussed.

J. Burtt Morgan left for Rossland last evening accompanied by deputy sheriff Robinson and numerous sympathizing friends who have watched the progress of the criminal libel case this week with great interest and who rejoiced with Mr. Morgan over its triumphant conclusion. When Rossland was reached last evening the party was met at the station by the city band and a large number of citizens who escorted Mr. Morgan to the hotel Allan, where felicitations were indulged in. During his stay in this city Mr. Morgan was the guest of alderman and police commissioner John A. Irving.

Arrivals from Frank yesterday stated that there had been no new developments since the previous day in regard to Turtle mountain. The telegram regarding the threatening condition of affairs from the premier had caused general alarm, and this was added to by the large quantity of rock which is still coming down from the original slide. Blasting is in progress on the railway work, and at the new tunnel, which is being driven to reach the mine, and every time a blast is fired there is a noticeable increase after in the volume of rock sliding down from the upper mountain.

At the opera house last evening a well pleased audience witnessed Miss Clara Hanmer's presentation of Stephanie, in "Forget Me Not." The play is a strong one and was well handled. Tonight, by special request, the company will play "A True Kentuckian." A new lot of specialties will be given between the acts with the exception of the beautiful serpentine dance, which will be repeated.

The Spokane Falls & Northern railway are running an excursion to Spokane on Monday to give any who desire to go an opportunity to see president Roosevelt, who will visit Spokane on Tuesday. Those who desire to spend an extra day in Spokane may leave Nelson on Sunday's train providing notice of their intention is given to the passenger agent before tonight. The fare for the round trip will be $6.80.

AT THE ASSIZES.

Stabbing Case From Fernie on Trial—Court Will Adjourn at 1 Tomorrow.

After disposing of the Morgan case, elsewhere reported in this issue, the case of Rex vs. Palko was taken up at the assizes yesterday.

The jury selected, after several challenges, consisted of G. C. Hodge (foreman) B. B. Smith, H. H. Avery, G. E. McLaughlin, James Macdonald, James Neelands, Thomas Morley, J. G. Bunyan, G. H. Jesse, H. Amas, W. Park and D. M. Macdonald.

The prisoner, a Slav, is charged with having stabbed a fellow-countryman named John Moravich during a row at Fernie in September last. According to the injured man's story, Palko stabbed him twice in the back with a pocket knife during the scuffle. The blade of the knife went in over an inch and witness' blood stained garments which he wore at the time, were produced to the jury.

Dr. Paul Higgins testified to attending the injured man shortly after the stabbing was done. To prisoner's counsel the doctor said that Moravich was in a dazed condition when he visited him. This might have been caused by beer, or the stabbing, or a combination of both.

J. Cobins gave the details of the fight as he witnessed it.

W. R. Ross who defended Palko told the jury that the stabbing had taken place some time after the fight with Palko and that his client was not the guilty man. Palko was placed in the witness box and through an interpreter told his version of the scrap. He admitted fighting but denied having anything to do with the stabbing.

Dr. Higgins said that he had visited Palko in jail at Fernie, shortly after the struggle and that he had several freshly healed scalp wounds. Some of them rather serious ones.

Like the victim, the accused produced a blood stained shirt which he wore at the time of the fight, in mute testimony of the injuries he suffered.

Counsel for the crown and for the defence having addressed the jury the court stated that the charge in the case would be delivered this morning.

In Rex vs. Moodie and Jagger, the crown obtained an adjournment until Saturday morning on account of the absence of Myrtle Wicks, a witness. Moodie's bail was increased from $400 to $1,000 and this being forthcoming he was allowed to go until tomorrow.

Mr. justice Martin announced that the court would not sit after 1 o'clock tomorrow, when an adjournment would be taken until Tuesday morning.

The assizes were then adjourned until 10.15 this morning.

AT COAL CREEK MINES.

R. G. Drinnen, superintendent of the Coal Creek mines of the Craw's Nest Pass Coal company, is in the city attending the trial of the unlawful assembly case at the assizes, arising out of the trouble at the mines last winter. To a reporter of The Daily News Mr. Drinnen said that he did not think there was any danger of any further trouble. At Coal Creek good progress was being made and the men there, especially those on contract were earning good wages. About one thousand tons of coal a day were being turned out from the Coal Creek mines, and this output would shortly be increased. The day before Mr. Drinnen left for Nelson, the work of pumping out the No. 3 mine which was flooded last March on the occasion of the row there, had been completed, and in a few days now coal would be shipped from it again. Two new seams were also being opened up, to be known as the No. 4 and No. 5 mines. One of these had a twenty foot lead of coal and the other an eight foot lead. A tramway was being built to connect the mouth of the tunnels from these mines with the tipple at Coal Creek. Owing to the men quitting work at the coke ovens the output of coke had been greatly below the average for some time past, remaining at about three hundred tons per day. Now that the coke ovens were being worked again with full force, and the coal shipments to them steadily increasing he expected that within a few weeks that they would be turning out 1,500 tons of coke a day. The contract for the construction of the new coke ovens at Michel and Morrissey called for the completion by the last of June, but owing to bad weather they might be delayed a little beyond this date.

CANADIAN STOCKS SUFFERED.

Boston, May 21.—The Canadians were the leaders in the liquidation which was renewed on Boston exchange today. Dominion Iron & Steel opened at 17, a loss of 8 points in 24 hours. The stock crumbled to 13 in less than twenty minutes on sales of 1,000 shares. Dominion Coal after a drop of 14 points yesterday, opened at 90 and receded a point.

YMIR CELEBRATION.

[Special to The Daily News.]

Ymir, May 21.—The celebration to be held here on Victoria day this year promises to eclipse any previous efforts in that direction. The sports' committee met last night and decided to add a drilling contest to the advertised lists of sport, and two teams have already entered. The celebration will be commenced with a parade of the town by a procession of floats, which will meet the morning train from Nelson, and from that stage will be accompanied by the Nelson band. In the afternoon a baseball match between Ymir and Salmo will take place, and a good deal of volunteer muscle has been expended during the last few days in clearing ground with a view to enlarging the area of the baseball ground. A grand ball winds up the day's festivities.

METAL MARKET CONDITIONS.

The metal markets are still comparatively quiet, although the strong position of copper is beginning to make itself felt, says the Engineering and Mining Journal.

Silver continues rather strong on the surface. The speculative interest in London has acted on the probability of short supplies of future metal—a conclusion which seems hardly warranted by the facts. However, this interest has succeeded in squeezing the bears in the metal and in maintaining the price at rather a high level. They were aided during the past week by the fact that large purchases were made in London by brokers who are commonly understood to act for the India council, and it is generally believed that considerable purchases are being made for Indian coinage. The U. S. treasury department made the usual purchase this week, 310,000 ounces, for Philippine coinage, the average price paid being 54 1-2 cents, delivered at the mint.

There has been some talk lately of a revival of the plan for consolidating the principal lead consumers into one company. No new facts have developed in the case, however, and there seems to be small probability of this combination being completed for some time to come.

Spelter remains strong, both galvanizers and brass makers being good purchasers for their current requirements. The metal is not being pressed for sale, however, and spot supplies do not appear to be over plentiful.

THE DROP IN LEAD.

The recent drop in the price of pig lead was to be expected by careful students of the lead situation in this and other countries. Since the first of the year the continental market for lead has been strong and the price increasing steadily. When the sharp drop came in London prices during April the margin which prevented importation of pig lead into the United States rose to a point where the price of pig lead in this country had to be reduced in order to prevent the continental producers and dealers from flooding the United States with their product. The cut came very suddenly on April 25th, amounting to 30 cents per 100 pounds, the price being still higher than at any time during 1902. There is now no apparent reason for any further reduction in price for some time to come, as the demand continues good for the product of the chief seller.—Zinc and Lead News.

FALSE CREEK BILL THROWN OUT

Ottawa, May 21.—The bill to enable the city of Vancouver to acquire the tidefiat lands in False creek east of Westminster avenue bridge, was thrown out by the private bills committee.

Mr. Macpherson spoke strongly in favor of the bill, and fully explained it.

J. A. Gemmill, barrister of Ottawa, was also present representing the city of Vancouver.

Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrich and Mr. Casgrain, as well as others, held that the dominion government had no jurisdiction in the matter. Members of the committee unanimously took this view.

A BIG AMALGAMATION.

Montreal, May 21.—The announcement was made yesterday that capitalists actively identified with the Montreal Rolling Mills company had completed arrangements for the purchase of the entire properties and goodwill of the Pillow-Hersey company, the consideration being $600,000. The works will be operated by a new company with E. S. Clouston, general manager of the bank of Montreal, as president, while William McMaster, general manager of the Montreal Rolling Mills, will act in the same capacity for the new company.

DROUGHT IN EASTERN STATES.

Elmira, N. Y., May 21.—Continued drought has caused great damage to crops in this section. The hay crop is practically ruined.

Burlington, Vt., May 21.—Reports received by the Free Press from all sections of the state indicate that the most serious spring drought in years is being experienced. Thousands of acres of timber lands have been burned over and are not yet under control.

DROWNED IN LAKE MANITOBA.

[Special to The Daily News.]

Winnipeg, May 21.—Two Icelandic fishermen named Johnson and Thorkenson, in the employ of H. Armstrong, M. P. P., were drowned in lake Manitoba yesterday. While off St. Laurent Mission, a squall capsized their sail boat. Another man named Kelly managed to reach the shore and gave the news.

EMPIRE LEAGUE SOCIETY.

Ottawa, May 21.—At the annual meeting of the British empire league, Col. Denison, the president, spoke jubilantly of Chamberlain's recent utterance in favor of Imperial trade. A resolution was adopted expressing satisfaction at Chamberlain's position and pledging his support of the league.

ACQUIRED BY THE G. T. R.

Toledo, Ohio, May 21.—A. B. Atwater, general manager of the Grand Trunk railway, has announced that the receiver of the Detroit & Toledo Shore line will be discharged next week and the property is to be taken over by the Grand Trunk.

THE DANGEROUS AUTO.

New York, May 21.—A gasoline automobile said to be owned by Peter Dewitt, a coal dealer, took fire today and while the firemen were attempting to put out the flames, it exploded, burning three firemen, a policeman and four others.

BIG BLAZE IN DUNKIRK

Lima, Ohio, May 21—The business portion of Dunkirk was practically wiped out by fire early today. Eleven business blocks and three residences were burned. Loss $100,000.

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INTERESTING.

An event of exceptional interest is the future engagement at the Nelson opera house of "A Wise Woman," a musical comedy farce in three acts. It is said that the instantaneous hit the piece made has led to the cancellation of many one-night stands in which it was booked so as to enable the manager to accept contracts offered in the larger cities. The engagement in this city will be kept as manager Annable has an iron-clad contract to this effect.

TIME WELL SPENT.

Winnipeg, May 21.—A party of eleven husky young college students passed through here today en route to British Columbia, where they will spend a few months on railway construction work. Four of these lads are taking the divinity course at Toronto university, three are medical students and the rest are studying mining engineering at Kingston.

ROEBLER FAILED.

New York, May 21.—Ernest Roebler failed to throw Gus Ruhlin in a handicap wrestling match in Prospect hall, Brooklyn, tonight. Roebler was to have thrown Ruhlin three times within an hour, but failed to get a single fall. Ruhlin was very aggressive.

DOUKHOBOR LEADER ARRESTED.

Winnipeg, May 21.—Parapolkin, chief leader of the fanatical Doukhobors, who endeavored to launch another crusade a few weeks ago, has been arrested, charged with insanity, and taken to Prince Albert for examination.

NOW FOR FIRE SALES.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

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NOTICE.

Members of the Carpenters' Union are requested to attend the funeral of the late Bro. J. B. Fox, on Saturday morning. Will meet at Union Hall, at 8.30.

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