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PROCLAIMED EMPEROR

Brilliant Ceremony at the Delhi Durbar

The King's Message to His Indian Subjects

Delhi, India, Jan. 1.—Tens of thousands of people from the city of Delhi and villages far and near, began gathering at daybreak this morning on the great plain outside the city. There they waited patiently for the supreme announcement of the durbar that king Edward was emperor of India. Soon the plain was filled with crowding masses of people and the brightly colored clothing of the vast throng covered the space with gorgeous hues. The crowd on the plain was composed largely of the common people, but among it could be seen the retainers of the various rajahs who had assembled for the function.

The arrival at the amphitheatre of the viceroy of India, lord Curzon of Kedleston, and other dignitaries, and the princes, was one of the brilliant episodes of the day. The princes were clad in silks and bedecked with jewels, and their carriages were brilliant with trappings of gold.

The carriage of the duke of Connaught who represents king Edward, was escorted by a detachment of cavalry. As the duke and the duchess were driven around the arena the assemblage gave them an enthusiastic welcome. Amid the assembly of people the duke took his seat to the left of the throne, while the duchess proceeded to a place behind the throne. When the great amphitheatre was filled and the hour for the announcement drew near, the multitude within and without awaited expectantly for the first act of the proclamation.

Then the approach of the viceroy was heralded. Proceeded by members of his bodyguard, clad in blue and gold, and under the command of major Grimston, lord Curzon appeared at the entrance of the arena in his carriage. The postillions wore uniforms of scarlet and gold and the carriage was drawn by four bay horses

The viceroy was escorted by sir Pertab Ningh. The throne itself was surmounted by a canopy of white and gold. When the viceroy reached the throne the national anthem was played and a salute of 21 guns was fired. When the spectators had resumed their seats after the anthem there was a flourish of trumpets from the troops, and major Maxwell, at the command of the viceroy, read the proclamation opening the durbar. The royal standard was then raised on high and the imperial salute was fired. The massed bands marched by playing, bonfires were started by the troops outside, and it was announced that king Edward was emperor of India.

There was another flourish of trumpets, and lord Curzon rose and stood for a moment impassive, then in impressive tones he delivered a speech and read the message from king Edward.

In his address, the viceroy announced the coronation of the king. He extolled the Indian people and prophesied prosperity for the Indian empire. He said, also, that it had been decided not to exact interest for three years on all loans made or guaranteed by the government of India to the native states in connection with the recent famine. The viceroy announced also the abolition of the Indian staff corps, which has long been an army sinecure.

In the king's message, which was then read by lord Curzon, his majesty said that the prince and princess of Wales would shortly visit India. He regretted his absence from the durbar, and sent his greetings to the Indian people. In conclusion king Edward said: "I renew the assurances of my regard for the liberties of the Indian people, my respect for their dignities and rights, of my interest in their advancement and of my devotion to their welfare. These are the supreme aims and objects of my rule, which under the blessing of Almighty God will lead to the increasing prosperity of the Indian empire and to the greater happiness of its people."

As the viceroy finished reading the king's words, the assembled crowds broke into cheers for the king and emperor. The cheering was taken up by the multitude outside the amphitheatre and was long sustained. There then followed the presentation of Indian princes to the viceroy and the duke of Connaught and the officers present paid their homage to the sovereign.

This ended the ceremony, and the royal cortege then left the arena followed by the delegates from foreign powers and the Indian princes. Lord Kitchener, after the ceremonies, entered his carriage and was driven to Delhi.

THE STRIKE COMMISSION.

Average Hours of Work and Earnings of Mine Employees.

Scranton, Jan. 1.—Statistics on the hours and wages for 1901 have been forwarded to the mine strike commission by the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western. Among the items of the summary are these: Number of collieries, 10; number of employees, 11,292; average earnings of miners, $628.93; average earnings of laborers, $363.72; percentage of cars docked, 2; average of ten-hour days breakers worked, 203; average number of days breakers started, 260; average number of hours breakers worked, per day, 7.10; average number hours contract miners worked per 10-hour day, 6.53; number of company hands, 2,996; average earnings of company hands, $514.93; average earnings of boys, $204.10; average earnings of all employees, $432.63.

MISS LANE SHOOTS.

And Kills a Negro Burglar Who Tried to Kill Her.

Deatsville, Alabama, Jan. 1.—Miss B. Lane today shot and killed a negro, named John Watkins, at the home of her father, a mile from this place. Watkins entered the house, supposedly with the intention of robbery. He was discovered by Miss Lane, and fired upon her, but missed. Miss Lane then emptied both barrels of a shotgun into the negro's body, killing him instantly.

THREATENED TO LYNCH HIM

ITALIAN LABORER KILLED THE RAILROAD FOREMAN.

INFURIATED CITIZENS FOILED BY THE POLICE.

Denver, Colorado, Jan. 1.—Dr. Guiseppe Cuneo, Italian consul, today received a telegram from the Italians at Minturn, Colorado, asking his assistance in securing protection for them.

Last night Daniel Wright, foreman of a grading gang on the Denver & Rio Grande railway, was shot and killed by an Italian laborer after a quarrel. The Italian was captured, and the infuriated citizens of Minturn threatened to lynch him, but were foiled by the removal of the prisoner to the jail at Red Cliff.

It appears that the mob then made a threat against other Italians, but so far as known, no violence has yet been done.

NORTH VICTORIA FRAUDS.

Attorney-General Eberts Is in Possession of Names of Impersonators.

Vancouver, B. C., January 1.—The names of the nine Vancouver men alleged to have illegally cast votes for T. W. Paterson at certain polling stations on the gulf islands at the election to fill the vacancy in North Victoria, are now in the possession of the attorney-general of British Columbia.

It is impossible to ascertain what action the department intends to take regarding the allegations, but it is certain that enough information has been secured to set the ball rolling if such is the desire.

It is alleged that the lieutenant of the "man behind the wad" is one Phil, alias "Brocky" Robertson, who is a fairly well-known character around the downtown section of Vancouver. Whether he is in town today is uncertain, and his location tomorrow is still more so. He was in the city yesterday, however.

Robertson, it is alleged in information now in the hands of the department, is the man who hired no less than 20 men in this city to vote for Paterson, paying them each $5 for their trouble and loss of sleep in making an early morning trip from this city either to the gulf islands or the town of Sidney. It is further asserted that Robertson was paid at the rate of $15 for each man he secured, so that for him there remained a handsome net profit if the allegations be true.

The names of the other two men alleged to have voted are "Scotty" Kennedy and D. S. Darling.

Six other names are known to the attorney-general's department, but they cannot be stated. The names of the other eleven men alleged to have shipped from Vancouver to the islands by night have not yet been obtained, but it is understood the provincial police are working to get them. Inquiry at the local office of the provincial police elicited no information concerning the case. Constable Campbell is away in Whatcom at the present time, and constable Lohman is in charge of the office. He claims to know nothing about the charges of bribery and corruption.

The method by which it is alleged the votes were polled is interesting. It is stated that at or about 3 a. m. on Tuesday last, the day of the election in North Victoria constituency, the steamer Iroquois entered this port and tied up at Evans, Coleman & Evans' wharf. It has been ascertained that she was there at about the time mentioned. The man who is alleged to have furnished the incentive to the Vancouver men to vote is reported to have come over from Vancouver island on the Iroquois. It is stated that upon his arrival "Brocky" Robertson, who had beforehand rounded up his gang, met the agent and all hands lost no time in embarking on the Iroquois. The steamer cast off her lines, and that was the last seen of her till she returned to port early in the afternoon of the same day (Tuesday).

It is alleged that Robertson's gang returned to port on the Iroquois. The members of the steamer's crew were exceedingly uncommunicative when asked concerning the early morning voyage of the vessel. They professed to know nothing, and refused to be drawn out.

ONTARIO BYE-ELECTIONS.

The Result Means Victory or Defeat for Premier Ross.

Toronto, Jan. 1.—More interest attaches to the three provincial bye-elections to be held on January 7th than obtained even in the general election, for the result will either strengthen premier Ross or drive him from office, as it is quite unlikely that in all three constituencies the result will be the same as in the general contest. The elections last May divided the 98 seats in the legislature as follows: Ross, 50; Whitney, 48.

Since then the former has lost North Renfrew through the death of Mr. Munro, and North Grey through the unseating of Mr. Mackay; while for irregularities in the May elections, Mr. Whitney has been deprived of North Perth and North Norfolk, thus making the division of elected members as follows: Ross, 48; Whitney, 46.

In the three constituencies above named, the majorities were exceedingly small, making the bye-elections all the more interesting. If the liberals win all three, premier Ross will be able to command a sufficient majority in the next legislative session to carry on business; if he loses even one of them, this will scarcely be possible, while if he loses all three the conservatives will have a majority of one.

No announcement has yet been made about a bye-election in North Renfrew though it is expected the date will be announced immediately after January 7th. The riding is usually liberal. Of the three constituencies in which the bye-election campaign has opened, most interest is attached to North Grey, where the fight will be of the most vigous kind. Mr. Whitney and his lieutenants have already announced a series of meetings there. Premier Ross and several members of his cabinet will also address public gatherings in Owen Sound, Meaford and other prominent centres.

CUBAN EDITORS DIFFERED

ONE SHOOTS AND INSTANTLY KILLS THE OTHER.

AFFRAY CAUSING EXCITEMENT IN CUBA.

Santiago, Cuba, Jan. 1.—Congressman Corona, editor of the Cubano Libre, shot and instantly killed Senor Insula, editor of the Republica, today. Both men were prominent politicians and leaders of rival parties. Senor Corona was drinking in a cafe when Senor Insula and a party of friends entered the place and began a personal discussion. Personalities and insults flew thick and started a fight, during which Senor Corona suddenly drew a revolver and shot Senor Insula three times. Senor Corona then walked quietly away and has not yet been arrested. The shooting has caused great excitement here.

LOCATING OIL CLAIMS

Exciting Scenes in Recently Opened Wyoming Field.

Evanston, Wyoming, Jan. 1.—The rush for claims in Wintah oil fields continues and probably a week will elapse before the locating is completed. So far as known there has been no bloodshed, although shots have been exchanged in many cases. Fires marking the corners of claims were lighted by thousands last night, and these together with the hundreds of locators camped near them present the appearance of a bivouac at war. Colonel Ketchum, at the head of twelve cowboys, well armed and mounted, carried Aspen county by storm last night. At midnight they rode forward down the section lines setting stakes as they came to the corners. As the first stakes were being driven they were greeted by a volley of gunshots from opposing locators, but the bullets went wild and wide of their marks. Swinging to their saddles the party darted forward, nor did they cease until they had located every section open for filing. Then, retracing their way, they found that the opposing parties had in many cases pulled their stakes and burned them. These were replaced, and the triumphant party returned to put their claims on record. In the Spring Valley country there were fist fights on every side, but up to this time not one locator in ten has returned and the next few hours may bring news of more conflicts.

LITTLE BOBS.

Will Be a Guest of the Boston Artillery Company Next September.

Boston, Jan. 1.—Lord Roberts will be the guest of the ancient and honorable artillery company of Boston next September. This announcement was made by captain Olys, the commander, tonight. He also says there is a possibility of the prince of Wales, and his uncle, the duke of Connaught, coming. They would be accompanied by the earl of Denbigh, who is lieutenant-colonel of the honorable artillery company of London.

DID NOT SUCCEED.

Coal Operators Fail to Start the Collieries Yesterday.

Scranton, Jan. 1.—An effort was made by all the coal operators to work their collieries today, but it met with ill success. At each colliery the foremen went around yesterday and gave notice to all hands that the company was very desirous of working so that the relieving of the coal famine might not be retarded. Some men reported at every mine, but it was only in a few instances enough reported to make a start.

JACK O'BRIEN WON EASILY.

Buffalo, Jan. 1.—It took Jack O'Brien twelve rounds to dispose of Al Weinig before the international athletic club this afternoon. O'Brien did all the fighting. Weinig seldom attempted a lead. O'Brien finished without a scratch, and Weinig was all cut up. The betting was at prohibitive odds in O'Brien's favor, although much money was won on the proposition of Weinig staying ten rounds, which he backed himself liberally to do. Over 3,000 people saw the contest.

A NEW ERA PREDICTED

To Be Brought About by Panama Canal

A Contest for Supremacy in the Far East

Vienna, Jan. 1.—In the course of an exhaustive review of the history of the world cabled to the Neue Freie Press by Max Nordau, the writer deeply deplores the growth of military imperialism in the United States, and says that by the admission of the spirit of militarism, which was formerly rigorously excluded, America is raising obstacles to the entrance of emigrants whose only capital is their strong working arms. Speaking of the future of the world, M. Nordau says the opening of the Panama canal under American ownership will mark the beginning of a new era. At first the Anglo-Saxon element will seek to drive out the German and French flags floating over single points in the Pacific ocean. Then the struggle will be carried further to the Asiatic coast, where Anglo-Saxons and Russians will have to decide the momentous world question of whether eastern and southern Asia shall remain British or Russian. To this forecast M. Nordau adds: "One can only imagine with horror what such a gigantic struggle of nations and races will signify."

THE KETTLE RIVER DIVISION

OFFICIAL MINING STATISTICS FOR THE PAST YEAR.

RETURNS INDICATE STABILITY OF THE INDUSTRY.

Greenwood, Jan. 1.—(Special to The Daily News.)—The official statistics of the Kettle River mining division for the year 1902 are as under:

Free miners' certificates	741
Free miners' certificates, special	4
Locations, mineral	324
Locations, placer	11
Certificates of work	807
Abandonments	6
Certificates of improvements	60
Conveyances	235
Placer leases	2

Nearly all these figures are lower than the corresponding returns for the year 1901, but in a district in which the prospector has been gradually making way for the miner this is only what is to be looked for in the ordinary course of events. As another indication of the changed conditions, it is noticeable that in the matter of certificates of improvements applied for there was during 1902 a 50 per cent increase over the records for 1901. As an application for a certificate of improvements is preliminary to obtainment of a crown grant or patent for a mineral claim, this increase shows the passing from the prospecting stage to that of permanent possession of the property concerned. The amount of the mining revenue collected in 1902 is not yet made public, but it is evident from a comparison of the records with those of last year that a reduction of somewhere about 25 per cent in amount of revenue received must be looked for. Against this, however, must be placed some gain in the total amount derived from the mineral tax, there having been a considerable increase in the quantity or ore mined and smelted in the division. The increased revenue from this source will not, however, affect the statistics of the local mining division, since this tax does not pass through the hands of the mining recorder, but that of the tax collector at Rossland.

Other figures obtained from the local office of the provincial government are that during 1902 there were 32 supreme court causes in the Greenwood registry, and 135 county court plaints. There were also 27 marriage licenses issued.

LOUBET'S RECEPTION.

Sympathy Expressed for France Over Martinique Disaster.

Paris, Jan. 1.—The New Year reception at the Elysee palace was attended by the foreign diplomats, government officials and members of the chamber of deputies. The diplomats were presented to president Loubet by the dean of the corps, Mgr. Rihaldini, the apostolic nuncio, who made a speech in which he conveyed the good wishes of all the foreign representatives to the first magistrate of the republic. He referred to the sympathy of the entire world entertained for France, saying this sympathy had been particularly expressed in the condolences concerning the Martinique disaster. In his reply, president Loubet said he commenced the New Year with feelings of human brotherhood which this disaster had evoked.

A REASONABLE ORDER.

Fort Scott, Kansas, Jan. 1.—An order to the effect that no relative of an official shall be employed in a position subordinate to that official on the Missouri Pacific and Iron Mountain system went into operation today. The order has resulted in a number of changes at every division point on the lines in southeast Kansas, many men holding subordinate positions having been transferred to superintendents to whom they were not related. The motive of the order is to place all employees on an equal basis in the matter of advancement.

A DUST EXPLOSION.

Stoughton Mills Destroyed and One Employee Killed.

Stoughton, Massachusetts, Jan. 1.—A dust explosion today in a dryer on the machines used in preparing shoddy material, was followed by a fire which destroyed the two-story building of the Stoughton Mills company, and burned to death Thomas Downey, an employee. The property loss is $35,000.

GOOD WISHES FOR ROOSEVELT.

Copenhagen, Jan. 1.—King Christian received the diplomatic corps today. The foreign representatives were presented to his majesty by United States minister Swenson, the dean of the corps. The king, through Mr. Swenson, conveyed his good wishes to Mr. Roosevelt. King Christian, although he is 85 years old, still enjoys good health and spirits.

NOFFSEIGER IS DEAD.

Dakota City, Nebraska, Jan. 1.—John Noffseiger died today in his 96th year. He headed a colony from Canada which settled here in 1856, and later was a member of the 56th and 57th sessions of the Nebraska legislature.

CHARGED WITH POISONING

A YOUNG AND BEAUTIFUL BUT WICKED WIDOW.

SHE IS ARRESTED ALONG WITH HER MOTHER.

Syracuse, New York, Jan. 1.—Mrs. Maud Kiehl and her mother, Mrs. Addie Fenner, were arrested at their home in South Onondaga today by the sheriff of Courtland county on coroner's warrants, charged with the murder of Wm. Kiehl, husband of Mrs. Kiehl. They were taken to Courtland.

This is the outcome of the inquest which was concluded at Courtland yesterday, at which evidence was produced tending to show that Kiehl died of arsenical poisoning.

This is the second time Mrs. Kiehl, the 18-year-old country girl, has been arrested. Several months ago she was accused of poisoning Adam Kiehl, her brother-in-law. The theory of the prosecution is that she killed him to prevent his marriage to another woman.

The examination caused widespread interest, owing to the youth and beauty of the widow. She was freed, when the officials began an investigation into the death of the girl's husband, who expired some time before his brother, Adam, under almost similar circumstances. The result came yesterday when the warrants were issued for the arrest of both the girl and her mother.

C. P. R. PENSION SCHEME.

Took Effect Yesterday.—Chief Features of the Scheme.

Montreal, Jan. 1.—The C. P. R.'s new pension scheme took effect today. The idea is to make some provision for officers and employees, who, after years of faithful service are no longer able to perform their duties, giving them an assured income during their latter days. It is understood that about 100 men now on the road come within the provisions of the scheme.

The main plan is to retire all officers and employees who have attained the age of 65, and such of these who have been 10 years or longer in the company's service shall be pensioned. The allowance is to be granted on a basis of length of service. For each year an employee has been in the service of the company, he shall receive 1 per cent of the average monthly pay received during the last ten years' work. For instance, if he was in the companys' employ 25 years, and his average monthly salary was $60, he would receive a retiring allowance of 25 per cent of $60, or $15 a month.

Six months' notice will be given to employees who are to be retired, and the company reserves the right to keep on a man over 65, if it is in their interest to do so. In certain special cases, men under 60 may be retired.

No contributions to the pension fund are asked from the employees, and no assignment of pensions will be allowed. After receiving a retiring allowance a man may engage in business, retaining his pension, provided he receives the consent of the committee, which is made up of the president, vice-president and chief solicitor of the road.

CONSERVATIVES DROP OUT.

Vancouver, Jan. 1.—At a meeting of the conservative executive the following resolution was passed: "Resolved, that in view of a general provincial election in the near future, the executive deems it inadvisable to contest the present vacancy in Burrard."

STRENGTH TEST RECORD.

New York, Jan. 1.—Frederick Shaw, of Columbia university, today broke the strength test record of 2,049 points, made by himself according to the Sargent system of measurement in November last. The new figures made by Shaw are 2,136.

THE U. S. PACIFIC CABLE.

San Francisco, Jan. 1.—San Francisco and Honolulu exchanged their first word by cable at 11.03 tonight. The signals were good.

SECRETARY IDDINGS INJURED.

Rome, Jan. 1.—As a result of a collision between the carriage of secretary Iddings of the United States embassy here, and an electric street car last night, Mr. Iddings' shoulder was dislocated, his coachman was injured slightly, and the carriage was smashed.

Mr. Iddings' condition is not serious although the doctors say six weeks must elapse before he shall have fully recovered.

THE TANGIER TANGLE.

London, Jan. 1.—A despatch to the Times from Tangier, says: "A courier who left Fez, December 26th, has brought news that the pretender was then four hours from Fez. All available troops had left the capital to defend the approaches to the city. The Christians in Fez were all reported to be safe.

Madrid, Jan. 1.—The European inhabitants have quitted Tetuan, Morocco, fearing the rebels will attack the place. Despatches from Tangier report that several provision convoys have entered Fez. The sultan's troops intended marching out from Fez, December 27th to attack the rebels.

BUBONIC PLAGUE IN MEXICO

IS NOW VIRULENT IN THE CITY OF MAZATLAN.

PEOPLE ARE FLEEING FROM THE PLACE IN DROVES.

Mazatlan, Jan. 1.—There is no longer the slightest doubt the disease now afflicting this city is genuine Asiatic plague, for microscopic investigation proves that bubonic pest bacilli are in the blood of those afflicted with the disease. The plague has grown virulent within the last 48 hours and the alarm which had begun in some measure to abate has returned with increased strength. The people are fleeing from the city at the rate of 300 per day, and some 5,000 persons have gone already. It is a remarkable fact that more than 50 per cent of the persons attacked are women. The news of the plague at this port has reached the interior of the country and is causing a panic. Sanitary cordons of armed men have been placed around the towns to prevent the entrance of any one from this place.

PHOENIX MASQUE BALL.

Miners' Union No 8 Hold Their Annual Dance New Year's Eve.

Phoenix, Jan. 1.—(Special to The Daily News.)—The annual masquerade ball given by the Miners' Union No. 8, was held in the union hall on New Year's eve, the hall being gaily decorated for the occasion. The following gentlemen officiated as the reception committee: J. McInnes, W. J. Rutherford, Wm. Hall, Wm. Fleming, Geo. Greenwood, E. J. Smith, and A. Barry, while H. LaCasse, G. L. Elkins, F. Bongard, John Riordan, and John McIve took charge of the floor.

A most enjoyable evening was spent, more than 200 persons being present. The proceedings commenced at 8 p.m. and lasted until 5 a. m. next morning.

All the dresses were conceded to be good, prizes being awarded to the following ladies and gentlemen:

Ladies' 1st Prize—Miss M. Smith, dress representing "Dawn."

Ladies' 2nd Prize—Mrs. Short, dress representing "Crossing Sweeper."

Gentlemen's 1st Prize—Mr. Chas. Johnson, dress representing "Spanish Bull Fighter."

Gentlemen's 2nd Prize—Mr. John Riordan, dress representing Irish character.

The Greenwood orchestra gave an excellent musical programme, and the proceedings terminated by the singing of the National anthem.

THE MONROE DOCTRINE.

Recent Article in German Papers Was Not Inspired.

Berlin. The Tagliche Rundischau denies that the recent article by general von Boguslawski was inspired. The paper says that the general being retired, does not require permission of the government to express his views publicly. He is one of the editors of the Rundischau. General von Boguslawski is considered one of the foremost writers in Germany. He recently contributed an article to the Tagiche Rundischau in which he advocated resistance to the Munroe doctrine. His remarks were regarded in Washington as a semi-official utterance of the German government.

WHERE MONEY AVAILETH NAUGHT

Mother of the Million Dollar Grandson of Senator Clark is Dead.

Butte, Mont., Jan. 1.—Mrs. William A. Clark, Jr., died this morning.

[Mrs. Clark was the wife of millionaire Clark's youngest son, and recently gave birth to a male child, securing the prize of $1,000,000 offered by the senator to the first of his married children to present him with a grandson.]

NEWFOUNDLAND LOBSTER FISHING

St. Johns, Nfld., Jan. 1.—The Anglo-French modus vivendi governing the prosecution of the lobster fishing industry off the French shore of Newfoundland expired yesterday. The colonial government has agreed to renew the agreemnt for the present in order to avoid complications during the consideration of the Bond-Hay treaty in Washington and London, but it is believed here that Great Britain will arrange some settlement of the matter with France during the present season.

THROWS MANY OUT OF WORK.

Briston, Conn., Jan. 1.—A fire late this afternoon caused damage to the amount of $12,000 to the stockenette factory of N. L. Birege Sons & Co. The origin of the fire is belived to have been spontaneous combustion in the stock room of the factory. The damage caused by the fire will throw 150 persons out of employment.

CASTRO HAS ACCEPTED

Agrees to Reference to the Hague Tribunal

Delay May Arise Over the Blockade

Berlin, Jan. 1.—President Castro's reply to the powers through minister Bowen is substantially an unqualified acceptance of their proposals to arbitrate, and the accompanying conditions. The foreign office here, received his answer today, and is satisfied with its spirit. A further interchange of views preparatory to signing the protocol will take place in Washington.

The only really important question to be settled is what shall be done with the blockade. A continuance of the blockade is relied upon to hasten the conculsion of the arbitration preliminaries, especially on the part of the Venezuelan government.

Rome, Jan. 1.—Foreign minister Prinetti, this afternoon received through ambassador Meyers, secretary Hay's note acknowledging president Castro's acceptance of The Hague arbitration in principle, but with an additional proposition, which the government at Washington does not support.

London, Jan. 1.—Mr. White, the United States charge d'affaires delivered to the foreign office this afternoon the note of secretary Hay announcing president Castro's acceptance of the proposal to have the Venezuela claims arbitrated by the international court at The Hague.

Caracas, Jan. 1.—The arbitration propositions of the foreign powers, and the counter propositions of Venezuela, exchanged through minister Bowen yesterday, are said by a high Venezuelan authority, to be reconciliable.

La Guaira, Venezuela, Jan. 1.—The former Venezuelan gunboat Yumdador, now transferred into a British warship, arrived here at noon today. The Italian cruiser Carlos Alberto arrived here at 1 p.m. today.

Rome, Jan. 1.—While reserve is maintained at the foreign office with regard to the Venezuelan matter, it has been learned that the foreign office considers the additional proposition made by president Castro as not likely of acceptance. Communications on this subject are now being exchanged with Germany and Great Britain.

Caracas, Venezuela, Jan. 1.—President Castro was interviewed today by the Associted Press correspondent regarding the rumors that he had refused to accept the proposals of the powers to refer the Venezuelan issues to The Hague court. The president denied the rumors and said:

"If a settlement is not reached it will be because a settlement forms no part of the plan of the allies. In this case the prolongation of the present situation would be disastrous for all concerned. The solution of the present difficulty depends more on the allied powers than on Venezuela."

Questioned as to whether or not he would renounce the presidency, and if it was his purpose to make a change in the present cabinet, president Castro replied:

"People are at liberty to talk whatever nonsense they want to; I will make a change in the cabinet when the present serious question is ended."

The report current in Willemstadt, Curacao, that the government sustained defeat at Barquisimeto is untrue. The government was victorious at Barquisimeto as well as San Carlos, and the Tinequalto was captured from the rebels. The news which originated at Willemstadt is largely obtained from the Venezuelan revolutionists who make that place their headquarters.

PAST DANGEROUS STAGE.

Boston, Jan. 1.—For some days no report warranting new quarantine measures has been received relative to the foot and mouth disease among Massachusetts cattle. This has strengthened the conviction of Dr. Poers, chief of the cattle bureau, that the disease in the commonwealth has passed the dangerous stage.

RIFLE RECORDS.

Springfield, Mass., Jan. 1.—H. M. Pope, the crack rifle shot of this city, broke the 50 and 100 shot world's records here today on the standard American target, 200 yards offhand. He scored 463 in 50 shots, and 908 in 100 shots. The former records were 462 and 900 and were held by Dr. Hudson, of New York.

RUSSIAN MINE DISASTER.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 1.—Fifty-eight lives were lost in the recent fire in a coal mine at Bachmut, Ykatorino Slav province. Eleven men were rescued after having been sixty hours in the mine. Twenty-one others wre saved after five days imprisonment.

MORE EARTHQUAKES.

San Jose, Costa Rico, Jan. 1.—A severe earthquake was felt here at one o'clock this morning. The shock of today is believed to have originated from the volcano of Irazu. It followed the same direction as the shocks felt here on December 18th.

MINING DIRECTOR GONE.

Torrington, Conn., Jan. 1.—A private message today announced the death in Jacksonville, Florida, of Achille F. Midgeon of this city. He was a director in various mining companies in the west. He was 70 years of age.

THE HUDSON'S BAY CO.
WISHES ALL A HAPPY
AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

The Canadian Bank of Commerce
With which is Amalgamated
The Bank of British Columbia.
HEAD OFFICE--TORONTO.
Paid up Capital, $8,000,000; Reserve Fund, $2,500,000.
Aggregate resources over $65,000,000.
B. E. WALKER, General Manager. HON. GEO. A. COX, President.
Saving's Bank Department Nelson Branch.
Deposits Received and Interest Allowed. Present Rate 3 per cent.
BRUCE HEATHCOTE, Manager.

The Royal Bank of Canada
INCORPORATED 1869
Capital Paid-up, . . $2,000,000 | Rest, ... $1,700,000
Head Office, Halifax:
Thomas E. Kenny, President. General Manager, Edson L. Pease, Montreal.
BRANCHES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA—Grand Forks, Nanaimo, Nelson, Rossland, Vancouver, Vancouver East End, Victoria.
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THE MUNICIPAL CAMPAIGN.

Whilst it cannot be definitely announced this morning, it is pretty generally understood that Frank Fletcher is prepared to serve the city for another term in the capacity of mayor. This matter will probably be settled during the day, and the municipal campaign opened in earnest.

The aspirants for aldermanic honors are keeping quiet. The only announcement definitely made is that of the candidature of Fred Smith in the east ward. He is the right type of man for the office, and unless some very strong candidates put in an appearance before election day should be elected.

The announcement of Dr. Rose's candidature for the mayoralty was well received. He is personally very popular, and though he lacks experience in municipal affairs, he is credited with possessing a fair measure of horse sense, and a mind of his own. Two very desirable qualifications for the office.

RAILWAY CHARTERS.

There are railway schemes, on paper, galore, now that the Grand Trunk is coming. Doubtless many of the schemes are intended to be the means of extracting hard cash from the transcontinental line by compelling the Grand Trunk to buy the charters these railway schemers hope to obtain from the provincial government next session. Some of the schemes may be bona fide propositions, but the fact that they are mostly concerned in routes closely approximating that which is to be followed by the greater railway looks suspiciously as though a money getting game was at the bottom of the sudden attention given to that part of the province. Perhaps the crew of grafters, so very numerous in British Columbia, have an idea that this will be their last chance to get in their deadly work. They no doubt recognize the fact that even should the Prior ministry last through the session, when the next general election takes place a stable form of government will replace the miserable apologies for it we have lately been anything but blessed with. This then is the grafters' opportunity and unless they make hay while the Prior sun is shining, they will have little chance to do so afterwards. It would be a good idea to compel every applicant for a railway charter to deposit a marked check for a certain percentage of the estimated cost of the road as an evidence of good faith, the amount to be forfeited if construction did not proceed continuously, beginning within 60 days of date of granting the charter. A great clamor will be made for subsidies, eager hands will be held out for all they can grasp. The more they can get, the more they can offer for sale and the bigger price they can demand from purchasers. Unless some safeguard is placed on the giving of charters we may expect legitimate enterprise to be badly embarrassed by these paper railway schemes.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Toronto World says that if there is one thing that would be a most desirable result of the establishment of the Marconi system of wireless telegraphy it is the arranging of a wireless press service between England and Canada. Whether such a service should depend upon the wireless system or not, the fact remains that an efficient press service is one of the most pressing needs of the times. The stuff dished out to Canadian newspapers under the name of news is anything but creditable to either the source whence it emanates or the newspapers of this country. Under the arrangements made with Marconi, he is pledged to give Canada a five cents a word rate, and that should bring a British-Canadian news service within the range of possibility. It is also highly desirable that there should be a more efficient home news service. We are absolutely at the mercy of the C. P. R. telegraph service for Canadian news and how they can manipulate it to suit their own ends is too well known to demand demonstration, but if this were required, the difficulty experienced by The Daily News in obtaining authentic accounts of the fatal railway accident on the Grand Trunk should suffice. It is time the press of Canada took some definite and united action in this regard.

As the Ontario house now stands there are 48 liberal members returned and 46 conservatives. There are four bye-elections to come off, and three of these, North Perth, North Norfolk and North Grey, are fixed for the 7th inst., that for North Renfrew not having been decided upon, but the possibilities are that it will not be long delayed. Should as a result of these four contests, the seats be equally divided, the relative strength of the two parties will not be changed, but should either one of them succeed in gaining the four seats, that party will be in the ascendant, and the fate of the present government will be settled, either to carry on the business of the province or to make another appeal to the country. Two is scarcely a working majority, so the result of the bye-elections means a great deal for the province; it means, will it be content to go on with a party at the head of affairs who have conducted the business of Ontario for many years with credit, or will the country be again plunged in the turmoil of political strife? These are questions the people of Ontario must ask themselves in all seriousness, and they must find their own answer. The election will be keenly contested with the advantage on the side of the government.

SUPREME COURT.

Appeals Which Will Be Heard at Victoria This Month.

At the session of the supreme court which opens at Victoria on January 6th, a number of appeals in cases of interest to the people of the Kootenays will be heard. Among the actions to be tried will be the following:

James Turner & Co., vs. Cowan, Holten, Downs Co., of Revelstoke.—This is an appeal from the judgment of chief justice Hunter against defendants in an action under section 51 of the Companies' Act, where plaintiff mining company was suing shareholders of defendant company, which was insolvent, to make them pay up their unpaid portion of the shares held by them to liquidate the judgment against the company.

Harris vs, Kerlin—This is an appeal against a judgment of Mr. justice Walkem, by defendant, regarding the ownership of the townsite of Sandon. The question at issue is as to whether Harris takes title by reason of a crown granted mineral claim to the surface rights, the location being under the old law in 1891.

Star Mining & Milling Company vs. Byron White Co.—An appeal by the defendants from the order of Mr. justice Martin compelling them to produce their working plans of the mine for the inspection of the plaintiffs in connection with the Slocan Star suit.

Twenty-nine appeals by the Crow's Nest Pass Coal company in which the company are appealing against an order made by Mr. justice Martin refusing to strike out certain parts of plaintiffs' statements of claim in the suits brought against the company for damages in conection with the disaster of last May.

Centre Star Mining Company vs. Rossland Miners' Union.—An appeal by plaintiff from judgment of Mr. justice Martin refusing to strike out portions of defendants' defence. The case arose out of the recent strike at Rossland.

Hoskins vs. Le Roi No. 2.—An appeal by plaintiff against the decision of Mr. justice Martin, refusing to enter judgment for $5,000 in plaintiff's favor.

McLeod vs. Charles A. Waterman.—An appeal by the plaintiff McLeod against the decision of Mr. justice Martin refusing to allow the case to remain on the docket, claiming that by reason of not setting the case down for trial pursuant to order of the chief justice the action was dismissed.

Kingswell vs. Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company.—An appeal by plaintiff against the order of Mr. justice Irving ordering further particulars of plaintiff's claim. This action arose out of an accident, the falling of coal on plaintiff's legs while he was working in the Michel mine, with the result that both legs were broken.

A motion will be made before the court by the plaintiffs in the suite against the Crow's Nest Pass Coal company to consolidate their actions, and have them tried as one.

CAMBORNE NOTES.

Splendid Showing Made on the Beatrice—A Probable Tramway.

Manager Frank Fulmer is enthusiastic over the showing attained on the Beatrice. The tunnel is now in 270 feet and one wall of the main ledge has been drifted on for over 100 feet. The vertical depth gained in the tunnel is estimated at foot for foot. The ledge is showing up splendidly. In addition to the rich galena vein which runs from three to four feet in width of solid ore running an average value of $100 to the ton, there is also a quartz vein carrying free gold. This is a true fissure vein and the average values are $13.40 per ton.

The Beatrice is now employing two shifts of men and later on will have three shifts at work. The camp is equipped with supplies of all kinds to keep three shifts at work continuously until next July.

Steps have recently been taken looking to the installation of an electric car line from Camborne to the north east arm of Arrow lake. The promoters of the scheme have gone over the ground carefully and it is believed that construction will be commenced in the spring. The magnificent water power to be derived from the falls below the canyon of Fish river, near Camborne, it is considered, can be very easily harnessed and in addition to supplying power for the operation of the road, it can also be utilized in providing Camborne with an electric light service and in transmitting power to the mines as has so successfully been done elsewhere by the West Kootenay and Cascade power companies. The length of the new road will be something over seven miles.

The Copper Dollar and Marten fraction, two free-gold claims adjoining the Eva on Lexington mountain have been sold to Elwood, Indiana, people, who are operating the Western Star here. The manager for the company, J. A. Darragh, states that development work on the Copper Dollar and Marten fraction will be carried forward on a large scale early in the spring The workings so far aggregate about 90 feet.

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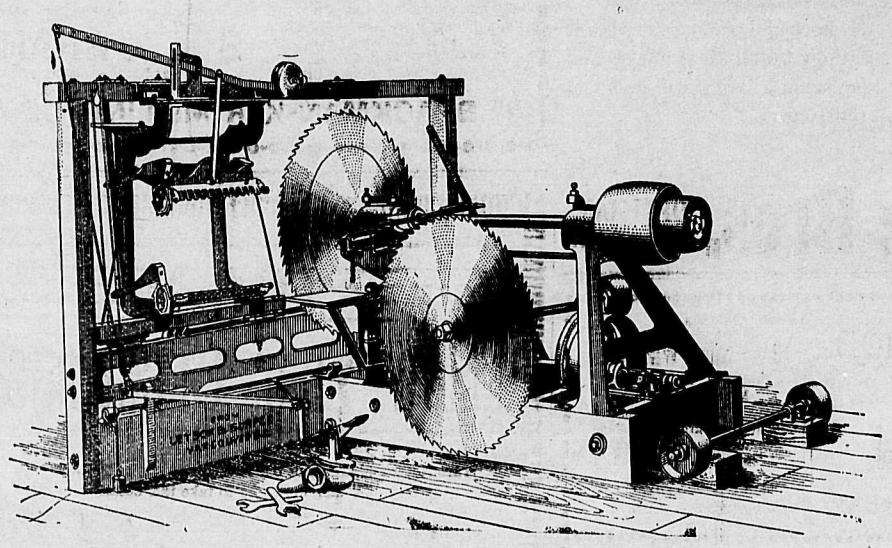

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A number of public-spirited citizens got together and decided to change the organization into a city and see if they could elect a mayor and board of aldermen who would wipe out the saloons. They asked Jacob S. McFerren, the young president of the village bank, if he would undertake the task. He replied that he would serve without salary in order to help make up for the loss of saloon licenses. A new mayor and council were elected.

They went to work and repealed the saloon ordinances and fixed their salaries at $1 for the two years' term of mayor and fifty cents for the two years' term of aldermen. They expended the meagre revenues of the little municipality with wisdom, and at the end of the first year they had affairs in better shape than they had expected. They had set a pattern which has been religiously followed by each succeeding administration, and the affairs of the municipality have been a source of pride to the inhabitants and of wonder to their neighbors ever since.

An excellent system of water works has been installed, representing an outlay of $75,000; a fine city building has been erected at a cost of $10,000; several miles of brick and asphalt pavements have been laid in the streets, and twice as many miles of permanent sidewalks have been added to the list.

A city marshal keeps order during the day, and at night two patrolmen look out for fires and with open arms welcome the bibulously inclined fellows who have driven to adjoining towns and filled themselves up with that which inebriates while it cheers and get in at a late hour too noisy for the comfort of the average inhabitant.

The fire department is composed of volunteers, who are relieved of poll tax and get a dollar apiece for every fire they attend. The first teams to hitch to the engine, hose carts and hook and ladder waggons, get $2 apiece, and the result is that Hoopeston's fire department is the peer of salaried departments in many towns of greater size.

The honor of being elected to the position of mayor or alderman—albeit without a salary—is accepted as being the highest distinction the people of Hoopeston can confer upon her citizens. Politics is unknown in the city administration. Of the nine men who have served as mayor six were republicans, two were prohibitionists and one a democrat. The aldermen have also been selected without reference to their political affiliations.

The usual manner of getting candidates legally on the ticket is for the leading citizens to find some man who stands right on the saloon question, who has made a success of his own business and who is sufficiently patriotic to devote a portion of his time to the benefit of his fellow citizens. When such a man is found a petition is gotten up, other aspiring but less suitable people are kept out of the way and the candidate is usually elected without serious opposition. It is always a case of the office seeking the man—and it usually finds a good one.

The city hall, a handsome, commodious and substantial building, costing $10,000, was built in a way that other towns might profitably copy after. Bonds to the full extent of the law had been issued when the water works system was put in and more could not be legally raised. The city council purchased a lot and put it into the hands of a former mayor, as trustee, who borrowed money from a local building association to erect a suitable city hall, with assembly or council room, magistrates' and clerks' offices, committee rooms, free public library rooms, city jail and rooms for the fire department. The council committee on buildings and grounds superintended the construction of the building and the association dues are paid from the city treasury.

The structure is now nearly paid for, and is a municipal ornament, as well as municipal utility.

An example of the spirit that has made Hoopeston what it is was shown early in its history. When the time came for the first schoolhouse to be built William Moore who is now a member of the city council and will probably be the next mayor, wanted a building large enough to accommodate the needs of the city for years to come, and many of the public spirited citizens agreed with him. The assessed valuation of the school district was not sufficient to legally issue the bonds to cover half the cost of the proposed building. A new valuation had to be made. Lyford Marston was elected assessor, and he assessed every bit of propetry, both real and personal, at fully three times its actual value, and a sufficiently high valuation was recorded to allow the issue of enough bonds to build the sort of school house wanted. Accordingly a handsome three-storey building was erected, with twelve rooms. Only two rooms on the lower floor were finished up the first year, and they were not filled for two or three years.

That Hoopeston's unique form of government furnishes a valuable example to other cities cannot be successfully questioned. The city's healthy condition proves its success. There are located within the corporate limits of the city five of the largest factories of their kind in the United States. The employees in these factories receive good wages, and in hundreds of instances the workingmen have paid for their homes. One of the chief characteristics of the men who have aided in building up the town is their constant disposition to work together.

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SOME FIGURES THAT ARE NOT PLEASANT READING.

When interrogated lately in the house of commons, Mr. Balfour said that he had no evidence to show that there was any unusual amount of distress in London or the provinces. To convince him of his error Keir Hardie, the labor member, wrote to the Times and gave some figures that are not pleasant reading at this season. Two hundred and twenty-three trades unions in London, with an aggregate membership of 548,442, reported at the end of October 27,270 members out of work, or 5 per cent, as compared with 3.7 per cent a year ago. These figures refer to men in receipt of out-of-work benefits and have nothing to do with men on strikes or lockouts, and, furthermore, refer only to skilled workmen. Mr. Hardie assumes that out of the 14,000,000 wage earners in Great Britain 10,000,000 are engaged in occupations which will yield at present an average of 5 per cent (50,000) workers without employment. He gives some specific examples of the way forces have been cut in the last year. A year ago the Thames iron works of West Ham, employed some 4,000 men in shipbuilding. The number employed at present is less than 1,000. Thousands have been dismissed from the works of the Great Eastern railway and from the Woolwich arsenal in the same district. In 20,263 houses in the south half of West Ham which have lately been visited 5,328 men were found to be out of work, of whom 3,602 were heads of families and had 7,870 children dependent on them. Twenty-five per cent of the people of this district are without means of sustenance and the borough has just appropriated $50,000 for public works. In the dock districts it is estimated that 13,000 men are now continuously out of work, and the returns for pauperism in the metropolitan area for November show that 8,286 more were in receipt of relief on November 20th than on the corresponding day of 1901. It is estimated that 10,000 men are idle in the Newcastle district and a like number in Birmingham and in the west.

Mr. Shaw-Lefevre, as president of the Poor Law Conference, has made what the Daily News terms, "a very depressing statement," as to the increase of pauperism in the country. Up to a few years ago the returns of pauperism showed a steady reduction year by year, but for some years now the figures have been rising again. The increas in London Mr. Lefevre spoke of as most alarming. So also is the increase of vagrancy, amounting last year to no less than 20 per cent, and to over 100 per cent in the past ten years. These deplorable results are coincident with an increase in crime and drunkenness; and the direct cause Mr. Shaw-Lefevre found in the influence of temptation to drink upon the growing number of the unemployed. An increase of pauperism is not quite the same thing as an increase of poverty in our midst. We may have one without the other. At present apparently both ill results of bad social arrangements may be observed progressing side by side. When employment is scarcer than usual, numbers of unemployed resort to drink, and then they soon become pauper and vagrants. A more lax system of poor relief, Mr. Shaw-Lefevre holds, is not the way to deal with the increasing lack of employment. Some better plan must be tried. Heavy taxation is beginning to press hardly on the poorer classes, and to throw burdens on trade and industry. It is at present acting as a depressing influence, and its pressure can only be eased by more economical administration.

ORNAMENTAL DIRECTORS.

Efforts Made in England For the Reformation of Mining Boards.

An urgent plea is being made at the present time in London for the reform of boards of gold mining companies. The English papers contain many suggestions as to what should be done to obtain competent company direction. The main contentions may be grouped under four heads:

First—A director must have some knowledge of mining.

Second—At least one director should be at the mine, and the rest ought to visit it; nothing so much assists an understanding of the real position of affairs at the property.

Third—News from the mines should be at once communicated to the shareholders, direct or through the press, nothing can be more reprehensible than the practice of many boards of using news on the market before given to the shareholders.

Fourth—There should be no representative at the mine of the stock exchange interests independent of the board, or if this is the case it should be made known to the investing public.

Commenting on the situation as the year closes the Financial Times says: "The truth apears to be that the remedy lies with the investing public and with it only. If people resolutely refused to put money into companies under incompetent management there would very soon be an end of the ornamental director, while so long as shareholders are content to be represented on boards by hopelessly impractical men, the present state of things will continue. There are certain things which no amount of legislation can effect and the making of a system which shall ensure competent company direction appears to be one of them."

Some caustic references are made to the presence on many English mining boards of "Mr. Guinea Pig" and Hon. Guinea Pygge," but nowhere is it claimed that directors should be personally held responsible for the work they are suposed to do in connection with company supervision and for which they draw large fees.

In the west the disastrous effects of attempting to run mining properties entirely from the London end has been made very plain in many instances and the worst of it is that the industry as a whole is the chief sufferer from the system.

A short time ago one of Canada's leading public men, speaking at a dinner tendered to visiting British capitalists in the east, told the visitors that there was a great field for profitable investment of English monies in the dominion but he added: "It will not do, however, to manage these investments in England if you want to make them pay."

The management of the Grand Trunk railway under the old system, with headquarters in London and under the new plan by which general manager Hays is practically in control of the whole situation and directs the management from Montreal is a fair sample of what can be accomplished under proper methods.

As to holding directors responsible for a due performance of their duties, the prosecution of Whitaker Wright in the old country for his alleged nefarious transactions if it ever comes off, will be a step in the right direction, and if it fails to be made, it will encourage the presence of "ornamental directors" on many mining boards.

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7.00 a. m.	Nelson	8.00 p. m.
11.00 a. m.	Grand Forks	4.00 p. m.
9.15 a. m.	Republic	5.40 p. m.

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Corporation of the City of Nelson

NOTICE.

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

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

J. K. STRACHAN, City Clerk.

CANCELLATION OF RESERVE, KOOTENAY DISTRICT.

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

To the west of Lots 230 and 4596; to the north of the northern boundary of Townships 8A and 9A, and to the south of the southern limit of the right of way of the Columbia & Western Railway.

W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands & Works
Lands and Works Department.
Victoria, B. C., 20th October, 1902.

COURT OF REVISION.

NELSON ASSESSMENT DISTRICT.

A Court of Revision and Appeal under the Assessment Act, will be held at Nelson, in the Court House, on Thursday the fifteenth (15th) day of January, 1903, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

Dated at Nelson this 29th day of December, 1902.

ROBT. A. RENWICK,
Judge of the Court of Revision and Appeal.

TIMBER NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a lease for a term of twenty-one years to cut and carry away timber from the following described lands situate on Cariboo Lake in West Kootenay District, British Columbia, commencing at a post planted on the east bank and about one mile south of the north end of Cariboo Lake, and marked J. Fred Ritchie's south west corner; thence east 80 chains; thence north 320 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence south 80 chains; thence west 80 chains; thence south 160 chains; thence east 80 chains; thence south 80 chains to the place of beginning and containing 3,840 acres.

Dated at Rossland, B. C., this 27th day of December, 1902.

J. FRED RITCHIE.

NOTICE.

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

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

F. W. PADMORE.

NOTICE.

A regular meeting of the Trades & Labor Council of Nelson will be held on Tuesday night next, at Miners' union hall. Among other questions to be considered is the one of legislation to aid the silver-lead mining industry. As this is an important question, every delegate to the council should be present.

JOHN BURNS, President.
ERNEST KILBY, Secretary.
Nelson, December 31st, 1902.

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NELSON'S NEWS OF THE DAY

Dick Blundell has accepted a position at the Venus mine.

Mr. and Mrs. George McFarland leave Nelson on Sunday to take up their residence at the coast.

The Nelson band promenaded the city yesterday, serenading a number of people in the residential districts. The members of the organization are turning out steadily to the practices.

A quarrel between two well known citizens is to be ventilated at the police court today, and a number of people who happened to witness it have been summoned to appear as witnesses.

Mrs. W. P. Tierney, who has been visiting in the east for the past three months, returned to the city yesterday afternoon. While away she visited her old home at Ottawa, and a number of the eastern cities, including Chicago.

The mines at Anthracite, which have been closed down for some time past, owing to litigation, have again been started, and the first of the hard coal is commencing to arrive in the city. The Nelson Transfer company have been appointed agents for the mine.

Four more bodies were brought down yesterday from the Molly Gibson landing, making up the last of those found. No trace of Rouse or Murphy has been found as yet. Those brought in were the corpses of Collins, the two Italians and the Chinaman.

M. W. Elliott, who has the contract for hauling the Velvet ore from the mine to the Northport smelter, received a wire from Trout Lake yesterday announcing the death of his brother, J. H. Elliott, by drowning, the day previous. Mr. Elliott came into Nelson last evening, and leaves for Trout Lake today to take charge of his brother's body, which will be shipped to Norfolk county, Ontario, the family home of the deceased. No particulars were forthcoming as to how the deceased came to his death. He was an unmarried man, about 30 years of age, and it is understood was in the employ of the telephone company at Trout Lake.

C. P. R. EXTENSION.

More Yard Accommodation and Large Machine Shops Projected.

It is altogether likely that the present year will witness a good deal of work by the C. P. R. in the vicinity of Nelson. Besides additional sidetrack accommodations, it is understood that a large machine shop is projected. This will provide for the repairing of all engines and cars in use in the Kootenays, which at present have to be taken to Revelstoke in case of breakages. These extra shops will mean the employment of a larger number of men at Nelson, quite a large staff being necessary for the work projected. Two years ago the total yard accommodation here amounted to under two miles, while at present it is between ten and eleven miles, but even this is not sufficient to handle the increasing traffic, and at least two new sidetracks will be installed. It is also likely that new sheds for car repair work will be erected and extensions made to the present ones. The work of filling in the trestles along the line of the Columbia & Western will be continued, and will be finished before the end of the year, as well as the Kootenay and Slocan river bridges. The changing of the tracks to a heavier class of rails between Nelson and Castlegar will be pushed ahead, and should be completed shortly. All along the line, the company will prepare for expected heavier traffic, caused by the enlarging of the smelters at Grand Forks, Greenwood and Boundary Falls. Between these smelters five new blast furnaces are to be installed shortly, to handle the increasing output of the Boundary mines. This will mean steadily increasing shipments of coal and coke from the Crow's Nest pass, and a consequent improvement in business conditions all around.

"DANDY DICK."

Successfully Presented by Nelson Amateurs Last Night.

At the opera house last evening a large audience assembled to witness Pinero's four act comedy, "Dandy Dick," as presented by the Nelson Amateur Dramatic club.

Owing to Miss Manhart, who was to have taken the part of Salome, having sustained an injury to her ankle which made it impossible for her to be present, the part was taken by Mrs. F. C. Clements on a day's notice. Except for a little natural nervousness at the beginning which made her voice somewhat indistinct in the first act, Mrs. Clements played the part very well, and several times received well merited applause.

Like most of Pinero's dramas there is not much action in the play, which depends for its popularity chiefly on the many witty and frequently brilliant dialogues with which it abounds. The plot concerns the misadventures of a certain dean, Rev. Augustine Jedd, who was splendidly personated by C. B. Winter. The dean, who is extremely straight-laced, receives a visit from his sister, Georgina Tidman, better known as George Tid, from whom he has been estranged for many years. The sister, who has strong horse racing proclivities, terribly shocks her brother by her free and airy style of conversation, but when he gets into financial difficulties he yields to her influence and bets fifty pounds on "Dandy Dick," a horse of which, unknown to her brother, she is a half owner. A fire occurs at the stables where the horse is kept and the animal is brought to the deanery stables for the night. The dean, who in his younger days had been a lover of horse flesh himself, hearing that the animal had received a chill, decided to mix a bolus and administer it. A servant who had bet on another horse mixes poison in the dose, and the dean is caught in the act of administering it and taken to the residence of the constable for detention for a few hours before proceeding to the adjoining town. He finally escapes from custody, after a variety of trying experiences, and the horse winning, all ends happily. Besides the dean, and "George Tid," the characters in the play are sir Tristram Mardon, part owner of Dandy Dick; Blore, the sanctimonious butler at the deanery; Noah Topping, constable; his wife; Major Tarver and Lieut. Darbey, two eccentric officers of the hussars, stationed at Durnstone, near the deanery; Salome and Sheba, daughters of the dean, and Hatcham, sir Tristram's groom.

The play was carried through very well from start to finish, with the exception of the prompter being too much in evidence at times.

The violin solos given by W. R. Hedley, between the first and second acts were most charming. Between the third and fourth acts John Lochore sang a couple of songs. He was in his accustomed good voice and was heartily applauded. Of the players all deserved credit, the performance of Mrs. Davis and Mr. Winter being worthy of special mention. Tonight the performance will be repeated, and a second bumper house is assured.

RESCUED THE PRISONERS

BRITISH MARINES MAINTAINED THEIR REPUTATION.

INCIDENT IN THE VENEZUELAN CAMPAIGN.

The New York Herald publishes the story of eye witnesses of the outbreak of hostilities in Venezuela. The rescue of the English and German residents of La Guaira is graphically described. It was shortly after 2 o'clock in the morning, says the narrator, when the German and British commanders sent launches ashore with men to bring off all Germans and British who wished to leave the city. Not long before this the order of general Castro had been issued to arrest every German and British subject in every Venezuelan city. The stillness of the city during the night veiled considerable activity, it developed, because when daybreak came the shore was found to be dotted with Venezuelan soldiers. Some of them stood company front, others had their arms stacked. They were jumbled together on the pier, beside which two or three ships were lying, and were moving about in companies and squads throughout the village. They had discovered, evidently, that their navy was wiped out, and were determined to resist further violence.

There occurred one of the most remarkable military events at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of December 10th, I believe, ever witnessed anywhere. Three young Englishmen had not left the city in response to the invitation, and dawn found them prisoners in the house of the La Guaira harbor corporation, for which they worked, with an armed guard of 30 soldiers surrounding them.

This condition of affairs had been learned by the united forces, and a daring manoeuvre was started to release them. Four launches, two German and two British, left the warships and aimed for the long pier, on which more than 250 Venezuelan soldiers stood, guns in place and cutlasses at their belts.

The object of the united forces seemed a mystery to everyone who looked on, but, in view of the wondrous things that had taken place, anything was expected.

As the hundred odd marines in the launches neared the pier the little Venezuelans looked at them in awe. The South Americans were in a position to fill the launches with dead men if they but aimed and fired, but for some reason they held off, possibly because they saw the English torpedo boat destroyer Quail standing off but 300 feet just back of the marines, her guns levelled.

Arrived at a point 50 feet from the muzzles of the guns of the force on the pier, three of the launches stopped; the fourth, containing a squad of English marines, commanded by a lieutenant, continued. The soldiers in the other three launches raised their rifles, and the English marines, under cover of those guns and the guns of the Quail, ran up their craft to the pier and leaped upon it.

They paid no attention to the Venezuelans whatever, except to brush them aside when they were in the way. It was as if they were going among friends instead of foes. The South Americans dropped their rifles and gazed with bewilderment at the arrivals. Not a shot was fired, not a blow exchanged.

With a shout and a flourish the little troop of British marines started down the pier between the very ranks of the soldiers who were sworn to kill them. They laughed at them in their boldness.

With fixed bayonets they marched the entire length of the pier and to the house where the three young Englishmen were held prisoners. This house was about 100 yards from the shore end of the pier. The small cordon of armed Venezuelans which guarded the dwelling was dispersed, and the English prisoners were escorted from the house.

There were fewer soldiers on the pier when the marines returned. Possibly half of the original number had taken flight. The rest stood by while the gallant troop of marines, with fixed bayonets, surrounding the three Englishmen for whom the venturesome trip had been undertaken, marched down the entire length of the jetty.

As the last of the band climbed down off the wharf into the launch, the voices of all the marines, German as well as British, joined in a resounding shout. Their joy at the success of the expedition was almost uncontrollable. There was something wrong. The Venezuelans quietly left the pier; somehow the dashing spirit of the men who combated them at La Guaira overawed them. The soldiers of both Germany and England took advantage of this weakness, but, in justice to them, I must say that they practised no cruelties or brutalities.

FROM PULPIT TO SALOON

A NEW YORK PARSON'S PECULIAR CHANGE IN VOCATION.

FORMERLY PASTOR OF LONG ISLAND BAPTIST CHURCH.

New York, Jan. 1.—From preacher to bartender is the astounding change in vocation just made by the Rev. George K. McDonald. Two weeks ago he was pastor of the East Avenue Baptist church in Long Island city. Today he is conducting a saloon at Bergen avenue and One Hundred and Forty-eighth street, in the Bronx, weher he acts both as employer and employed. He resigned his pastorate because some of the members of the congregation complained of his drinking, and in doing so he denounced many of his flock because, he declared, they had driven him to drink.

Mr. McDonald apparently sees nothing incongrouous in his change of avocation and defends himself eloquently, even quoting from the scriptures in support of his position.

"In the week I have been running this saloon," he said. "I have learned more about mankind as it really is—not as theological theories suppose it to be—than I had previously learned during all my years in the Christian ministry.

"Nothing has ever given me more satisfaction than to come into contact with the masses of men as I have met them since I came here. I have always been in hearty sympathy with the masses, the average men, as one meets them in the everyday life of the world, and, according to my observation, the church has signally failed to reach them.

"I am well aware that the business of saloonkeeper is looked down upon, despised by the average of the churchgoing community, but I cannot share that feeling. Saloons, like theatres, may be good or bad. I must confess that nothing, perhaps, in all my life has given me more satisfaction than to serve a warm luncheon to a lot of workingmen at the noon hour or a cheap hot dinner later at the price of a glass of beer—five cents. I can see no harm in taking a glass of beer.

"It contains 96 per cent of water and only 4 per cent of alcoholic stimulant. I make it a point to serve a good free lunch, with fish chowder, clam broth, or something else hot and nutritious from 11 until 2 o'clock for the workingmen, who are already flocking here in droves, and from 5 to 12 o'clock at night they may find a similar lunch.

"You know it was Jesus Himself who said that it is 'not that which a man putteth into his mouth that defileth him, but rather that which proceedeth out of his mouth.' No, I have no intention of combining scriptural exposition with the service of a saloon, but this you may depend upon—I do not intend to tolerate blasphemy, profanity or obscenity in this saloon. I intend to run a decent place and I want no other class of custom."

"How do you expect to stop blasphemous talk?" the saloonkeeper moralist was asked.

"I don't anticipate any trouble in stopping it, and another thing I wont do is to serve liquor to a man who has had already enough or too much. Both my bartenders have had strict orders never to serve an intoxicated person, and I am personally in charge of the bar from 9.30 o'clock in the morning until late at night."

"But supose blackguards come in and refuse to be good, what will you do to stop them?"

"Oh, well, I had one little experience last night, for illustration. A big teamster who comes in occasionally, was intoxicated and I refused to give him whiskey. I tried to make him content with some clam broth, but he was ugly and he started to curse and call me foul names. I came out from behind the bar and said quietly: 'Gus, you mustn't do that here. I wont have that kind of talk. It doesn't go in this place while I run it.'

"Well, he sat down, swore he would have whiskey, and became more abusive and foul than ever. So I just went over to where he sat. I grasped his forearm and put a bit of a twist on it, and he came up standing easily enough.

"Then I led him to the side door. I didn't put him out. I took him out and, as he lives near by, I just took him home. He was as mild as a kitten when I left him. Now, I've an idea he won't be offensive that way again."

As Mr. McDonald spoke of the "bit of a twist" he had employed he illustrated the hold graphically enough to prove that he must have been one of the church militant.

A DELAYED STEAMER.

Plymouth, England, Jan. 1.—The American line steamer St. Louis, from New York, December 24th, which should have arrived at Southampton early yesterday morning passed the Sicilly islands at 3.30 this afternoon.

HEAVY GRAIN LOSS.

Fort Dodge, Iowa, Jan. 1.—Fire last night destroyed the grain elevator and 100,000 bushels of oats belonging to the Great Western Cereal company, of Fort Dodge. The loss is $125,000.

SCOTTISH CURLERS WIN.

Halifax, Jan. 1.—The Scottish curlers defeated the Halifax curlers today by six points. Six rinks a side played on soft ice.

MAY YOHE'S CLAIM.

London, Jan. 1.—The Central News announces that the claim of May Yohe for $45,000 against the estate of lord Francis Hope, has been settled amicably. The terms of the settlement have not been published.

UNIVERSITY CHAIRMAN DEAD.

New York, Jan. 1.—William Colford-Schermerhorn, chairman of the board of trustees of Columbia university, died tonight at the age of 82 years.

SENATOR ARMAND DEAD.

Montreal, Jan. 1.—Senator Armand died this evening. The late Joseph F. Armand was the oldest member of the Canadian senate.

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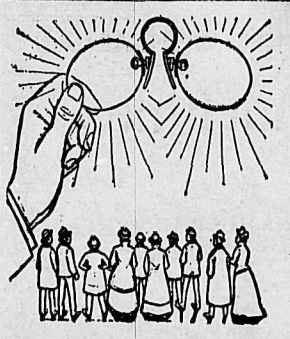

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