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TRANS-ATLANTIC COMMUNICATION

By Wireless Telegraphy is Impracticable

Marconi Has No Monopoly of the System

New York, Feb. 3.—The Herald publishes the following special today: Berlin, Feb. 3.—Count Arco, well known as a partner in the Slaby-Arco wireless telegraphy system, has given a highly interesting interview to a correspondent of a Berlin paper. He expressed great doubt as to trans-Atlantic communications being satisfactorily established, owing to the difficulties of keeping up a continuous and perfectly distinct series of waves, as would be necesary. He stated, in view of the number of stations along the coast, this would be impossible on account of their interfering with one another. Asked about Mr. Marconi's claim of a universal monopoly count Arco said: "In this Mr. Marconi has not succeeded. At present there are 160 land and floating stations of the Marconi system, while there are 110 of ours. If we add to these the Siemens-Braun, and a few of the French methods in use, we find the Marconi stations outnumbered.

Count Arco denied that the Marconi system prevailed even upon British warships. It has been found too expensive and has been condemned by captain Jackson. As for the system adopted by Mr. Marconi with commercial ships, his company supplied the apparatus and a telegraphist, but charged five pence for each worsd sent and received.

Count Arco said that the attitude of the United States was neutral, that country being willing to test all systems. At the coming conference on wireless telegraphy it should be insisted upon, he added, that any station called should reply. That was imperative in the name of humanity, for instance, in cases of ships in distress at sea. There should be an agreement upon the matter of the installation of international stations at the most important ports on the globe.

WINNIPEG BOARD OF TRADE

ADOPTS RESOLUTION FAVORING INCREASED LEAD DUTIES.

JUSTICE OF MINE OPERATORS' CLAIMS CONCEDED.

[Special to The Daily News.]

Winnipeg, Feb. 3.—The British Columbia lead industry was considered at the Winnipeg board of trade meeting today.

A committee had reported that it would be a great benefit to Manitoba if the dominion government would grant such measures of relief as would place the lead mining industry of British Columbia in a position to sell their products in Canada.

Mr. Ashdown moved that the recommendation of the committee be endorsed by the board. Speaking to his motion he said he was against increased duties on products coming into the country on general principles, but as unfortunately we have an industry in the west which can be developed and can do a great deal for the population of the country, but which is languishing, he did not see why we should not adopt the same policy with them as is pursued with others. If we were on a revenue tariff it might be levelled up, but with a protective tariff in force it was a pity to allow the lead industries of British Columbia to suffer. The manufacturers of Montreal and the seaboard wanted lead as raw material, and were not willing to allow others to have the same protection as themselves, but while we have a protective tariff we should protect all. The report was adopted.

THE RIGHT SORT.

English Emigrants Flocking to Canada in Great Numbers.

New York, Feb. 3.—There is a rush of emigrants to Canada, says the London correspondent of the Tribune, and it is believed by the Canadian officials here that the stream of emigration will grow in volume in course of time. In Lancashire, Yorkshire and the English Midland counties, there is a rapidly growing emigration movement, which is being pushed with the object of forming an all-British colony near Appleford, in the Saskatchewan valley.

A PIN PRICK

Has Confined One of the Scottish Curlers to the Hospital.

[Special to The Daily News.]

Toronto, Feb. 3.—Major Bertram, a member of the Scottish curlers, is at the general hospital, suffering from blood poisoning brought on by having pricked his finger with a pin.

FIRE IN A COLLIERY.

Result of Dynamite Explosion Cost 65 Miners Their Lives.

Victoria, Feb. 3.—(Japan mail advices.)—Fire occurred on January 17th in the Urushiu colliery, Fukuoka Ken, Japan, and 64 miners were burned to death. Two hundred and twenty miners were working in the mine, when a miner accidentally ignited a dynamite fuse, and an explosion followed. Many escaped, but the gas formed rapidly, and a cave-in at the pit mouth blocked up the mine, imprisoning 64 men, who all lost their lives.

The plague is increasing at Tokio. It seems that the germs were imported in cotton from Bombay. Doctor Yokota, the quarantine officer, was one of the victims, succumbing on January 14th. On the day of his death the Japanese emperor bestowed on him the order of the Rising Sun with the sixth order of merit, and 1920 yen has been granted to his family.

As a result of a combat betwen 100 fishing smacks off the Japanese coast, heavy loss of life has occurerd. It was reported that 45 had been killed. The fishermen belonged to villages in Nagasaki prefecture.

RICH STRIKE ON THE PAYNE

MAIN VEIN AND LARGE BODY OF HIGH GRADE ORE.

ENCOUNTERED IN NO. 8 TUNNEL AFTER THREE YEARS' WORK.

[Special to The Daily News.]

Sandon, Feb. 3.—The main vein and a large body of high-grade ore has been struck in tunnel No. 8 of the Payne mine.

This is highly important, inasmuch as it adds 400 feet of stoping ground to this famous property. Tunnel No. 8 was started in February, 1900, by one of the former managers, C. H. Hand, and continued by his successor, W. E. Zwickey, without success.

The Payne Mining company spent an unusually large amount of money in driving the No. 8 tunnel 1,600 feet from the McGuigan side of the Payne mountain. Anyone not familiar with conditions in the Slocan will have some difficulty in realizing the severity and disadvantages relating to the history of this three years' job. Hardness of rock, heavy flow of water and continuous faulting of ground caused not alone much inconvenience, but also a very heavy expenditure. The work proceeded disappointingly and was therefore discontinued for six months last year, and it was only on the present manager, Alfred C. Garde's strong recommendation, that it was taken up again and vigorously pushed ahead until on last Saturday after many difficulties and intricated faulting of the vein the pay shoot was encountered.

GOOD LUCK TO CROW.

He Wants to Establish a Non-American News Agency.

[Special to The Daily News.]

Montreal, Feb. 3.—Neils Crow, of Denmark, is in the city, for the purpose of interesting Canadians in an international news agency, which he proposes to establish in Brussels. He says that British and continental news, not especially prepared for American readers the style at present, will be sent to Canada. The capital of the venture will be £1,000,000, Canada becoming responsible for £40,000.

ELECTION CROOKS

Sentenced to Terms of Imprisonment They Will Not Serve.

[Special to The Daily News.]

St. Thomas, Ontario, Feb. 3.—Robert Foster, found guilty of impersonation at the liquor act referendum on December 4th last, was sentenced today to one years' imprisonment in the common jail without hard labor, and to pay a fine of $400. Secretary Baynton and William Walsh were each sentenced to a years' imprisonment for attempted ballot box stuffing. None of the men are in the city.

TO SUCCEED A. L. SIFTON.

J. W. Connell, M. L. A. for Souris May Enter N. W. T. Government.

Regina, N. W. T., Feb. 3.—It is stated on excellent authority that the new member to be added to the cabinet of premier Haultain, of the Northwest Territories, will be J. W. Connell, the present representative for Souris. It is said that the appointment to the portfolio of public works, now vacant, will be gazetted within ten days or two weeks.

TWO WOMEN HANGED.

They Were "Baby Farmers," and the Usual Clemency Was Withheld.

London, Feb. 3.—Amelia Sach and Annie Walters, "baby farmers," were hanged at Holloway jail today. The women were recommended to mercy in accordance with the usual practice when walked to the scaffold unaided and displayed great fortitude. No woman had remarkable fortitude. No woman had previously been hanged in England since March, 1900.

HONORS FOR SCRIBES.

Toronto Globe War Correspondents to Be Decorated by Government.

New York, Feb. 3—The war office has, says a Tribune cablegram from London, decided to present medals to Messrs. Hamilton and Ewan, two Canadian correspondents who described in the Toronto Globe, Paardeburg and other battles in South Africa.

BOXER UPRISING IN KAN SU.

Toronto, Feb. 2.—Rev. Dr. Service, Canadian Methodist missionary, writes from Wu Hu, China, that in the neighboring province of Kan Su, the Boxers have a well drilled army of 10,000 men and that it is reported that four imperial regiments have joined them. In consequence of this uprising a party of Christian alliance missionaries en route to Wah Su has been directed to remain at Wu Hu for the winter.

TWO HORSES KILLED.

Accident to Lumber Team—Narow Escape of the Driver.

[Special to The Daily News.]

Greenwood, Feb. 3.—An accident happened to the four-horse team hauling logs to the Yale-Columbia Lumber company's sawmill at Deadwood this afternoon. When coming to the mill with a heavy load of logs the team got beyond the control of the driver, Duncan Donnelly, and went at a mad pace down the steep hill, but soon came to grief. In the mix-up the driver had his shoulder injured and was badly shaken up besides, and two of the horses were killed.

IN NORTH NORFOLK.

Hon. E. J. Davis Re-Nominated at Newmarket Yesterday.

[Special to The Daily News.]

Toronto, Feb. 3.—North York liberals held a nomination meeting at Newmarket today and E. J. Davis was renominated for the legislature. Premier Ross addressed the meeting at some length, discussing the Niagara power question.

FOUND DEAD.

Los Angeles, California, Feb. 3.—The dead body of J. M. Soward, a real estate broker and money lender, who disappeared mysteriously last Friday, has been found in a lodging house here. The head and face bore wounds inflicted with some sharp instrument, and the police believe that a butcher knife, found in the dresser in the room, was used by Soward's assailant.

A REVEREND FRAUD.

[Special to The Daily News.]

Toronto, Feb. 3.—Professor Rev. Charles Dudley, the man who has been making quite a stir in religious and scientific circles in Toronto for the past three months, suddenly disappeared today, owing money to several people.

HIS TRUNK WAS TOO HEAVY

IT WAS FILLED WITH NORTHPORT SMELTER MATTE.

GEORGE E. BARTLETT THE OWNER IS NOW IN JAIL.

[Special to The Daily News.]

Northport, Washington, Feb. 3.—Ex-councilman George E. Bartlett, a heavy real estate owner and proprietor of the postoffice news store, was getting ready to take the train one day last week, when his trunk was found to be over weight and was refused by the baggageman. He decided to put off his trip and said he would take his trunk home and re-pack it. Before the expressman had called for it the customs inspectors grew suspicious and searched it, finding matte valued at $1,000. The Northport Smelting & Refining company's secret service officers heard of the matter and waited for Bartlett to leave town. But for some reason he abandoned the trip.

Last night manager Watson swore out a search warrant for Bartlett's house, which was searched at 9 o'clock by chief of police Dietrich. The matte was found packed in a trunk and tool chest. Bartlett was arrested at 1 o'clock this morning, and held under $3,000 bond. He has not been able to obtain sureties and is now in custody.

The preliminary hearing has been set for February 14th before judge Starkey.

THE PROSPEROUS WEST.

Was the Keynote of the Addresses at Winnipeg's Board of Trade.

[Special to The Daily News.]

Winnipeg, Feb. 3.—The annual meeting of the Winnipeg board of trade held today was very largely attended. George R. Crowe was elected president and H. W. Hutchinson vice-president. The reports of the retiring executive and the address of the retiring president dealt exhaustively with the prosperous conditions of the west.

LABOR TROUBLES IN SPAIN.

Barcelona, Feb. 3.—A meeting of representatives of 23 trades today voted in favor of a general strike in support of the strikers at Reus. Speeches were made urging the workmen to be in readiness to destroy authority, pillage and launch a social revolution. The authorities are preparing for trouble.

SENATOR BURPEE'S WIFE DEAD.

[Special to The Daily News.]

St. John, New Brunswick, Feb. 3.—Mrs. Burpee, wife of Hon. senator Burpee, died at her home at Sheffield this morning. She was formerly Miss Morrell, of Fredericton, New Brunswick.

UNHAPPY MACEDONIA.

Constantinople, Feb. 3.—The porte has notified the embassies that it has reports showing that the Macedonian committee is organizing seven large bands for the invasion of Macedonia in the spring.

HAS A WARM TIME AHEAD.

Berlin, Feb. 3.—A dispatch to the Lokal Anseiger from The Hague today announced that herr von Prolleuz, secretary of the German legation there, had been appointed minister of Germany to Venezuela.

PROTEST IN NORTH NORFOLK.

[Special to The Daily News.]

Toronto, Feb. 3.—North Norfolk bye-election was protested today by the conservatives.

LAURIER IS A SICK MAN

Political Exigencies Alone Keep Him at Work

Tarte Makes This Statement in La Patrie

[Special to The Daily News.]

Montreal, Feb. 3.—Mr. Tarte in a leading article in today's La Patrie makes the announcement that sir Wilfrid Laurier is really a sick man.

"The whole country," writes Mr. Tarte, "will regret with us the illness of sir Wilfrid Laurier, political exigencies, so cruel at times, alone keeping him at his post."

"Will the government revise the tariff?" Mr. Tarte asks. "The state of the prime ministers' health, the profound division that exists in the liberal party on fiscal questions, renders the government's task a difficult one. It seems to be quite probable that the cabinet will content itself with a few changes and postpone to a later date a more definite policy."

TO RE-ADMIT THE JESUITS

THEY HAVE BEEN EXCLUDED FROM GERMANY SINCE 1872.

THIS POLICY PRICE OF SUPPORT FOR TARIFF BILL.

Berlin, Feb. 3.—The German government has decided to admit the Jesuits, who since July, 1872, have been excluded from Germany. Chancellor von Buelow, in the reichstag today, said he would use his influence to instruct the Prussian members of the bundesrath to support the repeal of the anti-Jesuit law so far as to permit individual German and foreign Jesuits to reside in Germany but not to allow the founding of Jesuit chapters, which the chancellor believed the confederated government would not accept. The chancellor's announcement caused a sensation.

It was reported early in December last that the government had promised the leaders of the center party that it would no longer oppose the re-admission of the Jesuits provided that that party supported the government's tariff bill. The majority of the reichstag undoubtedly will support the re-admission when the bundesrath submits the necessary bill.

LATEST LE ROI RETURNS

CAUSE DISAPPOINTMENT IN LONDON MINING CIRCLES.

MANAGER HAS REPORTED FALLING OFF IN VALUES.

Montreal, Feb. 3.—The Star's London cable says: "Disappointment is expressed here over the latest Le Roi mining returns. The manager reports that tonnage values do not equal expectations owing to a falling off in value at the intermediate stage between the 900 and 1,050 foot levels. The disappointment is all the keener because it is felt to be necessary that some British Columbia mines should show good returns in order to counteract the bad influence in the past of Whitaker Wright on their financial projects.

R. F. GREEN IS KEPT BUSY

IS NOW OFF TO ALBERNI TO HOLD NEIL IN LINE.

MEMBER FOR ALBERNI IS SAID TO HAVE WEAKENED.

[Special to The Daily News.]

Vancouver, Feb. 3.—It is stated in political circles today that Alan W. Neil, member of the legislature for Alberni, has compromised with conscience and accepted the speakership, from which Charles E. Pooley will retire, to accommodate the embarrassed government, giving them his vote upon the floor.

A somewhat similar proposition with respect to Neil, was defeated last year at the eleventh hour and R. F. Green, the opposition whip, went over to Victoria today to spoil the game if possible.

NO SETTLEMENT REACHED

POWERS STILL SQUABBLING OVER VENEZUELA AFFAIR.

BRITISH PUBLIC OPINION HOSTILE TO GOVERNMENT'S COURSE.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Mr. Bowen's decisive note of last night, rejecting the divisional scheme proposed by the British ambassador, led to numerous conferences today. It was stated that the representatives of the allies expected to cable this note in extenso to their respective capitals today, but there is reason to believe that an adequate idea of its nature already has been conveyed to London, Berlin and Rome, so that the foreign offices are pretty well advised of Mr. Bowen's attitude.

London, Feb. 3.—Reuter's agency says it is officially informed that the attitude of the allies regarding the so-called priority claims against Venezuela has been misinterpreted, thus increasing the complications. It is explained that all the allies do not insist upon the precedence of their claims over others, but insist that they shall be regarded as separate, to be dealt with direct between themselves and Venezuela. Until a specific arrangement is made for the satisfaction of their claims they are determined to continue the blockade. It is further stated that the allies do not bind Venezuela regarding the sum to be periodically paid or the time in which the debt must be paid off. It is added that there is renewed evidence that Venezuela is endeavoring to complicate matters by playing off the interests of one power against another and that such a course must be frustrated in the interests of all the creditors. They consequently hope Venezuela's attempt in this direction will not "receive support or connivance from any quarter."

Paris, Feb. 3.—Advices received here from ambassador Jusserand, summarizing the status of the Venezuelan negotiations at Washington, lead the officials to express more confident expectation of an adjustment of the difficulties than at any time previous. The tendency here appears to be toward allowing the allies a month or other brief period for priority collection of the customs. As it is estimated that the amount which would thus be collected, would not exceed $20,000, it is considered that it will not interfere seriously with ultimate equality in the treatment of all the claimants.

Berlin, Feb. 3.—The German ambassador at London, count Wolf-Metternich, in a dispatch to his government referring to British public opinion on the Venezuelan question and the British Cabinet's attitude in consequence thereof, says the government is conscious of a lack of popular support in its association with Germany and especially of the disapproval of the middle classes.

New York, Feb. 3.—President Castro's troops, according to a dispatch to the Herald from Willemstadt, island of Curacoa, are engaged in battle with a strong revolutionary force fourteen miles south of Caracas. There has been no decisive reports but the rebels have gained ground According to the latest reports the insurgents are advancing on all sides.

FREIGHT REBATES ILLEGAL

IMPORTANT RAILROAD BILL IS PASSED BY U. S. SENATE.

SHOULD PROVE A PROTECTION TO SMALL TRADERS.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The senate today passed without objection or discussion the Elkins bill to further regulate railroad transportation. The bill imposes a fine, not exceeding $20,000, for the giving of rebates on published freight rates by a railroad, and the receiving of a rebate by any person, firm or corporation is also subject to the same fine.

The interstate commission is authorized to bring proceedings in the United States district courts to inquire into alleged infractions of the provisions of the law, and to prosecute the cases.

CRISIS IN NORTHWEST CHINA

Another Outbreak Against Foreigners is Imminent.

Victoria, Feb. 3.—Chinese papers received by the Empress of China tonight, have further news regarding the crisis in northwest China. The North China Daily News publishes a letter from a prominent member of the Chinese councils, who say that the high ministers of China continue to give their sympathies and aid to the cashiered general Tung Fu Hsiang and exprince Tuan because this is pleasing to the empress and the majority of the princes. The writer says that the situation is most serious, for, in Kansu, a large army is being organized to proceed against the foreigners and only the exposure of this movement and the aid it is receiving at Pekin, will open the eyes of the statesmen of Britain, America and Germany to the danger which threatens foreigners in China.

S. C. Anderson, Chinese inland missionary in Honan, says in a letter: "Kansu is full of the rebel troops, who all want to fight and say, 'In Shensi and Kansu there will not be one foreign devil left.' All the travelers are being searched and letters opened. Caravans of camels are bringing arms and ammunition and stores of feed and grain to the rebel headquarters and from all sources it is learned that trouble is expected."

HIS HAND SERVERED.

Head Timberman at the Black Bear Mine Sustains a Painful Injury.

Rossland, Feb. 3.—W. Mackenzie, head timberman at the Black Bear, was the victim this afternoon of a serious accident, in which he will be fortunate if he gets clear with the permanent disabling of his left hand.

It seems that he was working on the circular saw at the framing shed of the Le Roi when somehow his left hand came in contact with the teeth of the rapidly whirling saw with the consequence that his hand in a second of time was almost severed across the palm. The sufferer narrowly escaped a worse injury.

Dr. Mackenzie was hastily summoned and bound up the wound though in the meantime the patient got extremely weak from the rapid loss of blood.

GOSSIP OF GREENWOOD.

[Special to The Daily News.]

Greenwood, Feb. 3.—A. E. Ashcroft, P. L.S., formerly of the firm of Buer & Ashcroft, Vancouver, but for three or four years last past a resident with his family at Greenwood, is critically ill with a painful internal disorder.

J. C. Haas, M. E., now of Spokane, but for several years in the '90's engaged in the mining business in the Boundary is here on a fortnight's visit to look after some of his mining interests in the district.

The family of C. P. Sorensen, master mechanic at the B. C. Copper Co.'s smelter will leave Greenwood for Salt Lake City, Utah, in the course of a day or two.

THE CABLE LANDING.

Victoria Wants It Moved From Bamfield Creek to the Capital.

[Special to The Daily News.]

Victoria, Feb. 3.—There has been initiated here a systematic campaign for the removal of the Pacific cable landing station from Bamfield creek, on the west coast of Vancouver island, to this city, the argument adduced being the extreme ruggedness of the intervening country traversed by the land line, making interruptions in the service frequent and inevitable. The line to the coast has in the past been "down" fully half the time in the past.

THE BURRARD BYE-ELECTION

CHRIS FOLEY MAY PROVE TO BE THE WINNER TODAY.

BOTH HE AND McINNES HAVE CUT INTO THE LIBERAL VOTE.

[Special to The Daily News.]

Vancouver, Feb. 3.—A disinterested view of the situation favors Foley in the election here tomorrow, the MacPherson campaign from the outset being marked by errors of diplomacy.

Dr. McInnes, at first regarded as a joke, has also come up steadily and will poll a large vote. There will probably not be 150 votes between any two of the candidates. McInnes has carefuly nursed the Orange, and Foley the labor vote. In addition these two will draw heavily from the conservatives and disgruntled liberals. It is very doubtful if there are enough left to elect MacPherson.

DISASTERS IN CHINA.

Forty Workmen Drowned and Two Hundred Buried Alive by Landslide.

Victoria, Feb. 3.—News was brought by the Empress of China, which arrived tonight, of a disaster in Kobe harbor on January 19th, as a result of which between forty and fifty lives were lost. The steamers Yokohama Maru and Gen Kai Maru were being repaired, and the steam launch Hayobusa was sent to take 85 workmen from one steamer to the other. When the launch was near the stern of the Gen Kai Maru a strong northwest squall swept over the harbor and capsized her, and she *foundered in a few minutes. Some of the* workmen swam to the Gen Kai Maru, others were rescued by sampans and launches, but between 40 and 50 were drowned. Twenty-eight bodies were recovered. The scene in the dockyard when the relatives of the dead struggled around the company's office, are described as pitiable.

Correspondents at Nanking tell of the disastrous land slide at that port as a result of which over 200 lives were lost. The steamer Poyang had arrived alongside Butterfield and Swires hulk and was landing cargo, when the high bank for the space of four hundred feet slid down with a roar and before the spectators could realize that a tragedy had occurred over two hundred Chinese had been buried beneath tons of earth, and hundreds were maimed and crippled, and scores of river craft had been sunk and buried beneath tons of earth. Doctors were hurried to the scene from warships and elsewhere to relieve the suffering and a cordon of soldiers was placed around the scene of the tragedy.

THE KING'S HEALTH.

London, Feb. 3.—King Edward, who is suffering from a mild attack of influenza, passed a good night and is making favorable progress towards recovery. His majesty's proposed visit to the duke and duchess of Devonshire at Chatsworth has been indefinitely postponed, however

Consols fell off one-eighth this morning, which was attributed to the king's indisposition.

BIG BARK WRECKED.

London, Feb. 3.—Advices from Bay Head say that a large ship has been wrecked off Duraborg reef. She is believed to be the French bark Van Stabet, which sailed from Glasgow, January 17th for San Francisco. The body of a boy has been found but the fate of the remainder of the crew is not known.

SETS CANADA THE PACE.

Shanghai, Feb .3.—In spite of its recent assertions that it had abandoned the proposed scheme, the government of China has again announced that it has decided to assume control of the commercial telegraph lines, and the local Taotai has formally requested the consuls to forbid foreigners to purchase shares in these lines.

AMATEUR BILLIARDS.

New York, Feb. 3.—In the annual championship tournament of the national association of amateur billiard players today, J. F. Poggenburg, of New York, defeated Arthur Townsend, of Brooklyn, by the score of 300 to 299. The winner's highest run was 67 against Townsend's best run of 47.

TO SEE HER CHILD.

Mentone, France, Feb. 3.—Former crown princess of Saxony, accompanied by professor Giron, left here this afternoon for Geneva, where she will consult her lawyear with the view of obtaining permission to see one of her children, who is ill.

AUTOS A FAILURE.

Berlin, Feb. 3.—Herr Kraetka, minister of posts, informed the budget committee of the reichstag today, that automobiles have turned out failures in connection with the mail service.

TWO MINERS ASPHYXIATED

Were Overcome By Gas in Kootenay Mine

Recovery of Bodies Proved Dangerous Task

Rossland, Feb. 3.—August Felz and Gus Oleson were asphyxiated at the Kootenay mine today. The men went into a winze that commences on the sixth level of the mine, and is 200 feet deep, with drifts to east and west at the foot. Gas was present, and the men desired to ascend. They became partially overcome and in their struggles slipped the bucket off the skids. Thereupon the bucket jammed and the men died before assistance could reach them. Both were married, and Oleson leaves three children. The men employed in the mine made heroic attempts to rescue their comrades, but the deadly gas forced the rescuers back, and there were several miraculous escapes among the party. Andrew G. Larsen, general superintendent; John Henniger, foreman; Dr. Walter C. Coulthard, who was called in, and six or eight others were prostrated by the deadly fumes arising from the collar of the winze, but were taken to the portal and revived without serious after effects. The men were trapped at 8.30 in the morning and their bodies showed evidences of rigor mortis when removed at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

It seems that after the blasting had taken place last evening at the bottom of the winze the compressor for some reason was shut down and the gases generated by the explosions remained at the bottom of the shaft. This morning the two unfortunate miners descended in the bucket, but on arriving at the foot of the sinking found the air too bad for work. They got into the bucket again and signalled to be hoisted to the surface, a distance of about 125 feet. When about 50 feet from the bottom the bucket slipped off the skidway.

MONEY FOR THE SPITZEE

PROPERTY IS IN CENTRE OF ROSSLAND CITY.

NEW PLANT TO BE INSTALLED AND WORK RE-STARTED.

Rossland, Feb. 3.—English and French capitalists have interested themselves in the Spitzee mine of this city, and the property has now entered a new era in its history. The company has acquired the Derby and Nelson claims to the west which possess surface rights in important residential sections of the city. The claims were formerly owned by a French syndicate represented in the Kootenays by Lucien Weyl, and they received $70,000 for the property, part in cash and the balance in Spitzee shares. The Spitzee company has $50,000 in the treasury for working capital, and will commence early in April the construction of a shaft house at a point nearer the centre of the property and will put in a five-drill compresor plant. The property has been operated on a small scale by local people, and excellent results have been obtained. All the well-known experts who have visited Rossland from time to time stated that the Spitzee property had an exceedingly promising future, and with financial matters in shape for development on a considerable scale it is generally believed the mine will come to the front rapidly and become an important factor in Rossland's future.

COLD AND MORAL WAVES.

Seattle, Feb. 3.—The steamer Farrallon has arrived from Skagway with a number of Dawson men, who came over the ice. She brought $50,000 in gold. The weather on the Yukon is intensely cold, the thermometer ranging from 50 to 60 below.

A number of saloon men have been convicted at Juneau for running a dance hall, and all gambling has been stopped.

HAS A BAD RECORD.

San Francisco, Feb. 3.—A. D. Walters, who was arrested at Montreal yesterday on a charge of embezzlement, was formerly in charge of the passenger office of the Pacific Coast Steamship company, here. Last year he was made city agent of the same company, and on losing that position, sailed for the orient. The officials of the company are said to have admitted that he was short in his accounts.

THE VERSATILE KAISER.

Berlin, Feb. 3.—The vice-president of the reichstag, count von Stolberg Wernigerode, in calling the reichstag to order today, said that emperor William had presented the house with a diagram in his own hand, contrasting the British and German navies. The drawing probably will be hung in the lobby of the reichstag as an object lesson to the members.

COULD WELL AFFORD TO.

Calcutta, Feb. 3.—Henry Phipps, a director of the Carnegie Steel company, who is traveling in this country, has given lady Curzon of Kedleston, wife of the viceroy, the sum of $10,000 in support of her Victoria memorial mid-wifery fund.

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COFFEES—Chase & Sanborn's Seal Brand, 1lb. tins	45c
COFFEES—Chase & Sanborn's Seal Brand, 2lb. tins	85c
MAPLE SYRUP—Guaranteed pure; quarts	35c
MAPLE SYRUP—Guaranteed pure; half gallons	65c
MAPLE SYRUP—Guaranteed pure; gallons	$1.15
POTATOES—Every one guaranteed sound and mealy	$1 per 100 lbs
ARMOUR'S SLICED HAM, in tins; a delicacy	35c
ARMOUR'S SLICED BACON, in tins; a delicacy	20c
SHREDDED CODFISH—Ready for the table in 10 minutes	10c
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MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTS.

The value of a uniform system of municipal accounting as a factor in determining the relative value of private management of public utilities and municipal ownership has already been referred to, and it has been pointed out that even if the system did nothing more than help to solve the question as to which was the preferable system from an economic point of view, it would be doing a service of considerable merit. In this connection it will not be amiss to call attention, by reference to some of the main features of published statistics, to the variation in the cost of electric light production and the price to consumers in Great Britain. The actual cost of producing 1000 Watt hours in Bradford is 2.40 cents, as against 2.90 cents in Nottingham and 3.76 cents in Dundee. Of 34 towns over 100,000 in population, 31 owned their own light plant and they furnished the light for 7.48 cents per 1,000 Watt hour, the remaining three towns being supplied from private owned plants but at a cost (average) of 9.99 cents. Of all the towns in Great Britain and Ireland provided with electric light the relative percentage of towns supplying light under 8 cents per 1,000 Watt hour was, municipal owned plant 47.01 and company owned only 20.97, while the percentages for light costing under 11 cents was, municipal 95.07, company 72.58. To take greater London alone the 28 municipal owned plants furnished light at an average cost of 8.12, the 25 companies in the same business charging an average price of 10.12. In the matter of gas lighting the difference between the two systems is very marked. Sixty-four towns furnished their own light at an average price of 65.67 cents per 1,000 feet, but 146 towns got theirs from companies who charged an average price of 78.00 cents. In Scotland the difference was still wider, 13 municipal owned plants giving the light at 71.84, while 20 companies exacted 104.45 cents per 1,000 feet. The lessons to be learned from these figures are first that municipal ownership is proving the better system in the old country, and second, that there must be some good reason to account for the wide differences in the cost of light production by the several municipalities.

If a uniform system of municipal accounting were in vogue it would be easy to see just where the difference in cost lay, and the knowledge so gained could not but redound to the benefit of those towns where the cost had been greatest. The more the matter is looked into the more desirable does it appear that such a system should be inaugurated. It is the only way by which just comparison is made possible, and as this would make for economy, which means less drain upon the consumer, the benefit to be had from its adoption is made apparent in a way that every taxpayer can easily understand.

ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY.

It is to be assumed that alderman Irving's motion calling for the dismissal of the city clerk and city treasurer, which was adopted upon the casting vote of the mayor, was prompted by a desire to place the council in a position to make such changes in the city's clerical staff as circumstances may demand after thorough investigation. If this be a fair inference to draw from his motion it is to be regretted that the alderman did not express his reasons for moving it more clearly. It would be fair to infer from what he did say, that alderman Irving only conceived the idea of such a motion after the letters addressed to the council by the officials concerned, at the request of the council, had been read. But until further advised we presume that his idea was to clear the way for any change that might be considered advisable in the interests of economy and efficiency. The statements of the city officials justify the conclusion that the city office is either undermanned or that the present officials are quite incompetent to handle the business. On the surface the assumption that the staff is inadequate would appear to be reasonable. The auditor shows that the collections are away behind and that as a consequence the taxpayers have to pay over $1,200 a year interest on an overdraft. This amount would pay the salary of a good collector and if he gathered in a fair proportion of the outstanding accounts the city's credit would be greatly improved.

If there is going to be a thorough investigation into the work of the city office and energetic steps taken to reduce the outstanding accounts, alderman Irving's motion will have served a good purpose.

We cannot find any admission in the letters of the city officials that they are unable to properly perform the duties of their respective offices. Their contention is that the work has so increased of late that there is more than two men can efficiently perform. Treasurer Wasson states that he frequently has to work overtime to keep up with his duties, and the city clerk intimates that his hands are more than full. If their statements be well founded they have not failed to properly perform their duties but more has been expected of them than was reasonable. These are matters the council will have to go into carefully. Important as it is that the cost of administration should be reduced wherever possible, there is such a thing as false economy. The taxpayers want their work well done, but they do not want either to underpay or overwork the men in their employ.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The election to fill the dominion vacancy in Burrard takes place today. Latest advices from Vancouver indicate that the liberal candidate will be run a very close race by the independent labor candidate, who, in addition to polling a big labor vote, has the support of the conservatives, who, failing a candidate of their own, seek to bring about the defeat of the government nominee by throwing their weight with Foley.

It is reported now that premier Prior has secured the support of Neil, the member for Alberni, by promising him the speakership, which will be vacated by Pooley, the present incumbent, without demur at the nod of his political boss, ex-premier Dunsmuir. Even should this report prove correct, premier Prior's tenure of office will be very insecure, and he will be entirely at the mercy of any one of his supporters who chooses to demand exceptional favors as the price of his loyalty. This is the worst feature of the present situation.

RAILWAY WAR ENDED.

Mutual Concessions Made By the C. P. R. and Great Northern.

The ending of the fight between the Canadian Pacific and the Great Northern, which is now announced, assures many miles of railway construction, both in this province and the state of Washington, and will remove an obstacle to the building of the line from Midway to Vancouver. This is the main object of the Great Northern, and it will now push its line westward from Midway, passing to the south of Okanagan lake, and crossing the Fraser river on the new bridge which is now being constructed, and thus give Vancouver the competitive line long wished for.

By the terms of an agreement announced in Seattle, these railways waive their rights to individual territory heretofore respected, so far as it was impossible for one to invade that of the other, and in the settlement the Canadian Pacific is to enter the wheat fields of Washington, to secure a share of the increasing tonnage, and the Great Northern is to webtrack the Candian Pacific's territory in British Columbia from whatever point it may wish and to where it can secure a franchise, without the latter's interference.

The fight which has been going between these two lines for the past two years has been as fierce as has ever been known in the Northwest. It has resulted in the construction of many miles of track by both companies which will, now that the matter is settled be rendered useless. However, other lines are to be built by both roads, the Great Northern in British Columbia and the Canadian Pacific in Washington.

Some three weeks ago sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the Canadian Pacific, visited Eastern Washington and on his return to Montreal gave out the statement that the troubles between the two roads had been settled, and said, in effect, that his visit to the state of Washington was for the purpose of arranging for the building of branch lines which will give his road a portion of the grain trade of that section.

Under the terms of the agreement the Canadian Pacific is admitted into the territory of the Great Northern over the latter's branch from Bonner's Ferry, Idaho, to Kuskonook, which latter town is on the Crow's Nest branch of the Canadian Pacific, thence over the main line of the Great Northern to Spokane. From Spokane the Canadian Pacific is privileged to build to whatever point in the state of Washington or to the eastern Washington wheat fields that it may see fit, but as yet there has been no statement made officially as to where it will go.

The agreement renders useless the Bonner's Ferry-Kuskonook branch of the Great Northern, which was built at a time when the fight was on, and to insure the Great Northern an entrance to the Crow's Nest Pass coal fields and into the mining territory of the Canadian Pacific in the Kootenay district. It is not improbable that this line will now pass into the Canadian Pacific and become part of its entrance into Washington until such time as a more direct line from the main system can be constructed.

In return for this the Great Northern gets the privilege of constructing any lines it may see fit in the Crow's Nest Pass fields to connect with the line from Jennings, Montana, to Gateway, the subport on the Canadian line. This will permit the Great Northern to continue its policy of developing the Crow's Nest fields to almost any capacity it may desire by opening up mines at different points, to where it will construct branches.

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IN SOUTHEAST KOOTENAY.

Activity Reported Among the Quartz and Placer Mines.

The Fort Steele Prospector summarises the present mining outlook in southeastern Kootenay as follows:

The North Star mine, under the management of J. L. Parker, is rapidly being prospected. It is reported that the new shaft now being sunk will open up a large body of ore.

The St. Eugene mine and concentrator have completed a most efficient installation of power and other plants for mine equipment.

The Sullivan mine will resume active operations early in the coming spring. Operations towards the building of the smelter at Marysville will commence as soon as the season will permit.

H. W. Ross has a small force actively engaged in developing the Silver Queen property, situated on Lost creek, about eight miles from Fort Steele.

The Thompson Placer Mining company are making extensive preparations for active placer operations on Wild Horse creek as soon as the mining season opens.

Charles Chapman with a small force is engaged in working deep placer ground on Findlay creek.

Tom Roberts is operating placer mines on Weaver creek. It is reported that a considerable amount of the yellow metal has been taken out during the past few months.

Most important among the placer mines, is the installation of a steam dredge on Perry creek, by the Kootenay Perry Creek Mining company.

The Thompson outfit, on Perry creek are making satisfactory progress, working six men, and are reported as taking out good pay.

Mining companies on Wild Horse creek have placed an order with N. Hanson, the Wasa lumberman, for about 25,000 feet of lumber, to be delivered on March 9th.

Chinese companies on Wild Horse creek are making preparations as rapidly as possible in anticipation of an early spring.

The Wisconsin outfit who are placer mining on Perry creek, are making extensive preparations for spring work.

The Nip & Tuck company, Wild Horse creek, are pushing work on a bedrock flume, some ten or twelve men being employed.

H. W. Ross will commence work on the Roaring King mine, a gold property situated on Perry creek, in the near future.

A stamp mill will be installed on a Wild Horse creek gold property during the coming summer.

CRIMES ACT REVOKED

Irish Nationalist Members To Be Shown Clemency—Prelude to Peace.

Dublin, Feb. 2.—The official Gazette announces today that the proclamation issued last year, placing thirteen districts in Ireland under the crimes act and maintaining summary jurisdiction by the magistrates, is revoked.

London, Feb. 2.—The relaxation of the crimes act in Ireland still leaves sections of the act in force providing for the employment of special juries and a change of venue, whilst in Sligo, Tipperary and Clare counties no relaxation has been made and the magistrates still have the power of summary jurisdiction. The government has ordered the release of the nationalist member of parliament Reddy from Tullamore jail. Mr. Reddy's sentence would not expire till next March. It is understood that the Irish members, Wm. Redmond and John Roche, will also shortly be released.

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WEST YALE BYE-ELECTION

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[Special to The Daily News.]

Ashcrogt, Feb. 3.—The prospective candidature of Dr. Sansome, of Clinton, has aroused fresh interest in the West Yale bye-election.

But even if Dr. Sansome runs it will not make any difference to the result. It is not to be inferred from this that Dr. Sansome has not a fighting chance of defeating Mr. Semlin, but what is meant is simply this, that West Yale will not be represented in the next legislature.

The polling day is the 26th, and the writ is returnable March 2nd. One of the polling stations is at Princeton, 110 miles from Spence's Bridge. Unless the returning officer arranges for relays of horses all along the route, the returns from Princeton cannot reach Spence's Bridge before the 28th. They have then to go to Ashcroft to the returning officer, into whose hands they will be placed on March 1st, and they cannot arrive at the Victoria postoffice before March 3rd, one day after the prescribed date, and the election will be null and void. West Yale will therefore be without a representative, while the government will have kept their promise as regards the election. It is barely possible for the returning officer to so arrange relays of horses from Princeton to Ashcroft as to get the returns into his hands on the 28th instant, instead of March 1st, and provided the train was on time, the writ might reach Victoria on the 2nd. For many weeks the train has been from four to fourteen hours behind time, and should that happen on the day the writ was sent down, it would then arrive too late. It may be expected, therefore, that the next legislature will see West Yale unrepresented.

WANT FURTHER LIGHT.

Ymir Citizens Not Prepared to Endorse B. C. Mining Association at Present.

[Special to The Daily News.]

Ymir, Feb. 3.—A public meeting was held last night to consider the advisability of forming a local branch of the Provincial Mining Association of British Columbia, and of sending a delegate to the convention to be held in Victoria on February 25th. A. B. Buckworth, J. P., was voted to the chair, and E. W. Widdowson was appointed secretary for the meeting. The meeting was opened by the chairman reading the circulars sent out by the association. A general discussion followed in which Messrs. Parr, Daly, Duncan and Cameron were prominent.

Mr. Parr, speaking from a labor standpoint, advised the meeting to have nothing to do with the association until further particulars were forthcoming. He criticized the formation of the committee, stating with the exception of Mr. Hobson, there was not a prominent mining man amongst them. He had formed an opinion that there was a big chance of the association forming by-laws, etc., diametrically opposite to the views of the working miner, and to send a representative there would be lending countenance to this. He dealt largely with the mining troubles of this country, saying that the big trouble was bad management, and not the laws that were out of order. Speaking in reference to the 2 per cent tax on the mining output, he said: "It is not generally known that the mining industry comprised of 55.1 per cent of the total industries of British Columbia, and yet the mines only contributed $73,000 to the total revenue of $1,605,920, or about 5 per cent of the total. He thought rather than interfere with this tax, reduction ought to be made on the free miner's licences, which contributed about $100,000 to the revenue."

Mr. Daly advised sending a delegate to Victoria; but when it was shown him that we should have to form a branch first, he thought it better to wait developments.

Dr. Duncan and D. A. Cameron both spoke in favor of the association and of sending a delegate with strict instructions what to do. At the conclusion of the discussion P. Daly moved and W. S. T. Ross seconded the following resolution:

"At a public meeting of the citizens of Ymir, called to discuss the formation of a branch of the Provincial Mining Association of British Columbia, and after thoroughly discussing the particulars of the same, we have come to the conclusion that it would not better the condition of the mining industry, and refuse to take action with that association until further information is put forward by the promoters."

This was carried by the majority present.

Mr. Parr moved and James Spellman seconded the following resolution:

"That this meeting condemns that part of the circular which states that the imposition of the 2 per cent tax has injured the mining industry." This resolution was also carried.

BRITAIN'S FOOD SUPPLY.

Influential Association Formed to Investigate Sources of Supply.

Montreal, Feb. 2.—The Star's London cable says: Lord Strathcona is chairman of a committee of an association to promote official inquiry into the security of the British Food Supply just formed under the presidency of the duke of Sutherland. The association is chiefly concerned about and will insist on the importance of naval supremacy. It will also make fullest official inquiry into the whole subject of Britain's food supply. The committee is most influential and includes eight dukes and many members of parliament, among them sir Gilbert Parker, and many admirals. The Canadian high commissioners' office is taking an active part in the movement in order to secure for the colonies a greater share of South African army meat contracts. In representations to the war office, a great point made is the fact that Canada has direct steamship communication with South Africa and that the Canadian shipping port of Montreal has the readiest possible railway communications with the great centre of Canadian meat traffic, namely Toronto. The Canadian government represents that Canada is prepared to fulfill any contract for fresh or frozen beef, and good results are anticipated.

EAGLES WITHOUT WINGS.

[Special to The Daily News.]

Greenwood, Feb. 2.—A. W. Von Rhein, provincial deputy grand president for British Columbia, instituted a branch of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in Greenwood last Friday evening. Some 30 of the charter signers were initiated, and officers for the ensuing term were elected, as follows: Worthy past president, James McCreath; president, J. W. Nelson; vice-president, H. B. Madden; secretary, Charles Wilson; treasurer, A. H. McNeill; conductor, T. Pickard; guards, W. McDonald and George Wellwood; chaplain, Thomas Gainer; trustees, Philip McDonald, Duncan Campbell and Fred Nunn. A numerous delegation of visiting Eagles were present from Phoenix and Grand Forks to assist the deputy grand president in forming the new Aerie. After the officers had been elected and installed a grand social session was held in Eagle style, songs and speeches contributing greatly to the pleasure of those taking part. The new Aerie promises to become one of the strongest secret societies in the town, and to W. E. Morand is due much of the credit for its organization, he having been untiring in his efforts to secure its institution.

CARIBOO PLACER MINING

MONSTER DAM WHICH HAS COST NEARLY $500,000.

LARGEST UNDERTAKING OF ITS KIND IN THE PROVINCE.

At the foot of Quesnel lake in the Cariboo district, is a monster dam which cost nearly half a million dollars, which has lately been leased by the Cariboo Consolidated company, of which J. B. Hobson is the manager. This dam enlarges the lake from sixty to one hundred miles in length, and is perhaps the largest construction of its kind in the province.

The Cariboo Consolidated company has taken a lease on the works of the above named company which lease includes an option to purchase, and will at once assume control of the property.

This is what may be termed the third stage for this well known property in which more than half a million dollars of English money have been sunk.

Quesnel river is formed by the north and south fork branches about sixty miles above the juncture with the Fraser. The north fork has its source in Cariboo lake, and is some fifteen miles long. The south fork is formed by the overflow of Quesnel lake and is only eight miles in length. On the right hand bank of the stream going up the south fork is the great Cariboo hydraulic mine, from which millions of tons of washed gravel have been dumped. It will be understood that the Cariboo mine is an ancient channel, but dry for millions of years, its bed is a thousand feet higher than the present stream. Since 1859, when miners first reached that section, the south fork has been known as a great gold producer. Many years ago, by a special act, a dam privilege was secured having in view the building of a dam across the foot of Quesnel lake to bank the water and thus dry the bed of the stream. The bed of the stream had been, it was known, worked in many places in early days by building wing dams and working out sections of the river at low water. In 1896 major Dupont succeeded in raising the capital, some half a million dollars, in England, with which to build under the old charter, a dam. Joseph Hunter, M.P.P., undertook the work, estimating the cost of the enormous dam at $428,000. Much to his credit as an engineer a magnificent dam some four hundred feet in length was built and enormous self-acting flood gates put in. So close were Mr. Hunter's estimates that the actual cost was within $2,000 of his estimates. After completion it was found that by closing the gates the lake could be raised about eight feet and the water backed up to separate arms about one hundred miles. Within one hundred days the gates must be raised and the surplus water allowed to pass off. On such occasions the people below at Quesnel would be notified by wire that on such a day the gates would be raised and all would prepare for high water. Everything worked well except the gold was not in the upper part of the river bed, for it was found that nearly the entire length, as far down as the Cariboo mine, it had been worked out by wing-damming many years ago. The lower half of the river bed was covered to a depth of from 10 to 60 feet with the tailings from the Cariboo mine. A suit was entered against the Cariboo mine but it never amounted to anything and now the property has passed into the hands of the Cariboo Mining company.

TIMBER POLICY WANTED

CONDITION OF THE INDUSTRY IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

CAPITALISTS ARE PREVENTED FROM INVESTING.

"Having been actively engaged in the timber business for over 30 years, I speak advisedly when I say that there is not half the quantity of timber in the province that people generally suppose there is." This is the statement of William Shannon, a well known lumberman of Vancouver. Continuing, he said: "The timber in the interior is generally worthless, with the exception of a few places, the Columbia river and a few other spots being the exception.

"The principal timber through the whole country is confined to a narrow strip along the coast line. The greater part of this that is easy of access to the water, has been taken up by mill men and others, a large percentage being held under crown grant or taken up years ago under most favorable circumstances in regard to the law.

"The timber that is now available is in the mountain valleys, which is expensive to get out. As there are some 1,000 miles of coast line, and as this timber back from the water lies in scattered bunches back in the mountains, it is often very hard to get at, but could be taken out readily by a railroad or flume. At the present time there is an unlimited market for timber that can be manufactured here in Manitoba, the northwest and elsewhere, and under proper legislation the timber business would become a very important industry and a source of great revenue to the country, for perhaps, 25 or 30 years to come; therefore, the government should enact such laws as will give more security to capital than at present is given.

"During the last season a large number of capitalists visited the province with a view of engaging in this industry, but after becoming acquainted with our timber laws and submitting the same to some of the best legal advisers in the province, they came to the conclusion that there was not sufficient security to warrant them in investing large sums in the industry.

There are two ways that timber can be acquired from the government, one by lease for 21 years and another by special licence running from year to year.

"On the leasing plan the timber is put up for competition and sold to the highest bidder. This might appear fair to the person not undertsanding the position of affairs in our country, but to a person acquainted with the circumstances, it is evident that it works a great injustice, as a man might have a gang of men out all summer paying a large sum of money to cruise and locate timber, only to have someone who has not left his office bidding against him for the same limits. Therefore the lease law is a dead letter, and there is no timber being applied for under the leasing plan. In Ontario and other countries where the leasing plan is adopted, the government finds the timber, cruises and surveys it, and then leases it to the highest bidder who can see its exact location on the map. The other plan—special licence—by which $100 a year is paid for one section a mile square, has proved in measure satisfactory to the government and local loggers with small capital.

"The last year we have had more than three times the revenue we have ever had before from our timber owing to these special licences being taken up. A great deal of this land taken up under licence is producing a handsome revenue to the government, but is really worthless even for timber or anything else. There must be fully 50 per cent of all special licence claims that are useless. Still, if these persons are willing to pay the government under such conditions, it is their lookout, and it is certainly a revenue producing proposition. These licences are renewable from year to year and to us who are acquainted with the country ,it is satisfactory that it should be so. Capitalists, however, are not satisfied, and the interests of capitalists should certainly be considered in opening up the timber claims.

"The contention of the capitalist operator is this: A man takes up a valley as a logging claim and installs machinery and builds a railway costing from $30,000 to $35,000, and is not assured that the licence will not be raised from year to year. He does not know, in a strictly business sense, whether he may not be frozen out. If he could have an assurance from the government that for 12 years' time his licence would not be increased to more than at least $200 during that time for each section, it would no doubt be satisfactory. It is thought that the government should amend the act in such a manner as to make it binding on them to renew the special licence from year to year for a space of twelve years and during that time the government could not do more than double the licence.

"I had an experience that justifies me in saying that a very large amount of capital was driven out of the country by capitalists declining to invest last season after looking into titles and guarantees given by the government on special licences. Another reason why this additional security should be given is that banks decline to advance money on special licence propositions. Thus many men without large means are prohibited from engaging in this industry.

"Those who are in possession of crown granted properties, and have the locations on the waterfront, which enables them to take out their timber easily, have so great advantage over holders of licences that the latter cannot compete with them at all, and for this reason, if for no other, new enterprises should be encouraged. Another matter that should be attended to by the government is the appointment of men to see that the wood is clean cut, for in too many cases fully one-third of the timber is wasted in the woods."

MINING STOCKS.

Lower Levels Must Be Proved Before Prices Will Recover.

British Columbia mining stocks at home and abroad continue to show but little, if any, signs of improvement. The annual or special meetings of several important properties which have been recently held, and the announcements made to the public thereat, do not appear to have favorably affected the market in any single instance.

Cariboo-Camp McKinney is doing well as its recently announced dividend shows. The position of the Ymir is well known and whatever the lower workings may disclose in time a large amount of ore is in sight in the upper workings. The Rambler-Cariboo recently announced that the condition of the property warranted a large expenditure on additional plant. The report sent in by manager Mackenzie, of the Le Roi, showed a splendid net profit for the preceding seven months, and Mr. Kirby's latest report on the Centre Star claimed a large amount of ore in sight and the positive statement that a process had been found to concentrate the low grade ore on a commercial basis. The War Eagle report is expected this month, when the public will be informed of the result attained in the lower workings, which have been steadily developed during the past year.

In spite of these and other favorable official statements which have recently been made, it is somewhat difficult to understand why the stock market prices should remain dull and inactive.

J. H. Curle in his review of American mines from an English standpoint, claims that the most disappointing feature of British Columbia mines is the fact that they have only proved fairly remunerative at shallow depths and that among the best known properties in the Kootenays ,including the Ymir, Le Roi, Centre Star, War Eagle and others, the lower workings have so far proved decidedly disappointing. This cannot be said of the Granby and the B. C. Copper Co.'s properties, and in the case of these mines the problem of quarrying out low grade ore and treating it on a commercial basis has apparently been solved.

CANADIAN GOLDFIELDS.

A Chat With Manager J. C. Drewry—Going East for Annual Meeting.

J. C. Drewry of the Candian Goldfields, accompanied by Dr. J. C. Wells, of New York, returned to Nelson yesterday from a visit to the True Blue mine near Kaslo. The mine is at present closed down and the manager had no definite announcement to make yesterday as to when work would be recommenced.

Mr. Drewery expressed some concern yesterday about the immense snowfall all over the Kootenays and the probable results this spring when the thaw commences. "I have been out here since 1895," said Mr. Drewery, "and I have never seen anything to equal the present accumulation of snow in the hills. Over at the Sunset mine just out of Rossland, where I live, we are simply buried and have great difficulty in getting in and out of town. Unless the snow goes away very gradually this spring I look for serious floods and unusual high water all through this section. I have some local business that must be attended to and I am going back to Rossland in the morning. I am anxious to get away east to attend the annual meeting of our company on the 17th at Toronto and I should like to be present at the War Eagle meeting on the 10th but I may be prevented from attending either. Dr. Wells, of New York, is interested in mining and has been visiting the True Blue property with me. He starts east by the Crow boat in the morning."

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Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between S. D. Pierre and John T. Pierre, doing business on Josephine street, under the style and name of Pierre Bros., Ladies' and Gents' Tailors, Cleaners, etc., has been dissolved by mutual consent, the business will in future be carried on by John T. Pierre who will collect all accounts due the said firm and pay all debts.

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NELSON'S NEWS OF THE DAY

Max McSweyn, who has been east for the past month, returned to Nelson yesterday.

D. W. Moore, ore buyer for the Trail smelter, came in from Rossland last evening.

F. Elwell, of the Kootenay Power company, Bonnington, is registered at the Phair.

Wm. Hunter, merchant, now of Silverton, and formerly of this city, is a guest at the Hume.

J. Morris, of Crow & Morris, cigar merchants, Rossland, is at the Hume, and leaves for the Boundary today.

G. Williams and H. Branett, of the passenger department of the Spokane Falls & Northern railway, came in last evening from Spokane.

Walter Clayton, formerly teacher of the Hume Addition school, has been appointed to the vacancy in the postoffice staff occasioned by the retirement of John Lochore. His brother is temporarily in charge of the school.

Dr. G. S. Gordon, now of Phoenix, but who hails from Cornwall, Ontario, has been spending a couple of days at the Phair, on his way back from an extended visit to his old home in the east. He left for the Boundary yesterday morning.

For the first time this winter the lake is frozen over from opposite the slaughter house to the bluffs on the other shore. Towards Balfour it froze over in a few places on Monday night, but broke up later, large sheets of ice drifting down till they added to the field west of the city.

Nothing has been done as yet regarding the opening up of the reserve at the west end of Trail beyond the receiving of the applications made, which amount to date to eight, three to pre-empt, and five for purchase. As all these applications were conflicting, they were filed for the present till the whole matter can be thoroughly straightened out.

Yesterday afternoon as a dray was being backed up opposite a grocery store on Baker street the high bank of snow thrown up from the sidewalk caused it to tilt till a large part of the load upset. As this consisted of cases of apples, which split as they struck the pavement, fruit was scattered over a considerable area, much to the delight of the small boys who happened to be near.

The shareholders of the Silver Belt Mining company at the annual meeting recently held in Wilmer, decided to obtain crown grants for all their holdings, and to pay off all other indebtedness. Last year a shipment of 14½ tons of ore brought a smelter return of $1,456. A good road has been constructed to the Spring Creek basin, where the property is situated and work will probably be resumed in the spring. The directors elected for the year are J. Lake, M. H. Craik, Thomas Starbird, C. M. Keep and G. A. Starke.

A sittings of the supreme court will be held here commencing on Tuesday next, the 10th inst. Mr. justice Irving will probably be the presiding judge, as he has written the local registrar asking about the probable number of cases ready for trial. Saturday next will be the final day for giving notice of trial for the ensuing sittings, but from inquiry among the local law offices yesterdey, the list of cases to be disposed of will not exceed half a dozen. The sittings will occupy about three days, if all the cases on the list are heard and disposed of. So far as known there will be no jury cases and none of the actions ready for trial are of importance.

Dr. Arthur, coroner, leaves for Rossland this morning to hold an inquest into the fatalities at the Kootenay mine yesterday.

At the rink yesterday only one game of curling was played in the consolation series. The teams and scores were: R. Weir, Rutherford, Dr. Arthur, Beer skip, 12; Gillette, Morrison, Starkey, Kydd skip, 7.

A. W. von Rhein, of Nanaimo, provincial deputy grand president of the Eagles, will pay an official visit to aerie No. 22 tomorrow evening. A special meeting is called for the reception of the grand lodge officer.

The rehearsals for the "All Nations" concert to be given shortly in the Congregational church, are well attended, and a very enjoyable musical treat may be anticipated. Another rehearsal will be held this evening.

N. F. McNaught, owner of the Hampton group, near Silverton, is at the Hume. He states that very little is going on in mining at present in the vicinity of the Hampton, although prospects for the coming spring are good.

J. J. Fleutot, of Frank, came in last evening. Good progress is being made in the development of the coal mines at Grassy mountain, of which he is superintendent, and the coal is now being shipped out as fast as it can be handled.

W. O. Applequist and D. McLeod, of the Alberta Coal & Coke Co., returned last evening from a visit to the company's property near Macleod. They report that work is progressing most satisfactorily and that the property is showing up very well.

A meeting of the hockey club will be held at 8 o'clock this evening at the Hume hotel for the purpose of electing a new captain, owing to the retirement of C. Archibald. Arrangements will also be made for the games which are to be played at Rossland during the carnival.

An intermediate hockey match will be played at the rink tomorow (Thursday) evening, between the Nelson and Rossland teams. The ice is in good condition and as both teams have been practicing hard a fast game is expected. Play will be started at 8 p. m. sharp.

C. D. Hunter, manager of the Hunter-Kendrick stores at Phoenix and Grand Forks, arrived in town last evening from the Boundary. He states that the mines are working steadily at Phoenix and the prospect of considerable railway work being done during this summer in the extension from Midway westward is already having a good effect on business conditions through the district in which it will run.

The second masquerade carnival of the season came off at the rink last evening and proved a success in every way. The costumes worn displayed taste and originality and the ladies comprising the prize committee had a difficult task in making their awards. The Nelson band was in attendance and in addition to the masqueraders there was a large crowd of spectators. The prize winners were: Best lady skater in costume, Miss Skead; best gentleman skater in costume, Mr. Richards; best costumes, Miss Ida Johnston, queen, S. Cummings, Indian; G. Fletcher, duchess, and Frank Perry, black prince; best comic costumes, Miss H. McDonald, fisher girl; Mr. Eden, Mr. Snow; Miss D. Cummings, Mother Hubbard, and Frank McNally, bear. The judges were Mesdames McKay, Keller and Vincent.

IN THE LINE OF ECONOMY.

City Police Officers Must Hereafter Purchase Their Own Uniforms.

The regular meeting of the police commissioners was held yesterday afternoon at the city hall, resulting in a long session, a discussion on the best ways of economizing in the force taking up most of the time. Those present at the meeting were mayor Rose, alderman J. A. Irving, and A. J. Marks. A resolution was offered by Mr. Marks reducing the salary of sergeant Hardy from $85 to $80 per month, to make it uniform with that paid to patrolman Pitchford. Alderman Irving objected to this, and did not think any cut in the salaries of the force advisable. It was finally decided to leave the salaries at the present figure. On motion of Mr. Marks, however, it was decided that in future the policemen should purchase their own uniforms, instead of the city providing them. The other business transacted at the meeting included the changing of the hours of patrolling, and for the next month, as a trial of the new system, there will be one man only on at a time, the patrol being divided into three beats of eight hours each. Under the former system chief Jarvis was on duty from 8 a. m. till 6 p. m. One of the patrolmen then went on, remaining on duty till 4 a. m., the second man going on at 10 p. m. and remaining on till 8 a. m. Under this system two of the police were on the streets from 10 p. m. till 4 a. m. It was thought that one man on at a time would be enough, so the change mentioned was made.

The commissioners drew up a recommendation to be presented to the city council to regulate the traffic on the city wharf by drawing up a set of rules for the guidance of teamsters who use the wharf. A number of complaints have been made about fast driving on the wharf and the crowding of pedestrians by teams, and if regulations are issued by the city the police will be in a position to enforce the same. As was done last year, the police will again collect the road and dog taxes, and also any other rates thought advisable by the council.

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THE CANADIAN NORTHERN.

[Special to The Daily News.]

Edmonton, N. W. T., Feb. 3.—J. Armstrong, chief of the Canadian Northern railway surveys, is here from White Whale lake, at which point his party is now camped The line will reach Pembina in about ten days. The distance from Edmonton to White Whale lake by surveyed line is 38 miles.

REVOLUTION IN HONDURAS.

Panama, Feb. 3.—A cable received this morning from Honduras announces that civil war has broken out in that country. According to the dispatch general Sierra the retiring president, having refused to give up the presidential post to the president elect, senor Bonilla, the latter has started a civil war.

OLDEST WOMAN IN CANADA.

[Special to The Daily News.]

Stratford, Ontario, Feb. 3.—Mrs. Mary Ann Mills, aged 115 years, said to have been the oldest woman in Canada, died in Blanchard township last evening.

HEAVY SNOWFALL.

Chicago, Feb. 3.—Snow is generally reported between the great lakes and the Rocky mountains today. The heaviest fall of snow of the season was recorded in Chicago.

IRISH M. P.'s RELEASED.

Dublin, Feb. 3.—Redmond and Roche, Irish members of parliament, have been liberated from Galway jail. They were under sentence for inciting the boycott of land owners.

WINNIPEG'S BONSPIEL.

[Special to The Daily News.]

Winnipeg, Feb. 3.—The city is rapidly filling up with visitors for the bonspiel. The Scottish curlers are expected tomorrow afternoon.

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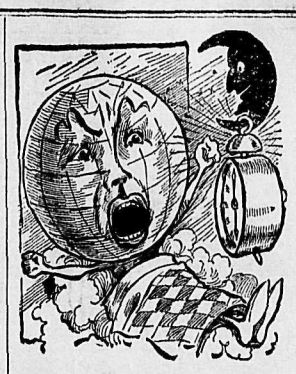

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Business in force December 31st, 1902	$34,467,370
Cash intersest income, 1902	$275,415
Death losses, 1902	$210,596
The cash income from interest exceeded the death losses for the year by	$64,719

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February's Business

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We find stock too heavy in some lines. Must reduce at once. Money is much easier to handle.

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Tailor-Made Suits at 25 to 33⅓ per cent off regular prices.
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Big reductions on all Winter Goods this week.

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Encourage home industry and keep your money in the country by using.

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AT COST SCOTT'S EMULSION OF COD LIVER OIL
Small Size 40 cts. Large Size 80 cts

Having decided to give up the retail department of our drug trade, from the 30th of November, we will do nothing but a cash business. We would ask our customers owing accounts, to kindly settle these up at an early date.

W. F. TEETZEL & Co.,
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Cash Books, Journals, Ledgers, Day Books, Trial Balance Books, Invoice Books, Typewriter and Mimeograph Supplies, Fyles, Ink, Mucilage, Can you think of anything else that you need? Come here for it. We have a fine line, and a large trade—but it deserves to be larger. Let us add your name to our list of customers.

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Rightly used makes the best bread

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10,000 shares Cascade	.02½	2,000 Fisher Maiden	.05½
1,000 Byron N. White (Slocan Star)	.80	3,000 American Boy	.06¾
500 Edgewood Dairy	$ 1.00	5,000 Republic	.06¾
1 Imperial Development	790.00	5,000 Sullivan	.04¾
50 Giant	3.10	WANTED	
1,000 Athabasca Venus	.10		
500 Similkameen Valley Coal	.09	5,000 Referendum	.02

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Hume—H. Newcombe, Kaslo; F. P. Wilson, Vancouver; N. F. McNaught, Silverton; W. Hunter, Silverton; Max McSweyn, Toronto; J. J. Fleutot, Frank; Mrs. A. Fraser, Cranbrook; F. G. Stevens, Halifax; J. W. Power and wife, Kaslo; A. A. Miller, Seattle; C. D. Hunter, Phoenix; D. W. Moore, Trail.

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TRAPPED BY INDIANS.

Tucson, Arizona, Feb. 3.—According to advices received here the 12th battalion, Mexican regulars, which was pursuing the Yaquis, after having defeated them in a fight at San Marcial, were caught in a trap by Indians and a number were killed.

A DISASTROUS FIRE.

Chicago, Feb. 3.—Fire last night destroyed the plant of the Chicago Railway Supply company, at West Harvey, causing a loss estimated at $250,000. More than 100 men were thrown out of employment.

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